



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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The Master's Trestle-board

Summer is in full force and I hope you are all enjoying the fine weather with which we have been blessed.

There are a few events I want to draw your attention to and of which I think you would enjoy being a part. The first is the up-coming First Degree for Mr. Mike Kukasky; please see our Ad. Degree work is always an activity that each Mason relates well to, because we all reflect on our own Degree experiences. You might also consider attending the Annual Outdoor Third Degree at the Masonic Park in Granite Falls.

Fellowship is a Big Part of Masonic life and picnics are a wonderful way to share in fellowship. I encourage each of you to consider joining the fun and camaraderie at the All Masonic Picnic—see the Events Calendar.

Sincerely,
WM Glenn W. Hutchings

Healthy Matters

Mirth is God's medicine. Everybody ought to bathe in it. Grim care, moroseness, anxiety—all this rust of life-ought to be scoured off by the oil of mirth. We are always in the forge, or on the anvil; by trials God is shaping us for higher things. There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots . . . The other, wings.

Henry Ward Beecher

Entered Apprentice Degree



A First Degree is planned for the third Thursday of July, the 15th. Join us at 6: PM at the W. Maplewood Masonic Center, for a light dinner and then for the initiation of Mr. Michael J. Kukasky, at 6:30.

WB John Burley will confer the degree, ably assisted by WB Glenn Hutchings. Br. Frank Meyers will be the Senior Deacon. The lecture will be given by WB George Quiggle and VWB John Browne will give the Charge. Please support our soon to be Entered Apprentice Brother.

Sec. John F. Browne

Calendar of Events

July 15th First Degree at W. Maplewood Masonic Hall—See Ad at left.

July 29th-Aug 1st Pioneer Days, at Pioneer Park in Ferndale.

Aug 1st The Masonic Family picnic at Cornwall Park. Meet at the shelter by the horseshoe pits - in the center of Cornwall Park. To get there, drive in off of Cornwall Ave, at the S.E. corner of the Park. The Picnic will last from 12 noon to 3 PM.

Aug 7th The 40th Annual Open Air Degree, at the Masonic Park in Granite Falls, which features the RCMP Degree Team this year, is on Saturday 8/7/04. If you are an early riser, you can have breakfast at Damascus Lodge No.199 in Granite Falls, for only \$4.

Registration begins at 8 AM., parking is \$4. At 10 AM, Richmond-Haller Lake Lodge No. 248 will open lodge. At about noon we'll have a 30 minute break and then resume to refinish the degree.

Dinner will be served from the end of the degree until 5 PM, the cost is \$8 per person. There is a Ladies Program - Dream Camp will entertain the ladies and provide coffee and donuts and a brunch at a cost of \$5, at the Rainbow chalet. (All fees are in US \$)

Foundations in Freemasonry

Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania stands on land purchased by Bro. William Allen, Grand Master of PA. The ground was staked by Bro. Edmond Wolley, a Mason. Bro. Thomas Boude, the brick mason who laid the brick for the building, was the first Secretary of St. John's Lodge of Philadelphia and later Deputy Grand Master. Bro. Benjamin Franklin laid the cornerstone while Grand Master (1734) with the assistance of St. John's Lodge. Bro. Andrew McNair of Philadelphia rang the bell to call the populace on July 8, 1776, to hear the reading of the Declaration of Independence. The Liberty Bell cracked in 1835 when it tolled the death of Bro. Chief Justice John Marshall, Past Grand Master of Virginia.

WhatSayYou!

Men are not punished for their sins, but by them. **Elbert Hubbard**

Ideology is a form of illiteracy. Those addicted to it are unable to understand anything other than what fits their pattern. **John Saul**

There is real magic in enthusiasm. It spells the difference between mediocrity and accomplishment.

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

But the bravest are surely those who have the clearest vision of what is before them, glory and danger alike, and yet, notwithstanding, go out to meet it.

Thucydides

Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he is not; a sense of humor to console him for what he is.

Francis Bacon

The world of reality has its limits; the world of imagination is boundless.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau

It often takes more courage to change one's opinion than to stick to it.

George C. Lichtenberg

When you have a number of disagreeable duties to perform, always do the most disagreeable first. **Josiah Quincy**

We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men; and among those fibers, as sympathetic threads, our actions run as causes, and they come back to us as effects. **Herman Melville**

If a man wants to be of the greatest possible value to his fellow-creatures, let him begin the long, solitary task of perfecting himself. **Robertson Davies**

We not only affirm the brotherhood of man; we must live by it.

Henry Codman Potter

Never esteem anything as of advantage to thee that shall make thee break thy word or lose thy self-respect.

Marcus Aurelius Antoninus

Submitted by your Tyler - Ted McQuiston

The Whatcom Tyler's Educational Scholarship

Brother Ted McQuiston recently announced in lodge that he has decided to establish a Whatcom Tyler's Educational Scholarship. Those eligible for this scholarship are the currently active members of District Nine & Ten Masonic Youth, who are H. S. Seniors or post H. S. students already enrolled in 2-4 college or University, or, in a certificated/accredited Trade School training program.

Brother Ted is proud to announce that the first recipient of the Whatcom Tyler's Award - for \$400, is Ms. Jamie L. Fealey, who is a member of the Rainbow Assembly in Coupeville WA. She graduated from Oak Harbor H. S. this June and plans to attend Central Washington University this Fall, where she plans to study Marketing and Business Administration. In addition to being a Rainbow Girl, Jamie is a member of the Girl Scouts of America, was the Editor-in-Chief of her high school newspaper and received an All-Star Award for Softball. Ms. Fealey, like many of our Masonic Youth, is very involved in her local community and her dedication to service is a fine example for our younger youth to emulate.

The Tyler, Bro Ted McQuiston and brethren of Whatcom Lodge extend our sincere congratulations to Ms. Jamie Fealey.

Thank You



From:
Your Secretary

Staying in Touch

Dear Whatcom Lodge:

Thank you so much for letting me the first recipient of The Whatcom Tyler's Educational Scholarship! It means so much that you feel that I am worthy enough to receive it.

Also, thank you for everything that you have done to support Washington-Idaho Rainbow!.

Rainbow Love, Jamie Fealey



KING'S QUOTE'S

GOOD JUDGMENT
COMES FROM EXPERIENCE,
AND A LOT OF THAT COMES
FROM BAD JUDGMENT

Will Rodgers

Brethren, how is your Summer going? A few of our brothers may feel a little lost and forgotten during the Summer months. Many of us take vacations out of the area or get really involved in local fairs and such. Remember that many of our brethren are not so mobile and could use a visitation, a card or phone call.

To the brethren who are not so mobile—remember letters? You know, the ones we wrote-out in longhand. You too can stay in touch with you lodge brothers. Simply send me a letter-to-the-lodge and I will post it into the next newsletter.

Any brothers out there who are thinking about getting a computer but feel too intimidated? Let me know and I will get you in touch with a brother who can help you pick out and set up a system.

Fraternally, John Browne

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