



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

F. & A.M. of Washington



Volume 4 - Issue 6

visit us at: www.WhatcomMasonicLodge.org

June 2003

The Master's Trestle-board

My Brothers I am so glad that Summer is upon us and the seemingly endless gray days are numbered. In truth Spring has been very nice and we can hope for a pleasant Fall as well. But let's not get too far ahead of ourselves.

The month of June is of course the month of the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. VWB Ed Jungblom, WB Glenn Hutchings, WB John Browne and I will be attending Grand Lodge, where we hope to cast our votes wisely.

In July Whatcom Lodge will be honoring several members who have been masons for a long time; one will receive a 55 year-pin. We also will pay honor to our two HM Terpenning Scholarship winners, Mr. Ryan Jungblom & Mr. Christopher Burley. Last but not least, I will name this year's recipient of the Ted King Inspirational Award. This evening of recognition should be lots of fun.

Since Grand Lodge falls so close to our June date, for a stated meeting, we will not hold one for June. The lodge officers have been authorized by the brethren to pay the bills which come in during our Dark Months. Being Dark does not mean your lodge won't be active. The newsletter will keep coming and there are a few social activities planned in which I hope each of you participate. Have a Great Summer!

Fraternally,
WM M. H. Strickland Jr.

HM Terpenning Educational Scholarship Winners!

We are proud to announce this years winners of the HM Terpenning Educational Scholarships: Mr. Ryan Jungblom, and Mr. Christopher Burley, ; each has been granted a \$500 award. Ryan Jungblom is the grandson of VWB Ed Jungblom and Christopher Burley is the grandson of WB John Burley.

Mr. Ryan Jungblom, a graduating senior at Ferndale HS, will attend Skagit Valley College Fall and plans to pursue a career in Law. Ryan played football, basketball and soccer. Ryan was a 2nd Team All League Football player for the 2002 season and an All League Honorable Mention Soccer player for the 2002 season.

Mr. Christopher Burley, a graduating 4-year honor-roll senior at Squalicum HS, plans on attending BYU this Fall and studying in the career field of Education. Christopher, also a good athlete, played football, basketball and baseball. He was named to two basketball tournament all-star teams during his senior year of high school. Christopher also made time to play in the school band, become an Eagle Scout and participated in number of community-volunteer activities.

Our Congratulations to Ryan Jungblom and to Christopher Burley!

Recognition & Awards Night

It is not too far away so start planning for your attendance. On Saturday July 12th, 2003 Whatcom Lodge is holding its Recognition and Awards Nights. This is a special year for we have numerous longevity pins to hand out as well as a celebration for the HM Terpenning Scholarship winners, and, WM H M Strickland will announce this years recipient of the Ted King Inspirational Award.

The social-hour will begin at 6:30 PM and a catered dinner starts at 7 PM. In addition to a fine meal we will have some entertainment.

Whatcom members and invited guests, please return your RSVP cards in the envelope provided so we can have a serving of food for you and those in your party. Oh, see the back side of the card for info on the Mariner baseball game trip on August 30th.

Sincerely, Sec. John F. Browne

Calendar of Events

June 12th - 14th Grand Lodge, Tacoma.

June 19th Officers will **NOT** be present for this stated communication date. Instead, we'll see you on Sept. 4th at the special communication.

July 12th Recognition Night. A social half-hour will begin at 6:30 pm., dinner at 7 pm.

Aug 3rd All Masonic Picnic being held at the W. Maplewood Masonic Hall, runs from 1 to 4 PM - this will be fun.

Aug 17th - 23rd NW Washington Fair.

Aug 30th Mariner baseball game trip.

Sept 20th MFLA is hosted by Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105 - starts at 10 am.

Sept 4th is our Spl. Communication.

To contribute to this newsletter please send your letter, comment, historical fact, poem or calendar announcement, by the 2nd Monday of each month, to:

John F. Browne 109 South 43rd Street
ph. 738 - 1537 Bellingham, WA. 98229
e-mail jbrowne@telcomplus.net



A visitation with Brother Raymond Bailey

During a trip to Wenatchee in March of this year, WB Glenn Hutchings and WB John Browne had to pass the time away. Brother John told Bro. Glenn that he hoped to get around to visiting some of the brethren who could not make it to lodge, especially the senior members of the lodge. Glenn took hold of the comment and suggested that the lodge make a visitation into an event. "We'll gather some names together, put them into a hat, have someone draw out a name and that person will get a visitation." Wow, make a comment to Bro. Hutchings you best look out! Well, Bro. Browne fired right back. "Yes, and we can bring along a goodie-basket, sort of like the Welcome Wagon." That was how the idea for our new-est program was hatched. The idea was presented in lodge at the April stated meeting and voted into action. At the May stated meeting WB Larry West drew the first name and he read off, Bro. Raymond Bailey.

WM Buck Strickland and Sec. John Browne made the visitation on May 21st and it turned out to be quite a success. The visiting brothers had such a warm reception they stayed an hour and a half. Brother Ray and his wife Alma live in a mobile-home next to the house owned by their son, Bro. Ronald Bailey, and his wife Kathleen. The Baileys reside in a nice country setting off of Mt. View Drive in Ferndale. Masonry has been a multi-generational family activity for the Baileys. Ray's father, Bert, was a member of Whatcom Lodge as are both of Ray's sons, Ronald and Robert. Until recently, Ray and Alma were very active in the Maple Leaf Chapter of OES.

Brother Raymond's reaction to the home visitation was very positive and he encouraged us to continue the program. Both WB Strickland and I had a very nice time visiting with Ray and Alma; we had as much fun as they did. Sec. John F. Browne

A request for Help A Response

A few issues ago I let it be known that the HM Terpenning Educational Scholarship was in need of financial contributions, just as is the Masonic Education Council Scholarship. In addition to the \$61 dollars we raised at the Hoedown Photo-booth your lodge secretary received three more contributions totaling \$200. I wish to thank those who made these donations. WB Edward McAllister, WB M. H. "Buck" Strickland and WB Del and Connie Livermore. Many thanks!

It is my earnest hope that we can keep the HM Terpenning Scholarship going; with everyone's help I think we can.

Secretary -John F. Browne

Mariner Baseball Trip:

Well brothers it is baseball season and your lodge is going to view those "boys of summer." We plan to meet at W. Maplewood, on Sunday **Aug. 30th** at **9 am.** to have breakfast together. About 10 am. We'll board a bus and head to Safeco Field, the game starts at 1:05 pm. The Mariners will be hosting the Baltimore Orioles. To cover the cost of this adventure brothers will need to pay **\$30 per ticket**: for this price one gets a ticket to the game, breakfast at W. Maplewood and transportation to and from Safeco Field. On the back-side of your RSVP card, for the Recognition Night Dinner, you will find a Mariner Game Trip ticket-order-form. If you wish to attend, mark **yes** and circle the # of tickets; include a Check, payable to Whatcom Lodge No. 151. If you have questions, you may contact one of the following lodge brothers: Glenn Hutchings at 671-8218, Ed Jungblom at 734-0159 or John Browne at 738-1537. Return RSVP cards by 5 PM on July 9th.

Way to Go Whatcom Brothers

I recently received an e-mail copy of the Bellingham Bay Trestleboard. In it there is this bit of information:

"Thank you: Once again, the members of Bellingham Bay were major supporters of the District's mainland (as opposed to San Juan Island) Masonic School Award Program held on April 29. we won recognition for the most contributed per roster membership, \$16.07, but lost the plaque for percent of members contributing to Whatcom 151, who had 44% to our 38%. Bellingham Bay contributed \$1,896 of the \$5,339 raised District-wide. Keep it up brothers."

I indeed salute Bellingham Bay and their fine effort. To my Whatcom brothers, you also deserve the recognition for your part; you contributed \$1,016 or \$13.03 per member, with 44% of our membership contributing—well done. Sec. John F. Browne

A poem for June

The little cares that fretted me,
I lost them yesterday,
Among the fields above the sea,
Among the winds at play,
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing of the birds,
The humming of the bees.



The foolish fears
of what might pass
I cast them all away
Among the clover-scented grass
Among the new-mown hay,
Among the hushing of the corn
Where drowsy poppies nod,
Where ill thoughts die
and good are born -
Out in the fields with God.

Louise Imogen Guiney