



# Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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## The Master's Trestle-board

Gee, is it November, already? I can't seem to keep up with the calendar but I'm gonna keep trying. There is just so much to do, yet we're having fun, so I'm told.

Whatcom Lodge is embarking on another fine year of enjoyable activities. We plan to raise Bro. Sam Silverman to the Sublime Degree at our Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting. On Friday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> we hold our Installation of the Master and Awards Night. On Jan 14<sup>th</sup> we'll have Bunco Night and Potluck Dinner. Next, in the month of Feb., on Sat. evening the 12<sup>th</sup> we'll join forces with the other City Lodges for a romantic time with our Sweethearts. Moving to March, on Friday Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> Whatcom will host a Social Night for guests, featuring a Potato Bar. In April, we're going to the Theater Guild's play, All My Sons, on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup>.

As you can see, fun is happening at a lodge near you, so, join in!

Fraternally,  
WM Glenn W. Hutchings



Forgiveness recognizes  
What you thought  
Your brother did to you  
Has not occurred.



## Installation & Awards Night

On Friday evening, at 6:30 PM, the 10<sup>th</sup> of December, 2004, Whatcom Lodge No. 151 will hold the installation of our newly elected Worshipful Master, WB Glenn W. Hutchings. Immediately following this ceremony, about 7 PM, guests are invited to join us for dinner & entertainment in the dining room. There will also be some award presentations.

*An RSVP is appreciated:  
call John Browne at 738-1537  
or email: [jbrowne@telcomplus.net](mailto:jbrowne@telcomplus.net)*

## A Thanksgiving Prayer

**Oh, God, when I have food  
help me to remember the hungry;  
When I have work, help me  
to remember the jobless;  
When I have a warm home,  
help me to remember the homeless;  
When I am without pain,  
help me remember those who suffer;  
And remembering, help me  
to destroy my complacency  
and bestir my compassion.  
Make me concerned enough  
to help, by word and deed,  
those who cry out  
for what we take for granted.**

Samuel F. Pugh

## The Grand Master's Achievement Award

Whatcom Lodge was well represented at the District No. 10 Meeting & Reception of the Grand Master. If you count our Dist. Deputy, Whatcom Lodge had six brothers in attendance. The high point of the meeting for our lodge was the acknowledgement of the dedication to the craft by our newly re-elected WM. This year's Grand Master's Achievement Award was presented to WB Glenn W. Hutchings; Congratulations Glenn!!

## In Remembrance

Brother John A. Elledge Sr., 88, of Redding, died Monday, Oct. 11, 2004, in Red Bluff. Bro. John was born May 4, 1916, in Reno, he moved to Redding in 1946. Survivors include daughter Cheryl Utecht of Redding; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

John was a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, awarded the Korean Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Purple Heart, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, and three Overseas Bars. John was a member of the Ben Ali Temple of Sacramento and the Nor Cal Shrine Club. He was elected as a plural member of Whatcom Lodge 151 on 9/20/1984

Bro. John A. Elledge was initiated 2/1/1940, passed 2/29/1940, raised 3/28/1940 and Raised to the Supreme Lodge Above: November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

*May it be his portion to hear Him  
Who sitteth as the Judge Supreme*

**WELL DONE,  
GOOD AND FAITHFUL BROTHER**

*The Lord bless us, and keep us: The Lord  
Make His face to shine upon us, and be  
gracious unto us: The Lord lift upon us  
The light of His countenance, and give us  
Peace.....*

Memorial contributions can be made to:  
Shriners Hospital for Children,  
c/o Nor Cal Shine Club, P.O. Box 991373,  
Redding, CA 96099-1373.

## Teacher Recognition Award

Lee Ann Lehni of North Bellingham Elementary school was selected as Whatcom Lodge's educator for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Lee Ann Lehni is deserving of this award and it is an honor to award teacher's like Lee Ann who have dedicated their lives to the betterment of children.

Lee Ann Lehni said she felt drawn into teaching when, as a 19-year-old college student, she was asked to teach a third grade Sunday school class for that summer. Lee Ann already loved music, writing and children, so teaching seemed like a good career for her. Lee Ann began teaching at Central Elementary in 1978 and taught for six years before starting her family.

Lee Ann and her husband, John, moved to Germany, where he taught in American schools, for the children of our military, and she taught American soldiers who were stationed there. In time, Lee Ann returned to the Ferndale School District, where she has been teaching 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade. She is currently teaching at North Bellingham Elementary. What Lee Ann loves about teaching is the fact that not one day is boring, and, that no two days are ever the same. Lee Ann enjoys the company of other elementary school teachers who are positive and fun to be with. They share a sense of purpose in what they are doing and all are trying to do their best for the students.

Lee Ann likes to think of her classroom as being filled with multi-intelligences. She feels that all children should be able to demonstrate what they know in various ways besides with just a pencil and paper. The current curriculum guidelines and testing methods tend to homogenize children's abilities. Giving students an opportunity to learn in a variety of ways is her specialty. For example, while studying explorers, students each chose an explorer and wrote a journal of the experiences that explorer may have had. The students then dressed in costume and shared their journals with their classmates. Lee Ann likes to incorporate music, drama and hands-on activities to enhance the learning and memory of what is learned. She has a great sense of humor and often diffuses negative situations with humor and laughter rather than with confrontation.

Lee Ann was asked if she had been an inspiration to any particular student and Lee Ann responded that **she** is inspired by her students. Lee Ann believes children learn and do better when they feel cared for and so, by demonstrating she cares, Lee Ann hopes she is having a positive influence on her students.

Kendra and Casey Calonita are two former students that Lee Ann has inspired and they shared this about her. Casey said, "Describing Mrs. Lehni would take a really long time. Mrs. Lehni is a very fun and nice teacher. Mrs. Lehni always had a sense of humor when she taught me and she inspired me to want to become a teacher. She always made school look easy and fun. Mrs. Lehni is a great teacher." When asked about Mrs. Lehni, Kendra shared this, "Mrs. Lehni is an incredible woman. She is one of the most inspiring people I've ever met. Mrs. Lehni inspired me to work my hardest in school and do the best that I can. She is the kind of person you could go and talk to if you had something important on your mind. Mrs. Lehni is one of the greatest teachers I've ever had."

So, with great pleasure, Whatcom Lodge proudly announces that Lee Ann Lehni is our Educator for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, of 2004. On behalf of our citizens we thank Lee Ann for her time, commitment and dedication shown to the children of our community; her past, present & future students.

SW Mike Johnston



## Award to Whatcom Lodge

At the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004 District Ten Meeting & Reception of the Grand Master Whatcom Lodge received a Pillar of Progress Award for Technology. In particular for our terrific Homepage, which is very ably maintained by Bro. Oussama El-Khoury. Whatcom Lodge also has its membership records moved into database and spreadsheet files and we are ready for online inter-face with Grand Lodge.

# Election Results

The election of officers for next year took place at the October Stated Communication, Thursday 10/16/03. the results are as follows:

Worshipful Master	Glenn W. Hutchings
Senior Warden	Michael E. Johnston
Junior Warden	John C. Burley
Treasurer	Lawrence A. West
Secretary	John F. Browne

WM elect Glenn Hutchings announced the following as appointed officers:

Chaplain	M.H. "Buck" Strickland Jr.
Senior Deacon	Frank C. Myers
Junior Deacon	Edwin N. Jungblom
Tyler	Ted McQuiston

The date for the installation is set for 6:30 PM on Friday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004. After the installation we will have dinner, entertainment & some awards.

## Calendar of Events

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup>** is our Stated Communication, we hope to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree this evening lodge opens at 6:30 PM.

**Nov 20<sup>th</sup>** MFLA, hosted by Kulshan Int. Lodge #186 at 2626 W. Maplewood in Bellingham, begins at 10 AM. Election of Officers for 2004.

**Dec 4<sup>th</sup>** See December 10<sup>th</sup> entry!

**Dec 10<sup>th</sup>** Installation of Worshipful Master at 6:30 PM. Followed by our Awards Night dinner at about 7 PM.

**Dec.** No MFLA meeting this month.

**Jan 14<sup>th</sup>** Join us for Bunco Night, a fun dice game, and a Potluck Dinner. Starts at 6:30 PM at W. Maplewood. Whatcom Lodge will provide the main dish.

**Jan 15<sup>th</sup>** MFLA, hosted by Whatcom Lodge # 151 at W. Maplewood. 10 AM.

**Jan 20<sup>th</sup>** Stated Meeting Dinner at 6 PM and lodge begins to open at 6:30 PM.

**Feb 12<sup>th</sup>** Annual all Masonic salute to our Sweethearts. Time and location to be announced.

**Feb 17<sup>th</sup>** Stated Meeting Dinner at 6 PM and lodge begins to open at 6:30 PM.

**Feb 19<sup>th</sup>** MFLA, hosted by Ferndale Lodge No. 264.



## KING'S QUOTE'S

Certainly virtue is like precious odors, most fragrant when they are incensed, or crushed: for prosperity doth best discover vice, but adversity doth best discover virtue.

Sir & Br. Francis Bacon

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