



# Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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## The Master's Trestle-board

Brothers,

We have had a Great Spring & Summer so far and it appears that more is on the way. If you missed it, we had a very fine meal at the July 12<sup>th</sup> Awards Night Dinner. A very big thank you goes to our Senior Warden, WB Glenn Hutchings, for providing the food and table decorations. That evening I had the great honor to present a 50 yr. pin to WB George E. Quiggle. WB George served as Master of the lodge in 1960 and again in 1990; he also served as Secretary from 1971 - 1976. In more recent years George is nearly famous for his high-quality performances of the First Degree Lecture. Brother Quiggle has truly been an asset to Whatcom Lodge. On behalf of the brethren I extend to WB Quiggle a hearty congratulations!

At our Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> special communication we discussed several activities for Fall Fun at Whatcom Lodge. The excitement begins on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at our stated meeting. We will hold a practice first degree. The October special communication will be on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> for an evening at the Bellingham Theater Guild's production of "Arsenic and Old Lace." On Saturday Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> we will gather at Civic Field to watch Western vs. Central in football. Unless some other business comes our way we will hold practice second and third degrees at the November and December stated meetings respectively.

I look forward to seeing each and every Whatcom brother in lodge—if transportation is difficult our secretary will be happy to hook you up with a ride to and from lodge: call John Browne at 738-1537.

Fraternally,  
WM M. H. Strickland Jr.

## "Building of the Flag Presentation"

We were treated indeed, to have the "Building of the Flag Presentation" as the entertainment program for our July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003 Awards Night Dinner. The presenting team was made up from members of the Pacific Northwest Chapter No. 534 and Homer N. Wallin Chapter No. 40 of the National Sojourners, Inc.: Marion A. Windell, Donald Avalon and Bryan Bechler. The team members wore Revolutionary War era uniforms and they explained how the U.S. flag came into being and described the various symbolisms of the parts of our flag. Their program was very insightful and well executed in delivery. I highly recommend this program for meetings or dinners, and especially for activities with school-aged children.

To schedule presentations you can contact Bro. Wayne I. Smith (Telephone No. 360-579-7462 or at his e-mail address: [smithchx@whidbey.com](mailto:smithchx@whidbey.com)) or WB Marion Windell at (360-678-6893 or at his e-mail address: [windma@galaxynet.com](mailto:windma@galaxynet.com))

## In Remembrance

Brother Don Pearson, 81, of Seattle, died suddenly on September 1, 2003 doing what he loved, playing golf. He was born in Los Angeles, California on October 16, 1921 to Albin and Helga Pearson, recent immigrants from Sweden. He spent his childhood in Bellingham and attended Western Washington University.

Don then transferred to the University of Washington where he received his Bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and met his loving wife of 58 years, Margaret (Peggy) Bordeaux. After serving in the Navy during WWII, Don returned to the University of Washington for his Master's degree in chemical engineering. He worked at the Bellingham Pulp and Paper mill before transferring to the Ketchikan Pulp Company where he retired as president in 1974. Don then joined Ruebens & Pratt, a consulting firm in Seattle, as president and chief engineer and retired in 1986.

Don has left his loving family members: wife Peggy; daughters Kristin (Larry) Pearson-Franks, Karen (Ward) Brown, and Barbara Pearson; grandchildren: Tressa and Nick Pearson-Franks and Max, Arthur and Emily Brown; and brother Roy Nicholas of Bellingham.

Brother Don was initiated 12/24/1942, passed 2/4/1943, raised 3/25/1943 and Raised to the Supreme Lodge Above: September 1<sup>st</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.....*

## A poem for September

The shelter of our soul  
By sweet grace, saves us all.



Our lives become beautiful  
In answer to Your call.



In the company of Your saints,  
We cross the world-ocean wide.



You protect us from all harm,  
Close by our side.

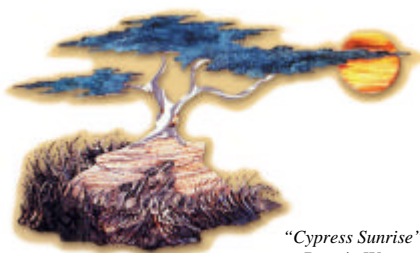


O Defender, You are the refuge  
of every mind and heart.



Remembering You, peace comes  
To us and all our pains depart.

Poet unknown



"Cypress Sunrise"  
by Donnie Wanner



From:  
**Your Secretary**

Wow, what a busy time I've had this summer and I thought this was a time to relax and get ready for the work this fall. Doesn't it seem that we just get through the July 4th holiday and then the stores start running ads announcing Back to School items on sale! Well, in nearly the same vane, Grand Lodge comes and goes and before I know it the Grand Secretary has sent out his annual request for corrections to our members' addresses etc. I think our Whatcom Lodge records are current but I need your input to be correct.

When the 2004 year's dues-notices come to me I will send those out, as are appropriate, along with our October newsletter. I will be including a little survey form for each brother to complete and return, in a stamped self-addressed envelope. Many of our brothers have e-mail addresses but are not networked with other brothers in our lodge. Some of you have internet access and can visit Masonic Web-pages all over the world. As lodge brothers we can make use of these systems to stay in touch, informed and to save some lodge expenses as well. A few brothers are very knowledgeable about computers and might be willing to help get those, who are a little intimidated at the thought of computer technology, on-line. My survey will gather information and ascertain our combined interest in moving forward in our Hi-tech world.

One of my goals as lodge secretary is to find ways to get and keep our lodge brothers connected. I understand the reasons so many of our senior brothers do not attend lodge, yet, I hope the reasons we all joined this brotherhood will motivate us to get and stay reconnected in some way. Whatcom Lodge has a proud history and each of you is a living part of that history. One task I have taken on, at the request of our departed brother WB Van Sargent, is the revision and reissue of the By-Laws and Roster, last published in 1985. I have keyed into my computer all of the By-Law Articles, the listing of elected Lodge Officers from 1906 to the present, the In Memoriam listing from 1906 to 1985 and I have a spreadsheet of our currently active members. I hope to have a completed product by the end of this December, but, if a brother wishes a copy of the active member spreadsheet with name, address, phone number and e-mail address, please feel free to ask and I will mail one to you, no charge.

When the survey comes this fall, please take a few minutes to fill it out and of course to return it.

Sincerely & fraternally,  
John F. Browne

Dwarf figurine by Lenox



## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS SEND LETTERS OF THANKS



Dear WM Buck Strickland

Thank you very much for donating that scholarship to me, it helps a lot. This money you have been so kind to give me will lift quite a big burden off me in getting money to pay for college. It is people like you that make life easier for students such as myself, and of course my parents too. I appreciate everything you do and I'm sure many other do too.

Thank you again, and God bless.

SCINCERELY,  
*[Signature]*  
RYAN JUNGBLUM



Dear Masons:

Thank you for awarding me your scholarship. The money will really help me in pursuing my future education. Next year I will attend Brigham Young University where I will use the scholarship to help cover tuition.

Thanks again.

- Chris  
Burley -

### A Third Terpenning Scholarship

As we announced in our May newsletter issue, the HM Terpenning Educational Scholarship application period was held open until June 30th. Just prior to this closing date a third application was received. I am pleased to inform the brethren that the Lodge is granting a \$500 HM Terpenning award to Mr. Maxwell ("Max") G. Davis. Mr. Max Davis is the son of Bro. Michael & Sheila Davis and grandson WB Frank Davis. He has been, for the past several months, the Master Counselor of Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay. Mr. Max Davis will be attending Western Washington University this fall and plans on pursuing a degree in Education, with a major in History and a minor in French. Congratulations to all our recipients: Ryan, Chris and Max.

"I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances."

Martha Washington  
(1732-1802)

### Calendar of Events

**Sept 18<sup>th</sup>** is our Stated Communication. We will open on the First Degree and hold a mock-degree. Three Master Masons will open lodge at 6:30 PM and then join us for dinner. After dinner lodge will move back to labor and the fun begins.

**Sept 20<sup>th</sup>** MFLA is hosted by Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105 - 10 am. [Also this day](#), the Order of DeMolay will invest into the ranks of The DeMolay Legion of Honor, the following brothers: VWB John Sleeth, WB Marion "Buck" Strickland and B Carr Lanham, PMC. West Maplewood Hall, begins at 7 pm.

**Oct 11<sup>th</sup>** For our Spl. Comm. we will be attending the Bellingham Theater Guild's production of "Arsenic and Old Lace." For more information call SW Glenn Hutchings at 671-8218 or Sec John Browne at 738-1537.

**Oct 16<sup>th</sup>** MFLA, hosted by Lynden Lodge #56 at the Laurel Grange Hall - 10 am.

**Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>** is our stated meeting—6:30 pm.

**Oct 25<sup>th</sup>** Join us at Civic Field to watch Western play Central in football. More details in the next newsletter. Game at noon.

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

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