



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

Free and Accepted Masons of Washington

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February Special Communication...Thursday the 2nd.

Proficiency: Prior to Lodge opening Br. John Little completed his EA Proficiency before a committee appointed by WM Terrell Goertz.

Lodge was opened on the 3rd Degree at 6:30 P.M. by WM Terrell Goertz who said that the purpose of this Special Communication was to complete some Masonic duties to enjoy Masonic fraternalism and education.

Installation: WM Terrell Goertz installed WB Ted Schuman as Treasurer of the Lodge and he then installed Br. Scott Jenkins as Tyler of the Lodge.

Call-down: After the two installation WM Terrell suspended labor on the Third Degree and opened a Lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons. He then had EA Br. John Little join us in the lodge room.

Tyler: The Tyler was invited to Tile the outer door and Tyle from the doorway of the Lodge room.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meetings were not read, having been previously approved.

Communications: MSA Emessay Note and Short Talk Bulletin,

Donation Jar: The food donation jar contained \$242.00.

Installations: WM Terrell Goertz installed WB Ted Schuman as *Treasurer* and Bro. Scott Jenkins as *Tyler*.

Discussion:? In case a topic needs to be raised for future consideration.

Robbie Burns Night: WB Ken Peck gave a report on Whatcom Lodge's attendance at Robbie Burns Night at Prince David Lodge #101 in Maple Ridge, BC. A number of brothers went and all had a fun time.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual enthusiastic report on our local Mason Youth. DeMolay will attend the Leadership Ball in two weeks. On Saturday Rainbow Assembly will hold an Initiation, Our Br. John Little's daughter will be initiated into the Assemble as their newest member.

Degree: The FC Degree for Br. John Little is set for our Stated Communication on Thursday, March 16th.

Masonic Education: WM Terrell Goertz presented information from a Short Talk Bulletin from some time ago. The Topic was about Change and the uneasiness it brings to us and our Lodges. The author noted several ways to work with change to keep our Lodge interesting and relevant to new and older member alike. Remember: "when Memories exceed Dreams, the end is near."

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was given. WB Thom Baughn advised that BB #44, which meets tomorrow evening is going to have a great history presentation about Masonic Lodges around the globe.

Sickness and relief: VW Don Higerson reported that MWB Don Munks was recovering nicely from his surgery.

DDGM: VW Craig Bruner asked the members to consider visiting one or more Masonic Youth meetings and take a wooden coin along to have it signed by one of the boys or girls. VW Craig has the coins available and will take signed coins to this June's Grand Lodge for the drawing.

Resume: As the meeting was nearing completion WM Goertz excused EA Br. John Little and the Steward. He then closed labor on the EA Degree and Resumed Labor on the MM Degree for the closing of lodge.

Closing: The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM VW Terrell Goertz at **7:50 P.M.** / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were **15** W-151 brothers in attendance and **1** guest for dinner.

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Mar 3rd Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

Mar 9th Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge
opens at 7 pm.

Mar 16th Whatcom Lodge - meeting
opens at 6:30 pm. 'FC Degree'



Whatcom Lodge 151 meets on the 1st (special) and 3rd (stated-business) Thursdays of each month.

Whatcom Lodge emphasizes Masonic heritage and ritual proficiency. We are proud to support our Masonic Youth organizations and encourage members to practice charity outside the lodge. It is our intention to promote individuals to build their own strong moral and spiritual temples.

Secretary — 'Country'
John Browne,
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February Stated Communication...Thursday, February 16th, 2023

Lodge was opened on the 1st Degree at 6:30 P.M. by VW Terrell Goertz who said that the purpose of this Stated Communication was to take care of Lodge Business.

The Tyler was invited to Tile from within.

Visitors: None

Reading of the Minutes: Last meeting's minutes were not read as they were previously approved.

Finance Report: We are doing well with \$28,568.74 in checking at 1:12 pm 2/16/2023. Whatcom 151's Edward Jones Inv. Portfolio was valued at \$894,205.43 up from (\$873,029.48 *last month*) as of 1:15 pm, 2/16/2023. Cash portion is at \$1,107.68.

Donation Jar: meal donations \$300.00.

Bills: W3411 in amt of \$2426.50 to Grand Lodge of Washington for EY Fees (ck #1588); W #3413 in amt. of \$22.03 to Bay Engraving Inv #28013 for Lodge Id Badges (ck #1590); W #3414 in amt of \$6.00 to GL of WA for Awards and pins Inv # 90274 (ck #1591); W #3416 in amt of \$424.02 to Craig Bruner for D-10 Mtg (ck #1595); W #3417 in amt of \$1132.37 to Ken Peck tonight's dinner and D-10 Mtg expenses (ck #1596); W 3418 in am of \$197.00 to GL of WA for Aprons, Bibles and Std Works (ck #1593); W #3419 in amt. of \$38.00 to Bruce Smith for dinner expenses (ck #1594):

Pre authorized: W# 3412 in amt of \$350.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv #1712 - Feb. Rent (ck #1589); W#3415 in amt of \$230.00 to Sec'y John Browne for Feb mileage & Comp. exp. reimbursement (ck #1592):

It was moved by Ted Schuman, 2nd by Barry Podwin to pay the bills, the motion was **approved**.

Leadership Retreat: VW Craig Bruner and VW Don Higgeson desire to attend this year's Leadership Retreat. It was moved by Ken Peck, 2nd by Ted Schuman to cover the cost. The was motion was **approved**. W #3420 in amt of \$595.00 to GL of WA for Don Higgeson (ck #1597) and \$595.00 to GL of WA Craig Bruner (ck #1599). *Note - check # 1598 was mis-written and voided out.*

Masonic Youth: Br. John Little gave a report on our Masonic Youth. Rainbow Assembly #17 has three new members and Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay will soon initiate a new member.

Degree: The Lodge plans to confer the FC Degree on Br. John Little at the Stated Communication on Thursday, March 16th.

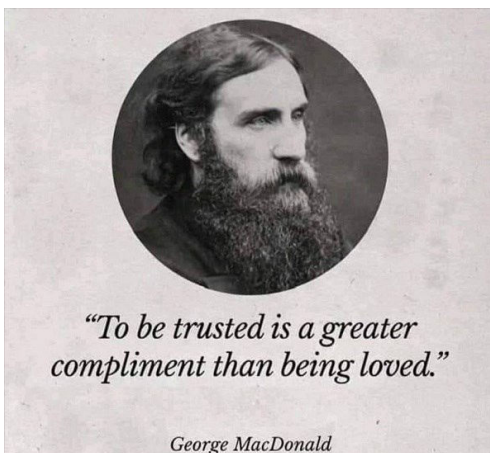
Masonic History Education: VW Terrell Goertz gave a talk on how one's perspective or point of view affects how they see and understand a situation or event.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided. Reminder given by WB Ted Schuman about the upcoming 3rd Tuesday Lunch at the Rust Wagon Restaurant.

DDGM: VW Craig Bruner reminded brothers of the Wood Coin Program to assist our Masonic Youth.

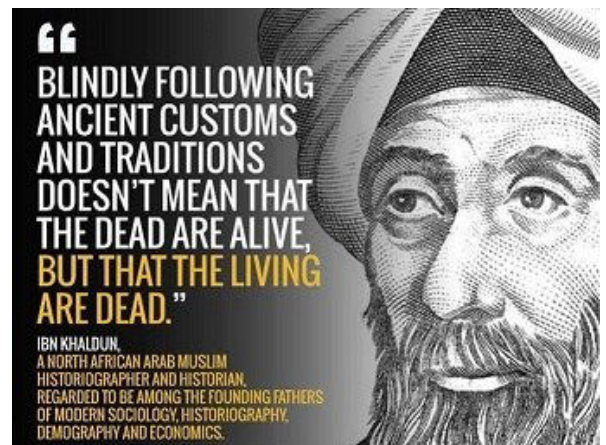
Closing: The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM VW Terrell Goertz at 7:45 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were 20 W-151 brothers in attendance at Lodge.



A rational, charitable, questing and contemplative mind & soul are the most important gifts from the Supreme Architect to humankind.

'Country' John Browne



Masonic Scholarships - Information

About our Scholarship Program – Scholarships went live November 1st. In the last year our scholarship program has grown from two scholarships to four with an increase in award totals from \$24,000 to \$65,000. They are:

Scholarship	Amount	Awards	Description
Masonic Legacy Scholarship	\$3,750	4	Child, grandchild of a WA Mason
Masonic Youth Groups	\$3,000	3	One per Youth Group
Scottish Rite Legacy Scholarship (New)	\$3,250	8	Child, grandchild of a WA Mason
Henry and Jenifer Herrmann Scholarship (New)	\$3,000	5	Targets Latin American & Ukraine Immigrants

The scholarship deadline is approaching, it closes March 31st.

Students can register by visiting: <https://www.wa-masoniccharities.org/on-the-level-student-success/scholarships/>
Submission deadline: March 31st Scholarships close.

Any questions, please contact me at 253-267-8625 or email byron@masonscare.org

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The Four Agreements

by Don Miguel Ruiz

- 1 BE IMPECCABLE WITH YOUR WORD**
 - Speak with integrity.
 - Say only what you mean.
 - Avoid using the Word to speak against yourself or to gossip about others.
 - Use the power of your Word in the direction of truth and love.
- 2 DON'T TAKE ANYTHING PERSONALLY**
 - Nothing others do is because of you.
 - What others say and do is a projection of their own reality, their own dream.
 - When you are immune to the opinions and actions of others, you won't be the victim of needless suffering.
- 3 DON'T MAKE ASSUMPTIONS**
 - Find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want.
 - Communicate with others as clearly as you can to avoid misunderstandings, sadness and drama.
 - With just this one agreement, you can completely transform your life.
- 4 ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST**
 - Your best is going to change from moment to moment; it will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick.
 - Under any circumstance, simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse, and regret.

IF YOU ARE DISTRESSED
BY ANYTHING EXTERNAL,
THE PAIN IS NOT DUE
TO THE THING ITSELF,
BUT TO YOUR ESTIMATE OF IT;
AND THIS YOU HAVE
THE POWER TO REVOKE
AT ANY MOMENT.

MARCUS AURELIUS



BMC = Bellingham Masonic Center on W. Maplewood ; FMC = Ferndale Masonic Center;
 FHMC = Friday Harbor Masonic Center; NMC = Nooksack Masonic Center; SRH = Scottish Rite Hall

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm	2 W 151 spl Comm Dinner at 5:30 pm, mtg at 6:30 p	3 BB # 44 State Comm at 7 pm	4
5	6 Hesperus Com-mandry #8 at 7:30pm	7 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm.	8 York Rite Council 16	9 Lyn/Frn Int # 56 at 7 pm	10	11
12 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	13 Bellingham Council #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm	14	15 <i>Ramadan</i>	16 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm. FC Deg is planned.	17 BB 44 Special <i>St Patrick's Day</i>	18
19	20 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm. Moving to Anacortes in March. <i>First Day of Spring!</i>	21 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon, meet at 11:30 am.	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

**Widows & Orphans Fund
for District No. 1**

If you would like to know more about the W & O Fund contact one of the officers listed below.

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