



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

Free and Accepted Masons of Washington

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May 2023

April Special Communication...Thursday the 2nd.

Lodge was opened on the 2nd Degree at 6:30 P.M. by SW Don Higgeson who said that the purpose of this Special Communication was to enjoy Masonic fraternalism and education.

Visitors: None

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: Masonic Service Association Short Talk Bulletin and Emessay Notes. A letter from Grand Secretary regarding the upcoming 166th Annual Communication. Registration fee is still only \$20 and can be done on-line.

Donation Jar: The food donation jar contained \$264.00.

Dues Cards: Sec'y John Browne spoke on the topic of Dues cards. For those of you who have computers obtaining a Dues Card is very Simple. Go either to our Washington Grand Lodge website or directly to the Grandview website. If you have not already done so, create a Grand view account, this is done using your Washington Masonic Id number. See me if you do not know your ID #. On your Portal page there is a link (*Virtual Card*) for creating your 2023 Dues Card. You must of course be in Good Standing, having paid your 2023 Dues/Assmt. The exception is for 50+ year members, who are exempt. Contact me if you need help.

Masonic Youth: Thom Baugh and Paul Brainard each gave a report on the Rainbow Girls and DeMolay Chapter activities. Both groups are doing well and having lots of fun.

Masonic Education: SW Don Higgeson talked briefly about some interesting inventions which WB Glenn Boody had produced years ago for the U.. Military.

VW Don then proceeded with some lodge room education regarding the jobs of the Deacons and Stewards. He displayed the correct the way to carry their Rods while in performance of duties, both for the conducting of and introduction of candidates and visitors to Lodge.

WB Tim Springstead related a story about notable musicians and recording artist who had donated some of their royalties to the Shrine Hospitals.

Birthdays: JW Bruce Smith read the names and birthdays of members having April Birthdays.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was given. The 166th Grand Lodge Annual Communication is June 8th through June 11th in Wenatchee, WA. There is on-line registration but a word of note: there is a Farmer's Convention that same weekend and Hotels and Motels are solidly booked. Craig Bruner reminded members that the Outdoor FC Degree is coming this May 20th hosted by San Juan Lodge #175.

Sickness and relief: WM Terrell Goertz was completed and he fly back from Colorado today and we hope to see him in Lodge at our April 20th Stated Communication. Don reported that WB Glenn Boody's partner Barb was soon to have a Hip replaced. Bro John Little recently had Gall Bladder Surgery. Please think of these fine people in your thoughts and prayers.

Closing: The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by SW VW Don Higgeson at **8:05 P.M.** / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were **21** W-151 brothers in attendance and **0** visitors.

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.



Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

May 5th Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

May 11th Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge
opens at 7 pm.

May 18th Whatcom Lodge - meeting
opens at 6:30 pm.

April Stated Communication...Thursday, April 20th, 2023

Proficiency: Prior to opening Lodge Bro. Luke Sullateskee, assisted by his coach Bro. Jeff Roskelley, performed his MM Posting Lecture in front the MM membership. He did an excellent job and was given applause.

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: Bro. Peter Harksell of Simi Valley Lodge #806, Simi Valley CA: WB Ken Gass of BB#44 and Bro. Donell Tanksley of Cable Tow Lodge #167 of the PH Lodge in MO. All were accorded a hearty welcome!

Reading of the Minutes: Last meeting's minutes were not read as they were previously approved but they were at the Secretaries desk for pursual should any brother wish to see them.

Communications: The Sec'y gave a second reading of the Grand Masters Letter of March 13 regarding unauthorized 'clear text' copies of the Ritual from the Standard Work.

Finance Report: We are doing well with \$30,739.65 in checking at 11:30 pm 4/20/2023. Whatcom 151's *Edward Jones Inv. Portfolio* was valued at \$881,482.22, (last month it was \$845,959.07). Cash portion is at \$1,114.35.

Donation Jar: meal donations \$295.00.

Bills: W #3426 in amt of \$168.35 to Bruce Smith for Dinner, (ck #1606); ; W #3428 in amt of \$101.81 to ken Peck for Dinner (ck #1607);

Pre authorized: W# 3451 in amt of \$350.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv #1730 - April Rent (ck #1604); W#3427 in amt of \$230.00 to Sec'y John Browne for April mileage & Internet exp. reimbursement (ck #1605):

It was moved by John Brown, 2nd by Frank Myers to pay the bills, the motion was *approved*.

It was moved by John Brown, 2nd by Ken Peck to reimburse Bro. Bruce Smith for his attending the Grand Lodge Retreat, at the same rate (\$595.00) provided to our two other attendees. The motion was *approved*.

Grand Lodge: The Annual Communication nearing in about a month. A question was opened on how much to provide for our three attendees; Sec'y John Browne will take the proxy for our WM Terrell Goertz, SW Don Higgerson and VW Craig Bruner will take the proxy for our JW Bruce Smith. Discussion was had on the amount to cover lodging, transportation and food. A few brothers wanted little or no money allocated while most felt that lodging, registration fee and gas money should be provided. After discussion it was moved by Sec'y Browne, 2nd by Ken Peck that each of the brothers be allotted \$525.00 each to help cover Annual Communication Expenses. The motion was *approved*.

Petition for the Degree: A Petition for the Degrees of Masonry was received from Mr. Charles Wayne Swart and given it's first Reading. An Investigation Committee consisting of Bill Kappele (chair), John Browne and Terrell Goertz was appointed.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual informative report on our two local Masonic Youth Groups.

Masonic Education: WM Terrell Goertz talked about the need to do some research on the Lodges and areas where you may wish to visit while on a trip. He note in particular some instances which happened when he was in the South where not all State Grand Lodges recognize Prince Hall Lodges, thought it is getting better.

Sickness and Relief: Bro. John Little is recovering satisfactorily from his *Gall Bladder* surgery as is WB Dave Nelson from his *Hip* Surgery. Phone calls may help cheer them up.

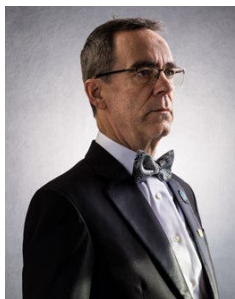
Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided. Reminder given that in May, the 3rd Tuesday Lunch at the Rust Wagon Restaurant is on May 16th at 11:30 pm. There were 5 Whatcom Brothers who attend the April Lunch on the 18th. Ken Peck reported that the Widows & Orphans Fund disbursement has been increased to \$750.00

Closing: The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM VW Terrell Goertz at **8:00 P.M. / P. & H. P.**

PS Note: There were **18** W-151 brothers, **3** visitors attending Lodge and **1** guest for dinner.

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R. W. B. Steve Martin
Deputy Grand Master
F. & A.M.
of Washington State

Hands Across
The Border

**HONORING OUR
DEPUTY
GRANDMASTERS**

**Thursday
May 11, 2023**

5:30 Social
6:00 Dinner
7:15 Tyled Lodge



R.W.B. Art Smith
Deputy Grand Master
A.F. & A.M.
of B.C. & Yukon

Brothers,

Lynden Ferndale International Lodge #56 invites you to the 2023 Hands Across the Border Spring Delights Dinner honoring RWB Steve Martin, Deputy Grandmaster of Washington State Free and Accepted Masons and RWB Art Smith Deputy Grandmaster of the Grand Jurisdiction of BC and Yukon Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

We will be enjoying the company of Brothers from 2 countries in Lodge after dinner. This is a great chance to see some of the differences between Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and Free and Accepted Masons ritual.

Hands Across the Border is a chance for Masons to celebrate the peace between two amazing brother nations.

I look forward to seeing you there,

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Lynden/Ferndale International Lodge #56

CHOICE OF DINNER

**Delicious Prime Rib or
Mouth Watering Prawns**

\$30.00 (Canadian Funds at Par)

Attire for this celebration of Masonry is Semi Formal.
Aprons do not need to be worn except for Lodge.

Seating limited to 100.

Please reserve your seats early

Contact WB Troy Luginbill to let him know how many will be attending and your preference is for the main course.

Funds go to support our community programs
Lynden Ferndale International #56 is honored to be
available in the community to support education in all its forms.

**Educator of the Year
Scholarships
Bikes for Books**

Ferndale Masonic Temple
5638 3rd Ave., Ferndale, WA

*I-5 North and I-5 South. Take **exit to Main Street** Ferndale.

*Go West on **Main** across the bridge to **Third Avenue**.

*Take a left onto **Third Avenue**

*We're next to **Fringe Brewing**

A must see Whatcom Lodge Program

Author Marcus Brotherton will our guest on Thursday,
May 18th, 2023

To speak at Whatcom Lodge 151

Marcus Brotherton is the award-winning, New York Times bestselling author of *A COMPANY OF HEROES*, *SHIFTY'S WAR*, *WE WHO ARE ALIVE & REMAIN*, and *FEAST FOR THIEVES*

"I have been in touch with Marcus Brotherton, New York Times Best Selling Author. Marcus was the author who helped our Brother Buck Compton bring his story to light with the book '*Call of Duty: My Life Before, During and After Band of Brothers.*' Marcus has SEVERAL other military-themed books covering others in WWII, Pacific and European theaters, as well as a best seller on Gary Beikirch, a Green Beret who fought in Vietnam. I'm going to let him speak of his experiences with Buck, as well as some of his other subjects. I suggest the Brothers to bring a couple bucks, as I've requested Marcus also bring along some of his work. I own seven of his books, and have read 2 others. One recent collaborative effort was made into a movie and just made the rounds in the theaters... 'Devotion.'" WM vw Terrell Goertz

Brothers, this is Sec'y Browne and I am very excited about this guest coming to our lodge. I just recently watched the movie "Devotion". It takes place during the Korean War and features my favorite plane the F4U Corsair. It is based on true events and was really an inspiring story. By the way, with the author here some of us may get to have some books signed.



The basic plan is to open lodge and immediately go to refreshment and invite our guest in to speak. Once done, we'll excuse Mr. Brotherton and some brothers to the dining room. Some quick business will be conducted and then we'll close Lodge and retire to the dining room for dessert and conversation.

For those of you who plan to join us and our guest for dinner, at 5:30 pm, please **RSVP** to JW Bruce Smith, SS Bill Kappelle or JS Ken Peck, so they can accurately determine how much food to prepare—Thank you.

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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
30	1 <i>Hesperus Com-mandry #8 at 7:30pm</i>	2	3	4 W 151 spl Comm Dinner at 5:30 pm, mtg at 6:30 p. A MM Deg is Planned	5 BB # 44 State Comm at 7 pm <i>Cinco De Mayo</i>	6
7	8 Bellingham Council #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm	9 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm.	10 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm	11 LFI # 56 Stated at 7 pm. <i>Hands Across the Border, see page 3 for details.</i>	12	13
14 <i>Mother's Day</i>	15 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm. Meets in Anacortes	16 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon, meet at 11:30 am.	17 York Rite Council 16	18 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm. <i>Guest to Speak see page 3 for details.</i>	19 BB 44 Special	20 <i>Outdoor FC Deg and Salmon BBQ. Hosted by San Juan Lodge 175</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 <i>Memorial Day</i>	30	31	1	2	3

**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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