



# Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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## Special Communication held on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

Lodge was opened on the 3<sup>RD</sup> Degree at 6:30 P.M. by WM Terrell Goertz who said that the purpose of this Special Communication was to share fraternalism.

**Visitors:** Bro. Don Carl Pt Loma No 620 in San Diego, Br. Anthony Gonzales of Lyn/Fern Int #56 who were both given a hearty Whatcom Welcome.

**Tyler:** The Tyler was invited to Tyle the outer door and Tyle from the doorway of the Lodge room. He also gave the Opening Charge at the Altar.

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

**Communications:** Masonic Service Association materials ...

**Finance Report:** The WECU checking account is at \$41,408.28 as of 1:24 pm today and our Edward Jones Investment portfolio showed an amount of \$975,649.03 as of 1:27 pm today, with \$1,162.080. in cash.

**Donation Jar:** The food donation jar contained \$176.00.

**Masonic Education:** We viewed a video, suggested by Bro. Bruce Smith. The topic was how to raise massive heavy stones by hand using commonly available materials. A fellow in Michigan demonstrated how he could make a Stonehenge type structure using stones weighing several tons. The point illustrates how such items could have been used to raise the ancient works we marvel at today. It was very interesting.

**Discussion:** We asked how many brothers were going to the Leadership Conference and learned that two are going. It was also considered as to how many the Lodge should cover for going to the Annual Communication each year. There seemed to be some consensus that the three elected officers or their Proxies and if the current DDGM is a Whatcom Brother we would cover him as well. Further discussion will be made at a Stated Communication.

**Masonic Youth:** Sec'y Browne made the following report. Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay held it's Installation of Officers last evening, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Brother Cody Little was again installed as Master Councilor. There was a good attendance.

Our local Rainbow Assembly is presently meeting this evening over at the Ferndale Masonic Center.

**Announcements:** An opportunity for announcements was provided. Sec'y Browne reminded brothers that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Rusty Wagon lunch was just ahead on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am, and he noted that there were 13 Whatcom Brothers in attendance at the recent one on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Bro. Anthony Gonzales noted that Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, will be the Spring hands Across the Border event. So please put that on your calendar.

Bro. Bill Kappele advised that this year's Masonic Park Campout will be held from June 20 to June 23. Interested Brothers should contact him for details.

**Sickness and relief:** It was reported that WB Dave Nelson's wife Pat was now confined to a wheelchair.

**Final Words:** Bro Gonzales gave greetings from WM Ed Lim of Lyn/Fern Int #56.

**DDGM:** VW Craig Bruner gave greetings from GM Steve Martin and he thanked the Brothers of District 10 for their fine work this year.

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

**PS Note:** There were 19 W-151 brothers, 2 visitors in attendance and 4 guests for dinner.

## Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Apr 5<sup>th</sup> Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

Apr 11<sup>th</sup> Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge  
opens at 7 pm.

Apr 18<sup>th</sup> Whatcom Lodge - meeting  
opens at 6:30 pm.



Whatcom Lodge 151 meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> (special) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (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.

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## The Stated Communication was held on Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Lodge was opened on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree at 6:30 P.M. by VW Terrell Goertz who said that the purpose of this Stated Communication was to conduct the regular business of the Lodge and to host the DDGM for District 10 VW Craig Bruner. (Prior to the opening of lodge VW Criag Bruner met with WM VW Terrell Goertz and Sec'y VW John Browne and examined the lodge records, including the End Year Report, Audit and Tax filing.)

**Visitors:** Bro. Don Carl Pt Loma Lodge #620 in San Diego and WB Leonard Hubbard of BB#44, both were given a hearty welcome.

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

**Minutes:** The minutes of the March 7<sup>th</sup> Special Communication were not read having been previous approved but were on hand for anyone wishing to read them.

**Communications:** Masonic Service Assoc. Short Talk Bulletin and Emessay Notes for March were presented..

**Donation Jar:** meal donations came to \$280.00.

**Finance Report:** The lodge checking account stands at \$43,154.27 as of 1:03 pm 3/21/24. Our Edward Jones Investment Portfolio was valued at \$987,650.68 (1:30 pm) previously-(\$955,231.32 on 2/20/24). Our Cash portion is \$1,166.43

**Bills:** W #3485 in amt of \$25.04 to Moss Roberts for Mar 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> expenses (ck #1665); W #3486 in amt of \$125.44 to Bill Kappele for dinner expenses. (ck #1666); W #3488 in amt of \$17.82 for salad on Mar 21<sup>st</sup> (ck #1668); W #3489 in amt of \$663.43 to Jeff Roskelley to reimburse for the GL Leadership Event (ck #1669);

**Pre authorized:** W# 3483 in amt of \$375.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv # 1823 March 2024 Rent (ck #1663); W#3484 in amt of \$230.00 to Sec'y John Browne for March. (ck #1664).

It was moved by Don Higgerson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig Bruner to pay the bills, the motion was **approved**.

**Petition:** A Petition for Plural Membership from Bro. Donald Lewis Carl was given it's first Reading and an Investigation Committee consisting of Ted Schuman (chair) Jerry Hill & Jeff Roskelley was appointed.

**Balloting:** The Petition by Mr. Mark Saleeb was given it's Investigation Report which was *Full & Favorable*. The Petition was Balloted on and the result was: *Fair, Clear and Bright*. Mr. Saleeb's EA Degree was set for our Special Communication on Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

**Business:** Discussion was had regarding the Lodge covering expenses for members attending Grand Lodge events. First it was moved by Don Higgerson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ted Schuman to cover up to \$700 for Bro's Bruce Smith and Jeff Roskelley who attended the Leadership Retreat earlier this Month. The motion was **approved**.

It was moved by John Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Higgerson to cover basic food and Lodging for three Brothers to attend this June's Grand Lodge Annual Communication. The motion was **approved**.

**Masonic Youth:** WB Thom Baughn reported Evergreen Rainbow held a *Princes for a Night* event.

It was moved by Craig Bruner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Luke Sullateskee to donate \$300.00 each to Evergreen Assembly #17 IORG and Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay. And to see about matching funds from the Masonic Charities Association. The motion was **approved**.

**Labor to Refreshment.** At 7:25 pm, WM Goertz called the lodge from Labor to refreshment. We retired to the dining room where WM Terrell read an article relating to conservative view on Freemasonry...informative.

**Refreshment to Labor.** At 8:09 pm WM Terrell Goertz called the lodge back to labor on FC Degree.

**Announcements:** An opportunity for announcements was provided. Bill Kappele reminded brothers that this Summer's campout is set for June 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, interested brothers may contact Bill for details.

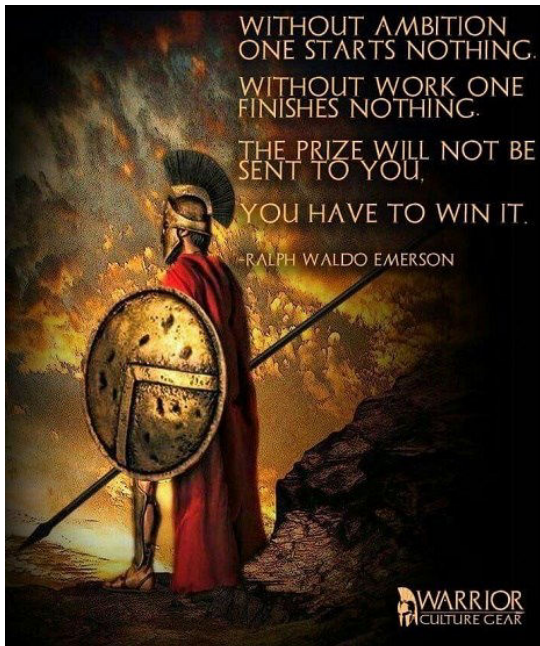
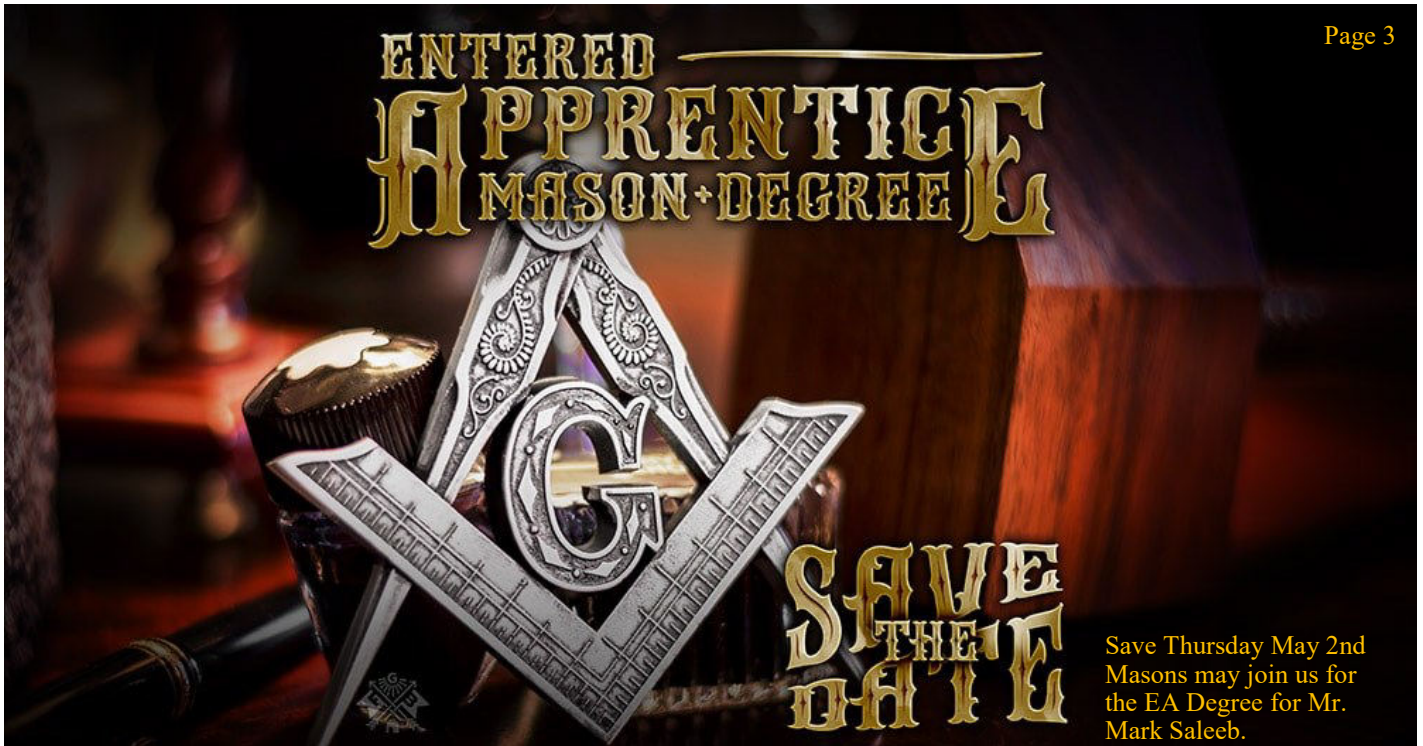
Masonic Luncheon...there were nine brothers who attended the March 18<sup>th</sup> lunch. One was WB Chris Bonner who drove up from Marysville. He looks really good considering his health ordeal.

**Sickness and Relief:** Chap. Jerry Hill said he would contact Bro. Scott Jenkins who has missed the last two meetings. Brothers were encouraged to call WB Dave Nelson as his wife Pat is wheelchair bound.

**DDGM:** VW Craig Bruner gave fraternal greetings from our Grand Master MW Steven Martin. VW Criag praised the Lodge for fine ritual work and encouraged us to continue our growth.

The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by VW Terrell Goertz at 8:40 P.M. / P. & H. P.

**PS Note:** There were **20** W-151 brothers and **2** visitors in attendance and **3** guests for dinner,



### Northwest shrine Club

Brother Nobles,

Another month has come to an end with Spring rains helping to push up the flowers and other greenery. My Lady and I drove to Nile for the last gathering for dinner and to watch the St. Patrick's Day dancers. The girls and boys were really great and loud. I am certain the floor joists will never be the same. The corned beef and cabbage were also nicely done and delicious. The Knights of Columbus peoples at our table were pleasantly pleased, one Lady had never eaten Corned Beef and was pleasantly pleased. No business was held so far as I know so it was an evening of fun and food!

Nobles, we are in need of more members to keep our club viable. Gerrit, our Secretary/Treasurer, knows of a restaurant in Lynden that has a larger room and Greek food. All we need to do is gather more members, any ideas?

We are thinking about attending the Olympic Peninsula Shrine Club's next meeting to honor our Potentate and those in the line who can make it. It should be a fun event, I'll let you know how it goes.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> is our next meeting and I am looking forward to visiting with you over a meal at Rustlers in Lynden, in the mean time rest easy and stay safe.

*Yours in the Faith,*  
 George Edwards, PM  
 President, 2024  
 Northwest Shrine Club  
 Nile Shrine



Bellingham Bay 44 & Whatcom 151 meet at the - Scottish Rite Hall  
 Lynden/Ferndale Int 56 meets at the - Ferndale Masonic Center

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 Hesperus Com-mandry #8 at 7:30pm	2 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm.	3 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm	4 W 151 spl Comm , Dinner at 5:30 pm, mtg at 6:30 p We have a MM Deg planned	5 BB # 44 Stated Comm at 7 pm	6
7 <i>World Wildlife Day</i>	8	9 <i>Eid al-Fitr Begins at Sundown</i>	10 Bellingham Council #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm	11 Lyn/Frn Int # 56 at 7 pm	12	13
14	15	16 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.	17	18 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm.	19 BB 44	20
21	22 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm. <i>Passover Begins at Sundown Earth Day</i>	23	24	25	26 <i>Arbor Day</i>	27
28 <i>Orthodox Palm Sunday</i>	29	30	1	2 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm. We have an EA Degree planed	3	4

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