



# Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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**Special Communication** held on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> Lodge was opened on the 2nd Degree at 6:30 P.M. by WM Terrell Goertz who said that the purpose of this Special Communication was to share fraternalism.

**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 materials ...

**Degree Proficiency:** Bro. Kelly Berg, assisted by Bro. Jeff Roskelley, completed his FC Proficiency in front of the assembled Brothers. Bro. Kelly did a fine job. His MM Degree is set for our Stated Meeting on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. 2024.

**Finance Report:** The WECU checking account is at \$42,665.46 as of 1:30 pm today and our Edward Jones Investment portfolio showed an amount of \$947,197.64 as of 1:35 pm today,

**Donation Jar:** The food donation jar contained \$366.00.

**Masonic Education:** Bro. Alan Smith played a video relating to the Geometry of the Universe, It was very excellent and had parallels to Masonic Teachings.

**Discussion:** There was some discussion on potential new candidates, in fact a Petition for the Degrees was turned in, to be given it's First Reading at the 2/15/24 Stated Communication.

We also discussed the need to have the Charity Committee meet to go over our Charity Program based on our annual income.

**Announcements:** An opportunity for announcements was provided...

WB Ted Schuman reminded brothers that the 3rd Tuesday Rusty Wagon lunch was just ahead on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am.

**Sickness and relief:** VW Craig Bruner was absent due to a bad cold. WB John Brown was home with a painful back injury.

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

**PS Note:** There were **20** W-151 brothers, **1** visitor in attendance and **2** guests for dinner.

**Secretary — 'Country' John Browne**, [contact info on page 4](#)

Our *Masonic Luncheon* was held on Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am at the Rusty Wagon. We had 13 Whatcom Brothers in attendance and a fun time was had by all. The Luncheon in se for Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, same time and place.

**Funeral Service:** WB Ken Peck and VW Terrell Goertz conferred the Final Degree for Bro., Jack Cormany. In attendance were brothers: Joe Hayes, Frank Myers, Jerry Hill, Craig Bruner, Bruce Smith and John Browne. This Masonic Funeral Service was performed on Saturday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 11 am at the Green Acres Cemetery.

## Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Mar 1<sup>st</sup> Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

Mar 14<sup>th</sup> Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge  
opens at 7 pm.

Mar 21<sup>st</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 February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Lodge was opened on the 3<sup>RD</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, to confer the MM Degree on Bro Kelly Berg.

**Visitors:** Bro. Don Carl Pt Loma Lodge #620 in San Diego, WB Rick Kiene of BB#44, WB Edmon Lim, WM of Lyn/Ferndale Int #56 and Bro Chris \_\_\_\_\_ of Lyn/Ferndale Int #56.

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

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Feb 1<sup>st</sup> Special Communication were not read having been previous approved but were on hand for anyone wishing to read them.

**Communications:** Masonic Service Association Short Talk Bulletin and Emessay Notes. Two Letters from the Grand Secretary regarding the expulsion of two Masons.

**Donation Jar:** meal donations came to \$298.00.

**Finance Report:** The lodge checking account stands at \$42,074.49 as of 12:35 pm 2/15/24. Our Edward Jones Investment Portfolio was valued at \$955,231.32 at 12:30 pm of 12/20/24. Our Cash portion is \$1,157.74

**Bills:** W #3475 in amt of \$69.58 to Moss Roberts for Dinner expenses (ck #1662); W #3480 in amt of \$539.30 to Ken Peck for dinner expenses for Jan 4 & Feb 1, 2024 (ck #1659); W#3481 in amt of \$45.06 for dinner expenses in February (ck #1660); W# 3482 in amt of \$303.33 for 1/3 portion of Dist. Ten food expense (ck #1661):

**Pre authorized:** W# 3477 in amt of \$2,255.25 to GL of Wash. For End Year Fees 2023 (ck #1655) W# 3478 in amt of \$375.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv # 1815 February 2024 Rent (ck #1656); W#3476 in amt of \$230.00 to Sec'y John Browne for Jan. (ck #1654) and W# 3479 in amt of \$230.00 for Feb. Sec'y expenses (ck #1657).

It was moved by Ted Schuman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Hill to pay the bills, the motion was **approved**.

**MM Degree:** The MM Degree was conferred on Bro Kelly Berg by WM Terrell Goertz, supported by the fabulous Whatcom Players who gave a wonderful performance of their skills in the Drama. The Degree Lecture was given by WB Ken Peck and VW Terrell Goertz and Charge by WB John Brown. After the degree Bro. Berg was congratulated and conducted to the Sec'y desk to sign the By-Laws and pay his Dues for 2024.

**Petition:** A Petition for The Degrees of Masonry by Mr. Mark Saleeb was given it's first reading and an Investigation Committee consisting of Terrell Goertz (chair), Craig Bruner & Bill Kappelle was appointed.

**Business:** Presentation of The Travelling Gavel by WM Ed Lim of Lyn/Fern Int #56 to WM Terrell Goertz of Whatcom Lodge #151. A Commemorative photo was taken.

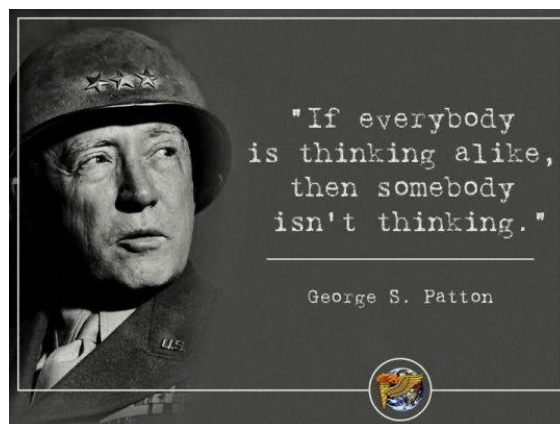
**Masonic Youth:** WB Thom Baughn reported that Rainbow Assembly #17 Installed a new member and Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay was going to Install Officers on Saturday March 2nd.

**Announcements:** an opportunity for announcements was provided: the Annual District Ten Meeting is set for Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. Also Robbi Burns Night at our sister lodge, Prince David 101 is on January 23, 2024, a ticket is required, see Ken Peck is you wish to attend.

**DDGM:** VW Craig Bruner gave greetings from our Grand Master MW Steve Martin.

The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by VW Terrell Goertz at **9:20 P.M.** / P. & H. P.

**PS Note:** There were **24** W-151 brothers and **4** visitors in attendance and **4** guests for dinner,



Rainbow girls  
**DESSERT AUCTION!**  
Live and Silent Auction

Donations can be made with  
Cash, credit card, check, or Venmo!

Dessert auction proceeds will go towards supporting the activities and  
community service projects put on by the Rainbow Girls

5638 3rd Ave, Ferndale, WA 98248

Saturday  
March 9  
18:00



**We are not all in  
the same boat.**



**We are all in the  
same storm.**

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**DEMOLAY**  
WASHINGTON

**Chuckanut Chapter**  
**Installation of Officers**

**Wednesday**  
**March 6th, 2024**  
**7:00 PM**

**Dessert**  
**to Follow**

**Cody Little**  
**Master Councilor Elect**

**Questions? Contact Mom Shannon Evenstad at 360-685-3406**

**Ferndale Masonic Lodge**  
**5638 3rd Ave**  
**Ferndale, WA 98248**

A scenic background image of a snowy mountain range. In the foreground, there's a dark, multi-story building with a pointed roof, possibly a lodge, nestled among evergreen trees. The sky is overcast and grey.

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
25	26	27	28	29	1 BB # 44 Stated Comm at 7 pm	2
3 <i>World Wildlife Day</i>	4 Hesperus Com- mandry #8 at 7:30pm	5 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm.	6 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm  <i>Installation of Officers for Chuckanut Chapter of DeMolay. 7 pm Dessert to follow.</i>	7 W 151 spl Comm , Dinner at 5:30 pm, mtg at 6:30 p	8	9 Evergreen #17 IROG hosting a Des- ert Auction Sat. March 9 <sup>th</sup> at 6:pm. At the Ferndale Masonic Center. <i>See page-3</i>
10 <i>Ramadan Begins at Sundown Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	11	12	13 Bellingham Coun- cil #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm	14 Lyn/Frn Int # 56 at 7 pm	15 BB 44	16
17 <i>St Patrick's Day</i>	18	19 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.  <i>First Day of Spring</i>	20	21 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm.	22	23  <i>Purim Begins at Sundown</i>
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	25 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm. Moving to Ana- cortes in March.	26	27	28	29  <i>Good Friday</i>	30
31 <i>Easter</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6

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

If you would like to know more about  
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WB John Brown - *President,*

VW Craig Bruner - *Vice President*  
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