



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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June 2024

Special Communication held on Thursday, May 2nd

Lodge was opened on the 1st Degree at 6:30 P.M. by WM Terrell Goertz who said that the purpose of this Special Communication was to confer the EA Degree on Mr. Mark Saleeb and share fraternalism.

Visitors: None

Tyler: Was invited to Tyle from within.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meetings were not read, having been previously approved, but were available for perusal at the Sec'y desk.

Communications: A Letter from the Grand Secretary was read regarding the Suspension of Master Mason Donald C Talley for a term of 90 Days.

Finance Report: The WECU checking account is at \$21,399.97 as of 2:12 pm today and our Edward Jones Investment portfolio showed an amount of \$985,093.40 as of 2:07 pm today, with \$1,179.09. in cash.

Donation Jar: The food donation jar contained \$282.00.

Degree: WB JW Ken Peck had the Degree Team take its positions and the degree commenced. The Conferral, Drama and Lecture were performed by the Whatcom Players as noted in the accompanying chart. After the Degree our newest obligated brother escorted West of the Altar where he was congratulated by the members in attendance.

Masonic Education: WB Ken Peck gave a presentation on how the New Candidate Education Program works.

WB Tim Springstead informed the members that a new Shriners Hospital is under construction in Mexico. He also noted that Shriners Hospital have added per-diem to costs covered for families who child is being served.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual great report on our local Masonic youth.

Candidates: WB Ted Schuman reported that we had one candidate attend this evening's dinner and who requested a Petition for the Degrees of Masonry, which was provided.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided. The annual Whatcom Hosted Masonic Campout will be June 20th to 23rd. The Whatcom Lodge Annual BBQ is now set for Saturday, August 17th from noon to 3 pm, details will be in the lodge newsletter.

DDGM: VW Craig Bruner gave a report on our Grand Master's recent trip to Scotland. It was very interesting.

The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Terrell Goertz at **8:30 P.M.** / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were **22** W-151 brothers, **0** visitors in attendance and **1** guest for dinner.

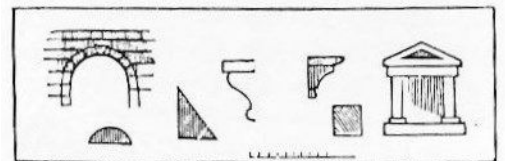
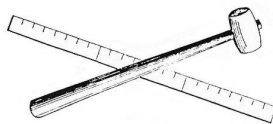
Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Jun 7th Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

Jun 20th Whatcom Lodge - meeting opens at 6:30 pm.

Jun 27th Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge opens at 7 pm.

Conferral:	WB Ken Peck SD Thom Baughn
Apron Lecture:	Luke Sullateskee
Working Tools:	Joe Hayes
Degree Lecture:	Terrell Goertz Ken Peck
Charge:	John Brown



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.

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The Stated Communication was held on Thursday May 16th.

Lodge was opened on the 1st Degree at 6:30 P.M. by SW Bruce Smith who said that the purpose of this Stated Communication was to conduct the regular business of the Lodge.

Visitors: None

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

Minutes: The minutes of the May 2nd Special Communication were read.

Communications: DDGM Bruner mentioned a letter from Grand Lodge regarding a Form 990 scam.

Donation Jar: meal donations came to \$143.00.

Finance Report: The lodge checking account stands at \$21,675.25 on May12, 2024. Our Edward Jones Investment Portfolio was valued at \$1,012,429.46 on Sunday, May 12th. Our Cash portion is \$1,179.09

Bills: W #3497 in amt of \$17.43 to Moss Roberts for May 2th and 16th expenses (ck #1680); W #3498 in amt of \$155.98 to Bill Kappele for dinner expenses. (ck #1681):

Pre authorized: W# 3499 in amt of \$375.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv #1841 May 2024 Rent (ck #1678); W#3500 in amt of \$230.00 to Sec’y John Browne for May Record Keeping. (ck #1677).

The bills were enumerated and **approved** for payment.

Business: It was noted that three Whatcom Brothers will be attending this Year’s Annual Communication: DDGM VW Craig Bruner, SW Bro. Bruce Smith and Sec’y VW John Browne.

It was moved by Ken Peck and 2nd by Craig Bruner to donate \$500.00 to the Blaine food Bank. After discussion the motion was balloted on and **approved**. W #3501 (ck #1682)

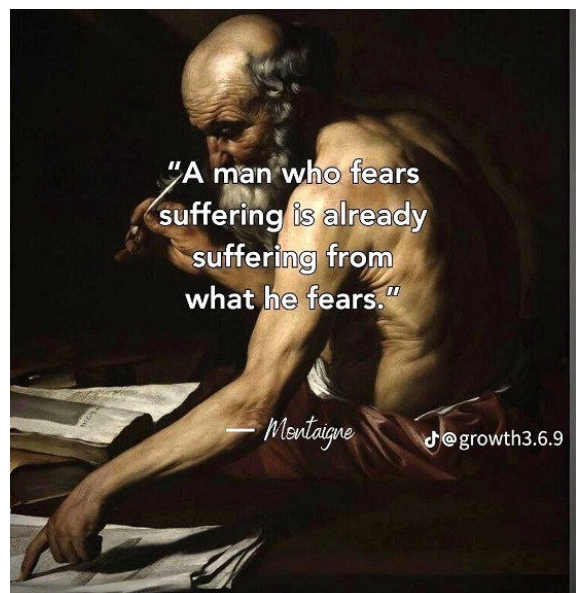
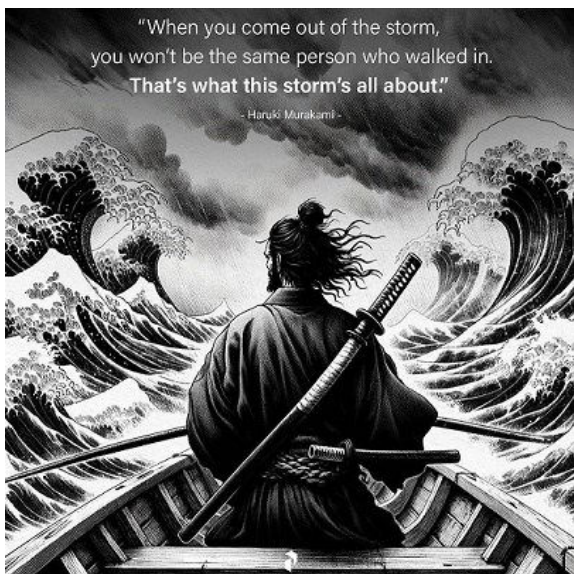
Masonic Education: WM Pro Tem Bruce Smith gave a talk based on the Masonic phrase “Lean to subdue my passions”. Bro. Smith gave an example from his personal experience.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided. VW Craig Bruner passed on information at the request of WB Dick Decima, sec’y of LFI #56. He asked that Brothers be reminded that there are educational scholarships available from both the Grand Lodge of WA and via Lynden/Ferndale Int Lodge 56..

WM PT Bruce announced several Grand Lodge Events: May 18, Outdoor FC Deg on San Juan Is: May 24 Pirate Deg in Port Orchard: May 31 Table Lodge at Thornton f McElroy Lodge: June 1 Crystal Lodge Rededication and the 167th Annual Communication June 13-15 in Wenatchee. Check Grandview for details.

The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by SW Bruce Smith at 7:40 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were 13 W-151 brothers and 0 visitors in attendance and 1 guests for dinner,



Annual Whatcom Lodge BBQ
(Lodge Members & Families Only)

Saturday, August 17th

Noon to Three

At the home of Ted and Penny Schuman

The Lodge will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings.



You are asked to bring a side dish,
salad or dessert.

PLEASE RSVP to 360-392-8763 and
tell Penny what you will bring

“Don't explain your
philosophy. Embody it.”

— Epictetus

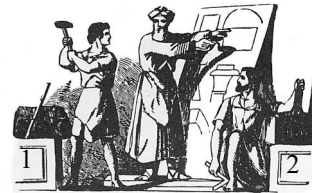


Masonic Campout 2024



Whatcom lodge hosts it's annual
Masonic Park Campout from **June
20th to 23rd** at the Masonic Park at
Granite Falls WA. If you have any
questions you may contact Br. Bill
Kappele at 360-815-4649 or email

him at: mastermason7182019@gmail.com



Two stonecutters were asked
what they were doing.

The second replied, "I'm on a
team that's building
a cathedral."

The first said "I'm cutting this stone into blocks."

A good thought to ponder!

Northwest shrine Club

Greetings Brethren and Nobles:

Our visit to Sequim went well but we left before the Pa-
rade as we had early ferry reservations. We arrived home
tired and pleased that we made the trip.

Next on the list is our own Ski to Sea Parade with a gath-
ering at Roundtable Pizza at Sunset Square afterwards. I
have been advised that the Peninsula Shrine Club will be
in attendance along with the other Nile Clubs. I am hop-
ing that we will have a showing at our own Parade. It
should be a fun gathering after the Parade.

Our next adventure will be attending the Washington
Grand Lodge June 13th – June 15th . It will be fun to see
old and new friends.

Then, towards the last of June is the Imperial Shrine con-
vention in Reno, Nevada.

If able, please try to attend as many things affecting our
Shrine organization may take place.

After we return to our scheduled meetings in September
Judi, and I will be attending the Idaho Grand Lodge to
visit with old friends. If you did not know, my home
Lodge is Silver City #13 in Homedale, Idaho.

Now, a query; do any of you know of a venue in Belling-
ham that has a meeting room large enough to accommo-
date our group with a good menu?

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
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 Hesperus Com-mandry #8 at 7:30pm	4 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm.	5 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm	6 W 151 spl Comm , Dinner at 5:30 pm, mtg at 6:30 p	7 BB # 44 Stated Comm at 7 pm. An EA Degree is on the schedule.	8 <i>World Oceans Day</i>
9	10	11 <i>Shavuot Begins at Sundown</i>	12 Bellingham Coun-cil #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm	13 GL Annual Com-munication. Special Invitation Dinner and 1st day of checking in.	14 GL Annual Communication. Check-in and Start of Grand Lodge <i>Flag Day</i>	15 GL Annual Com-munication and Instal-lation of the New Grand Line
16 <i>Ed al-Adha Begins at Sundown Father's Day</i>	17	18 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.	19 <i>Juneteenth</i>	20 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm. <i>First day of Summer</i>	21 BB 44	22
23/30	24 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm.	25	26	27 Lyn/Frn Int # 56 at 7 pm	28	29

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**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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