



# Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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## Special Communication held on Thursday, April 4<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 confer the MM Degree on Bro. John Little and share fraternalism.

**Visitors:** Chris Cethan (sp?) BB #44, Don Carl Pt Loma #62, WM Gordon Butters, RW Joe Freeman, WB Jesse Carlson and WB Jim Num all of Prince David #101, GL of British Columbia & Yukon, they given a hearty welcome.

**Tyler:** WB Barry Podwin, Tyled from within and gave the opening charge at the Altar.

**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 RW Clinton Brown Jr. G Sec'y, dated 01/04/2024 regarding the Distribution of Proceedings was read to the members in attendance.

**Finance Report:** The WECU checking account is at \$23,204.27 as of 1:45 pm today and our Edward Jones Investment portfolio showed an amount of \$1,010,923.47 as of 1:52 pm today, with \$1,166.43. in cash.

**Donation Jar:** The food donation jar contained \$352.00.

**Degree:** WM Terrell Goertz 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.

**By Laws:** After the Charge was given Brother John Little was conducted to the Sec'y desk where the secretary had him sign the By-Laws Book of Whatcom Lodge.

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

**Trowel Exchange:** WB Gordon Butters, WM of Prince David Lodge 101 in Maple Ridge B.C., was escorted to the Altar where he was presented and introduced. WB Gordon presented to VW Terrell Goertz, our WM, the Travelling Trowel. This Trowel has been exchanged since about 1955 cementing a strong relationship between our two Lodges ever since.

**Candidates:** WB Ted Schuman reported we have four men interested in Masonry & three of them would have joined us for dinner but for illness.

**Announcements:** An opportunity for announcements was provided. Mr. Mark Saleeb's EA Degree is set for Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thom Baughn noted that Chuckanut Chp DeMolay will be performing the *Flower Talk* on May 11<sup>th</sup>. On Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> Prince David Lodge will be conferring a MM Degree, they tyle at 7:30 PM. Ted Schuman said this year's BBQ is set for Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 3 PM.

**Sickness and relief:** Frank Myers reported that SW Bruce Smith is recovering from recent knee surgery. Terrell Goertz reported that Jerry Hill's wife took a fall and had to go to the Hospital. She is now recovering in a Lynden nursing home. Sec'y Browne reported Scott Jenkins had called him advising he was recovering from a reaction to a new medication, he's back on his old one now.

**DDGM:** VW Craig Bruner paid wages to the members for a fine degree and solid work as a Lodge.

The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Terrell Goertz at 9:11 P.M. / P. & H. P.

**PS Note:** There were 20 W-151 brothers, 6 visitors in attendance and 1 guest for dinner.

## Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Bellingham Bay - 7 pm  
May 9<sup>th</sup> Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge  
opens at 7 pm.  
May 16<sup>th</sup> Whatcom Lodge - meeting  
opens at 6:30 pm.

Conferral:	WM Terrell Goertz SD Jeff Roskelley
Second Section:	<i>Dramata's Personae</i>
<i>M.E. King Solomon:</i>	VW Terrell Goertz
<i>M.E. King Hiram:</i>	VWB Craig Bruner
<i>Sr Deacon:</i>	Bro. Jeff Roskelley
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Ruffian:</i>	WB Ken Peck
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Ruffian:</i>	WB Ted Schuman
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Ruffian:</i>	WB Thom Baughn
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Craftsman:</i>	VW John Browne
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Craftsman:</i>	Bro. Joe Hayes
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Craftsman:</i>	WB Paul Brainard
<i>Seafaring Man and Wayfaring Man:</i>	WB John Brown
<i>Tyler:</i>	WB Barry Podwin
<i>Jr Deacon:</i>	Bro. Luke Sullateskee
<i>Secretary for roll call:</i>	WB Barry Podwin
<i>Grand Marshall:</i>	WB Frank Myers
<i>Graveside Prayer:</i>	VW Craig Bruner
Third Section:	
<i>Historic Lecture:</i>	WB Ken Peck
<i>Masters Lecture:</i>	VW Terrell Goertz
<i>Charge:</i>	WB John Brown



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 April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Lodge was opened on the 3rd 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.

**Visitors:** Don Carl Pt Loma #620, in San Diego and David Gehrcke and Chris Latham both of BB#44 They 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 April 4<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 April were presented.

**Donation Jar:** meal donations came to \$257.00.

**Finance Report:** The lodge checking account stands at \$21,537.27 as of 1:50 pm 4/18/24. Our Edward Jones Investment Portfolio was valued at \$979,413.16 (1:48 pm). Our Cash portion is \$1,166.43

**Bills:** W #3492 in amt of \$34.72 to Moss Roberts for Apr 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> expenses (ck #1672); W #3493 in amt of \$312.17 to Ken Peck for dinner expenses. (ck #1673); W#3494 in amt of \$31.8 to Bill Kappele for Dessert 4/18 (ck #1674); W#3495 in amt of \$75.24 to BB#44 for 1/2 of Lodge candle expense (ck #1675); W #3496 in amt of \$88.15 to Ken Peck for dinner expenses. (ck #1676):

**Pre authorized:** W# 3487 in amt of \$375.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv # 1831 April 2024 Rent (ck #1667); W#3484 in amt of \$230.00 to Sec'y John Browne for April Record Keeping. (ck #1671).

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

**Balloting:** The Petition by Br. Don Carl was given it's Investigation Report which was *Full & Favorable*. The Petition was Balloted on and the result was: *Fair, Clear and Bright*.

**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.

**Masonic Education:** VW Terrell Goertz presented two items for our consideration. The first was material regarding Masonic activity and relief during the American Civil War. The content came from a book titled 'House Undivided'. The second item came from a magazine article regarding the actor William Shatner, Captain Kirk who actually went into space at the age of 90. The general thrust of the article was that as Masons we should not be satisfied simply being Masons but we should extend ourselves to 'Do Something' as men and as Masons. Within our physical and mental capacity of course.

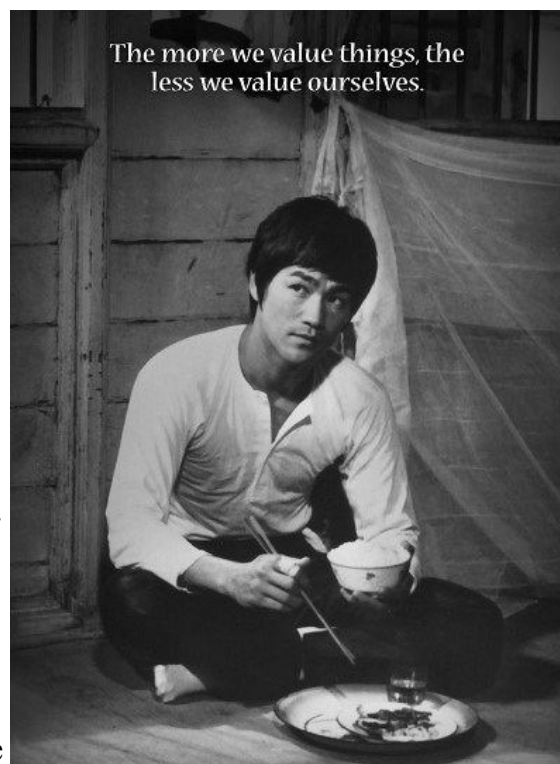
**Masonic Youth:** WB Thom Baughn gave his usual informative report on our local Masonic Youth Groups Chuckanut Chapter is going to present the 'Flower Talk on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Ferndale Masonic center. They are also going to put on a 'Fun Day' down in Skagit County to assist in establishing a Chapter there.

**Announcements:** An opportunity for announcements was provided. BB#44 is hosting a trip to a Mariner Baseball game on July 5<sup>th</sup>. There will a Masonic Service for Bro. Frank Morrow on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. The annual Whatcom Hosted Masonic Campout will be June 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>.

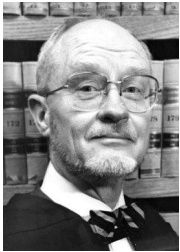
**Sickness and Relief:** WB Frank Myers reported that SW Bruce Smith was making good progress in healing after his recent knee replacement surgery.

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

**PS Note:** There were 17 W-151 brothers and 3 visitors in attendance and 8 guests for dinner,



Wisdom from Martial Artist Bruce Lee



A celebration of Frank Morrow's life was held at his local church, the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship, on Saturday, April 20. His widow, Mary Elizabeth "Liz" Morrow requested a Masonic service, which was held toward the start of the program, refreshments were served afterwards.

#### Frank's Masonic History from his Grand View Records, February 11, 2024

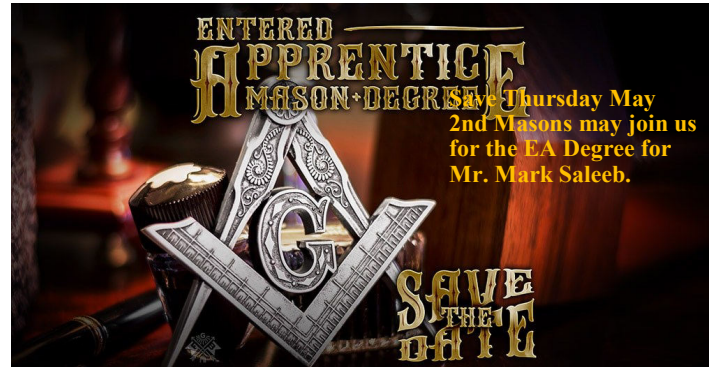
- DOB 12/15/1932, Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN.
- Frank became a Mason as soon as he was eligible at age 21 in 1954 in Thorntown Lodge # 113, F&AM of Indiana in Thorntown (his father's lodge and hometown) [just 40 miles as the crow flies from my home, Greencastle, IN]
- Frank served on three Grand Lodge Committees
  - Jurisprudence (1985-1988, 2000-2003)
  - Code Commission (2000-2003)
  - Grievances & Appeals (2004-2007)
- In addition to his memberships in Thorntown 113, Bellingham Bay 44, and Ko'olau Lodge, Frank was a member of the Walter F Meier Lodge of Research No. 281 from 1985 through 2004, as well as a member of Grand Mound (Historical) No. 3.
- He had membership in both Scottish Rite and Shrine
- Family: Their daughter Joyce was active in Rainbow, the international Masonic program for daughters with Masonic family members and her husband, Philip Marick, entered Masonry in Frank's local lodge, BBay 44, in March 2002.
- Frank was a Mason's Mason, an exemplar of the fraternity's moral lessons. He loved the rich history and rituals of the Masonic Craft. While he recited the charges and lectures given to candidates in our degrees with due seriousness he would inevitably break into a broad smile and clapping together of his hands in the cheer joy of the poetry of the words.
- He joined Masonry in his father's Indiana lodge as early as one could, age 21. He was proud to serve as the Worshipful Master, or leader, of Bellingham Bay Masonic Lodge #44 in its centennial year, 1984.
- To put the lodge history in perspective, it was the first Masonic lodge in this NW corner of Washington Territory, formed 5 years before WA achieved statehood and 9 years before the city of Bellingham was incorporated. It's founders were literally the leaders and founders of Bellingham.
- He served on key judicial bodies of the state Masonic organization for 20 years and held active membership in two other Masonic bodies, the Scottish Rite, and the Shrine.

VW Kurt Gazow, Sec'y of BB#44

## Masonic Campout 2024



Whatcom lodge hosts it's annual Masonic Park Campout from **June 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the Masonic Park at Granite Falls WA. If you have any questions you may contact Br. Bill Kappel at 360-815-4649 or email him at: [mastermason7182019@gmail.com](mailto:mastermason7182019@gmail.com)



## Northwest shrine Club

Greetings Brethren and Nobles of the Mystic Shrine,

Another Month has come and gone, and the weather is finally starting to change for the better. My Lady and I have reserved our places at the Olympic Shrine Club's Gala for our Illustrious Potentate, it sounds like a fun party. We also have made our reservations for the conference in Reno. Really looking forward to that trip. Since we have family there it will give us some time to catch up with them as well as give us time to learn more about Shrine.

Our next meeting will be May 7<sup>th</sup>, So far as I know it will be at the same place and time. I look forward to visiting with you all, having a good meal and learning more about what is happening at our Nile Shrine.

Remember too that it is now parade season so hopefully those of us who are able will go and enter as you are able and have a grand time showing off your talents. If we aren't in the parades, how will the people know we exist?

I look forward to visiting with you all May 7<sup>th</sup>.

*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
30	1 Hesperus Com-mandry #8 at 7:30pm	2 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm.	1 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm	2 W 151 spl Comm , Dinner at 5:30 pm, mtg at 6:30 p We have a EA Deg planned	3 BB # 44 Stated Comm at 7 pm	4
5 <i>Orthodox Easter</i>	6	7	8 Bellingham Council #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm	9 Lyn/Frn Int # 56 at 7 pm	10	11
12	13	14 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.	15	16 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm.	17 BB 44	18
19 <i>Mother's Day</i>	20 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm.	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 <i>Memorial day</i>	28	29	30	31	1

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 for District No. 1**

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