



# Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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Special Communication held on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

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 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:** May & June Short Talk Bulletin-Emessay Notes, two letters from Grand Lodge: Indefinite Suspensions of Wilbur C Morris #78746 and Frank J Schumacher IV # 52972. A Letter from the Washington Masonic Charities was read.

**Finance Report:** The WECU checking account is at \$21,234.59 as of 1:44 pm today and our Edward Jones Investment portfolio showed an amount of \$1,018,611.50 as of 1:45 pm today, with \$1,183.29. in cash.

**Donation Jar:** The food donation jar contained \$181.00.

**Masonic Education:** WM VW Terrell Goertz made a Presentation based on today's 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Normandy Landings—Operation Overlord on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944. He provided interesting troop and logistic facts and highlighted the British Glider Assault on the Pegasus Bridge. A survivor of that assault eventually relocated to Delta B.C. and VW Terrell was able to visit him. WB Tim Springstead added some personal family history relating to the Normandy Landings.

**Widows and Orphans Fund:** WB John Brown asked that brothers consider stepping up to help with Administering the Widows and Orphans Fund now that WB Ken Peck is moving to Montana. WB Ken is the current Secretary-Treasurer and has the files nicely computerized.

**Masonic Youth:** WB Thom Baughn gave his usual great report on our local Masonic youth. The Rainbow Girls recently Posted Flags at a Cemetery. The DeMolay Boys have been volunteering their help with the Scottish Highland Games.

**Candidates:** The Secretary has received the Petition for the Degrees from Kermit and the Petition will be read at the June 20<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication.

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

**Sickness & relief:** It was announced that WB Barry Podwin recently had some Gallstones removed and is in recovery. Sec'y Browne read an email he'd received from Bro. Carlton Smith who reported that his cancer was advancing and he felt he did not have long to remain in the Earthly Quarry.

**DDGM:** VW Craig Bruner advised that the 167<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Annual Communication was next week and that he and Sec'y Browne would be attending and report back.

The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Terrell Goertz at 7:40 P.M. / P. & H. P.

**PS Note:** There were 17 W-151 brothers, 0 visitors in attendance and 1 guest for dinner.

## Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Jul 7<sup>th</sup> Bellingham Bay - Dark

Jul 27<sup>th</sup> Lynden/Ferndale Int. - Dark

Jul 18<sup>th</sup> Whatcom Lodge—Dinner at 5:30 pm—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 June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Lodge was opened on the 3rd Degree at 6:30 P.M. by WM Terrell Goertz who said that the purpose of this Stated Communication was to conduct the regular business of the Lodge.

**Visitors:** WB Lynn Taylor of Mt Hood Lodge#32 and WB John Armitage#203, London UK

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

**Minutes:** The minutes of the June 6<sup>th</sup> Special Communication were read.

**Communications:** A Letter of expulsion from RW Clint Brown Jr, G Sec'y regarding Daniel Jerald Southerland, letters from Bro Bill Kappel and from Megan Ferland of Building Hope Society were read.

**Donation Jar:** meal donations came to \$255.00.

**Finance Report:** The lodge checking account stands at \$20,806.61 on June 20, 2024. Our Edward Jones Investment Portfolio was valued at \$1,020,175.77 on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Our Cash portion is \$1,183.29

**Bills:** W #3505 in amt of \$33.50 to Moss Roberts for June 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> expenses (ck #1687); W #3506 in amt of \$132.48 to Jerry Hill for June 6<sup>th</sup> dinner expenses. (ck #1686); W# 3507 in amt of \$22.99 to Bill Kappel for dessert (ck #1688); W# 3508 in amt of \$65.07 to Luke Sullateskee for June 20<sup>th</sup> dinner expenses (ck #1689);

**Pre authorized:** W# 3504 in amt of \$375.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv # not received June 2024 Rent (ck #1684); W#3503 in amt of \$530.00 to Sec'y John Browne for June Record Keeping. (ck #1685).

The bills were enumerated and *approved* for payment.

**Business:** It was Noted by Sec'y John Browne that he and VW Craig Bruner attended the 167<sup>th</sup> Annual GL Communication but we had previously neglected to authorize a sum of funds to cover their expenses. Sec'y Browne moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Luke Sullateskee to donate \$800 to each of these brothers to cover their Registration fee, Hotel, meals and gas expenses. The motion was approved. (ck #1690)-Bruner, (ck #1690)-Browne.

WM Terrell Goertz raised the topic of having to pay brothers after the fact for meal expenses. After some discussion Joe Hayes moved, 2nd by Frank Myers, that a some of \$250 each to the Senior and Junior Stewards...they would return receipts to the Secretary and respective funds be replaced they were drawn down. This motion was approved. Bill Kappel (SS) and Moss Roberts (JS) had \$250 each added to the above noted checks. Moss Roberts - (ck #1687) and Bill Kappel - (ck #1688)

**Charity:** It was moved by Frank Myers 2nd by Don Higerson to donate \$500 to the Foothills Food Bank. After discussion the motion was called and *approved*.

**Petition:** A petition for the degrees of Masonry from Mr. Kermit Otto Scott was Read and an Investigation Committee consisting of John Browne (chair) Craig Bruner and Jerry Hill was appointed.

**Report on Grand Lodge:** VW John Browne reported on the results of the Election of this coming Term's Grand Lodge Officers. He also noted that he had the results of voting on rule changes at his desk.

**Masonic Education:** WM Terrell Goertz gave a slide presentation regarding Brother Christopher "Kit" Carson. It was very interesting. The slides were taken by VW Terrell himself.

**Loss of WB Ken Peck:** at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting it was reported by WB John Brown that new person was needed since WB Peck is moving to Montana. Since then Bro. Bill Kappel stepped forward to be the new Website Master and his wife Beth has agreed to be the Secretary / Treasurer of the Widows & Orphans Fund. This announcement was met with an enthusiastic round of applause. Also WM Terrell Goertz had the membership stand up and accorded WB Ken Peck the PGH's of Masonry for his outstanding service to the Lodge.

**Announcements:** An opportunity was provided for announcements. WB Ted Schuman gave a quick report on the status of new candidates for the Lodge.

**Sickness & relief:** Frank Myers reported that SW Bruce Smith suffered a mini-stroke and is currently in recovery. He will not however be moving to the East for next Term.

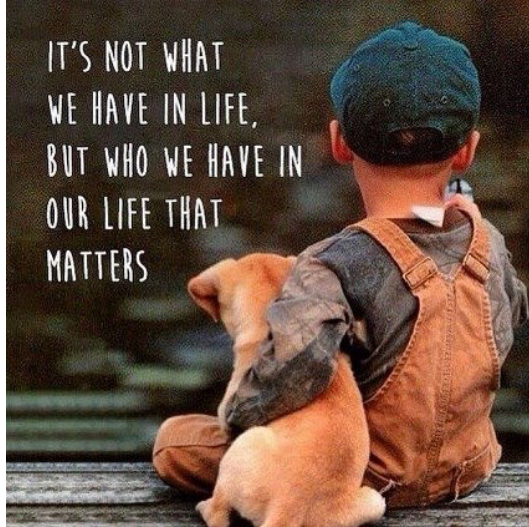
**DDGM:** VW Craig Bruner gave greetings from our new Grand Master MW James C. Norton Jr.

The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Terrell at 8:03 P.M. / P. & H. P.

**PS Note:** There were 18 W-151 brothers and 2 visitors in attendance and 1 guest for dinner,

# Our Sympathy to Bro. Bill Kappel

Whose father, age 93, passed away on Wednesday, June 26, 2024. Lodge Condolences from your lodge Whatcom # 151. Bill's father now resides with the Supreme Creator on High.



Annual Whatcom Lodge BBQ  
(Lodge Members & Families Only)

Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

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.

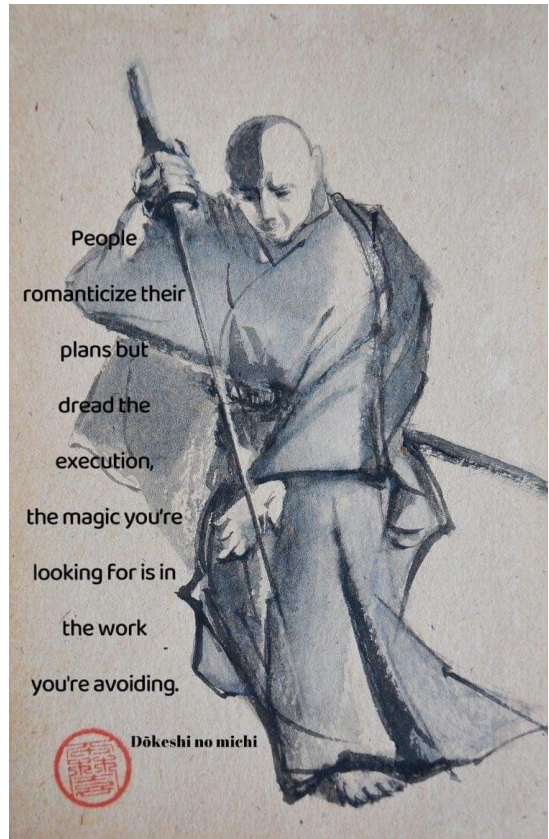
PLEASE RSVP to 360-392-8763 and  
tell Penny what you will bring

# Your New Grand Officers for this Term!



From left to right:

- RW William R. Hubbard JGW
- RW Roger B. Nelson Jr DGM
- MW James C. Norton Jr GM
- RW Christopher C. Nolan SGW
- RW Clinton M. Brown Jr GS



# Northwest shrine Club

Greetings Brethren and Nobles:

Have a Great July, see you in august!!

*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. ?	3 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm	4 W 151 spl Comm , cancelled for Holiday  <i>Independence Day</i>	5 BB # 44 Dark	6
7	8	9	10	11 Lyn/Fm Int # 56 at 7 pm	12	13
14	15	16 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.	17 Bellingham Council #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm	18 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm.	19 BB# 44 Dark	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm.	30	31	1	2	2

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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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VW Craig Bruner - *Vice President*  
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