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Special Communication held on Thursday, July 6th

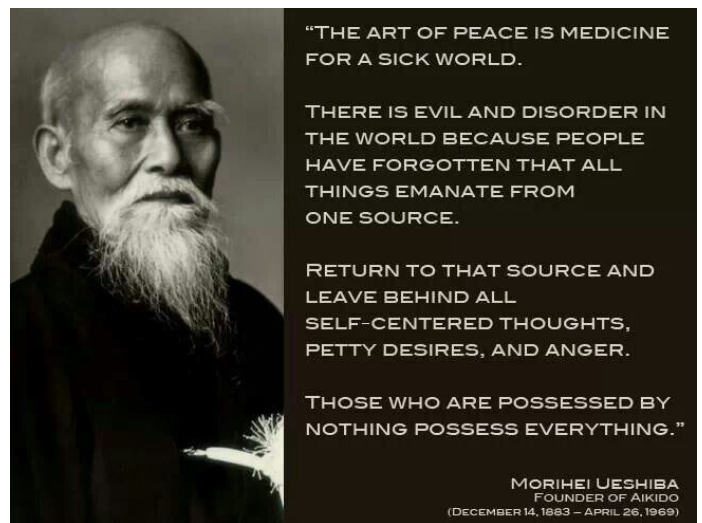
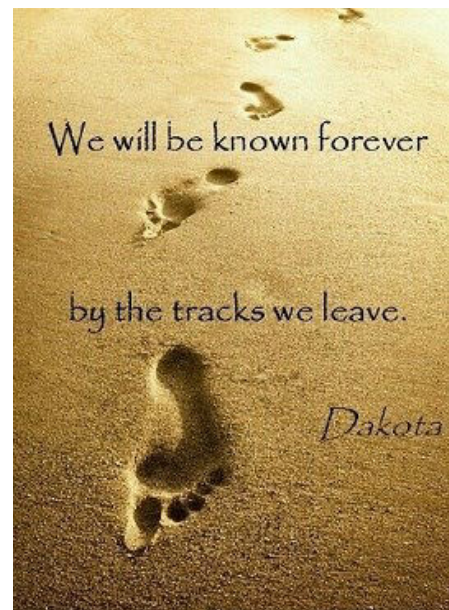
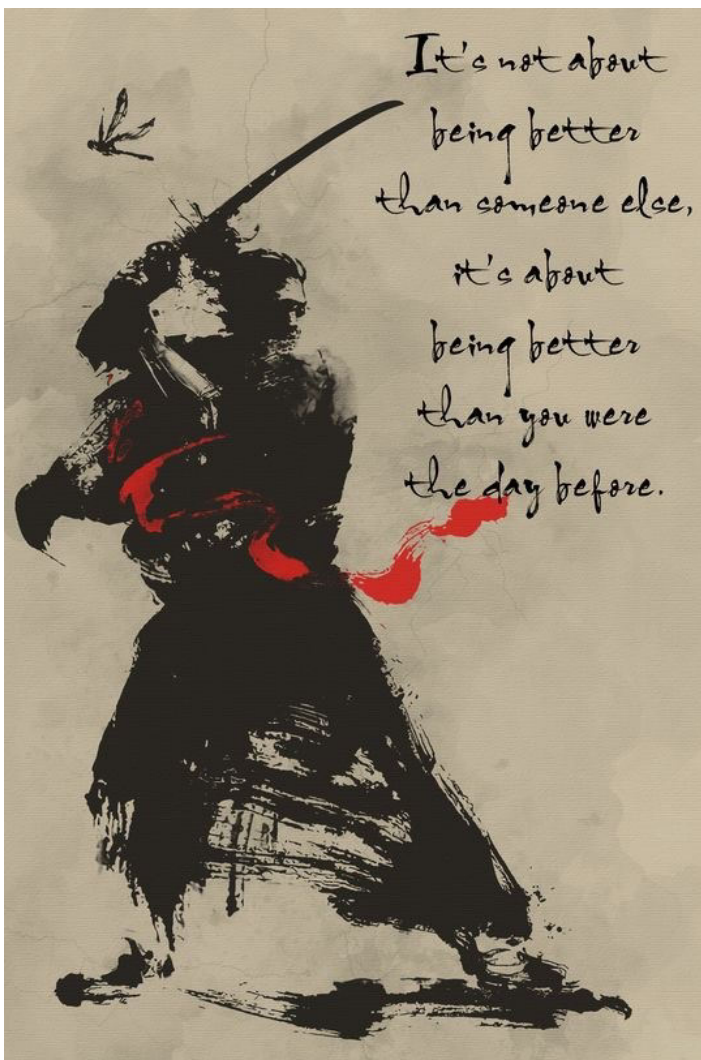
Lodge was cancelled so that members and their families could celebrate the 4th of July - Independence Day where ever they should choose.

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Aug 2nd Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

Aug 8th Lynden/Ferndale Int. - 7 pm

Aug 18th Whatcom Lodge—Dinner at 5:30 pm—meeting opens at 6:30 pm.



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 July 18th.

Lodge was opened on the 1st 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: None

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

Minutes: The Special Communication of July 4th having been cancelled, there were minutes to be Read.

Communications: MSA Short Talk Bulletin and Emessay Notes.

Donation Jar: meal donations came to \$158.00.

Finance Report: The lodge checking account stands at \$17,838.64 on July 18, 2024.

Bills: Receipts from Steward Moss Roberts for \$17.47 for salad. One Bill from Br. Luke Sullateskee for \$33.98, this was for dessert. W#3516 (ck #1698) The bills were enumerated and *approved* for payment.

Pre authorized: W# 3512 in amt of \$375.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv # 1857 July 2024 Rent (ck #1694); W#3513 in amt of \$230.00 to Sec'y John Browne for June Record Keeping. (ck #1695).

Business: Discussion was opened regarding our next Charity donation to our community. I was moved by SW Bruce Smith 2nd by Sec'y Browne, that \$500.00 be donated to the Ferndale Food Bank and after the discussion period it was decided to go through the Masonic Service Association to obtain matching funds. The motion was *approved*.

Petition: The Investigation Committee for the Petition from Mr. Kermit Scott gave their report which was *Full & Favorable*. The Petition was then balloted on and the result was *Fair, Clear & Bright*. The First Degree for Mr. Scott was tentatively set for our Special Communication on September 5th, 2024.

Masonic Education: WM Terrell Goertz read an Article from a Masonic Magazine. The article was titled "A Brotherhood of Light" and it was very well received by the members. This relates to the Third Degree being the Sublime Degree of Masonry.

WB Frank Myers noted that there were unseen changes occurring in nature too. When Snow turns to vapor it is a form of the Sublime and the unseen transformation of the Brother.

Farewell: WB Tim Springstead made an announcement that he and his wife were relocating to Pennsylvania where his family came from. Tim said he planned to stay in our lodge but also join one near his new residence. WB Tim gave his heartfelt thanks to his Whatcom Brothers and said he would visit annually because his grown children and grandchildren will be here. WB Tim was accorded the PGHs and a hearty applause.

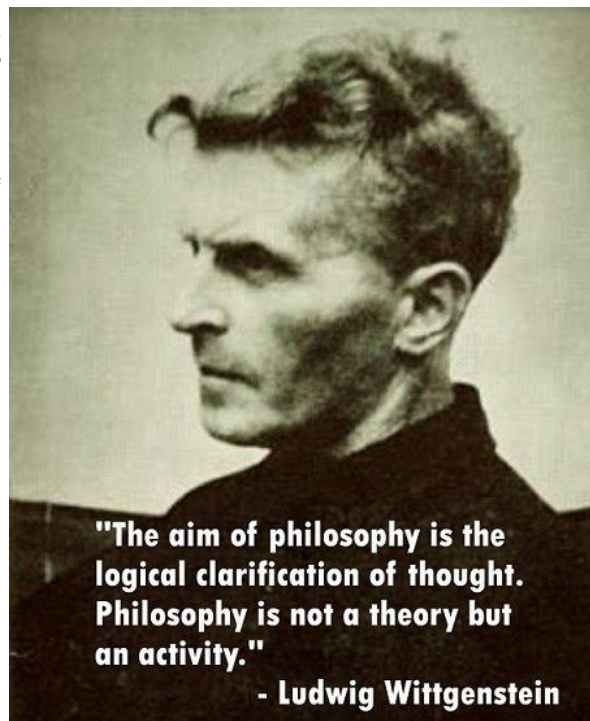
Announcements: An opportunity was provided for announcements. Sec'y Browne reminded the Brothers of the August 17th Lodge BBQ at Ted & Penny's place noon to 3 pm and to RSVP with the dish, chips or beverages you will contribute. Information is in the Newsletter.

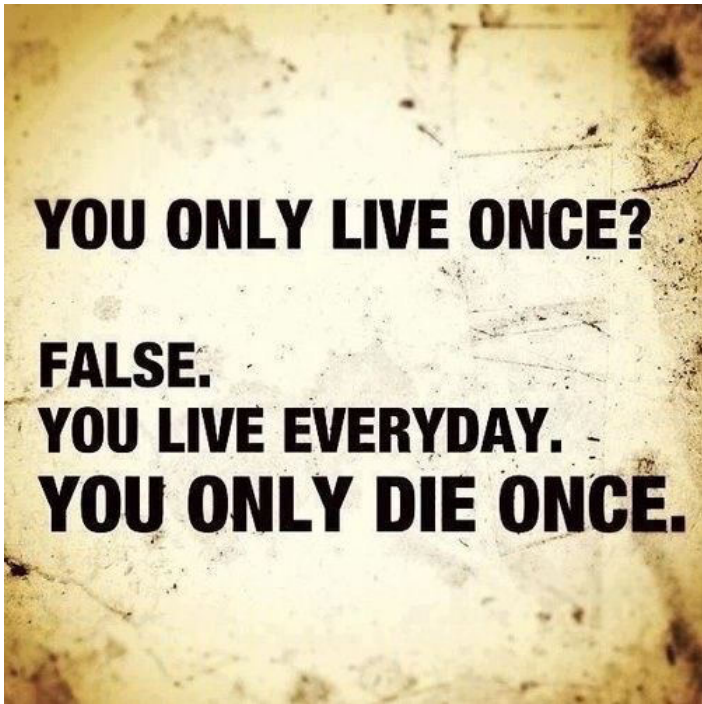
Sickness & relief: WB John 'City' Brown is at home fighting off a virus. Bruce Smith advised he is mending well after his surgery.

DDGM: VW Craig Bruner gave greetings from our Grand Master MW James C. Norton Jr. He also reminded brothers that the annual Outdoor Third Degree would be held on Saturday August rd at the Masonic Park near Granite Falls.

The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Terrell at 7:55 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were 16 W-151 brothers and 0 visitors in attendance and 0 guest (s) for dinner.





Greetings Brethren and Nobles:

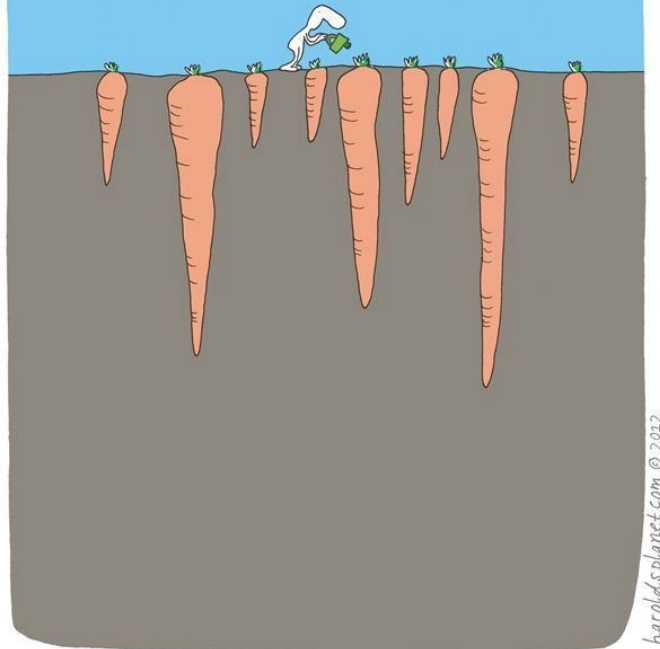
Have a Great August, see you in September!!

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



HAROLD'S PLANET by Swerling and Lazar

*"The foolish man seeks happiness in the distance,
the wise grows it under his feet."
- James Oppenheim*



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Annual Whatcom Lodge BBQ
(Lodge Members & Families Only)

Saturday, August 17th

Noon to Three



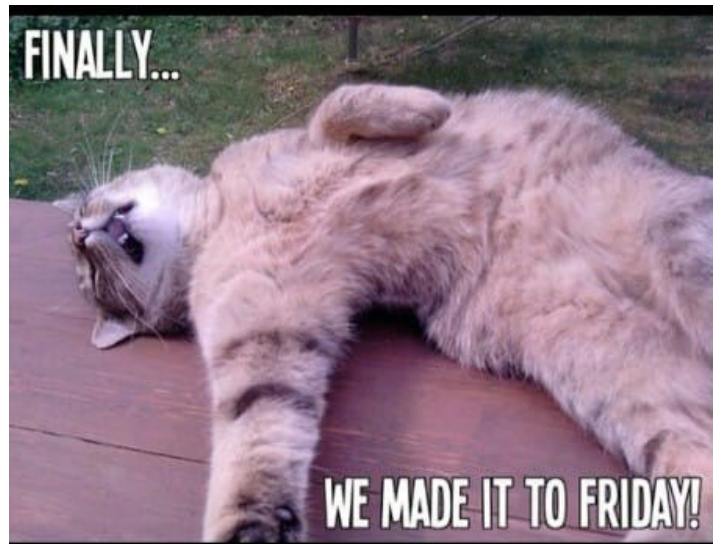
At the home of Ted and Penny Schuman

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



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 |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 W 151 spl Comm , | 2 BB # 44 | 3 Outdoor Third Deg at the Masonic Park. |
| 4 | 5 Hesperus Com-mandry #8 at 7:30pm | 6 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm. | 7 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm | 8 Lyn/Frn Int # 56 at 7 pm | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm. <i>We will hold Officer Elections!</i> | 16 BB# 44 | 17 Whatcom 151 BBQ Ted & Penny's 12 noon - 3 pm p3 for info— <i>RSVP required</i> |
| 18 | 19 | 20 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am. | 21 Bellingham Council #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm. | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

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 for District No. 1**

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