



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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Special Communication held on Thursday, August 1st

Lodge was opened on the 3rd Degree at 6:30 P.M. by WB John Brown who said that the purpose of this Special Communication was to share fraternalism.

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: None

Finance Report: The WECU checking account is at \$17,462.34 as of 2:33 pm today and our Edward Jones Investment portfolio showed an amount of \$1,044,930.50 as of 2:46 pm today, with \$1,192.82. in cash. Putting this into perspective. One year ago the value was \$919,183.36, so over the year the net change is +125,746.98. But keep in mind that these figures do go up & down over time. *None-the-less* we're doing well!

Donation Jar: The food donation jar contained \$175.00.

Masonic Education: WM Pro-Tem John Brown was going to show a video relating to the process of bringing a new candidate into the Lodge and the importance of the vetting process. However, we could not get the sound to work. So, instead, WB John simply restated the multi-step system we have put into practice and covered some of the pitfalls other lodges have encountered when they failed to properly vet interested persons. WB Claude Weedon contributed a story which took place at Lynden/Ferndale Int 56 back when he was WM. WB Ted Schuman also addressed the topic on how it is important make new candidates feel comfortable and valued by the Lodge so we don't lose them along the way.

Widows and Orphans Fund: The WOF executive board elected Beth Heffernan (Bill Kappelle's wife) as the fund's secretary / Treasurer. This will be subject to review at the annual meeting later in the year, but there haven't been a lot of Masons eagerly beating down the door to get the job. It's extremely nice of Beth to volunteer.

Discussion followed on the duties pertaining the officers of the Widows and Orphans Fund. At the conclusion of the discussion WB Chris Bonner stood up and volunteered to be considered for President. Bro. Bill Kappelle then stood up and volunteered to be considered for Vice President. Action on these offers will take place at the next Executive Board Meeting.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual fine report on the Rainbow Girls and boys of Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay, which will celebrate it's 100th Anniversary this coming January 2025.

Degree: The EA Degree for Mr. Kermit Scott is scheduled for Thursday Sept. 5th.

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

Sickness & relief: VWB Terrell Goertz's father just recently passed away. Terrell is currently in Costa Rica on vacation. Bro. Scott Jenkins was not at Lodge so our Chaplain Jerry Hill said he would call and check on him.

DDGM: VW Craig Bruner advised that some Washington-Idaho Rainbow Girls got stuck at the Atlanta GA airport and their Rainbow Dad and to front to front a large expense to extricate them. It was suggested the VW Craig check with our GL to see if WA Masonic Services was assisting to see how Whatcom Lodge might be of assistance in helping make this Rainbow Dad financially whole.

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

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



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.

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Sep 6th Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

Sep 12th Lynden/Ferndale Int. - 7 pm

Sep 19th Whatcom Lodge—Dinner at 5:30 pm—meeting opens at 6:30 pm.

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The Stated Communication was held on Thursday August 15th.

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: Dave Gehrcke BB #44 Grand Tyler

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

Minutes: The minutes of the previous communication having been approved were not Read but were available at the Secretary's desk for anyone who wished to read them and will be available, along with these minutes, in the September 2024 newsletter.

Communications: A Letter from Grand Lodge relating to Tax Fillings

Donation Jar: meal donations came to \$205.00.

Finance Report: The lodge checking account stands at \$16,830.44 on August 14th, 2024. On August 15th at 2:24 pm our Ed Jones Investment Portfolio was valued at \$1,036,509.28 with the cash value at \$1,192.82.

Bills: Receipts from Steward Moss Roberts for \$17.65. W #3520 Bill from Bill Kappele in amt of \$199.40, Plus \$250 for Sr Steward's Fund for a total of \$449.40 (ck #1702). Expenses for up-coming Lodge BQ were noted, to be purchased by VW Craig Bruner. The bills were enumerated and **approved** for payment.

Pre authorized: W# 3518 in amt of \$375.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv # 1865 August 2024 Rent (ck #700); W#3519 in amt of \$230.00 to Sec'y John Browne for June Record Keeping. (ck #1701).

Election of Officers: WM Goertz set in motion the Election of Officers for the 2024-2025 Term. The results were as follows: WM = Terrell Goertz; SW = Joe Hayes; JW = Jeff Roskelley; Trea = Ted Schuman and Sec'y = John Browne

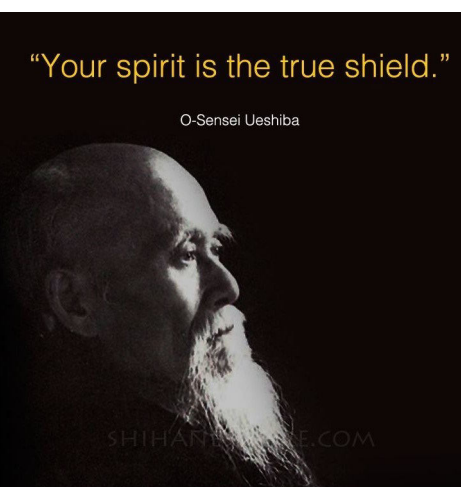
Charity: SW Bruce noted that a Church near him provides a Wash Day program for low income families to do their laundry at a laundromat. It was moved by Thom Baughn, 2nd by Joe Hayes to donate \$500 dollars to this program. The motion was **approved**.

Masonic Education: WM Terrell Goertz gave information about several of our more obscure Presidents.

WB Ted Schuman made a presentation on the topic of the need for End of Life planning, it was excellent information.

The Installation: of Whatcom Officers will take place at our October 17th Stated Communication. The members voted to allow for the installation to be open. The following Appointed Officers will be installed along with the Elected Officers noted above: *Chaplain* = Jerry Hill; *Sr. Deacon* = Luke Sullateskee; *Jr. Deacon* = Bill Kappele; *Sr. Steward* = Chris Bonner; *Jr. Steward* = Moss Roberts; *Marshall* = Frank Myers; *Musician* = Claude Weedon; and *Tyler* = Barry Podwin.

Degree: The First Degree for Mr. Scott was tentatively set for our Special Communication on September 5th, 2024.



Announcements: An opportunity was provided for announcements. Lodge BBQ this Sat. August 17th, 12 noon to 3 pm.

Hands Across the Border Gala-Show will be held on Sat. November 2nd, Soc at 5 pm and dinner at 5:30 pm.

Chuckanut Chp. DeMolay Installation will be held on Wednesday August 21st at 7 pm....

Rainbow Assembly 17 now meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each Month.

Bellingham Bay #44 will hold their Installation of Officers on Sat. September 7th at the Ferndale Masonic Center at 2 pm.

DDGM: VW Craig Bruner gave salutations from our 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 **7:50 P.M.** / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were **18** W-151 brothers and **1** visitors in attendance and **1** guest (s) for dinner.



Northwest shrine Club

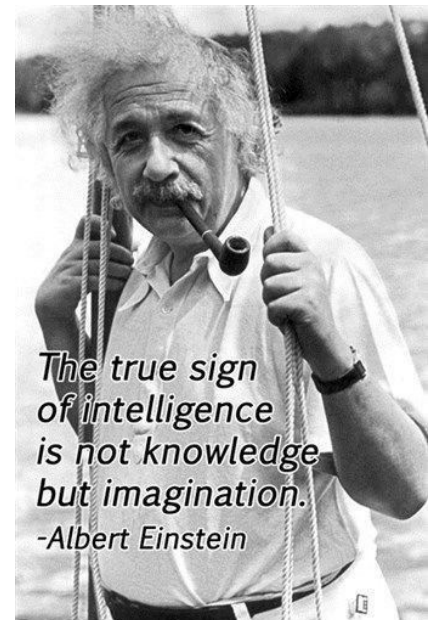
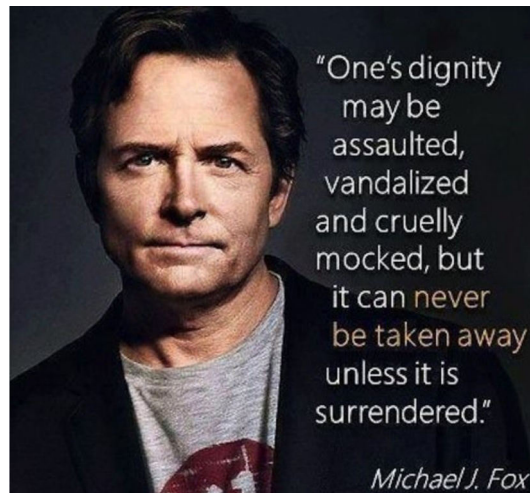
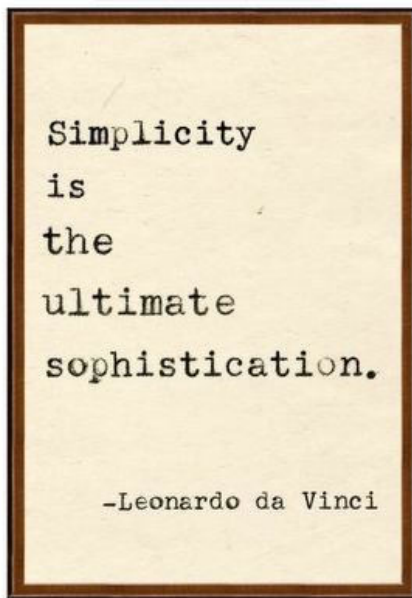
Greetings Nobles and Brethren,

The summer has begun to pass us by, Schools are starting to take over our children's lives and we are beginning to look forward to the Holiday Season. I am still in search of a restaurant closer to Bellingham. So far the side room at Round Table Pizza is the only one I have come up with, does anyone know of another? At this time, we will meet at Rustlers in Lynden for our September meeting.

Our trip to National in Reno was disappointing for me as my Lady and I both came down with a respiratory malady that kept us in our room for most of the trip. We also went to the Washington Grand Lodge in Wenatchee, and we met some awesome people. I even met my other Grand Master from Idaho; I am still a member of my Home Lodge there. So, we shall be attending their Grand Lodge later in September.

Brother Nobles, our philanthropy does so many things for the children of this world that we should be honored and proud to show our membership. I suggest that when you go out and about during you daily activities, wear your Shrine Club Jacket to let people know that Shriners are regular people just like them. We need to advertise who we are locally to back up our television advertising. Who knows, you might be asked, how does one become a Shriner!

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
1	2	3 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm.	4 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm	5 W 151 spl Comm, we plan to confer an EA Degree!	6 BB # 44	7 2 pm at the Ferndale Masonic Ctr. BB#44 Installation of Officers.
8	9 Hesperus Commandry #8 at 7:30pm	10	11	12 Lyn/Fm Int # 56 at 7 pm	13	14
15	16	17 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.	18 Bellingham Council #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm	19 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm.	20 BB# 44	21
22	23 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm.	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

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 for District No. 1**

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