



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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Special Communication held on Thursday, September 5th

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. Kermit O. Scott.

Visitors: WB Renan Mengu Lodge AR #4 Istanbul Turkey; WM Edmond Lim, Br. Cris Borguin, Br. Alan Ibasio and Br. Bryce Bird all of LFI #56. The given a hearty welcome

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: Short Talk Bulletin and Rainbow Notice and Texican Degree Invite. Washington-Idaho IORG mis-sive was read as was a Notice from Naches Lodge #211 regarding their 10/12/2024 Texican Degree.

Finance Report: The WECU checking account is at \$16,356.04 as of 1:23 pm today and our Edward Jones Investment portfolio showed an amount of \$1,051,440.97 as of 1:30 pm today, with \$1,197.21. in cash. Putting this into perspective. One year ago the value was \$898,663.58, so over the year the net change is +152,777.39. But keep in mind that these figures do go up & down over time. *None-the-less* we're dong well!

Donation Jar: The food donation jar contained \$205.00.

Degree: The EA Degree for Mr. Kermit was conferred by WM Terrell Goertz and the following team:

First Section:

WM Terrell Goertz...SW Bruce Smith...JW Craig Bruner...SD Jeff Roskelley...JD Luke Sullateskee
SS Bill Kappel...JS Moss Roberts...*Apron Lecture* Thom Baughn & *Working Tools* Luke Sullateskee

Second Section:

Master's Lecture was given by WM Terrell Goertz

Third Section:

Nature, Principles & Symbols was given by Sec'y John Browne

Charge: was given by WB John Brown

At the conclusion of the ceremony our newly obligated Brother was placed west of the Altar and the members filed past to give him their congratulations.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual fine report. Last night Chuckanut Chp. DeMolay had a good meeting. Both DeMolay and Rainbow are going to assist in this Saturday's Installation of BB#44 Officers.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided. BB#44 Installation of Officers will be held at the Ferndale Masonic Ctr, at 2 pm. LFI#56 will the Hands Across the Border Fall event on Saturday November 2nd. Social at 5 pm and dinner at 5:30. No cost but donations will not be turned away.

Sickness & relief: Jerry Hill gave a report. He thought Scott Jenkins was getting better but then he did not show at Lodge. WB Paul Brainard is doing well after hip surgery. WM Terrell Goertz reported that WB Arne Hanson has contracted the same cancer that Arne's father had but he is doing OK at present.

DDGM: VW Craig Bruner gave greetings on behalf of our Grand Master MW James Norton Jr.

The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Terrell Goertz at **8:45 P.M.** / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were **17** W-151 brothers, **5** visitors in attendance.



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

Oct 4th Bellingham Bay - 7 pm
Oct 10th Lynden/Ferndale Int. - 7 pm
Oct 17th Whatcom Lodge—Dinner at 5:30 pm—meeting opens at 6:30 pm.

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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: We had a potential candidate join us for dinner.

Tyler: The Tyler was invited to Tyle the outer door and Tyle from the doorway of the Lodge room. He also gave the Tyler's Charge (Texas Work) at the Altar.

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.

Communications: The secretary read a couple of e-mail notes from Grand Lodge.

Donation Jar: meal donations came to \$201.00.

Finance Report: The lodge checking account stands at \$15,153.75 on Sept 19th, 2024. On Sept 19th at 2:12 pm our Ed Jones Investment Portfolio was valued at \$1,064,562.80, on 9/5/2024 it was valued at \$1,051,440.97. The current cash value is \$1,197.21.

Bills: Receipts from Steward Moss Roberts for \$16.39. W #3525 Bill from Bruce Smith in amt of \$105.81 (ck #1700); W# 3527 in amt of \$19.62 to Jerry Hill for Lodge Expenses (badges) (ck #1708). It was moved by Ted Schuman, 2nd by Frank Myers to pay the bills. The motion was *approved*.

Pre authorized: W# 3522 in amt of \$375.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv # 1865 Sept. 2024 Rent (ck #1704); W#3526 in amt of \$230.00 to Sec'y John Browne for September Record Keeping. (ck #1707).

Charity: Discussion was held regarding our next charitable donation. Keeping with the theme of donation locally we talked about food banks. It was moved by Barry Podwin and 2nd by John Browne to donate \$500 to the Lynden Food Bank, and request matching funds from Washington Masonic Services/charities. The motion was approved.

WB Frank Myers suggested a future donation might be made to The Lighthouse Mission who are handling a considerable needy population in Bellingham. It was agreed to consider this at our October Stated meeting.

Masonic Education: WM Terrell Goertz noted that there have been a number of our brothers losing parents to Father Time. In keeping with this trend VW Terrell read to our brothers the "Ode to a Skeleton". It was a very interesting Poem.

The Installation: of Whatcom Officers will take place at our October 17th Stated Communication.

Youth Report: WB Thom Baughn advised that Chuckanut Chp DeMolay will be assisting in two up-coming DeMolay Installations and they have read a Petition for membership. Bro Thom also reported that Rainbow Assembly #17 participated in a Walk-a-thon to raise money for Charity. They too recently read a Petition for membership.

Announcements: *Hands Across the Border* Gala-Show will be held on Sat. November 2nd, Soc at 5 pm and dinner at 5:30 pm. There is No Charge to attend.

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

District Ten Annual Mtg.: The annual District Ten meeting is set for Saturday, January 11th, at 3 pm here at the Scottish Rite Hall in Bellingham.

Sickness and relief: At the conclusion of our premeeting dinner Bro. Moss Roberts felt queasy and unwell. VW Craig called the Medics who came checked Bro. Moss over. It was recommended that he be taken home to rest, which was done, although Moss was reluctant to leave lodge. Cooler heads prevailed.

Bro. Terrell reported that he recently heard from WB Arne Hanson who reported that his cancer looks treatable, so, keep Arne in your thoughts and prayers.

DDGM: VW Craig Bruner gave salutations from our Grand Master MW James C. Norton Jr. and gave some details regarding the up-coming charity function.

The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Terrell at 7:35 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were 16W-151 brothers in attendance and 1 guest for dinner.

Hands Across the Border

Brethren of District Ten just want to let you know that Lynden Ferndale International Lodge 56 Hands Across the Border on **November 2nd** will be serving a BUFFET style dinner at **no charge**. We will be honoring the Grand Masters of Washington State and of British Columbia & Yukon. There will be entertainment.

This event will be held at the Ferndale Masonic Center in Ferndale, WA

WB Edmond Lim
WM of Lynden/Ferndale Int #56.



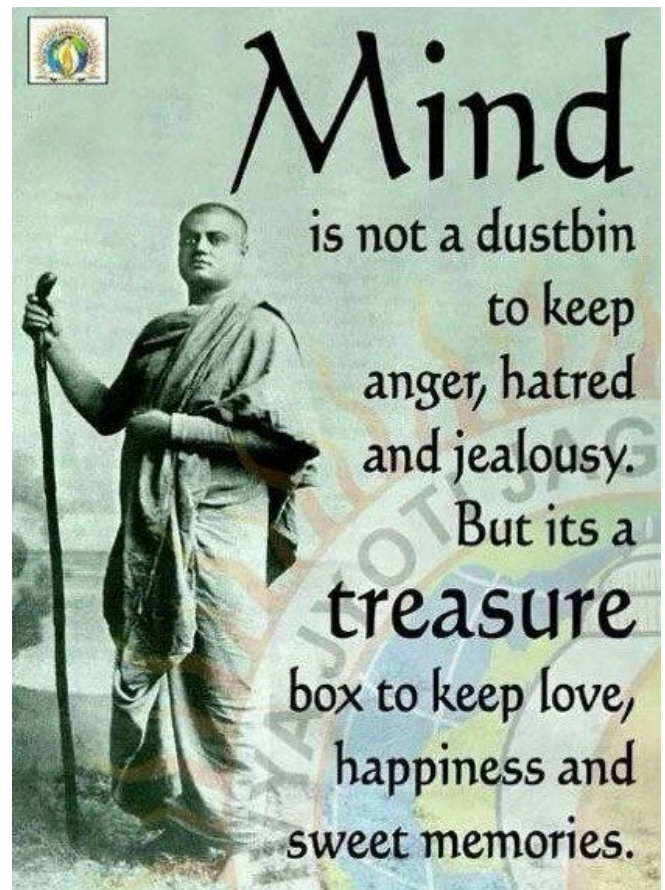
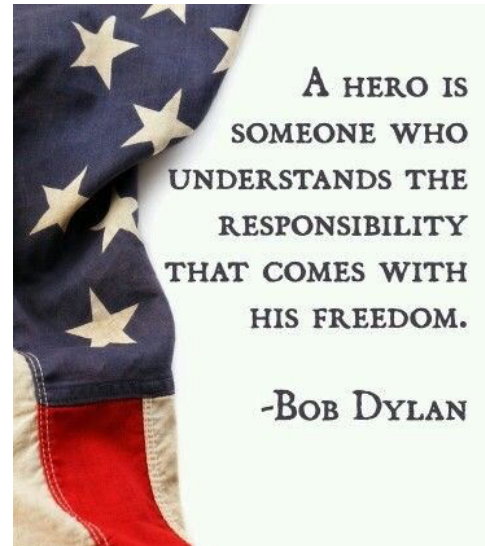
Northwest shrine Club

Greetings Nobles and Brethren,

October is upon us and trees are turning color and dropping their leaves. The nights are getting cool fire places and wood stoves will be lite to keep many of you warm.



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
29	30	1 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm.	2 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm <i>Rosh Hashana Begins at Sundown</i>	3 W 151 spl Comm, Dinner at 5:30 and Lodge opens at 6:30pm	4 BB # 44	5
6	7 Hesperus Com-mandry #8 at 7:30pm	8	9	10 Lyn/Frn Int # 56 at 7 pm	11 <i>Yom Kippur Begins at Sundown</i>	12
13	14 <i>Indigenous Peoples Day</i>	15 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.	16 Bellingham Council #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm	16 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm. Installation of Officers	18 BB# 44	19
20	21 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm.	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 <i>All Hallows Eve Halloween</i>	1 <i>All Saint's Day</i>	2 <i>Day of the Dead</i>

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 for District No. 1**

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