



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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Special Communication held on Thursday, October 3rd

Lodge was opened on the 3rd Degree at 6:30 P.M. by WM Terrell Goertz who said that the purpose of this Special Communication was education and fraternalism.

Visitors: None but we did have 2 inquiries who joined us for dinner.

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 a few notices from our Grand Lodge. Two of which are related disaster relief requests from the Grand Lodges of Florida and North Carolina. These will be discussed at our October 17th Stated Communication when action can be voted on.

Finance Report: The WECU checking account is at \$14,605.134 as of 2:43 pm today and our Edward Jones Investment portfolio showed an amount of \$1,074,657.89....one month ago it was \$1,051,440.97. Our cash portion is now at with \$1,2027.16.

Donation Jar: The food donation jar contained \$255.00.

Masonic Education: WM Terrell Goertz brought our attention to a Booklet donated to the Lodge by SW Bruce Smith. The booklet was about the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia PA. Brothers were encouraged to look it over after lodge.

WM Goertz next presented information from the Book "Esoterica" by WB Albert Pike. In this book Brother Pike makes the case that Masons ought to engage in reading, especially on the topic of Freemasonry. We looked at several words used in our ritual and what their meanings, such as cabal-tow and hele. This was a very interesting discussion.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual fine report. Thom reported that Chuckanut Chap DeMolay held a recent meeting where education was provided on personal Website Design. They have also been assisting other DeMolay Chapters in holding their Installations. Our local Rainbow Girls held a "LEAP" Night which focused on Learning and Preparing for the future.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided. LFI#56 will host the Hands Across the Border Fall event on Saturday November 2nd. Social at 5 pm and dinner at 5:30. There is no cost to attend.

Sickness & relief: Bro Moss Roberts gave a report on his medical condition that occurred at our Sept 19th Stated meeting. He apparently had an adverse reaction to some candy he consumed before dinner. The Para-Medics who checked him out discovered an irregularity in his heartbeat. Bro Moss had it looked at a day or two later and discovered he did have a condition which he is now treating.

WM Terrell reported that WB Arne Hanson is doing better and WB Frank Myers reported that Bro Joe Hayes was not in attendance due to a cold which he thought best not to share; for which we are thankful. The assembled brothers wish all these brethren a healthy recovery.

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 7:35 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were 17 W-151 brothers in attendance. We also had 2 guests for dinner

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Nov 1st Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

Nov 14th Lynden/Ferndale Int. - 7 pm

Nov 21st Whatcom Lodge—Dinner
at 5:30 pm—meeting opens at 6:30



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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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 install the newly elected and appointed Officers of the Lodge.

Lodge of Sorrow: WM Terrell Goertz declared the Lodge of Sorrow for this past term closed.

After opening on the Third Degree WM Terrell declared the Lodge Off-Session for the purpose of an Open Installation of Officers of Whatcom Lodge 151

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

Installing Marshal is WB John Brown....*Installing Chaplain* is Thom Baughn....*Installing Sec'y* is WB Barry Podwin

Installing Master is VW Craig Bruner.....who installed VW Terrell Goertz as Master of Whatcom 151

Installing Officer VW Terrell Goertz.....who installed the remaining officers of Whatcom 151

SW is Joe Hayes.....*JW* is Jeff Roskelley....*Trea* is Ted Schuman....*Sec'y* is John Browne

Chap is Jerry Hill....*Mar* is Frank Myers....*SD* is Luke Sullateskee....*JD* is Bill Kappel

SS was not installed....*JS* is Moss Roberts....*Guitarist* is Claude Weedon & *Tyler* is Scott Jenkins

After installation of the officers was completed WM Goertz had the non-Master Masons repair to the refreshment room and then Declared Lodge back On-Session.

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 Letter of Suspension of a Master Mason from Grand Lodge.

Food payment Jar: meal payments came to \$248.00.

Finance Report: The lodge checking account stands at \$14,695.92 on Oct 17th, 2024. The same date at 11:52 am our Ed Jones Investment Portfolio was valued at \$1,084,182.15. The current cash value is \$1,202.16.

Bills: Receipts from Steward Moss Roberts for \$17.42. W #3532 Bill from Bill Kappel in amt of \$258.11 (ck #1714); W# 3533 in amt of \$464.00 to GL of WA for Ritual Supplies (ck #1715). It was moved by Ted Barry Podwin, 2nd by John Brown to pay the bills. The motion was *approved*.

Pre authorized: W# 3531 in amt of \$375.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv # _____ Oct. 2024 Rent (ck #1713); W#3530 in amt of \$230.00 to Sec'y John Browne for September Record Keeping. (ck #1712).

Charity: Discussion was held regarding our next charitable donation. Sec'y John Browne reviewed the charity amounts the lodge has dispersed so far in 2024. The total at this point is \$3,100 out of this year's allotted amount of \$4,800. In light of the devastation by the two recent hurricanes we discussed replying to the Relief requests from the Grand Lodges of North Carolina (W# 3535) (ck #1717). and Florida (W#3536) (ck #1718). It was moved by Barry Podwin, 2nd by John Brown that we send \$500 to each of these Grand Lodges relief requests. The motion was *approved*.

Youth Report: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual informative report.

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.

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: WB Mark Quenneville has a cold, but his warm Congratulations card was read in Lodge.

Lodge of Sorrow: WM Terrell Goertz with consent of the Lodge, declared a Lodge of Sorrow Open for this new term of his Office.

DDGM: VW Craig Bruner gave salutations from our Grand Master MW James C. Norton Jr. It was noted by WB Frank Myers that our DDGM had to lay out some considerable money for GM coins & pins. It was moved by Frank and 2nd by WB Ted Schuman to provide \$200 to VW Craig Bruner to help him with this expense. The motion was *approved*. (W#3534) (ck #1716).

The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Terrell at 8:05 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were 17 W-151 brothers in attendance and 3 guests for dinner.

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

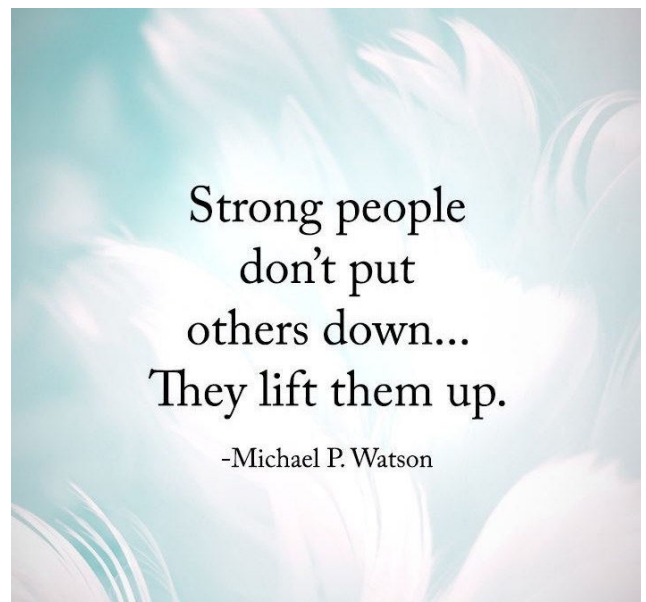
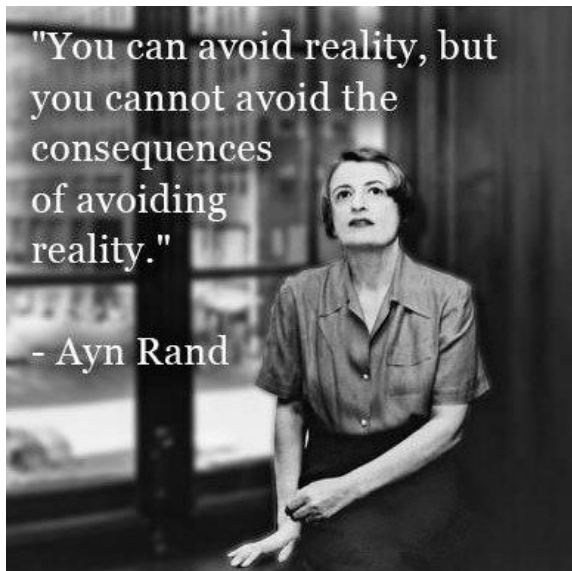
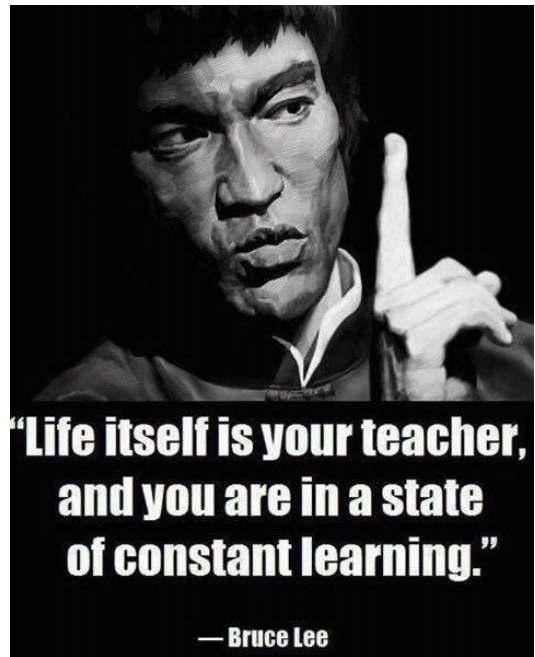
WM of Lynden/Ferndale Int #56.



*This poem is on the base of the Statue of Liberty
Thanks to French and American Freemasons*

‘Give me your tired, your poor,
your huddled masses yearning
to breath free, The wretched refuse
of your teeming shore. Send these,
the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside
the golden door’

Emma Lazarus (1849-1887)



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
27	28	29	30	31	1 BB # 44 <i>All Saint's Day</i>	2 <i>Day of the Dead</i>
3 <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> Set clocks back one hour	4 Hesperus Com-mandry #8 at 7:30pm	5 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm. <i>Election Day</i>	6 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm	7 W 151 spl Comm, Dinner at 5:30 and Lodge opens at 6:30pm	8	9
10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>	12	13	14 Lyn/Frn Int # 56 at 7 pm	15 BB# 44	16
17	18 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm.	19 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.	20 Bellingham Council #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm	21 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm.	22	23
27	28	29	30	28 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	29	30

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 for District No. 1**

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