



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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Special Communication held on Thursday, November 7th

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.

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. One was a letter from GL regarding Il Lisette copies of the Esoteric portion of the WA Standard Work. Sec'y Browne also read a letter requesting a Dimit from Bro. Vaughn Boatwright which will be handled at our Nov 21st Stated Meeting.

Finance Report: The WECU checking account is at \$12,491.81 as of 1:40 pm today and our Edward Jones Investment portfolio showed an amount of \$1,087,929.93....one month ago it was \$1,074,657.89. Our cash portion is now at with \$1,206.22.

Donation Jar: The food donation jar contained \$250.00. It was also asked of the Sec'y if an analysis could be done to compare Food/kitchen expenses versus Food Payment Jar income, to which he responded yes.

Masonic Education: WM Terrell Goertz presented some history on U.S. Presidents who were Masons. He highlighted in particular President MWB Harry Truman. MWB Truman had served as the Grand Master of the MW GL of Missouri. MWB Truman was asked what was the most satisfying job of his life and he responded be the Grand Master of Masons of Missouri. This presentation was well received by the Brethren present.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual fine report. In particular WB Thom noted that members of Chuckanut Chapter are going to attend a Recognition Night on Saturday, November 9th.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided. Our local Rainbow Assembly (#17) will be hosting a Masonic Appreciation Dinner with a Dessert Auction on Saturday, Nov 9th at 2pm. The dinner is complimentary but bring money for the dessert auction.

In the first week of December Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay will be celebrating it's 100th Birthday. So stay tuned for more details.

On Sat. January 11th Dist. Ten will host it's Annual District meeting at 4 pm here at the Scottish Rite Temple.

On Sat. January 25th Lyn/Fern Int #56 will hold it's Annual Installation of Officers, at 11:30 am, at the Ferndale Masonic Center.

Sickness & relief: WB Arne Hanson of BB#44 is in Chemo and we wish him the best of success for recovery!

DDGM: VW Craig Bruner gave greetings on behalf of our Grand Master MW James Norton Jr. VW Craig also advised that he was available for any Lodge which wishes, to hold a "Stop and Go" session with the Authorized Clear Text for clarification on the Ritual.

The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Terrell Goertz at 7:31 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were 19 W-151 brothers in attendance. We also had 1 guest for dinner.

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Dec 6th Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

Dec 12th Lynden/Ferndale Int. - 7 pm

Dec 19th 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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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 install the Senior Steward.

Visitors: WB Dave Gehrcke Grand Tyler of the GL and WM of BB#44. Presented, Introduced and accorded the PGHs of Masonry.

The Tyler was invited to tyle from with 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.

Communications: We had two Directives from the GM MW James C. Norton Jr. The one dated Nov 9th was read by Sec'y VW John Browne. It concerned the requirement of Appointing an Audit Committee following the Installation of the new Term's Officers. The second Directive was read by WM VW Terrell Goertz. This directive relates to the topic of unauthorized copies of the Esoteric portion, in clear text, of the WA Standard work which is reportedly in some lodges and brother hands and which is in violation of the WMC. Lastly there were two cards of appreciation read by the Sec'y. One from the Foothills Foodbank for our \$500 donation and the second, a Thank You, from Kathi Ghers of our D&O Liability Insurance provider.

Food payment Jar: meal payments came to \$218.00.

Finance Report: The lodge checking account stands at \$14,577.81 on Nov 19th, 2024. On Nov 21st at 12:30 pm our Ed Jones Investment Portfolio was valued at \$1,080,499.94. The current cash value is \$1,210.31.

Bills: Receipts from Steward Moss Roberts for \$17.65. W #3537 Bill from Bill Kappele in amt of \$39.57 for Web-hosting; (ck #1719); W# 3541 in the amt of \$226.17 to Jeff Roskelley for dinner on Nov 21/2024 (ck #1724). It was moved by Ted Schuman, 2nd by John Brown to pay the bills. The motion was **approved**.

Pre authorized: W# 3539 in amt of \$375.00 to Scottish Rite for Inv #1891 Nov. 2024 Rent (ck #1720); W#3538 in amt of \$230.00 to Sec'y John Browne for Nov Record Keeping. (ck #1721).

Proficiency: EA Bro. Mark Saleeb and his coach Bill Kappele took the floor to perform his EAM Proficiency. Bro. Mark did an excellent job as did his coach Bro. Kappele. We are looking at the Jan 2025 Special Communication for the FC Degree Conferral by SW Joe Hayes.

Dimit Requested: Bro. Vaughn Boatwright submitted a request for a Dimit to Sec'y John Browne. Bro. Boatwright is not indebted to the Lodge according to Lodge Records. Since no brother brought an objection the Dimit will be granted per WMC, and signed by WM VW Terrell Goertz.

Charity: Sec'y Browne noted that we have received the Annual MSA Green Envelope Appeal. This is to fund their Hospital Visitation Program: Masons visiting wounded and rehabilitating military veterans. Since we had \$450.00 left in this year's charity fund it was moved by WB Frank Myers and 2nd by WB John Brown to donate that \$450.00 to the Green Envelope program, The motion was **approved**. W#3540 (ck #1723)

Audit: WB Ted Schuman advised that the Audit Committee met on Tuesday Nov 19th. WB Ted read the report to the Brethren. The report was signed by WM VW Terrell Goertz and initialed by Sec'y VW John Browne.

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

Masonic Education: WM Terrell Goertz introduced WB Ted Schuman. Bro. Schuman read three poems based on Masonry. The first was titled "Grandpa's Old Wooden Chest" Interestingly the chest contained the tools of Freemasonry and the poem noted their uses. The second poem was authored by an Uncle of WB Ted and it covered 'Instructions to a New Mason' and it was excellent. The third was Ted's own composition and was related to Masonic Behavior equaling Masonic Reputation. All three poems were greatly appreciated and Ted was asked for copies to become available.

Announcements: San Juan Lodge 175 has it's Open Annual Installation of Officers on Saturday December 7th. The annual District Ten meeting is set for Saturday, January 11th, at 4 pm at the Scottish Rite Hall in Bellingham.



Sickness and relief: WB Barry Podwin pulled a muscle in his back hence he is not at lodge. WM Terrell reminded brothers to keep WB Arne Hanson in our thoughts and prayers.

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 8:10 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were 19 W-151 brothers and 1 visitor in attendance and 1 guest for dinner and that guest asked for a Petition for the Degrees.

Masonic *Behavior* = Masonic *Reputation*

Without thinking about it, our behavior as Masons creates our reputation as Masons.

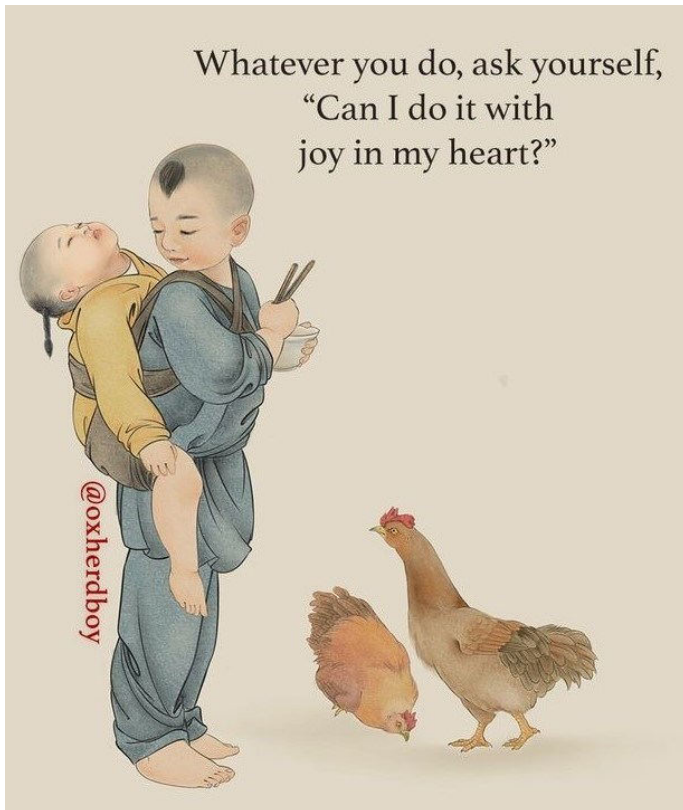
Our expectations are that when we meet a brother, we can depend upon him being one who is possessed of integrity; that he is one we can trust – and, in turn, we presume that he will look upon us in the same manner.

But what about those in our world who are not brothers; shouldn't we treat everyone with the same dignity, courtesy, and respect that we would expect from them? As the Master says at the close of Lodge... "Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices – do good unto all".

These are difficult words to keep in front of our minds, hard to keep where they will govern our actions. But it is critical that we do so, for each one of us represents Masonry to the "outer world". How we act and how they perceive us is our legacy. Most of the people I meet say that they had an uncle or a grandfather who was a Mason, and they say it in positive terms – that brother left a good impression behind.

It is my hope that I can remind each of us to do the same thing every day, with everyone with whom we come in contact.

Ted Schuman

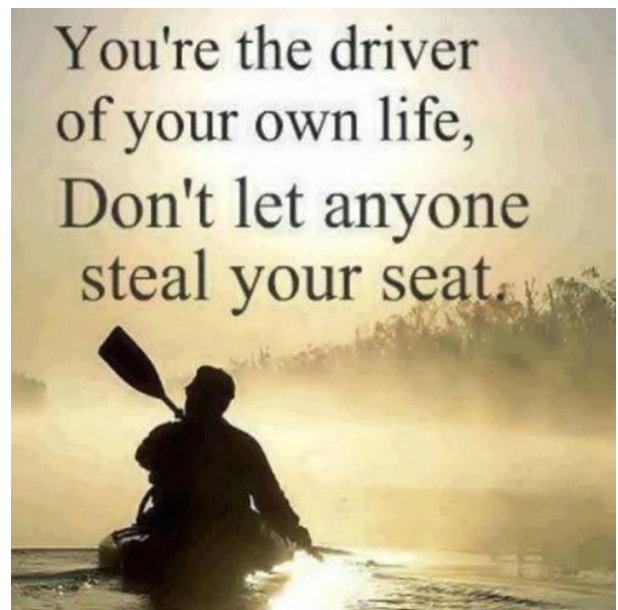


Northwest shrine Club

Greetings Brethren and Nobles, Just a quick note to let you know about the December NWSC meeting. But first I want to thank the members for allowing me another year help our club survive. I also thank those who chose to continue on the Board and even the new members. Our last meeting of the year will be at the Round Table Pizza in Sunset Square, starting at 6:30 PM. Please bring a raffle prize!

My thoughts for picking a site in Bellingham are basically these; ease for most of our members to attend our meetings and considering the weather and knowing there are some Nobles who live outside of Bellingham the ease of attending the meetings during the winter weather. So, if you are able, please come for a bit of comradery with your fellow Nobles and if you are interested in more information concerning the Shrine we would like to host your attendance.

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



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 <i>Hesperus Com-mandry #8 at 7:30pm</i>	3 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm.	4	5 W 151 spl Comm, Dinner at 5:30 and Lodge opens at 6:30pm	6 BB # 44 <i>St. Nicholas Day</i>	7 San Jaun #175 Installation of Officers <i>Pearl Harbor Day</i>
8	9	10	11 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm	12 Lyn/Frn Int # 56 at 7 pm	13 <i>St. Lucia's Day in Scandinavian Lands</i>	14
15	16 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm.	17 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.  <i>Christmas Eve</i>	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 <i>First Day of Winter</i>
22	23	24 <i>Hanukkah begins at Sundown</i> <i>Christmas Day</i> 1st Day of Christmas	25 <i>Kwanzaa Begins</i> <i>Boxing Day</i> (Canada) 2nd Day of Christmas	26 <i>3rd Day of Christmas</i>	27 <i>4th Day of Christmas</i>	28
29 5th Day of Christmas	30 6th Day of Christmas	31 Dues/Assmts are due today <i>New Year's Eve</i> 7th Day of Christmas	1 <i>New Year's Day</i> 8th Day of Christmas	2 9th Day of Christmas	3 10th Day of Christmas	4 11th Day of Christmas

Please don't forget, Dues and Assessments are due by December 31, 2024. if you need more time contact your Secretary!

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