



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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Special Communication held on Thursday, January 2nd

Lodge was opened on the 2nd Degree at 6:30 P.M. by WM Terrell Goertz who said that the purpose of this Special Communication was to confer the Fellowcraft Degree on Bro Mark Saleeb.

Visitors: None

Tyler: Was invited to Tyle from within.

Degree: The FC Deg Team took it's places and stations. SW Joe Hayes assumed the East and conferred the Degree. JW Jeff Roskelley took the position as SD for the *MC Lecture*, WB Frank Myers presented *The Working Tools*, Sec'y John Browne presented the "*G*" *Lecture* and WB John Brown gave the *Charge*.

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: Dec. Short Talk Bulletin and Emessay Notes.

Finance Report: Sec'y John Browne gave a report covering our Lodge checking account at WECU the current status of our Investment portfolio. The complete report is on the minutes posted on our Grandview Account.

Donation Jar: The food donation jar contained \$253.00.

Lodge and Grand Lodge: Our Lodge will be preparing the End Year Report which serves as the basis for what Grand Lodge charges each Lodge. The basis is the number of enrolled Master Masons and the number of Degrees conferred during te year. The Lodge will also receive our annual portion of the Life Endowment Fund based on the number of past and present Life Members and their level of contribution.

Presentation: The *Lewis Jewel* was presented by WM Terrell Goertz, assisted by WB Frank Myers to Frank's son, Ty Myers, who was up visiting from his home in AZ. A warm round of applause was given.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual fine report.

Any discussion-topics: SW Joe Hayes suggested we consider, at our next Stated Meeting, authorizing funds to hold a CPR class for members of the Lodge to attend. The general feeling was favorable.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided.

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.

On Tuesday January 21st is our next Masonic luncheon at the Rusty Wagon.

The OV of our DDGM will be on February 20th, 2025 at our Stated Meeting.

Sickness & relief: Chap Jerry Hill reported that Bro Don Carl was not feeling too well, he has some blood issues.

DDGM: Gave greetings from our Grand Master James Norton Jr. VW Craig also commended the Degree Team for it's good work especially Bro Jeff Roskelley's presentation of the *Middle Chamber Lecture*.

The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Terrell Goertz at **8:30 P.M.** / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were **21** W-151 brothers in attendance. We had **1** guest for dinner.

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Feb 7th Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

Feb 13th Lynden/Ferndale Int. - 7 pm

Feb 20th 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 conduct the business of the Lodge.

Visitors: EA Bro Chester Pownall of BB#44 was given a hearty welcome.

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: None

Food payment Jar: meal payments came to \$211.00.

Finance Report: Sec'y Browne gave the current status of our Investment Portfolio.

Bills: The Bills for this meeting were enumerated and *approved* for payment

Pre authorized: Our monthly and record keeping expenses were duly paid.

New Business: Sec'y John Browne reported that the Lodge Investment advisor, VW Terrell Goertz advises that based on our end of 2024 earnings the 1/2% figure provides a bit more to donate in 2025.

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

Petition: A Petition for the Degree of Masonry from Mr. Daniel J Lester-Liska was read. An Investigation Team consisting of WB Ted Schuman (chair), WB Paul Brainard, and Bro Bill Kappele was appointed.

Masonic Education: WM Terrell Goertz introduced Bro Bruce Smith who gave a very interesting talk about one of the aspects of the EA Degree and Closing Charge; providing wise counsel and reminding a Brother of his faults to aid his reformation. Bro Bruce pointed out that there are two sides of this process. The giving of and the receiving of good counsel. This information was very wise and fitting in our current socio-political times.

WM Terrell gave a fascinating account of turn of the 18th-19th century explorers of Antarctica, including the sunken ship "Endurance". It was both heroic and tragic, a testament to the human spirit and determination.

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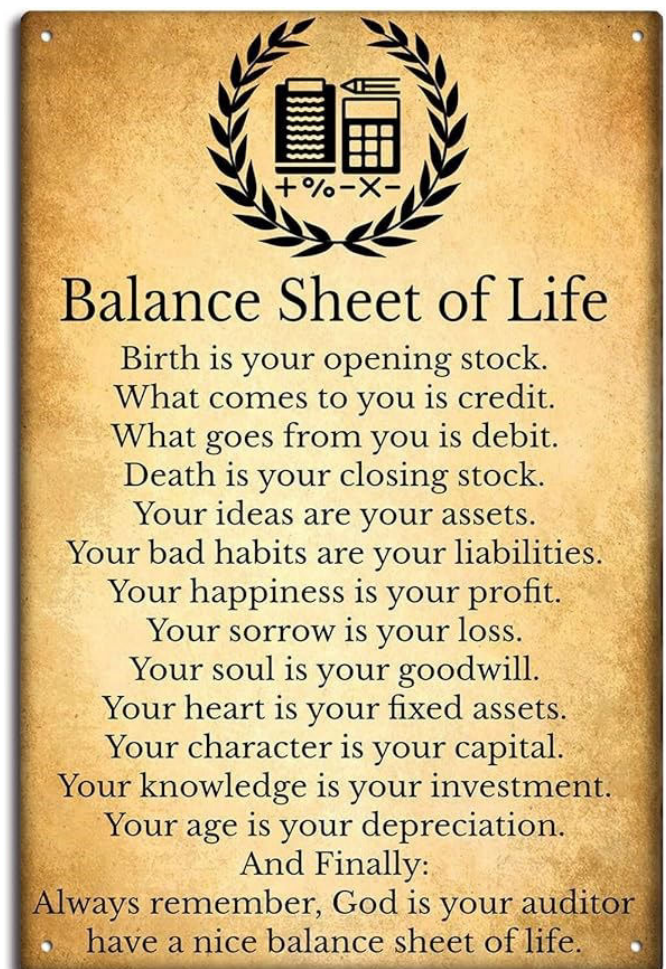
Robbie Burns Night at Prince David Lodge #101 is Tuesday Jan 28th, Cocktails 6-7, Lodge opens at 7 pm with dinner to follow, Cost is by **\$25 ticket** via PD101JuniorWarden@gmail.com (Bro Dave Jewers)

Sickness and relief: WB Barry Podwin is suffering from a cold and opted not to share it the Lodge, which we greatly appreciate.

DDGM: VW Craig Bruner gave salutations from our Grand Master MW James C. Norton Jr. He also encouraged brothers to attend the Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge #56 Installation of Officers.

The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Terrell at 7:57 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were **19** W-151 brothers and **1** visitor in attendance and **2** guests for dinner.



District Ten Annual Communication Saturday, January 11th.

VW Craig Bruner called to order shortly after 4 pm and after the usual introductions were concluded he gave his State of the District Report. VW Craig turned the meeting over to GM James Norton Jr who conducted the Grand Lodge portion of the meeting.

A number of speakers were introduced and presented interesting and useful information. There were some award presentations and applause given. After the meeting a very nice meal was served in the dining room.



Installation of Officers Lynden/Ferndale Int. No. 56

Took place at the Ferndale Masonic Center at 11:30 am on Saturday, January 25th, 2025. this event was very well attended by brothers from B.C & Yukon, WA State and from the Philippines. After the ceremony a photo was taken followed by a very delicious mid-day meal.

The officers installed were:

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| <i>Worshipful Master</i> | Anthony Gonzales |
| <i>Senior Warden</i> | Laurence Balonggay |
| <i>Junior Warden</i> | Marvin Zora |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | Edmond Lim |
| <i>Secretary</i> | Alan Ibasco |
| <i>Junior Deacon</i> | Cris Bonquin |

Installation photo



I was informed that Dave and Renae Gehrcke prepared the District Ten meal and it was excellent. There is no shortage of good food in District Ten. .

The meal served after the installation was simply wonderful. I understand that the wife of the outgoing WM and Ladies of Eastern Star get the credit for this great meal.

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
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 Hesperus Com- mandry #8 at 7:30pm	4 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm.	5 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm	6	7 BB # 44	8
9	10 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm.	11	12 Bellingham Coun- cil #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm	13 Lyn/Frn Int # 56 at 7 pm	14 BB# 44 <i>St. Valentine's Day</i>	15
16	17	18 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.	19	20 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	1

Happy Valentine's Day!



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