



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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March 2025

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Mar 7th Bellingham Bay - 7 pm
 Mar 13th Lynden/Ferndale Int. - 7 pm
 Mar 20th Whatcom Lodge—Dinner at 5:30 pm—meeting opens at 6:30 pm.

The Stated Communication was held on Thursday February 20th.

Lodge was opened on the 2nd Degree at 6:30 P.M. by WM Terrell Goertz who said that the purpose of this Stated Communication was conduct the business of the Lodge and to host VWB Craig Bruner on his Official Visit as DDGM.

Visitors: None ...The Tyler was invited to tyle from with the Lodge room

Minutes: The minutes of the previous communication were not Read beause the Feb. 6th Special was cancelled due to very cold and potentially snowy and slip-pery travel conditions.

Communications: February MSA Short Talk Bulletin. A letter from the GM MW Janes Norton Jr regarding the WAMS request for Lodge Liaison was Read. The Letter of Indefinite Suspension of Kevin Scott Wendell Benedict was Read. The Letter of Indefinite Suspension of Langston Charges Patterson was Read.

Finance Report: The lodge checking account and our Ed Jones Investment were provided to the members. Our Bills were enumerated and authorized by the members to be paid.

New Business: There was some discussion about funding a Fire Fighting Imaging tool, possibly for a Country Fire District. WM Goertz directed that the cost be looked into and compared to this year's allotted amount for charity, which is just over \$5,000. The desire is to not give it all away in one donation.

Youth Report: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual informative report. Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay is getting ready for the Annual Conclave.

Investigation Rpt: The investigation report on the Petition by Mr. Dan Lester-Liska was presented and it is *Full & Favorable*. WM Terrell opened the Balloting process and upon completion the result was announced to *Clear, Fair and Bright*. Due to Dan's work as a ship Captain his degree will be conferred in May or June.

Masonic Education: WM Terrell Goertz presented some information regarding the origin of the name Tyler for the guard at the door of the Lodge room. This is very interesting topic and is not firmly documented in Masonic History. Sec'y Browne added some information he got on the topic from the book "Born in Blood".

Announcements: An opportunity was provided for announcements:

Lynden/Ferndale Int #56 will host the Spring Hands Across the Border event on Thursday evening March 13th, 2025. This will be a Tyled Lodge meeting.

Evergreen Assembly Rainbow will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sat. March 15th, beginning at 9 am to be followed by a DeMolay Majority Celebration. This will occur at the Ferndale Masonic center.

Masonic luncheon: Tuesday March 18th, 11:30 am at the Rusty Wagon.

Sickness and relief: Kelly Berg is out with the Flu. Jerry Hill has Flu symptoms, Joe Hayes is having some heart related issues, Kermit Scott is taking care of his wife and is Dave Nelson-Pat is now in hospice. Prayers are asked for these brothers and spouses.

DDGM: VW Craig Bruner gave salutations from our Grand Master MW James C. Norton Jr. The inspection of the Lodge records and accounts was conducted by VWB Craig Bruner with WM Terrell Goertz and Sec'y John Browne prior to the opening of lodge and preceding dinner.

The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Terrell at 8:20 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were 16 W-151 brother and 1 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.

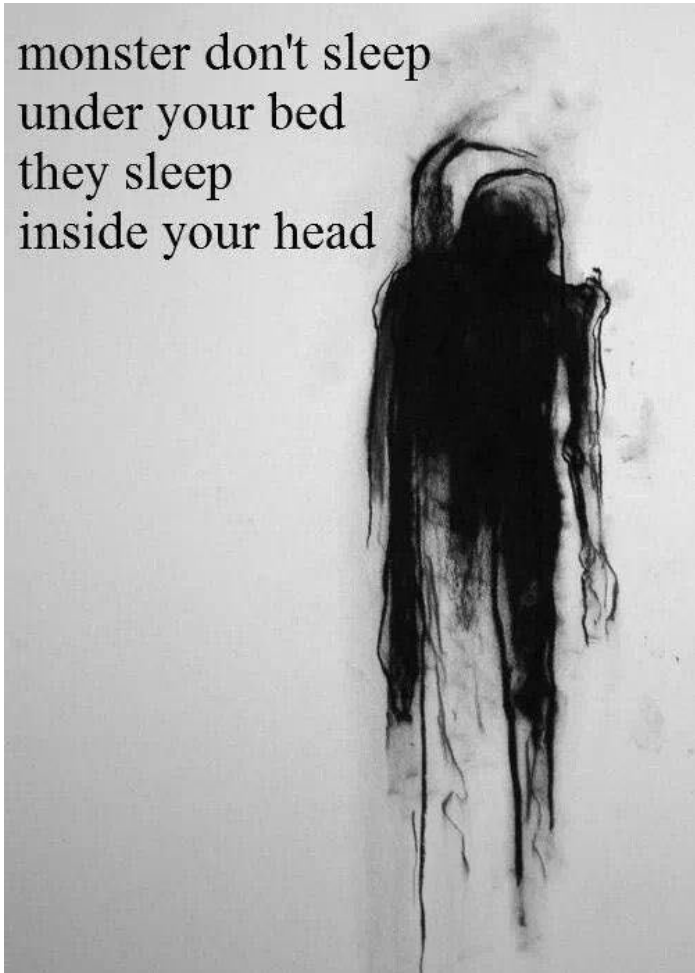
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Our March meeting will be at the Burger's and Brew in Barkley Square at 6:30 PM on Tuesday March 4th. I do not know about anyone else but I missed seeing and visiting with everyone earlier this month. Again, we will offer to pay for a Brother's first visit to our club.

Dues are payable, need to talk with Gerrit to see if any dues are owed. Please bring a raffle prize. I look forward to visiting with you all again soon!

Yours in the Faith,
George Edwards,
President 2025
Northwest Shrine Club
Nile Shrine



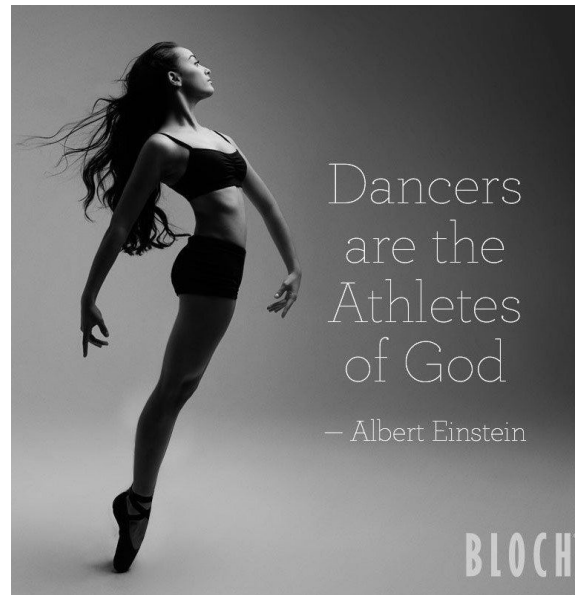
monster don't sleep
under your bed
they sleep
inside your head

**Modern slaves are
not in chains.**

They are in debt.

**THE SHEEP WILL SPEND ITS
ENTIRE LIFE FEARING THE
WOLF, ONLY TO BE EATEN BY
THE SHEPHERD.**

African Proverb



**"The most important decision you
make is to be in a good mood."**

- VOLTAIRE



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SPRING 2025 EVENT

Thursday, March 13, 2025, - 5:00 pm

Arrival: 5:00 pm

Dinner: 5:30 pm

***Please make a reservation by sending
an email to rhdecima@gmail.com.***

Stated Communication

Thursday ~ March 13, 2025, ~ 7:00 pm

A tyled Lodge

***“Hosted” by Lynden/Ferndale International Lodge No. 56 is not just an
expression as the evening will be free of charge to all participants***

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 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	6	7 BB # 44	8
9 <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	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 hosts the Hands Across the Border Tiled Event. See page 3 for details	14	15 Rainbow hosts a Pancake Breakfast starts at 9 am at the Ferndale Masonic Center. Followed by a Chuckanut Chp De- Molay Majority Cere- mony.
16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	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 <i>First Day of Spring</i>	21 BB# 44	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	1

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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