



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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April 2025

The March Special Communication was held on Thursday March 6th.

Lodge was opened on the 2nd Degree at 6:30 P.M. by SW Joe Hayes who said that the purpose of this Special Communication was to share and enjoy fraternalism. WM Goertz was on a trip.

Visitors: None

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: None

Finance Report: A brief Finance report was presented by Sec'y Browne.

Donation Jar: Sec'y Browne provided the amount which was collected in the Food Payment Jar.

In Memoriam: The passing of Brother Scott Peter Jenkins. A moment of silence was declared and the Reading of Bro. Scott's scroll was performed by the secretary.

Presentation: A 30 year Service Award and pin was presented to VW John Browne by SW Joe Hayes.

Masonic Education: Bro. Bill Kappele spoke on the topic and history of Masonic Geometry. He noted the progressive development of geometry to the stages of observation, application of reason and confirmation through repeated experimentation. This was very interesting and well received presentation.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual fine report on Rainbow and DeMolay activities.

BLS Training: WB Claude Weedon announced that we are close to having a BLS training session set up. He needs the names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses for those who wish to participate. Please contact Claude at: 360-393-4425 or email him at: claudeweedon@comcast.net

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided.

On Tuesday March 18th is our next Masonic luncheon at the Rusty Wagon. Lynden/Fern Int will confer a 3rd Degree on March 27th at 7 PM.

Sickness & relief: Two Brothers were absent due to Fly or Cold symptoms: Jerry Hill, Barry Podwin. WB Ted Schuman stayed home due to a persistent nose bleed.

The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by SW Joe Hayes at 7:40 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were 16 W-151 brothers in attendance.

In Memoriam... In the months of February and March Whatcom Lodge lost three Brothers: On 2/26/2025 Bro. Scott P Jenkins (aged 63.5) an 8.7 year Mason passed away. His EA was conferred on 1/12/2016, FC on 4/26/2016 and he was raised on 5/31/2016. Bro Scott served as Lodge Tyler for three terms up to his passing. WB Donald R Olson (age 85.5) a 46 year Mason. His EA was conferred on 10/25/1977, FC on 5/9/1978 and Raised on 1/24/1979. Bro. Don was WM of Fairhaven 73 for the 1985 term...WB Gordon G White (age 76.6) also a 46 year Mason. EA conferred on 1/27/1978, FC on 3/14/198 and raised on 11/10/1978. I do not yet have the actual dates of passing for Brothers Don and Gordon. These three excellent Brothers will be a credit in the Lodge on High and missed in Whatcom Lodge.



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

Apr 4th Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

Apr 10th Lynden/Ferndale Int. - 7 pm

Apr 17th Whatcom Lodge—Dinner at 5:30 pm—meeting opens at 6:30 pm.

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Communications: Letter of Indefinite Suspension from Masonry for Don Kelly GL# 48386

Also read was an Alert Notice from Grand Lodge regarding Jeffery Scott Balough has sent threatening messages to Grand Lodge. Considered armed and dangerous, if present call 911.

Food payment Jar: Sec'y Browne provided the amount collected in the Food Payment Jar.

Finance Report: The finance report was provided to include the amount in our checking account and current value of our investment portfolio.

Bills: The bill for this meeting were enumerated and after discussion It was moved by Ted Schuman 2nd by Luke Sullates-kee to pay the Bills, the motion was **approved**.

Pre authorized: The on-going approved expenses were presented to the members for information.

New Business: this year's allotted amount for charity, which is just over \$5,000. It was discussed and decided that the Lodge will purchase a 1/2 page Ad for the Rainbow Girls Program, Moved by Frank Myer and 2nd by John Brown, the motion was **approved**.

It was discussed to repair or replace the Defibrillator battery and to pay for a BLS training class. It was moved by Ted Schuman and 2nd by Craig Bruner to authorize up to \$1,000 to cover these costs. The motion was **approved**.

Youth Report: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual excellent report on our two local youth groups.

Masonic Education: WM Terrell Goertz introduced Bro. Kelly Berg who is an excellent guitarist. Bro. Kelly played a piece inspired by the Masonic Opera, The Magic Flute by Amadeus Mozart. Kelly also gave some additional information on Mozart's life.

Presentation: A 60 year Certificate and pin was presented to WB Ted Schuman by WM Terrell Goertz. The PGH's were accorded to this fine member.

WM Terrell spoke on the passing of Bro. Scott Jenkins and the need and value to getting to know one's Lodge Brothers better, on a deeper level.

Announcements: An opportunity was provided for announcements: BB#44 will be hosting a Program called "Shrink the Lodge".

The next Rusty Wagon Luncheon will be on Tuesday, April 15th.

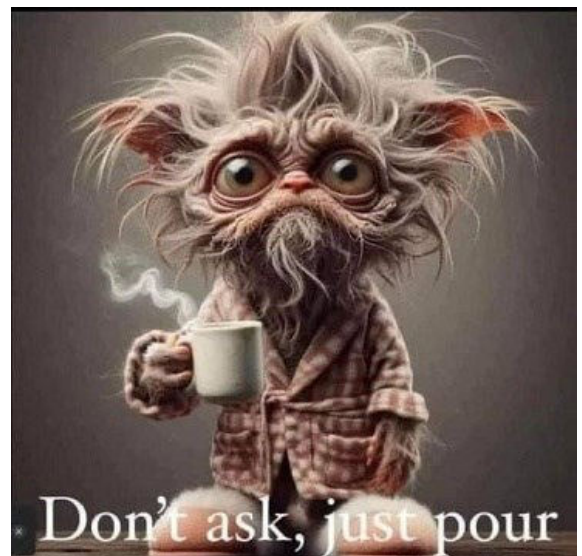
Masonic luncheon: Tuesday March 18th, had 10 members present. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 15th, at the Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.

Sickness and relief: None to report

DDGM: VW Criag gave his usual greetings on behalf of our Grand Master James 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 17 W-151 brothers and 1 guest for dinner.





Empress Matilda, daughter of King Henry I, was a key figure during the Anarchy, a civil war in England (1135-1153). After her father's death, Matilda fought her cousin Stephen of Blois for the throne. Her strong claim led to widespread conflict, political instability, and upheaval, ultimately resulting in a compromise that placed her son Henry II, on the throne.



HISTORY WARRIOR

The Templar Knights revolutionized medieval finance by introducing letters of credit. This innovation allowed pilgrims to deposit money at one Templar location and withdraw it in another, reducing the risk of theft during long journeys. These financial instruments laid the groundwork for modern banking, showcasing the Templars' influence beyond their military prowess.



HISTORY WARRIOR

Medieval English archers had deformed skeletons due to years of archery. The high draw weight of war bows and early training caused overdeveloped shoulder and arm bones, compensating for the muscles that grew in those areas.



The Knights Templar amassed great wealth and treasure through donations, banking, and military conquests during the Crusades. When the order was suppressed in 1307, much of their treasure disappeared. Theories abound about hidden Templar treasure, from secret vaults to a fleet smuggling it out of France, but the true fate of the legendary riches remains an enduring mystery.

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	1 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm.	2 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm	3 W 151 Spl, Dinner at 5:30, Lodge at 6:30	4 BB # 44	5
6	7 Hesperus Com-mandry #8 at 7:30pm	8	9 Bellingham Council #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm	10 Lyn/Frn Int # 56	11	12 <i>Passover begins at sundown</i>
13 <i>Palm Sunday Passover</i>	14 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm.	15 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.	16	17 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm	18 BB# 44 <i>Good Friday</i>	19
20 <i>Easter</i>	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

Happy Easter!



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