



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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The May Special Communication was held on Thursday May 1st.

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 to share and enjoy fraternalism.

Tyler: Was invited to Tyle from within.

Visitors: SW Joe Hayes had SD Luke Sullateskee seek the WM of Lyn/Fer Lodge #56 and present him and his brothers West of the Altar. WB Anthony Gonzalez presented: WB Edmond Lim, Lawrence Balonggay, VW Alan Ibasco, and Oris Bongwin.

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: Sec'y Browne read two GL letters of Indefinite Suspension of Masons: Robert P. Lougee # 77302 and Richard M. Abbott #50671. He also read two GL letters of Reinstatement of Master Masons: Langston C. Patterson #77408 and Drew A. Baker # 6385.

Sec'y Browne next read an email Alert from GL regarding an email scam.

Sec'y Browne finally read three emails relating to the passing of notable Masons and of the widow of a Past Grand Master. MWB Al Jorgensen 33^o has passed. Also passing was VW Kenneth Callahan and the widow of PGM John McNab, Barbara McNab has passed.

Finance Report: A brief finance report was provided and the amount collected in the Food Payment Jar disclosed.

Moment of Silence: SW Joe Hayes asked for a moment of silence for the victims and their families of car crash incident a few days ago in Vancouver B.C. in the Philippine community.

Masonic Education: Bro. Bill Kappele talked about the topic of how Masonry makes good men better. He noted the current problem of distrust in the world and here in America and that it pits people against one another and foments hatred and violence. Masonry teaches brotherly love and common respect for diversity of points of view without hostility. These teachings are supported by brothers Oaths of commitment to each others welfare. The ability to agree to disagree without animosity.

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

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided. Claude Weedon reminded brothers of the BLS class, for those who have signed up, which will be held on Saturday May 31st at 10 am.

JW Jeff Roskelley reminded brothers of the EA Degree practice set for Saturday May 10th at 10 am.

On Tuesday May 20th is our next Masonic luncheon at the Rusty Wagon.

The Outdoor FC Degree is on Saturday May 17th, and **The Outdoor 3rd Degree** is on Saturday Aug 2nd.

Sickness & relief: Ted Schuman gave an update on the medical condition of WB John Brown. John has prostate cancer and one kidney has shut down. He also trouble with his thyroid. John is also suffering from a compressed disk in his spine. Ted advised that John would receive emails but prefers no calls or visits.

DDGM: VW Craig Bruner gave greetings on behalf of MWB James Norton Jr..

The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by SW Joe Hayes at 7:30 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were 14 W-151 brothers and 5 visitors in attendance. 1 guests 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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Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Jun 19th Whatcom Lodge—Dinner at 5:30 pm—meeting opens at 6:30 pm.

Jun 20th Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

Jun 26th Lynden/Ferndale Int. - 7 pm

The Stated Communication was held on Thursday May 15th.

Lodge was opened on the 1st Degree at 6:30 P.M. by Terrell Goertz who said that the purpose of this Stated Communication was to conduct the business of the Lodge and confer the EA Degree on Mr. Daniel Lester-Liska.

Visitors: Davis Gehrcke Grand Tyler & BB#44, EA Chester Pownall BB#44, Bro. Alan Birdgis of Columbia Lodge in Boston Mass., and from Prince David Lodge 101 in Maple Ridge B.C. Bro's Joel Berkenpas, David Quinn and 1 other who forgot to sign the register. All 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: MSA Short Talk Bulletin & Emessay Notes,

EA Degree: WM Goertz had the Degree Team take it's places and stations. The Degree was conferred by JW Jeff Roskelley: SD - Thom Baughn, *Working Tools* presented by Don Higgerson, *The Master's Lecture* (2nd & 3rd Sections) was presented by Ken Peck and the *Charge* was given by Ted Schuman. Our new EA Brother Dan Liska was conducted West of the Altar where he was congratulated by those on hand.

Food payment Jar: meal payments came to \$357.00.

Finance Report: Secretary John Browne gave a report on the current balance of the lodge checking account and the current value of our Edward Jones Investment Portfolio.

Bills: Sec'y Browne enumerated the current bills for this State Communication. It was moved by Ted Schuman 2nd by Craig Bruner to pay the Bills, the motion was **approved**.

Pre authorized: Sec'y Browne also enumerated pre-approved on-going bills.

New Business: WB Scott Walsh gave a report on assistance for Cathy White, WB Gordon's White's widow. After discussion It was moved by Paul Brainard, 2nd by Ted Schuman to reimburse WB Scott for garden equipment repair, and to provide funds for food and household needs. The motion was **approved**.

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

Presentations: WM Terrell had the SD escort WB Scott Walsh to the East. WM Goertz presented a Certificate to Scott from the Washington Masonic Services in recognition of his being the Liasson between them, Whatcom Lodge and the community.

GMA Award: VW Craig Bruner asked that the SD bring WB Ken Peck to the East where WB Ken was presented with the Grand Master's Achievement for 2024. Ken was accorded the PGH's.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was given: Basic Life Support (BLS) training will be at 10 am on Sat. May 31st. Check in with Claude Weedon for information. 360-393-4425

Up-coming are the Outdoor FC Degree on Sat May 17th and the outdoor 3rd Deg the first Sat. of August.

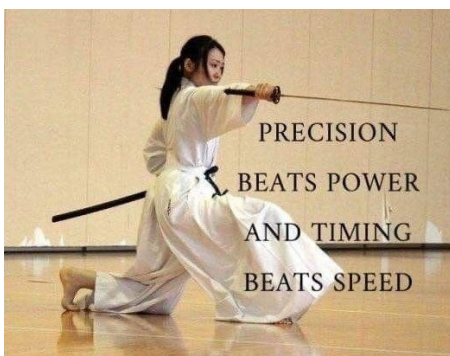
Masonic luncheon: Tuesday, May 20th, at the Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.

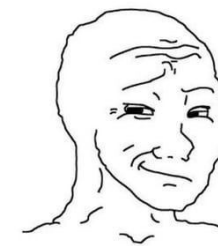
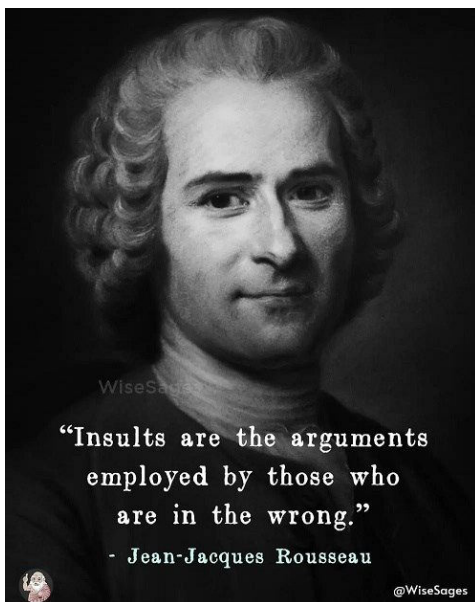
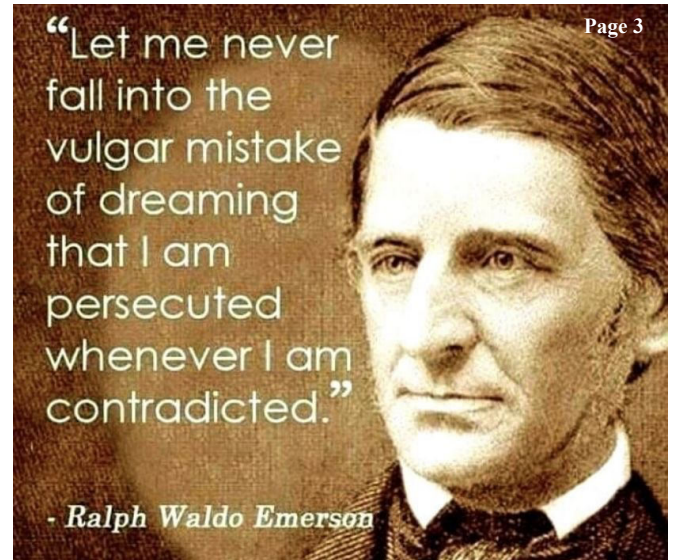
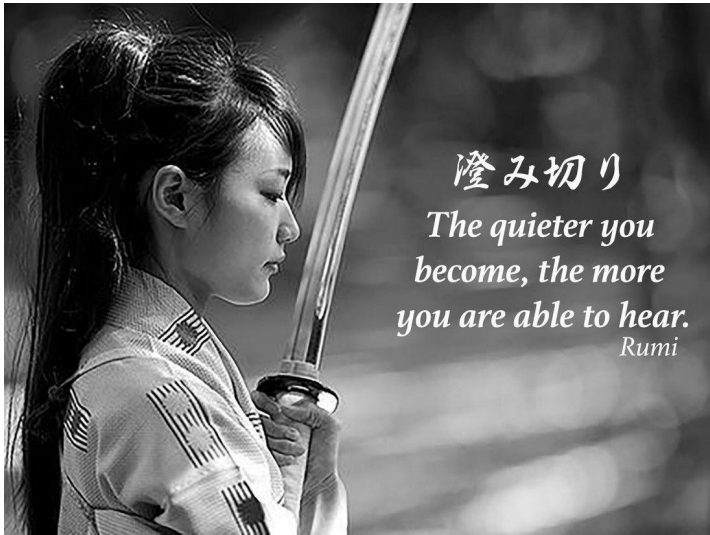
Sickness and relief: WB Ted Schuman gave a report on WB City John, advising that more tests have and are being run but no firm treatment has been decided on. WM Terrell Goertz reported on the passing of WB Jim Cox of San Juan Lodge 175. WB Jim will be sorely missed from our ranks. It was also reported that WB Arne Hanson, now residing in Tennessee, is recovering well in his cancer treatment.

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 Goertz at 9:25 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were 22 W-151 brother, 6 visitors.



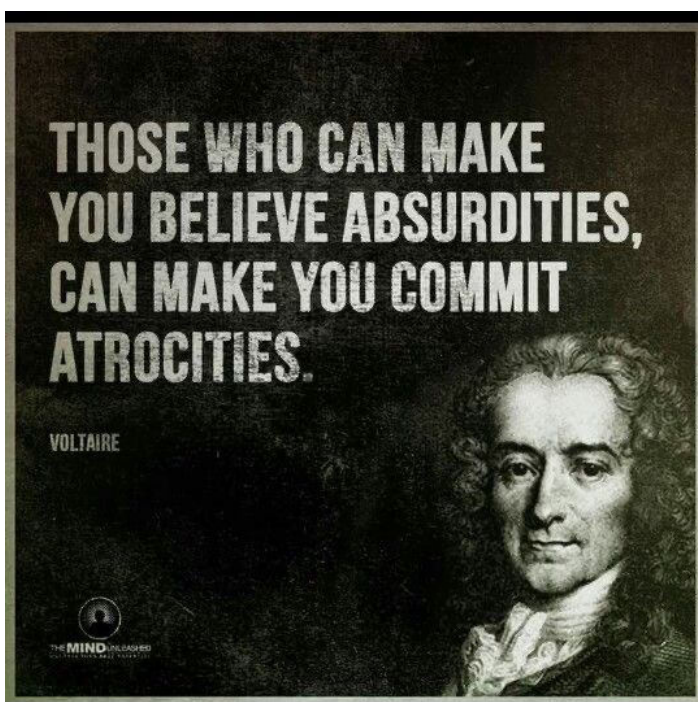


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"THE SOCIETY THAT
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COWARDS AND ITS
FIGHTING BY FOOLS."

- THUCYDIDES



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 | 3 | 4 | 5 W 151 Spl, Dinner at 5:30, Lodge at 6:30 | 6 BB # 44 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Hesperus Com-mandry #8 at 7:30pm | 10 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm. | 11 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm | 12 Grand Lodge event! | 13 Grand Lodge Opens! | 14 Grand Lodge finishes & closes! <i>Flag Day</i> |
| 15 <i>Father's Day</i> | 16 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm. | 17 | 18 Bellingham Council #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm | 19 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm EA Degree is planned <i>Junteenth</i> | 20 BB# 44 | 21 <i>First Day of Summer</i> |
| 22 | 23 | 24 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am. | 25 | 26 Lyn/Frn Int # 56 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Summer is Soon!

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