



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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The April Special Communication was held on Thursday April 3rd.

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.

Visitors: WB Rick Kiene BB#44 was given a hearty welcome.

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: MSA March issue Emessay Notes & Short Talk Bulletin.

Finance Report: The WECU checking account was provide as of 12:27 pm today and our Edward Jones Investment portfolio value as of today was likewise provided.

Donation Jar: The food payment jar amount was provided.

In Memoriam: WM Terrell Goertz had the lodge hold a moment of silence as we have lost two Brothers recently; WB Don Olson passed on February 18th, 2025 and Bro. Gordon White passed on March 10th, 2025. They are now with the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Presentation: *Service Awards* were given to WB Frank Myers (35 year pin), VW Terrell Goertz (15 year pin) and WB Claude Weedon (15 year pin).

The *Military Service Award* was presented by WM Terrell Goertz to SW Joe Hayes.

The *Hiram Award* was presented by WM Terrell Goertz to VW Don Higginson.

Masonic Education: WM Terrell Goertz presented to the members a reading of the Short Talk Bulletin entitled The Mythology of Hiram Abiff. This was a very insightful set of thoughts regarding three types of the rights of passage in a man's (or person's) life. Very much worth paying attention to.

WB Rick Kiene gave presentation regarding the bronze plaque in the sidewalk outside our building. The installation of this plaque is nearing it's 20 year anniversary. WB Kiene suggested the mold for this plaque should perhaps be hung inside the building and he hoped that Whatcom Lodge would consider lending support to this project.

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

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided.

On Tuesday April 15th is our next Masonic luncheon at the Rusty Wagon. Three brothers are scheduled to receive their Service Award pins at this lunch.

Sickness & relief: WB Cit John Brown and Chap Jerry Hill were feeling under the weather.

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 8:07 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were 15 W-151 brothers and 1 visitor in attendance.

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

May 2nd Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

May 8th Lynden/Ferndale Int. - 7 pm

May 15th 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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The Stated Communication was held on Thursday April 17th.

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Lodge was opened on the 3rd Degree at 6:30 P.M. by SW Joe Hayes who said that the purpose of this Stated Communication was to conduct the business of the Lodge.

Visitors: Bro. Alan Bridges of Columbia Lodge, Boston Mass. He was given a hearty welcome.

The Tyler was invited to file 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: Sec'y Browne presented information regarding the Grand Lodge Annual Communication to be held this June of 2025. He also read a letter from the Scottish Rite Secretary notifying us of a rent increase to start on May 1st. And a letter was read from the Washington Masonic Services regarding their services and Student Educational Loans.

Food payment Jar: meal payments amount was announced.

Finance Report: The lodge checking account total on Apr 17th, and our Ed Jones Investment Portfolio value were provided to the members present.

Bills: Bills were enumerated and authorized for payment.

Pre authorized: On-going monthly bills were also provided for the information of members present.

New Business: Bro. Bruce Smith put forth a suggestion that the Lodge Finance Committee meet and consider putting some of our Checking account funds into an investment CD.

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

Masonic Education: Bill Kappel gave us some instruction on why the FC Deg tells us to contemplate on Geometry. This directs us to use Positive Psychology for personal development and growth. Some of the aids in this process are 'Self-talk', 'self-affirmation exercises' and 'visualization'. He noted that memory work builds cognitive flow. It was a very informative presentation.

DDGM Craig Bruner read an article from a Scottish Rite magazine covering a related topic employing an analogy of a black and white TV. This too was thought provoking.

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 April 15th, had 8 members present. Four of those were celebrated for Service Award cards and pins: Winton Smith (40 yrs), Dick Fullaway (50 yrs), David Nelson (55 yrs) and Ron Bailey (55 yrs). The next meeting is Tuesday, May 20th, at the Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.

Sickness and relief: Frank Myers noted that City John is resting at home and Frank passed around a "Get Well Soon" card for brothers to sign. WM Terrell is out to have hip surgery, we wish him the best.

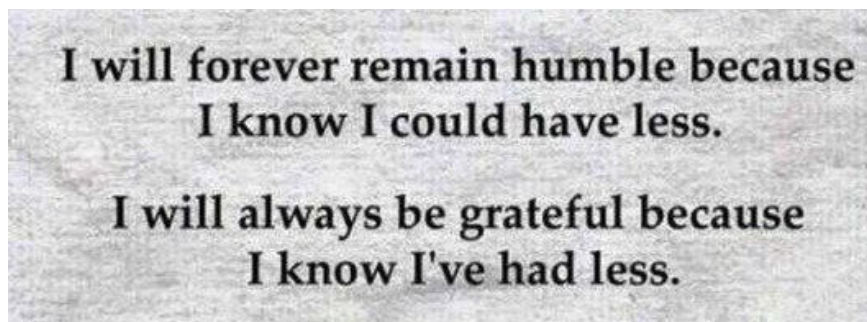
DDGM: VW Criag gave his usual greetings on behalf of our Grand Master James Norton Jr.

It was moved by Frank and 2nd by Paul to approve the minutes, the minutes were approved.



The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Terrell at 7:45 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were 14 W-151 brother, 1 visitor and 1 guest for dinner.





Some times its good to be reminded of just what
The Bill of Rights actually does say.

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The Bill of Rights

Ratified December 15, 1791

Article I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Article II

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Article III

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Article IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Article V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any Criminal Case to be a witness against himself, nor be

deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Article VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining Witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Article VII

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise reexamined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Article VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishment inflicted.

Article IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Article X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

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

Hooray for Spring!



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