



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

Free and Accepted Masons of Washington

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July 2025

The June Special Communication was held on Thursday June 5th.

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: None

Tyler: Was invited to Tyle from within.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting was not read, having been previously approved.

Communications: None to report on this occasion.

Finance Report: A brief finance report was provided highlighting the Lodge Checking Account and Investment Portfolio balances.

Food Payment Jar: The food payment jar contained \$185.00.

Masonic Education: WM Terrell Goertz commented on the basic value of Blue Lodge experience to the new Master Mason. By participating in Blue Lodge activities, offices and committees the teachings of blue lodge are more deeply reinforced. WM Goertz therefor cautioned lodges not to dilute Masonry by rushing new Master Masons into peripheral Masonic Bodies.

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

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided.

On Tuesday June 17th is our next Masonic luncheon at the Rusty Wagon.

The Annual BBQ @ Ted & Penny's is set for Sat., August 23 from noon to 3 PM.

Sickness & relief: Ted reported on City John's medical status and also that Bro John Little is recovering from cancer treatment.

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 WM Terrell Goertz at 7:40 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were 14 W-151 brothers and 0 visitors in attendance.

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Jul 4th Bellingham Bay - Dark

Jul 10th Lynden/Ferndale Int. - Dark

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

Life...

is about balance. Be kind,
but don't let people abuse
you. Trust, but don't be
deceived. Be content, but
never stop improving
yourself.

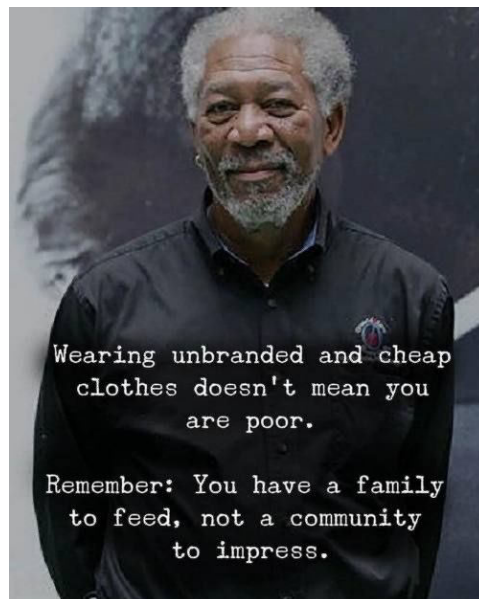


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Whatcom Lodge 151 meets on the 1st (special) and 3rd (stated-business) Thursdays of each month. Whatcom Lodge emphasizes Masonic heritage and ritual proficiency. We are proud to support our Masonic Youth organizations and encourage members to practice charity outside the lodge. It is our intention to promote individuals to build their own strong moral and spiritual temples.



The Stated Communication was held on Thursday June 19th.

Lodge was opened on the 3rd 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.

Visitors: None

The Tyler was invited to tyle from within the Lodge room doorway.

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,

Food payment Jar: meal payments came to \$182.00.

Finance Report: The lodge checking account balance was provided and our Ed Jones Investment Portfolio was value as of 5:05 pm Yesterday was also provided.

Bills: The current lodge bills were enumerated. It was moved by Thom Baughn 2nd by Ted Schuman to pay the Bills, the motion was *approved*.

Pre authorized: On-going monthly expenditures and previously authorized bills were presented for the information of the membership.

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

SW Joe Hayes addressed the membership on behalf of his Grandson who received a Masonic Educational Scholarship.

Masonic education: Worshipful Master Terrell Goertz gave a presentation on attire expectations for lodge attendance. He noted that various societies set standards for acceptable clothing standards for business, religious ceremonies and other social events. Masonic Lodges also have some basic standards: Western Lodges have Cowboy attire, Train Lodges have engineer attire and Logging Lodges have theirs too. In the main Terrell points out attire should at least indicate and show a level of proper respect and reverence for one's Masonic Lodge.

Announcements: WM Terrell Goertz announced that our annual election of officers will take place at our August 21st Stated Communication, be prepared to step up for your Lodge.

The outdoor 3rd Deg the first Sat. of August at the Masonic Park at Granite Falls.

The Annual BBQ @ Ted & Penny's is set for Sat., August 16th from noon to 3 PM. Be sure to check our Lodge Newsletter.

Masonic luncheon: The next Luncheon is on Tuesday, July 15th, at the Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.

Sickness and relief: WB Ted Schuman gave a report on WB City John. Ted notes that John's spirits are rising, he is gaining some weight back but testing is on-going and emails are appreciated.

Past-DDGM: VW Craig Bruner gave his greetings congratulations to our new Grand Master MW Roger Nelson and our new District Deputy VW Dave Gehrcke. VW Craig is happy to be back in the quarry.

The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Terrell Goertz at 7:35 P.M. / P. & H. P.

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



A Prayer that reflects
our Masonic Values..>

May my heart be gentle
My mind still and open
My spirit unshackled
My awareness keen
My conscience clear
My nature giving
May I be a healing energy
May I be of benefit to all
May my life enrich others
May I know what matters
And live in harmony with nature



It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Deputy of the Grand Master in our District. My sincere thanks to M.W. Edward Woods, M.W. Steve Martin and M.W. James Norton for this opportunity to be a small part in our great fraternity. Seeing the hard work our Grand Masters and Grand Lodge do each day is inspirational.

I would like to congratulate M.W. Roger Nelson on his election and installation as Grand Master. I know he will continue the strong work of his predecessors.

Because of each of you, my job has been an easy one for which I will have many pleasant memories that I will always cherish. The brethren who compose our district Lodges have taken to heart, the charge at the end of each yearly installation: "to please each other, and to unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness". "To see the tenets of our profession be transmitted through the Lodge pure and unimpaired, from generation to generation". This is what the brethren of this District does best and because of this Freemasonry will continue to flourish here.

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I would like to congratulate our newly installed Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 10, V.W. Dave Gehrcke. V.W. Dave is a familiar face who is regularly seen in our lodges, appendant bodies, Grand Lodge events, Rainbow, DeMolay and Free Runners Masonic Motorcycle club. V.W. Dave's strong commitment and genuine love for our fraternity is inspirational. As such, I look forward to our bright future with excitement!



Thank you, V.W. Dave, for your strong commitment to our Craft. District No. 10 is well represented and will continue with a promising future. Thank you, Brethren of District No. 10, for your support.

Fraternally,

V.W. Craig Bruner

Past Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 10, 2022-25

Whatcom Lodge No. 151

F&AM of Washington

Thanks to VW Kurt Gatzow for the photo's...country John, Sec'y W-151

Below are the Elected Grans Officers: Left to right/ RW Jeremy B Yielding JGW...RW William R Hubbard SGW...MW Roger B Nelson Jr GM...RW Christopher C Haynes DGM and RW Clinton M Brown Jr GSec.



Whatcom Brothers hear ye hear ye!

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
THE ANNUAL "TED AND PENNY" BBQ –

Saturday, **August 16, 2025**

Exclusively for members of Whatcom Lodge and their guests

Noon to Three

3313 Heights Drive – call (818) 425-1611 if you get lost

We will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixin's – and also liquid refreshments (BYOB for beer or wine).

Because Penny doesn't want 12 salads and no desserts,

please call **360-392-8763**

and let us know what "potluck" contribution you wish to bring.



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

Summer Fun is Here!



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