



# Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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August 2025

The July Special Communication was held on Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Lodge was opened on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 were not read, having been previously approved.

**Communications:** Letter Regarding a Celebration of Life for MWB Al Jorgenson was read. Also read was a letter from GM Roger Nelson regarding drawing NPDs back to Lodge.

**Finance Report:** The Secretary gave a report on the status of the Lodge checking account and on the current status of the Lodge Investment Portfolio.

**Food Payment Jar:** The food payment jar contained \$145.00.

**Masonic Education:** WM Terrell Goertz read the Short Talk Bulletin titled "Freemasonry and the American Revolution". Published March 2019. There was good discussion following the reading.

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

**Announcements:** An opportunity for announcements was provided.

On Tuesday July 15<sup>th</sup> is our next Masonic luncheon at the Rusty Wagon.

The Annual BBQ @ Ted & Penny's is set for Sat., August 16<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3 PM.

**Election of Officers:** Lodge election of officers on Thursday August 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Sickness & relief:** Ted Schuman gave an update on the health situation of City John and advised that WB John does appreciate the emails being sent and welcomes more.

SW Joe Hayes reported Bro. John Little, had colon cancer treatment. John is back at work and has a manager position now with Home Depot.

The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Terrell Goertz at 7:50 P.M. / P. & H. P.

**PS Note:** There were 13 W-151 brothers in attendance.

## Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Aug 1<sup>st</sup> Bellingham Bay -

Aug 14<sup>th</sup> Lynden/Ferndale Int. -

Aug 21<sup>st</sup> Whatcom Lodge—Dinner at 5:30 pm—meeting opens at 6:30 pm.

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**We must not confuse dissent with disloyalty. When the loyal opposition dies, I think the soul of America dies with it.**

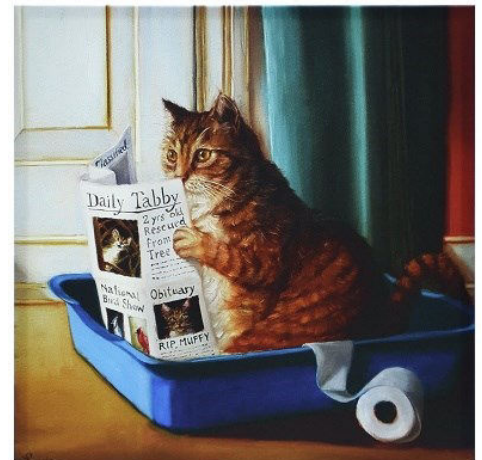
**The speed of communication is wondrous to behold.**

**It is also true that speed can multiply the distribution of information that we know to be untrue.**

- Edward R. Murrow



Whatcom Lodge 151 meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> (special) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (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 July 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

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**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, letter from the GM regarding NPD's and a letter from City read under Sickness & relief.

**Food payment Jar:** The meal payment jar amount was provided.

**Finance Report:** The lodge checking account balance and our current Ed Jones Investment Portfolio as of 7/17/2025 were announced.

**Bills:** Two Lodge bills were presented and after discussion were approved for payment.

**Pre authorized:** Two on-going bills were also provided for the membership's information.

**Petition:** A Petition for Plural Membership from Bro Alan Bridges was given it's First Reading. The Investigation Committee of Jeff Roskelley chair, Ted Schuman and Scott Walsh was appointed. This Petition will likely be balloted on at our August 21<sup>st</sup> stated Communication.

**Other Business:** Craig Bruner made the motion for the lodge to purchase a portable breathalyzer, 2nd by Joe Hayes. After some discussion the motion was **approved** 7 yes to 5 no. The authorization limited the purchase to \$150 or less.

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

**Masonic education:** Worshipful Master Terrell Goertz read a section from the book "Observing the Craft." The topic referred to the idea that Masonry was a pursuit of excellence in behavior under Masonic teachings. Similar to the USMC notion of "A Few Good Men." The message was well received.

**Presentation:** WM Terrell had SD Luke Sullateskee seek our Bro. Scott Voss and present him West of the Altar. WM Goertz then presented to Bro. Voss the Masonic Military Recognition Award, Certificate and pin. The members accorded Bro. Voss the PHG's of Masonry.

**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 on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Masonic Park at Granite Falls.

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

**Masonic luncheon:** Three brothers attended the July 15<sup>th</sup> luncheon. The next Luncheon is on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.

**Recognition:** SW Joe Hayes paid wages to Bro's Bruce Smith and Frank Myers for their regular early arrival and the setting up of lodge. They were accorded the PGH's of Masonry for their dedication to our Lodge.

**Sickness and relief:** Sec'y Browne read an email letter from City John. WB City Brown related his current situation in his standard humor which showed he was able to muster his usual snark while still enduring medical intrusions and uncertainty. Basically more tests and no definitive answers yet. City does enjoy your email inquiries.

Craig Bruner reported that WB Claude Weedon suffered another mini-stroke but was doing well at present.

The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Terrell Goertz at **8:00 P.M. / P. & H. P.**

**PS Note:** There were **14** W-151 brothers were in attendance.



# **GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF WASHINGTON**

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July 27, 2025

## **LETTER TO ALL LODGES**

Brethren,

This coming weekend is the Annual Open Air Third Degree at the Masonic Family Park in Granite Falls. The Park Board is working hard to make the facility a fun and welcoming location. The Park committed over \$30,000 to repairing and remodeling the main restrooms in the area near the Big Kitchen, in anticipation of the event. We are cautiously optimistic that the contractor will be able to finish the project before this Saturday.

The costs incurred have put a strain on the park and they could really use our help. Some Lodges have already generously donated to offset the overall cost of the project, but the financial outlay has caused a burden which will affect the Park for years unless they are able to receive additional financial assistance.

Therefore, I am asking our Lodges and Brethren to help defray these costs by generously donating to the Masonic Family Park. Donations can be made to:

Masonic Family Park  
C/O Rob Thompson  
19245 121<sup>st</sup> PL SE  
Kent, WA 98031

Thank you to those who have already pledged and contributed.

Fraternally,

Roger B. Nelson, Jr.  
Grand Master  
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington



cc: Jurisprudence

Whatcom Brothers, the above letter should have our attention for discussion at our Special Communication on Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. We will not be able to vote on a motion until our Stated Communication on Thursday August 21<sup>st</sup>. The Masonic Park at Granite falls is a very valuable asset we ought to protect and maintain. Please consider an individual donation but for sure one from our Lodge.

VW John Browne, sec'y

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

## Summer Fun is Here!



Has your message missed this publication. Don't get left out. Please send your group's article, event information and/or calendar note by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month. In order to promote events occurring at the beginning of each month I try to send out the newsletter on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

To contribute to this newsletter please send your letter, comment, historical fact, poem or calendar announcement, by the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month, to:

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## Widows & Orphans Fund for District No. 1

If you would like to know more about the W & O Fund contact one of the officers listed below.

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