



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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The October Special Communication was held on Thursday the 2nd.

Lodge was opened on the 1st Degree at 6:30 P.M. by WM Joe Hayes who said that the purpose of this Special Communication was to 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, but were available at the Sec'y desk for perusal if desired.

Communications: An Email from WECU informed Sec'y Browne that our requested Lodge VISA Card was approved and would arrive in 7 to 10 days.

Finance Report: A brief report was given regarding our Checking balance and current status of the Lodge investment portfolio.

Food Payment Jar: The food payment jar contribution amount was provided.

Masonic Education: WM Joe Hayes played a video sent in by Bro Bill Kappel. Bill presented information on the use of white and black balls for balloting on candidates. In some jurisdictions lodges may use one, two or three black balls to reject a candidate, though in the U.S. most use just one. Beil's presentation was very welcome and interesting.

WM Joe next read the job description of the Worshipful Master SW Jeff Roskelley read the Senior Warden's job description and JW Luke Sullateskee read the Junior Warden's job description as they are printed in the Lodge Officer's Handbook.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual fine report on Rainbow and DeMolay activities. WB Thom noted that our youth groups are doing well and are active. He noted that are hosting a roller skating party for youngsters age 10 to 20 on the evening of Sunday, October 5th. This is to introduce local youngsters to Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay for Boys and hopefully generate interest for new members.

Candidates: It appears that FCB Mark Saleeb will be able to prove up at our October 21st Stated Meeting. Our new prospect Joe Wargo will submit his Petition for the Degrees at the dinner on October 21st when it will be given it's initial reading and assigned an Investigation Committee.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided.

On Tuesday October 21st is our next Masonic luncheon at the Rusty Wagon. LFI56 will be conferring a MM Degree on Thursday, October 23rd at 7 pm. LFI56 will hold its HAB event on Nov. 8th. And their Installation of Officers on Nov 29th.

Sickness & relief: WB Ted Schuman recently underwent surgery but is on the mend.

The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Joe Hayes at 7:54 P.M. / P. & H. P.

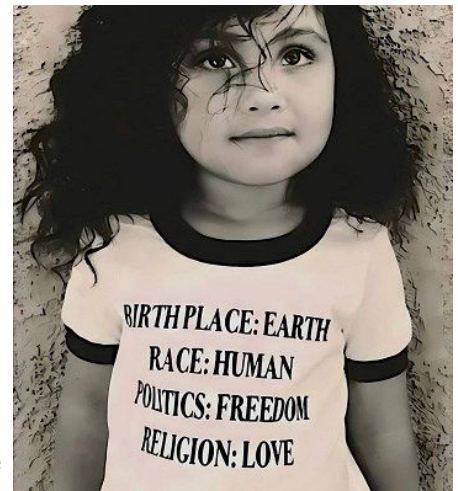
PS Note: There were 17 W-151 brothers in attendance, and 1 guest for dinner

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Nov 7th Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

Nov 13th Lynden/Ferndale Int. - 7 pm

Nov 20th 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 October 16th.

Lodge was opened on the 2nd Degree at 6:30 P.M. by WM Joe Hayes who said that the purpose of this Stated Communication was to conduct the business of the Lodge.

Visitors: WB John Armitage - 1 Texas and 2 UK Lodges, repeat visitor.

Proficiency: FCB Mark Saleeb, with the assistance of SW Jeff Roskelley completed his FC Proficiency with skill and excellent memory work.

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: GL letter on Admission of Visitors to Lodge; GL 250 Task force letter; Dues—Directive; Expulsion Ltr on Kevin Benedict; Expulsion Ltr on Don Kelley and lastly a letter from WB City John Brown.

Food payment Jar: meal payments amount was announced..

Finance Report: The secretary gave a report on the current status of the lodge checking account and our Investment Portfolio.

Bills: The bills were enumerated for the membership. It was moved by Frank Myers 2nd by Jerry Hill to pay the Bills, the motion was *approved*.

Pre authorized: The on-going preauthorized payment were also provided for the information of the membership.

Business: Lodge Visa Cards arrived and Bro. Luke Sullateskee was provided one for the purchasing of Lodge Food and beverages.

Masonic education: WM Joe Hayes read an article about the Acacia Tree which is featured in the Bible and in Mason lore. It symbolizes the changes in the animal and plant worlds and in Masonry the immortality of the Soul. The acacia reminds that we too need to accept and adjust to change, especially as society and the needs and wants of young men change.

Youth Report: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual excellent report on our two local youth groups. Thom advised that our Youth Groups Roller Skating Party was a success and well attended. A number of girls and boys showed interest in our two Masonic Youth Groups.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided. On October 23rd, the fourth Thursday of the month LFI #56 will be conferring a Master Mason Degree.

The Fall Hands Across the Border meeting set for November 8th. Please RSVP.

On November 29th Lyn-Fern Int 5 will hold their Installation of Officer.

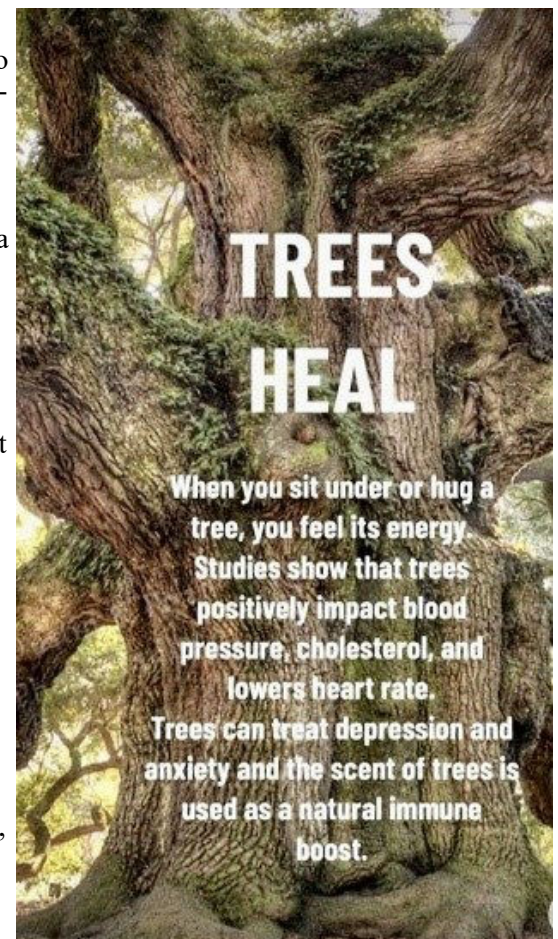
Masonic luncheon: The next Luncheon will be on Tuesday, October 21st, at the Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am. The Luncheon in November will be on Tuesday, Nov. 18th at 11:30 am.

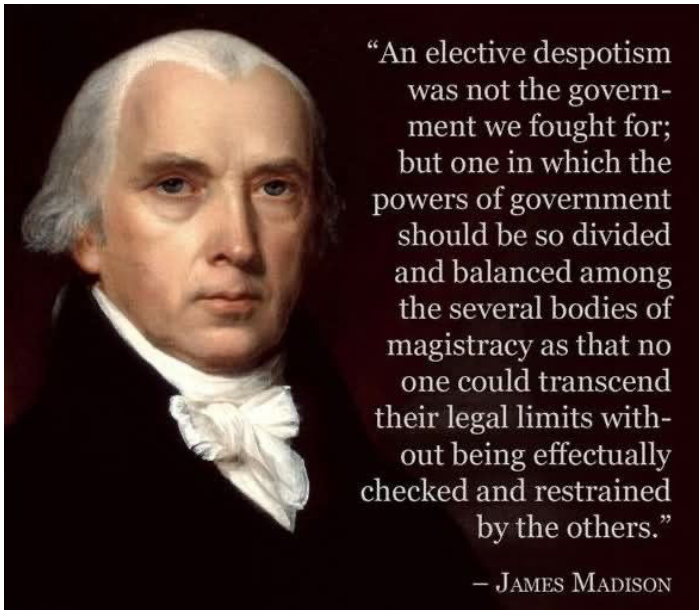
Sickness and relief: WM Joe visited Ted Schuman and reported that Ted is recovering a bit slower than expected and is making progress.

Presentation: WB John Armitage presented to WM Joe Hayes a coin from the Grand lodge of England.

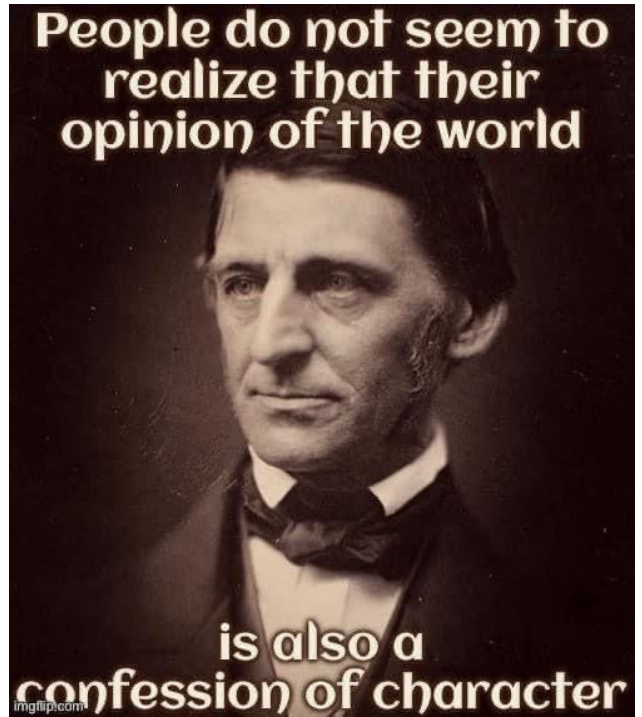
The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by SW Joe Hayes at 7:55 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were 13 W-151 brothers and 1 visitors were in attendance, 1 prospects joined us for dinner.

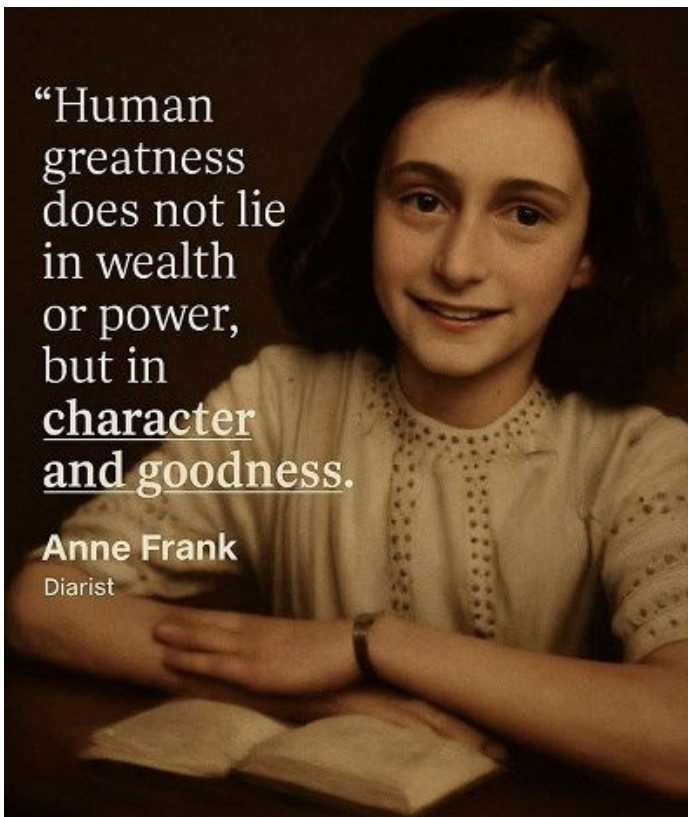
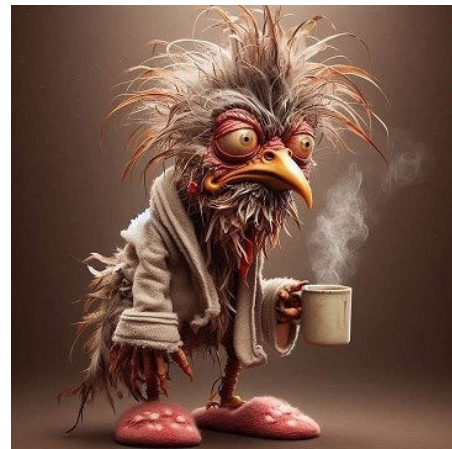




President and Freemason



Ralph Waldo Emerson
American Philosopher



KIDS TODAY ARE SOFT. I DIED ONCE WHEN I WAS FIVE, AND MY MOM MADE ME WALK IT OFF.



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	28	29 <i>Yom Kippur</i> <i>Begins at sundown</i>	30 <i>Yom Kippur</i>	31	1
2 <i>Daylight savings</i> <i>Time ends!</i>	3 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm.	4 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm. <i>Election Day</i>	5 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm	6 W 151 Spl, Dinner at 5:30, Lodge at 6:30 .	7 BB# 44	8 Hands Across the Border Event
9	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>	12 Bellingham Council #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm	13 Lyn/Frn Int # 56	14	15
16	17	18 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.	19	20 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm	21 BB# 44	22
23	24	25	26	27 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6 San Jaun Lodge Installation of Officers

Autumn is in full swing!

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