



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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October 2025

The Sept. Special Communication was held on Thursday the 4th.

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 Install the Officers for the Term of 2025—2026.

WM Terrell Goertz declared the Lodge to be off-session for the purpose of an Open Installation.

Visitors: Rick Kiene BB#44, Anthony Gozales WM LFI#56, Laurence Balonglay LFI#56, Alan Ibasco LFI#56, Cris Bonquin LFI#56, and Edmun Lim WM Vancouver #115 GC&Yukon. All were given a hearty welcome.

Tyler: Was invited to Tyle from within.

Close Lodge of Sorrow: WM Terrell Goertz declared closed the 2024 - 2025 Lodge of Sorrow

Presentation: WM Terrell Goertz handed out to his elected officers some pins he got while visiting Kona Lodge in Hawaii to which our brother Kien Peck belongs.

Installation of officers: WM Terrell asked that the Installation Team take it's places and stations.

Installing Marshall - Thom Baughn - **Installing Sec'y** - Glenn Hutchings **Installing Chaplain** - Thom Baughn
Joe Hayes was installed by VW Craig Bruner as *Worshipful Master*

Oath of Obligation to Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary was given by VW Terrell Goertz.

Jeff Roskelley installed as *Sr. Warden* and Luke Sullateskee as *Jr. Warden* by VW Terrell Goertz.

Ted Schuman installed as *Treasurer* and John Browne as *Secretary* by VW Glenn Hutchings.

Frank Myers was installed as *Marshal* and Jerry Hill as *Chaplain* by VW Glenn Hutchings.

Craig Bruner was installed as *Sr. Deacon* and Paul Brainard as *Jr. Deacon* by VW Glenn Hutchings.

Scott Walsh was installed as *Sr. Steward* and Moss Roberts as *Tyler* by VW Glenn Hutchings.

VW Craig Bruner gave the *Charge to the Master*, VW Terrell Goertz gave the *Charge to Wardens* and VW Craig Bruner gave the *Charge to the Lodge*. The *Proclamation* given by Marshal Thom Baughn and he also gave the *Benediction*.

Newly installed WM Hayes asked non MMs to retire to the festive board and he then declared the Lodge back on session.

Open Lodge of Sorrow: WM Joe Hayes declared a Lodge of Sorrow for the Term of 2025 - 2026.

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

Communications: Emails from Grand Lodge, and email from City John were read.

Finance Report: The WECU checking account is at \$7,186.40 as of 3:37 pm Sep. 4th 2025. The Edward Jones Investment portfolio showed an amount of \$1,172,164.18 at 3:38 pm today. Cash portion is now at \$2,066.95.

Food Payment Jar: The food payment jar amount was announced.

Masonic Education: WM Joe Hayes read a brief but very interesting article about a Masonic event during the American Civil War, with both sides working together.

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

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided.

On Tuesday September 16th is our next Masonic luncheon at the Rusty Wagon.

LFI56 will hold its HAB event on Nov. 8th. And their Installation of Officers on Nov 29th.

Sickness & relief: Our DDGM VW David Gehrcke was unable to attend due to illness.

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

PS Note: There were 15 W-151 brothers in attendance, 7 visitor and 1 guest 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

Oct 3rd Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

Oct 9th Lynden/Ferndale Int. - 7 pm

Oct 16th Whatcom Lodge—Dinner at
5:30 pm—meeting opens at 6:30 pm.

The Stated Communication was held on Thursday September 18th.

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

Visitors: Alan S. Bridges, Columbian Lodge, Boston Mass and WB Renan Mengu AR#4 Istanbul, Turkey. The 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: A letter from WB City John was read. WB John Brown advised as to his current health situation and the medical procedures he was undergoing. John said he was holding his own and we could tell that he had not lost his snarky sense of humor.

Food payment Jar: meal payments total was announced.

Finance Report: The lodge checking account and our Ed Jones Investment Portfolio were described for members.

Bills: The bills were enumerated and it was moved by Frank Myers 2nd by Don Higgerson to pay the Bills, the motion was *approved*.

Pre authorized: The on-going preapproved bills were also announced.

Business: Lodge Visa Card is in process - but needs consent of the members - two cards: one for the Sec'y and one for the JW for food/meal and other expenses - \$2000.00 limit. This way the JW is not holding a personal debt for 30 days waiting to be reimbursed. There was discussion about having the cards simply issued to Whatcom Lodge 151, the Sec'y said he would look into it. It was Moved by Thom Baughn, 2nd by Frank Myers, for the Lodge to have a Visa Card for ease of purchases, the motion was **approved**.

Masonic education: WM Joe Hayes read an article Entitled A Brief History of Freemasonry in North America. It was very interesting and a good overview of the topic.

Balloting on Petition: The investigation Committee for the petition for Plural Membership from Bro., Alan Bridges is *Full & Favorable* and the background check was clear. The petition was then balloted on and the result was *Fair, Clear & Bright*. Bro Bridges was escorted to the secretaries desk where he signed the Bylaws and paid Dues for the remainder of 2025 and for 2026.

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

Masonic luncheon: Eight brothers attended the September 16th luncheon. The next Luncheon will be on Tuesday, October 21st, at the Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.

Presentation: SW Jeff Roskelley had SD Craig Bruner escorted to the West. Bro. Jeff then presented to VW Craig a very much deserved Past DD Apron and a carrying case, WM Hayes had the members accord our VWB Craig Bruner the PGH's of Masonry.

The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by SW Joe Hayes at **8:05 P.M.** / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were **16** W-151 brothers and **2** visitors were in attendance, **2** prospects joined us for dinner.



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Grand Master

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MW Roger Nelson

Grand Master

F. & A. M. of Washington

FALL 2025 EVENT

Saturday, November 8th, 2025 - 5: pm

Arrival: 5:00 pm for social period
Dinner: 5:30 pm

Please make a reservation by sending an email to
rhdecima@gmail.com

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 | 1 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm <i>Yom Kippur Begins at sundown</i> | 2 W 151 Spl, Dinner at 5:30, Lodge at 6:30 Tylded Installation of Officers. <i>Yom Kippur</i> | 3 BB # 44 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm. | 7 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm. | 8 Bellingham Coun- cil #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm | 9 Lyn/Frn Int # 56 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 <i>Native Americans Day</i> | 14 | 15 | 16 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm | 17 BB# 44 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am. | 22 | 23 Lyn/Frn Int # 56 will confer a MM Deg. this evening—7 pm | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 <i>All Hallows Eve Halloween</i> | 1 <i>All Saints Day</i> |

Autumn is in full swing!

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