



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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April 2026

The Special Communication was held on Thursday March 5th.

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 confer the EA Degree on Mr. Todd Sharp.

Visitors: WB Edmon Lim and RW Mario Bulawit, RW Alan Ibasco and WB Tony Gonzales all from LFI#56 and Chester Pownall from BB#44. They were given a hearty welcome.

Tyler: Was invited to Tyle from within.

Degree: WM Joe asked the brothers to take their positions for the Entered Apprentice Degree.

Conferring Master....Luke Sullateskee, *SD*.... Craig Bruner

Apron JS Thom Baughn, *Working tools*.... Don Higgerson

Master's LectureVW Winton, *Charge*....Sec'y John Browne

After the degree our new Brother was placed West of the Altar to receive congratulations from the brothers in attendance.

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: Note and Check from GL regarding our Endowment Fund.

Finance Report: The WECU checking account is at \$3,141.53. The Edward Jones Investment portfolio showed an amount of \$1,248,696.99 at 1:35 pm today. Cash portion is now at \$5,940.05.

Food Payment Jar: The food payment jar contained \$205.00.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual fine report. Our local Rainbow Assembly is hosting the Rainbow Grand Officers on Saturday. Bethel 25 Job's Daughters are building up.

Announcements: The next Masonic Luncheon is on Tuesday, March 16th, 11.30 am at the Rusty Wagon.

LFI #56 is hosting the Hands Across the Border Tyle meeting on Thursday March 12th, please RSVP for dinner if you plan to attend.

WB Daniel Polvere will be presenting a lecture on Sherlock Holmes at our Thursday, March 19th Stated Communication.

Sickness & relief: Sec'y Browne reported on City John Brown, who is making slow progress and on his own situation with a heart condition.

The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Joe Hayes at 8:30 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were 21 W-151 brothers in attendance and 6 visitors.

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

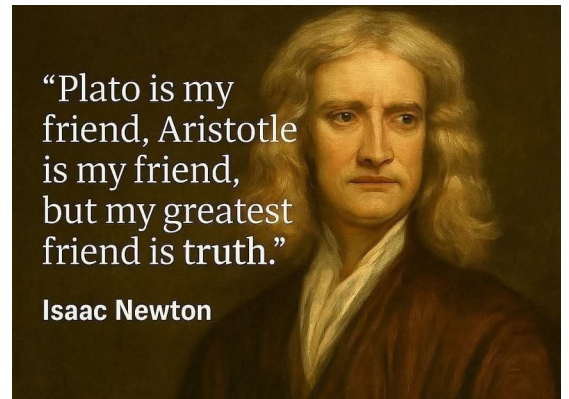
Apr 3rd Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

Apr 9th Lynden/Ferndale Int. - 7 pm

Apr 16th 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.



Isaac Newton

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The Stated Communication was held on Thursday March 19th.

Lodge was opened on the 1st 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 and have some education regarding Sherlock Holmes the great literary Detective..

Visitors: None

The Tyler was invited to tyle from with the Lodge room.

Labor to refreshment: at 6:42 pm to receive a lecture from WB Dan Polvere on the Topic of Sherlock Holmes, This Lecture was excellent and had everyone's full attention.

Refreshment to Labor: at 7:40 pm to conduct the business of the Lodge.

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: None to report

Food payment Jar: meal payment amount was announced.

Finance Report: The Secretary gave a financial report. The Lodge is doing reasonably considering world circumstances.

Bills: Amazing but there were no bills.

Pre authorized: W# 3626, March 2026 Rent (ck #1808); was paid to Scottish Rite. W#3627: the Sec'y was paid for March Record Keeping. (ck #1809).

Feast of St John B: WM Joe asked for a show of hands of those who would likely attend a Feast of St John in June of this year, 9 brothers raised their hands.

Youth Report: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual excellent report on our Masonic Youth Groups.

Announcements: It was noted that BB#44 would hold a MM Degree tomorrow at 7 PM, dinner at 6 PM.

Masonic luncheon: The last Tuesday Rusty Wagon lunch was March 17th and we had 12 in attendance. The next luncheon is on Tuesday April 21st and the Rusty Wagon, we gather at 11.30 am.

Sickness and relief: WB Ted Schuman and VW Winton Smith both have bad coughs and did not attend lodge.

Wages: SW Jeff Roskelley paid wages to Bro's Bruce Smith and Craig Bruner for their service of regularly arriving early and setting up Lodge and helping with setting tables for the dinner. PGH's were given.

The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Joe Hayes at 8:20 P.M. / P. & H. P.

Attendance: 15 Members attended this meeting.



This very cool patch is available by contacting Bro. Kelly Berg. He ordered a number of them. If you are interested here is Kelly's contact information: 360-319-9528 email = KellyBergMusic@gmail.com
This patch measures 3 inches X 3 inches.

Executive—finance Committee

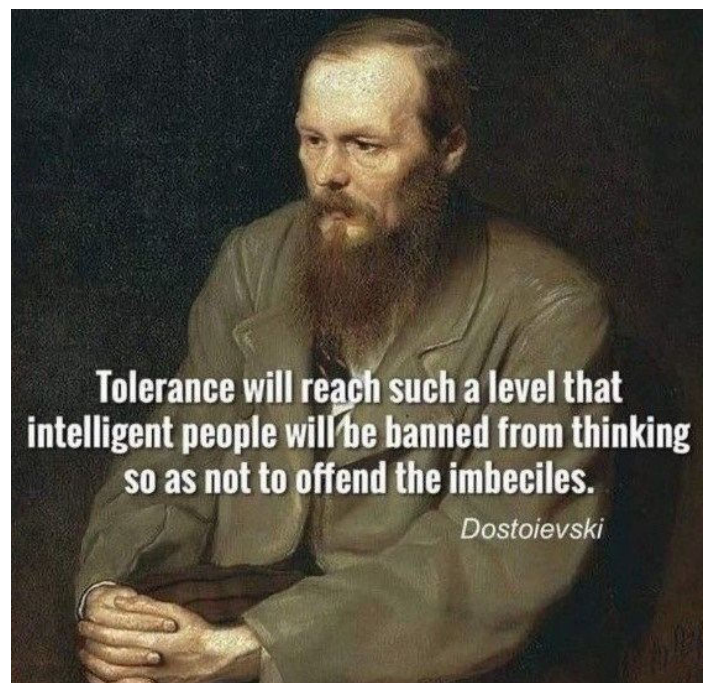
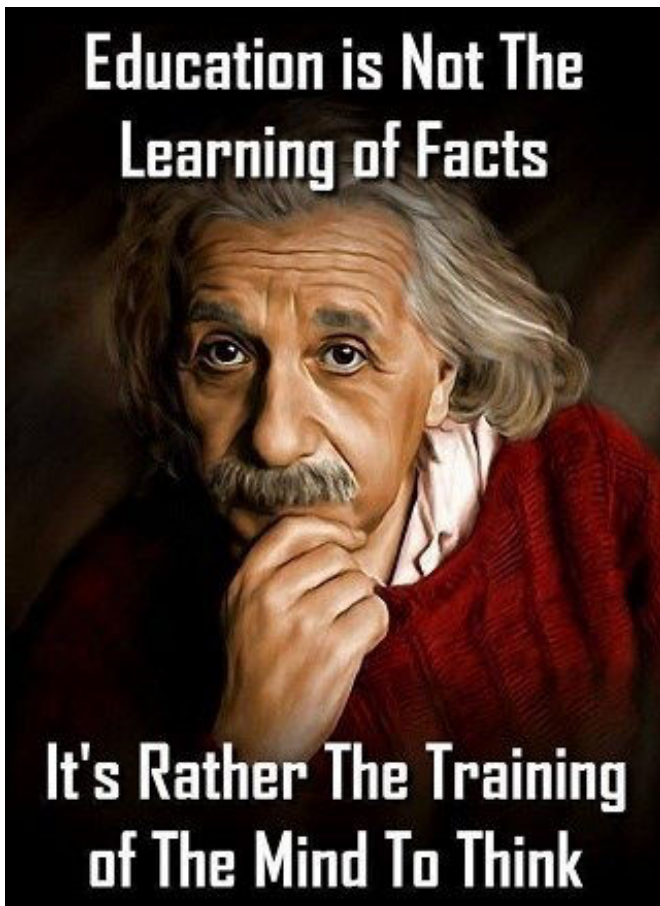
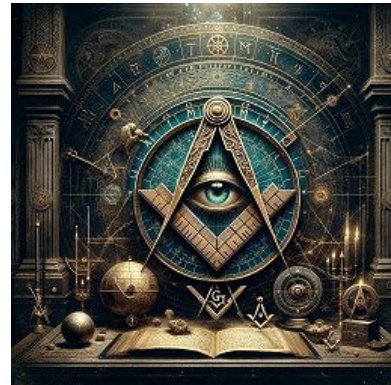
The Executive/Finance Committee met on Saturday April 4th. WM Joe Hayes, SW Jeff Roskelley, Treasurer Ted Schuman, Sec’y John Browne, VW Jesse Petersen and Bro. Daniel Liester-Liska were in attendance. JW Luke Sullateskee had a family commitment and so was unable to be there.

Sec’y Browne brought a number of finance spreadsheets reflecting income and expenditures for the Lodge. We covered the basic operational costs of rent, meals and the End of Year Fee to the Grand Lodge. The income of the lodge comes from Dues, Assessments, donations, the meal payment jar and the Interest from our Life Endowment portfolio with Grand Lodge. Other operational expenses include materials for new candidates, recognition certificates & pins cost of correspondence for Dues/Assmt billings. Added to those we have the expense of sending one or more brothers to the annual Warden’s Retreat and for our top three officers or their proxies to the Annual Grand Communication.

Secondly we discussed our annual Charity and whether to consider donations to our three Youth Groups as charity or as part of business. I believe we chose to consider it business as it affects the growth of Freemasonry and our ideals. We generally agreed that annual donations to Whatcom County Food Banks fits well with our community goals. The last two years we not only made direct donations but arranged for matching funds from Washington Masonic Charities.

Secretary Browne informed those present that he intends this to be his last year as Secretary, after 24 years of service. VW Jesse Petersen has stepped forward to declare that he is interested and eligible for election to Secretary at our July 16th 2026 Annual Election of Officers. Browne advised he is willing to be Editor & producer of the lodge newsletter. He also indicated that he will work with the new Secretary and Treasurer, as well as serve on the Audit Committee. Jesse has secretarial experience at Scottish Rite so if elected he should be able to get up to speed in short order. Jesse and John have already begun preliminary activities to facilitate an expected hand-off.

VW Country John Browne
Secretary - Whatcom 151



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	31	1 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm <i>Passover Begins at Sundown</i>	2 W 151 Spl. Dinner at 5:30, Lodge at 6:30 We have an EA Degree this evening for Mr Todd Sharp	3 BB# 44 at 7PM <i>Good Friday</i>	4
5 <i>Easter Orthodox Palm Sunday</i>	6	7 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm.	8 Bellingham Council #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm	9 Lyn/Frn Int # 56 at 7 PM	10	11
12 <i>Orthodox Easter</i>	13	14	15	16 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm.	17 BB# 44 at 7 PM	18
19	20	21 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23	24 <i>Arbor Day</i>	25
26	27 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch Dinner at 6:30 lodge at 7:30 pm. In Sedro Woolley	28	29	30	1	2

Happy Easter Day!

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