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Masonic Hall, Thursday evening, January 1st, 2026
At a Special Communication of Whatcom Lodge No. 151 F. & A.M.

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| Bro. Joe Hayes.....WM. | Bro. Craig Bruner.....SD. |
| Bro. Jeff Roskelley.....SW. | Bro. Paul Brainard.....JD. |
| Bro. Luke Sullateskee.....JW. | Bro. Scott Walsh.....SS. |
| Bro. Ted Schuman.....Treas. | Bro. _____.....JS. |
| Bro. John Browne.....Sec'y. | Bro. Claude Weedon.....Guitarist |
| Bro. Jerry Hill.....Chaplain | Bro. _____ |
| Bro. Frank Myers.....Marshall | Bro. Moss Roberts.....Tyler |

Since New Year's Day happened to fall on the first Thursday of January, WM Joe Hayes announced that our Special Communication is hereby cancelled so our Brothers are free to spend this Day and Evening with Family and Friends in celebration of the 2026 New Year.



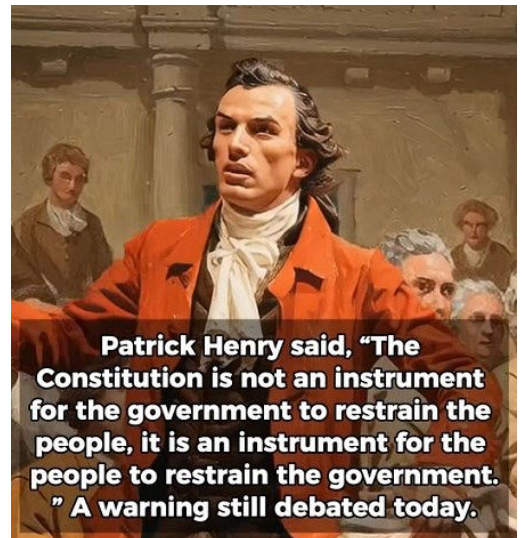
This very cool patch is available by contacting Bro. Kelly Berg. He ordered a number of them. If you are interested here is Kelly's contact information: 360-319-9528 email = KellyBergMusic@gmail.com
This patch measures 3 inches X 3 inches.

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Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

- Feb 6th Bellingham Bay - 7 pm
- Feb 12th Lynden/Ferndale Int. - 7 pm
- Feb 19th 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.

The Stated Communication was held on Thursday December 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 to conduct the business of the Lodge and confer the MM Degree on Bro. Mark Saleeb.

Visitors: Bro. Peter L. Balonggay of LFI #56, was 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: MSA Short Talk and Notes Letters from Grand Lodge

Degree: WM Joe Hayes had the degree team take it's positions: Conferral WM Joe Hayes
Apron Lecture Terrell Goertz....*Working Tools* Joe Hayes

Drama & Lecture & Charge: The Whatcom Players took their positions
Solomon - Terrell Goertz...*K Hiram* - Craig Bruner... *SD* Craig Bruner... *J-La* - Thom Baughn....
J-Lo - Ted Schuman*J-Lm* - Alan Smith....*Sea/Way Man* - Bruce Smith....*C-1* - John Browne...
C-2 - Frank Myers....*C-3* - Paul Brainard.
M Lecture - Thom Baughn & Terrell Goertz, *Charge* - John Browne,

After the degree our new FC Mason Bro Dan Liska was escorted west of the Altar where he was congratulated by the assembled Brothers.

Food payment Jar: meal payments contribution was given.

Finance Report: Sec'y Browne announced the current balance in our checking account and the amount our Investment Portfolio was current valued.

Bills: the bills were enumerated and it was moved by Don Higginson, 2nd by Ted Schuman to pay the Bills, the motion was **approved**.

Pre authorized: the amounts of the on-going pre-approved bills and payments were also provided.

Charity: VW Terrell Goertz advised what our charity amount for 2026 is, based on the end of the 2025 year portfolio performance.

Presentation: WM Hayes presented WB Walter Hardy with his 60 year certificate and pin. The Brothers gave WB Walt a hearty congratulations.

Youth Report: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual excellent report on Chuckanut Chp De Molay, Assembly #17 Rainbow Girls and our newly re-established Bethel #25 of Jobs Daughters.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was provided.

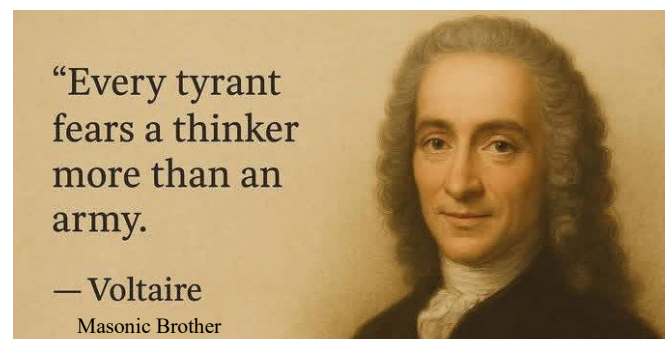
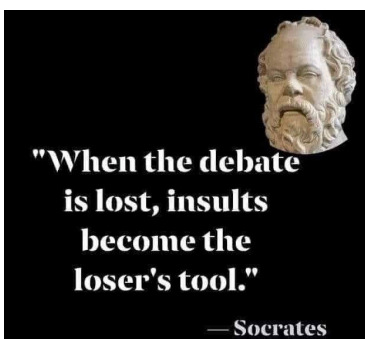
Masonic luncheon: The next Tuesday Rusty Wagon lunch is January 20th at 11:30 am.

Sickness and relief: WB Dave Nelson told Sec'y Browne that he was not getting out much due to low energy but he appreciates brothers who check up on him.

WB Frank Myers reported that Bro. Charles P. Nelson passed away at 5 am. on 1/15/2026.

The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Joe Hayes at 9:10 P.M. / P. & H. P.

Attendance: 19 Members and 1 Visitor

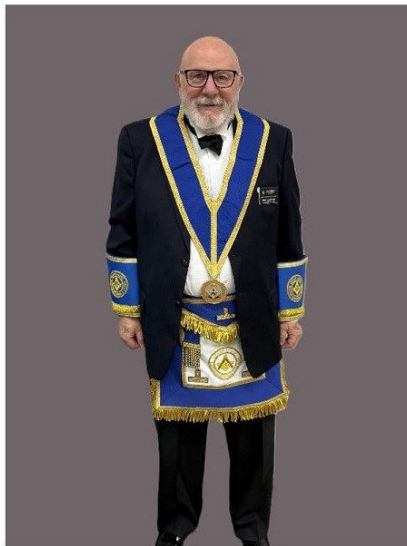




Lynden/Ferndale International Lodge No. 56, F. & A. M, Established 1889
The northernmost Lodge of Freemasons in the contiguous 48 states.



Cordially invites you to
Hands Across the Border
Honoring Deputy Grand Masters



RW Ron Cawthra
Deputy Grand Master
A.F. & A.M. of B.C. & Yukon



RW Chris Haynes
Deputy Grand Master
F. & A.M. of Washington

SPRING 2026 EVENT
Thursday, March 12, 2026
Arrival: 5:00 pm
Dinner: 5:30 pm
Tyled Meeting: 7:00 pm

Please make a reservation to ensure we have enough food by sending an email to
lfil56secretary@gmail.com.

“Hosted” by Lynden/Ferndale International Lodge No. 56 is not just an
expression as the evening will be free of charge to all participants

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
1	2	3 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm.	4 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm	5 W 151 Spl. Dinner at 5:30, Lodge at 6:30	6 BB# 44 at 7PM	7
8	9 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm.	10	11 Bellingham Council #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm	8 Lyn/Frn Int # 56 at 7 PM	9	10
15	16	17 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.	18 <i>Valentine Day</i>	19 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm. We have an EA Degree planned for Mr. Joe Wargo.	20 BB# 44 at 7 PM	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	2	3	4	5 W 151 Spl, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm. We have an EA Degree planned for Mr. Todd Sharp	6	7

Happy Valentine's Day!

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**Widows & Orphans Fund
 for District No. 10**

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

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