



# Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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The December Spl Communication was held on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup>.

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:** WB Bruce Chilton of NY was given a hearty welcome; he was visiting his son who resides in Lynden WA.

**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:** Letter from GL on GL Endowment Fund Distribution. Letter from GL on End of Year Report. Email from WB City John

**Finance Report:** The WECU checking account balance at present was provided. The Edward Jones Investment portfolio balance for today was announced.

**Dues Report:** Sec'y Browne gave a report on the status of the collection of Dues/Assessments for the 2026 year.

**Food Payment Jar:** The food payment jar content amount was noted to the members in attendance.

**Proficiency:** EA Bro. Dan Lester-Liska, assisted by WB Ted Schuman completed his EA Proficiency in front of the lodge. Bro. Dan gave an excellent recitation of the work. His is now ready for the FC Degree which will take place in the new year.

**Masonic Youth:** WB Thom Baughn gave his usual fine report.

**Announcements:** BB #44 will be conferring a FC Degree on Friday evening Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

San Jaun Lodge 175 holds it's annual Open Installation of Officers on Saturday Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. Also on this date Whidbey Lodge #15 in Copeville will be installing it's Officers.

**Sickness & relief:** VW Terrell Goertz reported that WB Dave Nelson was presently in the Hospital. Dave had take a fall while visiting Terrell's office. WB Dave was diagnosed with A-fib and he suffered some fractured ribs from the fall.

WB Ted reported that he had been in contact with our visitor from Turkey, WB Renan Mengu who advised Ted that he'd recently undergone spinal surgery but was on the mend.

The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Joe Hayes at 7:42 P.M. / P. & H. P.

**PS Note:** There were 18 W-151 brothers in attendance, 1 visitor and 1 brother attended dinner but could not remain for the meeting.

## Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

Jan 8<sup>th</sup> Lynden/Ferndale Int. - 7 pm

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Whatcom Lodge—Dinner at 5:30 pm—meeting opens at 6:30 pm.



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](mailto:KellyBergMusic@gmail.com)  
**This patch measures 3 inches X 3 inches.**



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.

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The Stated Communication was held on Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup>.

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.

**Visitors:** None

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:** Letter from the Blaine Food Bank, A card from the Foothills Food Bank

**Food payment Jar:** meal payments came to \$209.00.

**Finance Report:** At 1 PM today, 12/18/2025: The lodge checking account stands at \$5,287.00, our Ed Jones Investment Portfolio was valued at \$1,202,921.07. This is + \$160,654.30 from one year ago. The current cash value is \$2,085.38.

**Bills:** A bill from Joe Hayes for December dinners ; and one from from Bay Engraving for 3 ID Badges were presented: It was moved by Ted Schuman 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boyd McEwen to pay the Bills, the motion was **approved**.

**Pre authorized:** The pre-approved on-going bills for rent and record keeping were also provided.

**Charity:** Sec'y Browne announced that the three Whatcom Country Food Banks and Christ Episcopal Church have each received our Charity Checks.

**Petitions reports:** The Petition by Mr. Joe Wargo for the Degrees of Masonry was Investigated and the committee signed it as *Full & Favorable*. It was then Balloted on with the result of *Fair, Clear & Bright*.

The Petition for the Degrees from Mr. Todd Sharp was investigated and the committee sign it as *Full & Favorable*. It was then balloted on with a result of *Fair, Clear and Bright*

**Masonic education:** WM Joe read an article about one possible origins of the Tyler.

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

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

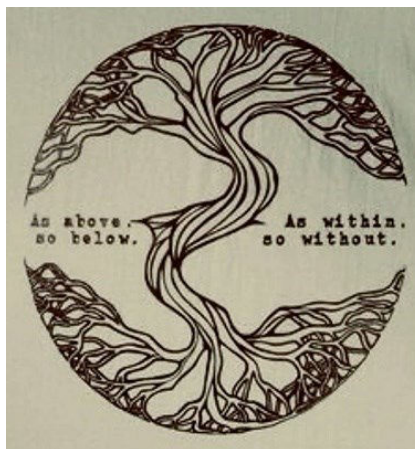
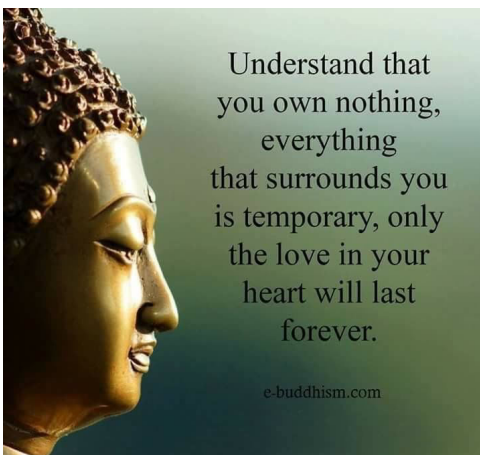
**Presentation:** WM Hayes had the SD Craig Bruner collect brothers Brainard, Hutchings, Roskelly, Baughn, Browne and Bruner west of the Alter. Bro. Joe expressed to the Lodge his pride of the Lodge and these seven brothers for the fine ritual assistance they have provided our lodge and the others in District 10 and 9. Joe called for the PGH's be accorded.

**Masonic luncheon:** The Tuesday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Rusty Wagon lunch was attended by 10 Masonic Brothers. The next Luncheon is on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.

**Sickness and relief:** Ted Schuman reported that WB Dave Nelson was feeling much better and WB City John has received his last Radiation treatment and is expected to feel less tired soon.

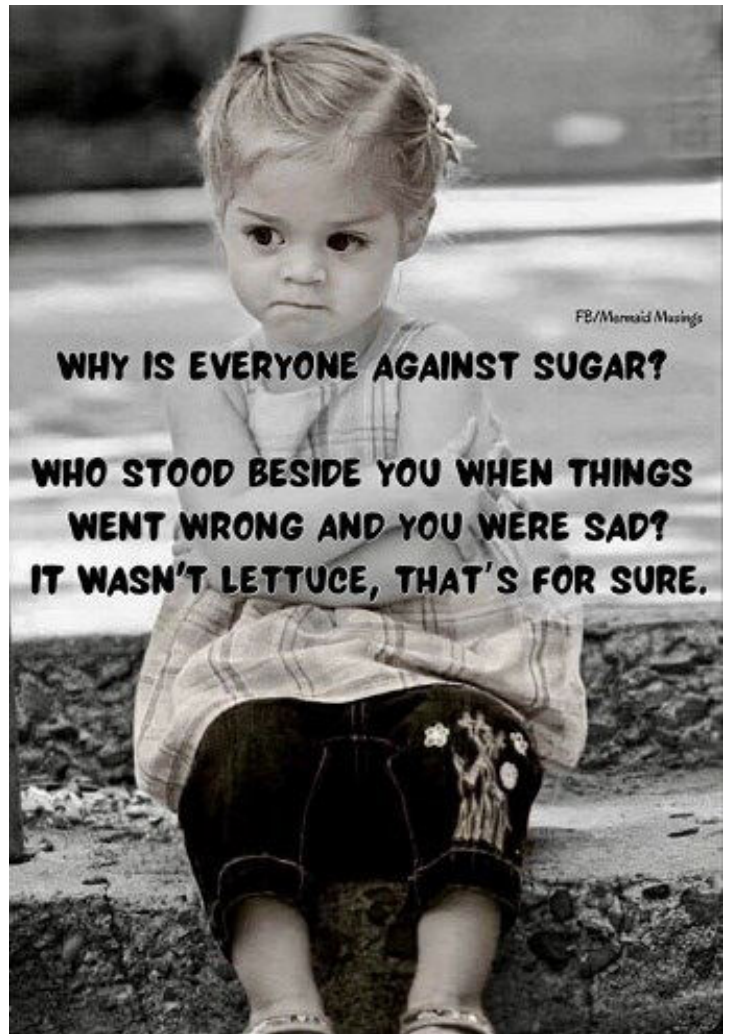
The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Joe Hayes at 7:44 P.M. / P. & H. P.

**PS Note:** There were 18 W-151 brothers, 2 visitors were in attendance and 1 prospect joined us for dinner.





**I don't remember anyone worrying about germs. We were too busy being kids.**



FB/Mermaid Mazings

**WHY IS EVERYONE AGAINST SUGAR?  
WHO STOOD BESIDE YOU WHEN THINGS WENT WRONG AND YOU WERE SAD?  
IT WASN'T LETTUCE, THAT'S FOR SURE.**



**When I was a kid**

**This is how you built immunity**



**Not fragile like a flower,  
fragile like a bomb 🤪**

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	31 Dues/Assmts are due today  <i>New Year's Eve</i> 7th Day of Christmas	1 W 151 No meeting .  <i>New Year's Day</i> 8th Day of Christmas	2 BB# 44 at 7PM  9th Day of Christmas	3  10th Day of Christmas
4  11th Day of Christmas	5 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch at 7:30 pm.  12th Day of Christmas	6 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm.  <i>Epiphany</i>	7 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm	8 Lyn/Frn Int # 56 at 7 PM	9	10 W-151 Degree practice at 11 am
11	12	13	14 Bellingham Council #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm	15 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm MM Degree for Mark Saleeb	16 BB# 44 at 7 PM	17
18	19  <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	20 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 District Ten Meeting with the Grd Master will start at 5 PM Location TBA

*A New Year Begins!*

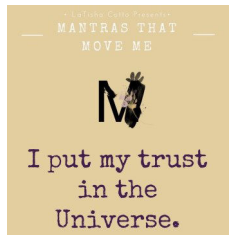


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**Widows & Orphans Fund  
 for District No. 10**

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