



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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July 2026

The Special Communication was held on Thursday, June 4th.

Lodge was opened on the 3rd 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 Anthony Gonzales of LFI 56.

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: None

Finance Report: The WECU checking account was announced. The Edward Jones Investment portfolio value at 2:10 pm today was provided. And the Cash portion was also given.

Food Payment Jar: The food payment jar contained amount was noted.

Masonic Education-program: Sec'y Browne spoke a little bit about the Grandview Database. WM Joe Hayes asked a number Masonic based trivia questions.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual fine report. Thom noted that the Rainbow Girls will be serving dinner at the BB#44 meeting tomorrow evening.

Announcements:

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

Our annual Election of Officers will be at our July 16th Stated Communication.

Our annual Installation of Officers will take place at our October 1st Special Communication.

WB Thom Baughn advised that BB#44 would holding a 3rd Degree tomorrow evening.

The 169th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge will be June 12 & 13 in Wenatchee, WA.

In Memoriam: There will be a Memorial for WB Dave Nelson, the date is under discussion.

Sickness and relief: WB Scott Walsh feel and fractured several ribs. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WB Joe Hayes at 7:50 P.M. / P. & H. P.

PS Note: There were **10** W-151 brothers and **1** visitor in attendance and **2** guests for dinner.

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

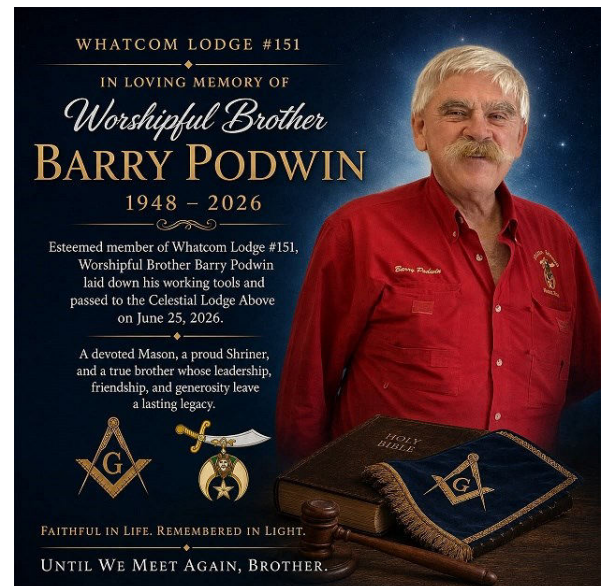
Jul 3th Bellingham Bay - Dark

Jul 9th Lynden/Ferndale Int. - Dark

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

July 2nd Whatcom Lodge will hold an In Lodge Memorial Service for our Departed Brother
WB David Nelson

Most recently we lost WB Barry Podwin
A service has not yet been set.



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 June 21st.

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 within door of 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: Email from WB City John to the Lodge was Read by Sec'y Browne. It is obvious that WB City continues to maintain his great sense of humor and medical science tries to help his situation.

Food payment Jar: meal payments came to \$ 221.00.

Finance Report: At 1:30 PM today, 6/18/2026: The lodge checking account was announced, our Ed Jones Investment Portfolio was valued as was the current cash/Money Market value.

Bills: W# 3639 amt. to Joe Hayes for Dinner was noted.

It was moved by Paul Brainard and 2nd by Mark Saleeb to pay the bill, the motion was *approved*.

Pre authorized: W# 3638 amt. to Scottish Rite for June 2026 Rent; W#3640, two of three checks for Grand lodge attendees: Craig Bruner and John Browne were noted. W#3641 amt. to Sec'y John Browne for June Record Keeping. Was also noted.

Petition for the Degrees: The Investigation Rept. on Petitioner for The Degrees by Mr. Paul Perry was read, the Report was *Full & Favorable*. The Petition was balloted on and found to be *Fair, Clear & Bright*.

Grand Lodge report: Secretary Browne reported on 169th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. He covered the results of the Resolutions and voting for the Officers for this Term. VW Craig Bruner also gave his impressions of Grand Lodge and recounted that MW Roger Nelson made retired Marine Gen. James Mattis a Master Mason on sight for his outstanding service to our Nation.

Education: WM Joe Hayes read information from our Lodge By-Laws, the WMC and the Lodge Officer's Handbook regarding voting procedures for new candidates. We then held the balloting noted above.

WB Ted Schuman demonstrated a 4 step system for signing on the Three Degrees of Masonry.

WB Ted read a fine little piece on the wonderful benefits of hugging and snuggling. Sec'y Browne added that the body produces a hormone called Oxytocin, during this activity which produces the sensation of warmth, wellbeing and comfort.

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

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was given.

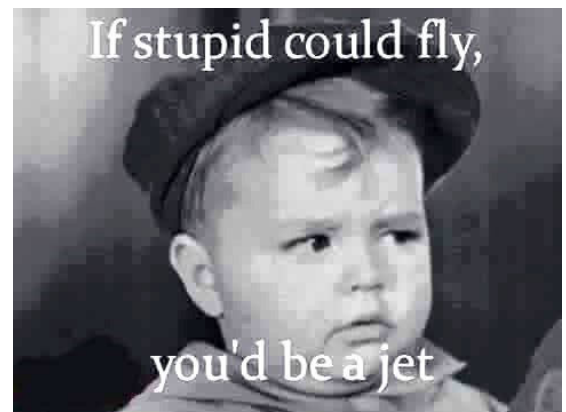
Masonic luncheon: Nine Whatcom brothers attended the June 16th luncheon. The next luncheon is on Tuesday July 21st at the Rusty Wagon, we gather at 11.30 am.

Sickness and relief: WB Scott Walsh took a fall and re-injured some fractured ribs from a previous injury.

In Memoriam: There will be a Memorial for WB Dave Nelson, the date is now set for our July 2nd Special Communication.

The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Joe Hayes at **7:40 P.M.** / P. & H. P.

Attendance: 15 Members attended, and we had 1 guest for Dinner.



What Spanky says....



Whatcom Members YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL

“TED AND PENNY” BBQ – Saturday, August 15, 2026

Exclusively for members of Whatcom Lodge and their guests!



Time: Noon to Three

Location: 3313 Heights Drive – call (818) 425-1611 if you get lost



We will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixin’s – and also liquid refreshments (BYOB for beer or wine).



Because Penny doesn’t want 12 salads and no desserts, please call 360-392-8763 and let us know what “potluck” contribution you wish to bring.



Naches Lodge No. 211

Requests you SAVE THE DATE for:

A Texican Degree & Half Beef Raffle

Beef Provided by Woods Ranch
Please join us Saturday October 17, 2026 at 6:30PM for a Knee-Slapping \$20 Show, and a hearty \$30 Tex-Mex Meal just before at 5:30PM
*Purchase \$50 Raffle Tickets in person (need not be present to win)

Please use the QR Code to RSVP:



SHOW: \$20

MEAL: \$30

RAFFLE TICKETS: \$50/each

RSVP by Oct. 1st, 2026 | Questions: kyleetynan@gmail.com

Hats - optional Boots - mandatory under penalty of a \$20 boot tax



1940: The Nazis let Josephine Baker travel freely because they loved her voice. At the border, they didn't search her bags—they asked for autographs. They should have checked her sheet music. She smuggled top-secret intelligence written in invisible ink between the musical notes. She pinned photos of German bases inside her dress. She fooled them all. France awarded her the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre. She became the first American woman in history to receive full French military honors.

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 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm. | 1 Scottish Rite Dark | 2 W 151 Spl. Dinner at 5:30, Lodge at 6:30 WB Dave Nelson Memorial | 3 BB# 44 Dark | 4 The 250 th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. <i>Independence Day</i> |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Lyn/Frn Int 56 Dark | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm. Election of Officers - EA Degree for Paul Perry | 17 BB# 44 Dark | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Bellingham Council #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm | 21 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am. | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |

Independence Day!
 250th Birthday of the USA

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 for District No. 10

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