



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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June 2026

The Special Communication was held on Thursday May 7th.

Lodge was opened on the 2nd Degree at 6:30 P.M. by VW Don Higerson who said that the purpose of this Special Communication was to enjoy fraternalism.

Visitors: None

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: GL information to be covered at the 169th Annual Communication to be held in Wenatchee was highlighted for the members and available at the Secretaries' desk for inspection.

Finance Report: Sec'y Browne gave the finance report including the checking account balance and the current Investment Portfolio value.

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

Masonic Education-program: Sec'y Browne recounted a program on YouTube he'd recently seen about the the development of the Willy's Jeep and the B-25 Mitchell Bomber used in WWII. A few other Brothers also provided some input.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual fine report. He also provided a report on activities going on with the York Rite Bodies. VW Don Higgerson then spoke about the Valley of Bellingham Scottish Rite and noted they would be Dark until August.

Announcements: Whatcom will be conferring a MM Degree on Bro Daniel Lester-Liska on Thursday May 21.

The Exec & Finance Committee is meeting Tuesday, May 12th at 6 pm.

The next Masonic Luncheon is on Tuesday, May 19th, 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.

Sickness and relief: WM Joe Hayes was out sick. Chap Jerry Hill was taking care of his wife.

The purpose for which this Special Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by VW Don Higgerson at 7:40 P.M. / P. & H. P.

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

Stated Meeting Dates

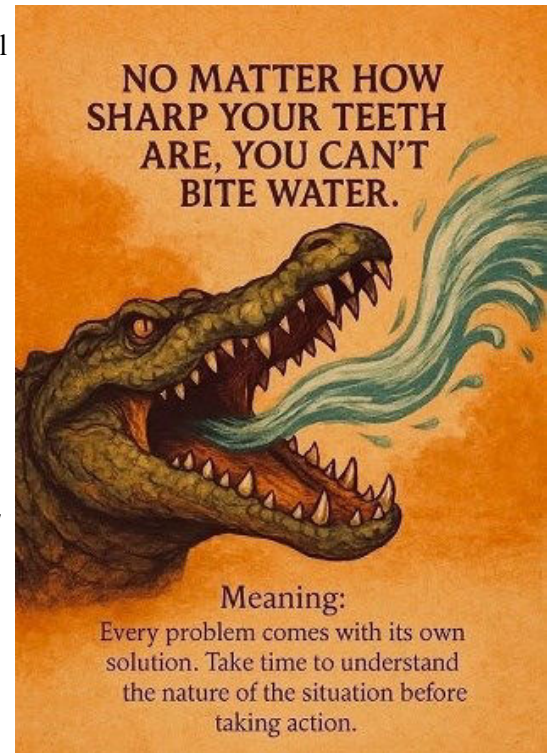
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District Ten Lodges

Jun 19th Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

Jun 11th Lynden/Ferndale Int. - 7 pm

Jun 18th 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.

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The Stated Communication was held on Thursday May 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, Host DDGM David Gehrcke and confer the MM Degree on Bro. Daniel Lester-Liska

Visitors: VW David Gehrcke for his Official Visit.

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.

Degree: WM Joe Hayes had the MM Degree Team take their places. WM Joe Hayes conferred an excellent *MM Degree* for Bro. Dan Lester-Liska. The SD was Craig Bruner who also played *King Solomon* in the *Drama*. Glenn Hutchings played *King Hiram* and gave the *History* section of the *Lecture*, followed by Winton Smith who covered the *Symbols* of this *Degree*, Sec'y Browne gave the *Charge*. The members gave our new MM his congratulations West of the Altar.

Communications: Three Letters from GL for Indefinite Suspensions were read.

Food payment Jar: The amount in meal payment jar was provided to the members present.

Finance Report: Sec'y Browne gave the finance including the Checking account balance and the current balance of our Investment Portfolio.

Bills: Several Bills were enumerated and It was moved by Frank Myers and 2nd by Don Higgeson to pay the bills, the motion was *approved*.

Pre authorized: Sec'y Browne also noted the pre-approved monthly bills.

Grand Lodge: It was Moved by Ted Schuman 2nd By Frank Myers to cover the Hotel, travel and food expense, up to \$700 each, for our three top elected officers or their proxies to attend the 169th GL Annual Communication, the motion was *approved*.

Presentation: A 35 year pin was presented to VW Glenn Hutchings, who accorded the PGH's.

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

Petition for the Degrees: A Petition for the Degrees from Mr. Paul Perry was Read, an Investigation Committee consisting of Jeff Roskelley (chair), Jesse Petersen and Dan Lester-Liska was appointed.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was given.

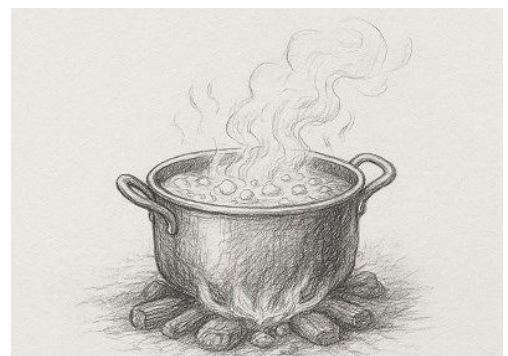
Masonic luncheon: Nine Whatcom brothers attended the May 19th luncheon. The next luncheon is on Tuesday June 16th at the Rusty Wagon, we gather at 11.30 am.

Sickness and relief: Monty Thompson has some prostrate issues, keep him in your thoughts & prayers.

DDGM: VW Dave Gehrcke gave fraternal greetings from MW Roger Nelson Jr and his team. VW Dave congratulated our lodge for an excellent MM Degree and the quality of our lodge ritual generally. VW Gehrcke was accorded the PGH's at the Altar. [VW Dave and Whatcom Sec'y John Browne went over the lodge records prior to the opening of Lodge. Browne prepared samples of his finance and membership accounting spreadsheets and noted that the lodge still maintains an active Homepage, Facebook Page and monthly Newsletter]

The purpose for which this Stated Communication having been completed, Lodge was closed in Due Form by WM Joe Hayes at 9:20 P.M. / P. & H. P.

Attendance: 20 Members attended, 1 Visitor and we had 1 guest for Dinner.



You cannot see your reflection in boiling water. Similarly, you cannot see the truth in a state of anger. When water calms, clarity comes.

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**

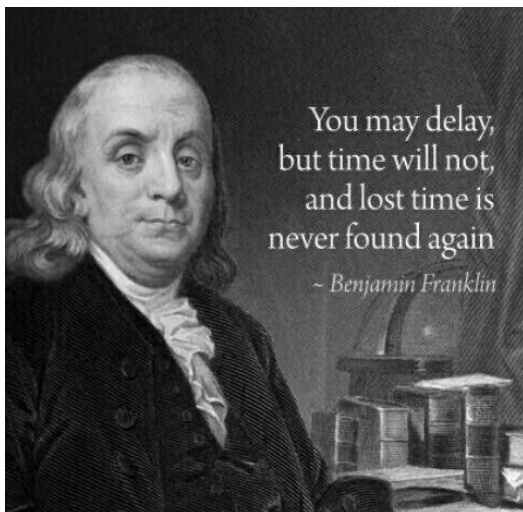
Location: 3313 Heights Drive –
call (818) 425-1611 if you get lost



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

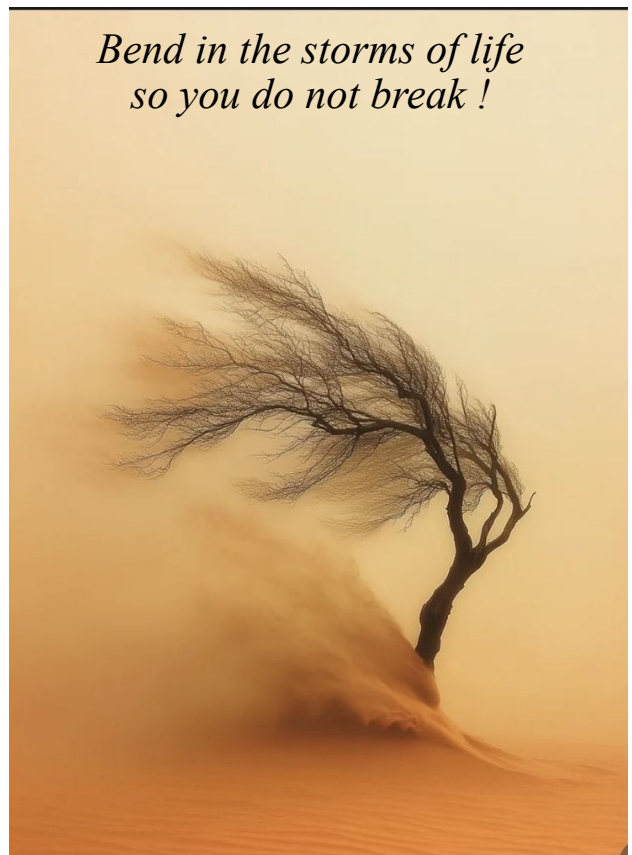
MEAL: \$30

RAFFLE TICKETS: \$50/each

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

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

*Bend in the storms of life
so you do not break !*



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 |
|---|--|--|----------------------|--|--|---|
| 31 | 1 | 2 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm. | 3 Scottish Rite Dark | 4 W 151 Spl. Dinner at 5:30, Lodge at 6:30 | 5 BB# 44 Special, MM Degree, dinner at 6 PM, Degree at 7 PM | 6 |
| 7 | 8 <i>World Oceans Day</i> | 9 | 10 | 11 Lyn/Frn Int # 56 at 7 PM | 12 169 th Annual Grand Lodge Communication in Wenatchee WA. | 13 169 th Annual Grand Lodge Communication Bethel #25 Jobs Daughter's 1 PM at Ferndale Masonic Ctr. |
| 14 <i>Flag Day</i> | 15 | 16 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am. | 17 | 18 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm. | 19 BB# 44 Stated at 7 PM <i>Juneteenth</i> | 20 |
| 21 <i>Father's Day</i> <i>First Day of Summer</i> | 22 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch Dinner at 6:30 lodge at 7:30 pm. In Sedro Woolley | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Happy Father's Day!



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