



Letters from Whatcom Lodge No. 151

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May 2026

The Special Communication was held on Thursday April 2nd.

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

Visitors: None

Posting Lecture: Bro. Daniel Lester-Liska, assisted by WB Ted Schuman, completed his FC Posting Lecture and is now eligible for his MM Degree.

Call-down: WM Joe Hayes closed the Lodge on the Second Degree and called-down to the EA Degree so Bro. Joe Wargo could join us in Lodge labor.

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 cover 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: The WECU checking account is at \$5,248.18. The Edward Jones Investment portfolio showed an amount of \$1,208,275.97 at 3:20 pm today. That is down some \$40,000 since last meeting. Cash portion is now at \$5,953.80.

Food Payment Jar: The food payment jar contained \$196.00.

Masonic Education-program: VW Don Higgerson posed some Masonic Trivia questions and fun was had as we tried to guess the answers. Some Brothers were pretty good at the answers.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual fine report. Our local Rainbow Assembly will attend Christ the King Church this Sunday and will also be helping the Mt Vernon Assembly with new initiations.

Announcements: Tomorrow, April 3rd BB#44 will be conferring a MM Degree.

The Exec & Finance Committee is meeting Saturday, April 4th at 10 am.

The next Masonic Luncheon is on Tuesday, April 21st, 11.30 am at the Rusty Wagon.

Resume: Bro. Joe Wargo retired to the dining room and WM Joe Hayes called the Lodge back to Labor again on the second degree so Lodge could be closed.

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

PS Note: There were 18 W-151 brothers in attendance and 1 guest for dinner.

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

May 1st Bellingham Bay - 7 pm

May 14th Lynden/Ferndale Int. - 7 pm

May 21st Whatcom Lodge—Dinner at 5:30 pm—meeting opens at 6:30 pm.

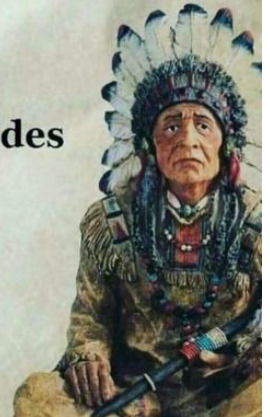
**No one owns the water.
No one owns the land.
No one owns the oceans.
No one owns the sand.**

These are given
by our Mother.

**The Planet provides
for free.**

Only by the hands
of the greedy,
does the Earth
require a fee.

Poet Christopher



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 April 16th.

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.

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: None to report

Food payment Jar: meal payments disclosed to the members.

Finance Report: The usual finance report was given by the secretary: the checking account balance and the current value of our investment portfolio.

Bills: We had only one bill and it was presented for discussion.

It was moved by Craig Bruner 2nd by Luke Sullateskee to pay the bill, the motion was *approved*.

Pre authorized: W# 3628 in amt of \$398.00 to Scottish Rite for April 2026 Rent (ck #1810); W#3629 in amt of \$300.00 to Sec'y John Browne for April Record Keeping. (ck #1811).

Budget discussion: Sec'y Browne gave a brief report on the Exec/Finance Committee meeting held on Saturday April 4th. Browne advised that he would not make his name eligible for another term as Secretary at the next Election of Officers. He also noted that Exec/Finance Committee meetings will take place on the 2nd Tuesdays of each Month. Thus, the next one will occur on Tuesday, May 12th.

Youth Report: WB Thom Baughn gave his usual excellent report on our Masonic Youth Groups. Thom reported that our local Rainbow Assembly held a successful fund raiser and they are going to initiate 2 new girls in the near future. Thom also reported that Bethel No. 25 Jobs Daughter's are making progress getting help from a couple of WWU students who are majority Daughters. The Bethel is also initiating 2 news girls.

Masonic Education: Craig Bruner gave an account of his recent visit to the Shriner's Hospital in Portland OR and how impressed he was of this facility and it's services.

Next Craig read the By-Laws of Whatcom Lodge 151 for the general education of those present.

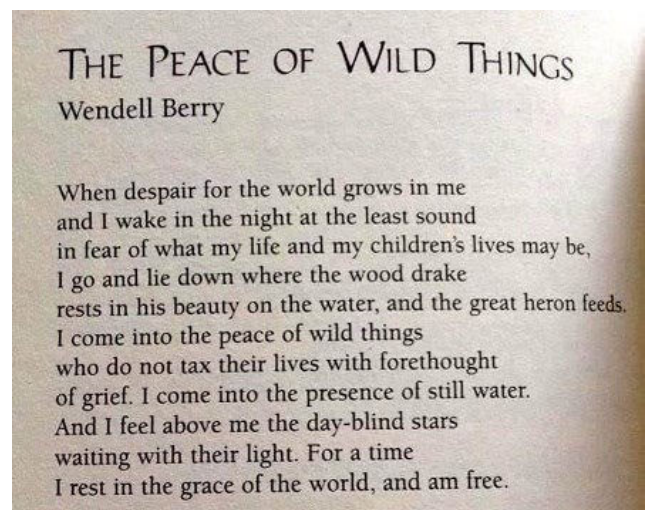
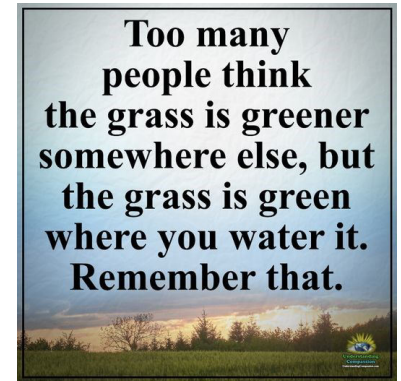
Election & Installation: It was decided that our Annual Election of Officers will take place at the July 16th Stated Communication. SW Jeff Roskelley advised that should he be elected Worshipful Master he desires a closed Installation set for our Special Communication on October 1st.

Announcements: An opportunity for announcements was given.

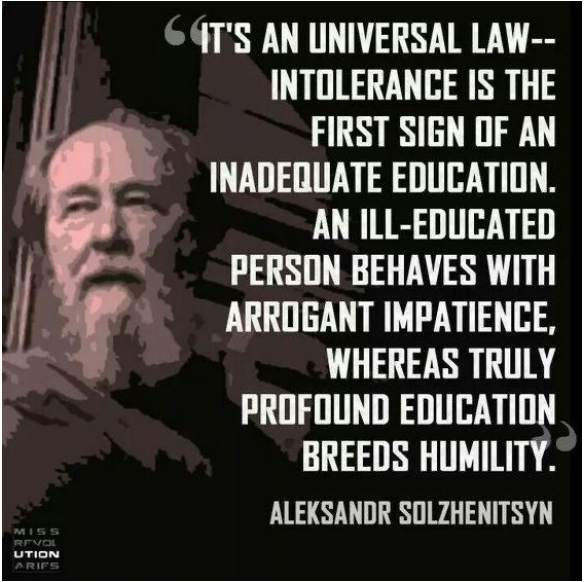
Masonic luncheon: The next luncheon is on Tuesday April 21st at the Rusty Wagon, we gather at 11.30 am. The May luncheon will take place on Tuesday, May 19th at 11:30 am.

Sickness and relief: Bro. Jerry Hill stayed home to attend to his wife who is not feeling very well.

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I used to think that communication was key until I realized comprehension is. You can communicate all you want to someone but if they don't understand you, it won't reach them the way you need it to.
#BoysToMen #GirlsToWomen



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

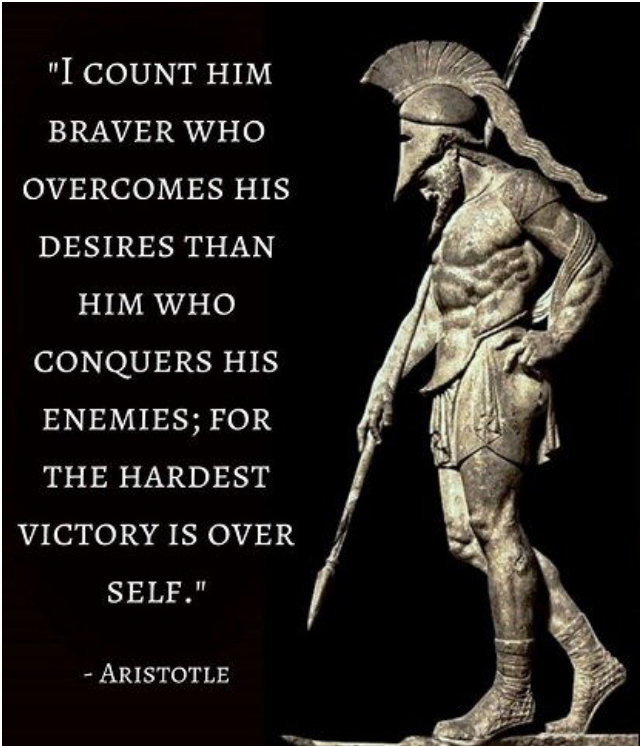
Location: 3313 Heights Drive – call (818) 425-1611 if you get lost



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.



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
26	27	28	29	30	1 BB# 44 at 7PM	2
3	4	5 NWSC dinner at Rustlers in Lynden at 6 pm.	6 Scottish Rite V of B At 7 pm	7 W 151 Spl. Dinner at 5:30, Lodge at 6:30	8	9
10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	11	12	13 Bellingham Council #16 R&SM at 7:30 pm	14 Lyn/Frn Int # 56 at 7 PM	15 BB# 44 at 7 PM	16 Outdoor FC Degree at Roach Harbor , hosted by San Juan #175
17	18	19 Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon at 11:30 am.	20	21 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 pm mtg at 6:30 pm. <i>Shavuot Begins at Sundown</i>	22	23
24	25 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch Dinner at 6:30 lodge at 7:30 pm. In Sedro Woolley <i>Memorial Day</i>	26 <i>Eid al-Adha Begins at Sundown</i>	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Happy Mother's Day!

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