

*Whidby Island**15 Free & Accepted Masons*

Stated	Whidby Island	15	F. & A.M.
Coupeville, WA	18 December	2018	6018
3rd		7:30	P
w	Arturo Quizmundo	w	Lynn Bailey
	Douglas Jerome		
	Kelly Gustafson		
w	Dale Thayer	vw	Gerald Myers
	Nestor Cagingin		
w	Phil Bleyhl	w	Louis Bartrand
	Dondon Aguirre		

The WM extended a warm Whidbey Island welcome to all Brothers present this evening with 12 members and 1 visitor. Thanked Pro-Temp WB Louis Bartrand as Tyler, VWB Gerald Myers as Marshal and WB Lynn Bailey as Junior Deacon.

Installed Bro Dondon Aguirre as Senior Deacon at 7:40 pm

Labor for Third Degree was suspended and called down to First Degree at 7:45pm.

Closed Lodge's Book of Sorrow at 7:50 pm and opened it again.

Visiting Grand Lodge Team: WB Louis Bartrand and WB Dale Thayer. Escorted to the East and accorded the public grand honors.

Masonic Education was presented by WM Arturo Quizmundo regarding the importance of Proficiency in Lodge Management (PILM) which is recommended for all Lodge Officers especially the Worshipful Master. PILM contributes to the solemnity of rituals.

November 20, 2018 Stated Meeting Minutes was read for information only. Approved Minutes is posted in our Bulletin and website and emailed to all brethren.

Communication: Letter of Deputy Grand Master, RWB Charles Wood, dated 26-Nov/Mon – 2019 Lodge Leadership Retreat (March 15-19, 2019) at Red Lion Hotel/Convention Center Pasco, WA. Letter of Grand Secretary, RWB Clint Brown, dated 07-Dec/Fri – 2018 End of Year Report. All information for 2018 entered into Grand View system no later than 07-Jan-2019/Mon.

Committee Report: Bikes for Books – \$1,300 for Bikes for Books and the plan is one award in May 2019. Scholarship – WB Douglas Jerome will be sending out letters to school. Audit Committee – WB Douglas Jerome reported Audit is completed

Bills: December Bills in the amount of \$727.39 was read and ordered paid.

Treasurer's Report: Earnings/Expenses for December were read.

Old Business: 2019 Annual Dues/Assessments Statements were mailed out. About 15% paid their arrears. Thank you for those who attended to their obligations.

New Business: Identify Chairmen for Committees, small changes from last year's chair.

Breakfast Committee – Bro Garrett Mobley volunteered to assist WB Dale Thayer and learn to lead

fundraiser. Motion was made, seconded and approved to reimburse \$10 for the Washington Health Card for brothers who completed training which is required for Breakfast Fundraiser food handlers. Bikes for Books – Bro Nestor Cagingin volunteered to assist and learn to take over this program. Nominating Committee – will head the nomination of Lodge officers for next year and beyond. WM proposed to have our own “Degree Teams” for future degree conferrals. Sunday Brunch – a motion was made, seconded and approved to have Quarterly Sunday Brunches. First brunch will be in February which will be our “Sweetheart Sunday Brunch”. Continuation of Lodge Official Visit which will start on 08-Jan/Tues at Mt Baker Lodge # 36. Degree Conferrals – will schedule Entered Apprentice Degree Conferral in January. Lastly, the idea of coinciding Lodge Christmas Party with Lodge Installation of Officers.

Masonic Anniversaries: WB Louis Bartrand (45 years as MM) and WB Regianld Carter (19 years as MM) were present. Received warm birthday greetings and a round of applause.

Sickness and Distress: WB Willis Jacobs had surgeries and came home last Friday and getting better. Please keep our brothers and family in your prayers.

Announcement: 19-Dec/Wed – Fidalgo’s Masonic Education and will have a guest speaker on “How to Improve your Memory”. 11-Jan/Fri – Burlington-United Lodge # 93 EA Degree at 6:30 pm. 19-Jan/Sat – District # 9 Meeting at 12:00 pm. 27-Jan/Sun – Constituting a Rainbow Assembly in Sedro Woolley. WB Louis Bartrand shared his great experiences on his travels to Scotland and France. Specifically a Chapel on an old town in Scotland with rich Freemasonry connections. Many symbols, signs and carvings are said to be associated with Knights Templar and Freemasonry and can be found in the said Chapel.

Final Remarks: VWB Gerald Myers emphasized the importance of PILM which the proficiencies in our Masonic Code and Rituals. He recommended that all elected officers to achieve. He also reiterate the opportunity on attend District # 9 Meeting on 19-Jan/Sat at 12:00 pm to be held at Fidalgo Lodge # 77. Each Lodges in the District will share the cost of the dinner. Bring your family.

Labors for Third Degree resumed at 8:40 pm.

Reading of the Minutes: Bro Secretary read December 2018 Minutes for information only and approved as read.

Retired of the Flag.

No further business appearing at this Stated Communication and after reading and approval of these minutes closed the Lodge by WM Arturo Quizmundo in due form at 9:00 P.M. O’clock with peace and harmony is prevailing.

Art Quizmundo
Worshipful Master

Nestor Cagingin
Secretary