

Stated	Whidby Island	15	F. & A.M.
Coupeville, WA	19 March	2019	6019
1st		7:30	P
w	Arturo Quizmundo	w	James Gaskill
	Douglas Jerome		
	Kelly Gustafson		
w	Dale Thayer	w	Reginald Carter
	Nestor Cagingin		
w	Phil Bleyhl	w	Will Jacobs
w	Lynn Bailey		

The WM extended a warm Whidbey Island welcome to all Brothers present this evening with 14 members and 2 visitors. Thanked Pro-Temp WB Lynn Bailey as Senior Deacon, WB James Gaskill as Junior Deacon and WB Reginald Carter as Marshal.

Reception of the District Deputy to the Grand Master (DDGM): VWB Tony Gill (DDGM District # 9) was informed that the Brethren of Whidby Island Lodge # 15 awaits his will and pleasure. He was presented West of the altar where WM Arturo Quizmundo escorted him to the East. He was then introduced in the East and accorded the public grand honors.

Remarks by VWB Tony Gill: Addressed Whidby Island Lodge # 15 for his Official Visit. The purpose for such visit is to make sure that the Lodge conducts business within due bounds in accordance to Washington Masonic Code and follows Lodge Officers Handbook. He reminded the Brothers upon entering the Lodge for the first time that he wanted to “Improve himself in Masonry”, make every effort to improve as a Mason. Always be there for the Master of the Lodge as well as for each other. Commended the Lodge as our Ritual is getting better.

Presentation: Bro Nestor Cagingin was presented his Life Member Certificate.

VWB Marion Windell was presented his 50 years anniversary as Master Mason. VWB was initiated as Entered Apprentice Mason on 14-Oct-1968, passed as a Fellow Craft Mason on 11-Nov-1968 and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on 10-Feb-1969 at Charleston Lodge # 44 in Agana, Guam under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. A plural member of Langley Lodge # 218, Mount Baker Lodge # 36, Garfield Lodge # 41, Burlington-United # 93 and Whidby Island Lodge # 15. He was Worshipful Master of Whidby Island Lodge # 15 in 2001 and Garfield Lodge # 41 in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Held Grand Lodge offices as Grand Marshal in 2007 and DDGM District # 9 in 2009-2011. He humbly said that after many, many years of conducting conferrals, lectures, Stated Meetings, Installations of Officers and being the Master of the Lodge, he still learn something about Masonry each day. A true pillar of our craft to emulate. Always an honor to seat with you in the Lodge. For all your contributions to Masonry, Thank you VWB Sir!

February 19, 2019 Stated Meeting Minutes was read for information only. Approved written Minutes is posted in our Bulletin and website and emailed to all brethren.

Communication: Letter from the Grand Secretary dated Feb-2019 regarding Grand Lodge Endowed Life Membership Fund Income Distribution for 2018. Email from Grandview-Trinity Lodge # 96 dated 08-Mar-2019 regarding the Annual visit on 20-Apr/Sat at 2:00 pm. Letter from HMTA dated 18-Mar-2019 requesting funds to renovate the Ladies Rest Room.

Committee Report: Bikes for Books – WB Dale Thayer and Bro Nestor Cagingin are scheduled to

contact school Principals after Spring Break. Scholarship – WB Douglas Jerome met with School Officials last week and determined eight candidates. Pizza Night will be on the first Friday or Saturday of May with the “Flag Presentation”. Awards will be presented in June (one for Oak Harbor HS and one for Coupeville HS). Website – WB Jim Gaskill reported our website is up to date and requested for assistance in maintaining the website. Investigation Committee chaired by WB Douglas Jerome granted Mr. Norvi Cruz to receive Degree in Masonry. Balloting will be April Stated Meeting.

Bills: March Bills in the amount of \$ 1,016.53 was read and ordered paid.

Treasurer’s Report: Earnings/Expenses for March were read.

New Business: A motion was made, seconded and approved to purchase a new projector screen (around \$150.00). A motion was made, seconded and approved to reimburse WB Dale Thayer for new Quicken program (\$67.78). A motion was made, seconded and approved to provide renovation funds from our Building Funds for the Ladies Rest Room (\$800.00). Our annual visit to Grandview-Trinity Lodge # 96 on 20-Apr/Sat at 2:00 pm will be attended by at least 10 Brothers.

Masonic Anniversaries: Bro Kelly Gustafson (2 years as Master Mason) was present and was given Masonic birthday applause.

Sickness and Distress: Visit or call any distressed brothers and inform the Lodge. We can offer relief to any struggling brother. Bro Walter “Dan” Koenig is recovering from Lymphoma treatment. Bro Dave Eccles recovering from another heart event. Please keep our Brothers and families in your thoughts and prayers.

Announcements:

23-Mar/Sat at 10:00 am – Double Master Mason Degree Conferrals at Camanio Lodge # 19

26-Mar/Tues at 7:30 pm – Stated Meeting (DDGM Official Visit) at Langley Lodge # 218

30-Mar/Sat at 10:00 am – Entered Apprentice Degree Conferral at Camanio Lodge # 19

30-Mar/Sat at 2:00 pm – Master Mason Degree Conferral at Whidby Island Lodge # 15

13-Apr/Sat at 2:00 pm – Annual “Meals-On-Wheels Turkey Shoot” at the Old Skagit Gun Club at 14933 Josh-Wilson Road in Burlington, WA

20-Apr/Sat – Bottle Auction at Camanio Lodge # 19

WB Jim Gaskill reminded Brethren to report anything not working in the Lodge to HMTA (Drains under the sink was found broken).

WM Art Quizmundo mentioned that our “Range Day Fellowship” will be in May or June

Final Remarks: VWB Tony Gill reminded that people look up to Masons who are well mannered and live by masonic values. He encouraged Brothers to mingle with the outer world, but keep business out of the Lodge that does not belong in our Lodge. The things that divide people in the outer world should stay there. Don’t let them divide us as Brothers. Finally, he emphasized Harmony is what we believe in as Masons and should always show our brotherly love.

Reading of the Minutes: Bro Secretary read March 2019 Minutes for information only and approved as written.

No further business appearing at this Stated Communication and after reading and approval of these minutes closed the Lodge by VWB Tony Gill in due form at 9:10 P.M. O’clock with peace and harmony is prevailing.

Art Quizmundo  
Worshipful Master

Nestor Cagingin  
Secretary