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Happy Saint John's Day

Brethren, Happy Feast of St. John the Evangelist!

“Today in Masonic History, we celebrate the Feast of St. John the Evangelist. The Feast of St. John the Evangelist is celebrated annually on December 27th and marks the mid-winter. St. John the Evangelist, along with St. John the Baptist are the two St. John's referred to in Masonic ritual.

John the Evangelist, also referred to as John the Theologian and the Apostle John, lived from approximately 15 A.D to 100 A.D.

In the Bible, the Gospel of John refers to an unnamed “disciple whom Jesus loved.” It is believed that the Apostle John wrote the gospel because, in part, the author refers to James and Peter and is not claiming to be either of these two disciples. The writer of this gospel also is writing the Gospel in the light of the Synoptic Gospels which are the gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke. This leads to the conclusion that it must be the Apostle John. The term Evangelist comes from the Greek word which means “writer of the gospel”, it is also in reference to the Latin word *evangelium*. In most Christian traditions, the Apostle John is John the Evangelist.

John the Evangelist as a historical figure was one of the “pillars” of the Jerusalem Church after Jesus' death. He is believed to be the only one of the Apostle to survive until old age. The other apostles, all have been put to death for their faith.

For Freemasonry, the Feast of St. John the Evangelist was utilized by many of the early Grand Lodges of England and Scotland as well as individual lodges. The Lodge of Edinburgh was associated with the aisle of St. John the Evangelist in St. Giles Cathedral as far as the 15th century. The Grand Lodge of All England, which was a masonic body located primarily in the City of York, as well as its predecessor the Ancient Society of Freemasons in the City of York, starting in 1725 elected its President and its Grand Master on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist. The Ancient Grand Lodge of England also elected its Grand Master on that day. When the Ancients and the Moderns merged in 1813 to become the United Grand Lodge of England it occurred on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist.” Ref: www.masonrytoday.com/

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Brethren,

Hoping everyone is having a wonderful holidays. I will be cruising down to Everett this year to celebrate Christmas morning with my two daughters, son-in-law, and grand son Max who is 2 1/2 and I know he will enjoy this Christmas better than last year. The lodge has been in good hands this year with the more youthful line generating a lot of energy and trying out some new programs. And thanks to the Temple Board and brothers for all the work that has been done this past year, especially the new parking lot. We have a lot to be thankful for Whidby #15 this past year. I hope to see everyone at the **January** Stated meeting and hope to see some of the old faces in lodge again.

Fraternally, WB Doug Jerome, SW

Secretary

From the Secretary's Desk.

*Life Members are still responsible to pay \$28.00 annually for the Grand Lodge Assessment fee.

2019 Annual Dues/Assessment Fees Statements were mailed. About 15% paid their arrears. Thank you for those who attended to their obligations.

Please follow link – <https://freemason-wa.org/grand-lodge-newsletter/> Grand Lodge of Washington Newsletter
<https://indd.adobe.com/view/8396f0d6-d1c1-4707-8ae2-ee4df9b27c41> Fall 2018 Issue of the Masonic Tribune

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Get your Lodge lapel pin! Hope to see you in any of the events below.

Upcoming events in our Lodge:

03-Jan/Thurs – HMTA / LOA Meeting at 6:00 pm

08-Jan/Tues – Lodge Official Visit to Mt Baker # 36 Stated Meeting/Installation of Officers at 7:30pm

15-Jan/Tues – Stated Meeting (Dinner at 6:00 pm and Meeting at 7:30 pm)

19-Jan/Sat – District # 9 Meeting at Fidalgo Lodge # 77 at 12:00 pm

TBD – Entered Apprentice Double Conferrals (Mr. Juancho Reyes and Mr. Michael Zina)

Fraternally, Bro Nestor Cagingin, Secretary

Highlights of the “Stated Communication”

The WM extended a warm Whidbey Island welcome to all Brothers present to the December 2018 Stated Meeting.

Grand Lodge Team members: WB Louis Bartrand and WB Dale Thayer were 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. <https://freemason-wa.org/proficiency-lodge-management-pilm/>
Committee Reports: 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.

December Bills in the amount of \$ 727.39 were read and ordered paid then the Treasurer’s report was made.

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.

Finally, VWB Gerald Myers emphasized the importance of PILM. This encourages a study of the necessary details of The Standard Work (TSW), Washington Masonic Code (WMC) and Lodge Officers Handbook (LOH). It may also challenge any Mason to stay current with our Work and become proficient in our Masonic Code and Rituals. He recommended that all elected officers to achieve. He also reiterated 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.

No further business appearing at this Stated Communication and after reading and approval of these minutes WM Arturo Quizmundo closed the Lodge in due form at 8:50 o'clock P.M. with peace and harmony is prevailing.

December Anniversaries

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

Robert S. Pervis	68	David R. Conner	32
Robert A. Wean	57	Richard D. Warn	30
Earl R. Arnold	52	Francis A. Deloriar III	25
John A Smeby	50	Douglas K. Nehis	23
Louis E. Bartrand	45	Reginald Carter	19
		Chad N. Rickner	12