



## WHIDBY ISLAND LODGE #15 F & AM

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### Master

Fraternal Greetings Brethren. Another year have gone and passed for our Lodge and it had been a productive one. There were many improvements and repairs accomplished, thanks to our Hill Temple Masonic Association team. Our past few events had been successfully executed and most importantly, Fun. Other Lodges are also noticing the visits (LOV) we had to their Lodges and I think I can claim that our lodges have the most visits to other lodges in our district. We even visited lodges out of our district and some of them are also coming in to our meetings. It is truly good and pleasant for Brothers to dwell in unity...

This year (on September) will mark our Lodge's 150th year anniversary. One Hundred Fifty years of Masonic traditions... Let's take a moment and ponder on that... Around that time frame when our Lodge is being formed, it was the time when Jose Rizal (Philippine national hero) was joining our Beloved Fraternity. In the same year, 1869, Suez Canal in Egypt opens. In Boston that year, a hotel becomes the 1<sup>st</sup> one to have an indoor plumbing. And as we have often heard in the lodge when a first time visiting Brethren attends our meeting, Washington was still a colony. And here we are today; 150 years after our lodge had been founded, still standing and going strong in keeping and passing on those traditions...

I wish you all Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year. Please join us in our next meeting.

Fraternally,

WB Art Quizmundo, Jr., WM

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### West

From The West

A brother was installing new stairs in his home and noticed how the wood he had saved over the years had been transformed into beautiful planks which he used for the stairs. While working in his wood shop a certain Masonic parallel between the stair project and the process of making a Mason came to mind.

When a new candidate is introduced to the Lodge, few have any idea what kind of Mason this new Brother will become. Perhaps we even think, from outward appearances, this may not have been the best choice for him or us. All we have is the "Rough Ashlar", the Unknown, his true potential hidden.

However, we bring him into the Fraternity, and metaphorically and symbolically, transform him in our 'Masonic workshop'. We confer the Degrees and recite the Lectures and Charges. We explain the use and meaning of the Working Tools, teach him our Tenets, the Cardinal Virtues, the Obligations, the subjects that are the heart and soul of our Fraternity; and through this process, we see our new Brother, similar to my lumber, go through the transformative process so familiar to us.

His inner character starts to emerge, and soon the Rough Ashlar starts transforming into the Perfect Ashlar. He inquires and endeavors to understand the lessons of the Craft, seeking to understand our Masonic teachings and incorporate them into his own life. As he grows, he takes his place among us, doing as we all strive to do - continually building and strengthening that inner spiritual temple, becoming a better man, husband, and father, a better citizen; a role model, respected and admired by all who know him. In his turn, he becomes a 'Master Craftsman', teaching others the lessons he was taught. He becomes one to whom others go for advice and counsel, a Pillar in his Lodge and our Fraternity, a friend and brother to all.

And this, my Brethren, is truly what our gentle Craft is about. Once again, as has happened countless times, 'it takes the good man and makes him better', and throughout this development process, both he and our Fraternity are made stronger, more complete.

To me, this is the true 'Mystery or secret of our Fraternity - its ability to affect this type of transformation. Having experienced this in myself, and to see it happen in so many other is truly the 'Mystery of Freemasonry' that we may never fully understand.

Lumber and Ashlars, by W. Beetcher, *The Short Talk Bulletin* August 2014

Fraternally, WB Doug Jerome, SW

## **South**

Greetings from the South

Brethren it is a true honor that I enthusiastically assume the office for the coming year as your new Junior Warden. As our dear brother Mark Dolar ventures abroad with the US Navy; we can say a fond farewell to a true and trusted friend with the knowledge that he will continue to grow as a Master Mason. I know that I can rest assured that he has no doubt set me up for success as the incoming Junior Warden for the next Masonic year and I aspire to follow the example he has set for me to follow.

“If I have seen a little further it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants.” Sir Isaac Newton - 1676

Fair winds and following seas my Brother... I have the watch.

Fraternally, Bro Kelly Gustafson, JW

## **Secretary**

From the Secretary's Desk.

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2019 Annual Dues/Assessment Fees Statements will be mailed out soon.

Please follow link below – 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:

29-Nov/Thurs – MM Degree Conferral upon Bro Dave Severo at 8:00pm (Dinner at 6:30pm). Let us make this a memorable night.

01-Dec/Sat – Whidby Island Lodge No. 15 “Installation of Officers” (Open Installation at 2:00 pm and Reception to follow at Whidby Masonic Center Hall)

06-Dec/Thurs – HMTA / LOA Meeting at 6:00 pm

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

Fraternally, Bro Nestor Cagingin, Secretary

## **Highlights of the “Stated Communication”**

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

Grand Lodge Team members: VWB Tony Gill, DDGM District # 9 and WB Dale Thayer, Children's Program. Escorted to the East and accorded the public grand honors.

Masonic Education was presented by WB Art Quizmundo regarding a conversation on the length of Cable Tow. Beauty in our craft and ranks with wisdom and strength to help young Masons. Find and strive for Beauty on what we do at the Lodge.

Bro Mark Dolar presented a token to WB Art Quizmundo as appreciation for being his mentor. The token (Brass Gavel) is from a Masonic event he attended in California called MGM (Manglalakbay na Gurong Mason) or Traveling Master Mason.

Committee Reports: Website – WB James Gaskill reported our website is updated. Bikes for Books – WB Dale Thayer reported no actions but requested to have relief/assistance with this program. Scholarship – WB Douglas Jerome will be sending out letters to school. Audit Committee – WB Douglas Jerome reported that JW

Fund Audit is completed, \$150.00 will be turned over to our upcoming JW and \$267.34 will be added to our Scholarship Funds.

November Bills in the amount of \$ 750.00 were read and ordered paid then the Treasurer's report was made.

Sickness and Distress: WB Willis Jacobs had surgeries, getting better and can move his arms; Sis Sally is doing better as well. WB Lanny Kee and Sis Ruth are both doing alright. WB Don Dubois is doing good and Sis Susie is attending Cardiac Rehab. Please keep our brothers and family in your prayers.

Finally, VWB Tony Gill, DDGM District # 9 read the Letter from Grand Master regarding donation to assist brethren who are victims of California fires. Donations by check payable to "MSA Disaster Relief Fund", send check to Masonic Service Association of North America, 3905 National Drive, Suite 280, Burtonsville, MD 20866. Donation by credit card, visit website: [www.msana.com](http://www.msana.com)

Do not post Bikes for Books winners (children) pictures on website or Facebook.

19-Jan/Sat – District # 9 Meeting to be held at Fidalgo Lodge # 77. Have a good Holiday!

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.

#### **November Anniversaries**

Thomas E. Caraway	65	Charles W. Oliver	37
Frederick B. Noyes	53	Randolph A. Alquetra	36
Robert L. Jackson	52	Daniel L. Verble	29
Paul F. Steinsiek	51	Norman L. Bonson	27
Lynn L. Bailey	48	Theodore C. Christensen	23
Guerrero B. Calamug	40	Soren R. Brown	17
Glenn R. Wright	42		