



WHIDBY ISLAND LODGE #15 F & AM

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East

Fraternal Greetings Brethren. It had been a busy and productive month of April for our Lodge. I would like to first commend our Junior Warden for the wonderful meal in our Stated Meeting. We have been visited again by the Brethren of LuzViMinda Lodge No. 317. I'm planning to return the courtesy by visiting them on their next Stated Meeting and I'm inviting the Brethren to join me...

We made 2 Fellowcrafts this month and voted in Mr. Norvi Cruz to receive his degrees in Masonry. Mr. Norvi also joined us when we visited our Brethren to our Annual Visit to Grandview-Trinity Lodge No. 96...

Speaking of our Annual Visit to our Sister Lodge, thank you to all the Brethren who supported the long time tradition between Whidby Island Lodge and Grandview-Trinity Lodge. I hope that all the Brethren who attended had enjoyed the meeting and the meal that followed the meeting.

Our next event will be the Range Day. I hope to see you then...

Fraternally,

WB Art Quizmundo, WM

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Commemoration of our 2019 Annual Visit to Grandview-Trinity Lodge No. 96



West

The message from the West is written with a little humor.... The term 'Grand Poobah' has its origins closer to Freemasonry than many may think. Most people recognize the term 'Grand Poobah' from the popular cartoon series from Hanna-Barbara *The Flintstones*. In the cartoon, the two main characters Fred Flinstone and Barney Rubble regularly appear at their lodge meeting. In the cartoon it is the Loyal Order of Water Buffalo, not a masonic lodge. The Loyal Order of Buffalo is a send up though of Freemasonry and other fraternal organizations.

In the 70's people would recognize it from the show *Happy Days*. In the show, the patriarch of the family is a member of a leopard lodge. Often he is seen heading off to his meeting wearing a fez with leopard spots. Again the head of the leopard lodge is 'Grand Poobah'.

It would be easy to assume that the origin of the title 'Grand Poobah' came from a pop culture reference such as the ones mentioned above or in some of the other ways it has been used in pop culture. Especially over the last few decades.

Instead the origin of the term Grand Poobah comes to us from March 1885. It also comes to us from two Masonic brothers, Gilbert and Sullivan in their comedic opera *The Mikado*. In the opera, one of the character's name is Pooh-Bah and he holds a variety of titles which include First Lord of the Treasury, Lord Chief Justice, Commander-in-Chief, Lord High Admiral, Archbishop, Lord Mayor and Lord High Everything Else. The opera begins with the town executioner, in a Japanese town, being sentenced to death himself. It is decided that the executioner cannot perform any more executions until he executes himself, since he is next in line. The towns people are too proud to serve under the executioner and perform the execution. Eventually all of the town leaders resign their positions and Pooh-Bah ends up with all of their titles. *The Mikado* uses Japan as back drop to satirize British politics of the time. In modern times the term Grand Poobah is meant to be a mocking term generally. Either to describe someone who has an inflated self-regard or someone who has a grandiose title that has little true power behind it.

Brethren, on Friday May 3rd at 6:30 pm, the Lodge will be honoring all the students who applied for our Bud Madsen Masonic Scholarship with a Pizza dinner followed by the program "Building the Flag". Please RSVP to the Senior Warden, WB Doug Jerome at (360) 672-0459 or jammeryguy1@gmail.com I need to know how many Pizza's to order.

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.

45% of our members still have to pay their 2019 Dues. Please settle your outstanding balance.

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

Upcoming events in our Lodge:

23-Apr/Tues – Lodge Official Visit to Langley Lodge # 218

02-May/Thurs – HMTA / LOA Meeting at 6:00 pm

04-May/Sat – Range Day Fellowship at 10:00 am / Central Whidbey Sportsman's Association Shooting Range. Meet at the Lodge at 9:00 am for coffee and Safety Brief.

21-May/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 April 2019 Stated Meeting.

Visiting Senior Warden: Bro Chris Areglo of LuzViMinda Lodge # 317, received a warm Whidbey welcome.

Visiting Worshipful Master: WB Michael Sapida of LuzViMinda Lodge # 317, escorted to the East and accorded public grand honors.

Presentation: Bro Mark Dolar was presented a "Mini Working Tool Set" as his farewell gift from Whidby Island Lodge # 15. "Fair winds and Following Seas" Brother as you transfer to Misawa, Japan. It is hope that your Mother Lodge made a solid Freemasonry foundation upon you and may you continue your Masonic journey anywhere you go.

Committee Reports: Bikes for Books – WB Dale Thayer and Bro Nestor Cagingin contacted two schools last week and three more schools this week. Two schools will present bicycles on 20-May.

Scholarship – program is on track, WB Douglas Jerome had WM Arturo Quizmundo signed eight certificates. Pizza Night will be on 03-May/Friday 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.

April Bills in the amount of \$ 1,427.09 were read and ordered paid then the Treasurer’s report was made.

New Business: 04-May/Sat at 10:00 am – “Range Day Fellowship”. Meet at the Lodge at 9:00 am for coffee and Safety Brief by Bro JW (Bro Kelly Gustafson/Range Safety Officer of Central Whidbey Sportsman’s Association Shooting Range). All calibers welcome. Various target boards available (25, 50, 75, 100 yards).

Sickness and Distress: Visit or call any distressed brothers and inform the Lodge. We can offer relief to any struggling brother.

VWB Gerry Myers made final remarks on behalf of DDGM. He mentioned one of the Lodges’ tradition – Brothers with disagreement will not wearing their Apron until it has been settled. He also commented “Lodge Team Competition” will be added in the next Warden Competition. And finally, charge the Brothers to get out and visit other Lodges.

No further business appearing at this Stated Communication and after reading and approval of these minutes WB Michael Sapida closed the Lodge in due form at 9:20 o'clock P.M. with peace and harmony is prevailing.

April Anniversaries

Jack Williams	68
Esteban F. Nicolas	32
Kenneth W. Bates	55
Dale K Thayer	26
Richard L. West	41
Brian K. Norman	14
Michael L. Walker	38
Jamey P. Famularcano	11
Dallas J. Burton	33