



## WHIDBY ISLAND LODGE #15 F & AM

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### TRESTLE-BOARD

February 2019

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### East

Fraternal Greetings Brethren.

The busy cycle for our Lodge began for this year. We got a few degree works in the pipeline and Bro Secretary had contacted our Canadian Brethren to arrange our annual visit to their Lodge in April. We will also continue our Lodge Official Visit to other lodges this year. Our next visit will be on 12-March-2019/Tues at Fidalgo Lodge No. 77. Please look into our Trestle Board, Facebook page, and our website for all other the schedule.

Last Stated Meeting, Bro Kelly Gustafson (Junior Warden), presented the Lodge of what was shared to us during the District Meeting. It was a framed questionnaire pertaining to a Mason “The Master’s Seven Questions to the Craft”.

The questions are as follow and my own personal answers:

1. **Suppose your Lodge was limited to 25 members. Would you be in or out?**

I would be in. Along with other Brethren, I have dedicated the time I had left between my family and work to the Fraternity. I am visible enough that if there is a chance that a voting to be held, I am confident that I would be voted in at least on the 25<sup>th</sup> place.

2. **Suppose you had to run for membership, as a candidate runs for office. Would you win or lose?**

I cannot claim to win this one without difficulty because it will depend on the Brethren. I do think that I have a good chance since I visit other Lodges along with other Brethren and in turn, Brethren knows me and would probably vote for me.

3. **Suppose you were called upon to tell why you should be retained. Do you have a record of service to help your defense?**

I would say, yes. I have been active for the last for years here in our Lodge and I have been the active when I was in California in our Fraternity. I have not forgotten and I constantly recollect the obligations of all 3 degrees. I also participate whenever I’m available in the Lodge’s projects by the HTMA.

4. **Suppose your membership was for one year, and then you had to be re-elected depending on your service. Would you be re-elected?**

I would like to think so for the reason I have stated above.

5. **Suppose every member did as you were doing. Would your Lodge be the most active one around? Or would it disappear into obscurity?**

Our Lodge would be the most active one around. My goal in the long run is to be able to confer the degrees to include the all the lectures. I aspire to recite and perform the ritual(s) with little to no mistakes.

6. **Supposed you were charged with being a member. Would there be enough evidence to convict you?**

I will be guilty as charge. I wear my apron with pleasure and honor. I have associated myself with Brethren who have equal, or even more, passion and love for the Craft. I have charged myself as much as I can with the knowledge, traditions, and rituals of our Craft. I will be at least guilty by association of being a member...

7. **Suppose a young man asked you what Freemasonry is, and what it is about. Could you answer him?**

I would tell him that Freemasonry is an organization aimed to change lives for the better. Charity among other things is the least that we do. Our Fraternity reinforces good morals and encourages individual to be more productive member of society.

These are my answers. Please join us in our next meeting or any of our Lodge’s events and possibly share us your own answers.

Fraternally,

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## **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 49% paid their arrears. Thank you.

Please follow link: <https://freemason-wa.org/grand-lodge-newsletter/> Grand Lodge of Washington Newsletter

Visit our website at [www.whidbeyisland-15.org](http://www.whidbeyisland-15.org)

Like and Share us in our Facebook page: Whidby Island Lodge No. 15

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

### **Upcoming events in our Lodge:**

07-Mar/Thurs – HMTA / LOA Meeting at 6:00 pm

09-Mar/Sat – Fellow Craft Degree Conferrals upon Bro Garrett Mobley and Bro Gio Ribay at 2:00 pm. Repast after the degree works

12-Mar/Tues – LOV to Fidalgo Lodge # 77

15-17-Mar/Fri-Sun – Leadership Conference at Pasco, WA

19-Mar/Tues – Stated Meeting “DDGM District # 9 Official Visit” (Dinner at 6:00 pm and Meeting at 7:30 pm).

09-Mar/Sat – Master Mason Degree Conferral upon Bro Danny Sanchez at 2:00 pm. Repast after the degree work

Fraternally,

Bro Nestor Cagingin, Secretary

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

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

Grand Lodge Team members: VWB Tony Gill (DDGM District # 9), WB Dale Thayer (Children's Program) and WB Thomas Gill (Code Commission) were escorted to the East and accorded the public grand honors.

Masonic Education was presented by Bro Nestor Cagingin. Masonic education for this month is not about the craft but about the well-being of the people who practice this craft (our Brothers), most specifically during an emergency situation. February is “National Heart Month”. The first American Heart Month took place in February 1964, was proclaimed by President Lyndon B. Johnson via Proclamation 3566 on December 30, 1963. Honoring Presidents' Day this month, Lyndon B. Johnson was initiated as Entered Apprentice on October 30, 1937 in Johnson City Lodge No. 561, at Johnson City, Texas and passed as Fellowcraft the same year. As having never completed his degrees, Johnson is not considered in this list as one of the Masonic Presidents. An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening cardiac arrhythmia (irregular heart beat). The awareness of its location in this building and general knowledge of its operation is paramount, being able to provide help to anyone at any time. Our AED is located next to the front/exit door of our Masonic Hall. AED requires minimal training to use.

Committee Reports: Bikes for Books – WB Dale Thayer and Bro Nestor Cagingin are scheduled to contact school Principals in March. Scholarship – WB Douglas Jerome provided information to the schools and scheduled to pick up applications next couple of weeks. Audit Committee – was completed in November chaired by WB Douglas Jerome with the assistance of Bro Bruce Freeman and Bro Kelly Gustafson.

February Bills in the amount of \$ 5,554.65 were read and ordered paid then the Treasurer's report was made.

New Business: WM Arturo Quizmundo proposed “Range Day Fellowship” during Spring or Summer at Central Whidbey Sportsmen's. Watch out for the date.

Resolution - take out \$150.00 JW Funds from our By-Laws will be requested from the Grand Lodge.

Memorials: Lodge Masonic Funeral Services were rendered to our Brothers.

Brother Philip Roger Snover (Member # 1564). Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on 12-Sep-1967. Passed away on 01-Jan-2019.

Brother Raymond Elliot Burton (Member # 1332) born in Buffalo, WY on 08-Sep-1943. Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on 14-May-1985. Passed away on 20-Jan-2019

Brother Francis Joseph Hughes (Member # 1431) born in Washington, DC on 12-Dec-1939. Raised to the Sublime Degree Master Mason on 11-Aug-1981. Passed away on 24-Jan-2019

Sickness and Distress: Please keep all our brothers in your thoughts and prayers. Bro Reynaldo Parungao in ICU; Bro Juancho Reyes' grandmother passed; Bro Dick Johnson's wife passed. Visit or call any distressed brothers and inform the Lodge. We can offer relief to any struggling brother.

Finally, VWB Tony Gill announced Langley # 219 "Annual Chili Cook Off" on 26-Feb-2019. DDGM District # 9 Official Visit to Whidby Island Lodge # 15 is scheduled on March Stated Communication. Put emphasis on "Mingle again to the outer world". Reminded brothers to keep business outside the Lodge that does not belong inside the Lodge. And finally charged brothers to Grab the "Travelling Gavel", visit other Lodges.

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 9:35 o'clock P.M. with peace and harmony is prevailing.

### **February Anniversaries**

VWB Marion Windell (50 years as Master Mason) was present and received warm birthday greetings and a round of applause.

Joseph L. Jenkins	58	James H. Wihlborg	30
Lloyd R. Linn	57	Joe Bass	13
Marion A. Windell	50	John Rainie K. Magno	10
Walter D. Koenig	36	Timothy Walter	3