



WHIDBY ISLAND LODGE #15 F & AM

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East

Fraternal Greetings Brethren.

Last Stated Meeting was great. The evening started with a wonderful meal cooked and served by our Sisters of Order of the Eastern Star. During the meeting, our Lodge had the honor of presenting our very own Secretary, Bro Nestor Cagingin his lifetime membership and VWB Marion Wendell his 50-year pin.

We continue to visit other Lodges and the last one on our LOV list was Fidalgo Lodge #77. The rest of our LOV for the year is as follow:

23-Apr-2019	Langley Lodge # 218
09-May-2019	Camano Lodge # 19
05-Jun-2019	San Juan Lodge # 175 (at Friday Harbor)
18-Jul-2019	Garfield Lodge # 41
None in August	
05-Sep-2019	Burlington-United # 93

We also have a visitation planned to our Sister Lodge, Grandview Trinity Lodge No. 96 on Saturday April 20th at 2PM. As of to date, we have 12 Brethren planning to attend the visitation. Passport or Enhanced Driver's License is required to cross Canadian border and back...

Please join us in our upcoming 3rd Degree Raising of Bro Danny Sanchez on 30 March 2019 @ 1400 (2:00PM). Hope to see you all in our next stated meetings, gatherings, and events...

Fraternally,

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West

Fraternal Greetings Brethren.

Masonic Conduct

The following are some thoughts that I have cleamed from a paper I read in the Southern California Research Lodge proceedings.

I would like for each of you to go back with me in your thoughts to the night that you first entered a Masonic Lodge to be initiated.

Probably each of us have different events of that memorable evening that stand out, but I can remember how deeply impressed I was to realize that I was recognized as a just and upright Mason and henceforth should walk and act accordingly.

Later in the same evening this was spelled out still further by the allegory of the point within a circle; the point representing an individual brother, and the circle, the boundary line of his conduct beyond which he should never suffer his passions, his prejudices, or his interests, to betray him. In Whidby Island #15 there is a graphic example of this 'Point within a circle'. It is a plaque on the wall of the lodge behind the Secretaries desk. Next time you are in the lodge take a look at it.

We need to examine the rules a Mason must abide by with regard to his Lodge.

One of the most important is that we must respect the Master's decision in all things Masonic. Back in 1879 a dispute arose in one of our Lodges when a brother refused to obey the Master's gavel and in effect told him, "Bang away all you please! I'm going to have my say!"

We must not use abusive language toward a brother or strike him in anger. We should slander him nor in any way injure his good name.

By far the most important rules concerning our conduct are those governing our actions toward the world outside of Masonry.

The offenses within our Lodges and toward our brethren can be handled without adverse publicity, but when we forget the rules laid down for our behavior to others, we blacken the good name of every member of the Craft.

We have spent our time in talking about what lies outside the circle of our conduct. We could spend an equal amount of time discussing that portion of our conduct which lies inside the circle where we are expected to carry out the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

We should always remember that the good name of Masonry is not the result of what we do not do, but instead is the result of the good things that have been done in practicing outside of the Lodge those great moral duties which are inculcated in it, and with reverence studying and obeying the laws which the Supreme Grand Master has given us in His Holy Word.

Secretary

From the Secretary's Desk.

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

About 55% paid their arrears. Thank you.

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

Upcoming events in our Lodge:

30-Mar/Sat – Master Mason Degree Conferral upon Bro Danny Sanchez at 2:00 pm

04-Apr/Thurs – HMTA / LOA Meeting at 6:00 pm

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

20-Apr/Sat – Whidby Island Lodge #15 visits Grandview-Trinity Lodge #96 at 2:00 pm

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

Fraternally,

Bro Nestor Cagingin, Secretary

Highlights of the “Stated Communication”

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

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!

Committee Reports: 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.

March Bills in the amount of \$ 1,016.53 were read and ordered paid then the Treasurer’s report was made.

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 12 Brothers.

Sickness and Distress: Please keep all our brothers in your thoughts and prayers. 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. Visit or call any distressed brothers and inform the Lodge. We can offer relief to any struggling brother.

Finally, 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.

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

March Anniversaries

William E. Losey	43	Clyde A. McCarty	20
Kirt L. Hendricks	41	Randall W. Pike	16
Bienvenidc B. Juanta	39	Crisotomo C. Legaspi	15
Arnaldo Q. Liganor	38	Dennis R. Warn	15
John S. Marcellis	37	Richard D. Johnson	13
Ronald B. Christgau	35	Rick J. Felici	13
Douglas K. Williams	33	Robert E. Clark	12
David T. Allen	21	Carl M. Depooter	12
Donald E. Dubois	21	Jason R. Forester	11
Corey R. Baker	10	Kelly Gustafson	2