



## WHIDBY ISLAND LODGE #15 F & AM

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### TRESTLE-BOARD

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### West

#### From the west

The Masonic Fool

Today (26 August 2019) in Masonic History.

The Fool is a card from the 22 Major Arcana found in a Tarot Deck. The history of the Tarot Cards dates back to the 15th century where they were found all around Europe and used for the playing of various games. It was not until the 18th century that the Tarot started to be used for divination. It was in the late 19th century that the deck most connected with Freemasonry and containing the most masonic symbols arrived on the scene. Arthur Edward Waite, a Freemason was one of the creators of the Rider-Waite deck. It is also the tarot deck that most people are familiar with. In the deck, as an example of masonic imagery, the High Priestess card which is second in the Major Arcana, is displayed with pillars on either side of her. The left one indicating the letter B and the right indicating the letter J. The masonic reference is very clear to masons.

With respect to the date, we will be discussing the Fool card, labeled as zero in the Rider-Waite deck and given no number in most other decks. At first glance the Fool card has no real noticeable masonic connection. When you start to dig deeper though, the masonic connections become somewhat clearer. In the Fool's hand he carries a white rose, a symbol of purity, much like a Master Mason's apron. It is also said that it is a symbol of freedom from baser desires. Perhaps a way of subduing his passions? Over his shoulder, the Fool carries his possessions. As it is depicted the bag is supposed to represent untapped collective knowledge. In other words, the Fool already carries the answers with him, he need only have the wisdom to look within. Most notably in the image, the Fool is about stroll over a cliff. Recently in a masonic discussion this card was debated by several of us present. There were some interesting thoughts that came out, about why the Fool was about to step of the cliff, as seen through a mason's eye. One of the thoughts that came from this discussion was the idea that the Fool was not actually stepping off into oblivion, he was actually taking a leap of faith. Although there was little motivation discussed as to why he was taking that leap, much of the group compared it with their entry into the Freemasonry. We come to the door of the lodge often with some level of a per-conceived notion, it is not until we enter the lodge, trusting in those around us (a leap of faith) that we are able to tap into the collective knowledge of the lodge and the fraternity. This is not to say a metaphysical connection, but a real tangible connection with the ideas of Freemasonry and the different view points of others into some of the hidden meanings contained within. In this sense it is a Masonic Fool, regardless of time or experience in the fraternity, who does not listen to the collective knowledge of those around him, who may see the symbols with a different take because of the varied experiences of his Masonic brothers.

(From [MASONRYTODAY.com](http://MASONRYTODAY.com))

Fraternally,  
WB Doug Jerome, SW

### Secretary

From the Secretary's Desk.

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

As per 2019 Grand Lodge of Washington Resolution, an increase of \$6.00 for 2020 will be in effect (\$34.00 Assessment fee).

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

To receive events, newsletters or Trestle Boards from Lodges in District # 9 via email, you are encouraged to sign up for [everyone@district9wa.com](mailto:everyone@district9wa.com), go to <http://district9wa.com/mailling-list-management/> and enter your email address and submit.

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

Upcoming events in our Lodge:

28-Aug/Wednesday – District # 9 LOA Meeting at Fidalgo # 77

31-Aug/Saturday at 8:00 am to 12:00 pm – Pancake Breakfast (last one for Summer 2019)

05-Sep/Thursday – LOA / HMTA Meeting at 6:00 pm

05-Sep/Thursday – Lodge Official Visit to Burlington-United # 93 (Dinner at 6:30 pm)

17-Sep/Tuesday – Whidby Island Lodge # 15 Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm (6:30 pm Dinner)

21-Sep/Saturday – (Tentative) Grandview-Trinity # 96 Visit / MM Degree Conferral upon Bro Michael Zina

Fraternally,

Bro Nestor Cagingin, Secretary

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

The WM extended a warm Whidbey Island welcome to all Brothers present to the August 2019 Stated Meeting.

First-time Visitor: Bro Richard Fernandez, JW of LuzViMinda # 317; Bro Alfonso Navos of LuzViMinda # 317; WB Ranny Fernandez of LuzViMinda # 317; and VWB Jaime Areglo of Island Luz Minerva o# 5. All received a warm Whidbey welcome, first-time visitor card and lapel pin.

Visiting Junior Warden: Bro Richard Fernandez, JW of LuzViMinda # 317 received a warm Whidbey welcome.

Visiting Senior Warden: WB Proceso Dumadag, SW of LuzViMinda # 317 received a warm Whidbey welcome.

Visiting Worshipful Master: WM Christian Areglo of LuzViMinda # 317 was escorted to the East and accorded the public grand honors.

Visiting Grand Lodge Team: VWB Tony Gill, DDGM District # 9 and MWB Warren Schoeben, PGM / Jurisprudence Committee were escorted to the East and accorded the public grand honors.

Masonic Education was discussion between VWB Gerry Myers and WB Phil Bleyhl regarding “Fellowship”. Various definition of fellowship by numerous brethren are “sharing and caring”; family outside family; sacred bond; courtesy and respect; friendship; and comfortable with a brother.

Presentation: 30-year pin and card to WB Richard Warn. Mini-Working Tools Set as farewell gift from the Lodge to Bro Dave Severo who is transferring to Iwakuni, Japan next month, “Fair Winds and Following Seas” brother and shipmate.

Committee Report: Bikes for Books – Bro Nestor Cagingin will contact principals at the beginning of the schoolyear. Pancake Breakfast – WB Dale Thayer reported that the fundraiser made over \$1000.00 and with the last Pancake Breakfast on 31-Aug, we should make at least \$1,200.00. Investigating Committee (Assigned Committee: WB Jim Gaskill, WB Phil Bleyhl and Bro Garrett Mobley) ICO Bro Eduardo Herrera for Affiliation – “Granted”

August Bills in the amount of \$ 600.00 were read and ordered paid then the Treasurer’s report was made.

Old Business: WB Lynn Bailey addressed the Lodge regarding proposed “Carpet Replacement Project”. Consensus was made that we will used between medium to dark blue carpet and the Lodge room must be empty removing chairs and other fixtures. Details will be discussed further as we gather more information such as plan and cost.

New Business: Bro Nestor Cagingin presented the idea of “Adopt-a-Highway” WSDOT Program, roadside clean-up to promote pride and local ownership in Washington. Masons doing something great for our community. More information will be provided if enough interest from the Lodge. Grandview-Trinity # 96 visit and Master Mason Conferral upon Bro Michael Zina tentatively scheduled on 21-Sep/Saturday with WB Reggie’s Famous BBQ ribs. Time to be determined.

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

VWB Tony Gill, DDGM District # 9, commended Whidby Island Lodge for Masonic Protocols, Meeting/Agenda and practice of Six-step Program. Reminded brethren to visit District # 9 Lodges coming out from Dark. SW Competition’s new rule that Past Masters are not eligible. There is also a new 3-man Team, Apron Lecture and “G” Lecture Competition. Grand Master has no coin or tie fundraiser, simply donate \$40.00 to Masonic Charities. Encouraged Lodges to reduce Dimit and Drops due to Non-Payment of Dues. Lastly, reminded brethren that District # 9 Meeting on 12-Oct/Sat at Fidalgo # 77 (Theme: Octoberfest).

No further business appearing at this Stated Communication and after reading and approval of these minutes WM Arturo Quizmundo asked WM Chris Areglo who closed the Lodge in due form at 9:35 o'clock P.M. with peace and harmony is prevailing.

#### August Anniversaries

Williams A. White	66	Charles E. Davis	32
Roy L. Compton	58	Philip L. Bleyhl	31
Glenn M. Whitehead	51	Robert S. Miller	28
Hugh E. Myers	46	Christopher W. Nagel	27
Jacob Cohen	45	Richard M. Janoe	17
Donald L. DuBois	45	David L. Sherman	13
Darrell D. Brown	42	Bruce R. Freeman	8