



WHIDBY ISLAND LODGE #15 F & AM
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TRESTLE-BOARD
August 2020

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East

Fraternal Greetings from the East.

Our fourth virtual communication via Zoom on 21-Jul-2020 has a low turnout with 13 participants but still a very fruitful video conference. A pleasure seeing Brothers online like WB Charles Sipes who resides in Marianna, FL and Bro Jack Robinson from Coupeville, WA who joins us for the first time.

Thank you to those who paid their dues, we have a few who are still in arrears. All our fundraising events for this summer are cancel. Starting August, we will be mailing out a Social-Distancing Style Fundraiser called “NO Coffee Stop-Coffee Stop” to all members of the Lodge. Our goal is to generate fund through the assistance of the Lodge. This fund will support for the maintenance of our building and other expenses. If you have any fund-generating ideas, please let us know. Few ideas came out during our last Zoom meeting are selling Lodge coins and home improvement on our rental place to get more weekly/monthly income.

Lastly, I wish to bid “Fair Winds and Following Seas” to Brother Juancho Reyes who is transferring next month to Washington, DC. Regretfully, we were not able to finish his MM degree conferral due to the pandemic and restrictions.

If we meet in-person next month, August Stated Meeting will still be relaxed summer attire. Otherwise, if restrictions still apply, be at your home clothes and we will meet via Zoom. Stay safe and vigilant my Brothers. Thank you very much.

Stay in touch with your Lodge through emails, Lodge website <http://whidbeyisland-15.org/> , Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Whidby-Island-Lodge-No-15> .
Should any of our Brothers need anything, we are just an email or phone call away.

Upon the Square,
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West

Greetings from the West

Brethren,

It is my sincere hope that everyone is in good health and maintaining a healthy mind and soul. I've been trying to keep myself busy over these last several months during the COVID pandemic working on several projects around the house (the list never seems to get any shorter) but I've also been keeping busy working on ritual and trying to learn new parts. I hope that everyone else is continuing to work on their parts also, because before you know it, this pandemic will be over and we will be meeting again in Lodge.

It is always good to see everyone on the Zoom virtual Lodge meetings, but it will never replace working in the quarry with all my Brothers in person, and I can't wait to see you all again.

Until then, may the Lord delight to dwell with in all of you and keep you safe, healthy & sane... And if any Brother is in need, know that help is only a phone call, email, or text away.

Upon the Level,

Bro. Kelly Gustafson
Senior Warden
Whidby Island No.15

South

Greetings from the South

We had our on-line lodge meeting via zoom this past Tuesday and the turn out was a bit disappointing. Many of the lodge officers may have forgotten or may be busy with other things. Whatever the reasons may have been, we did miss you.

Please make an effort to join in on the next meeting. There are some important issues that are being discussed for our lodge. Perhaps you all can present some new and fresh ideas. You all take care and stay safe.

CHARGES

“Charges are the responsibilities of the Brother as a Mason. The charges do not represent the end of a degree but rather the beginning of a Freemason's life and character building.”

By the Plumb,
Bro. Nelson “Untoy” De Vega
Junior Warden

Secretary

From the Secretary's Desk,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summertime in spite of our present social condition. I do appreciate the "Hi's and Hello's" I have gotten from the Brethren whenever they are shopping inside my workplace. I do miss the fellowship we were having in the past. Just when things are getting better for our Lodge.... Do please check the Brothers who are close to you and if they or you need assistance, I echo the Worshipful Master's, Senior and Junior Warden's sentiments. These are times that we can surely put the Trowel in to a good use.

Take care out there and Stay Healthy...

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Upcoming events in our Lodge:

All Activities postponed/cancelled until further notice

Fraternally,

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“Highlights of the July Virtual Communication”

The Virtual Communication commenced at 1900 (7:00PM). The Worshipful Master welcomed all the Brethren attended the meeting.

Communications:

- E-mail from Julian Carl Mata; inquiry, possible candidate
- E-mail from the Grand Secretary; ICO approved Letter of Good Standing for Bro Jose Arinaza sent by GL of Japan
- E-mail from Grand Lodge; Six Steps with the Senior Grand Warden Series. (e-mailed to all the Brethren)
- E-mail from the Grand Secretary; forward of an inquiry; possible petitioner
- E-mail from the Grand Secretary; Grand Master’s Forum Invitation via Zoom on 21 July 2020 @ 1900 (7:00PM)
- E-mail from the Grand Secretary - Letter to Lodges from Grand Master re: COVID-19
- E-mail from Grand Lodge; Cancellation of Leadership Retreat 2020.
- E-mail from Miss Lynn Blaylock; our fees will be reimbursed for the cancelled Leadership retreat 2020.
- E-mail from Grand Lodge; Cancellation - Grand Mound Historical Lodge, No. 3 Annual Picnic and Stated Communication
- E-mail from Grand Lodge; Grand Lodge of Washington 2020 - Annual Communication Synopsis. Secretary have the copy if anyone wants a forward
- Letter from Oak Harbor Educational Foundation. Letter was read in the meeting.
- Letter from Brother Thomas Swartz with a \$200 check. His letter was read in the meeting.
- Letter from Miss Beth Dion ICO Anna Elise Dion, 2020 Coupeville Scholarship Recipient. Letter included where to forward the check. Her card was read in the meeting.

Committee Reports:

- (WB Doug) Scholarship – Nothing to report
- (WB Jim) Website – Nothing to report
- (WM) Bike for books – Nothing to report

Bills: July Bill \$ 1,733.64

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| - | \$ | 525.00 | HMTA July 2020 Rent |
| - | \$ | 75.00 | WB Art Quizmundo, Secretary Allowance |
| - | \$ | 133.674 | WB Douglas Jerome, Scholarship Admin Expenses |
| - | \$ | 1000.000 | Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Scholarship awarded to Anna E. Dion |

Income: July Income \$ 1,111.00

Old Business:

- From Loa Meeting, trying to come up with new ways to raise fund Pancake Breakfast Plan (Take-out; Re-arrange seating; etc.)
- Dues payment reminder was sent via e-mail.

New Business:

- “NO Coffee Stop-Coffee Stop”. Letters will be mailed this month.
- Solicit Ideas to generate more income.
- Life Member Plaque name plates

Masonic Birthdays for July:

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| - Edward E. Sims | 63 Years |
| - Samuel E. Witwer | 56 Years |
| - William A. Stone | 52 Years |
| - Bruce L. Crocker | 47 Years |
| - Jackson L. Jennings | 44 Years |
| - Robert S. Anderson | 34 Years |
| - Franz J. Noble | 33 Years |
| - Willis B. Jacobs | 33 Years |
| - Andrew L. Warren | 19 Years |
| - James B. Ruane | 17 Years |
| - Daniel L. Mazon | 17 Years |
| - Czarl F. Jalos | 5 Years |
| - Thomas W. Swartz | 4 years |

Sickness and Distress: Please keep all our brothers and families in your thoughts and prayers.

- VWB Marion Windell; passing of his beloved wife
- Bro Nelson De Vega; passing of his loving father
- Passing of WB John Lean, Shriner and Past Master
- WB Lynn Bailey’s wife in the hospital

Round robin was made to check on Brethren status (health, situations, etc.) Meeting adjourned afterwards.