



WHIDBY ISLAND LODGE #15 F & AM

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TRESTLE-BOARD

February 2020

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East

Fraternal Greetings from the East

Our “Carpet Replacement” Project is completed. I would like to pay wages to our Hill Masonic Temple Association for spearheading this project. Moreover, wages to all the Brothers, petitioners and friends who assisted with this great endeavor.

Our “Sweetheart’s Brunch (Hot Plate/Grill Theme)” was a huge success with more than 60 in attendance. It is heart-warming to see at least four of our Widows and 15 Sweethearts/Ladies who grace us with their presence. I would like to pay wages to Bro JW Nelson De Vega who dedicated a lot of time and effort for the execution of this event. Wages to WB Arturo Quizmundo who brought a roast Turkey and donated \$100.00 for the event. Wages to Bro Juancho Reyes for his famous “Lechon” Pork Belly, wages to Bro Norvi Cruz for the “Lumpia” (Egg Rolls), those who brought something to share and to all the Brothers who attended.

Our February 2020-Stated Communication is history. Great night to be a Mason with seven visiting Brothers from Camanio Lodge # 19. We presented a few longevity awards. VWB Chuck Bond in attendance who is returning to our craft.

Next Friday at 6:00 pm (28-Feb), we will confer Master Mason degree upon Bro Giovanni Ribay and we hope to see you. Wages to Bro SW Kelly Gustafson who round up the Conferring Team.

We hope to see you next Stated Communication on 17-March-2020 wearing normal Mason attire (coat and tie), please wear green tie if you have one in honor of St. Patrick. It is the Official Visit of the District Deputy (OVDD). Let us show Whidby Island No. 15 PRIDE. Thank you very much.

Upon the Square,

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West

Fraternal Greetings from the West,

In light of all the upcoming degrees that we have scheduled or those that we will be scheduling in the near future; It only seems appropriate that we reflect upon our obligations to the Fraternity, to do our part in protecting the West Gate... Not every man is able to be a Mason, because we should not be trying to make a man a Mason just to make him a good man; Moreover, we should endeavor to make a good man a better man. We as Masons should strive to improve upon ourselves and our Lodges.

Below is an excerpt from a Masonic article online that discusses this...

Guarding the West Gate

What is it to guard the West Gate? We are told, as entered apprentices, and as Masters, that we should never recommend a man to a participation in our degrees unless we feel that by a similar fidelity he would bring honor and respect to our ancient and honorable fraternity.

For the past few years, decades even, the fraternity seems to have shirked that duty, or taken it less... seriously than in times past. There have even been grand lodges that have instituted one day conferrals, where a profane might be taken, through watching the performance of some plays, to the 32nd degree in a single day.

This seems to have come about through a series of slow changes, each seemingly innocuous on its own, but as usual, taken in concert, have reduced our vigilance. Then there is the concern for the decreasing numbers, which seems to have been taken as a justification for allowing quantity rather than quality through the gates.

The purpose of Freemasonry was never to admit every man into the fraternity! The purpose was to take men who were already upstanding, good men, and through the principles of the fraternity, make them in to better men. It was never to take every man and reform them into adequate men... yet in the name of numbers, we seem to have lost sight of that goal.

Brothers, I look forward to seeing all of you in Lodge...

Upon the Level

Fraternally,

Bro. Kelly Gustafson, SW
Whidby Island Lodge No. 15

South

Greetings from the South

Whidby Island Lodge #15 Sweetheart brunch was a huge success. Thank you to all the ladies that attended this event and to the widows as well. To all those who help to prepare the food and set up for this event, thank you so very much. This affair wouldn't have been so successful without you.

Our February stated communication was well attended. Thank you to all the brothers from the other Lodges of District #9 who visited. A group of brothers clad in red really looked impressive. Please join us again on February 28 at 6 PM for a Third Degree conferral.

“From 1789 to present, there have been 108 Justices of the United States Supreme Court. Depending on which sources is consulted, 34, 36, 38, or 40 of them have been Freemasons. This means about one-third of the Supreme Court Justices were Masons, a far larger proportion than in the general population.”

By the Plumb,

Bro. Nelson Untoy De Vega
Junior Warden

Secretary

From the Secretary's Desk,

*Life Members are responsible to pay \$28.00 annually for the Grand Lodge Assessment fee. Service exempt for all 50 year Master Masons are not obligated to pay dues and/or assessments.
As per 2019 Grand Lodge of Washington Resolution, an increase of \$6.00 for 2020 will be in effect (\$34.00 Assessment fee).

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

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

28-Feb/Fri at 6:00PM – Bro Giovanni Ribay Master Mason Degree conferral

03-Mar/Tue at 6:30PM – Lodge Scheduled Visit to Mt Baker Lodge No. 36

05-Mar/Thurs at 6:00PM – LOA / HMTA Meeting, Lodge of Instruction

17-Mar/Tue – Whidby Island # 15 Stated Meeting (Dinner at 6:30PM), DDGM Official Visit

TBD – MM Degree Conferrals upon Bro Juancho Reyes, Bro Norvi Cruz, and Bro Karl Adrada

Fraternally,

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“Highlights of the December Stated Communication”

The WM extended a warm Whidbey Island welcome to all Brothers present this evening. Thanked the Brethren for attending tonight. Thanked the Brethren who helped in the carpet evolution. Thanked the Brethren for attending our Sweetheart Brunch. Recognized all visiting Brethren and gave a warm Whidby Welcome. Members and visitors are as per Tyler’s log.

First-Time Visitor: Bro Robert Thompson of Camanio Lodge No. 19, received first-time visitor’s card, Lodge lapel pin, and given a warm Whidbey 15 welcome.

Visiting Junior Warden: WB Martin Leukhardt of Garfield Lodge No. 41; Bro Russell Vaughn of Camanio Lodge No. 19 – introduced by Junior Warden and given a warm Whidby 15 welcome.

Visiting Senior Warden: WB Michael Tando of Camanio Lodge No. 19, introduced by Senior Warden and given a warm Whidby 15 welcome.

Visiting Worshipful Master: VWB Dino Conti – Burlington/United Lodge No. 93; VWB Paul Steinsiek – Langley Lodge No. 218; WB David Auguston – Camanio Lodge No. 19, escorted to the East and accorded the public grand honors.

Visiting Grand Lodge Team: WB Louis Bartrand – Bill P. Horn Foundation; WB Dale Thayer and WB Michael Tando – Washington Masonic Charities Children’s Program were escorted to the East and accorded the public grand honors.

Presentation: Years of Service Awards:

- Bro Jonathan C. De Jesus – 10 years
- WM Nestor J. Cagingin – 15 years
- WB Douglas J. Jerome – 25 years
- WB Louis E. Bartrand – 45 years

Committee Reports:

- Bikes-for-Books: WM Nestor Cagingin, will talk to the Principals
- Scholarship: WB Doug Jerome, will be picking up scholarship forms
- Holiday Baskets: WB Jim Gaskill/Bro Garrett Mobley, given to a single mother of 3, very grateful for the gift, kids were happy for the gifts. All widows received except for one, Sis Odell
- Investigating Committee: WB Douglas Jerome, WB Jim Gaskill, and Bro Nelson De Vega for Mr. Ian Elagardo Patubo; Granted

February Bills in the amount of \$ 6,137.55 were read and ordered paid then the Treasurer’s report was made.

Old Business:

- Lodge End of the Year Report for 2019 hardcopies and Annual Return check had been sent to Grand Lodge on February 7, 2020; Lodge carpet replacement had been completed. WB Lynn Bailey gave wages to all the Brethren and asked to extend the sentiment to all the Petitioners who helped
- 50 Years Service Award pin and certificate was given to WB Alvin Whatley, Past Master from Windhorst Lodge No. 185, at Welcome Home Memorial Care, Oak Harbor, Washington. Given by the Worshipful Master and witnessed by the Lodge Secretary on February 11, 2020
- Cushions were replaced, worked on by WB Douglas Jerome

- WB Lynn Bailey announced that broken chairs were repaired by WB Bruce Freeman, WB Doug Jerome, WB Richard Johnson, and Bro Kelly Gustafson.

New Business:

- Bro Garrett Mobley getting the breakfast crew started, volunteers are needed.

Masonic Birthdays for February:

Bro Joseph L Jenkins	59
VWB Marion A. Windell	51
Bro Walter D. Koenig	36
Bro James H. Wihlborg	30
Bro Joe S. Bass	14
Bro John Ranier K. Magno	10
Bro Timothy M. Walter	4

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

- Bro Garrett Mobley, Grandmother passed away
- Dr. Z, spouse passed away.

Announcement:

- WB Dale Thayer thanked the Brethren for helping him while he was recovering
- Wear green tie next meeting in the spirit of St Patrick's day
- Worshipful Master wishes safe travels for the Brethren attending Leadership Retreat, 20-2 Mar 2020 at Wetnatchee, WA.
- Mt Baker No. 36 Lodge is the next Lodge that Whidby Island Lodge No. 15 will visit
- Turkey Shoot on 11 April 2020 at Old Skagit Gun Club
- 20 March 2020, Garfield Lodge No. 41 Stated Meeting
- 5 March 2020, Burlington/United Lodge No. 93 Stated Meeting, DDGM Official Visit
- 10 March 2020, Fidalgo Lodge Stated Meeting, 6:00PM dinner, tiled at 7:00PM; 29 Feb 2020, 2nd degree, Mt Baker Lodge No. 26
- 7 Mar 2020, 10:00AM, 1st degree, Camanio Lodge No. 19; 19 Feb 2020, 1900, Masonic Study Group, at Fidalgo Lodge No. 77
- Side of beef drawing, Fidalgo Lodge No. 77
- Scottish Rite, drawing for a cruise
- 25 Feb 2020, Langley Lodge No. 218, Stated Meeting, Chili Cook-Off
- VWB Charles Bond spoke, thanked Worshipful Master, and expressed his delight to be back in the Lodge.

No further business appearing at this Stated Communication and after reading and approval of these minutes WM Nestor Cagingin who closed the Lodge in due form at 9:50 o'clock P.M. with peace and harmony is prevailing.