



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

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East

Fraternal Greetings from the East.

We had a great monthly virtual communication via Zoom on 20-Oct-2020 with 23 participants. Thank you for your attendance. A pleasure seeing WB Lynn Bailey who joined us for the first time. Bro Mark Dolar who's stationed in Misawa, Japan also joined us. Bro Juancho Reyes who recently transferred to Washington DC gave us some great news. His Master Mason Degree Conferral tentatively scheduled on 07-Nov 2020 at 1200. A courtesy degree work by Oxon Hill Lodge No. 231 under the Jurisdiction of Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maryland, AF&M. This exemplify the greatness of our fraternity where other jurisdiction takes care of a Brother wherever you are.

Deep gratitude to our Brothers who donated to our virtual fundraiser "No Coffee Stop – Coffee Stop", we have collected \$356.00 for October. Thank you for being so generous even these hard times. We are out of the "negative balance" since last month. Donations are still welcome. We missed the Brotherly Love, camaraderie and teamwork we develop amongst us during our Pancake Breakfast and Coffee Stop Fundraisers.

I hope that we can meet in-person soonest; as many candidates and brothers are awaiting for their affiliation, re-instatements, and petitions to be read in a regular Stated meeting. If we meet in-person next month, November Stated Meeting will be "Military Night" (proudly wear your military uniforms) or normal Lodge attire "Coat and Tie". If we still meet via Zoom, stand by for Meeting ID and password.

With Respect, Honor and Gratitude. Thank you Veterans.

"Happy Veterans Day!!!"

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

Fraternal greetings from the West

Brothers,

Over the last month we were on a trip down to Arizona to visit with family... During our trip we managed to take a little time to enjoy some of the amazing countryside, national parks and surreal landscapes that we sometimes take for granted here in this beautiful place we call our home... America.

From the cool waters of the Puget Sound to the blazing hot desert of Phoenix & surrounding area, we were consistently amazed at the natural beauty this country truly has to offer, but as great as it was to travel around and to see everything we did, it is still good to be back home again, and as great as it was to see some of you on the virtual Zoom meetings; I can't wait to see all of you Brothers again in person.

Continue to stay safe & healthy, until we meet again....

Upon the Level,

Bro. Kelly Gustafson SW
Whidby Island Lodge No. 15

South

Greetings from the South

I heard three knocks on the temple door, and then it was opened wide
I felt the grip of a Masons hand as I slowly passed inside

I was lowered down on bended knees, as a prayer was said to me
And I was helped to pass around, for the brethren all to see.

And all to me was black as night, as my leader took me around:
And my racing head, I heard more clear, than the solemn organs sound

My faltering footsteps here and there, were halted on the way
And several questions were put to me, as I struggled not to sway.

With my right hand resting on the 'law', I took my obligation;
I swore I'd be a Mason true, at my initiation.

I shall not tell more what I saw, or what to me was spoken;
But I saw the sign and heard the word, and I felt the Mason's token.

I'll tell you this, that I heard a charge, which I later learnt by heart;
And it told me all that a man should do, as a Mason from the start.

It matters not if you pass the Chair, or reach the highest station;
The best event of a Mason's life, is his initiation.

(From Phoenix Masonic Museum and Library)

By the Plumb,

Bro. Nelson “Untoy” De Vega JW

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Junior Warden

Secretary

From the Secretary’s Desk,

Fraternal Greetings Brethren. I hope and pray that everyone continues to be well. It was great to see the Worshipful Master, WB Nes, Bro Nelson De Vega, and Bro Jack Robinson on the Saturday following the meeting. Together, we reached out to our Non-Dues Payment (NPD) Brethren and we may not have gotten through a few of them due to lack of phone numbers and e-mails, but we managed to get through a few. We went from 32 NPD to 18 Members since the last Virtual Communication. Thank you to all those Brethren who paid and donated to the Lodge. We might be meeting in person soon, until then... Thank You Brethren for the HI’s and Hello’s when I’m at work.

Take care out there and Stay Healthy...

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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.

Upcoming events in our Lodge:

All Activities postponed/cancelled until further notice

Fraternally,

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“Highlights of the August Virtual Communication”

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

Communications:

- E-mail from the Grand Lodge; Restarting Stated Communications
- E-mail from the Grand Lodge; Past Grand Masters' Celebration. Hosted by Centralia Lodge No. 63. Zoom invitation available for forward from the Secretary.
- Forwarded e-mail from WB Jim Gaskill; A Note of Thanks and Gratitude to the Masons of Washington from Kevin via Grand Lodge.
- E-mail from Grandview-Trinity Lodge No. 96 Secretary informing us that their Lodge have a new Secretary. VWB Bill Milne sends his Best Fraternal Greetings to the Brethren of Whidby 15 in his e-mail as well.
- E-mail from Assistant Grand Secretary informing us that Bro Mark Dolar's Letter of Good Standing had been received by them in the mail.
- E-mail from Grand Lodge; Important Alert - Solicitation from "Olympus 45 Foundation" Grand Lodge of Washington has nothing to do with this organization and does not endorse this request.
- Letter from Bro William R. Russell with a check for dues and donation
- Letter from Bro Steven Gabbert with check for dues
- Letter from Bro Andrew L. Warren with check for dues
- Letter from Bro Richard W. Edgecomb with check for dues
- Letter from Bro Reynaldo Parungao with check for dues
- Letter from Bro Crisostomo Legaspi with check for dues
- Letter from WB Robert M. Kenefick with check for dues
- Letter from Bro Bienvenido B. Juanta with check for dues
- Letter from Bro Thomas W. Swartz with check for dues
- Letter from Bro Dale Gillilan with check for dues
- Letter from WB Ronald Telles with check for dues
- Letter from WB Dallas Burton with check for dues
- Letter from Bro Randolp Alquetra with check for dues
- Letter From Bro James R. Ranger with check for donation
- Letter from Bro Brian W. Tollison with check for dues

Committee Reports:

- WB Doug Jerome, Scholarship – Nothing to report
- WB Jim Gaskill, Website – Bro Czarl Jalos – access to our website. WB Jim gave the access and passcodes; haven't made changes just yet
- WM Nestor Cagingin, Bike for books – Nothing to report

Income: October Income \$ 2110.00

Bills: October Bills \$ 972.00

- \$ 525.00 HMTA October 2020 Rent
- \$ 97.00 WB Art Quizmundo, Secretary's Expenses and Stamps
- \$ 350.00 MWB Santy Lascano, for Past Master Apron; check and order sent.

Old Business:

- Thank you for Brothers who send their contributions/donations! TOTAL donations for October = \$ 356.
- 18 members are still in arrears of their annual dues/assessment - contact via mail, email, phone call. Committee will assist WB Sec in communicating with these Brothers. Can be drop due to Non-payment of Dues (NPD) as per Grand Master's decree.

New Business:

- Motion to pay for the Worshipful Master's apron. The apron will be order from MWB Santy Lascano; \$350.00, case included. Motioned by WB Dale and Bro Garret seconded, voted, and passed.
- WB Jim Gaskill, Holiday Baskets. Allocate \$150 for Thanksgiving and \$150 Christmas Baskets. Bro Jack Robinson and Bro Garret will help on Thanksgiving Baskets.

Masonic Birthdays for October:

- Bro Dean R. Fetterman 42 Years
- Bro Craig A. Wild 32 Years
- Bro Steven D. Hayes 32 Years
- WB Theodore C. Christensen 24 Years
- Bro Brian W. Tollison 17 Years
- Bro Christopher T. Warrick 12 Years
- Bro Jonathan C. De Jesus 12 Years

Sickness and Distress:

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

- VWB Marion Windell suffering from vertigo
- Sis Phyllis for her speedy recovery
- WB Dick Warn for his continue recovery
- WB Don Dubois, speedy recovery
- VWB Gerry Meyers, speedy recovery from surgery

Announcements

- Bro Mark Dolar, doing good at Japan. Appreciate the connection with the Brethren.
- Bro Juancho Reyes, settled in at DC. Attended the Stated Meeting and is scheduled to have his 3rd degree conferral
- WB Charles Sipes, enjoys this meeting and misses the Brethren.
- Bro Dondon Aguirre, celebrates his birthday the night of the meeting.
- WM Michael Bell Isle, Worshipful Master of Fidalgo Lodge No. 77, invites us in their meeting. Invitation is in their webpage
- Bro Kelly Gustafson, came back from their trip, Brethren welcomed him back.
- Bro Garret Mobley will travel to Florida in December time frame
- Bro Jack Robinson volunteered to assist me on calling the NPD Brethren

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