



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

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**East**

**Fraternal Greetings from the East**

Even though we only had 14 participants in our monthly video conference via Zoom on 15-Sep-2020, it was still a very productive meeting. It was motivating to see Bro Ian Patubo deployed in Italy who woke up at 4:00 am to join us and see his brothers online. It was equally pleasing to see Bro Dale Gillilan who resides in Alabama to join us for the first time. Thank you Bro Czarl Jalos for stepping-up to assist WB Jim Gaskill in managing our website. Thank you WB Art Quizmundo (Secretary) and WB Dale Thayer (Treasurer) for all your hard work and dedication to our Lodge.

Sincere appreciation to our Brothers who donated to our virtual fundraiser “No Coffee Stop – Coffee Stop”, we have collected \$245 for September. Donations are still welcome. Although this does not replace the Brotherly Love, camaraderie, and teamwork we develop amongst us during our Pancake Breakfast and Coffee Stop Fundraisers, this will keep the Lodge out of “negative balance”.

I always hope that we meet in-person soon. If we meet in-person next month, October Stated Meeting will be normal Lodge attire “Coat and Tie” and will be our “Election Night”. Otherwise, if restrictions still apply, 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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## South

### Greetings from the South

We had more brothers attend the last virtual meeting, I believe the most we have had since we started meeting virtually. Thank you all for attending and hopefully see you all again on the next one if we do not get to meet in person. I hope this pandemic ends soon so we can get back to normal. To all the brethren, please be safe and take care.

**“The secret of Masonry, like the secret of life, can be known only by those who seek it, serve it, live it. It cannot be uttered; it can only be felt and acted. It is, in fact, an open secret, and each man knows it according to his quest and capacity. Like all things worth knowing, no one can know it for another and no man can know it alone.”**

*-- William Howard Taft --*

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

## Secretary

From the Secretary’s Desk,

Fraternal Greetings Brethren. I hope and pray that everyone is well. My apologies again for the confusion it caused for the erroneous notices I have sent. Please do so Disregard, for the year 2021 Dues Notices will be sent to you via snail mail on January 2021 time frame. What is in effect though are the dues for this year in which we have 31 Brethren still in arrears. I have sent the notices via mail today (22 September 2020). Attached also are the new Decrees from our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Chris Coffman. Included among those are directions for Non-Payment Dues members. Please inform and update the Brethren whom you may know that do not have the access to this electronic communication.

I know these are tough times for everyone but as you could see in our communications, we are still at work. Recently, our Lodge made a request to our Grand Lodge for Bro Juancho Reyes, Fellow Craft, to have his Master Mason degree be conferred (courtesy degree work) at Maryland where he transferred to. We are definitely still at work... I do not want to spam you Brethren so if there are any information you are interested on any of the webinars and training provided by the Grand Lodge; please e-mail me and I will provide you the details.

Take care out there and Stay Healthy...

\*Life Members are responsible to pay \$34.00 annually for the Grand Lodge Assessment fee. Service exempt for all 50 year Master Masons are not obligated to pay dues and/or assessments.

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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](http://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 Bro Jeff Tudor, forwarded by WB Jim Gaskill. Suspended Brother seeking reinstatement. Communication was made back and forth, Bro Jeff Tudor replied with his Reinstatement Petition electronically signed.
- E-mail from Sis Bette Wilde. Inquiring for her husband, WB Iland Wilde for an affiliation. Worshipful Master responded and Bro Secretary talked to Sis Bette; she would like to meet in person once they are in town.
- E-mail from VWB Romy Labonete; nameplates, he will start working on it
- E-mail from the Grand Lodge, Statement from the Grand Master concerning the tragic fire that devastated the Town of Malden, Washington and the surrounding area; the Masonic Hall was destroyed and have heard that at least one Mason's home was burned to the ground; no loss of life. An online donation link is live on the WAMC Facebook page and website under donate – Masonic Fire Relief Fund
- E-mail from the Grand Senior Warden, Six Steps with the Senior Grand Warden Part II
- E-mail from the Grand Lodge; Online Lodge Leadership Courses - Dates and Times. Will forward the info to any Officers interested
- E-mail from the Grand Secretary, Grand Secretary Forum - Wednesday, September 16, 2020 - 6:30 PM. Open to all Masons. Will forward the info to any Brothers wanted to attend
- E-mail from Grand Secretary, Seattle Scottish Rite Scottish Tour 2021. Will forward the info to any Brothers who are interested
- E-mail from Bro Ken Gibson, Upcoming Webinars - WA Masonic Charities. Will forward the info to any Brothers wanted to attend
- E-mail from the Grand Lodge, District No. 26 Meeting Postponed due to fires in Eastern Washington

- Mail from Bro Jeff Tudor with \$209 check for reinstatement fee
- Letter from WB Bruce Freeman with \$50 check for Non Coffee Stop donation
- Letter from WB Charles Sipes with \$30 check for Non Coffee Stop donation
- Letter from WB Lynn Bailey with \$100 check for Non Coffee Stop donation
- E-mails from the Grand Secretary ICO Bro Juancho Reyes. VWB Clayton have drafted and will send the courtesy degree work to the Brethren of Oxon Hill Lodge No. 231 via Grand Lodge of Maryland, AF&M.

### **Committee Reports:**

- WB Doug Jerome, Scholarship – Nothing to report
- WB Jim Gaskill, Website – A little behind, contacted by Bro Czar Jalos in concern of the website. Bro Jalos will help on updating the website
- WM Nestor Cagingin, Bike for books – Nothing to report

### **Bills: Septmber Bills \$ 600.00**

- \$ 525.00 HMTA September 2020 Rent
- \$ 75.00 WB Art Quizmundo, Secretary's Expenses

### **Income: September Income \$ 509.00**

### **Old Business:**

- Thank you for Brothers who send their contributions/donations!  
Total Donations (as of 15-Sep) = **\$ 245.00**
- Name plate Donations: = **\$ 5.00**

### **New Business:**

- Post office Box, Options to install an external mailbox, pay for the mailbox, or use the HMTA mailbox. For now, lodge will pay for the renewal. Warrant and check was written thereafter and renewed the access to the post office box for the amount of \$ 72.00. Post Office box was renewed on 17 September 2020.

### **Masonic Birthdays for August:**

- Bro Roy L. Compton 59 Years
- Bro Fernando C. Bumbasi 25 Years
- Bro James T. Milling 23 Years
- WB James Gaskill 16 Years
- WB Art Quizmundo 15 Years
- Bro Jonathan C. Frias 13 Years
- Bro Mark T. Logan 11 Years
- Bro Michael Zina 1 Year

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

- WB Dick Warn for speedy recovery
- Bro James Ruane passed away
- Sis Phyllis for speedy recovery
- Bro Joseph Jenkins, passed away, as informed by WB Michael Belle Isle after the meeting. Information about spreading our Brother's ashes is to follow will update the Brethren.

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