

Whidby Island Lodge No. 15



Trestle Board November 2021

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Whidby Island Lodge No. 15 2021 Officers

<i>Worshipful Master</i>	<i>WB Nestor Cagingin</i>
<i>Senior Warden</i>	<i>Bro Kelly Gustafson</i>
<i>Junior Warden</i>	<i>Bro Nelson De Vega</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>WB Dale Thayer</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>WB Art Quizmundo</i>
<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>WB Phil Bleyhl</i>
<i>Senior Deacon</i>	<i>Bro Danny Sanchez</i>
<i>Junior Deacon</i>	<i>Bro Garret Mobley</i>
<i>Senior Stewart</i>	<i>WB Bruce Freeman</i>
<i>Junior Stewart</i>	<i>WB Dick Johnson</i>
<i>Marshal</i>	<i>WB Doug Jerome</i>
<i>Tyler</i>	<i>Bro Dave Eccles</i>



From the East

Fraternal Greetings from the East.

“Past Masters’ Night” Stated Communication was memorable to all 22 Brothers in attendance especially for me since this was my last one as Master of Whidbey Island Lodge No. 15. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Lodge Officers of Masonic year 2020 and 2021. I am very grateful to all the chairperson and members of the various committees (Scholarship, Website, Bikes-for-Books, Investigation, Proficiency and Audit). Great job to all the mentors and coaches of our young Masons. I will never forget the support and kindness of each of the Brothers in our Lodge.

November “Step-up Night” Stated Communication at 7:30 pm. Congratulations to all elected and appointed Lodge Officers for the ensuing year, I wish you all the best. Effective communication is of utmost importance for the success of the Lodge. Remember to make each other happy.

I cannot thank enough all the Brothers who generously donated to our virtual fundraiser “NO Coffee Stop – Coffee Stop” and those who donated to our distressed Brothers, their widows and orphans.

To all Brothers whithersoever dispersed, please stay well and stay safe. May Brotherly love prevails and every moral and social virtue cement us. Stay inform 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,

**WB Nestor Cagingin
Worshipful Master
Whidby Island Lodge # 15
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Surprise visit of MWB Cameron Bailey, Grand Master on July Stated Meeting



From the West

Fraternal Greetings from the West

Brethren,

Our October Stated Communication & Election night was a memorable and special night with the election and appointment of Lodge Officers for 2022. Above all else, I am very grateful to WB Nestor Cagingin (our outgoing Worshipful Master) for his dedication and leadership over the last two years... Especially with the emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic, which turned the world upside down; WB Nestor displayed exceptional leadership of our Lodge thru this difficult period, keeping brothers connected through virtual means, when there was no way for us to hold our Stated Meetings in-person, the Worshipful Master conducted our Stated Communications virtually, via Zoom. And when we were finally able to hold our Stated Communications in-person again, WB Nestor was key in the conferral of many new Brother's degrees.

Thank you my Brethren for having the confidence in me by electing me to be the next Worshipful Master of the Lodge. I am enthusiastically looking forward to the days ahead of us... Including our Step-Up night for our November Stated Communication and our Installation of Officers on 4 December 2021.

It is my hope that as the incoming Worshipful Master, I am able to measure up-to the high standards that WB Nestor and all the Past Masters before have set for me... It's a pretty high bar.

So, let me offer my sincere thanks to WB Nestor.... Thank You.

"If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants."

– Sir Isaac Newton

So my Brethren, until we meet again... Please Stay Healthy, Safe, and Sane.

On the Level,

**Brother Kelly Gustafson, WM Elect
Senior Warden
Whidby Island Lodge No.15**



From the South

Greetings from the South

The 19th of October was our stated communication and election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year. I would like to thank everyone who put their confidence in me and elected me as Senior Warden of Whidby Island Lodge #15. I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to everyone who assisted and supported me while in the Junior Warden position. On our November stated meeting, the newly elected and appointed officers will assume their new positions in the lodge. I hope the brethren will give the same aid and support to the new Junior Warden.

This year is quickly coming to an end but we still have plenty to do. We have brothers that need to prove up and those that already have need to be scheduled for their next degree conferral. We need to be ready for step-up night and the installation of officers in December.

Famous Freemasons (Continued)

- J. Edgar Hoover - first director of the FBI - Grand Cross Federal Lodge #1, Wash D.C.
- Harry Houdini - escape artist

- James Irwin - American astronaut, Tejon Lodge #104, Colorado
- Andrew Jackson, American president, Harmony Lodge #1, Tennessee
- Graciano Lopez Jaena - Filipino writer and journalist during the Filipino revolution
- Andrew Johnson - US President, Greenville Lodge #119, Tennessee
- Lyndon B. Johnson - US President, Johnson City Lodge #561, Texas, (EA only)
- John Paul Jones - Naval hero during the American revolution
- Benito Juarez - President of Mexico
- John A Lejeune - Major General, US Marine Corps
- Charles Lindbergh - US aviator & chairman of Amrica First Committee
- Apolinario Mabini - first Prime Minister of the Philippines
- Douglas MacArthur - US General during WWII, Manila Lodge #1, 1936, Philippines

More to come.....

By the Plumb,

**Brother Nelson “Untoy” De Vega
Junior Warden
Whidby Island Lodge No. 15**

On Secretary’s Desk



Fraternal Greetings and Brotherly Love Brethren,

In our last Stated Meeting, we were complimented by the Grand Secretary via VWB Mike Tando. According to the Grand Secretary, “Whidby Island Lodge is doing well in gaining and retaining members... and for a Lodge on an island, it’s pretty big, the 11th largest Lodge in the State.” I just thought all the Brethren should be aware of that. We all should be proud of this, in addition to the one of the oldest Lodge in Washington State... If you do not have an access of your Grandview profile (Grand Lodge of Washington database), this is the link to set one up: https://wa.grandview.systems/membership_registration. There is a tutorial video on this page as well that will show you how to set up your account. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly for any questions or concerns about your dues or for anything regarding your profile in Grand Lodge database (Grandview).

*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.

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.

Upcoming events in our Lodge:

- Master Mason Degree conferral on Bro Norvi Cruz on 5 Nov 2021 @ 1900 (7:00PM)

Fraternally,

**Art Quizmundo, PM
Secretary, Whidby Island Lodge No. 15
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Highlights of October Stated Communication

The WM extended a warm Whidbey Island welcome to all Brothers present this evening. Thanked the Brethren for attending tonight's meeting. Members and visitors are as per Tyler's log. Thanked all the Pro-Temps. Thanked all those who are present during our MM Degree Conferrals (Friday/24- Sep upon Bro Ian Patubo and Friday/15-Oct upon Bro Joel Esteban)

Awards

- Service Awards – WB Phil Bleyhl and Bro Nelson De Vega, both for 30 years of service
- VWB Mike Tando awarded WB Louis Bartrand the Master Craftsman Course Certificate

Communications

- E-mail from VWB Charles Bond, request for demit – form had been sent to him
- E-mail from GL Passing of Saturo Tashiro, PGM 204-2005
- E-mail from GL Memorial for Saturo Tashiro, PGM 204-2005 on 16 Oct 2021 @ 1300-1400. A public Celebration of Life is planned for November 14th, 2021 at 1:00pm at the Nile Shrine Center.
- E-mail from GL concerning 2021 changes to the Washington Masonic Code, paper copy had been received and available to the Brethren for reading
- E-mail from GL concerning the submitted Statements of Availability for the 2021-2022 year can be found in Grandview under Resources/ Master Masons.
- Paper copy had been received and is available for the Brethren's review. Paper copy of the revised and approved Whidby Island Lodge No. 15 By-Laws received from the Grand Lodge

Committee Reports

- Bikes for Books – WB Nestor Cagingin: Nothing to report
- Scholarship: WB Douglas Jerome – Nothing to report
- Lodge Website: WB Jim Gaskill – Website is up to date and is working on a new website
- Investigation Committee: WB Doug, WB Bruce, and Bro Nelson was assigned to investigate Bro George Halgrims for affiliation
- Proficiency – Bro Adrian Santiago, EA (WB Doug, WB Bruce, and WB Will) and Bro Karl Andrada (WB Doug, WB Art, And Bro Kelly) had been deemed proficient on their respective Degrees

October 2021 Income: As per Treasurer's Report

October 2021 Bills: \$ 629.80

- \$525.00 HMTA October 2021 Rent
- \$75.00 WB Art Quizmundo, Secretary October 2021
- \$28.80 GL of WA, Invoice # 89472 for pins & certificates Fee
- \$1.00 GL of WA, Invoice # 89498 for Dues Card Fee

Bills were ordered to be paid after Brother Treasurer made his report

Old Business

- Officers' Apron Quotation to order had been discussed and tabled
- Laptop Computers for Secretary and Treasurer had been discussed and tabled

New Business

- **No new Business Discussed**

October Masonic Birthdays

Brethren	Years of Service
• Bro Criag A. Wild	33
• Bro Steven D. Hayes	33
• Bro Theodore C Christensen	26
• Bro Luis E. Ferrer	25
• Bro Brian W. Tollison	29
• Bro Christopher T. Warrick	14
• Bro Jonathan C. De Jesus	13



Sickness and Distress

Keep our Brethren and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

- Bro Gio Ribay and MWB William Muller

Announcements

- November Stated Meeting will be our “Step-up Night”. WM Elect’s call what the attire will be; Outgoing Master, WB Nestor Cagingin addressed the Lodge. Recapped the last 2 years of the Lodge activities and progress. Thanked all Brothers and his Officers for their continued support. Thanked all the chair persons of the Lodge committees
- There will be a practice on 3 Nov 2021 at 1800 for the 3rd degree conferral
- 3rd degree conferral on 5 Nov 2021 at 1900, Whidby Island Lodge No. 15
- Installation rehearsal date is TBD
- Masonic Learning at Fidalgo Lodge No 77 at 1900, 20 Oct 2021
- Toys-for Tots Turkey Shoot at Old Skagit Gun Club on 13 Nov 2021 at 1000; Mt Baker Lodge Election Night on 2 Nov 2021 at 1930
- For the Good of the Order: VWB Mike Tando, District Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 9, Extended the Fraternal Greetings from the Grand Master. Quoted the Grand Master’s theme about guarding the West Gate. Congratulated the Worshipful Master and his Officers. Mentioned that Whidby 15 is a quality Lodge. Complemented the Investigating Committee. Congratulated Bro Karl Andrada on what he observed in his proficiency. The District Meeting will be on 7 Jan 2022.