

Whidby Island Lodge No. 15



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From the East

Greetings from the East,

When an initiate is first brought to light, the radiance comes from the Three Lesser Lights, which form a triangle about or near the altar. Lesser Lights are lit when the lodge is opened and the altar arranged, and extinguished when the lodge is closed, and the Great Lights displaced. Something – not very much – is said of them in the ritual. They form one of those symbols in Freemasonry – of which there are so many! – which the individual brother is supposed to examine and translate for himself, getting from it what he can and enjoying what he gets in direct proportion to the amount of labor and thought he is willing to devote to the process of extracting the meaning from the outer covering.

In some jurisdictions, the Lesser Lights are closely about the altar; in others one is placed at each of the stations of the three Principal Officers. In some lodges the Three Lesser Lights form a right, in others an equilateral, in others an isosceles triangle. What is uniform throughout the Masonic world is the triangular formation; what is different is the shape and size of the triangle. The triangle, like the circle, is without beginning or ending. One line, or two lines, have ends. They start and finish. Like the square or the five or more-sided figure, the triangle has no loose ends. And the triangle is the first of these which can be made; as God was always considered as first, and as without either beginning or ending, the triangle itself soon became a symbol of Deity.

In the lodges of today the three lesser lights represent the Sun, Moon, and Worshipful Master. The Worshipful Master rules and governs his lodge as truly as the Sun and Moon rule and govern day and night. There can be no lodge without a Worshipful Master; he is, in a very real sense, the lodge itself. There are some things he cannot do that the brethren under him can do. But without him the brethren can do nothing, while without the Brethren's consent or even their assistance, he can do much. As one of the principal functions of the Worshipful Master is to give 'good and wholesome instruction' to his lodge, the inclusion of one light as his symbol is but a logical carrying out of that Masonic doctrine which makes the East the source of Masonic light to the brethren. By the light of the Lesser Lights the Entered Apprentice is led to see those objects which mean so much to a Mason, the Great Lights; the inestimable gift of God to man as the rule and guide for his faith and practice, the tools dedicated to the Craft and to the Master, the Alpha, and Omega of Freemasonry. Light alone is not enough; light must be used!

Here, too, is symbolism which it is well to muse upon. As the lodge is a symbol of the world, so should a Mason's heart be to him always a symbol of the lodge. In it he should carry ever what he may remember of the Great Light and with spiritual compasses lay out his work; with spiritual square, square both work and actions toward all mankind, 'more especially a brother Mason'. Therefore, must he carry also in his heart three tiny Lesser Lights, by the light of which he uses his spiritual lodge furnishings. If he lights these from the torch of love and burns one for friendliness, one for helpfulness and one for godliness, he will be truly an initiate in the real sense of that term, and about the altar of Freemasonry find a new satisfaction in the new meanings which the Three Lesser Lights will, with silent light and soft, imprint upon his heart.

Upon the Square,

WB Steven Gabbert

Worshipful Master, Whidby Island Lodge No.15

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From the West

Greetings from the West,

I came across a line that reads "know thyself first then adorn accordingly". At first, I thought that it was one of Socrates. Looking it up, I found out that it was from Epictetus, another Greek philosopher. There must've been something in the water in those parts of the world producing these philosophers ☺ This line from Epictetus fascinates me because he took what Socrates said a little further. Knowing oneself can be deducted to just simply knowing our (the least) limits so we may know what and where to improve ourselves. MWB Edward C. Woods had a very beautiful

speech on it so I will not elaborate on it further. Philosopher Epictetus, in my opinion, encourages to employ the talent or competency we know we already possess. And thus, adorn accordingly...

It was great seeing the Brethren last meeting. We had an excellent dinner and fellowship. Wages to the Junior Warden, Bro Danny Sanchez, for preparing the meal. We were also visited by the Deputy Grand Master and he enjoyed his time with us. I will be traveling to Philippines from 19 April 2024 to 9 May 2024 to attend the Annual Communication there. I will be there on both April and May Stated Communications but will miss the conferrals in between those dates. Please support our Lodge in those conferrals.

On the Level,

WB Arturo Quizmundo
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From the South

A REAL MASON by Frank F. Baer

My Brother, Masonry means more than just to wear a pin, or carrying a dues receipt. So the Lodge will let you in. You wear an emblem on your coat, and on your hand a ring. But, if you're not sincere at heart, This doesn't mean a thing. It's just an outward sign to show the world that you belong to this Fraternal Brotherhood that teaches right from wrong. What really counts lies buried deep within the human breast; Masonic teaching brings it out and puts it to the test. If you can do outside the Lodge the things you learn within, be just and upright to yourself and to your fellow men; or help him when in need. Without a thought of a reward without a thought of a reward for any act or deed; Conduct yourself in such a way the world without can see. Conduct yourself in such a way the world without can see; respect and live up to your trust and do the best you can; respect and live up to your trust and do the best you can; Respect and live up to your trust and do the best you can; Then you can tell the world you are a Mason and a Man!

We will be serving spaghetti, garlic bread and roasted rolled pork belly

By the Plumb,

Brother Danny Sanchez
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On Secretary's Desk

On Secretary's Desk:

2024 Dues must be paid by 01-Jan-2024 in order to be in "Good Standing" for Masonic 2024. 23 Brothers are still in arrears. Thank you for our Brothers who paid their 2024 Annual Dues and Grand Lodge Percapata. 11 Brothers will probably be dropped from our rolls due to Non-Payment of Dues (NPD). If you do not have an access of your Grand View 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.

Please remember that:

*Life Members are responsible to pay \$28.00 annually for the Grand Lodge Assessment fee.

*Service exempt for all 50-year Master Masons is not obligated to pay dues and/or assessments.

To receive events, newsletters or Trestle Boards from Lodges in District No. 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.

We have an online store through the efforts of our Bro Senior Steward Michael Consolver who coordinated with a local business in Oak Harbor – Ashley’s Design & Letterman Jackets / Screen Printing. Please follow link: <https://ashleysdesign.com/whidbeylodge15/shop/home?fbclid=IwAR25IeNseVDOuxUYizrBrPg5TwNJfuBneDJqzBR3qQRj94IINMise1YBGY>

Scheduled upcoming events in our Lodge:

- Thursday, April 4th at 7:00 PM – Lodge Officer Association Meeting.
- Tuesday, April 16th at 7:30 PM – Whidby Island No. 15 Stated Communication. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Grand Master MWB Steve C Martin’s visit.
- Saturday, April 20th at 10:00 AM – Triple Fellowcraft Degree Conferrals.
- Saturday, May 11th at 12:30 PM – Annual Visit to Grandview-Trinity No. 96 in Vancouver, BC, Canada

April Stated Meeting Attire: Dark Suit

April Stated Meeting Menu: Spaghetti, garlic bread and roasted rolled pork belly.

Fraternally,

VWB Nestor Cagingin

Secretary, Whidby Island Lodge No. 15

Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 9

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Highlights of March 2024 Stated Communication

Worshipful Master welcomed and thanked everyone for attending this January Stated Communication with 20 members and 7 visiting Brothers. Thanked all Pro-temp.

Introductions

All visitors with the exception of Masters, Wardens and Grand Lodge Team Members: Bro David Acuzar of Claude H. Morrison No. 77/GL of California; Bro Alfredo Padamada, Yokosuka No. 15/GL of Japan; VWB Gerry Myers and VWB Red Bell of Fidalgo No. 77 and WB Julian Lee of Mercer Island No. 297 were introduced in place, given a warm Whidby Island No. 15 welcome.

Visiting Junior Warden: WB Steve Ellis, JW of Fidalgo No. 77 was introduced in place, given a warm Whidby Island No. 15 welcome. Visiting Worshipful Master: VWB Marion Windell, WM of Skagit Vally Masonic Lodge No. 36 was escorted to the East and accorded the public Grand Honor of Masonry in the East.

Visiting Grand Lodge Team Members (except DGM): WB Dale Thayer – Youth Entitlement Committee; WB Ilan Wilde – Medical Team and VWB Nestor Cagingin, Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 9 were presented West of the altar, introduced in the East and were accorded the public grand honors.

Visit of DGM: Bro SD seeked out RWB Jimmy Norton – Deputy Grand Master and informed him that Brethren of Whidby Island No. 15 awaits his will and pleasure. Presented DGM West of the altar, WM greeted DGM at the altar and escorted him to the East and accorded the public grand honors. Offered the Gavel to preside with the meeting while he declined.

Masonic Education

Bro Danny Sanchez shared his experience and the benefits of the recent Leadership Retreat at Wenatchee which motivates every Masons in attendance. Bro Crisostomo Legaspi learned that other Lodges divide degree lectures into small parts then study other parts for the next conferral as an option.

Presentation

Small token of appreciation presented to Deputy Grand Master for his visit and tireless effort to our Grand Lodge and our gentle craft.

Communications

- March 2024 Talking Points from Junior Grand Warden (11-Mar)
- Email from RWB Clinton Brown Jr. – Grand Secretary regarding Life Members distribution (01-Mar)
- Message from Bro Sam Bass - Father of Bro Joe Bass, member of Whidby Island No. 15 (22-Feb).

Committee Reports

- **Bikes for Books** –WB Art Quizmundo delivered two bicycles to Crescent Harbor Elementary School and two bicycles to Olympic View Elementary Schools.
- **Scholarship** – WB Art Quizmundo will collect fillable PDF applications in April.
- **Lodge Website** – Our website is updated
- **Sunshine:** Bro Joe Bass has stage 4 colon cancer; WB Don Dubois' health is not improving; WB Kelly Gustafson is under the weather. Keep our Brothers in your prayers.

Reading of petition

Mr. Eddie Fry – Petition for Degrees in Masonry. Investigation Committee was assigned chaired by WB Art Quizmundo with WB Douglas Jerome and WB Reggie Carter.

March 2024 Income: As per Treasurer's Report

March 2024 Bills: \$13,769.04

- \$ 525.00 HMTA Lodge MArch 2024 Rent
- \$ 148.62 Nestor Cagingin for March 2024 Secretary expenses
- \$ 663.43 Crisostomo Legaspi for Leadership Retreat
- \$ 650.00 Michael Consolver for 25 Lodge Sport Shirts
- \$11,867.01 HMTA for emergency Pipe repairs and 2023 Tax

Bills were ordered to be paid

New Business

District HMTA have two Board members open. Bro Ace Agpoon volunteered

March Masonic Birthdays

Brethren	Years of Service
David T. Allen	26
Ronald B. Christgau	40
Robert E. Clark, PM	17
Donald E. Dubois	26
Rick J. Felici, PM	18
Jason R. Forester, PM	16
Steven L. Gabbert	23
Kelly L. Gustafson, PM	7
Richard D. Johnson, Hon PM	18
Bienvenido D. Juanta	44
Robert M. Keneflick	50
Crisostomo C. Legaspi Jr.	20
Jayar H. Loiselle	9
William L. Losey	48
John S. Marcellis	42
Clyde A. McCarty Jr., PM	23
Randall W. Pike, PM	21
Danny Sanchez	5
Manuel S. Valdez	56
Dennis R. Warn	20
Douglas K. Williams	36



Memorial: WB Charles G. Sipes dropped his working tools on 14-Mar due to kidney failure and pneumonia complication.

Announcements

21-Feb/Wed at 6:00PM – Masonic Learning Experience at Fidalgo No. 77; 22-Feb/Thurs – Sojourner at Bob’s Burger; 23-Feb/Fri at 6:00 PM; 20-Apr/Sat at 10:00 AM – Triple FC Conferrals at Whidby Island No. 15; 30-Feb/Sat at 9:00 AM – MM Conferral at Skagit Valley Masonic No. 36 for Camanio No. 19; 27-Mar/Wed at 7:30 PM – District No. 9 LOA at Camanio No. 19; 13-Apr/Sat at 10:00 AM “Meals-on-Wheels” Turkey Shoot at Old Skagit Gun Club.

WM offered the Gavel to DGM to close his Lodge. RWB Jimmy Norton brought greetings from our Grand Master, MWB Steve C. Martin. Expounded the first entrance of an Entered Apprentice into our Lodge.

The purpose for which this Communication was called having been fulfilled and after reading and approval of these minutes, Lodge was closed in Due Form at 9:10 PM o’clock peace and harmony prevailing.