



WHIDBY ISLAND LODGE #15 F & AM

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TRESTLE-BOARD

August 2018

WORSHIPFUL MASTER - WB Arturo R. Quizmundo

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Master

Fraternal Greetings from the East. In our August Stated Meeting, the focus was to recognize and honor our Past Masters. That night was dedicated to celebrate their accomplishments and to also acknowledge their sacrifices and continuous support to our Lodge and Brethren.



I would just like to have a special mention of WB Bob Morrison. I know he was there in spirit to join the celebration. WB Bob Morrison asked me to be his Junior Warden for his year and that's how my journey to the chairs started. Rest in peace Worshipful...

To fully fathom the significance of our Past Masters, I believe it is necessary to understand the accountabilities they held during their year(s) as the Master of the Lodge. According to *The Master's Book* by Carl M. Claudy: A Master (of the Lodge) is not only leader of his Lodge, but a member of the Grand Lodge, in which august body he represents his Lodge. Familiarity with the Grand Lodge procedure, questions pending, legislation

enacted, etc., gives him a perspective and enables him to act with intelligence and understanding. The master also realizes that he is not only an important cog in his own Masonic machine, but an integral part of a world-wide Freemasonry, early grasps the real importance and responsibilities of his position.

This paragraph is rather short to fully capture the actual duties and responsibilities that our Past Master performed during their year(s) for being the leader of the Lodge alone casts a wide net of responsibilities and duties... Bro Robert Macoy definition of a Past Master in the book *A Dictionary of Freemasonry* summarizes to a Brother who have sat in the Oriental chair and also one on the degrees in the Royal Art Chapter. According to Bro Albert G. Mackey, the installed Master receives the Degree of Past Master.

While these books have good descriptions of a Past Masters, it does not fully embody the characteristics that I witnessed from our Past Masters. They are mentors to all the Brethren who seek their knowledge and guidance. The Past Masters in our Lodge continues to be the pillars by taking the lead role in committees and in our Temple Association. Thinking back to WB Phil's year, he instituted the Saturday fellowship in which our current Junior Warden continued to implement. Our late WB Bob Morrison, during his year, requested that we would have ice cream and cookies after the meeting, which gave us the opportunity to spend a little bit more time with the Brethren after the meeting. WB Don Dubois started the Lodge Official Visit (LOV) to other lodges. Our Lodge, as a result, has the most visits to other lodges in the District. Our annual visit from our Canadian Brethren, WB Reggy Carter delights us with his famous barbecue ribs. These are only few of the traditions (that I can think of) that our Past Masters have given our Lodge... So if you want to "improve yourself in Masonry"; talk to one of them and pick their brain. They can impart the mouth-to-ear knowledge and traditions that is relevant to this age...

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer. Please join us in our next meetings and events.

Fraternally, Bro Art Quizmundo, WM

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Secretary

From the Secretary's Desk. According to the Grand Lodge website, there are 64 bad addresses of our Lodge members. Access Member Portal <https://freemason-wa.org/member-portal-log/> and please update your profile (Personal Information, Contact Information, Memberships – you'll know if you have an outstanding dues for Masonic Year 2018, etc.).



At the back of your dues card: For Membership Verification-Call (253) 444-4011 then enter Member Number

Lodge will drop 53 candidates (9 candidates, 34 Entered Apprentices, 10 Fellowcrafts) from the membership rolls of our Lodge as per Resolution 2017-2 Sec 20.11 B.L – Failure to advance

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Get your Lodge lapel pin! Hope to see you in any of the events below.

Upcoming events in our Lodge:

06-Sep/Thurs – LOA / HMTA Meeting at 6:00 pm

18-Sep/Tues – Stated Meeting (Dinner at 6:00 pm and Meeting at 7:30 pm)

22-Sep/Sat – Tentative visit of Brethren of Granview-Trinity Lodge # 96.

Fraternally, Bro Nestor Cagingin

Highlights of the “Stated Communication”

The WM extended a warm Whidbey Island welcome to all Brothers present to the August 2018 Stated Meeting.

Presentation: Introduced Past Masters of Whidby Island Lodge # 15 and accorded the public grand honors.

Called from Labor to Refreshment at 8:05pm for a toast to all Past Masters of Whidby Island Lodge # 15 present this evening. Called from Refreshment to Labor at 8:40pm

Correspondence was read.

Committee Reports: Pancake Breakfast – WB Dale Thayer reported fundraiser is doing well with \$2,000.00 profit. 25-Aug/Sat will be the last Saturday Pancake Breakfast for this Summer, assistance is requested. Website – updated with a few links to be fixed. Please visit <http://whidbeyisland-15.org/> to find Lodge information and events. Audit – Committee will be form during next LOA Meeting. Election/Nomination – headed by WB Don DuBois.

August Bills in the amount of \$ 810.75 were read and ordered paid then the Treasurer’s report was made.

Sickness and Distress: Keep our Brothers and our family in your prayers. WB Dick Johnson, Bro David Eccles, and Bro Richard Janoe’s parents.

No further business appearing at this Stated Communication and after reading and approval of these minutes WM Arturo Quizmundo closed the Lodge in due form at 9:25 o'clock P.M. with peace and harmony is prevailing.

August Anniversaries

Williams A. White	65	Charles E. Davis	31
Roy L. Compton	56	Philip L. Bleyhl	30
Glenn M. Whitehead	50	Robert S. Miller	27
Hugh E. Myers	45	Christopher W. Nagel	26
Jacob Cohen	44	Richard M. Janoe	16
Donald L. DuBois	44	David L. Sherman	12
Darrell D. Brown	41	Bruce R. Freeman	7
Francis J. Hughes	37	Shawn P. Campbell	6