

Stated	Whidby Island	15	F. & A.M.
Coupeville, WA	August 16	2011	6011
2nd		7:30	P.
	Rick Felici		Chris Warrick PT
	Robert Clark		Jeff Roush
w	Dale Thayer		Dick Johnson
w	Christopher W. Nagel		George Konopik
vw	Chris Olsen	w	Don DuBois
	Michael Belle Isle		

The W/M extended a warm Whidby Island welcome to all Brothers present this evening.

RWB Bruce Vesper, Junior Grand Warden, was welcomed as a first-time visitor and presented with his first-time visitor's card.

VWB Marion Windell, Military Recognition Committee, and RWB Bruce Vesper, Junior Grand Warden, both of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington, were presented at the altar, escorted to the East, introduced, and accorded the Public Grand Honors.

#### Committee Reports:

- Scholarship Committee: None
- Lodge Website: Inquiries through the website for petitions and Hall rental have been coming in
- Bikes for Books: None

Correspondence for this month was read with none requiring action.

Bills in the amount of \$853.87 were read and ordered paid.

No Treasurer's report was read.

#### Unfinished Business:

- None

#### New Business:

- The W/M talked about his recent adventure joining the Rainbow Girls for Dream Camp. He stated he was very impressed with the Masonic knowledge that the Rainbow Girls have. He also noted that it was quite an enjoyable experience and that he was very proud of the youth groups.
- VWB Marion Windell talked about the Saturday morning breakfasts. He first discussed the history of the breakfasts and then spoke about the small group that support the breakfasts for the rest of the Lodge membership. VWB Marion then made three recommendations:
  - Cease having the breakfasts except for during the Arts and Crafts Festival
  - Raise dues for the Lodge to \$100 and ask for a voluntary donation of \$40 from life members.
  - That the taxes and insurance NOT be a line item for the Temple Board.
 There was much discussion from the floor about future plans regarding these suggestions.
- A motion was made by Bro. Robert Clark that dues be raised to \$100 and amended that life

members be asked to contribute a voluntary \$30. It was seconded by Bro. Michael Belle Isle. There was much discussion about the dollar amounts and need to raise money. This has been tabled until the September Stated meeting.

- As this was Past Master's Night the W/M asked the Senior Deacon to escort the Past Masters to the floor. W/B Rick thanked the Past Masters for their service. W/B Lanny Kee and W/B Jim Gaskill were asked to tell stories about the past of this Lodge. W/B Don Taylor then spoke about the scholarship fund. W/B Don DuBois discussed his time as Master and how they invested in real estate for the Lodge.
- The W/M announced that Bro. Bruce Freeman's 3<sup>rd</sup> degree would be held the 30<sup>th</sup> of August.

The Secretary read the birthday list for August and the Brethren present received a hearty round of applause.

A memorial was held for Bro. Charles Meyer.

Sickness and distress:

- Bro. David Sherman has been going through a lot of tests, but things seem to be getting better.
- MWB Jim Vannice is feeling significantly better, much better than he was feeling in the past.

The W/M thanked his pro temps for the evening.

RWB Bruce Vesper announced a beer festival at the Landmark Event Center on October 8<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned the Public School Outreach committee. He stated that it was going from an activity based scholarship but to a need based scholarship. This was also going to more focused to the youth groups. The Bikes for Books program is being moved to the Public Schools committee. It won't be changed, just moved.

No further business appearing at this Stated Communication and after reading and approval of these minutes, Lodge was closed in due form at 9:06 P.M. o'clock with peace and harmony prevailing.

Rick Felici  
Worshipful Master

Christopher W. Nagel  
Secretary