

Whidby Island

15 Free & Accepted Masons

Stated	Whidby Island	15	F. & A.M.
Coupeville, WA	19 December		6023
3 rd		7:30	PM
	Steven Gabbert	W	Reginald Carter
W	Arturo Quizmundo		
	Danny Sanchez		
			Donald Schwalback
VW	Nestor Cagingin		
W	Douglas Jerome		
W	Nelson De Vega		

Worshipful Master welcomed and thanked everyone for attending this December Stated Communication with 16 members and 2 visiting Brethren. Thanked all Pro-temp. WB Nelson De Vega installed Bro Crisostomo Legaspi as Senior Deacon and WB Steven Gabbert installed Bro Michael Consolver as Senior Steward.

Labor on 3rd Degree was suspended and labor on 1st Degree was opened. Invited all Entered Apprentice Masons.

Worshipful Master declared that 2023 Lodge of Sorrow closed and 2024 Lodge of Sorrow opened.

Introductions:

First-time visitors: Bro Pete McCue of Esoterika No. 316 was introduced West of the Altar and presented with first-time visitor card, Lodge pin and given a warm Whidby Island No. 15 welcome.

All visitors with the exception of Masters, Wardens and Grand Lodge Team Members: VWB Gerry Myers of Fidalgo No. 77 was introduced in place, given a warm Whidby Island No. 15 welcome.

Visiting Grand Lodge Team Members: VWB Nestor Cagingin – Deputy of the Grand Master in District 9 was escorted to the East and accorded the public grand honors.

Masonic Education: Deferred

Presentation: Lodge pin to Bro Donald Schwalback; Mini Working Tools to Bro Earl Diaz.

Proficiency: Bro Michael Consolver proved up 3rd Degree proficiency via committee chaired by WB Steven Gabbert. Bro Jeff Secretaria proved up 1st Degree proficiency via Posting Lecture with mentor WB Nelson De Vega.

Reading of the prior minutes: Reading of Stated Communications Minutes for 21-November-2023 was deferred, emailed to the Brethren at posted in the Bulletin Board.

Communications:

Posted on Grand View: End of Year Appeal – Washington Masonic Services (07-Dec); Masonic Tribune – Winter 2023 (06-Dec); Spoof Grand Lodge Facebook Page (06-Dec); MSA Appeal Letter (05-Dec); Lodge Life Membership Report Instructions – 2023 (01-Dec); Letter regarding advertising

for 2024 Conference of Grand Masters (30-Nov)

Committee Reports:

Bikes for Books – Completed until next school year. New chairman – WB Arturo Quizmundo.

Scholarship – Completed until next school year. New chairman – WB Arturo Quizmundo.

Sunshine – Both WB Jim Gaskill and WB Don Dubois are recovering at home; WB Dick Johnson doing his therapy from back surgery. Keep our Brothers in your prayers.

Bills for December: \$ 1,267.84

\$ 627.84 Nestor Cagingin for 12 bicycles (2024 Bikes-for-Books)

\$ 525.00 HMTA December 2023 Lodge Rent

\$ 115.00 Nestor Cagingin for December 2023 Secretary expenses

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer was not present but the bills were ordered paid.

Old Business: Discussion on how much will the Lodge fund our Annual "Military/First Responder Appreciation Night". A motion was made, seconded and approved to fund \$250.00 for this event.

New Business: Sweethearts Brunch will be tentatively scheduled on 17-Feb/Saturday at 11:00 AM. Menu will be discussed later.

Masonic Birthdays: December 2023

John A. Smeby	55	Louis E. Bartrand	50	David R. Conner	37
Richard D. Warn	37	Francis A. Delorier III	30	Reginald Carter	24
Nestor J. Cagingin	21	Ilan E. Wilde	18	Chad N. Rickner	17
Eduardo P. Herrera	9	George K. Halgrims	9		

Announcements:

20-Dec/Wed at 7:00PM – Masonic Learning Experience at Fidalgo No. 77. 05-Jan/Fri at 7:00 PM – Fellowcraft Degree conferral at Skagit Valley No. 36.

VWB Nestor Cagingin brought greetings from our Grand Master, MWB Steve C. Martin, who does not have anything on his calendar tonight. He was in Castle Rock No. 62 last night for their Stated meeting. He was really busy with Installations the past few weeks including the Constitution of Skagit Valley No. 36 and Installation of Officers on 09-Dec. Remember the real reason for the season... "Happy Holidays" to all Brethren withsoever dispersed.

Retire all Entered Apprentice Masons. Labor of 1st Degree closed and labor on 3rd Degree resumed.

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 8:50 PM o'clock peace and harmony prevailing.

Steven Gabbert

Worshipful Master

Nestor Cagingin

Secretary