

*Whidby Island**15 Free & Accepted Masons*

Stated Whidby Island 15 F. & A.M.  
 Coupeville, WA 15 January 2019 6019  
 1st 7:30 P

Arturo Quizmundo Mark Dolar  
 w Lynn Bailey  
 Kelly Gustafson  
 w Dale Thayer Steven Gabbert  
 Nestor Cagingin  
 w Phil Bleyhl w Willis Jacobs  
 Dondon Aguirre

The WM extended a warm Whidbey Island welcome to all Brothers present this evening with 14 members and 2 visitors. Thanked Pro-Temp WB Lynn Bailey as Senior Warden, Bro Steven Gabbert as Marshal and Bro Mark Dolar as Junior Deacon.

Visiting Grand Lodge Team: VWB Tony Gill, DDGM District # 9 and WB Dale Thayer, Children's Program were escorted to the East and accorded the public grand honors.

Masonic Education was presented by Bro Dave Severo shared his experiences during his visit to his Grandfather's Lodge in Naga City, Bicol, Philippines. He mentioned that the Brothers welcomed him very well. He also observed election of officers during this visit and a peculiar situation of a tie for one of the position which was settled by a "coin-toss". This is Masonry at work where Brothers can best work and best agree.

Presentation: Bro Dave Severo was presented his Bible and Trowel who was raised to the Sublimed Degree of Master Mason on 29-Nov-2018. Bro Dondon Aguire, Bro Kelly Gustafson and Bro Mark Dolar were also presented their Trowels. Masonic books courtesy of WB Hank Qualey were given to Bro Mark Dolar as well.

December 18, 2018 Stated Meeting Minutes was read for information only. Approved Minutes is posted in our Bulletin and website and emailed to all brethren.

Communication: Message from Grand Master regarding his daughter's condition who has been stricken with a life threatening fungal infection, "C. Gatti" (*Cryptococcus gattii*), that has attacked her nervous system. Letter from the Grand Secretary dated 14-Jan-2019 – Expulsion of Entered Apprentice Mason: Jacob Lathrop (Member # 76784) member of Terrestrial-Mt. View Lodge # 228.

Committee Report: Bikes for Books – enough funds to purchase bikes and will contact school principals in March. Scholarship – information will be provided to Oak Harbor and Coupeville High Schools in March. Audit Committee – completed. Holiday Baskets – WB Jim Gaskill reported Thanksgiving basket was given to a family of 2 adults and 2 children and was very much appreciated. Christmas holiday basket was not distributed but gift boxes were given to the Widows of our Lodge.

Bills: January Bills in the amount of \$770.50 was read and ordered paid.  
 Treasurer's Report: Earnings/Expenses for December were read.

Old Business: End of Year Report due 01-Feb-2019. IRS website is down; therefore 990's cannot be filed and completed until website is up.

New Business: As per our By-Laws, annual HMTA meeting/report is required to be given in January so the Lodge was off session for this purpose. Summary: The Lodge had a “working party” during summer and 8 major projects were completed in about 2 hours. Major project last year was our parking lot re-pavement. There are at least 5 pending projects and scheduled to be completed this year. Expenses and earnings were read. HMTA financial standing was given. And finally, 3 Board of Trustees members were elected/re-elected. The HMTA president expressed his gratitude to all who supported last year’s endeavors and the Worshipful Master concurred and echoed this appreciation. After the HMTA meeting/report was completed the Lodge was back on session. A motion was made, seconded and approved to provide \$500.00 from our Charity Fund to VWB Dino Conti who had a stroke on Christmas Eve. A total of \$140.00 personal donations were collected after the Stated meeting during our refreshment. Lodge Secretary will provide collection (total of \$640.00) to MWB Don Munks during District # 9 Meeting on 19-Jan/Sat. WM invited brothers who are available to visit Brethren, as WM and Bro Nestor visited a couple of Brethren who were not as mobile as before or have not met or have not been in the Lodge in a while. A motion was made, seconded and approved to buy 7 District Calendars for Officers at \$3.00 each. Bro Kelly Gustafson will start the plan for the “Sweetheart Brunch” which is scheduled on 10-Feb/Sun at 1100. Everything (ham, turkey, shrimp, eggs to order and many more) will be provided by the Lodge. This will be our Lodge big family event to show appreciation to the Ladies, children are welcome as well. We hope to see you and your family. Please let us know that you will be in attendance. Finally, WM asked officers to attend future District # 9 LOA meetings.

Masonic Anniversaries: Bro Mark Dolar (2 years MM) was present and was given birthday applause.

Sickness and Distress: Daughter of MWB Jim Kendall has been stricken with a life threatening fungal infection, “C. Gatti” (Cryptococcus gattii), that has attacked her nervous system. Bro George Foster had a liter of fluid taken out from around his heart. MWB Don Munks is dealing with back problems. Bro Francis Hughes is at Whidbey Health. VWB Dino Conti is recovering well from his stroke. WB Willis Jacobs and Bro David Eccles were present this Stated Meeting, both had surgeries. Please keep our Brothers and families in your prayers.

Announcement: Bro Mark will PCS to Japan in March and expressed the pleasure and honor of being initiated, passed and raised to Sublime Degree of Master Mason. He will be forever indebted to the Brothers of Whidby Island Lodge # 15. WB Lynn Bailey reminded the Brothers to put away officer’s jewels every meeting. VWB Gerry Myers mentioned 2-EA Conferrals at San Juan Lodge # 175 on 23-Jan/Wed at 7:00 pm; 2-MM Conferrals at Mt. Baker Lodge # 36 on 02-Feb/Sat at 10:00 am and 2-EA Conferrals at Whidby Island Lodge # 15 on 02-Feb/Sat at 4:00 pm.

Final Remarks: VWB Tony Gill mentioned a couple of Brothers who stepped up to assist a Brother in need. He is also proud of the whole District # 9, where Brothers united into one sacred band of Brothers to contribute liberally, to aid and assist, and to spread brotherly love and affection. He also reminded everyone to attend our District # 9 Meeting on 19-Jan/Sat at 12:00 pm.

Reading of the Minutes: Bro Secretary read January 2019 Minutes for information only and approved as read.

Retired of the Flag.

No further business appearing at this Stated Communication and after reading and approval of these minutes closed the Lodge by WM Arturo Quizmundo in due form at 9:20 P.M. O’clock with peace and harmony is prevailing.

Art Quizmundo  
Worshipful Master

Nestor Cagingin  
Secretary