



WHIDBY ISLAND LODGE #15 F & AM
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TRESTLE-BOARD

June 2010

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From the "East":

No input this month

From the "West":

Greetings Brethren

As you are likely aware our Lodge building could be considered a "fixer upper". As discussed at our last stated meeting I am in the process of forming a committee to research the possibility of obtaining grant money to assist us in restoring the building. Several Brothers have agreed to assist me in this project.

My initial thoughts are that there may be grant money available through organizations such as the National Historic Register, The National Parks Service or other organizations who may have an interest in preserving historic buildings. There may be other opportunities as well including money for replacement windows, asbestos abatement and more energy efficient appliances. The intent of this project is to determine if we are eligible for any such grants. I don't intend to apply for or commit the lodge to anything or make any changes to the Lodge without approval from the members. If you have any information that we might find useful or if you would like to assist us, please let me know. I intend to have an initial meeting of this committee the first part of June to get the ball rolling.

Fraternally, Rick Felici

From the "South":

Ballot Box

The box in which the ballots or little balls or cubes used in voting for a candidate are deposited. It should be divided into two compartments, one of which is to contain both black and white balls, from which each member selects one, and the other, which is shielded by a partition provided with an aperture, to receive the ball that is to be deposited.

Various methods have been devised by which secrecy may be secured, so that a voter may select and deposit the ball he desires without the possibility of its being seen whether it is black or white. That which has been most in use in the United States is to have the aperture so covered by a part of the box as to prevent the hand from being seen when the ball is deposited.

Remember we need help with the Saturday Breakfasts, this collective effort by the Lodge helps to pay the Lodge bills. See you there.

From the Temple Board:

The Pancake Breakfast is doing as well as can be accepted in these economical times. The numbers are starting to show a positive direction.

150	Adults
\$1,050.00	Total
6	Children
\$18.00	Total
\$9.00	Tips
\$1,077.00	Income
\$ 481.34	Expenses
\$595.66	Profit

Come out to the morning breakfast, the help is always needed. Remember that if this event fails, the burden of the yearly tax bill (over \$6,000.00 in 2010) would fall to the lodge. Not only is it good for the lodge's coffers but also the fellowship this event fosters between us and the community. The regular customers have come to really enjoy this weekly treat of coming together. For the good of the Lodge also no man is an island and cannot truly make changes without the help of others.

Respectfully yours, Michael Belle Isle, Secretary/Treasurer - HMTA

From the Secretary:

Is Freemasonry a difficult organization to join? This story gives one version:

A man was checking in at a hotel, and noticed a group of men heading toward a function room. He said to the clerk, "Who are those men?" She replied, "Oh, they're the Masons. They meet in one of our function rooms while their new Lodge is finished." He replied, "Oh yeah, the Masons! Isn't that the group that's so hard to get into?" She replied, "You don't know the half of it! See that man with the sword? He's been banging on that door for eight months and they haven't let him in yet!"

I appreciate the inputs I have received from the brethren this year. I would ask that anytime you have any information to pass, or questions concerning the lodge please let me know as soon as possible. I can get information passed along to the members of the lodge relatively quickly, but if it is at the last minute, often times the brethren will read about it too late. As always, if you still owe dues for the year, please remit them soon. We still have WAY too many brothers past due.

We discussed the resolution for the lodge requiring the incoming Worshipful Master to set a budget for his ensuing year. Please read it below, and let me know if you have any comments, concerns, or questions, and I will pass them along to the lodge. Better yet, come on down to the stated meeting and join in the discussion with your brothers at the lodge. We will be voting on the resolution at the July stated meeting.

Proposed Resolution:

The incoming Worshipful Master shall present his annual budget for the ensuing year at the November Stated meeting prior to the Installation of Officers. The final budget, as agreed upon by the members in attendance at the November Stated meeting, must be approved by the Lodge members in attendance that evening. The incoming Worshipful Master cannot be installed as Worshipful Master until a budget has been approved and voted on.

Highlights of the “Stated”:

- A petition was read for Mr. Kambouzia Kiani-Anaraki.
- A resolution was read that the incoming W/M was to set a budget for his ensuing year.
- W/B Chris Nagel made a presentation of MWB Ken Nagel’s Grand Master project, Operation Greatest Gift.

In Memoriam

NONE

June Anniversaries

Robert King	65	Richard Bramer	63
Marvin Alexander	60	Dale Lighthill	56
Kienpang Gee	41	John Shepard	39
Jesse Lowder	33	William Lineberger	28
Darel Martin	22	Gordon Hartman	10
Dale Gillilan	8	William Young	7
Don Toliniu	5		