



WHIDBY ISLAND LODGE #15 F & AM

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TRESTLE-BOARD

September 2010

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### **From the "West":**

Brethren,

As we get closer to "step up" night and a new year in our Lodge it is time to think about who will be filling the chairs. If you have ever thought about "going through the chairs" now is the time to make it known. To the newer members out there, do not be afraid to step up and join in. This is your Lodge and your input and influence is important. Fresh perspectives are a good thing! We have several degrees coming up in the next couple of weeks. Please come out and join us to support our new Brothers. Pick a part of the ritual and join in!

Hope to see you all soon, Rick

### **From the "South":**

How many Freemasons does it take to change a light bulb?

September: Upon arriving at the lodge, the Master notices the bulb is burnt out. He asks the electrician to replace it. The electrician tells him that bulbs are kept in the Tyler's desk. The Master goes to the Tyler's desk but finds no bulbs. The Tyler tells him that the lodge has been out of light bulbs since RW Barney was Master (sometime during the Eisenhower years). During the business meeting, the Master proposes the purchase of a box of light bulbs. Three Past Masters object, saying that the motion must be printed in the notice of the next communication. The Secretary concurs.

October: The Master calls for the ballot. The three Past Masters object, and ask for a Treasurer's report on whether the lodge can afford the purchase. The Treasurer doesn't have his books at the communication, so the ballot is postponed until the following month.

November: The Master calls up the motion, and calls for the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer reports that the lodge has sufficient funds for the proposed purchase. The Master calls for the ballot, and the motion to obtain new bulbs is passed. The Master asks if one of the three Past Masters would be willing to purchase the bulbs, but all three have already gone downstairs to "assist" the Dinner Committee. The electrician volunteers to purchase the bulbs, and is escorted once around the lodge to the applause of the brethren.

December: the Master opens the lodge and notices that the bulb is still burnt out. He asks the Treasurer and finds out that the electrician left for Florida the day after the previous meeting, but will be back for the May communication. The Master calls the lodge to recess, gets back in his car, drives to a hardware store, buys a pack of bulbs, drives back, parks, goes in, drags his chair underneath the burnt-out bulb, replaces the bulb, throws the old bulb away, drags his chair back to the East and calls the Craft back to order.

So... how many Freemasons does it take to change a light bulb, one. You just have to ask the right one.

We will be having Reggie's ribs for the visit from our Brothers of Trinity Lodge in September, remember to schedule your attendance for this Saturday meeting.

**From the Secretary:**

We still have close to 40 brethren who are not current in their dues or assessments. Once again, it is not a good situation for the lodge to have so many brethren in arrears, especially as we are so late in the year. Remember that this year we had a mandatory assessment of \$30, even for life members. If you have trouble paying your dues, or assessment, please let me know. The Lodge can't help if we don't know about any financial hardships. We have already remitted the dues/assessments for a handful of Brothers, we can help you if you need help.

**Highlights of the "Stated":**

- The Lodge balloted in favor of three men to join the Lodge
- The Past Masters of the Lodge were recognized, as it was Past Master's night
- The Grand Master, MWB Santy Lascano, visited the Lodge this evening and delivered many words of wisdom.

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*In Memoriam*

**Bro. Gerald D. Holmes**

**Raised - November 26th, 1963**

**Died - August 9th, 2010**

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**September Anniversaries**

Charles Pillow	58	James Howell	56
Kenneth Bliss	55	Philip Snover	43
Harold Goodman	35	John Cole	33
Alvin Morrell	33	Everett Harns	30
Fernando Bumbasi	16	Mark Wiggins	14
James Milling	13	George Perkins	8
James Gaskill	6	Arturo Quizmundo	5
Jonathan Frias	3	Mark Logan	1
Steven Bryan	1		