



WHIDBY ISLAND LODGE #15 F & AM

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TRESTLE-BOARD

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From the "East":

Hello Brethren, happy summer, (it was Sunday, hope you didn't miss it)! I have just a couple of things I want to comment on this month.

Many of you have noticed the handmade banner and other items on display on the table in the Lodge. Our Rainbow girls made the banner, scrapbook, etc. for competition at their Grand Assembly. I am proud to say that the girls took home awards for the banner, their scrapbook, and ritual competition. They also received recognition for having the most Masons in attendance at the Grand Worthy Advisor's official visit. This is the Rainbow equivalent of the Grand Master's official visit to a Lodge. I am very proud of this. As you are likely aware, I hold our Masonic youth groups in high regard. Thank you to the all of the Whidby and Langley Brothers who attended this special meeting. The Coupeville Assembly continues to grow and they have reason to be proud of their accomplishments.

Please be as supportive of our ongoing programs as you are able. We have coffee stops coming up, breakfast on Saturdays, and there is all ways something to do with our committees.

The next stated meeting will be Past Masters Night. Come on out and join us. Good food, good memories and probably a couple of wise cracks.

Our District Deputy, VWB Don Monks, has started the ball rolling for a District 9 Masonic funeral team. Brethren, I have had the honor of helping out with a Masonic funeral recently and it is a beautiful ceremony. I completely support VW Don in this endeavor. VWB Don is looking for at least two Masons from each Lodge to learn the funeral ritual and practice it as a team. In the event of a Brother passing, these team members would be called upon to perform the service. This is an honorable task. The parts are not difficult to learn and the satisfaction of doing them well will make it worth the effort. I volunteered to help, how about you?

Thanks again for all you do, Rick

From the "West":

Brethren, I am pleased that we were able to change the way we were dealing with the funds designated as building funds. I know that the members of the Temple Board will do the best they can to see that the Lodge gets the maximum benefit from the expenditure of those funds. I am also very interested in getting some use out of the vacant property owned by the Lodge. We pay a lot of taxes on it each year and we should get some use from it. I would like to see us as improve the entrance and clear some of the brush, so that we might someday use it for our own open air degree and or make it available to the local boy scout troop for campouts. We could even have our own picnics on the site especially with the state parks looking at imposing a charge. This would be a great way for us to get together and enjoy some fellowship. That's enough from me for now. See you all at the next stated.

Brother Robert Clark

From the “South”:

Brethren, my thanks for this last month, we had another successful dinner, Hawaiian dinner which wouldn't have been possible without the help and cooperation of all of you. Especially our thanks go to BRs Jeff Roush, Cory Baker, and Dick Johnson. We again had those that attended and those who helped to prepare the dinners, serve, setup, and clean up by: washing dishes, taking out the trash, and preparing the dining room for the next event. Thank you again. Especially thanks to Master's daughter for that scrumptious dessert. At our August stated meeting we will celebrate Western night with a cheap western themed dinner, dogs and beans. Now let's get ready for another month of great fellowship and please let me know what you would like to see and have as refreshments during this year. I still haven't received too many volunteers for future dinners and refreshments but I'm waiting to hear from you!!! Oh yes, prepare yourselves for our September meeting with the Brother's from Canada; I believe it's time to contact Reggie!!!!!!

From the Secretary:

Below is the amended Building Fund resolution that was read in Lodge:

Be it hereby resolved that a specified amount of savings be set aside as a building fund, and monies donated and designated as building fund money will be utilized for the upgrading and maintenance of the current lodge building. The building fund monies will not be used for the payment of utilities, insurance, and taxes. Further that the amount of \$30 of each new candidates fee be placed in this fund.

As always, feel free to call me or email me with any concerns or questions. My phone number is up top, and my email is: nagelc@comcast.net

Highlights of the “Stated”:

- A fifty-year Masonic anniversary ceremony was held for Bro. Joe Jenkins
- A resolution was read concerning the Building Fund. After three approved amendments to the resolution, it passed unanimously.

In Memoriam

Bro. Charles Meyer

Born - July 25th, 1918

Died – July 25th, 2011

August Anniversaries

Rodney Smith	59	Richard Lesperance	59
William White	58	Matthew Boyeson	58
Roy Compton	50	Glenn Whitehead	43
Hugh Myers	38	Donald DuBois	37
Jacob Cohen	37	Darrell Brown	34
Francis Hughes	30	Charles Davis	24
Philip Bleyhl	23	Robert Miller	20
Christopher Nagel	19	Richard Janoe	9
David Sherman	5	Thomas VanHemel	5