



WHIDBY ISLAND LODGE #15 F & AM  
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TRESTLE-BOARD

December 2011

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**From the “East”:**

Best wishes from the East,

December will be a busy month for us. We have the installation on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and our stated on the 20<sup>th</sup>, as well as all of the other social and family obligations that come up this time of the year. At our last stated we mentioned the widow's gifts and our secretary has obtained them for us. Now we need to get them delivered. If you have any particular widows that you enjoy visiting please let the secretary know and he will make sure you get to deliver the gift to them. I am looking forward to a fun year in the lodge and hope to see as many faces as possible at our stated meetings and events. I would also like to extend my warmest regards to all of the brothers of the lodge and their families during this holiday period and to remind them that family always comes first, for without family we could have no lodge. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all

**From the “West”:**

Hello Brethren,

Once again you have amazed me with how well we can work together as a team. I have wages to pay to those have stepped up to be our leaders this year. Consider this done. Now let's get ready for a great year of Masonry. This means that you are willing to go that extra mile for another Lodge, district or other concordances. It means that you'll visit those incapable of coming to meetings and functions and stay in touch with them. It means coming out when you don't feel like it, but you know there are the other brethren working at the task. It means attending the stated meetings so that the visitors see a strong and fraternal lodge. Every one of these previously mentioned will receive wages and most of all you will be satisfied with yourselves because you'll be completing your Masonic pledges. Now here's what I'll be doing this new term. I'll promise to be on the level and keep the wages paid. I'll point out the times when we aren't being Masonic and try to correct these divisions. I'll always support the Lodge, the Brethren, and the Worshipful Master. Finally we have a few more installations to attend and it would do us all well to be at them.

Fraternally yours, WB Dale Thayer, SW

**From the “South”:**

I bid you welcome my brothers,

As this is my first open communications from the South, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the brethren and for placing their trust in my abilities. As the Secretary/Treasurer of the Temple Board for the past three years, I have learned a great deal of the day-to-day operations and needs of our Lodge. With this training and knowledge, I assure you, with your assistance, that we will have a wonderful year to gather. As your Junior Warden, I will take seriously my responsibility to assist the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden as required. In addition, to the Craft I extend this offer of my assistance to the best of my abilities. To you the brethren of our Lodge, I will do my best to see that the tables for refreshment are of good fare. Moreover, trust that none of the Craft will convert the means of refreshments into intemperance and excess or go away dissatisfied. And on that note, here is where you can assist me. In order to coordinate a good repass you can assist me by offering to provide a meal. I am planning to have ham, sweet and mashed potatoes, a mixed vegetable and rolls for our

December stated meal. Our new Senior Deacon has stepped up and offered for January to put together a pizza dinner. I welcome any and all help with the preparations and/or serving. It is my charge to see that a good fare is provided and will be there at each stated to see that this comes to pass.

Again thank you for your trust in me, Bro. Michael Belle Isle

*"Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry." Samuel Longhorn Clemens 1835-1910*

**From the Secretary:**

Dues notices for the 2012 Masonic year have been sent out, and dues cards to the Life Members and 50 year Brothers. As you will notice on the statement, dues for the year are \$110. For our non-dues paying members you will notice the request to send in a voluntary donation of \$40 this year. Please pay attention to the details in the dues letters that were sent with the notices/cards. As this is my first month as Secretary please make every effort to send in dues/donations ASAP. It is a Masonic obligation to pay the new dues by the end of the year. After December 31st we have a huge stack of cards still to go out because of how long many of the Brothers wait to pay their dues. Please don't be one of them, and get them in early.

I am very busy learning all of the functions that the Secretary is required to perform, so please help me out by keeping me apprised of any changes in your contact information should they arise. I am sure you will all give me the same support that you gave W/B Chris Nagel. I promise to perform my job to the best of my ability to benefit all of masonry and Whidby Island Lodge #15.

Fraternally, W/B Jim Gaskill

**Highlights of the "Stated":**

- Read a plural membership application for Francis Author Delorier III..
- The holiday gift baskets committee will consist of W/B Rick Felici and Bro. Bob Clark. W/M Robert Clark presented his budget for 2012. The budget was approved by the members.
- The Audit committee was assigned for the various Lodge accounts.
- The W/M conducted a 60-year pin awards ceremony for Bro. Robert Mankin.
- W/B Doug Jerome presented Bro. Dave Pucci with the book "Craft and It's Symbols".

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*In Memoriam*

None

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**December Anniversaries**

Robert Purvis	61	David Conner	25
Robert Wean	50	Richard Warn	23
Earl Arnold	45	Douglas Nehls	17
John Smeby	43	Reginald Carter	12
Louis Bartrand	38	Chad Rickner	5
Felix Isip	31		