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East

Fraternal Greetings Brethren. I hope that everyone enjoyed and had a wonderful holiday. I wish that this year will be better and more prosperous than the last...

I would like to first pay wages to our Hill Masonic Temple Association under the leadership of WB Lynn Bailey. I would like to pay sincerest wages as well to WB Jim Gaskill and to all the Brethren who assisted on the tremendous accomplishments towards our Lodge's upkeep, maintenance, and improvements.

Our Lodge made 4 EAs, 2 FCs and 1 MM from last year and we have a few more candidates and petitioner coming down the pipe.

We, inside the Lodge had been busy as well. We have visited other Lodges all year long and we will continue to do that this year as WB Don Dubois started during his year. Visiting other Lodges give us the opportunity to meet and spend time with our Brethren from other Lodges. It is also the one of the way to improve ourselves in Masonry by observing other Lodges on how they conduct their business in their Lodges.

This year, our fellowship day will be by quarterly basis whereas we attempted to do it last year on every third Saturday of the month.

We are starting this on February, which will coincide with the Sweetheart Brunch, which was formerly our yearly Sweetheart Dinner.

We have discussed and voted in the Lodge that doing it on Sunday mid-afternoon will be easier to attend than on a Saturday evening due to our some attendees driving limitations. I hope to see you all then...

Our Lodge's theme for this year is Beauty appreciation. We have been productive with our efforts in the Lodge and I believe that it is important that we all see and realize the worth of our work. As mentioned in our lecture, Beauty is just as important as Wisdom and Strength to adorn any important undertakings...

Please join us in our next Stated Meeting and our next events to come.

Fraternally,

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South

Greetings from the South,

Welcome back from the holidays... I hope everyone had a very happy holiday season and now we are well on our way into the new year. I trust that as the door to the past year closes behind us, the new door before us will be well-lit, and we should be ready to walk through it, to walk in the light.

I hope that we will continue to keep those in need in our prayers and in our hearts... "And now abide faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

CHARITY:

The Greeks had a word, charisma, meaning a gift, and a number of words from the same root, variously suggesting rejoicing, gladness. The Latins had a similar word, carus, and meaning dear, possibly connected with amor, signifying love. From these roots came "grace," meaning a free, unbought gift, as in the theological phrase, "the grace of God," and "charity." Strictly speaking, charity is an act done freely, and spontaneously out of friendship, not as a civic duty and grudgingly, as is sometimes the case in public charity. The Masonic use of the word is much nearer this original sense, for a Mason extends relief to a needy brother not as a duty but out of friendship.

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing" (1 Corinthians 13).

This was the language of an eminent apostle of the Christian church, and such is the opinion that constitutes the cementing bond of Freemasonry. The apostle, in comparing it with faith and hope, calls it the greatest of the three, and hence in Freemasonry it is made the topmost round of its mystic ladder.

We must not fall into the too common error that charity is only that sentiment of commiseration which leads us to assist the poor with pecuniary donations. Its Masonic, as well as its Christian application, is more noble and more extensive.

The word used by the apostle is, in the original, love, a word denoting that kindly state of mind which renders a person full of goodwill and affectionate regards toward others.

Finally, my Brothers, I do assure you that whatever good you do is but duty done.

If a sorrow you have lightened or a tear wipe, away, if of poverty's load you have taken a share from some weary burdened soul, if you have lifted a cup of cold water to the lips of a famishing mortal, then to far have you illustrated the divine teachings of Masonry, then in so far have you done as the Master commanded.

May He, without whose knowledge not even a sparrow falls, bless your fellowship in our Lodge, and to His great name shall be all the praise.

Ref: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

Fraternally,
Bro. Kelly Gustafson, JW

Secretary

From the Secretary's Desk.

*Life Members are still responsible to pay \$28.00 annually for the Grand Lodge Assessment fee.

2019 Annual Dues/Assessment Fees Statements were mailed. About 45% paid their arrears. Thank you for those who attended to their obligations.

Please follow link below:

<https://freemason-wa.org/grand-lodge-newsletter/> Grand Lodge of Washington Newsletter

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/8396f0d6-d1c1-4707-8ae2-ee4df9b27c41> Fall 2018 Issue of the Masonic Tribune

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Upcoming events in our Lodge:

02-Feb/Sat – Entered Apprentice Degree Conferrals (Mr. Juancho Reyes and Mr. Michael Zina) at 4:00 pm; dinner will be served after degree works

07-Feb/Thurs – HMTA / LOA Meeting at 6:00 pm

10-Feb/Sun – “Sweetheart Brunch” at 11:00 am. Time of the year we show our appreciation to our Ladies or Sweethearts. This is a family event so children are welcome as well. The Lodge will provide everything from turkey, ham, shrimp, eggs to order, bacon, sausage, pancakes and more. Hope to see you and your family. Please let us know that you will come

19-Feb/Tues – Stated Meeting (Dinner at 6:00 pm and Meeting at 7:30 pm)

Fraternally,
Bro Nestor Cagingin, Secretary

Highlights of the “Stated Communication”

The WM extended a warm Whidbey Island welcome to all Brothers present to the January 2018 Stated Meeting.

Grand Lodge Team members: 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.

Committee Reports: 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.

January Bills in the amount of \$ 770.50 were read and ordered paid then the Treasurer’s report was made.

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.

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 Medical Center. 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.

Finally, 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.

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

January Anniversaries

Bro Mark Dolar (2 years as MM) was present and received warm birthday greetings and a round of applause.

William Clark	39	Hector Molina	2
Mark Dolar	2	Reynaldo Parungao	29
Dennis Fitzpatrick	32	Robert Pluth	69
Stanley Gearhart	41	Anthony Root	5
Douglas Jerome	24	Donald Schwalback	18
Archie Jordan	72	Alejandrino Taculad	35
Billy Meints	70	Ronald Telles	38