

Whidby Island Lodge No. 15



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From the East

Greetings from the East,

The role of a Mentor is much more than a teacher, being more of an advisor, coach, confidential counselor and sounding board. There is a lot for a new Mason to learn that will require explaining from a seasoned Masonic Brother. As the candidate progresses through the three degrees, Mentors and Coaches not only possess a learned knowledge, but the specific talent on how to achieve the best from men who are seeking to become better. They also possess specific knowledge on how to handle crisis situations or knowledge on who to seek to get advice from.

For a Mentor to maintain their credibility they 1) must be true to themselves 2) be clear on their strengths 3) be clear on their limits and 4) Be available as a Role Model. They provide examples that a new candidate may wish to emulate. Getting involved and 'Binding Yourself' to Whidby Island Lodge is very important. Just attending and sitting along the sidelines does not fulfill "Making Good Men Better" as a Masonic Motto. If you are just observing and not participating, how are you making good men better? Get involved again and support your lodge!

Upon the Square,

WB Steven Gabbert

Worshipful Master, Whidby Island Lodge No.15

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From the West

Greetings from the West,

“Freemasonry is a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.” One of the Principal Supports or Pillars in Lodge is Wisdom. It is needed that our Craft may work given with the proper instruction. Looking up the synonyms of wisdom, you’ll find that it reads knowledge, understanding, intelligence, and so forth. Both can be improved with time and experience... Why the Craft selected to use the word Wisdom instead of those other words? What is the difference...?

According to Dictionary.com, “wisdom involves a healthy dose of perspective and the ability to make sound judgments about a subject while knowledge is simply knowing.” Although synonymous, each has its own proper application. In my perspective, however, memorizing or simply knowing anything without an insight for purpose or goal is inadequate for a desirable outcome in our works. In the performance of our duties as a Mason, our actions must be aimed with morality in mind first and the outcome is in line with Masonic principles. Knowledge or knowing is just the starting point. Knowledge with good intent and purpose is Wisdom. Knowledge can be the tool and wisdom is crucial part for its proper employment. That is what’s essential for our Labors to be productive. This is why Wisdom, not just knowledge, is employed in the Lodge.

I contemplate on this, because in our Craft there is a lot of memorization or “knowing” carried out in the performance of our rituals. Is knowing enough to become a better man or a Mason? When all these knowledge in our Craft does becomes wisdom? How do I apply it in and outside the Lodge? I’d love to hear your thoughts...

On the Level,

WB Arturo Quizmundo

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From the South

Fraternal Greetings from the South

“From Labor to Refreshment” Excerpt from The Masonic Initiation by W. L. Wilmshurst (1924)

The Masonic reader who recognizes that every reference in Speculative Masonry is figurative and carries a symbolic significance behind the literal sense of the words, will at once dismiss from his mind any suggestion that the formula of adjourning the Lodge from labor to refreshment, and of recalling it from refreshment to labor, relates to the customary practice of passing from the formal work of the Lodge to the informalities of the dining-table. First as to Labor. The allusion is less to the temporary ceremonial work of the Lodge than to the work the earnest Light-seeker is continually to be engaged upon in his task of self-perfecting. Intellectual and spiritual labor necessitate rest and refreshment, equally with physical, that the harvest of that labor may be assimilated. Wise activity (Boaz) must be balanced with an equally wise passivity (Jachin) if one is to become established in immortal strength and to stand firm, spiritually consolidated and perfect in all one's parts. Nor is it a work to be hurried; those build most surely who build slowly. For the care and nourishment of the outer body, Nature provides a passive, sympathetic system, which arranges digestion, distributes energy, builds up the body, and discharges its functions for us without interference with our formal consciousness.

In like manner, in our higher being resides a corresponding principle which sorts out thought, clarifies and arranges ideas, and settles problems and difficulties for us, in entire independence of our formal awareness. It is this higher principle that must be found, trusted, and relied upon to participate in the work of interior up-building. This is a difficult subject to treat of briefly. Its nature is merely indicated here, and its fuller study must be left to individual research and, where possible, to personal tuition; for this work is precisely that about which a Master-Mason is presumed to be able to give private instruction to Brethren in the inferior degrees.

By the Plumb,

Brother Danny Sanchez

Junior Warden, Whidby Island Lodge No. 15

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On Secretary's Desk

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2024 Dues Statements were emailed to all the Brethren and mailed to those who do not have a current email address. 2024 Dues will be due on 01-Jan-2024 in order to be in “Good Standing” for Masonic 2024. Thank you for the 43 Brothers who paid their 2024 Annual Dues and Grand Lodge Percapata. 71 Brothers are still in arrears. 11 Brothers will probably be dropped from our rolls due to Non-Payment of Dues (NPD). If you do

not have an access of your Grand View profile (Grand Lodge of Washington database), this is the link to set one up:

https://wa.grandview.systems/membership_registration. There is a tutorial video on this page as well that will show you how to set up your account. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly for any questions or concerns about your dues or for anything regarding your profile in Grand Lodge database.

Please remember that:

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

*Service exempt for all 50-year Master Masons is not obligated to pay dues and/or assessments.

To receive events, newsletters or Trestle Boards from Lodges in District No. 9 via email, you are encouraged to sign up for

everyone@district9wa.com, go to <http://district9wa.com/mailling-list-management/> and enter your email address and submit. Please

follow link: <https://freemason-wa.org/grand-lodge-newsletter/> Grand Lodge of Washington Newsletter. Visit our website at www.whidbeyisland-15.org . Like and share us in our Facebook page: Whidby Island Lodge No. 15.

I hoped everyone remembers the reason for the season. A Blessed gift of love and peace to all. A fruitful and healthy New Year.

Scheduled upcoming events in our Lodge:

- Thursday, February 1st at 7:00 PM – Lodge Officer Association Meeting.
- Tuesday, January 20th – Whidby Island No. 15 Stated Communication at 7:30 PM. Dinner at 6:30 PM.

February Stated Meeting Menu: Pulled Pork Sandwich with cole slaw salad

February Stated Meeting Attire: Dark Suit

Fraternally,

VWB Nestor Cagingin

Secretary, Whidby Island Lodge No. 15

Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 9

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Highlights of January 2024 Stated Communication

Worshipful Master welcomed and thanked everyone for attending this January Stated Communication with 16 members and 4 visiting Brothers. Thanked all Pro-temp.

Introductions

All visitors with the exception of Masters, Wardens and Grand Lodge Team Members: VWB Gerry Myers of Fidalgo No. 77 and WB Francis Vidal of Alpha No. 212 were introduced in place, given a warm Whidby Island No. 15 welcome.

Visiting Grand Lodge Team Members: WB Dale Thayer – Children’s Program; WB Ilan Wilde – Medical Team and VWB Nestor Cagingin – Deputy of the Grand Master in District 9 were escorted to the East and accorded the public grand honors.

Masonic Education Deferred

Proficiency

- Bro John Bautista proved up 1st Degree proficiency and Bro Jeff Secretaria proved up 2nd Degree proficiency via Committee chaired by VWB Marion Windell with WB Arturo Quizmundo, WB Steven Gabbert, Bro Nicollette Torres, and Bro Michael Consolver.

Communications

- Posted on Grand View: Emails from Cortez Daundre Jones (11-Jan) – RWB Clinton Brown received an email today from Cortez Daundre Jones. The email made veiled threats towards Seattle Masons. Please be aware of people in and around your Lodge buildings
- Lodge Leadership Retreat on 15-17 Mar – Registration Now Open / 01-Jan to 21-Feb at <https://freemason-wa.org/leadership-retreat/> (04-Jan)

Committee Reports

- **Bikes for Books** – Chairman – WB Art Quizmundo. Bicycles will be delivered as scheduled.

- **Scholarship** – Chairman – WB Art Quizmundo. Applications were revised into Fillable PDF.
- **Degree Conferral** – MM Conferral upon Bro Jeff Secretaria – Tentatively scheduled on 09-Feb/Fri at 6:00 PM.
- **Sunshine:** Both WB Jim Gaskill and WB Don are recovering at home; WB Dick Johnson doing his therapy from back surgery. Keep our Brothers in your prayers.

January 2024 Income: As per Treasurer's Report

January 2024 Bills: \$4,188.25

- \$ 525.00 HMTA Lodge January 2024 Rent
- \$ 365.00 Nestor Cagingin for January 2024 Secretary expenses (5 Holy Bibles) and stipend
- \$ 100.00 Steven Gabbert (From Installation Expenses Donation)
- \$ 365.00 Grand Lodge of Washington for 2023 Annual Return

Bills were ordered to be paid

Old Business

- 17 Inquiries – follow-up by WB Dale Thayer, WB Art Quizmundo, WB Steven Gabbert and WB Reginald Carter. Sweethearts Brunch Menu set by Bro Danny Sanchez and WB Steven Gabbert.

New Business

- 2023 End of Year Report due on 01-Feb-2024. Certificate of Insurance from the temple Board naming the Lodge as an additional insured. Lodge Audit required and 990 submitted to IRS for 2023 (2022 can be submitted if 2023 is not available).

January Masonic Birthdays

Brethren	Years of Service
William Clark	44
Mark Dolar	7
Dennis Fitzpatrick	37
Stanley Gearheart	46
Douglas Jerome, PM	29
Archie Jordan	77
Robert Pluth	70
Donald Schwalback	23
Alejandro Taculad	40



Announcements

17-Jan/Wed at 7:00PM – Masonic Learning Experience at Fidalgo No. 77; 20-Jan/Sat at 3:00PM- District No. 9 Meeting with our Grand Master; 24-Jan/Wed at 7:30PM District LOA Meeting at Fidalgo No. 77; MM Degree Conferrals at Camano No. 19 on 27-Jan/03-Feb/24-Feb at 10:00AM; 23-Jan/Tues at 7:30PM Langley No. 218 Stated Meeting; 27-Jul/Sat Cornerstone Laying at KEW No. 259; 17-Aug/Sat – Railroad Degree at KEW No. 259.

VWB Nestor Cagingin brought greetings from our Grand Master, MWB Steve C. Martin, who is taking some time off after busy Installation Season (probably taking some family time/vacation). Please save the date: this Saturday (20-Jan) at 3:00 PM is District No. 9 Meeting with our Grand Master at Fidalgo No 77 Masonic Center in Anacortes. Attire: is dress like a Mason (Coat-and-tie)

The purpose for which this Communication was called having been fulfilled and after reading and approval of these minutes, Lodge was closed in Due Form at 8:45 PM o'clock peace and harmony prevailing.