



WHIDBY ISLAND LODGE #15 F & AM

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TRESTLE-BOARD

NOVEMBER 2008

WORSHIPFUL MASTER - W/B Randall W. Pike SECRETARY - W/B Richard D. Warn

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**From the "West"** After the elections last evening I came home and tried to compose some statements with massive and impressive words. I decided that to try and draft a document with eloquent words is just not in my style. Being elected to the office of Worshipful Master is an honor for me. In reality, it is another step in learning those Ancient Masonic traditions and customs known by the brothers of this lodge. The Ancient Masonic traditions can be passed down by the active participation of all bothers of this lodge. The traditions are taught by Past Grand Masters, Past Worshipful Masters, and especially fellow brothers within the lodge. Many brothers have read about or researched different aspects of Masonry's history and customs. This knowledge must be passed to the other bothers to ensure that our organization continues to grow and prosper. Active participation by all brothers is needed if we are to learn those traits that all Masons should display Truth, Temperance, Strength, Fortitude, Justice, and Wisdom. Step up night for the newly elected/appointed officers is November 18, with the installation to follow thereafter on December 6. I look forward to serving the members of this Lodge for the next year and thank you for your trust.

Jim Gaskill

**Highlights of the "Stated":** Mr. Jeffrey L. Roush of Coupeville was elected to receive the Degrees of Masonry

Petition for the Degrees of Masonry was read from Mr. Romeo Espana of Oak Harbor.

Resolution 2008-1 was adopted by the Lodge changing the amount contributed to the Building Fund by each candidate from \$50 to \$30.

The Secretary will cancel the recent by-laws change as Resolution 2008-1 accomplishes what the brothers desired as the by-laws would raise the initiation fees to \$200 which the brothers thought to be unwarranted at this time.

Election of 2009 Officers was held with Bro. James R. Gaskill as Master-elect, W/B Clyde McCarty as Senior Warden, Bro. Ricki J. Felici as Junior Warden. Installation will be December 6 at 4 P.M.

Lodge voted to authorize the Master-elect \$200 towards his installation expenses.

Motion was made and passed to dedicate \$300 towards holiday food/gift baskets for a needy family.

Motion was made and passed to purchase Bro Charles L. Woody who is ailing a life membership.

**From the Secretary:** Brothers: either you have been mailed your dues statement or dues card in a separate mailing if you receive this Trestle Board by email or it came with this mailing if you receive your T/B by snail mail. Either way I will ask you to mail your remittance as soon as possible. If you send your remittance prior to December 1, mail it to me at the address on the statement. If mailing after December 1st, mail to your new secretary at:

Christopher W. Nagel, 2127 Fireside Ln., Oak Harbor, WA 98277-8805.

As you know I have asked several times for those of you who have email to supply me with your email address so I could send you this Trestle Board by email in order to reduce mailing costs. Many of you have, but I know some refuse to do so. For those brothers the web site is available. If this is the case for you, then I would ask that you note on your dues statement or other means that you no longer wish a paper copy of the Trestle Board so you can be taken off the mailing list. Postage is the third most costly expense of the Lodge, under rent and taxes and insurance. It is the only expense we can do something about. But we cannot do it without your cooperation. Forty-two cents may not seem like a lot but multiply that times the number of members times 12, plus all the other required mailings of the year and it mounts up.

As alluded to above, you will have a new secretary come December. W/B Chris Nagel was elected and graciously accepted the station and will provide you with the highest degree of service. Things can only get better. I ask that you give him the assistance he requires of you to do his job well. It has been my pleasure to serve you as secretary for the last nine years, but old dogs must retire.

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*In Memoriam*

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**No Deaths reported this month**

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**November Anniversaries**

Bro. Calvin C. Leach	60 years	Bro. Thomas E. Caraway	55 years
W/B Ralph V. O'Dell	53 years	VWB Christian D. Olsen	48 years
Bro. James S. Waldrip	45 years	Bro Gerald D. Holmes	45 years
W/B Frederick B. Noyes	43 years	Bro Robert L. Jackson	42 years
W/B Paul F. Steinsiek	41 years	W/B Lynn L. Bailey	38 years
RWB Kenneth G. Nagel	36 years	Bro Glenn R. Wright	32 years
Bro Guerrero B. Calamug	30 years	Bro Wayne R. Prior	28 years
Bro Charles W. Oliver	27 years	Bro Randolph A. Alquetra	26 years
Bro Brian T. Weaver	22 years	Bro Daniel L. Verble	19 years
Bro Norman L. Bonson	17 years	Bro Thomas H. Lawless	14 years
W/B Thomas C. Christensen	13 years	Bro Soren R. Brown	7 years
Bro Thomas K. Weaver	4 years	Bro Bernard E. Donlon	1 year