



TRESTLEBOARD

Calendar

10/13/15 (Tuesday)
 Temple Board (5:30 PM)
 Dinner by DeMolay (6:30 PM)
 Stated Meeting (7:30 PM)
 - Past Masters Night; Lodge Officer Elections

10/28/15 (Wednesday)
 District 9 Lodge Officers Association (7:30 PM)

10/30/2015 (Friday)
 3rd° for Bro. Ryan Hunt (7:00 PM)

November 2015
 10 Nov: Step-Up Night; Temple Board Elections; Temple Board Report
 14 Nov: Turkey Shoot supporting Toys for Toys



From the East: W.B. Jerry Meyers

September is over and hopefully the very hot weather is gone and as the daylight gets shorter we are doing more nighttime driving. On your way to and from Anacortes and even in town we have to look out for that deer trying to get to the other side.



At our September stated communication MWB Don Munks with my assistance, had the pleasure of presenting WB Gerald Guthrie with his 55 year pin. WB Gerald has served as Master on this lodge. He has also served many years sitting on the Temple Assn. board as well as acting as president of the board, he is an outstanding candidate coach and mentor, and has always been willing to assume any of the officer stations when asked.

We also passed the budget for the ensuing year. Again, due to rising expenses we had to raise the assessment to \$25.00 for 2016.

Don't forget our October 13th stated communication. The North Sound Chapter of Demolay will be serving the meal, pulled port sandwiches and salad, starting at 6:30 PM. This is a fund raiser for them so bring your pocket book. Brother Ryan Hunt will give his FC posting lecture and we will honor our Past Masters.

Also we have scheduled a Master Mason degree conferral for Bro Hunt on Saturday October 31st.

After our last stated communication I traveled to Montana for the annual meeting of Bannack Historical Lodge 3-7-77. Laling and I enjoyed a lot of good food and fellowship.

At the Saturday morning session a lodge from Alberta, Canada exemplified their opening ritual work which proved to be very educational. It is very different from what we do in Washington but the words and signs are the same and when it is done they are open for business just like us.

In closing I would like you to ponder the allegorical meaning behind the winding flight of stairs in the Fellowcraft lecture.

Election of Officers for 2016

Bring a pen to October's Stated meeting to mark the ballots for next year's officers.

Those who have stated an interest to serve are:

- WM: Bro. Terry Ragan
- SW: Bro. Kevin Magill
- JW: Bro. Bob Belli
- Treasurer: WB Dale Fluaitt
- Secretary: WB Eric Johnson

All Master Masons in good standing with Fidalgo Lodge are eligible to vote.

If any other brother wishes to run for office, please contact the Secretary, and we'll place your name on the ballot.

October's Stated: Past Masters Night

Our living Past Masters:

1971 William L. Ellin	2001 James D. Arthurs
1978 Earnest E. Brooks	2003 Gerald Myers
1980 W. David Yount	2004 Dale Fluaitt
1983 Monte R. Robinson	2006 Don Munks
1984 E.S. "Red" Bell	2007 Don Munks
1985 Gerald L. Guthrie	2008 Warren A. Lee
1991 Danny L. Beatty	2009 Robert Nelson
1992 W. Kenneth Jacot	2010 Don Munks
1993 Cecil A. Little	2011 Don Munks
1996 Edward D. Lambeth	2012 Eric Johnson
1998 Warren A. Lee	2014 Stephen Ellis
1999 Bradley "Buz" Paulson	



Chaplain's Corner

W.B. Steve Ellis

Brethren,

I think the real treasures in life are the many different kinds of people and experiences we can have while we're here on earth.

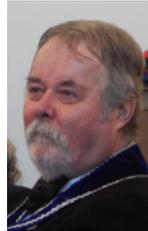
Like yourself I've been richly blessed with friends throughout my life, and many I still know to this day

It's easy to say many of these friends that I've added to my treasure chest are right here in good old Fidalgo 77 and elsewhere around district 9.

As one of the brothers in our lodge recently told me, the best people I've met in Anacortes were people I met in this lodge.

Thank you all for enriching each others lives and mine with your brotherhood and wisdom.

God bless you all and see you in Lodge,
WB Steve



Brotherly Love and Affection

The tenets of our profession of Masonry give guidelines on how we should interact with one another. I have a friend who always closes his communication to me with the words "Brotherly love and affection." What do these words really mean?

Several months ago, during a refreshment period of a Lodge meeting, I observed nine young Brothers in a circle. They were not discussing Lodge business or degree work. They were just talking about things that were happening in their lives and it was obvious they were thoroughly enjoying each other's company. This was an example of Brotherly love and affection being demonstrated for all to see.

What can we do to ensure Brotherly love and affection is a priority in our Lodges? The Senior Deacon is charged with greeting all visitors, but should not that be a priority for all officers and members? Some Lodges have a short refreshment period before stated meeting where everyone is greeted and enjoys fellowship and food in a relaxed setting. Much can be accomplished during this time to ensure a good and productive meeting will ensue.

The next time you visit a Lodge, notice how quickly someone comes to greet you and welcomes you into their fellowship. This says volumes about their Brotherly love and affection not only for visitors, but for members themselves as well. At a meal, never let a Brother eat alone. Show you care for him by sharing your company with him during the time of refreshment and also in the Lodge.

It is understood that our main business in a Lodge is to confer the three degrees and then teach our initiates how to live by the lessons they contain. This can be illustrated by a tree where the degrees are the trunk of the tree, but the tree cannot live without its branches. The branches that keep this tree alive and well are the Brotherly love and affection we show and practice with each other. It is our duty to instill in every Brother that there is never a day too short or an hour too late that we cannot share our resources with him, no matter what the situation.

Although our detractors are sure they have obtained all our secrets from the internet and other places, the one thing they cannot obtain is our dedication to each other through the Brotherly love and affection we share.

Remember that around our altar we have promised to befriend and relieve every Brother who shall need our assistance. Are we fulfilling the duties we owe to each other by faithfully practicing that all-important tenet of Brotherly love and affection? Only you know the answer.

[Excerpt from an article by William R. Logan in *Masonic Light*, April/May 2014, Grand Lodge of South Carolina]

October Masonic Anniversaries: *Raised as a Master Mason*

- Dean Kempf.....10/04/1947
- Paul Knowles10/13/1947
- Kenneth Arthurs10/28/1976
- Gregory Gross.....10/21/1981
- Michael Belle Isle10/01/2002
- Corey Stout.....10/30/2014



New Plastic Dues Cards

Invoices in the mail on Monday

Plastic cards are still in the printer at Grand Lodge

Will Be shipped Post Haste

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Eric Johnson, P.M., Secretary