

## Langley Lodge No. 218 F&AM

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# Trestle Board March 2012

## From the Worshipful Master

Fraternal greetings,



I would like to thank all of the brothers who attended our last stated meeting. It was the official visit of the District Deputy and we had a packed house. We had visitors from Burlington United, Mount Baker, Garfield, Fidalgo, and Whidby Island Lodges. The Fellowship Gavel was claimed by Whidby Island Lodge with a tough challenge by Fidalgo Lodge. It was great to see so many friendly faces in our lodge.

At our next stated meeting, March 27, we will be voting on changes to our By-Laws. Please read the notice contained in this post provided by MW Brother Wayne Smith, our By-Laws committee Chairman, summarizing the changes we have discussed.

For our program at our stated meeting this month, Tuesday, March 27, Bro. Milo Milfs will be sharing with us details of his trip to Washington D.C. and the George Washington Masonic Memorial including a video presentation. Also, Brothers Paul Rempa and Mark Williams will present the Posting Lecture for the Third Degree. Please join us for informative and inspiring meeting. Dinner will be corned beef, cabbage and potatoes!

Our April 24<sup>th</sup> stated meeting, will include a presentation by VW Brother David McCuistion on Servant Leadership. The phrase "Servant Leadership" was coined by Robert K. Greenleaf in *The Servant as Leader*, an essay that he first published in 1970. In that essay, he said:

"The servant-leader *is* servant first... It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve *first*. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead. That person is sharply different from one who is *leader* first, perhaps because of the need to assuage an unusual power drive or to acquire material possessions...The leader-first and the servant-first are two extreme types. Between them there are shadings and blends that are part of the infinite variety of human nature."

See you in Lodge!

Carl D. Fjelsted Worshipful Master Langley Lodge #218 fjelsted@whidbey.com

## **From the West**

The Wardens' Conference was quite rewarding, and eye opening, both in terms of what I should expect for my year as WM, but some ideas for the brethren to think about, from the Scholarship Fund, to bikes for books, to plans for a future building.

One thing that several lodges were doing, was to have a 5th week lodge get-together, so that once a quarter, the brothers could get together in a social setting to hang out and have fun. Many do bowling, but we could certainly try to do something.

I'm currently working on a technology presentation for our May Stated Meeting discussing use of our website and email, online District Calendar and navigating the Grand Lodge website. Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions for items to address in the presentation.

Bro. Thomas Gill
Senior Warden
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## From the Secretary

Dues cards will be mailed Monday 3/19. Dues are \$65.00 for non Life Members. Please mail dues to:

Langley Lodge P.O. Box 743 Clinton, WA 98236.

W.B. Jim Fulton Secretary

## **Technology**

I've been receiving reports from some of the brothers that you are having issues viewing certain items on our new website. If for any reason you cannot view something or it looks odd, first make sure you are running the most recent browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) and have Javascript on and cookies enabled. I have tested the site will all browsers, on multiple systems, and the only ones that seem to have any issues are iPhone, likely due to something with the display size, which I am working on. Each entry of the trestleboard does have a download link if the in-line viewer doesn't work for you. However, if you can't get it to work after checking those settings, feel free to give me a call or email me with your issue and we can try to fix it.

**Bro. Thomas Gill**Senior Warden / Webmaster
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#### South Whidbey Masonic Scholarship Fund

My Brothers, our Scholarship Fund is falling behind in donations and fund raising efforts. When we had the Lodge building on Grimm Road we held an Annual Salmon BBQ in September and the profits from that BBQ and interest on our savings account were sufficient to pay for one \$500 and two \$250 scholarships to students from South Whidbey High School. We always had our awards program with a dinner that was hosted by the Lodge in our dining room and then a program in our Lodge room with a inspirational (hopefully) guest speaker and the awarding of the scholarships and certificates to the remainder of the students that had applied but did not make the cut for actual scholarships.

In 2011 we awarded \$2000 in scholarships and presented them at a dinner for the recipients and attending Lodge members at China City. Without any fund raising events we now have to dip into the corpus of our savings.

At our January 2012 stated communication a resolution was passed where the Lodge (out of the invested moneys received from the sale of our building) would match all donations up to \$100.00 per donation. Donations to the Scholarship Fund are tax deductible as the fund is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit charitable trust.

Brethren, this is the time to step forward and make your donation so the Scholarship Committee can plan for this year's scholarship program. Just make your checks out to Langley Masonic Lodge and the notes/for section on the lower left side put in Scholarship Fund.

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#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

#### **Vote to Change our By-Laws**

On March 27<sup>th</sup> 2012 at our Stated Communication we will be voting to change to our Lodge By-Laws. These changes were presented in writing and read at the February 28<sup>th</sup> 2012 Stated Communication and in accordance with Washington Masonic Code Section 14.03 ten days written notice prior to adoption is herewith provided.

The changes proposed, debated and to be voted on are:

Article II Communications – Change Stated Communications to read "fourth Tuesday of each month except December when the Lodge is dark". This is to eliminate meeting on Christmas Day or within a few days before or after Christmas.

Article III Fees and Dues: Section 4 - Increase the Annual Dues of all dues paying members from \$65.00 to \$75.00 per year.

Article III Fees and Dues: Section 5 – Make the fees paid to Grand Lodge (currently \$17.00 per year) for each member a Lodge Assessment to paid by all Dues Paying members and all Endowed Life Membership members who are not exempt under Washington Masonic Code Section 7.03.

Just for your information if you were not present at our Stated Communication on December 27<sup>th</sup> 2011 a Standing Resolution was passed that increased the fee for Endowed Life Memberships in Langley Lodge to \$200.00 plus the minimum cost specified in the Washington Masonic Code Sec. 17.12 B.

If you have any questions please contact Worshipful Master Carl Fjelsted at (360) 331-3960 or the Chairman of the By-Laws Committee Wayne Smith at (360) 579-7462.



## **Langley Lodge Officers 2012**

Worshipful Master W∴B∴ Carl Fjelsted fjelsted@whidbey.com Senior Warden **Bro. Thomas Gill** thomas.gill@langley218.com Junior Warden **Bro. David Surface** captdave@whidbey.com **Treasurer** M∴W∴ Wayne I. Smith smithchx@whidbey.com **Secretary** W∴B∴ Jim Fulton jrfulton@freeland.net templecarpenter@whidbey.com **Senior Deacon Bro. Paul Rempa Junior Deacon Bro. Mark Williams** mark@islandhomerepair.com Chaplain **Bro. Milo Milfs** mmmilfs@whidbey.com Marshal W∴B∴ Paul Steinsiek paulsteinsiek@earthlink.net ananda@gol.com **Tyler** W∴B∴ Albert Gustafson

## **Committees**

Bikes For Books - Tony Gill, Thomas Gill

**Audit Committee** – Wayne I. Smith, Thomas Gill, Milo Milfs

By-Laws – Wayne I. Smith, Tony Gill, Albert Gustafson

Scholarships - Thomas Gill, Carl Fjelsted

Widows and Orphans Fund - Tony Gill, David Surface

<u>Island County Fair</u> - Carl Fjelsted, Milo Milfs, Jim Fulton, Paul Rempa

### **Langley Lodge #218 Past Masters**

WB William Smith 1975 VW Charrison Lochaby 1978, 1995 WB Art Phelps 1979, 1987 WB Greg Smith 1984 WB Myron Gabelein 1990 WB Jim Thorsen 1992 WB Gene Seals 1993 WB Gary Olkonen 1994 MW Wayne I. Smith 1996 WB Tony Gill 1997, 2007, 2010, 2011 WB Don McCabe 1999 WB Bruce Anderberg 2000 WB Mike Barham 2002, 2006 WB John Watts 2004 WB Jim Fulton 2008, 2009

#### Members who are Past Masters of other Lodges

WB Mike Barham - Chateau Thierry Lodge WB Charlie Bash - Robert Burns Lodge WB Denis Lane - Robert Burns Lodge
WB Paul Steinsiek - Garfield Lodge
VW Marion Windell - Whidby Island Lodge

WB Dick Wilkinson - Greenwood and Northern Light/ Ravenna Lodge

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Langley Lodge #218 is now meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church - Annex in Freeland (Original building)

Fourth Tuesday 6:30 Dinner – 7:30 Stated Meeting

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