

District Nine Lodge Officers Association

F. A. & M. Washington

Subject: STATED MEETING MINUTES

Date: 24 October 2018 Purpose: Stated

1. Called to Order by; WB Ken Ivey at 1930

2. Attendees' present;

Names	Lodge Represented
WB Doug Jerome	Whidby Island #15
WB Ken Ivey	Camano #19
WB Marty Leukhardt	Garfield #41
VWB Paul Steinsiek	Garfield #41
VWB Marion Windell	Garfield #41
Bro Michael Belle Isle	Fidalgo #77
WB Lee Schrumian	Burlington-United #93
VWB Tony Gill	Langley #218
WB Richard Bacigalupi	Langley #218
WB Tomas Gill	Langley #218
Bro Bill Warren	Langley #218

3. The minutes of the previous monthly meeting were read and approved.

4. Treasurer's Report;

	Date	Balance
<i>Available Account Balance as of</i>	9/26/18	\$322.44
<i>Income</i>		\$0.00
<i>Interest Income</i>		\$0.00
<i>Expenditures</i>		\$0.00
<i>Ending Balance as of</i>	10/24/18	\$322.44

5. Motions or Resolution;

6. Old Business;

- a. Refreshments at our stated meeting in 2018 will be provided by each lodge in succession as listed;
 - i. Mt Baker #36 in January
 - ii. ~~Garfield #41 in February~~
 - iii. ~~Fidalgo #77 in March~~
 - iv. ~~Burlington-United #93 in April~~
 - v. ~~Langley #218 in May~~
 - vi. **Dark in June and July**
 - vii. ~~Whidby Island #15 in August~~
 - viii. ~~Camano #19 in September~~
 - ix. Mt Baker #36 in October
 - x. **Dark in November and December**
- b. WB Thomas - Wants to travel to #175 on their stated 3 Oct 2018 with a group of brothers.
 - i. 1630 Ferry back at 2200.
 - ii. **Attending Marty, Gerry, Thomas & Michael.**
- c. VWB Marion - can we add the LOA By-laws
 - i. Discussion;
 1. Mt. Baker will be in charge in the year 2019.
 - a. Best of luck with that happening.
- d. The discussion was proposed to those attending;
 - i. Does the Lodges of the LOA do you want to continue?
 1. Much discussion, some in favor, others had no opinion.
 - ii. What would we do with existing funds?
 1. VWB Tony - Suggested we all go to dinner.
 2. Contribute any funds to the District meeting dinner. 19th of Jan 2019.
 - a. Get a letter out to district in regards to “Do we want to continue the LOA?” We will determine the fate of the LOA at the OCT stated for disposition.
 - b. Reference September 26, 2018 meeting and those present. The district was almost all represented and it was their general feeling of the above.
 - c. Get mailing addresses of the lodges.
 - i. Check with GL web site for correct address.

7. New Business:

- a. WB Ken - How long has the LOA been here? 1982 and maybe earlier. And I would ask are we doing right by the district?
 - i. WB Thomas - This problem with attendance was also addressed maybe 10-15 years ago as pointed out by WB Charrison Lochaby. Some changes

were made like time, date and location to better attendance. And here we are again with the same issue.

1. Discussion;

- a. Richard - Is there a need for the LOA? Does it have value?**
- i.** For some their Masonic training needs are meet their lodges.
 - ii.** I see no need to travel to LOA to just meet and greet or update the calendar.
 - iii.** I think only those who want to be here will be here.
 - iv.** Our lodges need to support a candidate and I agree the LOA could be another resource.
 - v.** I feel it is to imposing on a “new” WM to ask/appoint him to be in charge of the LOA.

- 1.** In this regard Article II Section 2 & Article V Section 1 of the By-laws may need a rework.
- 2.** I will write a motion to explain what my intent is and present that at the next stated in Jan 2019.

b. Thomas - WMs need to buy into the LOA.

- i.** LOA can and has done degree work here.
- ii.** We’ve done practice for degree work here as the LOA as well. LOA can be a resource to the district.
- iii.** Would it help to have a data base of those who can or will do the work of installation or degree work? To this I say yes why not and it can be kept on the web page as a resource for the district.

- 1.** Comment - Yes, it would be very helpful to know who can do the work as our lodges get smaller to pool of those who can do the work is shrinking.

- a.** Michael - in the last 5 years I have tried twice to compile such a data base but to this date have not received any inputs from the district. The reason behind the lack of inputs is not known to me. I will try again to compile this information.

iv. Helps -

- 1.** Get out and agenda of what the LOA will be doing at the next stated meeting.
- 2.** Maybe a small blurb about the LOA submitted to the lodges to be placed in their TBs.
- 3.** Use that same format so all can read the minutes and or agenda. Use PDF after final draft.

- c. Tony - Does the LOA need to go away? To that I say, **No**. The LOA need not go away. But not tonight, this is not the day to make that determination. Maybe in Jan after Bro Michael and myself travel the district and promote the LOA and get the feelings of the validity of the LOA. Remembering that I as DD cannot direct the LOA but I can help promote it.
- i. We need to get a commit from the lodges to attend the LOA.
 - ii. This body needs to be a resource for the district.
 - iii. I agree throughout the district each lodge does different things. And education is no exception but the LOA is underutilized.
 - iv. As a Master of your lodge you need to teach the new initiate and mentor them in and outside of your lodge.
 1. Q: Can we use mentors outside of our lodge?
 - v. Why not if we don't have enough members in our lodge. The LOA is a perfect venue to teach the catechism of Masonry. Mentor, that that should be more to stay local as a lodge responsibility.
 - vi.
- d. Marion - the district needs to have brother's step-up and learn the installation and degree ritual as those who do the ritual now will not be here forever.
- i. LOA can/should take an active role in being a part of the degree work. They have done it in the past.
 - ii. A program for each stated LOA meeting should be presented. Who does that responsibility fall to? The President of the LOA or as he directs.
 1. The subject should come from the district needs, but without the input of the district I see the issue of "what to present".
 2. If those which the LOA can help, don't ask or don't know what to ask, then it is not known by the LOA. At the same time, maybe it is not known what is the need.
 3. Leadership is the key here. I would say "Lead by example" if the WM sees no value in a program and doesn't support it then that new candidate or brother sees that and might be asking "Well if he doesn't do it why should I". we should lead by example.
- b. Election of Officers shall be held in January of 2019**
- i. LOA President 2019 WM of Mt. Baker #36. As this is the historical way of selection in the LOA.

- ii. Vice president from the body
 - 1. Nominee
 - 2. Vote
- iii. Sect/Treasure from the body
 - 1. Nominee
 - 2. Vote

8. Degree work and Happenings in the District:

- a. #15 – 1st degree next month. Send WB Doug the cast list of the upcoming degrees and POC to assist him with composing his cast list.
- b. #19 – 2 - 3rd degree 25th Oct 2018 1930, they need help and sideliners.
- c. #36 –
- d. #41 –
- e. #77 –
- f. #93 – 3rd degree 27th Oct 2018 time 1930, they need help and sideliners.
 - i. Practice on the 26th Oct 2018 time 1830.
- g. #175 –
- h. #218 –

9. Adjournment;

- a. No further business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 2025. Peace and Harmony prevailing.

Respectfully submitted:

Bro. Michael Belle Isle
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:

WB Ken Ivey
President