

## **HARMONY LODGE #18 F&AM – February 19, 2013**

Lodge was opened by WB Ed Woods on the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree at 7:30 p.m. with appx. 25 Brothers present. WB Ed is the first of the year's "guest" Past Masters who will be running meetings one meeting a month throughout the year, at WM Ross' request. The previously scheduled FC degree for tonight was cancelled because the candidate was not available due to a family emergency. Noted among us was our newest member, Jerry Hart, and Heath Gunns.

### **Officers per Tyler's Register**

Pro-tem officers: None

### **Flag Ceremony**

**Greetings:** WB Ed welcomed the brethren. He was presented a bear's head hat for wear during the rest of the meeting as it is the desire of WB Ross that funny hats be used whenever they are provided and we are not conducting degree work. WB Ed attempted to keep his "regular" hat but the Lodge voted overwhelmingly that the black bear hat was appropriate for the evening's events. The Tyler was able to secure the outer door and join us after introductions.

### **Introductions:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> time visitors: none
- Visitors: WB George Cooper (Nooksack Valley #105). He was afforded a hearty Harmony welcome.
- Wardens: none
- Worshipful Masters: WB Larry Byrd (Yelm #244) and WB Tony Ward (Terrestrial-Mt. View #228). They were introduced in place and afforded the public grand honors of Masonry.
- Grand Lodge officers, committeemen and/or DDGM's: VWB John Shull (DDGM #16). He was presented west of the altar, introduced and also afforded the public grand honors of Masonry. As he was presented, the Musician aptly played a riff of Pinball Wizard by The Who.

### **Masonic Education:**

WB Ed read from section 17.19 of the Washington Masonic Code (WMC), which covers the procedure governing how a Brother may be reinstated after being dropped for non-payment of dues (NPD).

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The previous stated meeting's minutes (02/05/2013) were not read, as they were previously read and approved at the last stated meeting. They have already been sent to the Lodge's email distribution list. These are always available for any Brother, either electronically or by hard copy, upon request.

**Treasurer's Report:** None (WB Kris sent his regrets)

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**Reported Bills and Receipts (per Exhibit):** None

**Communications:**

Flyer from Bethel #51 (Job's Daughters), which is collecting books and DVD's to donate to Washington Veteran's Hospital. Place donated items in the box provided on the counter between the dining hall and the rest of the Masonic Center. Donations will be accepted until 03/01/2013.

**Reports on Committees:** None

**Petitions:** Two petitions for reinstatement have been received: VWB Chris Grabowski and Jon McCoy. They were read and assigned to investigating committees as noted below:

Grabowski: VWB Brian Morgan (chair), VWB Bruce York and WB Clint Brown. VWB Chris now lives in Seattle but still works in Olympia and has said he will be available for the investigation.

McCoy: Jon lives in Oak Harbor, WA and the Secretary will request for assistance from Whidbey Lodge #15 for the requisite investigation.

**Balloting:** None

**Old Business:**

1. The Grand Master has approved Harmony's updated by-laws.
2. Jerry Hart was escorted to the Secretary's desk where he signed the by-laws.

**New business:** None

**Announcements and Upcoming Events:**

1. Wednesday, 02/20/2013 – LOMA, hosted by Harmony. Potluck @ 6:30 p.m., meeting @ 7
2. Thursday, 02/21/2013 – Tenino #86 Ladies night and sweetheart dinner. Free for the ladies, \$10 for you gentlemen. Menu is roast beef, mashed potatoes w/gravy, vegetable and dessert.
3. Friday, 02/22/2012 – Annual Little Falls #176 White Sock & Wig night – 6:30 p.m. Bring your white socks, wigs and lots of money to pay your fines. It all goes to a good cause, for the needy in the Vader community!
4. Saturday, 02/23/2013 – Regional meeting, hosted by Centralia #63, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. with lunch being served for a cost.
5. Tuesday, 03/05/2013 – Harmony stated meeting – 7:30 p.m. (Green tie night)
6. Thursday, 03/07/2013 – Tenino #86 annual corned beef and cabbage dinner. This is a long-standing fundraiser for the Lodge and RSVP's are strongly suggested as space is limited. Cost of the meal is \$10. This date apparently also coincides with the 17-year anniversary of Tenino Secretary VWB Clayton LaVigne's Master Mason degree.
7. Tuesday, 03/19/2013 – Harmony stated meeting – 7:30 p.m. (tentative FC degree)
8. Friday, 06/21/2013 – Olympia Valley Scottish Rite annual golf tournament, Capital City Golf Club. Please consider signing up a foursome or if you have donations or sponsorship

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suggestions, contact WB Rod Mason, WB Ivan Isaacson or WB Ben Schatz. See the Secretary if you need their contact information. Team entry costs \$360 (foursome) or \$90/person. Tee Box sponsorships cost \$600. Non-golfers are invited to the event and the dinner (\$25 for surf & turf dinner).

### **Sickness & Distress:**

EA Aaron Scott sent his regrets and advised that his father passed away on 02/12/2013. As his father's health declined last week, Aaron flew out to Iowa to be with him and the family. We hope to reschedule Aaron's 2<sup>nd</sup> degree in the coming months. Aaron should be home this week. Please sign the card being passed around tonight.

### **Good of the Order:**

1. Regrets and fraternal greetings were received from WB Kris Graap and EA Aaron Scott.
2. Welcome back to WB George Cooper, who recently returned from a visit to Texas.
3. The Secretary noted that we have received our annual life membership income from Grand Lodge, for 2012. The Life Membership Fund earned 4.96%, compared with 3.32% in 2011. Last year, we received \$1,063.02 and this year received \$1,636.96. Of our 157 members, about 60 are life members.
4. WB Ross thanked everyone for their presence and for WB Ed's willingness to wear the black bear hat, in good fun.
5. SW Tony Randazzo paid wages to the Brothers and visitors.
6. JW Pat Baker paid wages to the stewards, who have quesadillas waiting for the Brothers.

The minutes were read in the shortest of forms and approved as read.

Harmony Lodge #18 F&AM was closed in due form by WB Ed at 8:30 p.m., peace and harmony prevailing.

Respectfully submitted,

VWB Brian Morgan, Secretary

WB Ross Retzlaff, Worshipful Master

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### MONIES REC'D as of close of meeting:

FROM	FOR	AMT.	HOW
Pat Baker	02/05 refreshment	\$82.00	Cash
Pat Baker	Liquor raffle (02/05)	\$53.00	Cash
Chris Grabowski	Reinstatement petition	\$120.00	Check #1377
Jon McCoy	Reinstatement petition	\$120.00	Check #1205
Grand Lodge	Life membership income	\$1,636.96	Check #2055
Ron Morgan	2013 dues	\$60.00	Check #995022
Ross Retzlaff	2013 dues	\$60.00	Check #2303
Tim Rowley	Sign raffle income	\$113.00	Cash
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,244.96</b>	

### EXPENSES

FROM	FOR	AMT.	HOW
n/a			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>n/a</b>	

**Plural, Affiliation and Reinstatement Petitioners** – VWB Chris Grabowski (reinstatement), Jon McCoy (reinstatement)

### Active Candidates for Degrees

Candidate	Petition Read	Investigated	Balloted	EA	FC	MM	Mentor
2012							
Aaron Scott	X	X	X	X (P)			VWB Brian Morgan
James Moore	X	X	X	X	X		VWB Bruce York

(P) – proficient and waiting for next degree