



T R E S T L E B O A R D

Washington Lodge No. 20 F. & A. M.

March 2016

Staying Connected

Our 166th Year



From the East: Worshipful Scott Goode



I have been asked to deliver a “**State of the Lodge**” address. As you all know well, Washington Lodge #20 F&AM is doing very well. We are very healthy with members, new officers and we are financially sound. We receive continuous applications for membership and affiliation. We pride ourselves on treating new candidates and Brothers with love and respect. We support our community by helping those that need a helping hand through Loaves and Fishes and support our public Schools through Mustard Seed and the “Raising a Reader” program. Many of our brothers are members of the York Rite body, Shriners, Eastern Star, Scottish Rite, youth group advisors and Grand Lodge appointments. We are a fully functional and involved lodge.

Brothers Jared Yoshiki and Jason Sibbring continue to lead our charity endeavors. Brother Colin Cooper and Francisco Marques are burgeoning our Internet presence by upgrading our web site, focusing attention on our Facebook page and mobile application. Brother Victor Sanchez continues to make our trestle board look great and Worshipfuls Eric Hixson and Jon Isaacson keep our lodge in the black.

If you have any ideas on how we can improve, do not hesitate to approach me or any Master Mason of Washington 20.

We thoroughly enjoyed Past Masters night. Bob and Wally put on an excellent dinner consisting of the best New York Steak I have ever eaten, which included all of the trimmings. Worshipful Dan Dailey was in the East for a double Fellowcraft degree and did a great job of directing the craft. Worshipful Eric Hixson did an outstanding job giving the staircase lecture. Both candidates; Jon Gilbreath and Russell Thomas, commented on how interesting and enjoyable it was going through each section. Our Junior Past Master, Rich Wilson, did a great job of orchestrating the whole event. I personally enjoyed watching our Past Masters perform and am grateful for their dedication to our lodge and the craft.

**Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair;
the rest is in the hands of God.**

George Washington

To Be 1 Ask 1



From the West

Victor U Sanchez, Sr. Warden



Please join with me in welcoming our newest Fellow Crafts Brothers Jon Gilbreath and Russell Thomas who were passed at our Past Master's night in a double degree. As Worshipful Goode mentioned earlier, the ritual of the night was well done and our Officers Coach, Past Master and Treasurer Eric Hixson did a memorable Staircase lecture *and* speaking of greatness, our lodge chefs put on one heck of a meal. Should have been there!!

Our world at the lodge is changing. With the many threats in the world around us, our lodge managers are taking steps to keep our members safe, at least while at lodge. Steps have been taken and being improved upon through time and experience. Unlike times past, when you arrived at lodge, you will now need to wait to be vouched for before being admitted. If a man should arrive at the door, requesting admission, he will now need to fill out an interest card and will be contacted with information before his admission. All of these steps were discussed at the last Temple board meeting as well as other issues. We, the members of the various lodges need to be and become more vigilant of our lodge surroundings, who is coming and going, what is being brought in and left within our building. Stay alert, challenge those whom we do not recognize and keep each other safe.

On that same vain, if a member is going to invite a man to lodge, please be there to vouch for him, or at least let Wor. Phil Hardiman know that someone will be arriving so that staff does not inadvertently turn him away, or make him stand out in the cold. Be safe with your invitees to our lodge.

"Hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us..." a truth which we are taught in one of our degrees that sometimes becomes lost in our dealings with our brethren at our and other lodges. We sometimes hear of a brother being put aside because he does not "subscribe" to the thoughts of a few other brothers and becomes a target of the subscribers. This thought process has no place in the lodge, check it at the door! If we find ourselves wanting to dislike another brother because of this feeling, reaffirm to yourself why you became a Mason, why did you want to join the Ancient and HONOURABLE fraternity. If out of the lodge, a man decides to treat others in this manner, we, as his brother may never hear about it and may not be able to do anything to change the behavior. But, if we witness these despicable actions in and around our lodges, we must give good and timely advise to our brother. Remember, as brothers, not one of us is better than our brother Master Mason to Entered Apprentice, candidate or prospect!!

March promises to be another busy month, with some memorable events; our Ladies Luncheon will take place on March 20th; on March 31st we will be visiting one of our Masonic Youth groups; and we will be Passing another brother on March 24th. You are welcome to be a part of this and join the brethren and our ladies by participating in our events.

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Washington Lodge #20 2016 Officers

Master: Scott Goode

Senior Warden	Victor U Sanchez
Junior Warden	Luis J Montero
Treasurer	Eric W Hixson, PM
Secretary	Jon R Isaacson, PM
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Tiler	Floyd R. Tritt
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Candidates Head Coach	Colin Cooper
Officers Coach Emeritus	Ray W. Lenau, PM
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Stated Meeting

March 3, 2016

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by February 29, 2016 at 6:00PM

(888) 828-4476

"Waste Not, Want Not"



From the South

Luis J Montero, Jr. Warden



I would like to congratulate both Michael Allen and Randy Brink for a satisfactory proficiency in the lecture of the Entered Apprentice degree. I know you will both do a great job as a Fellow Crafts.

I am hopeful that we have expressed our continued love and support to our loved one's during last Valentine's day.

I would like to commend our brothers for stepping up and taking on the many duties that make a lodge successful. It is my we all work together and cement our lodge traditions as an example to many. It is the tools of the craft that make men better. The support and wisdom of our past masters and the comradery of our brethren make all things possible. Now let's get to work, have fun, and bring honor to our lodge.

The Hood Wink

The word "Hood", goes back to old German and Anglo Saxon, in which it referred to a head covering, as in hat, hood, helmet, etc.; "wink," in the same languages, meant to close the eyes, "wench," "wince," etc., being similarly derived. A hoodwink was therefore a headdress designed to cover the eyes. The popular use of the word is believed to go back to the old sport of falconry, once so popular, in which the falcon had a hood over its eyes until ready to strike at its prey.

A symbol of secrecy, silence, and darkness, in which the mysteries of our art, should be preserved from the unhallowed gaze of the profane. It has been supposed to have a symbolic reference to the passage in Saint John's Gospel (1:5), "And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." But it is more certain that there is in "the hoodwink" a representation of the mystical darkness which always preceded the rites of the ancient initiations.



Looking Ahead

April 7 - Stated Meeting

April 13 - Fellowship and Education

April 14 - Degree practice

April 21 - Dark

April 26 - OSI

April - 28 Fellow Craft Degree

March Schedule

March 3 - Stated Meeting

March 9 - Fellowship & Education

March 10 - Degree Practice

March 17 - Dark

March 20 - Ladies Luncheon

March 24 - Degree TBD

March 31 - Visit to Youth Group TBD

Washington Lodge #20

Mission Statement

To practice and promote a way of life that binds like-minded men in a worldwide brotherhood that transcends all religious, ethnic, cultural, social and educational differences. Through Masonic principles and tradition and by the outward expression of these through its fellowship and compassion, Washington Lodge No.20 F.&A.M. provides ways in which to serve God, family, country, neighbors and self in an environment that contributes to the enrichment and betterment of its members, mankind, and its communities.

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March Oration

Two aprons of a Masonic and historic character were owned by General George Washington. One of these was brought to this country by our Masonic Brother, the Marquis de Lafayette, in 1784.

An object of his visit was to present to General Washington a beautiful white satin apron bearing the National colors, red, white and blue, and embroidered elaborately with Masonic emblems, the whole being the handiwork of Madame la Marquise de Lafayette.

This apron, according to Brother Julius F. Sachse, in his book, History of Brother General Lafayette's Fraternal Connections with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was enclosed in a handsome rose-wood box when presented to Brother George Washington.

Another apron was presented to General Washington this gift was also made in France and the similarity of purpose and of origin has caused some confusion as to the identity of the two aprons that happily were preserved and proudly cherished by their later owners after the death of Brother Washington.

The gift of the second apron was due to the fraternal generosity of Brother Elkanah Watson and his partner, M. Cassoul, of Nantes, France. The name Cassoul, in the old records, is also spelled Cossoul and Cosson. Watson and Cassoul acted, as confidential agents abroad, for the American Government during the revolutionary period; the former being also a bearer of dispatches to Dr. Benjamin Franklin.

Brother Sachse, in the above-mentioned work, quotes Brother Watson from a book Men and Times of the Revolution, or Memoirs of Elkanah Watson, as follows: "Wishing to pay some mark of respect to our beloved Washington, I employed, in conjunction with my friend M. Cossoul, nuns in one of the convents at Nantes to prepare some elegant Masonic ornaments and gave them a plan for combining the American and French flags on the apron designed for this use. They were executed in a superior and expensive style. We transmitted them to America, accompanied by an appropriate address.

An autograph reply to the address was written by Brother Washington and this letter was purchased from the Watson family and thus came into the possession of the Grand Lodge of New York.

The Washington apron owned by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was first given by the legatees of Brother George Washington to the Washington Benevolent Society on October 26, 1816, and was presented to the Grand Lodge on July 3, 1829.

The other Washington apron and sash came into the possession of Alexandria Washington Lodge No. 22, at Alexandria, Virginia, on June 3, 1812, and as recorded in the Lodge of Washington (page 90), were presented, with the box made in France which contained them, by Major Lawrence Lewis, a nephew of Washington, on behalf of his son, Master Lorenzo Lewis. The pamphlet, "George Washington the Man and the Mason", prepared by the Research Committee, Brother C. C. Hunt, Chairman, of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, 1921, raises the question as to the number of degrees conferred upon Brother Washington.

Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, Fredericksburg, Virginia, where Brother Washington received his Masonic Degrees, conferred the Royal Arch Degree under the authority of its Lodge Warrant. In fact, the first known record of this degree being conferred anywhere is in the Minutes of this Lodge under date of December 22, 1753.



Open Air Degree

Location: 34400 Mission Boulevard, Union City, CA 94587

When: September 10, 2016

Transportation: We are taking 2 vans with total seating for 30.

Get your reservations in, Seats will go quickly

(Meet at Starbucks parking lot 3511 Truxel Road, Sacramento, Ca 95834)

Cost: \$15 for lunch.

We are going to Union City to perform an open air First Degree, enjoy a barbeque and get a tour of the wonderful facilities. We will enjoy a hamburgers and hotdogs barbeque.

PLEASE RSVP to Brother Jared Yoshiki at: jaredyoshiki@me.com or **916-761-3519**

Reserve a spot in the van, otherwise plan on driving yourself or forming a carpool.

Wives/partners are welcome to enjoy the tour and barbeque for \$15.

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Northern California Lodges Please join

Grand Master David Perry

April 5, 2016

White Rock Elementary School
10487 White Rock Road, Rancho Cordova, CA

Public Schools Celebration

8 - 8:30 am - Meet & Greet

8:30 - 8:45 am- School/classroom tours

9 am - 10 am - Public Schools Month Celebration
Program

*Coffee and refreshments will be provided

Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 28th, 2016

contact Dan Leonard, PM @ 916 698-4252

or by email at: dannyl123@hotmail.com

Street parking will be available.

Please consider carpooling with your fellow brethren and friends!

Looking forward to seeing you at this

Public Schools Month Celebration

April Is Public Schools Month

In 1920, as California's public schools struggled to survive teacher shortages, California Masons led a community response: The fraternity proclaimed Public Schools Week, rallying communities in support of schools and raising needed funds to improve the system. Today, we continue that tradition with Public Schools Month. During the month of April, lodges throughout California conduct special recognitions in support of public schools.

Public Schools Month Kick-Off Events

California Masons' public school support is lead by our Public Schools Advisory Councils - groups of Masonic leaders who collaborate with school districts, community leaders, and guidance counselors to provide targeted, local support. Each April, they organize celebrations to promote awareness of the importance of public education. Check back in early 2016 for locations and dates.

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Brothers,

Worshipful Burnet has put a bug in my ear. Being a mountain man he is an avid camper and knows all of the good spots. The spot he mentions is Cold Country. More info about the campground can be found here: <http://goldcountrycampground.com/> . It has RV and tent spots, as well as, cabins. The important thing to know is that we need to reserve now if we want to camp in September. If you are interested please let me know

Hello all, I mentioned to Scott an idea of doing a lodge group camping trip for an event this year. It is something we all can do together with our families, as most find camping enjoyable but is not a typical boring Masonic event for our families that they may be used to. My wife and I have gone on numerous day trips over the past year just to check out potential places to go camping, from Redding to Santa Cruz, and so far to date we have personally visited over 60 campgrounds just to check them out (if you would like my campground list with reviews please let me know and I will email it to ya).

Anyways, Gold Country Campground is the place I mentioned to Scott as it is quite unique; they offer the camping experience for pretty much anyone. We have been there 3 times this year and will definitely go back next year as well. If you look at my photo albums, on my Facebook page, you will find two albums just for this campground (there is also a link below to a video I personally took of me driving through the campground, so you can actually see the campground. Their camp sites can take small trailers or the larger 40 foot long trailers, tents, and they have cabins and even an 8 room motel on site, for those that do not have a trailer and do not want to do the tent thing. Their deluxe trailer sites also allow you to have 1 tent in these sites, in addition to your trailer. So possible doubling up can happen, however, they may also charge for more than 2 people per site and more than 1 car. They have a small arcade, dog area, playground, and an 18-hole mini-golf course, not in the best of shape but still fun. So it is a fun place for pretty much all ages. And it is only a bit over an hour from Sacramento so, even if someone has to work Fridays, they can still get to the campground before dark and enjoy the rest of the day.

The big downside, as I mentioned to Scott, this campground is a VERY popular place from late spring thru late fall. Reservations, especially for a large group, need to be placed WAY in advance. For instance our last trip just in October, we had 3 trailers in our group, and we had to place our reservations in 3 months in advance and we got 3 of the last 6 open sites for that weekend, the 3 sites we really wanted were booked up every weekend from July thru Oct. They charge \$60 per night for RV sites during their peak season, June thru September; and \$35 per night from Oct thru May. Keep in mind also that it can be quite hot here in the summer, just like in the Sacramento Valley region, so earlier or later in the year may be best. The October trip we just took was great and though warm, high 80's low 90's, it was not HOT.

I also have a computer projector and we can possibly do a movie night and with the use of a large white tarp could make a 100 or possibly a 200 inch movie screen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xs0taBzJM78>

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Presents

Ladies Luncheon



Date: March 20, 2016 at 12pm

Location: 1123 J St., Sacramento, CA 95814

Cost: Ladies-free Men- \$15

*Menu: Sandwich Buffet, Green Salad, Cookies,
other dessert*

Dress: Business Casual

*RSVP: Lynne Goode at 916-208-8166 or
momgoode@comcast.net by February 26.*

