

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

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

April 2014

Relaying Our Cornerstone

Our 163rd Year



From the East: Worshipful Daniel J. Dailey



Spring is a time of new beginnings. Nature begins to awaken from its winter slumber and all forms of life seem to be renewed and awakened. This time of year gives us the opportunity to look inward and start our own new beginnings, not only in the Lodge, but outside as well. Within the Lodge, one can begin to look at what new and exciting journey may be ahead. For our many candidates, Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, the next degree may be in your thoughts. What will it be like? What will I learn? How can I apply the ritual and work in my life?

Master Masons may begin asking about getting into the Officer's Line and learning the ritual. Should I explore further light in Masonry in Scottish Rite, Shriner's, or York Rite? Or any of the other Concordant Bodies of Masonry?

What will it be like moving up to the next chair? Can I do the work? How will I remember all that information? I know I have these questions each time I am inclined to move up or join a new Masonic Organization. During these times of reflection, it is important to remember that the answer or "secret" of Masonry lies within you. You alone determine what Masonry means and how you will apply its many lessons in your life. You get out of it what you put in. The Officers of the Lodge and the Ritual provide you with a framework or path to follow. A "Plan" so to speak. And like all plans, the interpretation lies with the reader.

Outside of the Lodge, Masonry also gives us a "Plan" we can use in our daily lives, as the goal of Masonry is to take a good man and make him better. Where better to apply our lessons than outside of the Lodge? By your deeds and conduct you can show the whole world the benefits of Masonry. Ask yourself, how can I apply the new knowledge from my last degree? How will I use my new working tools? What will I change for the better, in my life or someone else's? The answers to these questions are also within each of us. We just have to look for them. What a better time than now, in spring? The season of new beginnings.

Congratulations to our newest Master Mason. Brother Christopher Booth was Raised to the sublime Degree on Thursday, March 20, 2014. He was the first of the group of three Brothers who began their journey with Washington Lodge #20 together to reach this important milestone. Brothers Dallas Calmes and Terry Cooley will follow close behind with their Third Degrees in May. Once again we find ourselves having scheduling challenges, trying to balance the need to confer all Degrees with a limited amount of days to confer the work. April will again be a challenge as we will have a double Second Degree on April 10th for Brothers Montero and McKinnon, Maunday Thursday celebration at Scottish Rite and a Third Degree for Brother Yoshiki. We will be conferring two Third Degrees in May along with a possible double First Degree. What a tough problem to have.

As we continue to meet the challenges of having so many great candidates and Brothers moving through their degrees, I would like to extend my deepest thanks to the Officers of Washington Lodge #20, and Officers from other Lodges who wholeheartedly support this effort and continue to perform outstanding and memorable work for the benefit of our candidates! I also want to thank the Brothers who may not have a part of the Ritual, but are no less important to our success by being there week after week to show their support for our candidates by filling the sidelines. There is no better way to show our new Brothers our dedication to their Masonic journey than by being there in person to demonstrate our commitment to their choice to join Washington Lodge #20.

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Stated Meeting April 3, 2014

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by April 1, 2014

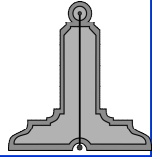
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"Waste Not, Want Not"



From the West

Michael P. Quinn, Sr. Warden



One of the esoteric secrets of Masonry is hidden in plain sight and presented to each Entered Apprentice at his initiation. Many may recognize the words uttered or sung during his perambulation, but many have yet to understand the significance of the song itself.

I am referring to the 133rd Psalm in the Book of Holy Writings. The Psalms are generally attributed to King David, who was the singer of songs for Israel in King Saul's court. This song is sometimes referred to as the Psalm of the Fraternity and conveys many deeper symbols and meanings that the candidate should seek out and decipher.

Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the head, *even* Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, *and as the dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Foremost among those meanings is that we remain unified in our spirit and each day appreciate the Lord's Blessings.

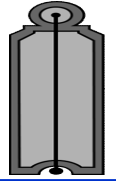
April Schedule

- April 3, Stated Meeting
- April 9, Masonic Fellowship Night
- April 10, Double 2nd Degree
(Montero/McKinnon)
- April 17, Maunday Thursday
- April 22, OSI
- April 24,



From the South

Joseph "Scott" Goode, Jr. Warden



Please welcome Brother Sibbring who is our newest Entered Apprentice. He will make an excellent addition to our fraternity. I had the privilege of sitting in the East for his first degree this month. What a pleasure it was to see us all work as a well-oiled machine. As you move up the line or sit in different locations as a sideliner, you will notice the work from a new perspective and learn more than expected. I have learned that the temperature in the East is a bit higher than anywhere else. I have also learned how important it is to have a great Lodge coach like Worshipful Eric Hixson, as well as the Past Masters of the Lodge who are crucial in helping us learn our craft. It was a pleasure to see the third degree conferred upon Brother Booth. Everyone was impressed as he performed an excellent second degree proficiency. We all look forward to his third degree proficiency. Brother Minke also displayed excellence as he gave his final proficiency. There were several comments such as "the best I have seen in several years". We are all excited to see him perform the ritual as he moves up the line.

We had our Ladies Luncheon last month and it was a treat to meet with the Widows of our Brothers who are now in that celestial lodge above. The food and décor were great. A big THANK YOU to Worshipful David Cameron and his Wife for putting it all together.

Quote from George Washington:

"My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her."

On June 21, 2014, the **Grand Lodge of California** will re-enact the laying of the cornerstone at our State Capitol. This ceremony is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

Washington Lodge #20, along with Tehama Lodge #3 and the other Lodges of Sacramento will take part in this historic event. We look forward to a great occasion and strong participation from the Washington Lodge #20 membership.

More information is available at the Temple office or on the Grand Lodge website.

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.

**PROCLAMATION
YOUTH ORDERS MONTH
Freemasonry - Our Moral Compass**

This year, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California reflects on the theme Freemasonry — Our Moral Compass. As we examine our commitment to the guiding principles of Masonry, we must also measure our commitment to its causes.

DeMolay International, Job’s Daughters International, and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls are built on the same fraternal values that frame our own lives. Just as Freemasonry guides each of us, the three Masonic youth orders guide our young men and women. They help them gain leadership skills and confidence. They instill them with respect, integrity, and compassion.

Our fraternity has declared it a 2010-15 strategic priority to strengthen DeMolay, Job’s Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls. We must continue to prove our support for every young man and woman who finds a place, and a moral compass, within the family of Freemasonry. They are the future of our fraternity, and the leaders of tomorrow.

I therefore PROCLAIM the month of MAY 2014 to be YOUTH ORDERS MONTH

and I direct that this Proclamation be read by the master at the May stated meeting and included in the lodge Trestleboard. During the month of May, I urge every lodge to plan a special meeting or program to demonstrate their support of Masonic youth.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2014.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John L. Cooper III
Grand Master

Attest:

Allan L. Casalou
Grand Secretary



From the South

J. Scott Goode

I would like to include an update from Michelle Brawner who is the youth leader for Elk Grove Rainbow Girls and Jobs Daughters. If you have a daughter that is 7 or older, feel free to contact me and I will put you in contact with her.

Jobs Daughters

Our Bethel is GROWING!!! Tuesday, March 11 we will hold initiation of 3 girls, and a JD2B member. We would love our Eastern Star brothers and sisters to come and see the daughters perform this beautiful ceremony.

This spring brings about more travelling for our girls. Between helping with Initiations as far away as Grass Valley and Yuba City, and driving all the way down to Southern California with our Grand Senior Custodian, Maureen Murphy-Tyler, our girls have logged more miles in the past couple of months than most people do all year!

When they are not travelling, they will be busy planning our sister, Maureen's, reception, which is on Sunday, April 27, at 2:00 p.m., at the Elk Grove Lodge. Chapter members are welcome, and encouraged to attend. Also during March and April, expect to receive flyers and phone calls from our young ladies about fundraisers they are hosting, which mitigate Bethel and personal costs to their annual convention, Grand Bethel, held in late-June in Visalia. The Honored Queen is currently taking clothing and shoe donations to turn in for cash April 9. A week later, the girls will hold a rummage sale at Kerr Middle School on Elk Grove Blvd. They would appreciate any donations, and will even arrange pick up and storage before the event.

The girls also plan to participate in the Masonic Family booth at the Western Festival over the first weekend in May. They will also march in the parade on the Saturday of that weekend. At the booth, there will be pamphlets and flyers about Job's Daughters, the Supreme fundraiser, H.I.K.E. Foundation, and this year's Grand Philanthropic Project, Direct Relief. The girls will also provide the materials for younger festival-attendees to make flower pens, which has been a great ice-breaker, in the past, to begin a conversation about our beautiful Order.

Rainbow Girls

As we move into Spring, it's an exciting month for Elk Grove Rainbow. March has us preparing for Grand Assembly, which is our annual convention held in Fresno. Our three Grand Officers will have to relinquish their stations, but I know the memories they have made the last 12 months will be carried with them for the rest of their lives. We have two girls signing with Grand Choir, as well as a Confidential Observer Helper, who will help validate eligibility of the attendees during sessions. Several of our members are also entering competitions, some of which had to place in qualifying rounds before they could even be considered.

After Grand Assembly, we will move into April and honor the founding of our Order with "Church Sunday". This is one of two mandatory days for Rainbow, where the members visit a church selected by the Worthy Advisor. Rose Assembly will also be holding a fundraiser for Springtime Candy from Sees. The girls plan to visit the Chapter in March to give the members the opportunity to purchase treats for themselves or as gifts. The goods will be delivered before Easter.

Lastly, the first weekend in May brings us to the Elk Grove Western Festival. The adults and youth of Elk Grove's Masonic family has been granted a 10 X 20 booth to give away non-food product. It's a great way to spread literature about the organizations, as well as the charities they represent. Rainbow plans to provide free face-painting for the festival-goers, and will participate in the Parade on Saturday.

The end of May brings our term to a close. We will hold our next Installation at Capital City Lodge on Saturday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m. Save the date - We hope to see you there!!

Thanks,