



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

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

February 2013

Time, Patience and Perseverance

Our 162nd Year

## From the East: Worshipful Juan C. Faranda



Brethren, welcome to our new Masonic Year 2013.

I would like to congratulate our new brothers Carlos Brusel Casal on his first step as a Mason and Frederick Janson on his passing to Fellow Craft. The first degree was well done, with our Junior Warden Michael Quinn seated in the East. He explained to our new Brother Carlos the use of his first two Masonic tools as an Entered Apprentice; the twenty four inch gauge and the common gavel. The gauge to wisely divide his time in three parts; to serve God and a distressed worthy brother, a part for his usual vocation, and a part for rest and repose. And to use the common gavel to divest oneself of all the vices and superfluities of life and to start building that spiritual house not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

We congratulate our newest Fellow Craft, Brother Frederic Janson, for his excellent proficiency of the first degree, and also our Senior Warden, Daniel Dailey, seated in the East and administering the second degree and lecture, as always, excellent. He also gave him three new and different tools to use as a Fellow Craft. These tools and their particular uses were clearly explained.

February 14<sup>th</sup> is Valentine's Day. We will be dark so our brethren will be with their ladies. Therefore, the second degrees scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> of February for Bros. Patrick Malley and Joseph Wallach were re-scheduled for the 31<sup>st</sup> of January. Wor. Joseph Dongo was the examiner and Dan Dailey, our Senior Warden, was in the East.

My Brethren, the month of February is quite full; the 7<sup>th</sup> is our Stated Meeting, the 14<sup>th</sup> will be dark, and on February 16<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our "Ladies Luncheon" at the Temple. Please make your reservations with Nancy Hardiman or David Huez ASAP. On the 21<sup>st</sup>, "Past Masters Night", will be put together by our Junior Past Master Joseph Dongo and we will raise Brother Paul McNamee. The OSI for Lodge Officers will be on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> and all Officers are strongly encouraged to attend. On the 28<sup>th</sup> we may be conferring a first degree (TBD).

It will again be a very busy month, so please attend and show your support for our new and continuing brothers.

Our warmest congratulations to Brother Serge Borodulin, and his wife, on the birth of their beautiful daughter Sofia. Much happiness to you and your family.

That is all for now, thank you to my officers for doing such a good job.



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## ***Adopt-A-Freeway Program***

***February 9th, 2013***

***at 9:00 AM***

***Litter Removal on Freeway 244***

***On/Off Ramp at Auburn Blvd***

***Meet at Del Paso Park***

***Corner of Park Road and Auburn Blvd***



## From the West

Daniel J. Dailey, Sr. Warden

The first month of the year brought plenty of seconds...Degrees that is. After our first Stated Meeting with Worshipful Faranda at the helm, we followed with three second degrees. Passed to the Fellow Craft were Brothers Frederick Janson, Patrick J. Malley and Joseph Wallach. Bro. Janson demonstrated an excellent proficiency in the lecture of the Entered Apprentice. It was quite a feat considering that he received his First Degree in French.

Our recent tradition of increasing membership and advancement through the degrees appears to be on track again this year. It is wonderful to see so many new Brothers in the Lodge and so many inquiries for membership. Worshipful Faranda and I hope to keep this pace of new members going for the next two years and beyond. We are also committed to membership not being just a numbers game.

Our new Brothers have commented many times on Washington Lodge being very welcoming, supportive and open to their new ideas. This philosophy is rewarded in the high level of participation by most of our new Brothers in taking positions in the line, volunteering to give charges at degrees and by taking on many responsibilities that for many years had been done by the "old guard" out of necessity, due to a slow trickle of new members. Our Lodge is strong and getting stronger every month.

On January 24<sup>th</sup> we celebrated our annual Roll Call Dinner in the ballroom. The event was well attended, and our kitchen crew once again outdid themselves with an outstanding meal that was enjoyed by our Brothers and guests. This event is the one time of year when we celebrate the Passing of veteran Brothers to the Celestial Lodge Above and welcome the Master Masons raised during the last year. For the first time in many years, we Raised more Brothers than we lost.

For next year, my goal is to have EVERY new Master Mason and no less than 100 Brothers and guests in attendance. As our most solemn and important gathering to pay our respects to our departed Brothers it is incumbent on us all to be there. Worshipful Phil Hardiman summed up this point very nicely with his talk about the last section of the Masonic Funeral Ritual and with the excellent reading of Rudyard Kipling's poem.

### **Stated Meeting**

**Thursday, February 7th, 2013**

**5:00 PM Social**

**6:00 PM Dinner**

**7:00 PM Stated Meeting**

**RSVP by February 5th, 2012**

**(888) 828-4476**

**"Waste Not, Want Not"**



## From the South

Michael P. Quinn, Jr. Warden

At the January Officer's School of Instruction; Bill Miklos, Inspector for the 414 Masonic District, gave a short demonstration and discussion of the Jewel March. At the opening of the Lodge, the Master calls the brethren to order and the Officers to receive their Jewels. This ritual alludes to the 18th Century custom of demonstrating a person's status, title, or office in the community by the display of a collar, badge or ornament. Displaying the Jewel in a prominent fashion during the ritual reflects this ancient custom. Something to reflect on for the New Masonic Year.

### SAY "YES" TO PAPERLESS TRESTLEBOARD

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**Lodge Secretary**

### 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.



## From the Editor

Victor U. Sanchez, Jr. Deacon



### Engaging New Members (part II)

#### Welcome

Use these forums to welcome the new member and his family

- Meal and family activities at the lodge
- The member's first stated meeting
- Lodge social media, such as Facebook
- Trestleboard

#### Involve

Thanks to new legislation, Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts can now join stated meetings. Plan plenty of other activities to reinforce their involvement, such as

- Family meals or social nights
- Community service projects
- Member outreach
- Lodge projects, i.e. renovations; archiving lodge artifacts; etc.
- Group coaching sessions
- Masonic education events
- **TIP:** If the member is interested in Masonic research, invite him to present his findings to the lodge at a Masonic education event or stated meeting

### February 2013 Schedule

February 7th Stated Meeting  
 February 9th Freeway Clean up  
 February 13th Fellowship and Masonic Education  
 February 14th Dark  
 February 16th Ladies Luncheon  
 February 21st Past Masters Night: 3rd Degree,  
 Brother McNamee  
 February 26th Officers School of Instruction  
 February 28th Possible 1st Degree TBD

### Mustard Seed Needs

Liquid hand soap  
 Clorox disinfectant wipes  
 Children's socks (size s, m)  
 Women's underwear (size s, m, l)  
 Paper towels  
 Belts (small child)  
 Dry erase markers and erasers  
 Roller blades and roller skates (all sizes)  
 Children's underwear (boys and girls: sizes 3T, 4T, 5L)  
 Bicycle helmets (all sizes)  
 Deodorant

Quality sturdy backpacks  
 Kids pants (3T-16)  
 Shoes (boys and girls: 3-15)  
 Green chair cushions  
 New/used workbooks (pre K-8)  
 Bottled water  
 Mouthwash  
 Chap stick  
 Hair Accessories  
 Dish washing soap  
 Healthy snacks: low sodium, low sugar

# Washington Lodge #20 F. & A. M.



## Ladies **Valentine** Luncheon

Sacramento Masonic Temple  
1123 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Club Room

Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 2013 11:30am to 1:00pm

Widows, Wives and Dates of Washington 20 Lodge Members: **FREE**

Cost: Men & Guests \$15.00

The wonderful a-capella group "Sweet Adelines" will sing for us.

## Menu

Mediterranean Chicken, Saffron Rice, Roasted Egg Plant, Green Salad with lots of different vegetables, Chocolate Cake and Tiramisu.

Please **RSVP** by February 10<sup>th</sup> 2013 to  
Nancy Hardiman **nancyhardiman@aol.com** or call **916.947.6738**

## HOW SHOULD MASONS LIVE? By Wor. Phil Hardiman

Once each year we get the opportunity to congratulate the newly raised Master Masons, and celebrate the lives of those of our brothers who passed away during the prior year, when the new Masons were “raised to the sublime degree.” On a parochial level, this recognition has meant for many years that we have to struggle with declining numbers, because in the last few decades more older members have died than new ones have come in. This has forced us into some introspection and wonderment – are we doing something wrong? Or just not doing enough? Is the decline in net membership numbers a serious problem, or just a transitory phenomenon?

Well, tonight I’d like to draw upon some Masonic ritual to make the point that it is a transitory problem – self-correcting in a sense; and also draw upon the artistry of a great Mason of the last couple of centuries: Rudyard Kipling. In doing so, my hope is to instill in each and every one of you the desire to make your own, be it small, contribution to the well-being of society, to the progress of humanity.

First, the Hieroglyphical Emblems, part of the Third Degree, give us much insight into this issue and, consequently, on what our attitude and comportment should be as Masons – in other words, how we should live. This attitude applies to society and mankind as a whole in fact, not just to Masons. But we have the benefit of our rich, ritual content to sharpen our awareness of significant things, and keep us on the path of effectiveness, in contributing to the progress of the organism of society, and our own spiritual growth.

The Three Steps give us the over-arching view of our progress through life, and how it mirrors the progress of all of humanity. We can, none of us, escape the ravages of age, nor the ultimate end in the grave.

The Pot of Incense reminds us of the importance of a prayerful attitude, ever mindful of the presence of Deity in our lives.

The Beehive teaches industry and helps us recognize and cope with our small part in the overall scheme of things – but nonetheless to appreciate the importance of that small part. But it also teaches “...that we came into the world rational and intelligent beings” and that “we should never sit down contented while our fellow-creatures around us are in want.” It elaborates this theme to convince us that we are dependent beings --dependent on each other for security and protection, thereby “enjoying better opportunities of fulfilling the duties of reciprocal love and friendship. Thus was man formed for social and active life, the noblest part of the work of God; and he that will so demean himself as not to be endeavoring to add to the common stock of knowledge and understanding, may be deemed a *drone* in the *hive* of nature, a useless member of society.....”

The Anchor and Ark above all are emblems of hope and a well-spent life.

The 47<sup>th</sup> Problem of Euclid teaches that we should be like our great friend and brother, the great Pythagoras, who was a seeker of truth, and a lover of the arts and sciences.

The Hour Glass is an emblem of human life. Behold how swiftly the sands run and how rapidly our lives are drawing to a close. We cannot, without astonishment, behold the little particles contained within this machine – how they pass away almost imperceptibly and yet, to our surprise, in the short space of an hour, are all exhausted. Thus wastes man! Today, he puts forth the tender leaves of Hope. Tomorrow, blossoms and bears his blushing honors thick upon him. The next day comes a frost, which nips the shoot. And when he thinks his greatness is still aspiring, he falls like Autumn leaves to enrich our mother Earth.

The Scythe is an emblem of Time, which cuts the brittle thread of Life and launches us into Eternity. Behold, what havoc the Scythe of Time makes among the human race. If perchance we should escape the numerous evils incident to childhood and youth and, with health and vigor, arrives to the years of manhood, yet withal we must soon be cut down by the all-devouring Scythe of Time, and be gathered into the land where our fathers have gone before us.

And so we see these finely crafted Emblems, beginning with the Three Steps of man and ending with the Scythe, launching us into Eternity! In between, we learn to be reverent; loving and kind; industrious in seeking and in advancing Truth; mindful of every moment we have to be productive; and finally content with how we have lived in accordance with these teachings and with the promise of that just reward after our resurrection.

Conclusion of all this is, for me at least, best represented by Kipling’s great poem – The Palace, which I will presume now to recite for you as a fit closing for our program.

## Rudyard Kipling

### The Palace

When I was a King and a Mason -- a Master proven and skilled --  
I cleared me ground for a Palace such as a King should build.  
I decreed and dug down to my levels. Presently, under the silt,  
I came on the wreck of a Palace such as a King had built.

There was no worth in the fashion -- there was no wit in the plan --  
Hither and thither, aimless, the ruined footings ran --  
Masonry, brute, mishandled, but carven on every stone:  
*"After me cometh a Builder. Tell him, I too have known."*

Swift to my use in my trenches, where my well-planned ground-works grew,  
I tumbled his quoins and his ashlars, and cut and reset them anew.  
Lime I milled of his marbles; burned it, slacked it, and spread;  
Taking and leaving at pleasure the gifts of the humble dead.

Yet I despised not nor gloried; yet, as we wrenched them apart,  
I read in the razed foundations the heart of that builder's heart.  
As he had risen and pleaded, so did I understand  
The form of the dream he had followed in the face of the thing he had planned.

When I was a King and a Mason -- in the open noon of my pride,  
They sent me a Word from the Darkness. They whispered and called me aside.  
They said -- "The end is forbidden." They said -- "Thy use is fulfilled.  
"Thy Palace shall stand as that other's -- the spoil of a King who shall build."

I called my men from my trenches, my quarries, my wharves, and my sheers.  
All I had wrought I abandoned to the faith of the faithless years.  
Only I cut on the timber -- only I carved on the stone:  
*"After me cometh a Builder. Tell him, I too have known!"*



## IN MEMORIAM

Gerald Van Wagner, Sr. passed away on 1/30/2013

We have lost a great Mason, soldier, husband, father and friend last night.

Brother Gerald "Jerry" Van Wagner, Sr. was a Hiram Award recipient and was Secretary of the Lodge for nine years.

## Mason of the Year Award : Brother Floyd Tritt

Brother Floyd Tritt was the happy recipient of the 2012 Mason of the Year Award. This award which is not to be confused with the Hiram Award has never been presented in Washington Lodge if our recollection is correct. As we all know, the Hiram Award which is considered the highest honor for service that can be bestowed upon a member by a Masonic Lodge cannot be presented to more than one person a year. So, the Wardens and Master decided to present the Mason of the Year Award to recognize other brethren who have distinguished themselves in their devotion to the lodge, the craft, and its brotherhood, their personal dedication and commitment to Freemasonry's tenets, and their ongoing journey in the quest for more light. We were pleased to select Brother Floyd, Tiler of the Lodge for several years now.

Brother Floyd is always the first in the lodge room to set up all stations and get everybody ready to go. He is also the last to leave after he puts away Officers' jewels and aprons and other paraphernalia. Yet he is the only one who stays beyond in charge of the anteroom when meetings are underway.

As important as his duties are, they do not involve much ritual. Yet Brother Floyd never missed an Officers School of Instructions all year long. As a matter of fact he is the only one among officers and members alike who can pride himself of having attended each and every one of the countless lodge events of last year: Stated Meetings and degrees combined. At his young age, he also managed to help on every freeway cleanup session for the Adopt-A-Freeway program.

This in conjunction with his excellent committee work with the widows committee has inspired many of us.

The award was carefully researched and selected and if you did not see it when presented at the December Stated Meeting, we urge you to visit brother Floyd and see it at his home.

The beautiful 14x17 inch lithograph depicts over seventy Freemasonry symbols including the All Seeing Eye, the Working Tools, the Perfect Points of Entrance, the Virtues, the Mosaic Pavement and Columns of Solomon's Temple, the Three Lesser Lights, the Holy Book upon the altar, the Good Samaritan, Jacob's Stairway to Heaven, Meetings upon High Hills and Low Vales, the Twin Pillars at the gate of King Solomon Temple, the Winding Stairs, the Lambskin Apron, the marble monument near the Sanctum Sanctorum, and many more.

Congratulations Brother Floyd! May this award become one of our traditions.

Joseph Dongo, JPM

