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

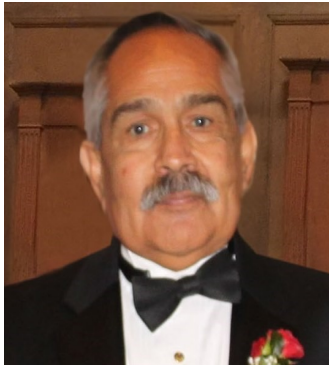
February 2017

Sincerity & Plain Dealing

Our 167th Year



## From the East: Worshipful Victor Sanchez



Greetings from the East, I hope you enjoyed a very nice New Year celebration with family, brothers and friends. Our Masonic year has begun and promises to be busy, rewarding and involved. January was busy and February is shaping up to be just as demanding.

Before I start, I want to thank the membership for approving the year's budget at our January stated meeting; it is fair and balanced.

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, we Raised Brother Randy Brink to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Brother Randy has been anticipating this day since his being Initiated. Some of the officers involved requested to perform their role in the Raising and did a wonderful job. I congratulate Randy and all the officers involved.

On January 11<sup>th</sup>, Washington 20 led a group of more than 30 members and prospective members at our monthly Fraternal/Education night. Sacramento 40 furnished a delightful array of appetizers as members enjoyed some competitive pool, chess and open discussion. Brother Francisco Marques gave an eloquent presentation of this year's theme "Sincerity and Plain Dealing".

Later in the month, on January 26<sup>th</sup>, we held our Annual Roll Call dinner, prepared by our stellar Cordon Bleu committee who, as promised, arranged a grand prime rib dinner with all the fix'ns. It was a significant event filled with brotherly love and friendship. I don't know where a couple can get a better meal with great company, celebrating brotherly love for less than 20 bucks!

Our stated meeting is scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup>, dinner at 6pm. Our tables have been filling up as we progress through the year and the brethren continue to enjoy fellowship, renew friendships and establish new ones.

Our Senior Warden, Luis Montero is finalizing preparations for a great luncheon designed for our ladies in anticipation of Valentine's Day. The luncheon is scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM in the Club Room. Please RSVP by calling our reservation line, (888) 828-4476. Also, if anyone needs a ride to and from the event, please call me directly (916) 425-6112 and we will furnish a ride.

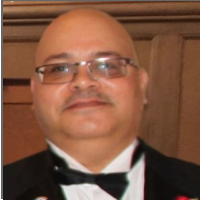
On February 16<sup>th</sup>, our Junior Past Master Scott Goode, will lead other Past Masters in our Annual Past Masters night, dinner at 6pm followed by the Raising of Brother Michael Allen at 7pm. Please plan on attending, and contact me if you need transportation to this great event.

February 23<sup>rd</sup> will see the raising of Brother Martin Nigel to the sublime degree of Master Mason in anticipation of his wedding in March; congratulations Brother Nigel.

Since the beginning of the year, and continuing from last year, we have received several applications for membership and I will be calling on our Master Masons to help with those investigations. Please be prepared to assist in this important undertaking to interview those who apply for membership into our most ancient and honorable fraternity.

As we enter February, the month is dedicated to love. Let us practice that venerable virtue among brothers, family and friends. Let us be true to ourselves and help bring about a reformation among those around us as we travel.

**To Be 1 Ask 1**



# From the West

Luis J. Montero, Sr. Warden



I hope you all had a very happy New Year's and a productive holiday. Washington 20 certainly started off to a busy year. On January 5, the Lodge voted to move forward with the building of a memorial for the Fire Fighters Burn Institute. We have managed to secure a skilled Mason laborer to donate his work for the memorial; in addition, Brother Donte Coiller, who is a skilled craftsman in sculpture has also joined in the community charity event by donating 2 vases which will be used to decoratively show case the memorial at the site. We will begin the actual work on site, which is located at Broadway and Stockton Blvd. sometime in April or May, as soon as the weather starts warming up. So please stay tuned for more info in the coming months as the event gets closer. We will need volunteers to remove two small bushes and two thorn bushes. We will also need to level the area four inches deep. I am looking forward to showing our community how best we work and best agree. Please see page 6 for more information.

On January 12, we had the privilege of raising Brother Randy Brink, to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Randy was just thrilled about the event which he happily reminded all of the brothers that he was excited and prepared for the event. We had a great turn out for the degree for brother Randy. Worshipful Dan Daily was in the East; Worshipful Joseph Dongo gave an excellent third degree lecture and Brother Jessie Jacquez gave the charge.

Washington 20 also held a joint Fraternal night with Sacramento 40 in January, which was a great success. It was wonderful to see the club room full of brothers, visitors and fellowship. We must have had over 30 men show up; Worshipful Sonny Stormes' wife provided the delicious food, and Brother Francisco Marques gave a great presentation. We are looking forward to doing it again in the near future. Coaches and candidates could learn a lot by getting to know other brothers from lodges in the same building, and seeing the importance of comradery among brothers within our Fraternity, that we see in passing but have not had the opportunity to get to know them.

On January 26th, we had our annual roll call dinner, the turn out was amazing, as we honored our Junior Past Master, Scott Goode, PM, as well as our brothers who have passed away this past year. Thank you to all that were able to make it out to this event.

So if you have not visited our Lodge in some time, now would be a great time and we would love to see you. Our Lodge member participation has been outstanding and we look forward to a productive year.

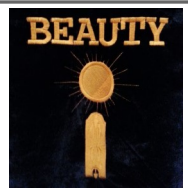
Finally, January 31 will be our officers school of instruction which all master masons have the benefit of attending. There is always something new to learn from our inspectors and it is always fun and productive.

Stay tuned for information on our Annual Valentines Ladies Luncheon, which will be another great event to attend on February 11th, 2017 at 12:30pm. We have students from the Natomas Charter Performing Arts coming out to entertain our wives, widows and guests.



# From the South

Jesse Solis-Jacques , Jr. Warden



Brothers, Family and Friends of Washington Lodge #20, some of you might be aware, but for those that are not, our Junior Warden is currently overseas in Kuwait, serving our great country in the United States Air Force. He is expected to be gone until July. On behalf of the Officers of Washington Lodge #20 F. & A. M., we wish Brother Jesse all the best, and hope that he comes home safely. We have asked him to provide us his address, should anyone be interested in sending him a care package while he is deployed. You can also email our Junior Warden while he is overseas at [wln20jw@gmail.com](mailto:wln20jw@gmail.com).

We will try to get Jesse's articles in the Trestle Board as he is able to send them.

Fraternally,  
Brother Colin Cooper  
Trestle Board Editor

## Charity Committee

... And the Most Important of These is Charity...

Washington Lodge has always made charity an important part of the craft, but in 2016, we spread our wings a little bit more. It started with the "filling the box" effort, where we asked brothers to donate common hygienic goods such as body soap, shampoo, toilet paper and the like. This box was then delivered to Loaves and Fishes to be given to those less fortunate in our community. Another of our efforts involved the gift of sight. We ordered a box from VSP where it could collect old pairs of glasses that, when returned to VSP, could be repurposed to those who lack proper eye care and may need corrective lenses to see the beauty of Gods creations. It being one of the most essential senses of human nature, the gift of sight is something that we all should take pride in sharing when we can. Some of our other efforts included raising money during "No-Shave November," which was donated for cancer research purposes that are common amongst men. Several brothers adorned their unshaven faces and a few were urged to keep it from their more intelligent significant others. Perhaps one of the most heartwarming was the serving of Thanksgiving meals to the homeless. For this effort Washington Lodge #20 along with Sacramento York Rite Commandery #2 joined forces to volunteer their time one Tuesday morning in November to serve at Loaves and Fishes.

This New Year offers many more opportunities to serve our fellow man. A discussion involving scholarships for local seniors has been added to our Lodge budget for this year. A repeat visit to Loaves and Fishes in more ways than just serving for Thanksgiving is on the radar, more involvement with Masons4Mitts, a new effort to help veterans and lest I forget the efforts each of us do on our own throughout our daily lives, where we find time to aid and assist a distressed worthy brother. I do hope you will join me and the Lodge throughout the upcoming new year in our charity efforts. Happy New Year to you and your families and I am always open to new ideas and suggestions, so please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Fraternally,  
Brother Jared Yoshiki  
Charity Committee Chair

## Washington Lodge #20 2017 Officers

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## Stated Meeting February 2, 2017

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by January 31, 2016 at 6:00PM

(888) 828-4476

"Waste Not, Want Not"

## February Schedule

February 2 - Stated Meeting

February 5 - Super Bowl Party, 3pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Club Room

February 8 - Coaches' Meeting, 7pm Clubroom

February 9 - Dark/Practice

February 11 - Valentine's Luncheon, 1130am, Clubroom

February 15 - OSI

February 16 - Past Masters night, Michael Allen 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

February 23 - Nigel Martin 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree



## Looking Ahead

March 2 - Stated Meeting

March 8 - Fraternal Education, 7pm, Club Room

March 9 - Practice/Dark

March 15 - OSI

March 16 - Degree/Dark

March 23 - Dark

March 30- Practice/Degree

[www.freemason.org/memberCenter/  
secured/forms.htm](http://www.freemason.org/memberCenter/secured/forms.htm)

## Social Media Committee

As billions of people around the globe use the Internet and social media to share information and make connections, Washington Lodge No. 20 went on to create a Social Media Committee to develop social media presence, with the purpose to provide a continuous stream of relevant, interesting information about the Lodge, and help us have an ongoing, transparent conversation with members and non-members anywhere in the world.

From the start, the Social Media Committee established online presence on six sites: Lodge Website, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and YouTube.

Our website ([www.washingtonlodge20.org](http://www.washingtonlodge20.org)) was completely redesigned, revamped and went public in April 2016 – including a mobile compatible version. The look and functionality were upgraded to help make the visitor's experience more enjoyable and user friendly: RSVP form, Contact Us form, Search feature, Social Media Feed, and so much more!

Social Media is the public, online face of our Lodge and – by extension – of Freemasonry in general. This is an immense responsibility resting on the shoulders of our fellow committeemen: Joseph Dongo, Sonny Stormes, Jared Yoshiki, Colin Cooper, and myself.

This is a band of brothers who love what they do, and continuously dedicate talent, time and effort to ensure all published web content is an accurate reflection of our Lodge's culture, always providing truthful and factual information about our Lodge, and hopefully helping dispel some of the popular myths about Freemasonry.

Fraternally,  
Francisco Marques  
Social Media Committee Chair

## **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.

**To Be 1 Ask 1**



## **FireFighters Burn Institute Memorial**

The FireFighters Burn Institute is a nonprofit 501 (c)3 Organization founded by Sacramento Fire Captain Cliff Haskell and the Sacramento area firefighters, Local 522 in 1973, for the purpose of establishing a local burn treatment facility and providing recovery programs for burn survivors. The program also provides fire and burn prevention through public education. The FireFighters Burn Institute also provides funding for education for medical burn team professionals, firefighters and burn survivors. They also support burn treatment and rehabilitation research in the Sacramento area.

### **History**

In 1972 a jet airplane, attempting to take off from the Sacramento Executive Airport during an air show, crashed into a crowded Farrell's ice cream parlor killing 22 people and burning many others. A Sacramento firefighter, Gene Levine and eight other members of his family, died in this fiery crash.

This memorial is to honor Cliff Haskell, who, shortly after the crash, headed the FireFighters Burn Institute for the next 26 years. The Institute was initially established by the Sacramento Area Firefighters and Local 522. Cliff Haskell, a captain with the Fire Department at the time, was named Executive Director shortly thereafter.

Due to the Institute's efforts, the University of California Davis Medical Center (UCDMC) Regional Burn Center opened its doors in January of 1974, as well as other facilities like the Shriners Hospital, which is located in the same area. The FireFighters Burn Institute and firefighters of Sacramento have been instrumental in the planning and implementation of all programs. The firefighters' involvement has been a hallmark of its success and for over forty-two years continues to step forward in taking the lead in the fundraising campaign for a new Regional Burn Center at the UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento.

Since the summer of 2016, Washington Lodge # 20 has set-out to do something in the community that would revitalize its commitment in the Sacramento area worthy of its vision to better its community involvement. At that time, Senior Warden Victor Sanchez, Junior Warden Luis Montero and then Master of the Lodge, Scott Goode, were able to jointly form a committee to help the FireFighters Burn Institute erect a memorial in memory of Cliff Haskell and his many contributions to the burn victims, their families and the Sacramento area.

The committee wishes to invite members of Washington Lodge #20 to help bring about a transformation of the current FireFighters Burn Institute to the envisioned memorial area at its entrance. If you are interested in assisting in this memorable endeavor, please contact SW Montero via email: [wln20sw@gmail.com](mailto:wln20sw@gmail.com).

