



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

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

August 2013

Time, Patience and Perseverance

Our 162nd Year

## From the East: Worshipful Juan C. Faranda



Brethren the month of July was an unusual month. We had to re-schedule our Stated Meeting due to extreme hot temperatures and our AC is not powerful enough to cool our building. I believe I made the correct decision.

Our Stated meeting was attended by a good number of brethren and guests. Mrs. Jocelyn Driskill who did an excellent business presentation. Thank you Mrs. Driskill.

At our stated meeting we balloted on two new applicants Mr. Ian Solis Jacques and Mr. Jared Yoshiki to receive their first degree on July 25<sup>th</sup>, we also balloted an application for affiliation for brother Sina Rasoul-Zadegan. Welcome brother.

On Saturday July 20, we had our annual BBQ picnic. The trip was excellent, with all the trims, drinks, and ice cream. There were over 40 persons, we were expecting more but, we had a good time. Thanks to brother Brian Schoenborn for the excellent care in preparing the food, and also brother David Huez his assistant. We plan the event and it is up to the brethren to participate to make it a success.

In our Stated Meeting for the month of August, we will ballot on three or maybe four new applications. I need the cooperation of all the brethren for investigations. If we ballot on four application in, this means 12 investigators and is not fair to keep asking the same people to conduct these investigations. Brethren, it is your lodge, so if you are requested to conduct an investigation do not look for a way out, please give a helping hand. Thank you.

This month of July we had some sad news; the passed of Brother Bob Born, a long time member of our lodge and a long time member of the Sunshine Committee. He is now at that all perfect glorious and celestial lodge where the Grand Supreme forever presides. He will be missed. His Masonic Service will be held on Thursday, August 1, at the Scottish Rite Temple at 11:00 AM.

I went to visit Wor. Douglas Sleeper accompanied by Wor. Ron Charles. It was very sad to see our brother fading rapidly. He is such a good brother and a gentleman he cried when he saw us and I assured him that the brethren will come to see him. I understand that he has an older sister but she can not do much for him. I wish that we can find a way to accelerate the process admit him to a Masonic home where he can be with other brother Masons. His address: 6200 Fennwood Ct., Sacramento Ca 95831 and his telephone: 916 275 5207. It's better to visit him in the afternoon. Brother Sleeper was our Past Master and member of the lodge for many years. If the new members have not met him, go and visit him; our ritual is about practicing and memory work it is; " brotherly love, relief and truth".

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### **HOW-TO: Enrich your coaching program**

Coaching is more than a means to a degree; it sets the stage for a candidate's entire Masonic journey.

Here are nine strategies to make it meaningful.

- **Assign coaches thoughtfully:** To pair each candidate with the right coach, conduct interviews to determine each candidate's interests, style of learning, and personality.
- **Start at the beginning:** Make sure candidates are versed in the history of the fraternity, including the transition from operative to speculative Masonry. With a thorough knowledge base, the fraternity's symbols, rituals, and structure will make more sense.
- **Customize:** Different people connect with Masonry in different ways. Find out what most interests each candidate, whether it's history, philosophy, or a specific symbol. Then tap into this area of interest.
- **Provide resources:** Stock the lodge library with books and movies, and create a recommended reading list – including reputable websites like: [freemason.org/discoverMasonry](http://freemason.org/discoverMasonry) – so candidates can do their own research.
- **Assign projects:** Encourage candidates to actively participate in coaching by giving them assignments at different stages of degree study, like a five-minute presentation on a specific symbol.
- **Deepen lessons:** Go beyond the ritual and even the philosophy of a degree, and teach how it can be applied practically to daily life. Discuss applied Masonry with your candidates, have them discuss it with each other, and designate long-time lodge brothers to discuss it with them, too.
- **Combine candidates:** Organize group study sessions with other degree candidates and coaches.
- **Involve the lodge:** Encourage long-time members to give presentations at lodge. It will create a culture of learning and set an example for candidates.
- **Coaching classes:** Arrange a coaches' workshop to refresh material and discuss teaching techniques. In advance, ask coaches to email a list of their go-to resources, and distribute the comprehensive list at the workshop. Compile a Coaching 101 PowerPoint with key coaching topics, and review and add to it as a group. Then distribute it as a resource.

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

**No clean-up  
this month**

**Litter Removal on Freeway 244  
On/Off Ramp at Auburn Blvd**

**Meet at Del Paso Park  
Corner of Park Road and Auburn Blvd**

## **Stated Meeting Thursday, August 1, 2013**

**5:00 PM Social**

**6:00 PM Dinner**

**Special Mystery Guest Speaker**

**7:00 PM Stated Meeting**

**RSVP by July 31, 2013**

**(888) 828-4476**

**"Waste Not, Want Not"**



# From the South

Michael P. Quinn, Jr. Warden

I will be traveling for the next few months as I visit family in the Lone Star state, the Mile High City and the Island Paradise. I hope the rest of the summer months are pleasant for everyone.



### August Schedule

- August 1, Stated Meeting
- August 8, Three (3) First Degrees (?)
- August 14 Masonic Fellowship
- August 15, Officers' Practice
- August 22, Second Degree
- August 26, OSI
- August 29, Possible 3rd Degree

## Traveling in Foreign Countries

Joseph Dongo, PM, IPM

The goal of our ancient operative brethren was to become masters, so the might possess those secrets which would enable the to practice the art of the architect, no matter where they traveled, even in foreign countries,

The term "foreign countries" is used symbolically in speculative Masonry, and is not meant to refer to a certain geographical location. Freemasonry itself is a foreign country to those not initiated into its rites. To fully appreciate and enjoy the privileges of the Craft, the new initiate must become familiar with the territory of the Freemason by the learning of its language, customs, and history.

Once raised, Freemasons must continue their journey into the depths of the Craft and continue to search for Light and Truth, wherever it may be found.

The term, "foreign countries" may also be a metaphor for the spiritual worlds. The ancients concerned themselves with the vast spiritual worlds, and their method of gaining admission through various spiritual spheres was through secret passwords, grips, signs, and sometimes angelic names, and holy words.

### SAY "YES" TO PAPERLESS TRESTLEBOARD

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[secretary@washingtonlodge20.org](mailto:secretary@washingtonlodge20.org)

### 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.



### 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

## **CONSTITUTIONAL OBSERVANCE**

### **Masonic Temple**

**1123 J Street, Ballroom**

**September 20, 2013**

**6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

This annual observance is sponsored by four of the Blue Lodges that meet at the J Street Temple:

Washington #20

Sacramento #40

Union Kit Carson #58

Concord #117

The Sacramento York Rite bodies.

- Gather at 6:00 pm for light refreshment.
- Program will begin at 6:30, with a flag presentation and a pledge of allegiance.
- Then a number of youth groups will recite memorized sections of the US Constitution.
- A panel consisting of a Federal Judge, a Professor of Constitutional Law, and a Lawyer, will answer questions provided in advance regarding the Bill of Rights.
- Presentations and awards will be given to participants, and the informative evening will be finished by 8:30 pm.

Please come out and support our DeMolay, Rainbow, Jobs Daughters and Scouts as they make this public effort to honor our founding document.

RSVP by SEPT 12th to Nancy at 916-947-6738 or Phil at 916-712-4814.