

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

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

October 2015

En Route to the East

Our 164th Year



From the East: Worshipful Richard Wilson



Our Stated Meeting for the month of October will be on Thursday the 1st, our regular first Thursday, in Lodge Room One at 7:30 pm. Remember, we conduct our business in the First Degree, so all Masons of the Lodge are eligible and welcome to attend. Only Master Masons may vote on business items, but all Masons may participate in the discussions. There will be the usual dinner at 6:00 pm in the third floor banquet room prior to the meeting, prepared by our stellar kitchen crew, five dollars with a reservation and ten dollars without (as long as there is enough food).

We still have four applicants under investigation at this time. We were unable to ballot on any of them last month because none of the investigations had been completed at that time. If we are able to ballot this month, and assuming the ballots are favorable, we will confer First Degrees on Thursdays, October 22nd and possibly 29th at 7:00 pm. Remember, one of the impressive features of the degree is for the candidate to see the side lines filled with brothers when he is brought from darkness. So let's have good turn-outs!

The status of these investigations is a bit disconcerting. We received ten applications for degrees (and two for affiliation) during the first half of the year, and all but one of the investigations were completed in a timely manner. We have received four more since then, and those investigations seem to have bogged down. I have heard that at least one of the applicants is becoming disheartened about the lack of contact from the Lodge. Brethren, it is imperative that if you are appointed to an investigation committee, you take that duty seriously, contact the applicant promptly, and complete the investigation in a timely and thorough manner. And, if you do have a legitimate reason for being unable to complete the task, you should **promptly** inform the Master so he can appoint a replacement.

On a brighter note, it is now time to make your reservations for our annual Ladies Night dinner and show scheduled for November 7th. As always, a fine dinner and an evening of entertainment is planned, so that we might show our appreciation to the wonderful ladies in our lives. We have enjoyed Eric Faranda's culinary handiwork in the past, and the Beatles tribute band that will entertain us is fantastic! As anyone who was at Eastern Star Grand Chapter two years ago will attest. Be sure not to miss this stellar event! And remember, this is an "open" event, so you are encouraged to bring family members and friends. Details are elsewhere in this Trestleboard.

The Grand Lodge of California will hold its Annual Communication (business session) in San Francisco on Columbus Day weekend, October 9th thru 11th. Your Lodge will be represented by your Master, Wardens and Past Masters, but the sessions are open to all Master Masons. It is a very impressive gathering, and I encourage all of you who can to go down for at least part of it. More information is elsewhere in this Trestleboard and on the Grand Lodge web-site: freemason.org.

Lastly, I would like to welcome and congratulate Brother Craig McKinnon, who was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on September 10th. I would also like to thank your Officers for their dedication and good work.

See you in Lodge

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Washington Lodge #20 2015 Officers

Master: Richard Wilson, PM

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Stated Meeting October 1, 2015

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by September 29, 2015

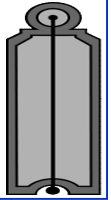
(888) 828-4476

"Waste Not, Want Not"



From the South

Victor U Sanchez, Jr. Warden



Annual Communication is set to start on October 9th and end on the 11th in San Francisco. There are many issues which will be discussed and voted upon during this annual event. If you are interested, you should be, you can look at what those issues are at freemason.org to view this year's proposed legislation, log in to the Member Center, then go to Forms > 166th Annual Communication. If you do not have a password, please contact Jon Isaacson. Review the issues and let Worshipful Wilson, Scott Goode or myself as to how you want us to vote, and why.

Please join me in congratulating Brother Craig McKinnon who was Raised on September 10, 2015. I hope that he will become an active member of this lodge and will share his insights with us.

These next few months will bring in new members and many degrees, which it is hoped many of you will try to attend. It is always good to see the sidelines full of members wishing our new brothers a great welcome, to paraphrase Worshipful Wilson's requests.

October Schedule

October 1- Stated Meeting

October 8 - Dark (Grand Lodge)

October 9 - 11 Annual Communication

October 14 - Fraternal Night

October 15 - Officer Practice, 7 pm

October 22 - First Degree, 7 pm

October 24 - Fall Ladies Luncheon

October 27 - Officers School, 7:00 pm

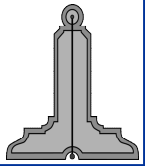
October 29 - Degree, 7:00 pm

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From the West

Joseph "Scott" Goode, Sr. Warden



I can't believe it is already October. I look forward to the forecasted rains and the changes that come with the fall season. Hopefully we will see plenty of snow and rain to alleviate the drought that we are experiencing. I also look forward to the changes in our lodge. Officers moving into new chairs and new brothers becoming officers for the first time is exciting. I look forward to a wonderful upcoming term with the new line of officers and all of the new brothers coming into Washington 20. As you have no doubt heard, there has been a devastating fire in our own backyard. Lake County has had nearly 600 homes destroyed. Many of the owners of these homes are our Masonic brothers and sisters. I know some of them personally and they have been sorely affected by the loss of their homes and personal belongings. Please donate what you can to the many organizations who are collecting money, clothing and other supplies. A simple search online will give you several ideas on where to donate. The youth groups I am involved with are planning several clothing and money drives in support of this effort. I am very proud to see them step up and do their part.

"Happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected"

George Washington



Congratulations!

Brother Craig McKinnon

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason

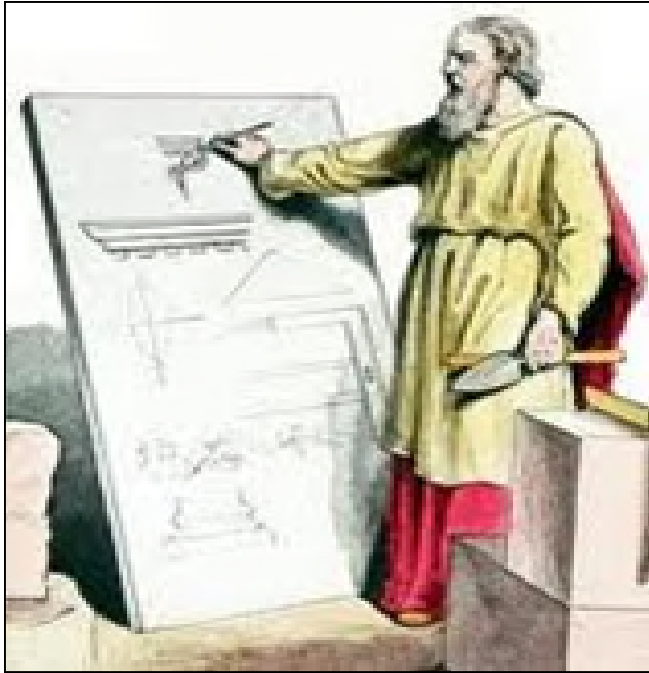
by Worshipful Richard Wilson

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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Looking Ahead

Thursday, November 5th – Stated Meeting
5:00 pm Social Time

6:00 pm Dinner

7:30 pm Business Meeting (Elections)

Saturday, November 7th – Annual Ladies Night,
dinner and show, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 11th – Fraternal Night, 6:00 pm

Thursday, November 12th – Degree, 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 19th – Degree, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 24th – Officers School, 7:00pm

Thursday, November 26th –DARK (Thanksgiving)

Practices may be substituted for degrees.

A Toast to the Ladies!

Now is the time to make your reservations for the social highlight of the 2015 Lodge year -- our annual Ladies Night dinner on Saturday, November 7th, in the third floor Ballroom of our Masonic Temple. Hopefully, you have had the date marked on your calendar all year and have avoided scheduling any conflicts..

Fellowship time will begin at 5:30 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m. will feature Beef Stroganoff or Chicken in Cream Sauce, both served over noodles, prepared by Chef Eric Faranda, son of Past Master Juan Faranda. Special dietary needs can also be accommodated. After dinner, we will be entertained by the **Sgt. Peppers Beatles Tribute Band**. This band has the look and sound of The Beatles nailed! They brought down the house at the Masonic Family Session at Eastern Star Grand Chapter in Fresno in 2013.

The cost for this outstanding evening comes to only fifty dollars per couple for Lodge members. That is, Lodge members and other guests pay \$50 each, while Lodge ladies and widows are, as always, free. Checks should be made payable to Washington Lodge No. 20. Reservations are essential! So don't delay! Contact our Stewards, Jared Yoshiki or Colin Cooper at srstewardgw20@gmail.com or (916) 761-3519, or mail your check and your entrée selection directly to Washington Lodge #20, 1123 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 **before** November 1st.

Washington Lodge No. 20

Free and Accepted Masons of California

*Invites you, your family and friends
to its **Gala Annual Ladies Night**
An Evening of Fine Food and Entertainment*



**THE
BEATLES**

Featuring the
Sgt. Peppers
Beatles
Tribute Band

*Saturday evening
November 7, 2015
Doors open 5:30 p.m.
Dinner served 6:30 p.m.
Entertainment 7:30 p.m*



Appetizers, Soup, Caesar Salad

Choice of Beef Stragonoff or
Chicken with cream sauce,
both served over Noodles

Yellow Submarine Cake

Sacramento Masonic Temple
1123 J Street (at 12th), 95814

Dinner and Show \$50 per person
(Washington Lodge ladies are free).

Reservations by Nov 2nd are essential:
email srstewardgw20@gmail.com or
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Grand Master's Proclamation:
OCTOBER 2015 IS MASONIC FAMILY MAKE A DIFFERENCE MONTH
AND
OCTOBER 3 IS MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY
Repairing the World By Improving Ourselves

Whereas, the Masonic tenets of brotherly love and relief inspire us to continuously seek to make a difference in our lodges, in our communities, and across the world;

Whereas, the process of giving back within our communities is an integral part of our ongoing mission to become better, wiser, more honorable men;

Whereas, when Masons work side by side with the members of our Masonic youth, there is no end to the good work we can achieve together, and the progress we can make in our efforts to repair the world; now,

Therefore, as Grand Master, I proclaim October 2015 to be **Masonic Family Make a Difference Month** and October 3, in particular, to be **Make a Difference Day**. I ask all California Masons to partner with the Masonic youth orders in their communities to help plan a local community service project, which will help make a difference for local citizens, and to reach out to elder brothers and widows who may need home repairs or other support from their lodge. I encourage all lodges to plan special recognitions of Make a Difference Month and the youth who participate in the efforts of Make a Difference Day.

Let us work to repair the world by starting in our own communities and by working side by side with the brothers and sisters who inspire us.

Dated this 27th day of August, 2015.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Russell E. Charvonia
Grand Master

Attest:

Allan L. Casalou
Grand Secretary

Grand Time at Grand Lodge

Grand Lodge convenes annually in San Francisco in October (or late September) to deliberate as the legislative body of California Freemasonry. This year it will meet Friday, October 9th, thru Sunday, October 11th, which is Columbus Day weekend. Although the Lodge is represented by its Master and Wardens, any Master Mason may attend and observe these proceedings.

The formal opening of Grand Lodge is at 1:00 p.m. Friday afternoon. It is quite an impressive ceremony, and our own Dan Dailey, PM, will be working as Junior Grand Deacon. Business then commences and runs until around 5:00 p.m. Business then resumes at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and concludes between 4:00 and 5:00 that afternoon.

Grand Lodge is not all business, however. There is a Ladies Luncheon on Saturday and a grand Formal Banquet that evening. The Sunday morning session is open to all Masons, their families and friends. At that time dignitaries from other Masonic organizations are introduced, leaders of our youth orders are invited to speak, and several awards are presented. Following this session, the 2015-2016 Grand Lodge officers will be installed, with a reception following the Installation.

There is usually an organized activity on Friday evening. Some years it is an entertainment program for the entire family, but occasionally it is a ritual presentation of one of the degrees. This year it will be a special conferral of the Mark Master Degree, the first of the degrees of York Rite Masonry. All Master Masons are eligible to receive this degree at no charge (an application fee will be required if you desire to continue with the other degrees of the York Rite).

From Friday morning thru Saturday afternoon the lower floor of the Temple is a veritable bazaar of booths providing information about Grand Lodge activities, programs available to local Lodges and individuals, and our youth groups and other Masonic organizations. Several vendors are also there, offering items such as books and jewelry.

All Grand Lodge sessions and activities, except the Ladies Luncheon and the Banquet, are held in the California Memorial Masonic Temple atop Nob Hill at 1111 California Street. More information, including a digest of the legislation to be considered, is available on the Grand Lodge web-site freemason.org.



— HarvestFest —

Gates open at 8:30 a.m.

KIDS' COSTUME CONTEST | RAINBOW ROAD DEDICATION | CRAFT BOOTHS | KID'S ZONE | LIVE ENTERTAINMENT | MASONIC HOME TOURS

OCTOBER 25, 2015

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Gates open at 8:30 a.m.

Masonic Home

34400 Mission Blvd.

Union City, CA

Please RSVP by October 15 to:

freemason.org/harvestfest

or

(510) 475-2144

**EVENT IS FREE FOR MASONS
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**Space is limited. Five guests per
invitation, please.**



On Sept. 10, the Masonic Home at Union City celebrated its fifth annual Tomato Palooza. Grand Master Russ Charvonja, and his wife, Linda, attended the celebration as special guests.

This treasured annual tradition began as a way to appreciate the Home's bountiful tomato harvest. Its on-site organic garden has more than 100 tomato plants, representing dozens of varieties. The festival is also a celebration of healthy eating and successful aging.

At Tomato Palooza, residents and staff enjoyed sampling the various colors and flavors of the tomatoes. A variety of foods and beverages with tomatoes as a main ingredient were served, including fried green tomatoes, many different salsas, bruschetta, pizzettas, bloody marys – and more!

A highlight of the mardi-gras-style festival was the election and installation of the Royal Tomato Court. The tomato king and queen were Virgil Land and Louise Henry – both who celebrated their 100th birthday this year. The collective age of this year's court was 587 years. Resident artist John R. Dahle hand-painted banners and a crown for the king and queen, which were used to decorate the newly remodeled auditorium.

Tomato Palooza also has a charitable aim – helping local community members in need. Residents and staff of the Home collected two large barrels of canned food donations for the Tri-City Volunteers. The ladies of the Acacia Creek Sewing for Charity Group made and sold microwave potholders to support the food bank, as well as donating \$600.

Learn more about the Masonic Homes of California at masonichome.org and, “like” the [California Masonic Assistance Facebook page](#) to stay up to date with current news from the Masonic Homes.

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The App is coming!!

As I've traveled around the state over the past year, I've heard from many of you that you are looking for new ways to engage your members, to communicate more often, and sometimes, to communicate in a more private and secure way.

That's why I'm excited to share some good news: This fall, we're launching a new social app for smart phones that can help you and your lodge stay in touch more easily.

This social, mobile, smart phone app is focused on connecting our members with one another outside the lodge. The features of the app are:

- Create and comment on Facebook-like posts, visible to all members of the app
- Share photos
- Share your lodge calendar with RSVP functions, including push notification for events and reminders
- Access contact lists, so you can email or call members directly from the app
- Message individuals or small groups privately through a chat feature
- And more! New features, such as payments for events, are coming soon.

This app will be offered to our lodges for free – there is no cost to the lodge to get the app.

To learn more about the app, and whether it might be the right tool for your lodge, visit the Lodge Resources booth at Annual Communication (lobby level) to test-drive it for yourself.

Much more information will be shared after Annual Communication, including an article in California Freemason magazine's October issue.

Sincerely and fraternally,



Allan L. Casalou
Grand Secretary