



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

Newsletter of Washington Lodge No. 20

December 2012

Live the Masonic Values

Our 161st Year

## From the East: Worshipful Master Joseph Dongo, PM

Just one more degree to go for Brother Luis Montero on November 29th, not only to cap our 3<sup>rd</sup> degree festival month but also our Masonic year.

Congratulations to Brothers Colin Cooper and Denton Carlson who were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on November 8 and 15 respectfully. We are thrilled to have you join the craft and we express the hope that you will, in due course, gain knowledge of our mysteries and grow personally as men to help contribute to the growth of Washington Lodge #20 and the betterment of all mankind.

Our sincere thanks to Suzanne and David 3<sup>rd</sup> Ladies Night; it was a great success and will forever be beholden to the Officers less work and dedication all year long. this year's installation slated for December December and just two more weeks in conferred 39 degrees in 40 weeks (14 first, a degree per week.

Words are insufficient to express our who together helped us go the extra mile: designed and put together some of our best lifted us up to new heights and conferred Masters Night, the Trestleboard Editor and for all of their efforts and fine service, the Officers Head Coach for their kind grateful to the "Cordon Bleu" team without have been accomplished. We wish to thank the Head Candidates Coach and Candidate Coaches who pitched in mentoring our new brethren and completing 28 proficiencies. The monthly reports on their candidates' progress at Stated Meetings contributed to this great success. May the Investigation Committee accept our endless gratitude for the constant solicitation of investigating our 20 new members! We are much in debt to the Ladies and Widows for leading some of our committees and continually supporting the Lodge. It is hard to find words to express our gratitude to the many brethren from other lodges for their constant presence at our sides.

Today we pride ourselves of conferring all our degrees in house, particularly the sublime degree of Master Mason. Multiple combinations of teams are available to make the casts flexible and better manageable. Even an organist will soon be added, to bring an extra distinction to our degrees. From a split degree with Yolo Lodge to the traveling degree at the French Lodge in San Francisco, we opened our lodge and hearts to others.

We made every effort to provide presentations, videos, and short talks at Stated Meetings for our education and growth. We successfully initiated monthly Fellowship and Masonic education sessions for members and prospects. We put together, for the first time, the Officers Handbook to give each officer direction and a development plan. We presented a walkabout to help the new members better understand the Lodge organization and Officer's duties. We developed the Lodge mission statement, vision, and values to remind ourselves about who we are as a Lodge, what we stand for and what we are seeking. We carried on with the traditional Widows Luncheon, Tri Tip PicNic, Past Masters Night, Golden Award and Hiram Award ceremonies, the Adopt-A-Freeway program, Ladies Night, Roll Call, etc... Our appreciation and indebted gratitude go to all of you who stepped up to give these programs the success we experienced.

At the November Stated Meeting, we elected our slate Officers for 2013 led by Master Elect Brother Juan Faranda. He has worked tirelessly over the past few years, since he joined the Lodge, to get to this point. We can say, without any false modesty, that he inherits one of the most vibrant, robust, diverse, growing, and healthiest Lodges around.

We are forever indebted to each and every one of you for the trust bestowed upon us to serve you for the second time. Let's all give Brother Faranda and the 2013 Officers our unconditional support as they lead us to new shores.



Huez for helping put together the November we owe it to your efforts and leadership. We and ritual participating members for their tire- From our installation on December 11, 2011 to 9, 2012, we had only a two-week break in July. Excluding the Stated Meetings, we 12 second and 13 third degrees), an average of

gratitude to the Washington Lodge #20 family, the committee chairmen and members who events in recent memory, Past Masters who an "only Past Masters" third degree on Past the Ambassador of Fraternal Support Services 414<sup>th</sup> Masonic District Inspector and the attention and guidance. We'll forever be whose efforts much of what we did could not

## Washington Lodge #20 2012 Officers

**Master: Joseph K. Dongo, PM**

Senior Warden	Juan C. Faranda
Junior Warden	Daniel J. Dailey
Treasurer	Eric W. Hixson, PM
Secretary	Jon R. Isaacson, PM
Chaplain	Richard A. Wilson, PM
Senior Deacon	Victor U Sanchez
Junior Deacon	Joseph D. Basham
Marshal	Derek Waterman
Senior Steward	David C. Huez
Junior Steward	Joseph S. Goode
Tiler	Floyd R. Tritt
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Candidate's Head Coach	Derek Waterman
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### **Adopt-A-Freeway Program**

**December 15th, 2012**

**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

Juan C. Faranda, Sr. Warden

This is the end of our Masonic year. We should all be very pleased with the results of what we have accomplished.

There are many new brother Masons, and more on the way to be raised.

Worshipful Dongo should be very pleased with the excellent job he did this year; he is very dedicated and focused as a Master, a very challenging position.

This month we had the Elections for Officers of 2013. This will be my last article from the West. I am sure we are all ready to continue and work as a team in harmony, and make Washington Lodge #20 very successful.

I hope everyone had a nice and healthy Thanksgiving and are getting ready for the Holiday Season.

I hope to see you at the Installation on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 2012.

On behalf of

Worshipful Joseph Dongo

And the 2012 Officers

We would like to wish each and every

Brother, their wives and all of

our Widows and orphans

A very Merry Christmas

And a safe and prosperous

New Year

### 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 and an environment that contributes to the enrichment and betterment of its members, mankind, and its communities.

### Stated Meeting

Thursday, December 6th, 2012

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

6:50 PM: "Curious Byways of Freemasonry" by Right  
Wor. John L. Cooper, Deputy Grand Master of  
Masons of California

7:15 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by December 3rd, 2012

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"Waste Not, Want Not"



## From the South

Daniel J. Dailey, Jr. Warden

Tis the season

This is the time of year when we not only give thanks for the many blessings we each have in our lives, but also celebrate new beginnings. Washington Lodge #20 has much to be thankful for. Our Lodge is very healthy and active. We are bringing in new Brothers each month and they are progressing through their degrees at a record pace. Our new Brethren are also becoming very active in the Lodge, taking on responsibilities in the Line and attending our Masonic and social functions. I receive many inquiries from Brothers in other Lodges on "How do we do it?" I believe our philosophy of being fraternal and welcoming new members with open arms is the key to our success.

We will also celebrate new beginnings in the next Masonic year. Elections are done and our Installation is fast approaching. The 2013 line has shaped up to be very strong, with many new Brothers filling key positions and progressing well in their work. I look forward to the leadership and vision of our new Master, Worshipful Juan Faranda. Happy Holidays to each of you and your families and may the new year bring happiness and success to all.

**Washington Lodge No. 20**  
 Free & Accepted Masons  
 Sunday, December 9, 2012  
 at two o'clock in the afternoon  
 Masonic Temple  
 1123 J Street  
 Sacramento, California

**Elected Officers 2013**  
**Juan C. Faranda**  
 Master Elect  
**Daniel J. Dailey**  
 Senior Warden Elect  
**Michael P. Quinn**  
 Junior Warden Elect

Installing Officer  
**John W. Knox, PM**  
 Past Inspector and Past Master

Master Of Ceremonies  
**David S. Allmuth, PM**  
 Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General

Installing Chaplain  
**Ronald M. Charles**  
 Past Master, Harding San Juan Lodge No. 579

Reception Following

## From the Editor

Victor U. Sanchez, Sr. Deacon



As we end this Masonic year and embark upon a new and exciting adventure, let us all reflect on the accomplishments we have all been a part of. Let's take a look and examine what we've done and how we can each make those events even better in the future. How do we give our new brethren a purpose? How do we get them involved? We can assign them new tasks as they progress through each degree or we can greatly encourage them to volunteer to take on a worthwhile project to develop their Masonic education. Whatever means we or they chose, it is important to stress member participation within the lodge and its many activities. At the very least, members, new and old, should attend a Stated Meeting, a degree or a lodge endorsed function once a quarter. Just some food for thought.

Speaking of thoughts. I have been editor of this Trestleboard for a couple of years, and I have enjoyed the opportunity to put this publication together each month. However, there seems to be something missing. Something that I have yet to accomplish and share with our brethren. That something has to do with the wealth of knowledge stored within the minds of my many brothers of the craft. For some reason I have yet to find the key with which I might unlock the treasure chest that holds; stories, history, traditions and lessons learned by our many brothers. We are rapidly becoming a "young" lodge. With the many degrees we have had this year alone, our average age is probably younger than when I was raised, which wasn't that long ago. And, many older brothers will be called to that building, not made of stone. It is time to share and achieve, for our future generations, those lessons, traditions and history that have made Washington Lodge #20 what it is today. I want to strongly encourage you, the elders, to share your experiences with our younger members. Please send me your thoughts, stories and lessons learned and I will share them with our brothers through this publication. After all, isn't the Trestleboard supposed to be one of our many working tools and a means of helping our craftsmen become better men? Thoughts, stories or lessons need not be perfectly written. Dave Freeman and myself will be glad to polish them for publication. We just need to unlock the treasure chest to share the wealth of knowledge, experience and history locked within. So, what say you? Have you ever traveled? Of what were you in search of?



### 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

Member Profile  
Robert "Bob" Taylor  
2012 Hiram Award Recipient

I was born in Sacramento, CA, 1945 to Ozzie and Jessie Taylor being the young brother of my sister Pat, at Sutter Maternity Hospital, 52<sup>nd</sup> & F Street. Attended local schools graduated from C. K. McClatchy and then to Freeport "U" Sacramento Junior College. Needless to say you must study to continue in college little did I know. So I was blessed with School. After all that was transferred to meet the most terrific lady in my life Patty, then in June 1967 off to Viet Nam, upon now blessed with my son Robert Jr., Point, then off to CA.

Once settled in CA, I reapplied to now allowed to have all those bad grades waved and I graduated with a Associate of Science Degree in Police Science, and continued onto CA State University at Sacramento receiving a BA degree in Criminal Justice. I was very fortunate in being hired by the Sacramento Police Department, worked in the patrol division, and made lots of new friends as a motorcycle traffic officer starting 1972. I was briefly assigned to the detective division working a special detail in the burglary division investigating crimes with names, or vehicles success rate was fantastic.

It was in 1975 a second addition to the Taylor family was born, again being blessed with our daughter Amy. After approximately thirty years I retired from the Sacramento Police Department in 1996, and off to another adventure.

Patty and I were owners of Taylor's Refurbishing, specializing in repairing collectable antiques, refinishing, caning chairs, and rebuilding some so after approximately fifteen years, we ventured out to open Taylor's Coffee Emporium, specializing in premium coffee's, breakfasts, lunch menu, and two days a week BBQ, beef ribs, tri tip, chicken, occasionally prime rib. Patty's birthday request for 2006, was retiring from the coffee business, and in January 2006, Taylor's closed. Now being retired Patty, attends to our grandchildren, Andrew 13, Jack 6, for our son Bobby.

My Masonic adventure started with my father a member of Acorn Lodge, in Oakland, CA, also a member Sacramento Scottish Rite, Ben Ali Shrine, and a veteran of Ben Ali wrecking crew.

I was initiated into Philpstown Lodge F&AM, New York, in September 1968, passed February 1969, and raised in 1969 to Master Mason with my father present. What an honor that was. I entered the Sacramento Scottish Rite, Ben Ali Shrine also in 1969. I was with the Ben Ali Motor Escort in the early 1970's, and now have the distinct opportunity volunteering for Ben Ali Transportation Unit at Shriner's Hospital. I affiliated with Washington 20 F&AM, April 1974. Brother Wally Clark, is responsible for my resurrection to Washington 20, boy he's insistent brother this being a result of being a loyal customer of Taylor's Coffee. I have him to thank for the opportunity I have now cooking for the lodge, and I'd like to thank him for being a personal friend, and the new opportunities meeting all my new fraternal brothers from Washington 20, and visitors from additional lodges.



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**December Schedule**

December 6, 2012	Stated Meeting
December 9, 2012	Annual Installation of Officers
December 12, 2012	Fellowship and Masonic Education
December 13, 2012	Double 1st Degree
December 15, 2012	Freeway Clean up
December 20, 2012	Double 1st Degree
December 27, 2012	DARK