



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

W a s h i n g t o n L o d g e N o. 2 0 F. & A. M.

December 2016

Staying Connected

Our 166th



From the East: Worshipful Scott Goode



My year as Master has flown by; I see the looks of other Past Masters as they nod their heads knowingly. They understand that the time of a Lodge Master is fleeting. It seems you just figure out how to steer the ship then the next thing you know you are in port. The one thing I have learned is that it does not matter whether you steer to port or starboard. What matters is the crew you steer with. The crew for my year was the best anyone could ask for. The Officers of 2016 are what made this Masonic term a great success.

Special thanks to Colin Cooper for taking on the duties of Head Coach and making sure our new Brothers are prepared for their proficiency and ready for their next degree; to Jarod Yoshiki for all of his efforts organizing our Charity efforts and showing our community that we care, and to Francisco Marques for the new Lodge website at <http://www.washingtonlodge20.org/> which he built with his own two hands and that should have won the Social Media contest. You are good men and show all of us what a great Master Mason looks like.

Congratulations to Worshipful Victor Sanchez on being elected to represent Washington 20 in the East. He is a good man and has a good annual plan in place for next year. His heart is big and he is deeply involved with Freemasonry and our Blue Lodge in particular. Please bring any ideas you have for the next term to Worshipful Sanchez and be ready to pitch in and help out with events or serve on committees. Also, congratulations to our new Senior Warden Luis Montero and Junior Warden Jesse Solis-Jacques. I know these men personally and have no doubt that they will continue the traditions of Washington 20 and serve with commitment and honor.

In 2016, we saw several new Brothers and many prospects knocking at the door. This is due to the true desire to show our new Brothers, prospects and visitors friendship and Brotherly love. We also welcomed their wives and partners with the same enthusiasm. I know that Washington 20 will continue this tradition of welcoming as we move into the New Year. We also supported many charities such as Masons 4 Mitts, Raising a Reader and Mustard seed. Our Charity team has even bigger plans for next year. Please support our Charity projects with donations and your time.

Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair; the rest is in the hands of God.

George Washington

To Be 1 Ask 1



From the West

Victor U Sanchez, Sr. Warden



November has been a slow month at lodge, but that is not emblematic of what our brethren have been doing behind the scenes. A lot of us have been sharing the season with some less fortunate people and have helped them through these tough times. For some it has been a yearly tradition, for others it has been a first time event. Be it as it may be, sharing with others and giving them a helping hand is one of the goals of this fraternity. As an example: Brother Yoshiki planned and executed our lodge's participation at Loaves and Fishes just before Thanksgiving Day. Some of the brethren got together and spent several hours cutting pies to be distributed after the Thanksgiving meals were served. Pies, pies, pies, so many pies!!!! Worshipful Dongo wielded the knife like a professional pie cutter; Brother Marques was so busy taking pictures...he didn't find the knife until it was too late. Brother Montero was so busy stacking pie trays, he forgot to wipe the sweat from his brow and me, I was supervising and enjoying the view! Thank you my brothers for taking the time and giving of your energy to help those less fortunate. We should continue these type of events during the next year.

As we come to the end of this Masonic year, I would like to thank our soon to be, Junior Past Master, Scott Goode for his leadership and good counsel throughout the past year, Thank You! To the Officers, thank you for your dedication and continuing support through this next year. To the Brethren of Washington Lodge #20, thank you for your dedication, support, assistance and **insistence** that we become better in our ever increased and accepted responsibilities to our members, community and ourselves. We will continue to connect with our brothers and will insist that we take care of our own as best as we possibly can. It is up to us to seek out those members who need our help and to lend them a helping hand.

To our brothers in need of assistance, be it with yard work, household repairs, a ride to lodge or to a doctor's appointment. Please set aside your reluctance to ask for help, **we want to help**. That is what one of our missions as we travel together on our continuing Masonic journey. Please reach out to your lodge brothers for assistance.

Stated Meeting will be held on December 1, 2016, Christmas Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM followed by the business meeting and a 3rd Degree proficiency immediately following.

On December 11th, 2016 we will celebrate the Installation of Officers for the 2017 Masonic Year. Please come and participate in the installation ceremony and partake in the good food served afterward. The installation will take place at 2:00 PM in Lodge Room #1 on the second floor of the Masonic Temple located at 1123 J Street, Sacramento, Ca.

December promises to be a busy month, followed by equally, if not busier months. See you at Lodge!



From the South

Luis J Montero, Jr. Warden



For the month of November, we have not been too busy, In observance of the up coming Thanksgiving holiday. Our Stated Meeting for the month of November was very productive. We have elected the officers for the incoming year, and I have no doubt that we will all do a wonderful job. We also had a group of 4 master masons that served at the Fish and Loaves this year and what a great and fulfilling endeavor that was. In December we have the installation of officers. And soon after we get right to work with a possible second and / or first degree.

RELIEF

One of the three principal tenets of a Freemason's profession, and thus defined in the lecture of the First Degree:

To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Freemasons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. To soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds, is the great aim we have in view. On this basis we form our friendships and establish our connections.

Of the three tenets of a Freemason's profession, which are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, it may be said that Truth is the Column of Wisdom, whose rays penetrate and enlighten the inmost recesses of our Lodge; Brotherly Love, the Column of Strength, which binds us as one family in the indissoluble bond of fraternal affection; and Relief, the Column of Beauty, whose ornaments, more precious than the lilies and pomegranates that adorned the pillars of the porch, are the widow's tear of joy and the orphan's prayer of gratitude.

- Source: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry



Washington Lodge #20 2016 Officers

Master: Scott Goode

Senior Warden	Victor U Sanchez
Junior Warden	Luis J Montero
Treasurer	Eric W Hixson, PM
Secretary	Jon R Isaacson, PM
Chaplain	Francisco Marques
Senior Deacon	Jessie Solis-Jaques
Junior Deacon	Jared Yoshiki
Marshal	As Assigned
Senior Steward	Colin Cooper
Junior Steward	Carlos Brusel-Casals
Tiler	Floyd R. Tritt
Officer's Coach	Eric W. Hixson, PM
Candidates Head Coach	Colin Cooper
Officers Coach Emeritus	Ray W. Lenau, PM
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Stated Meeting December 1, 2016

5:00 PM Social
6:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by November 29, 2016 at 6:00PM
(888) 828-4476
"Waste Not, Want Not"

December Schedule

December 1 - Stated Meeting

December 8 - Installation of Officer Practice

December 11 - Annual Installation of Officers

December 15th, 22nd, & 29th - TBD

December 20 - OSI



Looking Ahead

January 5 - Stated Meeting
January 11 - Masonic Education Night
January 12 - TBD
January 17- OSI
January 19 - TBD
January 26 - Roll Call

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

To Be 1 Ask 1

Message from Head Candidates Coach

Hello Brothers,

As we proceed in our travels in this upcoming Masonic year, I look forward to seeing the progress that we will continue to grow upon from this past year. Whether you are an Entered Apprentice, a Fellow Craft, or a Master Mason working on your proficiency, just remember that this is your journey, and that no one can choose the path that you take but yourself. Also remember that as a candidate, your coach is there to guide you on your own personal journey.

As some of you know, we have implemented some changes to our coaching program, such as having the Head Candidates Coach review the Oral Proficiency prior to it being conducted in front of the brothers of the lodge. We also have 3 past masters that have graciously agreed to be the coach for all of our Master Masons working on their third degree proficiency. If you are a Master Mason working on your proficiency and are not working with Wor. Jon Isaacson, Wor. Dan Dailey, or Wor. Joseph Dongo, please contact me (wln20.ccooper@gmail.com).

This year we will have a Mandatory Coaches Meeting in February, in lieu of our Masonic Education Night. Then beginning in March we will be working on our new plan for Masonic Education Night, and that is where every other month, we will have Coaches and Candidates attend the Education Night, to work on proficiencies, and learn from other coaches as well. We know that our education nights have not been how they used to be, and that is something that we are going to be hopefully rectifying this year.

If you are a Master Mason with Good Standing of Washington Lodge, and are interested in being a coach for our Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts, please contact me via email, and I will put you on the list for our lodge.

If you have any questions, please let me know. I am always here to help any brother in need, so far as I can.

Fraternally,
Brother Colin Cooper

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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Ladies Night 2016

This years Ladies Night was a great success. A special thanks goes out to Bro. Victor Sanchez for his time and coordination of the event. The event featured a wonderful meal accompanied by good music, and dancing. It was fun for all, and we look forward to Ladies Night 2017.

In addition to celebrating the ladies of Washington Lodge No. 20, the brothers and their wives also had a special thanks to our very own Worshipful Ray Lenau. We celebrated the 50th anniversary of Worshipful Lenau being a Past Master of our lodge, and we could not be more grateful for everything that he has done for our lodge, and Masonry in general.

