



TRESTLEBOARD

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To Make Good Men Better

OUR 159th YEAR



From the East

Joseph Dongo, Master

By the time you read me here, you would have certainly received your dues notification from our brother the Secretary. In it, also a "member satisfaction survey" is attached. As this Masonic year is winding down and the new season in sight, we would like to pose with you and look back on the path we have treaded together and prepare the one we are about to embark. So, please take a time to respond to the survey questions and send back your answer sheet with your dues. Some of you have done just that and I thank you. For the others, there is still time to do it. We really need to hear from you.



The Grand Master Ken G. Nagel has the vision to reconnect and re-engage all the brethren with the Blue Lodge. One of the major events is the "Coming Home" February 2010 stated meeting intended to achieve the largest California blue lodge gathering in decades. This special stated meeting will be even a contest among all California lodges. The lodge with the highest percentage of its members in attendance will be rewarded. Please make a point to attend. If you need ride or any specific accommodation, please call the lodge toll free 1-888-828-4476.

Fraternally,
Joseph Dongo, Master



Secretary's Desk

Jon Isaacson, PM

January Birthdays

- David F. Freeman - January 1, 1933
- Scott J. Germer - January 1, 1956
- John W. Knox - January 6, 1937
- Russell M. James - January 7, 1927
- Frederick V. Hardiman - January 8, 1970
- Steven W. Anders - January 12, 1954
- Alan M. Banks - January 12, 1966
- Allen R. Kramer - January 14, 1952
- Nick A. Malos - January 15, 1918
- James R. Lash - January 22, 1933
- Jerry B. Livingston-Joy - January 23, 1941
- Joe K. Hammer - January 24, 1922
- John M. Obregon Sr. - January 24, 1962
- David E. Entrican - January 26, 1940
- William G. Rotas - January 29, 1923
- Frank Mac Bride Jr. - January 31, 1912



From the West

David Cameron, Sr. Warden

Well my Masonic family, the sun sets on another year. Wor. Dick Pullen will soon achieve the distinction of Past Master, and ours eyes will soon turn to the east in search of a new leader. Many good men have sat in the oriental chair, and many more have chosen to carry water to the Temple. "A leader with no followers is just a man taking a walk", this saying holds true in all societies, especially in ours. Without the support of the Members, a Master is walking alone in an untrodden field with little direction, but with the support of the Lodge he can create a pathway that will lead to great accomplishments, and even greater rewards for the Fraternity. Joseph Dongo, Master elect for 2010, will soon be asking us all the walk with him as he leads us into the new Masonic year. Joseph is faced with some of the same challenges as all Masters before him, attendance and participation. I ask all able body Brothers to attend the installation, December 27,2009, 2:00pm, at our Masonic Temple. Since first impressions are usually the most important, would this not be the best time to show your support of our new Master. There was a time, a few years back, when things were lean, we couldn't fill chairs or hold degrees without assistance. We are now blessed with much new blood, Zack Gossell, Joshua Dubeck and his father John, show much enthusiasm about perusing the higher chairs, and are exactly what our Lodge needs to continue to grow. We will be initiating, passing, and raising many new Brothers this Masonic year. I encourage every member to pick one candidate, and attend all his degrees. Let him see that Brotherly Love is not just expressed by the few who choose to lead, or in the privacy of charity, but by the many members that make up the true meaning of the Lodge.

Ladies Night, Thank you to all that attended. A special Thank you to all of you who stayed to help clean up. This year was the easiest year my wife, Joan, and I have ever had doing the dinner. I have much enjoyed the pleasure of seeing the happy faces of the wives and special ladies of our Lodge these last 4 years. I am, however, turning it over to the new members. I feel it is unfair to create a tradition where one person does the same thing every year. If we do not allow for new ideas, we will stagnate in familiarity.



We went to the Shriners Children's Hospital last week. Wor. Jon Isaacson, P.M., my wife Joan and I were met by hospital board members, Brother.Wally Clark and Brother Lew Wentworth. The staff very graciously accepted our donations, and we were then reminded who it was for, as those same families past thru the Lobby. I want to personally thank everyone who brought gifts for the families and the children of those families, God

Bless you All.

David H. Cameron, Sr. Warden

The 2010 Washington Lodge Officers

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JANUARY DEGREES

1/21/10 : 3rd Degree

Bro. Zack Gossell

01/28/10: 3rd Degree

Bro. Dick Findley

Stated Meeting Dinner

Thursday, January 7th

Social Hour 5:15 PM

Dinner 6:15PM

Stated Meeting 7:30PM

RSVP by January 4th to: 888/828-4476

PONDERINGS

In just two days from now,
 tomorrow will be yesterday.

A bartender is just a pharmacist
 with a limited inventory.

Reality is only an illusion that
 occurs due to a lack of alcohol.

Money isn't everything, but it sure
 keeps the kids in touch.



Reflections From the East

Richard Pullen, P.M.

INSTALLATION

Installation of officers was held on Sunday 12/27/09. This provided an opportunity to meet the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Ken Nagel, who served as Installing Officer. Most Excellent Philip Hardiman, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California was Installing Master of Ceremonies. Most Worshipful Tony Wordlow, PGM, was Installing Chaplain. Brother Joseph Dongo will prove to be a capable Master of Washington Lodge, with the assistance of a full and energetic line of officers.

DEGREE WORK

Brother Dick Findley completed his proficiency and is ready to be raised to Master Mason. We have several EAs in progress, who will be ready for advancement in 2010.

THANK - YOUs

There are so many that I owe thanks to that I could fill several Trestleboards. However, it would be a serious lack of gratitude to fail to mention a few. I thank Phil Hardiman and Ron Green for filling roles in several degrees. A special thanks is due to Ron Charles. Ron came to our rescue in that regard several times also, but his assistance on practices was invaluable and deeply appreciated. He also gave me much-appreciated support at some moments of real despair. More than once I considered resigning. I can testify, brethren that just a few timely words of encouragement have more effect than you might think. Jon Isaacson's computer expertise was a welcome thing on many occasions. To be patient is a lesson frequently presented in masonry. I afforded many opportunities for Vince Parell to hone his skills in this area, and he responded quite well. I have been, in the words of Strother Martin's character in "Cool Hand Luke", a hard case. Many thanks, Vince for your undeserved kindness.

A special section for the kitchen regulars, Wally and Gary. Thanks to Wally for starting and keeping the cooking crew going. Thanks to Gary for helping this important effort, and for parenting two wonderful youngsters who help serve.

Thanks to all the Officers for their hard work, time away from home and for their personal encouragement. True it is that serve two masters no man can, but many of you have shown that you can serve one master two times.

OTHER STUFF

Every Master hopes to leave the Lodge better than he found it. And so I believe I have. I leave the Lodge as a better man, and I leave the Lodge with a better Master.

My only regret is that I did not see more of you during the year. The incoming Master deserves your presence at least once this coming year. If you consider yourself to be a Mason do this one thing, not because owe it to the Master; he took on the job voluntarily. Do it because you owe it to yourself and to Masonry and to the one in whose name you gave your solemn obligation.

Fraternally,
 Richard Pullen, P.M.

**COMING HOME
 February 2010**

Join us for our Coming Home event at the February stated meeting.

Coming Home is a fraternity-wide effort to bring all members, new and senior, active and inactive, back to their blue lodge, beginning with the February stated meeting.

It will be the largest California blue lodge gathering in decades!

**Fellowship.
 Community.
 Shared Values.**