



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

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

June 2015

En Route to the East

Our 164th Year



## From the East: Worshipful Richard Wilson



California Masons have been involved with philanthropy since the Gold Rush days. Indeed, one of the reasons Lodges (and other fraternal bodies) first organized here was to assist the victims of the cholera epidemics that swept the gold camps. Then, toward the end of the nineteenth century, the Masonic Home at Union City was established, and our organized philanthropic efforts focused on supporting that fine institution (and its newer companion Home in Covina). This, in turn, led to our annual Homes Endowment Fund campaign that culminated each May. My father, M. Reed Wilson, PM, was very proud to serve ten years on the Homes Endowment Board - he considered it to be one of the most important things he could do as a Mason.

But times have changed, and so has the societal side of Masonry. It is still very important that we - *all of us* - support our outstanding Homes. Particularly since membership in the Fraternity has declined so much since the "glory years," and there are fewer of us available to provide that support. Our Homes provide both independent and assisted living and full nursing care, all of which are among the best in the nation. Additionally, thru the Homes we also provide assistance to senior brethren and their widows who wish to remain in their local communities instead of

moving to Union City or Covina. We can do more, however.

There is more to "charity" than just taking care of our own. Our pioneering brethren in the gold camps knew this, and I am pleased to see that we are returning to those roots with programs and activities that benefit our communities. One of the premier programs developed by our Grand Lodge was the Model Student Assistance Program, which was supported, at significant expense, thru the California Masonic Foundation. Also supported (at smaller levels) are the Kids ID fingerprinting program, leadership training for our youth groups and administration of scholarship funds, among other things.

In order to streamline our fundraising for all these charitable activities, the traditional single-purpose, Lodge-focused Homes Drive was replaced several years ago with a broader California Masonic Philanthropies campaign, encompassing both the Homes and the Foundation. You can certainly specify that your entire contribution go to the Homes, if you wish. But, you can also, with no extra effort, include support for the Foundation and the programs it underwrites. And you decide how much for each.

Modern communication technology has made it easier to conduct a unified campaign directly from Grand Lodge, instead of relying on our individual Lodges to be the fund-raisers. Technology also allows the campaign to continue thru most of June (when the accounting year rolls over). You have all received materials about the Masonic Philanthropies drive. Please give this wise and serious reflection, remembering your obligation to aid and assist your Brethren, and then return your contribution or pledge directly to Grand Lodge.

Our Stated Meeting for the month of June will be on Thursday the 4th, 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, regardless of the degree they have attained, 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 prior to the meeting in the third floor banquet room, prepared by our stellar kitchen crew. Five dollars with a reservation and ten dollars without (as long as there's enough food).

We have several more applicants to ballot on, and assuming the ballots are favorable, we will confer First Degrees of Masonry on succeeding Thursdays in the month. 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 lets have good turn-outs! We will close out the month with a dinner and Third Degree for Brother Christian Wheeler, who will be back home from college in Southern California. If you haven't been to Lodge in a while these would be good times to renew some friendships, and enjoy good ritual as well.

Lastly, I would like to welcome and congratulate new Brothers Daniel Mosier, Jon Gilbreath and Jacob Cummings, who each received their First Degree in Masonry during May. I would also like to thank your Officers for their dedication and good work.

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## Stated Meeting June 4, 2015

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

**RSVP by June 2, 2015**

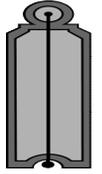
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**"Waste Not, Want Not"**



## From the South

Victor U Sanchez, Jr. Warden



If you have been to lodge lately, you will see many new faces, both around the lodge and in the officer's line. Unlike many other lodges, we are blessed to have members interested in becoming working members and support brothers. They have taken it upon themselves to volunteer and learn parts of the ritual and are comfortable with their choice of stations. These same individuals have become involved with coaching new members and at the same time learning more about the craft, through that endeavor. We should all be very proud of their time spent and sacrifice.

Please join with me and the rest of the lodge in welcoming our newest Entered Apprentice, Brothers Mosier, Gilbreath and Cummings. They were Initiated in May and look forward to advancing. We will be adding to this rank of Masons and passing others throughout the summer. Please attend those Thursday sessions and show you support.

Or, come to our Fellowship night, every second Wednesday of the month. Enjoy good snacks, pool and refresh your Masonic education.

## June Schedule

Thursday, June 4th – Stated Meeting  
5:00 pm Social Time  
6:00 pm Dinner  
7:30 pm Business Meeting

Wednesday, June 10th – Fraternal Night, 6:00 pm

Thursday, June 11th – Degree, 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 18th – Degree, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, June 23rd – Officers School, 7:00pm

Thursday, June 25th, 3rd Degree - Christian Wheeler  
7:00 pm

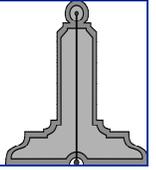
Practices may be substituted for degrees.

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# From the West

Joseph "Scott" Goode, Sr. Warden



We are now about half way through the year and it has been another great term for membership, fellowship and ritual. New candidates keep rolling in, attendance for stated meeting dinners, fellowship night and other events remain high. I love this lodge and am grateful for all of the wonderful officers and brothers of Washington 20. To keep this trend going we need dedicated individuals who enjoy doing ritual. As the officers shift in the line, we need others to step in. If you are interested in any position for the upcoming term or if you are interested in becoming part of a committee or contribute in any way, please contact me or Worshipful Wilson.

There is a strategic planning meeting coming in June that will set state-wide priorities for the next 5 years. You can participate by coming to the Elk Grove lodge at 6 PM on 6/9/2015. Go to <http://www.freemason.org/newsEvents/article.htm?id=10761> for more information.

"It is impossible to govern the universe without the aid of a Supreme Being."

George Washington

*Congratulations!*

Brothers Daniel Mosier, Jon Gilbreath and Jacob  
Cummings  
Entered Apprentices

## **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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# Kitty's Corner

Is this year really half over??? Time has flown because we have done so much in so short a time. We had quite a fun time at the York Rite Grand Sessions, third week of May, where I was asked if I was responsible for those pineapple sunglasses Grand Master Russ Charvonja was wearing and what was the event. Seems someone put the picture on the website (prime suspect is the Senior Grand Deacon). Worshipful Master Rich and Worshipful Joseph got special awards at Grand Sessions. PM Phil Hardiman was elected Grand Lecturer in Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Master/PM Rich was installed as an Assistant Director of Ritual in Grand Council of Cryptic Masons. These awards and positions acknowledge the great work that the three bodies in Sacramento have been doing but much of this traces back to the membership growth in THIS Lodge. While the Brothers labored Nancy and I got to attend ladies' lunches, dinners, the Ladies' Hospitality Room and just plain goof off! That is AFTER I decorated a dinner and lunch.

So I am now feverishly studying Ritual and our Instruction Book for Eastern Star because I have the Deputy's Official Visit to our Chapter in Sebastopol on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, then another one in Sacramento on June 5<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> we go to the River Cats game with the Masonic Family of Greater Sacramento, and I'm happy to report that we've lured several folks from our Sebastopol Chapter to that event. The last weekend of the month we are off to Comptche for York Rite Chapter Degrees in the open air. Nancy and I will be helping the gals and kids "pillage" the villages of Mendocino and Ft. Bragg. If the guys won't let us into their "treehouse" we have to amuse ourselves somehow.

May 28<sup>th</sup> 1984 is when I started working at the Sacramento Sheriff's Department (met Worship Dan about 2 months later) and May 27<sup>th</sup> 1987 is when I joined the Eastern Star Chapter where Rich's parents were members.

June 9<sup>th</sup> Rich and I will attend Opening Night of the Music Circus season (My Fair Lady, one of our all-time favorite musicals). to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary! For new members, June 9<sup>th</sup> was Worshipful Reed's birthday (Rich's Dad), and since he was our "cupid" his birthday seemed a good day for our wedding. Which why the decorations for the June State Meeting Dinner will be a combination of Graduation and 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

So it's no wonder that we won't have the next Lodge Ladies' Lunch until September. After all we've got a fantastic Lodge Picnic in July and a trip to Mendocino in August to "book" our time!

Hope Summer is going to be filled with events for you too!

Kitty =^..^=



Our Ladies Night entertainment performing their second set at the 2013 Eastern Star Grand Chapter Session.

Save the date – they are not to be missed.

## Save the Date



are coming!

Saturday, November 7, 2015

Consider dressing in 1960's attire. Can you still fit the clothes you wore to Beatles concerts & films???? If you need help I have been informed that David Cameron & family is researching what to wear & where to buy it. Barnes & Noble is also selling re-mastered Beatles records!

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## Looking Ahead

Thursday, July 2nd – Stated Meeting  
5:00 pm Social Time  
6:00 pm Dinner  
7:30 pm Business Meeting

Wednesday, July 8th – Fraternal Night, 6:00 pm

Thursday, July 9th – Degree, 7:00 pm

Saturday, July 11th – Annual picnic/BBQ, Elk Grove

Thursday, July 16th – possible Degree

Tuesday, July 21st – Officers School, 7:00pm

Thursday, July 23rd – possible Degree

Practices may be substituted for degrees.

**Saturday, August 29th – Third Degree in Mendocino  
Masonic Temple (bus trip)**

## *In Memoriam*

**Loretta “Babe” Van Wagner**

Born November 28, 1933

Widow of our former Secretary Jerry Van Wagner and mother of Jed and  
Scott Van Wagner, both members of Washington Lodge.

Entered Eternal Life May 25, 2015



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# WASHINGTON LODGE No.20

Free & Accepted Masons of California



## ANNUAL FAMILY TRI-TIP BBQ PICNIC

Come out and enjoy an afternoon with our fellow Brothers and families.

**Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

\$10.00 per Man, Ladies are free

**Location:** Elk Grove Regional Park (Site 3B).

**Menu:** Smoked Tri-Tip, Variety of Sausages, Ranch Style Beans, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad, and Garlic Bread, along with Brownies a la Mode for dessert. Wine boxes and beer will be available for the adults. Non alcoholic beverages include: Fruit punch, soda, and water.

**Lunch will be served beginning at 11:00am**

*\*Please, glass bottles are not allowed in the park\**

**Park Amenities:** Horseshoe pits and playground for the kids' entertainment. Small lake stocked with fish for those who have a fishing license. Do not forget your fishing equipment. Please bring lawn games if you have them.

**Reservations are required**

Please call 1-888-828-4476 no later than July 3rd.

We hope to see you all there.



Picnic Site 3B



Fishing on the Lake



Playground

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## **2015 RITUAL COMPETITION RULES**

### **PARTICIPATION**

- Teams may consist of members of the same lodge or a combination of members from several lodges within the same district.
- The team leader shall complete and submit the Ritual Competition Registration Form to his district inspector (or in his absence, the concerned assistant grand lecturer) by **February 1, 2015**.
- All participants, including the exemplification candidate, shall be Master Masons and members of the participating district.

### **JUDGING**

- The inspector shall work with each team leader to identify a suitable date and time for each team to exemplify their work in front of the inspector.
- After judging the work of each degree team, the inspector shall forward the winning team's registration form to his assistant grand lecturer (AGL) by **May 1, 2015**.
- Each AGL shall then work with each district team leader to identify a suitable date and time for each team to exemplify their work in front of the AGL.
- After judging the work of each district degree team, the AGL shall forward the winning team's registration form to the grand lecturer by **August 1, 2015** to allow him time to arrange for appropriate recognition of each division's team leader during the 2015 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California.
- Judging shall be the sole discretion of the judging inspector and AGL, who may use as many assistants as he deems necessary to make his decision.

### **OBSERVING**

- Inspectors and AGLs are encouraged to invite any and all Master Masons to the exemplification and judging process in order to observe the work and thereby improve their own ritual skills.

The Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of California will be having the 2015 ritual competition. My intent is to perform the 2nd section of the Third Degree in costume. This will be one of the most memorable endeavors Washington Lodge #20 has undertaken. We will need at least 15 Master Masons. I will be seeking the assistance and guidance of our Past Masters to be the best we can. I welcome all lodge members to participate and show how well we best can work and best agree. If you are interested please call me Luis Montero at: [1-888-828-4476](tel:1-888-828-4476) or email me at: [L.Montero22@yahoo.com](mailto:L.Montero22@yahoo.com)



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**Grand Master's Proclamation:**  
**JUNE 2015 IS MASONIC HOMES MONTH**  
*Repairing the World By Improving Ourselves*

**Whereas**, since our fraternity's founding, Masons have pledged to support our brothers and their wives, widows, and children in their hour of need with food, shelter, a compassionate hand, an empathetic ear, and an open door;

**Whereas**, for more than 117 years, our Masonic Homes of California has sheltered and cared for our brothers and their families through our communities in Union City and Covina, statewide Masonic Outreach Services, and the Masonic Center for Youth and Families;

**Whereas**, our Masonic Homes continue to serve as a testament to our fraternal devotion to each other, providing relief for Masonic families in need with compassionate, relevant, and critical services; now,

**Therefore**, as Grand Master, I proclaim June 2015 to be **Masonic Homes Month** in California. I ask all California Masons to recognize the Masonic Homes at their June stated meeting to ensure that our brothers and their widows are aware of the resources available to them, including promoting the toll-free support number (888-466-3642); to personally visit one or both of our campuses, if possible; and to join us at the Masonic Home in Covina on Sunday, June 7, for Masonic Family SummerFest. I further urge all of our brothers to give generously to the Masonic Homes – whether financially or through volunteering – to help ensure that our fraternal legacy of relief will endure for generations to come.

We have our Masonic Homes today due to the efforts of thousands of California Masons who, like us, recognized the supreme importance of caring for our brothers in their most vulnerable hour. As we work to repair our world, let us continue to ensure that our brothers and their families are cared for with dignity and compassion

Dated this 30th day of April, 2015.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Russell E. Charvonia  
Grand Master

Attest:

Allan L. Casalou  
Grand Secretary



2015

TRIPLE-A AFFILIATE

# Sacramento Masons Day



## River Cats vs. Tacoma Rainiers

Triple-A Affiliate of the Seattle Mariners  
Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> ♦ First Pitch: 1:05pm

### Enjoy these exciting benefits for your Masonic Lodge

- ♦ Reserved seats in the center of the action at Raley Field
- ♦ Lodges, family and friends sit together
- ♦ Discounted group rate
- ♦ FREE parking
- ♦ Discounted food vouchers available (Hot Dog, Drink and Chips)
- ♦ Contribute to Masons-4-Mitts Campaign
- ♦ **Scoreboard recognition**



### TICKET OPTIONS

Price	Section	# of Tickets	= \$
\$19	Senate	_____	_____
\$7	Meal vouchers	_____	_____
	Contribution to Masons 4 Mitts	\$ _____	
	<b>Total</b>	\$ _____	

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Bringing Baseball to Northern California Kids...  
**One Mitt at a Time.**

Orders must be received by **THURSDAY, MAY 7<sup>th</sup>**

\*Tickets are on a first come, first serve basis and will go fast



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