

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

Newsletter of Washington Lodge No. 20

October 2012

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Our 161st Year

From the East: Worshipful Master Joseph Dongo, PM

Congratulations to Bros. Heath Hamm and Creston Whiting-Casey III for being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on August 30th and September 20th respectively.

Thanks to Yolo Lodge No.195 for visiting us on August 30th when we split our 3rd Degree with Washington Lodge doing the 1st Section and our Brethren from the Yolo Lodge covering the 2nd Section. It was simply beautiful.

Thanks also to Worshipful Phil Hardiman, for his leadership on putting together the best “Constitution Night” I ever seen in the temple. The panel included; our Brothers Judge Morrison England and Professor William Dillon, and Tim Sandefur, an attorney were great. Not only were their parts of the Constitution great, but also, groups that enthusiastically participated by fine. The attendance was beyond my the temple were all present with several food were also available, thanks to generous

Our traveling degree to San Francisco success mark of the month. Brother French degree and we had a great time French Lodge here, and give all the brethren degree in French. We will keep you posted it.



presentation and discussion on some of the key their interaction with the numerous youth reciting different parts of the Constitution was expectation: Lodges and York Rite bodies of youth groups and their parents. Beverages and donators. What a successful night!

“Parfaite Union Lodge No.17” was another Frederick Janson was initiated in a spectacular there. We have offered to host a degree for the in the greater Sacramento area to see the 1st if and when it materializes. You’ve got to see

Although we’ve been busy all year, our activity level has reached a new high and once again we will have to all pinch in to cross the final line of this Masonic year.

Three candidates are being investigated this month and more applications will be read at the October Stated Meeting. Three more Entered Apprentice brothers are ready for their second degree, some of them since last month. Last week three brothers satisfactorily completed their proficiency for the second degree, making them ready for their 3rd degree. Only one received his third degree and the other two are waiting to be scheduled. Two other brothers are ready to also complete their second degree proficiency this week, to make four ready and waiting for a 3rd degree. We will do our best so to make the waiting time reasonable. As challenging as it looks, this is the type of problem any lodge craves for, growth pain.

I commend the coaches for their steady and hard work and support of our membership program and the Masonic growth of our new brethren who are joining the Craft and particularly Washington Lodge.

The 163rd annual communication of the Grand Lodge just closed. Of the many resolutions which passed, and will be reported on in more detailed manner at the October Stated Meeting, one now authorizes Stated Meetings to open and close on the 1st degree. We are happy to report that starting this October 4th Stated Meeting, all our brethren Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts, who have been returning home after dinner, will now attend the meeting and its deliberations. However, they do not have voting rights until they become Master Masons. This was long overdue.

So, see you all on October 4th!

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Help us help the environment and the Lodge!

Adopt-A-Freeway Program

October 6th, 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

September was a special and busy month: September 8th we had a pleasant and beautiful experience traveling to San Francisco for very special 1st French Degree for Brother Frederick Janson at the French Lodge right in the heart of the Mission district; this is a beautiful old lodge. Right away we were greeted by the parking attendant who said it was Ok to park there, otherwise it would be very hard to find parking on the street, and he made us feel welcome. At the lodge we were greeted by the Master of the lodge and all the officers, especially the Past Master Lionel Rossi who welcomed us in the well known French courtesy.

After we looked around admiring everything, we were invited to the dining room for dinner "DIS-MOI". After the prayer we started with salad, with a special dressing, and nice hearty french bread, two excellent wines, red and white. Then the entrée, an exquisite Beef Bourguignon, it was delicious of course. The French lodge has several french chefs, so it was not a surprise, we were served chocolate mousse for desert.

After dinner we were invited to the lodge room for a very impressive ceremony of the first degree, especially for our Brother Frederick Janson who will never forget this experience. Worshipful Master Joseph Dongo was seated in the West, proficient in his french, as usual, and did a good job. Seated in the East was Worshipful Lionel Rossi who had been Master in that lodge many times. Our French Brethren did an excellent job walking very ceremoniously and taking their time.

Thank you my Brethren, for your hospitality, friendship, and courtesy. I hope that some day we can do the same for you.

Our warmest congratulations go to our newest Brother Master Mason, Creston Whiting- Casey III and our new Brother Fellow Craft, Colin Cooper.

Well my brothers until next time.

Fraternally Juan Faranda S.W.



Stated Meeting

Thursday, October 4th, 2012

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

6:50 PM - 50th Golden Veteran Award

7:30 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by October 2nd, 2012

(888) 828-4476



From the South

Daniel J. Dailey, Jr. Warden

Parlez Vous Francais? Brethren, many members of Washington Lodge #20 traveled west to the beautiful city of San Francisco and to the Mission District Masonic Lodge to watch and participate in the French Entered Apprentice Degree for newly initiated Brother Frederick

Janson. Our host Lodge for the evening was Parfaite Union Lodge No.17. The evening began with fellowship, introductions and a tour of their Lodge facility. Our candidate was personally welcomed by a member of Parfaite Lodge to begin his reflection and journey, following ancient traditions meant to protect Lodges from intruders and discovery.

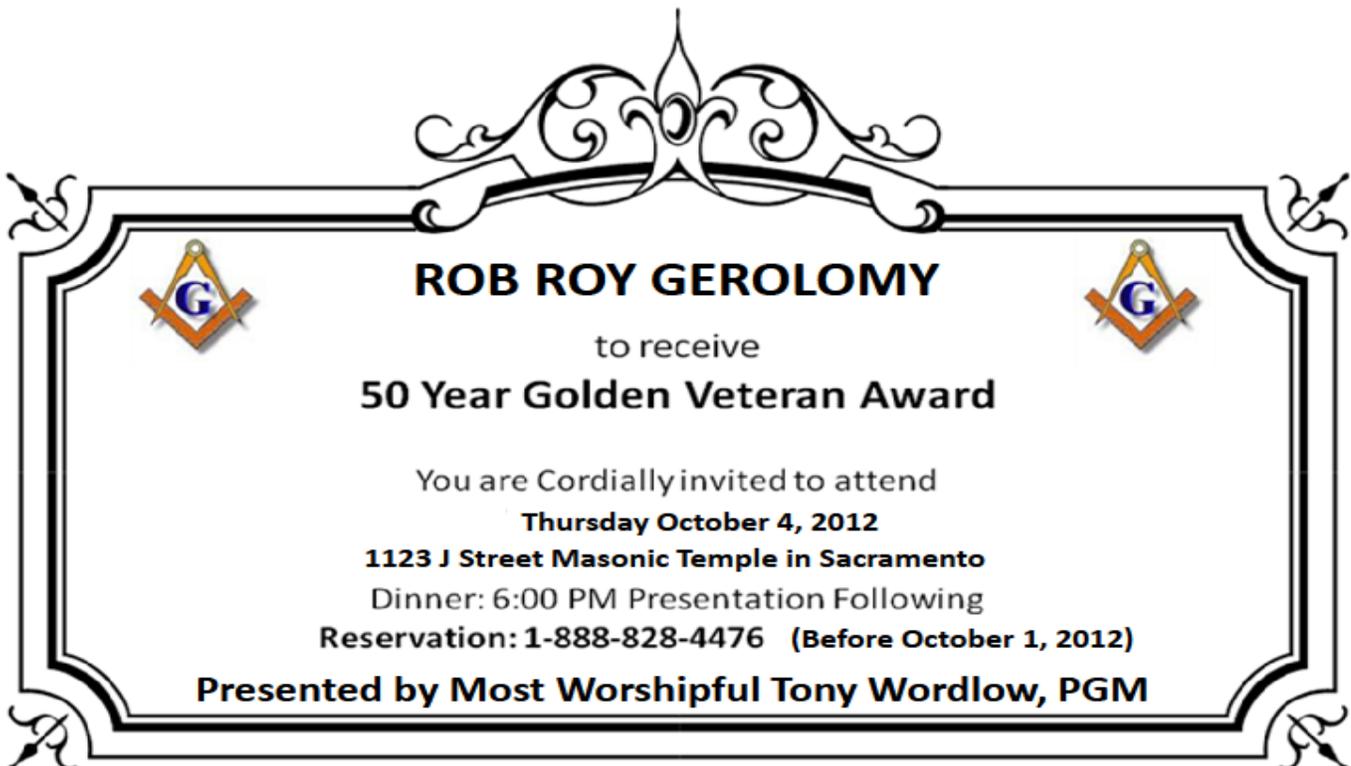


The rest of us were treated to a wonderful French dinner prepared by members of the Lodge. After our dinner, we were all privileged to watch the French 1st Degree conferred upon Brother Janson. WM Dongo, SW Waterman were all invited to participate in the conferring of the Degree. WM Dongo sat in the West, Brother Faranda sat as Tiler and Brother Waterman sat as the Treasurer, speaking their parts in fluent French. WM Dongo was complemented by the Master and Brothers of Parfaite Lodge on his excellent work in the West.

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a wonderful French dinner Lodge. After our dinner, we the French 1st Degree Janson. WM Dongo, SW Waterman were all invited to of the Degree. WM Dongo Faranda sat as Tiler and Treasurer, speaking their

The ceremonies of the French 1st Degree are in some ways similar to ours, but in many ways very different. We all came away from this degree with a new perspective on the nuances of the Work based on history and culture. Brother Janson definitely came away with a very different experience. Discussions were held between the Masters and Brethren on how we may be able to join together as Brothers and friends again in the future for the conferral of other degrees and the continuance of Brotherly Love. Our French speaking Brethren were invited to affiliate with Parfaite Union Lodge #17.



ROB ROY GEROLOMY

to receive

50 Year Golden Veteran Award

You are Cordially invited to attend

Thursday October 4, 2012

1123 J Street Masonic Temple in Sacramento

Dinner: 6:00 PM Presentation Following

Reservation: 1-888-828-4476 (Before October 1, 2012)

Presented by Most Worshipful Tony Wordlow, PGM

Washington Lodge #20 F. & A. M.



Mardi Gras



Annual Ladies Night Dinner & Dance

Sacramento Masonic Center

1123 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 3rd Floor Ballroom

Saturday, November 3rd 2012 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Widows, Wives and Dates of Washington 20 Lodge Members: **FREE**

Cost: Men \$35.00 / Women \$17.50

Appetizers:

Louisiana Shrimp Remoulade

(large boiled shrimp, with Mayo dressing, mustard, green onions, celery, parsley, garlic and lemon juice)

Soup/Salad:

Chicken and Andouille Gumbo/ Mix Green Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entree Choices:

Beef Bourguignon or Chicken Marsala with roasted red potatoes

Dessert: Famous King Cake

Please **RSVP** your entree choice by October 20th 2012 to
Bro. David Huez: dch3887@gmail.com or call 916.689.6154

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October Schedule

- October 4, 2012: Stated Meeting
50th Golden Veteran Award: Bro. Rob Roy Gerolomy
Presented by Most Worshipful Tony Wordlow, PGM
- October 6, 2012: Freeway Cleanup
- October 10, 2012: Fellowship and Masonic Education
- October 11, 2012 Triple 2nd Degree;
Bros. Paul McNamee, Luis Montero, & Luke Zeiher
- October 18, 2012 Double 1st Degree, TBA
- October 25, 2012 3rd Degree; Brother David Minke