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OUR 156th YEAR



From the East

Richard Pullen, Master



Secretary's Desk

Jon Isaacson, PM

Constitution Observance

by
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Correspondent

On Thursday, October 23rd, Washington Lodge's 2008 Commemoration of the United States Constitution was held. After some socialization among the guests, the official program began at 6:30 P.M. with the presentation of the Colors by Sacramento Chapter #133 of the National Sojourners represented by members Ollie Guinn, USA LTC [Ret], Ralph Sahagun USA LTC [Ret], and Gary Young USMC MSGT [Ret]. Gary Young then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Ashley Dawson, granddaughter of Worshipful Phil Hardiman, Chairman of the evening, sang the National Anthem. Following the opening prayer offered by Jed Van Wagner, Chaplain of Washington Lodge, a traditional American dinner was served. The dinner was prepared by our own Jerry Livingston-Joy and served by Bethel #4 of the Jobs daughters.



After dinner, Worshipful Richard Pullen, our Master, made introductions, including William Dillon, a professor of Constitutional Law at CSUS. Professor Dillon then introduced Mr. Eric Grant, a member of the Federalist Society, who gave a fine dissertation on our Constitution. Worshipful Rich then thanked Mr. Grant for his speech and presented him with a plaque memorializing the evening's events. Floral bouquets were presented to Kitty Wilson for her efforts on the Committee and preparation of the table decorations, Ashley Dawson for her singing of the National Anthem, and a cash donation was made to Bethel #4 for the Job's Daughters' assistance.

The event was a success with a participation of around 100. Brethren and Ladies from several local lodges attended in addition to the turnout from Washington Lodge.

It was a particular pleasure to see a fine turnout of Cub Scouts joining us. These young lads were brought to us by their leader, brother Kelvin Mark. The Cubs' presence brought back pleasant memories for this old Cub.

Grand Lodge Veterans Day Observance

Veterans Day is our opportunity to recognize and thank the brave individuals who have risked their lives and served our country in the armed forces.

This year, the Grand Lodge of California will host a Veterans Day Observance to pay tribute to Masons from throughout the state who have fought for the cause of freedom.

The observance will be held Tuesday, Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the California Masonic Memorial Temple in San Francisco, which was built as a war memorial and dedicated in 1958. The building, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, bears a dramatic marble sculpture on its northeast corner that depicts the struggle between good and evil and recognizes the four branches of the United States military. The sculpture is inscribed with the words: "Dedicated to Our Masonic Brethren Who Died in the Cause of Freedom."

We are extending a special invitation to our brethren who are World War II veterans. As this Greatest Generation ages, we are compelled to take every opportunity to show our gratitude for their heroic service. This event represents a meaningful way to do just that.

There is no better way to honor all of our veterans than with a large attendance at this Veterans Day Observance, so let's encourage our brothers, wives, and families to attend. For those World War II veterans who need help with transportation, let's offer our assistance so that they may attend this special occasion in their honor.

For additional information or if you know of a WWII veteran who needs help with transportation, please contact the secretary via email at:

secretary@washingtonlodge20.org

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Todd J. Barnes - 11/6/1960
- John A. Djubek - 11/11/1953
- Labib F. Doumit - 11/10/1948
- Jon C. Hechtman - 11/10/1932
- Arthur S. Henrikson - 11/25/1938
- Eric W. Hixson - 11/1/1969
- Ray W. Lenau - 11/28/1930
- Donald K. Ling - 11/25/1929
- Victor J. Novak - 11/28/1955
- Joshua J. Pane - 11/27/1958
- James L. Ramey - 11/23/1973
- Frederick St. Vrain Rickard - 11/12/1931
- Richard L. Rose - 11/5/1932
- Leonard A. Schweitzer - 11/5/1930
- Tim R. Tyler - 11/28/1946
- Gerald W. Van Wagner, Sr. - 11/3/1931
- Donald A. White - 11/13/1935
- Leroy Wigginton, Jr. - 11/30/1928
- V. A. Winter, Jr. - 11/28/1937

Stated Meeting Dinner

November 6, 2008

Soup du Jour

Selection of gourmet soups
green salad, french bread, wine
desert du Joan

Social Hour 5:15 PM, Dinner 6:15 PM

Stated Meeting 7:30 PM

Reservations Requested 422-9108

The 2008 Washington Lodge Officers

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On the Lighter Side

Retirement Plans Compared

If you had purchased \$1000.00 of Nortel stock one year ago, it would now be worth \$49.00.

With Enron, you would have \$16.50 left of the original \$1000.

With WorldCom, you would have less than \$5.00 left.

If you had purchased \$1000.00 of Delta Airlines stock you would have \$49.00left.

If you had purchased United Airlines, you would have nothi ng l eft.

BUT, if you had purchased \$1000.00 worth of beer one year ago, drank all the beer, then turned in the cans for recycling, you would have \$214!

Based on the above, the best current investment advice is to drink heavily and recycle.

This is called the 401-Keg Plan.

From the Editors Desk

Wally Clark



It was nice to receive a note from Ed Entrican, PM who relocated to Sequim, Washington which he says gets sunshine frequently. Ed was Master of Washington Lodge in 1972 .

Dear Wally

Yes Diana and I have found the home of our dreams up here in Sequim Washington.

Our contact information is:

David Edward Entrican
196 Knight Ave.
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Washington Lodge #20 will always be my home lodge. I have visited and have applied for a plural membership with Sequim Lodge #213 F & A M.

I would say that about 90% of it's members' home lodge are in California. The current Master's home lodge is in Oakland, California, of which he is a Past Master and a Past Inspector of his Oakland district.

I have attended their stated meetings as well as all three degrees and wow is the work different. After seeing their 3rd degree the master came up to me and said, Ed the work is a little different than California isn't it, I told him if I were to work in any of the stations I would have to start all over to learn the work. The Masters replied by saying 'tell me about it'.

The lodge is very active besides there meeting nights. Each Thursday morning they have a 10:00am coffee social and then on the 3rd Thursday the Eastern Star provides a breakfast and they bring in a speaker. Also they have a very active Shrine Club, Diana and I have been attending their dinners and meetings.

I wish the best to you and all the brethren of Washington lodge and from time to time I will keep you posted of the Masonic activity on the Olympic Peninsula.

Regards,
Ed

Jerry Livingston-Joy, one of our lodge's outstanding chefs has his home up for sale and is heading East. Jerry and his wife are moving to be near her family.

Hats off to David Cameron and his bride Joan for their efforts in putting a fabulous Ladies Night together. And a very special thanks to Joan's mom, Barbara Standley, the retired Catering Manager of the Sutter Club who was behind the scenes with two of her friends, MeMe Huey the Catering Supervisor and Steve Huey the Sous Chef of the Sutter Club preparing the meal.

Speaking of the building, have you taken a look at the tenants recently. It looks like we have scored with some very nice shops. Tony's Deli is the senior tenant and he has one of the best sandwich shops downtown. Miosa Couture has a large, bridal shop on the J street, and they have expanded with another space on 12th Street with womens formal and party wear. There is also a digital photography studio and rounding out our retailers is Vintage, which is a buy, sell and trade shop for better womens wear. Vintage is open til 6 pm, so the next time you come to a lodge dinner go around the corner and take a peak.

Last week I was on a Mystery Trip with 18 other Mason's of which Gary Disher, Rennie Porterfield and I comprised the Washington Lodge contingent. The destination was NUMMI in Fremont, which is California's only automobile assembly plant, a joint venture between Toyota and GM. They build Toyota Tacoma Pick-ups, Toyota Corollas and Pontiac Vibes. It is really cool, All of the huge robots make you think you are on the set of Star Wars. This 5.5 million square ft. plant produces over 400,000 vehicles a year and employees over 4000 Californians.

Oh well, I am out of space, see you next month.

Cheers,
Wally