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Bridge to the Future

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From the East: Wor. Jared Yoshiki



Happy February, Brothers! As I reflect upon January, I can tell you there is a lot of enthusiasm in our Temple. Both General Douglas MacArthur Lodge No. 853 and Union-Tehama Lodge No. 3 held their installations this past month and the fellowship each of our four lodges share has been thus far impeccable. There was even a District 414 Masters happy hour before Officers School of Instruction, where many events were discussed, including an intra-District degree at some point this summer, which could be an awesome experience.

January also reminded us that we are traveling upon a level of time. We said goodbye to an amazing man in Brother **Bill Moses**. Hearing the stories from his family and friends at his Masonic Service was truly touching and a constant reminder to make each of our precious minutes and seconds worthwhile. We also said goodbye to members of our own Lodge and recognized them at our Roll Call Dinner, which closed the month. It is in that spirit that I ask all of you to reach out to a brother who you maybe haven't talked to in awhile and try to reconnect - "Brotherhood and peace is more precious than diamonds or silver or gold." ~ Dr. **Martin Luther King Jr.**

As we look forward, however, we have lots of great events on the horizon. For those of you who are not aware, we will be conferring the first set of First Degrees, and only First Degrees, in March as a way to build friendship and camaraderie amongst our new applicants. It creates a great learning environment for them, as well as building strong bonds between them that should only make our Lodge stronger. I hope we can all set a great example for them as they start their masonic journeys.

Another event I wanted to mention this month is a blood drive being hosted by Wor. **Kim Ryan Unidad**, Master of General Douglas MacArthur Lodge No. 853, on February 29th in the club room. Please check out our Facebook group page to see the links where you can register for time slots. This is truly a worthwhile cause and is something where we can make a difference in the lives of people.

There are many degrees and events that happen throughout the month at other Lodges in the region and I am happy to share any of that information with anyone who would like to attend. I have also been approached about establishing a sister lodge with **Ione Lodge No. 80** in Ione, which is located about one-hour drive (through CA-16 and CA-104) SE of Sacramento. The Grand Master is making this effort to have big lodges reach out to smaller ones in the hopes of building some fellowship and brotherhood. It is my hope that we try to implement the sister lodge program to establish stronger bonds in our ancient Craft.

In closing, I want to tease our Table Lodge event for April 16th, which will be in celebration of our 100th year at the J Street Masonic Temple. Efforts are already under way to ring in our centennial and it should be an amazing event. RSVPs will be required so please pay attention to your mailboxes and inboxes for invitations.

IMPORTANT

Beginning in April 2020, we will no longer be providing printed Trestle Board editions via postal service, unless you OPT-IN to receive a hard copy in the mail.

April's Trestle Board will be delivered to your email inbox unless you opt-in to receive them via physical mailing. In the future, you will receive an email with links to the online and printable versions of the Trestle Board, which can be accessed via www.WashingtonLodge20.org

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From the West

Bro. Francisco Marques • Senior Warden



The Widow's Sons

Grand Master **John E. Trauner** has recently reminded us that February is the month when we traditionally recognize our Masonic widows. In Washington Lodge No. 20, it has been a custom since long ago to reserve the month of November - more specifically the first Saturday of that month - to honor our widows, during the Ladies Night program. Today, I ask you to honor our widows with your thoughts and actions.

As Masons, we are encouraged to show love and give support to our widows and orphans. It's right there in our Obligation, and also in James 1:27: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction..." This precept is so powerful and influential to the Craft, that we are traditionally acknowledged around the world as "The Widow's Sons"... Where is this label coming from?

Even non-Masons may be aware that Freemasonry takes as its primary mythological framework various aspects of Biblical history, particularly the life of King Solomon, and of course the central figure of the architect which he chose to build the Temple of God during his reign, Grand Master Hiram Abiff. Hiram is described as the son of a widow from the tribe of Naphtali (1 Kings 7: 13-14), sent to Jerusalem to cast bronze furnishings and ornate decorations for the new Temple. Abiff is the man we learn about in our degrees and try to emulate in his duty and fealty to his Brothers.

There are other characters referred to as "The Widow's Son" in the holy writings. Ruth, a woman of the Moabite tribe, was married to Boaz, and she was a heroine of the Old Testament. She was also the Great Grandmother of King David, the father of King Solomon. Boaz was quite a bit older, being 80, while Ruth was 40, when they got married. We learn in the book of Ruth that Boaz died the day after the wedding, leaving her a widow... and pregnant! Ruth gave birth to the first "Son of the Widow," Obed, who grows up and bears his son Jesse, who bears his son David, who bears his sons Solomon and Nathan. (Matthew 1:5-6)

Using the lineage given in the Gospels of the Christian Bible, we learn that Jesus of Nazarene is also a descendant of Ruth, making Him a "Widow's Son" as well. Please note that there are forty-five generations from Ruth to Jesus Christ. It is said that from this reference, the term "Widow's Son" is synonymous with Freemasonry and that all Freemasons are designated as "Widow's Sons" or sons of Ruth.

Our widows are very important to all of us, Freemasons. They need and want help, especially with their finances, but the Lodge rarely becomes aware of such hardships. Over time, however, some widows begin to stabilize and rebuild, with some moving to a Masonic Home or to new neighborhoods, and others finding ways to remain in the same place and begin to rebuild, emotionally and spiritually. Eventually most widows find some stability and start a new chapter. As they go through this long journey, the Masonic Lodge of which her husband was a member quite often becomes a shadow from the past. Memories fade away. We disconnect...

During this month, I ask you to personally contact a widow with a simple phone call. Schedule to stop by for a quick visit and invite her to come to our dinners. Spend time with her and listen. Do not avoid conversations about her late husband, our Brother. It doesn't matter if she is a recent widow or has been alone for decades, let her share memories of her spouse. Be a friend. Learn about her life with our Brother and about their legacy. Ask to see his Shriners fez, his Scottish Rite cap, his Knight Templar chapeau, sword and medals... and ask her to look back on how ridiculous (and happy!) he was when he first put those on. Laugh together. Cry together.

If you are not familiar with finding our widows' roster at freemason.org, give me a call and we can go over the list together. Next time we gather for a Ladies Night, she will be there to celebrate with us and our Lodge will feel familiar and approachable again. Washington Lodge No. 20 will be her home again.





From the South

Bro. Russ Tomas • Junior Warden



February is known as the month of Love and showing appreciation to your loved ones. How does this apply to Freemasonry? Many will have different opinions. Some might say it is showing the affections of Brotherly Love towards one another, which I agree with. But I also tend to see it in the more traditional sense as a way to show appreciation to our significant others, while we pursue our labors in the Craft.

Our spouses labor in their own respective craft, while we are gone. They tend the household and raise our children, while some work hard at the office and manage hundreds of people. While we are taught to divide our days into three equal parts in representation of the 24-inch gauge, one could argue that our wives might not have three equal parts in their day. Some of our significant others pull double duty in their usual vocations when they work in their respective jobs and tend the household in our absence.

What does this mean to us as Freemasons? It shows us that we should truly appreciate our ladies. We cannot tell them what we do, which might seem like we are only having fun in refreshment and repose (if any better-half is reading this, we actually do work when in Lodge!), yet they trust us and the Brethren enough to allow us (yes, I said, "allow") to be absent from home.

How do we show our appreciation? You do nice things and you tell them. You invite them to our "boring and long" events. You remind them that we can only become successful members of our lodge because of their support. Freemasonry encourages this idea with programs like those for Masonic widows. It is why we should encourage prospective Brothers to invite their spouses when joining us for dinner. A great man does not have a great woman behind him. She is beside him! Let her know that.



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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 Free & Accepted Masons 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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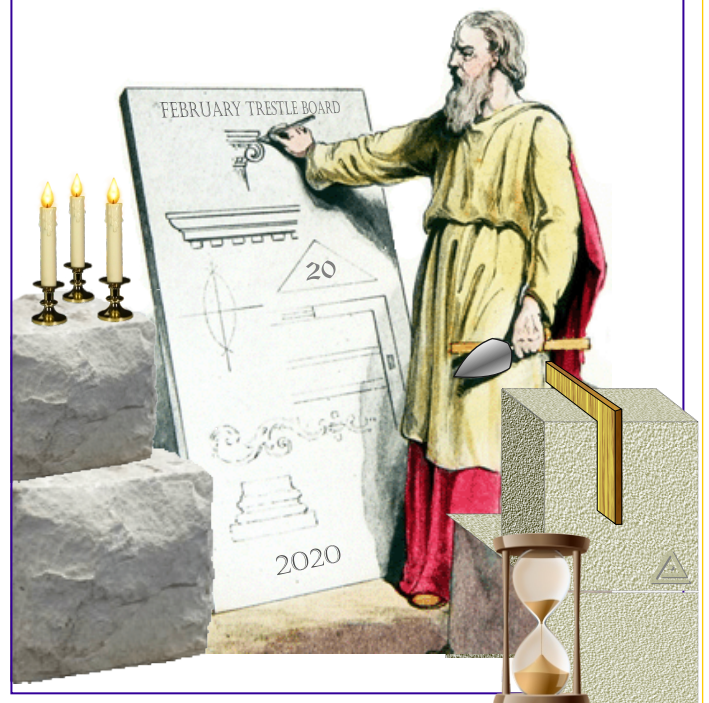
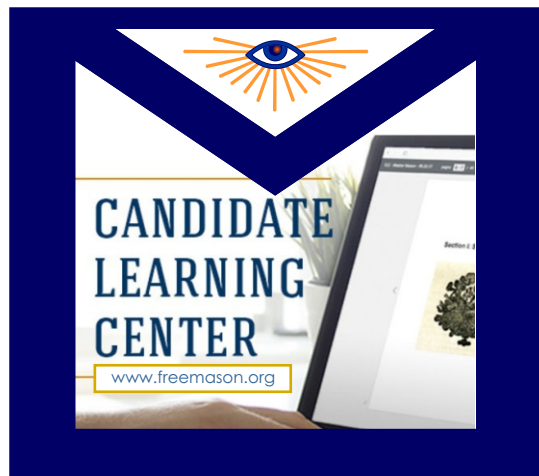


Member Birthdays

03 • Matthew J. Doll	EA
03 • Joseph K. Dongo 	MM
05 • George P. Jamison Jr.	MM
07 • William A. Dillon	MM
08 • Richard I. Redmond	MM
10 • Bradley J. Mitchell	MM
11 • Ala K. Sweidan	EA
12 • Henry K. Tatian	MM
13 • David W. Cameron	MM
13 • William D. Cameron	MM
17 • Wallace G. Clark	MM
17 • Garth R. Tanner	MM
18 • Philip A. Hardiman 	MM
18 • Craig E. Spilman	MM
19 • Edwin L. Douthit	MM
19 • Ryan W. Gooch	MM
19 • Eric R. Hardiman	MM
23 • Cory Divelbiss	EA
27 • Dallas L. Calmes	MM
27 • Master Chef Bob Taylor	MM

Master Mason Anniversary Dates

11 • Michael B. Mc Glone	32 Years
16 • Michael A. Allen	3 Years
19 • Charles T. Byrd	5 Years
19 • Joe K. Hammer	67 Years
20 • Carlos Brusel-Casals	6 Years
20 • Leroy Dew	45 Years
20 • Douglas N. Pope	51 Years
21 • Paul McNamee	7 Years
21 • Richard E. Stover	1 Years
22 • Nicholas L. Johnston	2 Years
22 • Richard A. Pullen 	19 Years
23 • David W. Cameron	8 Years
23 • Gerald E. Singer	36 Years
23 • James A. Smith	60 Years
24 • David H. Cameron 	15 Years
25 • Douglas A. Arrington	38 Years
25 • Steven W. Brown	7 Years
25 • Victor J. Novak	21 Years
25 • Eric L. Owen	32 Years
26 • Cyril A. Shah	22 Years
27 • David E. Entrican 	58 Years
28 • James W. Hughey	18 Years





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WLN20 CALENDAR

February

THU 06 • Monthly Stated Meeting
 Social Hour • 5pm
 Dinner • Banquet Room • 6pm
 Meeting • LR1 • 7:30pm

THU 13 • Practice or Degree or DARK
 TBD

WED 19 • Officers School of Instruction 7pm
 Topic: 2d Degree - First Section

THU 20 • Practice or Degree or DARK
 TBD

THU 27 • Practice or Degree or DARK
 TBD

March

THU 05 • Monthly Stated Meeting
 Social Hour • 5pm
 Dinner • Banquet Room • 6pm
 Meeting • LR1 • 7:30pm

THU 12 • Practice or Degree or DARK
 TBD

WED 18 • Officers School of Instruction 7pm
 Topic: Third Degree - First Section

THU 19 • Practice or Degree or DARK
 TBD

THU 26 • Practice or Degree or DARK
 TBD

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