

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

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

December 2015

En Route to the East

Our 164th



From the East: Worshipful Richard Wilson



Brethren,

I have mixed feelings as I sit here writing the last message of the year. First, I feel a deep sense of gratitude that you, the members of Washington Lodge, have allowed me to serve you again as Master during this past year. I hope that I have served you worthily; being faithful to the trust you reposed in me.

I look back with pleasure and satisfaction at what has been accomplished during the past year. We raised seven Brothers to the sublime Degree of Master Mason, and conferred a total of twenty-four individual degrees (a list of all 24 is elsewhere in this issue). We also welcomed three new members by affiliation: Christopher Chitoain, Jeff Hardiman and Francisco Marquez. And, we had several successful fraternal, social and recreational activities.

Yet, at the same time, I also feel a little disappointment, because we didn't accomplish everything I had in mind at the beginning of the year. That will probably always be true, especially in a busy and successful Lodge, and it *is* better to plan for more than you can actually accomplish than to have big holes in the calendar. But, still....

Our last major event was Ladies Night, and what an energetic evening it was. The dinner was good, and the Beatles band was outstanding. Those of you who couldn't make it really missed a good time. I would like to thank Eric Faranda, Worshipful Juan's son, who catered the dinner and the Rainbow Girls and Jobs Daughters from Elk Grove who did the serving and helped with much of the cleaning up. A big thank you to my wife Kitty for everything she contributed to the evening.

Our Stated Meeting for the month of December will be on Thursday the 3rd, 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, 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 in the third floor banquet room prior to the meeting, prepared by our stellar kitchen crew, five dollars with a reservation and ten dollars without (as long as there is enough food).

I would be remiss if I ended without expressing my gratitude to all those who assisted me during this last year. First, to the officers and the members who filled in from time to time in the Degrees, for without our ritual work there would be no Lodge. Also, to the members who helped out with all the other activities and tasks; your efforts made the Lodge run more smoothly.

I would like to give special thanks SD Luis Montero and JS Colin Cooper for all the "behind the scenes" things they did to help make things run smoothly. SW Scott Goode was an excellent "second officer"; I know the Lodge will be in good hands next year. And thanks to Wally Clark and Bob Taylor for keeping us well fed all year and to Victor Sanchez for being patient with me and my last minute Trestleboard submissions.

There is not room to mention everyone who contributed this year, but I do have to again recognize the support, both practical and spiritual, that I received from my wife Kitty. Her help, her ideas and her involvement made all the difference in the world. Thank you, my Darling.

Last of all, I would again like to thank the brethren of Washington Lodge for their trust in me and for giving me the honor of serving the Lodge as Master again in 2015.

See you in Lodge!

Fraternally,

Rich

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Washington Lodge #20 2015 Officers

Master: Richard Wilson, PM

Senior Warden	Joseph "Scott" Goode
Junior Warden	Victor U. Sanchez
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Stated Meeting December 3, 2015

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

RSVP by December 1, 2015

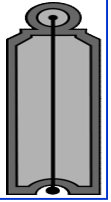
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"Waste Not, Want Not"



From the South

Victor U Sanchez, Jr. Warden



From the current Lodge Officers, we hope you enjoyed a very thankful Thanksgiving and hope each of you enjoy a beautiful Christmas and safe New Year

A new Masonic Year is about to begin, and with it, new challenges, Brothers and learning. Our soon to be installed officers will lead us all toward a period of learning and comradery. Please give your new officers your support and welcome our soon to be initiated Brothers all the support and welcome we have all enjoyed when we each joined this ancient and honorable fraternity.

Please join us in welcoming our newest Entered Apprentices; Brothers Tomas, Martin and Divelbiss who were just recently initiated during a rare Triple First Degree initiation. Welcome Brothers.

Our new Master plans on a very exciting year and it is our hope that many of you will become and remain active during these exciting times, If you want to suggest new activities, please contact any of our officers and share your suggestions.

December Schedule

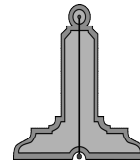
December 3 - Stated Meeting
December 9 - Fraternal night
December 10 - Installation Practice
December 13 - 2:00 PM Installation of 2016
Officers Reception to follow
December 17 - TBD
December 24 - Dark
December 31 - Dark

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From the West

Joseph "Scott" Goode, Sr. Warden



Congratulation to Brother Donte Cuellar on being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. His proficiency in the lecture of the Fellowcraft degree was inspiring. It was an honor to be in the East for this degree. As usual, all of the officers did an excellent job of presenting their parts. We also performed a triple First Degree. I am sure that the Junior Warden and Master will talk more about this, but it is important to note that Washington 20 is truly blessed to have such excellent members who step up and keep our beautiful craft going.

If you have not yet heard, I have been elected to serve as Master of the Lodge for the ensuing term. I have many to thank for helping me to navigate the path to the East whom I will acknowledge at installation, but want to mention at least some here: Ron Charles who taught me the nuances of the staircase lecture and how to properly hold a rod. John Knox who is the best King Solomon I have ever seen. Phil Hardiman who is the scariest 3rd ruffian I have ever heard. Joseph Dongo and Juan Faranda who encouraged me to accept the responsibility of being an officer and performing beautiful and inspirational ritual. Dave Cameron who taught me patience. Eric Hixson and Jon Isaacson who continually help me to improve my ritual and who are the backbone of this lodge. Dan Daily who showed me that it was all possible and that mistakes are OK if you learn from them and to "slow down and when it feels like you are talking too slow, then slow down a little more." Rich Wilson and Jared Burnet who gave me the materials I need for a successful meeting. Most importantly Wally Clark and Bob Taylor who make the best food of any lodge and give us the strength to make it through our stated meetings and long degrees. You have all touched my heart and have made me a better man.

The line of officers for this new term, like the last, are excellent men and will no doubt continue to do great work. We need others to step up and help by learning a charge appropriate to your level, taking charge or helping with an event and preparing to step in the line when needed when an officer cannot make a degree. If you have any questions, ideas or just want to talk, don't hesitate to approach, call, text, or email me.

Installation is on December 13th at 2 PM. Please join us if you can. There will be excellent food and company. The more who come, the better it will be.

If I do not see you before the winter Holidays, have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah or however you observe. May the blessings of heaven rest upon you and your families.

**_"Remember that it is the *actions*, and not the *commission*, that make the officer,
and that there is more expected from him, than the title."**

George Washington

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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Looking Ahead

January 7 - Stated Meeting

January 13 - Fellowship/Education

January 14 - Degree Practice

January 21 - Degree

January 26 - OSI

January 28 - Roll Call Dinner

In Memoriam

Carl M. Rea, Jr.

Born October 18, 1930

Initiated March 11, 1971

Passed May 27, 1971

Raised October 28, 1971

Served as Master in 1978

Entered Eternal Life November 3, 2015

*Almighty Father, into Thy hands we commend
the soul of our departed brother.*

Brethren,

The finance committee has recommended we modify our By-Laws to reflect a change in our dues structure. It is recommended we change our dues to \$30 + per capita. This recommendation will be discussed at the next two Stated Meetings. If you wish to contribute to the discussion please attend. A motion and vote will be made, based on those discussions, in January. The results, if a change is made, will not take effect until 2017.

Jon Isaacson, PM

[Secretary - Washington 20](#)



Kitty's Corner

Where has this year gone!!! Installation was “just yesterday” but now it’s just two weeks to the next one. But of course I’m kidding because I know all the events we’ve packed into just 12 months. Having more than 20 candidates in one year has been a blessing.

For those of you who could not attend the Annual Ladies Night allow me to give you a recap. We used round tables with black tablecloths which I turned into “records” with a yellow cardstock label in the center. I get a lot of catalogs (prevents getting “mauled” & having nothing to show for your shopping trip) & one of these offered two sets of note cards I could use: 1) record shaped notes of the Beatles’ 27 Number 1 singles & 2) four McCall’s patterns from 50 years ago. The envelopes for the records had the cover art for the albums the singles were included on plus statistics about when the song was Number One. The envelopes for the pattern cards were a pattern piece print. I lucked into reproductions of tickets for the Beatles concert in Shea Stadium in NYC in 1965 & found those plastic inserts for 45 rpm records that let you play them on a regular phonograph spindle. Food was wonderful and the Beatles were to die for. NONE of us gals attempted to scream at them because we broke that voice back in the ‘60’s. We watched them do the early Beatles but when they changed into their Sgt. Pepper’s uniforms we had to dance!!!! A few brave brothers got out their with us but we had 3 generations of women “cutting a rug”. Whoops! That’s 1920’s terminology. The band sat with Richard & me at dinner so I got to talk about theatre and music in LA where I spent 20 years (1960 – 1980) because “Ringo” is involved in both. This Beatles Tribute Band obviously pays the band members bills so they can pursue their other music & acting interests. “Paul” met his wife in Mexico where she went to school. When we saw him two years ago at OES Grand Chapter he had JUST arrived from Mexico. It was time to move to his wife’s home. He sang in a Beatles band in Mexico. Wonder if the Liverpool Lads could have ever imagined this kind of stuff was going to be going on 50 years after they struggled to make a name for themselves.

History Highlights: December 16, 1773. The Masonic Lodge in Boston, Massachusetts convened, recessed, reconvened several hours later & adjourned. During those “several hours” bands of men, dressed as Native Americans, dumped all the tea on a British ship into Boston Harbor. Nicknamed the Boston Tea Party, it turned out to be the first of two (the second was in March 1774). The company that exported the tea, Davidson, Newman & Company, is still in business, still selling what is now packaged as Boston Harbor Tea. If you would like to purchase some, contact The Olde North Church Gift Store. This was the church famous for its “one if by land, two if by sea” signal that began Paul Revere’s Ride. The tea is sold in pages but the tin has a copy of the letter written by the company to the King requesting payment for their lost product. Back to the Masonic meeting; Did they recess to participate in the Tea Party? I certainly hope so!

So it is time to say thank you for the honor of doing all this this year and say good bye. Thank you so much and please support Scott & Lynne in all their plans for 2016

Kitty =^..^=

Elections at November Stated Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Washington Lodge No. 20 was held Thursday evening, November 5th. In addition to the normal monthly business, the evening was highlighted by our annual election of officers, conducted in stately traditional form.

To no one's surprise, Senior Warden Scott Goode was elected to fill the honorable and important office of Worshipful Master.

Following behind Scott, Junior Warden Victor Sanchez will advance to Senior Warden, and Senior Deacon Luis Montero will step up to Junior Warden. Eric Hixson, PM, and Jon Isaacson, PM, were both elected to continue as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.

The Lodge also elected its representatives to the Masonic Temple Association. Serving with the new Master and Wardens will be Juan Faranda, PM, Eric Hixson, PM, and Jon Isaacson, PM. One of them will be selected to serve on the Association Board of Directors. Finally, Dan Cameron, PM, and Dave Friedman were re-elected to the Masonic Cemetery Board of Directors.

The new officers will all be installed on Sunday afternoon, December 13th, in Lodge Room One. It should be a memorable afternoon, so plan to attend and show your support for the new Master and his corps of officers. There will be a reception after the ceremony.

In addition to the elections, it was announced that John Knox, PM, of our Lodge is our new Grand Lodge Inspector. Michael Titus, PM, at his own request, was not reappointed to that position, and Worshipful John agreed to "come out of retirement" to fill the position.

2015 Degree Candidates

Entered Apprentices

Michael A. Allen
Randy Brink
Jacob A. Cummings
Cory Divelbiss
Jon Gilbreath
Nicholas B. Jones
Nigel Martin
Daniel A. Mosier
Daniel L. Mueller
David Stallberg
Thomas J. Thornton
Russell C. Tomas
Jack L. Wagner
Christopher D. Webber

Fellowcrafts

Dante E. Cuellar
Craig S. McKinnon III
Ronald J. Speno

Master Masons

Charles T. Byrd
Dante E. Cuellar
Devin J. Gray
Craig S. McKinnon III
Ian M. Solis-Jacques
Ronald J. Speno
Christian Wheeler

Congratulations!



Brothers Tomas,
Martin and Divelbiss