



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

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

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## From the East: Wor. Victor U. Sanchez



December, already?! My, the year has flown by and there is still so much to be done. Thankfully, there are those who will be leading this lodge and are fully capable to get the job done.

By past standards, November was a quiet month, but the line Officers were quite busy preparing for Installation and related duties. Our Officers have all qualified and are ready to take their stations and lead us into the future.

As my year comes to a close, I want to extend my gratitude to those who were in my line through 2017. Your assistance with every detail, meeting and degrees was well appreciated and helped me to get things done.



That is not to say that the road was not without its bumps and potholes; we navigated through some very rough times but subdued all obstacles. We survived, we overcame, and we proceeded, in profound synergy with the work of the lodge.

We now leave it in the capable hands of those who follow us. They are well attuned to the needs and workings of the lodge and will surely devote their efforts to the wellness and betterment of the lodge and the brethren.

During our November Stated Meeting, Brother **Luis J. Montero** was elected to the Master's chair in the East.

Brother **Jesus "Jesse" Solis-Jacques** was elected to the Senior Warden's station in the West, and Brother **Jared Yoshiki** was elected to fill the Junior Warden's chair in the South.

Worshipful **Eric Hixson** was re-elected to the Treasurer's chair and your newest Junior Past Master, **Victor U. Sanchez**, was elected to be the Secretary.

We are truly humbled by your confidence in our ability and desire to serve the brethren of Washington Lodge No. 20! Thank you.

Our Annual Ladies Night was held on November 4<sup>th</sup> and was a great success and well worth the wait! Many thanks to Worshipful **Dave Cameron** and his wife **Joan** for making this event a success.

Please join me in welcoming our youngest Entered Apprentice, Brother **Alexis "Alex" Baloji**. He was initiated on November 9<sup>th</sup> and is eager to work hard to become a true and faithful brother among us. Welcome aboard, Brother Alex!

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# From the West

Bro. Luis J. Montero • Senior Warden



I would like to thank Washington Lodge No. 20 and its members for electing me as Master of the Lodge for the ensuing Masonic Year. I am truly humbled by the support and honored to accept the role. The new year will have its challenges but, with the excellent line of Officers and the contribution of our faithful members, I have no doubt that we will make it a fun and productive year.

Ladies Night on November 4th was a blast from the past! Worshipful **David Cameron** and his lovely wife **Joan** made it a lovely and memorable Sock Hop evening for all of us.

I would also like to welcome Brother **Alexis "Alex" Baloji**, who was initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason on November 9th. We look forward to getting to know you better and seeing you active in the lodge, my Brother.

As I sit down to write this article, I want to say something more meaningful and impactful. I want to truly thank those many Masons who have inspired me to grow in Masonry and in my own personally life; which brings me to the **Holy Saints John**, whom, in Masonry, we have come to admire and hear so much about.

They both have commemorative dates that coordinate summer and winter solstices (June 24th for John, the Baptist and December 27th for John, the Evangelist). But to write about both Saints John would take many pages and tomes. So I will focus briefly on **Saint John, the Evangelist**.

Saint John, the Evangelist's day was created in early Christian history. In many of the pre-Christian belief systems, the sun and the moon were key to their understanding of the world. Also there is that peculiar duality between death and rebirth of the sun. I find it interesting that the winter solstice is shrouded in darkness, surrounded the cold of winter and the frost of snow.

In the winter, the world is in darkness and the Saint John restores life and light to all living things in the world. In nature's dormant state, there are so many beautiful moments to be had.

And it is that restoration of light, love and the key transitional point in life, that **Saint John, the Evangelist**, brings to all Masons: a beautiful and meaningful allegorical message of transformation and betterment.



Saint John, the Evangelist

## Washington Lodge No. 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.





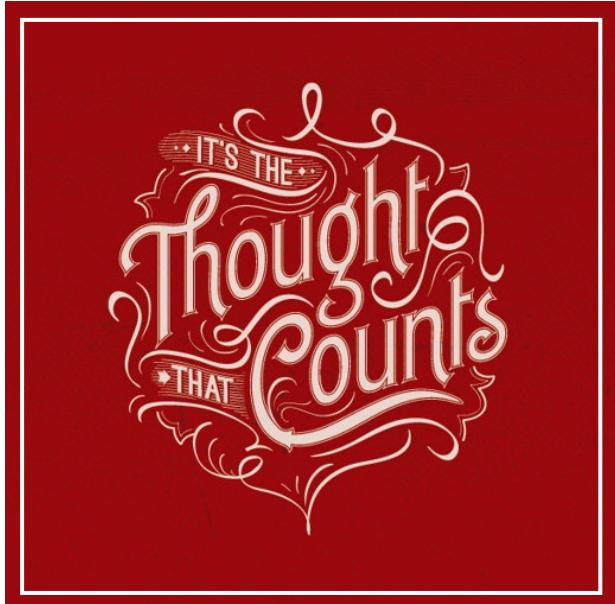
# From the South

Bro. Jesse Solis-Jacques • Junior Warden



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! A time of Joy and Giving. Every year, family and friends come together and share presents with one another. This is also a time to remember what we have accomplished this past year and share amazing memories. During the holidays, there are also many people across the globe who may be less fortunate and have no families or friends or even the pleasure to receive any gifts. With this in mind, I would like to share a story that forever will remain in my thoughts.

A few years ago, I wanted to buy presents for my loved ones but I hardly had any money to do so. The countdown began and it was almost Christmas time. Anxious and worried about my failure to provide for my family to enjoy the experience of gift giving, I tried to find ways to come up with enough money to give everyone memorable gifts worth giving. At least, in my heart I felt that each and every one of them deserved the best and most expensive gifts. I wrote a list of my family member's names, being a total of 26. The dreading thought that this may be the one Christmas that I would not be able to buy any presents for my daughter, wife, mother, brothers and sisters, and others, literally was breaking my heart everywhere I went that reminded me of Christmas.



The intensity grew each day and my frustration lead me to deny that this would happen. I kept brainstorming ways and ideas of what to do and just kept telling myself, "There has to be a way... There must be a way!"

Then, one day... something happened... a thought that I never knew could be considered or even accepted for my standards. I passed by this one place I will never forget.

With just under \$30 in my wallet, I walked into this place and walked around for several minutes browsing and contemplating about what I was about to do. I had to find ways to convince myself that it was Ok and that the gifts in this place would be a wonderful thought. This place was "The Dollar Store." My family deserved gifts that were definitely worth more than a dollar, without a question. This was truly a moment in my life when I learned the true meaning of "the value of a dollar."

That day I bought 26 presents for \$26 plus tax. I walked out of The Dollar Store thinking, "I can't believe I'm actually doing this—this is going to be the worst Christmas ever." I was extremely worried that everyone would not appreciate the presents I had bought for them and that they may feel insulted in some way. I was about to find that out on Christmas Day.

It was time. I gave everyone their gifts and said Merry Christmas. As each of them opened their presents, I was expecting the worst reactions and disappointment. The look on their faces, however, told a different story. Smiles of joy, gratitude, appreciation and excitement were abundant. I was humbly amazed. A few of them recognized where I bought these presents, and I took a deep breath. They looked at me—smiled and said "Jesse, thank you for these gifts...**it's the thought that counts.**"

I decided to endeavor further on the meaning of this phrase. If our sincere thoughts for another are more valuable than material things, then I had much to learn. From that day forward, I have cherished the meaning of our thoughts and what it means to each other, especially during this time of year and, I most definitely learned the true Value of a Dollar!





## Washington Lodge No. 20 2017 Officers

**Master: Victor U. Sanchez**

Senior Warden	Luis J. Montero
Junior Warden	Jesse R. Solis-Jacques
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Treasurer Emeritus	D. Ed Entrican, PM

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**Francisco E. Marques, Editor**

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**David F. Freeman, Grammarian**

## Stated Meeting • December 7th, 2017

5:00 PM Social Hour

6:00 PM Dinner

7:30 PM Stated Meeting

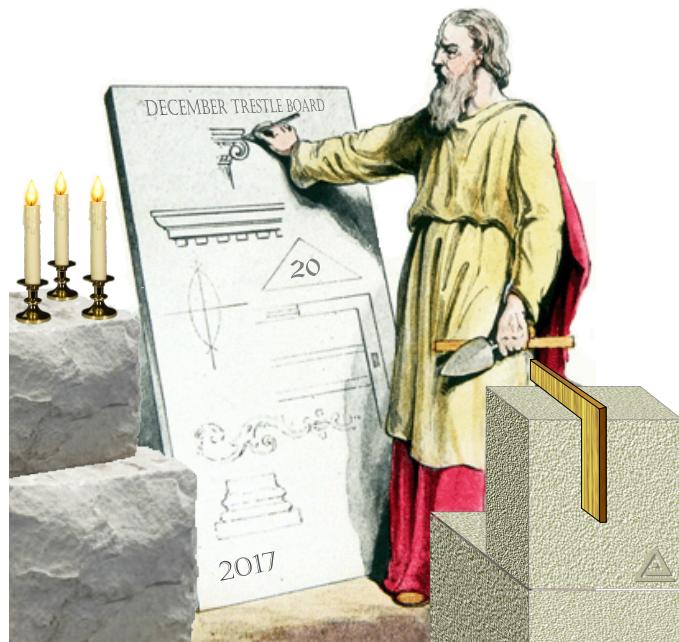
RSVP by December 5th at 6:00 PM

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## .. December Schedule ..

- 04 • Officers Practice
- 07 • Stated Meeting and Dinner
- 10 • Annual Installation of Officers *1pm*
- 14 • Officers Practice
- 16 • Double Second Degree  
*Bros. Ryan Gooch & Chris Hamilton*
- 20 • OSI - Officers School of Instruction
- 21 • DARK
- 28 • DARK
- 31 • New Year's Eve Gala  
*(See page 8)*



## Looking Ahead

January 2018

*happy new year*

- 04 • Stated Meeting and Dinner
- 06 • Officers Brunch (9am-11am)
- 11 • Officers Practice
- 17 • OSI - Officers School of Instruction
- 18 • Degree
- 25 • Degree

(Continued from Page 1 - From the East) ...The lodge was dark on the 16<sup>th</sup> and on Thanksgiving Day so the brethren might be close to their families and be ever thankful for their wellbeing.

Please thank Worshipful **Joseph Dongo**, his nephew **Alvin**, and Brother **Floyd Tritt**, for assisting me in representing Washington Lodge No. 20 at Loaves and Fishes on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, where we served meals to hundreds of homeless persons. It was a daunting experience and something every brother should experience, at least once. Thank you, my brothers!

On November 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm, the brethren joined Worshipful **Alan Grundel** and Brother **Wally Clark** in celebrating 50 years in Masonry, a feat I know I will never achieve. Congratulations, gentlemen!

During this coming year, the **Masonic Temple Association of Sacramento** will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its building. The assistance of the brethren will be crucial to the success of the celebration and the Temple's continued success as our home. The centennial commemorative coins are in and are for sale. Each set is numbered and costs \$40.00.

Please see Brother **Francisco Marques** to get yours.  
And yes... #20 is already sold!!! (Continued on Page 6)



## Birthdays - December

02 • Cyril Shah	MM
03 • David Minke	MM
04 • Joseph Barnes	MM
05 • Norman Chapman	MM
07 • Daniel Dailey	PM
07 • Karl Gresehover	MM
11 • Jason Sibbring	MM
12 • Joseph Basham	MM
12 • Edward Hardiman	MM
13 • Leroy Dew	MM
13 • Gerald Van Wagner	MM
14 • Christopher Chatoian	MM
17 • Morrison England	MM
20 • Martin Buff	MM
21 • Michael Allen	MM
21 • Ioan Popa	MM
21 • Stanley Sanders	MM
23 • Salvatore Funari	MM
24 • Floyd Tritt	MM
25 • Donte Cuellar	MM
25 • Stephen Michalski	MM
25 • Dwight Norris	MM
26 • Jack Penny	MM
28 • Pedro Perez	MM

## Master Mason Anniversary Dates December



04 • Joseph Basham	7 Years
04 • Richard Lacy	7 Years
10 • James Keehner	51 Years
10 • Tim Tyler	19 Years
14 • Andrew Wilson	17 Years
15 • Melvin Pinsler	66 Years
17 • Joseph Dongo PM	19 Years
19 • Francisco Marques	21 Years
21 • Norman Chapman	71 Years

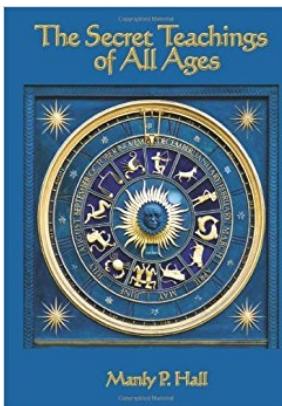


## Your Next Read

Book of the Month

### THE SECRET TEACHINGS OF ALL AGES

An Encyclopedic Outline of Masonic, Hermetic, Qabbalistic and Rosicrucian Symbolical Philosophy



Within the pages of Manly Palmer Hall's celebrated 20th century tome, readers delight in discussions about ancient symbolism, rituals, and mythology. Often hailed as an encyclopedia for all things hidden, ancient, and arcane, *The Secret Teachings of All Ages* explores a vast array of topics, from secret societies and the Zodiac to Mystic Christianity and William Shakespeare's identity. Despite some of the outdated and controversial ideas it poses now in the 21st century, **The Secret Teachings of All Ages** continues to fascinate students of the cryptic and mysterious.

#### About the Author

**Manly Palmer Hall** (1901–1990) was a Canadian-born author, lecturer, astrologer and mystic. Over his 70 year career, he gave thousands of lectures, including two at Carnegie Hall, and published over 150 volumes. In 1934, he founded The Philosophical Research Society in Los Angeles, which he dedicated to the "Truth Seekers of All Time", with a research library, lecture hall and publishing house.

For additional recommended titles, visit:  
[www.washingtonlodge20.org/books](http://www.washingtonlodge20.org/books)

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Let us all support the Master in his efforts to make this most important event a jewel in his tenure. Please approach the East and offer your aid and assistance, in whatever manner you can help. Let us show the Grand Lodge and the citizens of Sacramento what Masonry is all about and how Masons can best work and best agree together.

Potential candidates have been knocking at the door of Masonry and they are eager to become brothers among us.

Please give your time to assist them in learning the Craft by becoming a coach and/or volunteering to conduct interviews. There is ALWAYS a need to help the Master conduct these very important tasks.

I am aware that time constraints are placed on all of us, but, if we want to assure the integrity and wellbeing of our lodge, these interviews must be conducted, and the chaff separated from the wheat.

This can only be done by us, the guardians of our lodge and its destiny. Please help the Master!

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"Tomorrow is the most  
important thing in life.  
Comes into us at midnight very clean.  
It's perfect when it arrives  
and it puts itself in our hands.  
It hopes we've learned  
something from yesterday."

*Brother John Wayne*



# Congratulations!



First Degree - Brother Alexis "Alex" Baloji  
November 09

## DECEMBER 10 • SUNDAY 1PM 167th INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

**Washington Lodge No. 20** cordially invites you, your family and friends, to the 167th Annual Installation of Officers for the ensuing Masonic Year. Refreshments will be provided after the ceremony.

## DECEMBER 16 • SATURDAY 9AM DOUBLE SECOND DEGREE

The Lodge will be conducting a Double Ceremony of Passing for Brothers **Christopher E. Hamilton** and **Ryan W. Gooch**.

Most Worshipful **Russ Charvonia**, Past Grand Master of Masons in California, will be presenting the Staircase Lecture. Please attend and show our Brethren warm fraternal support and Brotherly Love. Refreshments will be provided after the ceremony.

Please RSVP for both events:

- email [WLN20stewards@gmail.com](mailto:WLN20stewards@gmail.com)
  - call 1-888-828-4476
  - click on any RSVP button at [www.washingtonlodge20.org](http://www.washingtonlodge20.org)
  - or through our Lodge App

Hoping to see YOU there!

## 1918-2018 MASONIC TEMPLE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMEMORATIVE COINS

In celebration of 100 years of our building, the Masonic Temple Association of Sacramento has released limited-edition commemorative coins.

The coins feature our magnificent building on the front and the Square & Compasses and the letter G on the reverse in two distinct versions: one with the words "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth," and another with "Faith, Hope and Charity."



These collectable coins are the perfect way to show appreciation to this historic landmark.

Each commemorative coin is numbered and sold for \$20 on a first ordered, first served basis.

Your coin purchase helps support our Centennial Celebration Fund.

To order your coins, please contact Brother Francisco Marques at 916-443-5058 or email him at [office@sacramentomasonictemple.org](mailto:office@sacramentomasonictemple.org)

And don't forget to mark your calendar for our Centennial Celebration!

Saturday, September 15th, 2018

Thank you for your support!



## NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

The Sacramento Jazz Cooperative ([www.sacramentojazzcoop.org](http://www.sacramentojazzcoop.org)), under the helm of the great **Carolyne Swayze**, has rented the Masonic Temple Ballroom for musical performances every 2nd and 4th Monday throughout 2018. Check their website for performers schedule and ticket information.

They will also be hosting a **New Year's Eve Gala** at the Temple this December 31st from 7pm-1am. Doors open at 6:30pm.



Ron Cunha Big Band

The menu being served is sumptuous, as you can see below, and the music will be much enjoyable as provided by two local groups: the Carolyne Swayze with Dave Bass Trio, and the Ron Cunha (17-Piece) Big Band.

A Grand Piano will be on site to enhance the performances. Champagne toast at midnight celebrating the advent of the new year!

Tickets: \$80 per person or \$150 per couple

Email Wor. **Phil Hardiman** at [phil@sacramentomasonictemple.com](mailto:phil@sacramentomasonictemple.com) or call

the Office at 916-443-5058 to RSVP and arrange for tickets.

Carolyne Swayze

### Preserving Our Masonic History

A portion of the proceeds from the event's ticket sales will benefit the **Sacramento Masonic Temple** and its many historic preservation projects, including the Centennial Celebration to be held on September 15th, 2018.

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31 SACRAMENTO JAZZ COOPERATIVE  
NYE 2017  
Dinner Dance Party  
Masonic Temple  
1123 J Street, Sacramento Ca 95814  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST  
Carolyne Swayze with Dave Bass Trio  
and  
Ron Cunha Big Band  
TICKETS \$80 per person or \$150 per couple  
7PM-1AM | Doors open at 6:30 PM  
CHAMPAGNE TOAST @ MIDNIGHT  
WWW.sacramentojazzcoop.org

### MENU

#### Hors D'oeuvres Menu:

- Thai Beef and Chicken Satays with Sweet and Spicy Peanut-Plum Sauce
- Pancetta Wrapped Shrimp
- Puff Pastry with Brie Cheese and Apricot Preserve
- Italian and Spanish Cheese and Olive Platters with Crostinis, Spinach and Artichoke Dips

#### Main Menu:

- New York Whole Sirloin with Cabernet Sauce
- Chicken Picatta with White Wine - Cream Sauce
  - White Cheddar Potatoes Au Gratin
- Butternut Squash, Baby Carrots, and French Green Beans with Brown Butter
- Spinach/Ricotta Raviolis with a Sun-Dried Tomato Pesto Cream Sauce, Sautéed Asparagus, and Wild Mushrooms
- Salad of Baby Greens, Candied Pecans, Apples, Golden Raisins, Honey Goat Cheese and a White Balsamic-Honey Dressing
- Assorted Artisan Breads, French Bread, Brioche, and Rolls with Butter Pats
- Non-Alcoholic Sparkling Pineapple-Mango Punch
  - Water Pitchers with Ice and Lemon
  - Table Mints
- Coffee/Tea Table
- Dessert



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