



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

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

May 2016

Staying Connected

Our 166th Year



From the East: Worshipful Scott Goode



Our new website at <http://www.washingtonlodge20.org/> has launched and already has thousands of hits. This site was designed and created by Francisco Marques with the help of the Social Media Team consisting of Brothers Colin Cooper, Jared Yoshiki and Francisco Marques. Our newest affiliate, Worshipful Sonny Storms, will be joining the team and I am certain that our public presence will continue to grow and attract new candidates. In fact, we have already received a request to join the lodge through the new website. I am very excited about our new site and very grateful for the team that put it all together.

Normally, it is the pleasure of the Senior Warden to welcome new Fellowcrafts in our Trestleboard, but I must say that the Passing to Fellowcraft for Randy Brink and Jacob Cummings was a great evening with great food and ritual. I can't wait to raise them to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. It was an honor to have Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Russ Charvonja present the Staircase Lecture. He is an excellent representative of our craft and Freemasonry.

Our annual picnic is coming up soon. This year it will be held on July 16th. We have planned a new venue and participation. Instead of Elk Grove Park, it will be held at the Ben Ali Shrine Center, located at 3262 Marysville Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95815. There will be plenty of parking, as well as covered seating. I will be inviting Elk Grove Eastern Star and other youth Groups this year. Also, instead of a couple of Brothers preparing everything I am asking each Brother attending to bring a dish or \$10 to help purchase food, 1 dish per family please. I will be asking the Eastern Star to do the same. The lodge will provide tri-tip prepared by our Brother Brian Schoenborn, hotdogs, hamburgers, sodas, etc. My goal is to get as many Masonic family and friends there as we can. Brian and I will work on a flyer with all of the details and a sign-up list to track what dishes participants plan to bring to the picnic. Please plan to attend if you can.

Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone,
and let your hand give in proportion to your purse.

George Washington

To Be 1 Ask 1



From the West

Victor U Sanchez, Sr. Warden



This last month, Luis Montero our Jr Warden and I took a trip to the Lake Tahoe area to attend this 2016 Wardens' Retreat. I think I can speak for both of us; it was a very good learning experience for the two of us. We made some very good contacts and learned some good practices. This learning experience also reinforced some ideas we each held.

Of particular importance to me is how we, as a fraternity, vet prospective candidates who wish to become members of this ancient and honorable fraternity. The days of handing out applications to anyone with a pulse are coming, if are not already, dead. It is time for us to get to know our prospects and test their respective resolve to BE active members. Too often we initiate candidates, pass and raise brothers and all of a sudden they are nowhere to be found. Why? Is it something we, as a lodge, did or failed to do? Did the candidate, and now brother, decide that freemasonry was not for them? And, why did we, the officers, coaches and fellows not see it coming. Or did we? Maybe we saw that something was amiss but did not know what to do to turn the tide. Maybe we wanted to whisper good counsel, but could not figure out what to say.?

We, individually and as a lodge, need to take ownership of our prospect/candidates, newly initiated brethren and raised Master Masons. We are the only persons who can take our candidates from prospect to active Master Masons of our lodge.

Worshipful Goode stole some of my thunder but spoke well about the ritual and Junior Grand Master Russ Charvonia's staircase lecture. It was a treat to see how well it can be presented. I am sure Randy and Jacob were thrilled. Congratulations to everyone involved, especially to Randy and Jacob.

Many events are planned for the next couple of months and many of you, especially the officers, will be called upon to not only participate but to help out. Please prepare yourselves and let's make ourselves available and supportive of the various events. Stay tuned for more information about our : Fellowship & Education nights, Lodge BBQ, visits to concurrent bodies and lodges, Constitution Observance Dinner, and Ladies Night, just to name a few of the upcoming lodge events.

I want to also take this opportunity to ask any brother if they can help one of our own who has fallen on hard times and is looking for housing. He is a gentle person and has a "mans best friend" which he has had to separate from because he has no place to rest his head, other than his truck. So, if anyone has a place where a brother can rest his weary bones, please contact me and I will pass on that information. I can be reached at: 916 425-6112 or at wln20sw@gmail.com.

Our stated meeting is scheduled to take place on May 5th, a day which we celebrate as a Mexican Independence day. Please enjoy yourselves and partake in a reasonable manner. I am sure our kitchen crew will be cooking up something spicy and special for all of us to enjoy.

HAPPY CINCO de MAYO!!!!!!



From the South

Luis J Montero, Jr. Warden



I would like to congratulate our newest Fellow Craft Masons, Brother Jacob Cummings and Brother Randy Brink. I look forward to seeing you both progress in masonry and to become Master Masons. After attending Junior Warden Retreat, it made me re-examine why I've become a Mason and what it means to be a good Mason. I've learned that, in an effort to improve our membership and increase attendance, at the very least from our entered apprentice and fellow crafts, one must become a friend before becoming a Mason. And as our obligation implies, we've all come freely to learn and enjoy the deep bonds men can have. While some of us have seen the ritual many times, it is the ritual that teaches us to be a Mason. Through its many allegories of philosophy and symbolism, it is the men, our members, that make us who we are today. While remembering that some of us may be standing on the shoulders of giants, this is how we make men better. So my brethren, hear my call of brotherly love and hear my call to make it a point to come to lodge, stated meetings, degree or fraternal night. There are many rough ashlar to go around and much work to do. Impart thy knowledge, guidance and wisdom, be it to guide a worthy brother Mason, to be a spectator or whisper of wisdom. We as one lodge and one voice can accomplish much.

Obligation

The solemn promise made by a Freemason on his admission into any Degree is technically called his obligation. In a legal sense, obligation is synonymous with duty. Its derivation shows its true meaning, for the Latin word obligation literally signifies a tying or binding. The obligation is that which binds a man to do some act, the doing of which thus becomes his duty. By his obligation, a Freemason is bound or tied to his Order. Hence the Romans called the military oath which was taken by the soldier his obligation, and, too, it is said that it is the obligation that makes the Freemason.

Before that ceremony, there is no tie that binds the candidate to the Order so as to make him a part of it; after the ceremony, the tie has been completed, and the candidate becomes at once a Freemason, entitled to all the rights and privileges and subject to all the duties and responsibilities that endure in that character. The jurists have divided obligations into imperfect and perfect, or natural and civil. In Freemasonry there is no such distinction.

The Masonic obligation is that moral one which, although it cannot be enforced by the courts of law, is binding on the party who makes it, in conscience and according to moral justice. It varies in each Degree, but in each is perfect. Its various clauses, in which different duties are prescribed, are called its points, which are either affirmative or negative, a division like that of the precepts of the Jewish law. The affirmative points are those which require certain acts to be performed; the negative points are those which forbid certain other acts to be done. The whole of them is preceded by a general point of secrecy, common to all the Degrees, and this point is called the tie.

Source: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

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May Schedule

May 5 - Stated Meeting

May 11 - Fellowship and Education

May 12 - Degree practice

May 19 - Degree TBD

May 24 - OSI

May 26 - Dark



Looking Ahead

June 2 - Stated Meeting

June 8 - Fellowship & Education night

June 9 - Degree Practice

June 16 - Degree TBD

June 23 - Dark

June 24 - Elk Grove Lodge Table Degree

June 30 - Dark or Degree TBD

Stated Meeting

May 5, 2016

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by May 3, 2016 at 6:00PM

(888) 828-4476

"Waste Not, Want Not"



To Be 1 Ask 1

Guest Oration

Wor. Thom Pryor

Master of Elk Grove Lodge No. 173

Three, a number that has, from time immemorial, represented divinity and creation. One father and one mother joined to create a third, creation at its most fundamental form. It also represents Body, Soul, and Spirit, which closely relates to the three essential emanations of creation; the thought, the word, and the act. Even before the Christian trinity, the early mono-theists like the Zoroastrians and Mithras's as well as the pantheons of the Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, and even the Hindus had their essential three.

So, it's not surprising that our craft, though not a religion but a faith based fraternity, would find the number three in much of its work. Three is also the first number that stands on its own. It has a beginning, and middle and an end. A stool will not stand without at least three legs; it also represents the superface of geometry with dimensions of length, breadth and thickness. Tonight, I'm going to speak for a few moments about one of the threes in our work.

When a candidate is first initiated he is released from the cable tow and then he is brought from Darkness to see the light by which Masons work. The first objects presented to his view are the three Great Lights of Masonry visible by aid of three lesser lights representing the Sun, Moon, and Master of the lodge. He will also likely notice that all of the brethren of the lodge are standing in two columns on either side of the altar.

The initiate is told that there are Three Great Pillars that support every lodge, denominated Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty because we are taught that there should be Wisdom to Conceive, Strength to Support, and Beauty to Adorn every great and important undertaking and from the perspective of Freemasonry there is no greater or more important undertaking than that of making a new mason.

We also learn that these three pillars are represented by the three principle officers of the lodge the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens. What he may not notice is that surrounding him at the altar is a physical representation of those columns. The row of men to his right representing the Pillar of Beauty, those to his left representing the Pillar of Strength, but also the Master of the Lodge, the Senior Warden and himself representing the Pillar of Wisdom, as he kneels at the altar receiving his first taste of Masonic wisdom from the Worshipful Master.

In the opening of every lodge we hear that our three principle officers of the lodge, as with any great and important undertaking, represent these pillars. The Junior Warden being the Beauty and Glory of the Day; the Senior Warden bringing harmony which is the Strength and Support of all societies, especially of ours, and the Master of the lodge who gives the craft the necessary instructions whereby they may pursue their labors. Not all beauty in creation is pleasing to the senses. Take the dragon tongue plant with its blood red and black bloom that smells of a rotting corpse. Isn't it non-the-less beautiful in its stark otherworldly differences to what we might call beautiful? Creation, like the creator himself, is in many cases ineffable to us. Yet, as the Junior Warden calls the craft from labor to refreshment, we are afforded many opportunities to admire the beauty of creation in all of its stark contrasts.

Strength is more easily understood by the human condition. It comes in many forms, such as courage, for what is courage but the strength of character to overcome ones fears in order to act. Strength is essential for us to serve mankind and our creator.

We do not become wise upon ascending to the Oriental Chair. In fact, there has been a few times, since my installation, I have cursed myself a fool for not seeing that which was right before my eyes. To be honest, the wisest thing any man can learn in the east is that he can't do it all himself. In other words, it takes real strength to ask for help and be willing to accept it when its offered. Given the best intentions, any man can err yet with the strength of his brothers and the beauty of brotherly love we can, each of us, overcome our personal flaws and serve our brothers with the dignity that is afforded us through wisdom, strength and beauty.

Wisdom, Strength and beauty also do not stand alone. There is wisdom in beauty as there is strength in wisdom. Take that dragon tongue plant. There is wisdom in the awful smell as it attracts flies that serve to carry its pollen to others of its kind, thus resulting in the continuation of its species. There is wisdom in harmony, which is the strength and support of all societies. Just as there is strength in the wisdom of knowing one's self.

Thank you for this opportunity, my brothers. may you all discover the wisdom, strength and beauty within your own lives.

Congratulations



Randy Brink

&

Jacob Cummings

Passed to Fellow Crafts

April 28, 2016

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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Open Air Degree

Location: 34400 Mission Boulevard, Union City, CA 94587

When: September 10, 2016

Transportation: We are taking 2 vans with total seating for 30.

Get your reservations in, Seats will go quickly

(Meet at Starbucks parking lot 3511 Truxel Road, Sacramento, Ca 95834)

Cost: \$15 for lunch.

We are going to Union City to perform an open air First Degree, enjoy a barbeque and get a tour of the wonderful facilities. We will enjoy a hamburgers and hotdogs barbeque.

PLEASE RSVP to Brother Jared Yoshiki at: jaredyoshiki@me.com or **916-761-3519**

Reserve a spot in the van, otherwise plan on driving yourself or forming a carpool.

Wives/partners are welcome to enjoy the tour and barbeque for \$15.

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