



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

Newsletter of Washington Lodge No. 20

June/July 2011

To Make Good Men Better

Our 160th Year



From the East

David H. Cameron

Master



From the West

Michael P. Quinn, Sr. Warden

The month of May brought yet another Brother to our fraternity, Br. Thomas Weary. Br. Weary had a rough start and is currently in a removable cast, the result of an accident incurred a month or so back. I'm sure he will become a fine addition to our Lodge and look forward to seeing him at our functions. We got a break from degrees last month; this is neither good, nor bad. This has allowed us the opportunity to practice our work for upcoming events. This also allowed us to visit Brother Jerry VanWagner, Past Secretary and Hiram Award winner. We had a good turn out at his home, many brothers provided delicious treats and the fellowship was well received by himself and his wife "Babes". I hope to continue this in the future.

In June, I ask that all Officers plan on sitting one chair ahead for the June Stated Meeting, or in the chair you have expressed an interest in. The time is coming, and it arrives very quickly, when we will have to qualify for these honorable chairs, or at least for some, demonstrate an acceptable level of competency before being appointed.

At the July Stated Meeting dinner we will be presenting our Scholarship Certificate to Alexandra Wood, of Sacred Heart School, she has been chosen to receive a \$10,000.00 scholarship, from Grand Lodge, for her outstanding academic achievements. Please make a point to attend. We will also be presenting the flag at July Stated Meeting, in honor of all the troops from all periods of service. This is a humbling presentation when you think about how many men and women gave their hearts and souls so we can be free. I would hope all those able, will attend, my Ladies too.

As we progress on our journeys to Heaven, let us never forget where we started; we were as the seed of the tree, needing warmth, nourishment, and relying on those around us to provide them. As our roots grew, so did our confidence and our abilities. We transformed from helplessness, to those who now too require assistance and instruction. As the trunk grows strong, and the limbs support the branches, we too become stronger, confident, and feel we no longer need the support or instruction of those on whom we relied upon for so many years. Then, in the springtime of our life, memories of past abound, and those many youthful experiences come to mind. In our fall, we learn that we have not, and may never reach the place we had hoped and dreamed of in our youth. In our Winter, the final days we share with this world, we will realize, that the journey we started, as the seedling of a far greater and beneficent tree, has transformed us into the providers and instructors of the nourishment and warmth of those now in need. Then someday, we too will return to the earth, our greatest journey fulfilled. We will then look with anticipation on the newest journey, which lies beyond the grave.

It was good to have seen you all at May Stated Meeting and at the Entered Apprentice Degree. I've been down to Bakersfield for the York Rite Grand Sessions and the Allied Masonic Degrees (AMD), "In Gathering" where the Royal Ark Mariner Degree was Conferred on all eligible members. This was a fantastic degree to witness as it exemplifies the building of the Ark by Noah and the symbol of refuge that the Ark conveys. This was the first time this degree has been conducted in California and it was presented by Western Lodge #41 of Royal Ark Mariners, Morred to Western Council #41 AMD of Bakersfield California. #41 hopes to increase awareness of this degree and would like to expand its membership and see new RAM Lodges opened, or morred to other AMD Councils. This event was hosted by #41 AMD and held at the Bakersfield Masonic Lodge. A Formal Festive Board Dinner, Seven Course Meal, was held that evening. A great time was

Happy Father's Day

June 19, 2011

Have a Great Day

June Schedule

June 2	Stated Meeting
June 4	Freeway Clean-Up
June 6	OSI
June 8	Practice
June 15	Practice/1st Degree
June 22	St. John's Dinner/1st Degree
June 29	Dark

Washington Lodge #20 2011 Officers

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Adopt-A-Freeway Program

Volunteers Needed

*June 4th, 2011
at 9:00 AM*

*Litter Removal on Freeway 244: On & Off
Ramp I-80 at Auburn Blvd.*

*Meet at Del Paso Park, corner of Park Road
and Auburn Blvd (near the Ramp.)*



From the South

Juan Faranda, Jr. Warden

My Brother

This is a story that perhaps few people have heard. It is about two of three great tenors.

Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and José Carreras. Jose Carreras is from Catalan and Placido from Madrid. For political reasons, in 1984, Carreras and Domingo became enemies, the Catalans were fighting for their autonomy from Madrid, dominated Spain.

In 1987, Carreras was taken by surprise with a terrible diagnosis, Leukemia. He was subjected to numerous treatments and blood transfusions that forced him to travel to the United States once a month. Unable to work under these conditions, though he possessed a fortune, he was not able to afford all of the costs incurred. He discovered a foundation in Madrid, its sole purpose was to help support the treatment of leukemia. Thanks to the support of the foundation, Carreras conquered the disease and returned to singing.

Once again he attained an elevated status and attempted to join the foundation which had helped him beat his disease. He discovered that the founder was Placido Domingo and that Placido had formed this organization to help him with his treatment, but had chosen to remain anonymous.

At one of Placido performances in Madrid, Carreras interrupted the event and humbly, knelt at his feet, asked his forgiveness and publicly thanked him. Placido helped him up and with a big hug they sealed the beginning of a great friendship.

A reporter asked Placido why he had helped another artist, who was his competition and enemy. His answer, "We cannot afford to lose a voice like that".



Stated Meetings

Thursday, June 2nd, 2011

Thursday, July 7th, 2011

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

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(888) 828-4476**

Brotherly Love

I'd like to express my sincerest appreciation to each Brother for coming out to visit Br. VanWagner. We had a wonderful lunch and each Brother provided a part, Brotherly Love certainly prevailed. Brother Jerry Van has always been a very active Mason, a past Secretary and Hiram Award winner of Washington Lodge. We became enthralled when he told stories of the wars and the events which transpired in his life, his meeting with his wife, and how his lineage was formed. Brother VanWagner is now seated in a chair, one of which he has earned at a great sacrifice to himself, and his country. The high road has few travelers, for the path is narrow and peril looms on each side, the road well traveled, the low road, is wide, with eager temptation at every side. Brother VanWagner, during his journeys, his marches, his Star of Bronze, has cleared the path of right and moral conduct, and prepared for those who could live up to that standard, the road that is far less traveled, the high road. We



July Schedule

No Highway Clean-up in July	
July 7	Stated Meeting & Scholarship Award
July 14	TBD
July 21	TBD
July 28	Dark
TBD:	To Be Determined

Child Identification

Each year approximately 725,000 children are reported missing in the United States. The Kids ID program gives parents the peace of mind that they are prepared for the unthinkable.



As a resource to California parents, the Masons of California provides free fingerprinting and photo identification for children of all ages. Parents also receive an identification sheet that includes space to record a child's height, weight, eye and hair color, and distinguishing marks. This sheet will be extremely valuable to authorities if a child ever becomes missing or abducted. The entire process takes only a minute and no information is ever recorded on the computer equipment.

Since the program began in 1998, more than 800,000 California children have received this important documentation.

California lodges provide this free service in Kids ID booths at fairs and other community events across the state.

As the many social events coming up this year, perhaps we should all look into giving a little time at the child identification booth at Cal Expo during the upcoming State Fair. I have not heard IF there will be a Mason's booth this year, but perhaps with our Lodge's insistence, we might persuade others to join us? Just a thought.

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