



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

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

May 2013

Time, Patience and Perseverance

Our 162nd Year

From the East: Worshipful Juan C. Faranda



The last Stated Meeting was very successful, we had almost 60 guests. Worshipful Phil Hardiman did an excellent presentation regarding Eastern Star. Thank you Worshipful Hardiman!

We had four new applicants and one for affiliation. The applications have gone out for investigation and will be balloted at our next Stated Meeting on May 2nd. I would like to thank the brothers who are doing the investigations and disregard how busy they are in their personal life.

My condolence goes out to Worshipful Richard Wilson and his family on the passing of his mother Mrs. Marjorie Blanche Wilson. I had the opportunity to assist at the celebration of her life. It was a beautiful ceremony. Richard's father, Reed Wilson, was a Past Master of Washington Lodge in 1968.

At our monthly Stated Meeting, on May 2, 2013, there will be a surprise guest speaker who will address the members and guests.

BROTHERLY LOVE: What distinction is attached to this principle among Masons? The principle of brotherhood and the obligation of a distinct affection for fellow members are characteristic of any organized society of men. Too often, however, brotherly love is a mere abstraction, an indefinable something that is not practiced, or if any effort is made to practice it, the individual is governed by selfish interests. In the Masonic Fraternity, the candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry is impressed with the facts that the great principles of the order are **BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, and TRUTH** in the initiatory Rites and throughout his advancement. The mode and manner for the practice of these principles are detailed in words and illustrated in symbols, so there can be no cause for error in understanding or failure in practice.

And so long as he is controlled by this knowledge and retains this remembrance, he can not fail in his duties in the practice of "BROTHERLY LOVE".

With all respect and affection I will say, "ADIOS", until next month.

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Help us help the environment and the Lodge!

Adopt-A-Freeway Program

May 5, 2013

9:00 AM

Litter Removal on Freeway 244

On/Off Ramp at Auburn Blvd

Meet at Del Paso Park

Corner of Park Road and Auburn Blvd



From the West

Daniel J. Dailey, Sr. Warden

The month of April was somewhat quiet for Washington Lodge #20. We only worked three Thursdays. This slight lull in degree work will be more than made up for in the coming months! We read five new petitions during our April stated meeting. Rumor has it we will also have at least two more petitions at our next Stated Meeting. It looks like we will be back to the double degree pace in May and June. We also have several candidates moving up in their work with second and third degrees fast approaching.

Once again Brethren, I cannot stress strongly enough the need to show these candidates why Washington Lodge is so strong by attending the degrees and welcoming or helping our newest members! Sideliners are not only welcome, but encouraged.

There are many of our Brothers who have not been to Lodge in some time. We would love to see you again. If there is a reason or hardship that keeps you from attending, please let any Officer know and we will assist in any way possible. It would be wonderful for our new and some of our not so new Brothers to meet you and learn the history of our Lodge first hand. Besides, the food and fellowship are outstanding! The only thing missing is you, and if you have not attended Lodge in over one year and can make it, I will buy your dinner.

Some Masonic trivia and information for this month: Our Craft is tied to symbolism and custom. It is one of the great foundations of Masonry. Here are a couple of facts I picked up from the Freemasons web site.

By ancient custom, the King was always covered, while his subjects were never covered in his presence. The American custom of the Master of the Lodge wearing a hat as a symbol of his authority is apparently a result of that ancient custom.

In China around 300 B.C., Mencius wrote, "A Master Mason, in teaching his apprentices, makes use of the compasses and the square. Ye who are engaged in the pursuit of wisdom, must also make use of the compasses and the square". (continued next page)

Stated Meeting

Thursday, May 2, 2013

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

Special Mystery Guest Speaker

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by April 30th, 2013

(888) 828-4476

"Waste Not, Want Not"



From the South

Michael P. Quinn, Jr. Warden

I always liked the analogy of the Rough and Perfect Ashlar. It being taken from the quarry in its rough and rude form or natural state; then made ready for the building by the workman with the proper working tools of the craft. This alludes to the self improvement of the individual as he strives toward self improvement, perfection, and more enlightenment.

Examples like this have helped me on my journey through life and I appreciate the role that Masonry continues to play as I travel onward.

From the West, continued:

In a book called, Great Learning, in 500 B.C., we find that "A man should abstain from doing unto others what he would not they should do unto him"; and this is called the principle of acting on the square.

"Freemasonry embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplift of man". (Douglas MacArthur)

We are not just a Fraternity for men, but a Brotherhood of men. We are not a secret society, but a society with secrets. We are in no way a religion, but we are a group of like-minded religious men. We do not make mediocre men ok, but we do take good men and make them better. We are Freemasons and we are proud.
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May Schedule

- May 2, Stated Meeting
- May 8, Masonic Fellowship
- May 9, Double First Degree, TBD
- May 11, Freeway clean up
- May 16, Officers Practice , TBD Wor. Eric Hixson
- May 23, Double First Degree TBD
- May 30, 3rd Degree, TBD



SAY "YES" TO PAPERLESS TRESTLEBOARD

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secretary@washingtonlodge20.org

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.



Mustard Seed Needs

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liquid hand soap Clorox disinfectant wipes Children's socks (size s, m) Women's underwear (size s, m, l) Paper towels Belts (small child) Dry erase markers and erasers Roller blades and roller skates (all sizes) Children's underwear (boys and girls: sizes 3T, 4T, 5L) Bicycle helmets (all sizes) Deodorant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality sturdy backpacks Kids pants (3T-16) Shoes (boys and girls: 3-15) Green chair cushions New/used workbooks (pre K-8) Bottled water Mouthwash Chap stick Hair Accessories Dish washing soap Healthy snacks: low sodium, low sugar |
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Let's Play Ball

masons4mitts.org

Bringing Baseball to Kids - One Mitt at a Time

Its official: The 2013 [Masons4Mitts](http://masons4mitts.org) campaign is now under way!

Join Masons throughout Northern California for the fifth season of Masons4Mitts – our annual campaign to bring baseball mitts to the underserved youth who participate in the San Francisco Giants' Junior Giants program.

The Junior Giants is a non-competitive baseball league serving youth ages 5-18. This innovative program provides safety, health, and character-building skills for children, helping them to connect with local community organizations and to succeed far beyond the playing field.

This year's campaign aims to bring our five-year fundraising total to \$270,000. Sponsor your local team today at masons4mitts.org.

And, be sure to attend Masons Night at AT&T Park in San Francisco on Monday, Sept. 9. Discounted lodge tickets are available through April 16.

Questions? Contact foundation@freemason.org

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Masonic Center for Youth and Families

Do you have a child who's struggling with emotional, learning, or behavioral difficulties? Whether you live down the street or across the state, we're here to help.

The Masonic Center for Youth and Families is an integrated psychological service center that provides innovative care to youth ages 4 to 17 who struggle with emotional, academic, behavioral, or social difficulties.

Our sophisticated treatment model and professional staff – all senior clinicians – partner closely with parents and educators to build an understanding of and create individual solutions for young people and their specific needs.

MCYAF's comprehensive, single-point-of-service approach is not available anywhere else in the country.

Learn more at mcyaf.org. or call 877 488-6293.

Leadership Training Is Coming to You

Lodge members are invited, and encouraged to attend the following webinars. Each course is limited to 25 attendees; for maximum selection of course and session, please register early at: <http://www.evnt.com/events/2013-lodge-management-certification-program/event-summary-3ed522bd0e924c549e871c4545da9795.aspx>

Hall Association Management - Operating a hall association requires directors and members to be well versed in today's business environment. The Hall Association Management course provides a comprehensive overview of hall associations, including their structure and function in the lodge. Participants will become acquainted with business oriented best practices, including risk management, capital planning, and projected building maintenance. *Session I: May 13, June 8, July 15, and August 20* *Session II: May 15, June 15, July 17, and August 22*

Lodge Finance - The Lodge Finance course provides a foundational understanding of essential lodge finance practices, including budget creation, ensuring transparency in lodge and hall association operation through effective reporting and auditing, and developing a long-term financial plan, including investment management. *Session I: May 11, June 18, July 23, and August 12* *Session II: May 18, June 20, July 25, and August 14*

Member Experience - Developed in response to the fraternity's strategic plan, the Member Experience course offers innovative suggestions to engage current members and attract prospective ones, guidance for developing and utilizing Masonic education programming, information and direction for using the new character investigation tools, and tips for rallying lodges around local and statewide philanthropic initiatives.

Session I: May 20, June 24, and July 9 *Session II: May 22, June 26, and July 11*

Lodge Administration - For modern lodges to operate efficiently, a thorough understanding of officers' roles and responsibilities is required. The Lodge Administration course explains how each officer can contribute to the lodge's short and long-term goals, and will provide an overview of best practices in member development, as well as reviewing commonly asked questions about the California Masonic Code.

Session I: May 28, June 11, and July 29 *Session II: May 30, June 13, and July 31*