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

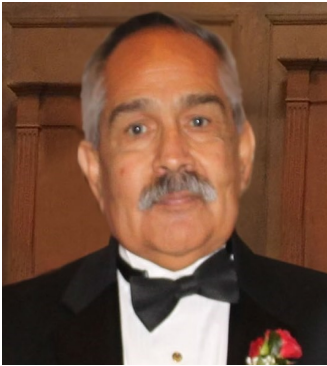
April 2017

Sincerity & Plain Dealing

Our 167th Year



From the East: Worshipful Victor Sanchez



Welcome to spring and to the renewal of our own degrees as we initiate new men into our craft. As we practice our ritual of initiating men, passing and raising brothers through our ancient and honorable fraternity: we indirectly renew our own oaths and relive our degrees. These are times for us to participate in the degrees and thereby renew our obligations.

March has been a very busy month; we Initiated Mr. Nicholas Johnston, raised Brothers Tomas and Martin and balloted on several other men to receive the degrees of masonry in this lodge. April will see a similarly busy month as other men will be initiated and balloted upon. In my absences, due to unplanned work and personal events, Brother Senior Warden Montero has been instrumental in accomplishing the raising of Brothers Tomas and Martin. I want to thank him

and the officers as well as those participating members who stepped up and performed our rituals in an exemplarily manner. Thank you all for your invaluable assistance. The third degree of masonry requires a huge amount of member participation. Again, thank you!

We will remain busy in April. Our stated meeting will be on April 6th, so come and enjoy a great meal, meet our prospective candidates and our newly initiated brothers. On April 12th, we will be hosting our monthly fraternal/education night. Sacramento 40 will lead the educational aspect for the evening and Washington 20 will provide the refreshments. Please come and enjoy an evening of fraternity, education and maybe some chess or pool.

We will be initiating Misters Gooch, Hamilton, Hesse, Mason, Jackson and possibly Van Houten in April. We hope to hold these initiations on a Saturday. As soon as the logistics are set up, we will publish them on our social media sites. It would be nice to have brothers attending throughout the day to welcome our newest Apprentices. Please try to attend and welcome these men into the fraternity. It is always a good experience to have brothers welcome men into the fraternity at their initiation.

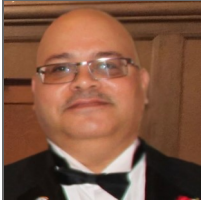
The officers of the lodge and some of its members have donated funds for the purchase of tables and benches for the Sol Aureus College Prep School located at 6620 Gloria Dr, Sacramento, CA 95831. Thank you to those who contributed to this worthy effort. The tables and benches are due to be delivered sometime this month. If you would like to contribute, please contact our SD Brother Yoshiki. We are about \$300 short to deliver 7 tables at \$100 per table. It would also be great to have brothers present when the tables are delivered to the school. We will keep you updated via our social media apps when final arrangements are made.

SW Brother Montero informs us that the Burn Center project is on course and we will be starting the physical work sometime in mid April. If you are interested in helping accomplish this task or wish to donate to this effort, please contact Brother Montero. If you are interested in the purchase of a brick for the project, Brother Montero can facilitate that purchase; the bricks are \$75 each.

As we look ahead, May which also promises to be another busy month with applicants waiting for admission. Depending on the investigation and balloting results, we may conduct multiple initiations during the month. Other dates in May can be found in the "Looking Ahead" section contained within the Trestle Board on page 4.

JW Brother Solis-Jacques continues to serve our nation in the Middle East but should return to the lodge sometime in June. I asked him to share his encounters, I hope you enjoy it. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. We await his safe return among us.

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From the West

Luis J. Montero, Sr. Warden



March is always a beautiful season in Sacramento; the trees are in bloom and the weather starts getting warmer. Families get in their gardens and plan for a beautiful spring and summer. I know my family and I certainly enjoy it. This year, like many other years, our lodge has been quite busy. Candidates are building up like cords of wood and the Officers of Washington Lodge # 20 are diligently working hard to get candidates qualified, initiated, passed and raised as quickly as we can.

We also have several applicants awaiting investigations and to be scheduled for their degrees. While the officers are at labor, any of the members willing to help the lodge can do so by learning a charge for one or more degrees and are encouraged to do so. Members are always welcome to participate in the degrees.

I'd like to welcome brother Nicholas Johnston into our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity. May your journey be full of many joyful learning experiences. There is much to learn and I know you will make the best of your time in the lodge. To our newly raised Master Masons Russel Tomas and Nigel Martin, a hardy congratulation in accomplishing your Third Degree. We look forward to seeing more of you in the near future. Now is the time to get involved in our lodge activities and show your support. This is how we show Masons best work and best agree.



Brother Russ Tomas Raising Degree

Brother Nigel Martin Raising Degree

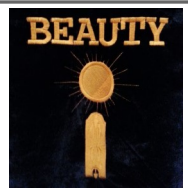


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From the South

Jesse Solis-Jacques , Jr. Warden



Brethren, it is my honor to present to you, my adventures during my travels abroad in the Middle East. Although there are many great moments to share with you all, the following are what I call “Brother Jesse’s Solis-Jacques’ Top 3 Moments.” There are:

Moment #3 Upon my first arrival to “The Rock” (undisclosed location), I did not know what to think or how to feel about the people and the culture. I was so focused on defending my identity, my safety, my livelihood and those close to me. My plan this entire trip was to stay on-base and never leave; however, my profession and position here required me to go off-base for mission essential activities. I then braced myself and took with me what freemasonry has taught me all along—brotherly love to all. I went site seeing and explored the city. I visited the grocery stores and other shopping markets called Sooks (flea markets). The entire time I observed children holding their mother’s hand at grocery stores, father’s protecting their families crossing the streets, and salesmen trying to make a sale to put food on the table and make a decent living. When I made a purchase, they held my hand reverently and humbly bowed in respect. I returned the same gesture. This brotherly, gentle gesture presented to me, eradicated all fear, all uncertainties, and all confusion. It displayed a reminder that we are not military, foreign nationals, or even natives...it reminded me that we are family.

Moment #2 Throughout history, many various cultures and sub-cultures gave birth to numerous communication styles and languages. In freemasonry, communication from mouth to ear is just one good example of our masonic language. One day, one of the most challenging communication problems came to my footstep. A military member was upset and distraught why the locals could not understand their business transactions. The local native argued, complained, and felt insulted and disrespected. The native later gave up and no longer wanted to do business with him. If this business deal does not get accomplished, it will impact the mission tremendously and ruin our relationship with them; thus, it was essential to establish and maintain our dealings. I politely asked the military member how he was communicating to him. He presented to me a detailed two-page lengthy message and how he spoke to him in a direct manner. I read his entire page of instructions and asked him to rewrite it, but this time, write it in less than 10 words that he thinks are the most important. He stated it was all important. I understood how he felt and decided to recommend the less than 10 words for him. The words were—“Good relationship and people...please, my friend lets meet tomorrow.” I also recommended that he place his hand in his heart while saying these words. He took this advice and amazingly was able to regain the native’s trust. I later explained the reasons why. In many cultures, its relationships first and business last. Natives care more about trusting you than closing a deal and making large sums of money. It’s about the people you deal with that matter most. Placing your hand on your heart shows that you are a man of sincere feelings and affection and mean no harm. From this gesture, I realized even more how communication is extremely crucial to peace, harmony, and maintaining our plain dealings with others every day.

Moment #1 This final moment is what I found to be instrumental to freemasonry. I’ve met many men and women from all over the country and the world simply at one undisclosed location on our gracious planet. The theme for this adventure was “Purpose” in my eyes. What is it? How do I develop or create it? And where will it take me? My purpose was to desire new wisdom (Light). In order to develop or create it, I must do 3 simple things: 1) **Ask** questions, and the answers will be given to me

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Stated Meeting April 6, 2017

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

RSVP by April 4, 2017 at 6:00PM

(888) 828-4476

"Waste Not, Want Not"

April Schedule

April 6 - Stated Meeting

April 12 - Fraternal/Education Night

April 13 - Degree/Practice

April 19 - OSI

April 20 - Degree/Practice

April 27 - Degree/Practice

April 15/22 - EA Initiation Ceremony

TBD - Begin Burn Center Project

TBD - Assemble benches and tables



Looking Ahead

May 4 - Stated Meeting

May 5 - Washington Lodge #20 165th Anniversary

May 9 - Fraternal/Education Night

May 11 - Degree/Practice

May 17 - OSI

May 18 - Degree/Practice/Dark

May 25 - Dark/Degree

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My purpose was to desire new wisdom (Light). In order to develop or create it, I must do 3 simple things: 1) **Ask** questions, and the answers will be given to me 2) **Seek** wisdom through discovery and effort and I will find it and 3) **Knock** at every door of opportunity for wisdom and it will open the doors for me without hesitation. What I have found was that some people chose not to do these things. For some reason, their purpose was not to seek further light, and this broke my heart, for wisdom is amazingly beautiful and provides the needed strength we need for each and every moment of our lives. Learning much wisdom in this life I found will take me to a state of preparedness for any encounter I face in this life or the next.

In closing, my brethren, I hope my Top 3 Moments have given you all a glimpse of my adventures abroad. I learned that it has helped me discover that we share **One World** no matter where we are...have **One Heart** beating in unison for others...and share **One Vision** for all mankind—in our own unique ways, seek peace, tranquility, and brotherly love.

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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