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

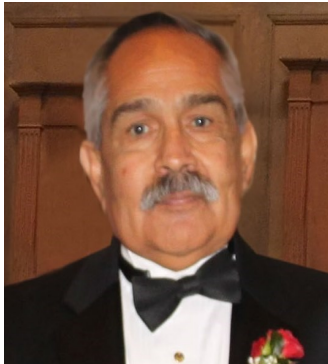
January 2017

Staying Connected

Our 167th Year



From the East: Worshipful Victor Sanchez



December has come and gone, and I hope you each had a very pleasant Christmas with friends and family. As we begin the New Year, Masonic and calendar, I hope you enjoy the festivities and the company of friends, neighbors and fraternal brothers. Please take the time and share moments with loved ones and renew your associations with friends whom you have not seen for a long time; tomorrow is not guaranteed. Pick up the phone and just say Hi.

December was relatively slow for most of the lodge. At the Stated Meeting on December 1st, I presented a balanced budget and subsequently emailed a copy to each member with and email address. I plan on asking for approval of that budget at the January Stated Meeting on January 5th. If you have questions about the budget, please contact me at (916) 425-6112 or at wln20master@gmail.com, I would love to hear from you.

On the 7th of December we held our Education and Fraternal night in our Club room. The event was very successful and was attended by our members as well as members from Washington Lodge #40. We plan on continuing the format presented. Each lodge will host the night alternatively each month. Washington 40 will host on January 11th. Other events that were held in December were: Installation of Officers on the 11th; Passed Nigel Martin on the 15th along with Brothers Allen and Brink's Fellow Craft proficiencies. Unfortunately the weather outside was frightful and the sidelines were pretty bare. But, it was toasty inside, and the kitchen crew prepared their usual great meal. We were dark on the 22nd and 29th so the brethren could spend time with family during the important family gatherings this time of year.

January and the remainder of the year promise to be very busy and we have a lot of degrees to bestow upon brothers continuing their Masonic journeys and to potential candidates. There will be Raising Brother Randy Brink on January 12th, dinner at 6pm followed by the degree at 7pm. Please plan to attend. Then on the 19th of January we will Raise Brother Michael Allen, again, dinner at 6pm followed by the degree at 7pm. Please come and show our brothers what it means to be Raised into the fraternity.

On January 26th at 6pm we will host our Annual Roll Call dinner in the third floor dining room; please plan on attending. This event has always had a lot of participation and it would be nice to fill the room as we introduce and remember our Past Masters and their respective initiates.

On Saturday, February 11, 2017 the lodge would like to host a Valentine Day for the ladies of the lodge. I am asking for help in that endeavor and am asking for some of our interested ladies, and brothers, to participate in putting it together. Please contact me if you are interested.

Included in this edition of our Trestleboard I have placed my remarks, which were supposed to be presented at the Installation of Officers on December 11th, but were misplaced. As a result I had to "wing it", so my intended remarks were not delivered as I had planned. I include them for two reasons. First, I have been asked, by those in attendance to share those remarks and I want to share my vision with all of you that you might understand the direction in which we are going.

Please see page 6 for Worshipful Victor Sanchez's Speech from Installation.

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From the West

Luis J. Montero, Sr. Warden



I would like to congratulate our officers for a successful Installation for the ensuing year. The officers gifted worshipful Victor Sanchez with a new gavel to symbolize our unity in the incoming year. We started off the year with two proficiencies for brothers Randy Brink and Michael Allen both of whom had very good proficiencies. I look forward to participating and seeing them raised to the sublime degree of master Mason in January. I would like to also congratulate brother Nigel Martin on passing to the degree of fellow craft. I know your journey to master Mason will be a bright and enlightening experience. 2017 will prove to be a busy time for our officers as we continue to grow as individuals in the craft and nurture our leadership qualities. Which as a result we have gained two applicants from our demonstration of how best we work and best agree in the craft ritual. There is always something new to learn and experiences from which we can continue to grow from. As we celebrate Christmas and enter into a new year, may the great architect of the universe bless our homes with joy, happiness and may he continue to guide us to be that beacon of light for The greater Sacramento area and to The Northern part of California. May brotherly love prevail and every moral and Social virtue cement us. Continue to grow and learn my brothers.

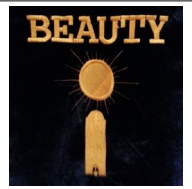


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From the South

Jesse Solis-Jacques , Jr. Warden



Brethren, 2017 is now here! This ensuing Masonic year, we have the great honor of introducing to all the members of Washington Lodge #20 and brethren throughout the world Worshipful Victor U. Sanchez, Senior Warden Louis J. Montero, and Junior Warden Jesse Solis-Jacques. This will be another amazing year of fellowship and brotherly love. We have the opportunity to continue to set the example of the beauty that lies within goodness and kindness for all mankind and creation itself.

As we begin a New Year, some of us may create "New Year's Resolutions." To ensure success of achieving your resolutions, choose reachable, realistic goals. "Daily Resolutions" may seem more appropriate for some of us. This creates a mindset that we can feel productive and fulfill a sense of purpose by the end of the day. Two daily habits or resolutions we can practice are the following theme by Worshipful Sanchez:

By Order of the Master, the 2017 theme is **SINCERITY AND PLAIN DEALING**, which describes the importance of **TRUTH** and integrity. The breath and beginning that gives life to relationships; thus, Truth is the foundation of every virtue. The first lesson we are taught in Masonry is to be good and true to ourselves and each other. As we contemplate on this virtue, it is essential to strive to improve and regulate our conduct. This will prove to the world that hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among masons and it is not part of our being. Worshipful Sanchez provided a mantra that we should follow: *"Roman Words (Latin): VOX VERITAS VITA, meaning "Voice Truth Life" (Speak the TRUTH as a Way of Life.)"*

SINCERITY AND PLAIN DEALING describes that we must be fair and honorable to one another in all occasions, especially when expressing our own opinions. This practice distinguishes us from all others. When in doubt, ask yourself this question: "Should a person trust my heart when my tongue is bitter?" Our hearts and tongues must be in alignment with our intentions. This practice allows us to *"...join in promoting each other's welfare and rejoicing in each other's prosperity."*

Although living a virtuous life of Truth, Sincerity and Plain Dealing may be a weakness for some of us and we may feel like a failure as a good person and a brother-- please remember that it is not your weaknesses or failures that determine who you are as a leader, individual, citizen, person, or even as a brother....it is how you respond to your weaknesses and failures that make you Great!

Keep practicing and adopting TRUTH, SINCERITY and PLAIN DEALING as a Way of Life. It's a beautiful thing! Be True...Be Honest...Be Kind.

In closing, brethren, as we depart from the lodge for the month of January, we must continually practice the discipline of reminding ourselves and each other to govern our passions and judgments accordingly.

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Stated Meeting January 5, 2017

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by January 3, 2016 at 6:00PM

(888) 828-4476

"Waste Not, Want Not"

January Schedule

January 5 - Stated Meeting

January 11 - Fraternal Education Night

January 12 - 3rd Degree Night - Brink

January 18 - OSI

January 19 - 3rd Degree Night - Allen

January 26 - Roll Call Dinner



Looking Ahead

February 2 - Stated Meeting

February 8 - Coach's Meeting

February 9 - Dark

February 11 - Valentine's Luncheon

February 15 - OSI

February 16 - TBD

February 23 - Dark

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Message from Head Candidates Coach

Hello Brothers, Friends and Family,

At the December Masonic Education Night, we had a great time with our brethren from Sacramento Lodge #40. The night consisted of refreshments, coaching, and we also spoke about the topic of "Virtues to Live By". We went around the table and each of us talked about what virtue we find the most important to us, as well as an explanation as to why we view that virtue to be important.

We will be combining our Masonic Education Night with Sacramento Lodge #40 starting in January, and will be switching back and forth on who is responsible for the education each month. The list of what will be discussed month will be posted with the invites sent out by our Stewards.

We will also have a mandatory Candidates Coaches meeting in February. If you are interested in becoming a coach, please let me know. Candidates Coaches are an instrumental part of our fraternity, as they are the ones who help our candidates to know their work at each of their degrees. Also, if you have any ideas for our Masonic Education Night topics, please send me an email at wln20.ccooper@gmail.com

Fraternally,
Brother Colin Cooper

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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Worshipful Victor Sanchez's Installation Speech

Good afternoon, thank you for coming.

Before I get started, I would like to thank and introduce the Installing Team for their great work and dedication.

Worshipful **Grundel**, our **Installing Officer**, thank you for your many hours of counsel during those many years we have spent together talking about the craft and your adventures in Ben ALI, you were my inspiration to join Freemasonry.

Worshipful **Dailey**, our **Installing Chaplain**, for many years we worked in law enforcement but it was not until I met you at lodge that I knew that you practiced out of the lodge what the craft teaches us.

Worshipful **Knox**, our **Master of Ceremonies**, for your unrelenting pursuit of perfection and your uncanny ability to bring out the best in all of us, you sir, are who each of us should aspire to emulate.

I am very excited for this term and the many roads we will be traveling. I am a better man because of this fraternity and the good men who are involved in it.

This year's theme is "**Sincerity and Plain Dealing**" toward all men, but especially the Brethren of this lodge and all of our brothers whithersoever dispersed around the world. It is my trust that every brother will resolve any discord with another in a sincere and forthright manner as we are taught in our degrees and which, by our oaths, we so solemnly and sincerely promise and swear.

It is my hope that through plain dealings with our fellow man we will improve ourselves and bring about a reformation, so greatly needed, among men of different sects, religions and political affiliations.

We live in a time of discord when we seem to be unwilling to set aside our differences for the common good. Perhaps, by our example, we can help others set aside their differences and make the world around us a better place.

It is our fraternity's responsibility to assist our worthy brother Masons their widows and orphans in whatever manner possible. AND, It is our further responsibility to assist our fellow man; we are, after all, inhabitants of the same planet.

This lodge is committed to embrace those responsibilities. We will continue using social media to promote this Lodge and the message of the fraternity far and wide. I commit to you that we will endeavor to renew interest in the lodge among our brethren, who have, for whatever reason, not been active in the lodge. We will assist them to get to the lodge, its events and hopefully participate in our degrees. We will continue to reach out to the concordant bodies of freemasonry; Shriners, who do great work for the children, Eastern Star, Scottish and York Rite. More importantly, we will not forget our youth groups; JOBS daughters, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay who are the future of Freemasonry.

Finally, it is an honor to be in the East.

I will, to the best of my ability, serve with humility, listen with a bent ear and open heart.

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