



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

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

April 2016

Staying Connected

Our 166th Year



## From the East: Worshipful Scott Goode



March was Masonic youth month. We support our youth groups in several ways. We have Masons who serve on advisory boards, we ask different youth groups to help with dinner servings and donate money for their leadership camps. We also make appearances at their meetings to let them know that we care and are here to support them. If you are interested in attending a meeting of any youth group or would like to be on an advisory committee to help steer these young minds in the right direction, please let me know. We are planning a visit to Robert L. Wade on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM if anyone is interested in going please

let me know. The chapter holds its meetings at George Primrose Masonic Temple, 3010 Becerra Way, Sacramento, CA 95821. I will announce any other planned visits to youth groups we may have.

The official visit of our Worshipful Inspector John Knox is this month. Please make every effort to attend the April Stated meeting and show our support for this good man who gives his time to make us a better lodge.

April is Public Schools month. Here is a short message from our Grand Master. "Providing books for a family who has none. Giving deserving students the chance to attend college. Being someone the community can count on: Together, California Masons do these things every day. Our statewide programs strengthen families, empower young people, and promote the ideals of equality and knowledge. These efforts are built lodge by lodge, brother by brother. And, they start with you. This April, how will you make a difference? Reaffirm your commitment to public education. Give back at: [freemason.org/contribute](http://freemason.org/contribute)."

There is nothing which can better deserve your patronage, than the promotion of science and literature. Knowledge is in every country the surest basis of public happiness.

George Washington

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# From the West

Victor U Sanchez, Sr. Warden



Numberless worlds exist around us, many which we do not know to exist, some which are a part of our daily living and some which will be ever present in our future. We need but to look around us to realize that we can and do change our future, we affect what might happen in our immediate surroundings and can affect a change that not only affects us personally, but those around us. It is like a domino effect. Line them up, push one and they all tumble. But, if you suddenly remove one, the effect stops. No more dominos fall. If we, seeing a brother who is struggling, give him a helping hand, whisper sound advise and understand his plight, we affect his mood, insight and HIS decision to accept counsel and move on. If we ignore his silent requests for help, we allow him to possibly perish deeper into his struggles. We are here to assist any and all distressed brothers. That is what this ancient and honorable fraternity teaches us. So, take the time to evaluate those with whom you come into contact and "go with your gut" and, if you perceive a need to help, offer it. That way, if there is a need, perhaps he will share with you what he is going through. If there is no need, he will appreciate you concern, as a brother. And, you will each come away with an understanding that you are there for one another.

On March 24th we passed brothers Allen and Mosier to the degree of Fellow Craft. Please congratulate them on their respective journeys.

Our annual Ladies luncheon was held on March 20th and from all indications, it was a very successful event. Thank you for those who attended, sorry I was not able to attend in person, I was there in spirit. I hope you each enjoyed Easter and besides hunting for those ever illusive easter eggs you had the opportunity to reflect on Easter's real significance.

When your path crosses that of Worshipful Goode, express your well wishes on his upcoming anniversary on April 21st. I am sure he would appreciate the thought. Also, give a pat on the back to your lodge officers; they are each doing a great job and you should be proud of their dedication and unyielding tenacity to perform the rituals as they are intended. Come to lodge and witness it for yourselves. There will be a degree on April 28th, so you have plenty of time to plan your visit. Remember, if you need transportation, give me a call 916 425-6112 and we will arrange for someone to pick you up and deliver you back home.



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# From the South

Luis J Montero, Jr. Warden



## Saint Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick (Irish: Lá Fhéile Pádraig, "the Day of the Festival of Patrick"), is a cultural and religious celebration held on 17 March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick (c. AD 385–461), the foremost Patron Saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion (especially the Church of Ireland), the Eastern Orthodox Church, and Lutheran Church. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general. Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, céilithe, and the wearing of green attire or shamrocks. Christians also attend church services and the Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol are lifted for the day, which has encouraged and propagated the holiday's tradition of alcohol consumption.

### THE FIRST DEGREE

The first degree in Masonry inculcates a knowledge of himself, and rightly understood, teaches the Initiate how he may "in the beginning" re-create himself. Man becomes king of the brutes by subduing or taming them. Brutes are fit types of our passions and are the instinctive forces of nature. Physical laws are millstones; if you are not the miller, you must be the grain. To attain the sanctum sanctorum, you must possess four indispensable capacities: an intelligence illuminated by study; an intrepidity which nothing can check; a will which nothing can break; and a discretion which nothing can corrupt and nothing intoxicate. "To know, to dare, to will, and to keep silence" were the four indispensable conditions for gaining admission into the ancient mysteries and are true today for real initiates. Have you really studied yourself? Are you insensible to temptation? Have you overcome the vortices of vague thoughts? Are you without indecision? Do you consent to pleasure when you will or when you should? To be able and to forbear is to be twice able. To learn self-conquest is to learn life. The intelligence and will of man are instruments of incalculable power and capacity. Properly directed imagination is a helpmeet, coupled with intelligence and will, that will make man almost omnipotent. Who would be a slave to his senses when he may be a king and reign with power and intelligence?

Source: The Builder - July 1918

### Masonic March

March 6, 1775 – Prince Hall, was made a Master Mason in Irish Constitution Military Lodge No. 441

March 12, 1807 – Albert Gallatin Mackey – d. June 20, 1881 – Masonic Author, notably of the Masonic Dictionary

March 17, 1856 – Grand Lodge of Kansas established, Wyandotte County, Kansas<sup>o</sup>

March 18, 1919 – Order of DeMolay founded in Kansas City, Missouri, later to become DeMolay International

March 25, 1882 – Grand Lodge of Arizona was established in Tucson

### Maundy Thursday

A Feast Day that commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. Dates move between March 19th and April 22nd with the Easter holiday. Celebration is held on the Thursday before Easter.

## Washington Lodge #20 2016 Officers

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## Stated Meeting April 7, 2016

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

**RSVP by April 5, 2016 at 6:00PM**  
**(888) 828-4476**

**"Waste Not, Want Not"**

## April Schedule

April 7 - Stated Meeting

**Official Inspector 414st District visit**

April 13 - Fellowship and Education

April 14 - Degree practice

April 21 - Dark

April 26 - OSI

April - 28 Fellow Craft Degree



## Looking Ahead

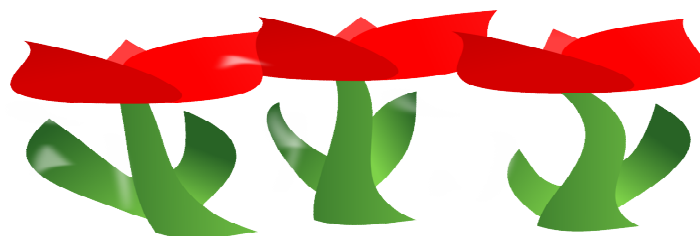
May 5, Stated Meeting

May 11, Fellowship night

May 12, Degree training

May 19, Degree TBD

May 26, Dark



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Northern California Lodges Please join

**Grand Master David Perry**

**April 5, 2016**

White Rock Elementary School  
10487 White Rock Road, Rancho Cordova, CA

Public Schools Celebration

8 - 8:30 am - Meet & Greet

8:30 - 8:45 am- School/classroom tours

9 am - 10 am - Public Schools Month Celebration  
Program

\*Coffee and refreshments will be provided

Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 28th, 2016

contact Dan Leonard, PM @ 916 698-4252

or by email at: [dannyl123@hotmail.com](mailto:dannyl123@hotmail.com)

Street parking will be available.

Please consider carpooling with your fellow brethren and friends!

Looking forward to seeing you at this

Public Schools Month Celebration

### **April Is Public Schools Month**

In 1920, as California's public schools struggled to survive teacher shortages, California Masons led a community response: The fraternity proclaimed Public Schools Week, rallying communities in support of schools and raising needed funds to improve the system. Today, we continue that tradition with Public Schools Month. During the month of April, lodges throughout California conduct special recognitions in support of public schools.

### **Public Schools Month Kick-Off Events**

California Masons' public school support is lead by our Public Schools Advisory Councils - groups of Masonic leaders who collaborate with school districts, community leaders, and guidance counselors to provide targeted, local support. Each April, they organize celebrations to promote awareness of the importance of public education. Check back in early 2016 for locations and dates.

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I am Colin Cooper, Washington Lodge #20 Senior Steward. As an officer in line for Washington 20, I am greatly honored to be part of this lodge, and to be brothers with such upstanding and great men. You all make me want to be a better man. I have had the honor to be an officer for two years now, and it is such a great feeling to help my brothers, and to help our candidates.

As the Senior Steward, it is my duty to ensure that our kitchen crew has a decent idea of the number of people that will be in attendance for our dinners, and to collect the cost for the dinners from the brethren, and provide that money to the Secretary. It is also my duty to ensure that candidates and brothers are prepared in the preparation room, so that they can be “duly and truly prepared”.

### **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.

## *Congratulations*



Brother Michael A Allen and Brother Daniel A Mosier continue on their Masonic road and were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on March 24, 2015 by Victor Sanchez, with the assistance of the brethren

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Brother Jason Sibbring, Marshal

One of the ways I've evolved since beginning my Masonic journey is slowing things down. It's very easy to get swept into the frenetic current of modern life. Regularly taking a step out of that current has been beneficial in many ways.

One of those is pausing from time to time to observe the natural beauty that surrounds me. It was during this practice, on a recent spring-like afternoon, that I noticed a particular flower, in my own flowerbed, had bloomed and was thriving. This came as a surprise to me since any plant that I place there is either destroyed by my dogs or grows into a sickly weed. I was intrigued enough by this minor miracle that I opened up the laptop to research the flower; the forget-me-not.

It didn't take me long to discover that the forget-me-not has a Masonic history and a history not in the distant past, either. Between world wars, it was a custom in Germany for people working for various charities to wear the forget-me-not as a symbol to not forget the poor and desperate. German Freemasons adopted this same practice in 1926.

A few years later, though, Adolf Hitler took power in Germany and in 1934 declared that Freemasonry was a crime and any Freemason was himself considered a criminal. Hitler wrote about how he thought Freemasonry was part of the Jewish conspiracy and any Freemason caught was sent to camps as political criminals. All across Germany, Nazis entered lodges and confiscated tools and regalia.

There is a story of how Masons, wanting to be recognized as a Mason but not be persecuted by the Nazis, chose to wear the forget-me-not in place of the Square and Compass. There is some ambiguity to this story. Skeptics think the forget-me-not being displayed as a way one brother may know another would have been, if nothing, very dangerous to do during this time, since there was strict enforcement that any pins worn were to be of Nazi representation.

What is clear, though, is that many tens of thousands of our brethren were murdered during Hitler's reign of terror in Europe. The estimates are somewhere between 80,000 and 200,000 Freemasons lost their lives. When a Grand Lodge of Germany reconvened in 1947, it issued forget-me-not pins to all who attended and made the flower the emblem of that first convention.

I like the thought of our German brothers, during an incredibly dark moment in history, continuing the light of Masonry even in the face of tyranny and using this tiny, almost insignificant flower to let a brother know that they were not alone.



# 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](mailto: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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**Shall we do some camping? Join the brethren, share your thoughts and let us learn from each other to share, learn and enjoy good company.**

Worshipful Burnet, being a mountain man, is an avid camper and knows all of the good spots. The spot he mentions is Cold Country, more info about the campground can be found here:

<http://goldcountrycampground.com/> . It has RV and tent spots, as well as, cabins. The important thing to know is that we need to reserve now if we want to camp in September. If you are interested please let me know

Hello all, I mentioned to Scott an idea of doing a lodge group camping trip for an event this year. It is something we all can do together with our families, as most find camping enjoyable but is not a typical boring Masonic event for our families that they may be used to. My wife and I have gone on numerous day trips over the past year just to check out potential places to go camping, from Redding to Santa Cruz, and so far to date we have personally visited over 60 campgrounds just to check them out (if you would like my campground list with reviews please let me know and I will email it to ya).

Anyways, Gold Country Campground is the place I mentioned to Scott as it is quite unique; they offer the camping experience for pretty much anyone. We have been there 3 times this year and will definitely go back next year as well. If you look at my photo albums, on my Facebook page, you will find two albums just for this campground (there is also a link below to a video I personally took of me driving through the campground, so you can actually see the campground. Their camp sites can take small trailers or the larger 40 foot long trailers, tents, and they have cabins and even an 8 room motel on site, for those that do not have a trailer and do not want to do the tent thing. Their deluxe trailer sites also allow you to have 1 tent in these sites, in addition to your trailer. So possible doubling up can happen, however, they may also charge for more than 2 people per site and more than 1 car. They have a small arcade, dog area, playground, and an 18-hole mini-golf course, not in the best of shape but still fun. So it is a fun place for pretty much all ages. And it is only a bit over an hour from Sacramento so, even if someone has to work Fridays, they can still get to the campground before dark and enjoy the rest of the day.

The big downside, as I mentioned to Scott, this campground is a VERY popular place from late spring thru late fall. Reservations, especially for a large group, need to be placed WAY in advance. For instance our last trip just in October, we had 3 trailers in our group, and we had to place our reservations in 3 months in advance and we got 3 of the last 6 open sites for that weekend, the 3 sites we really wanted were booked up every weekend from July thru Oct. They charge \$60 per night for RV sites during their peak season, June thru September; and \$35 per night from Oct thru May. Keep in mind also that it can be quite hot here in the summer, just like in the Sacramento Valley region, so earlier or later in the year may be best. The October trip we just took was great and though warm, high 80's low 90's, it was not HOT.

I also have a computer projector and we can possibly do a movie night and with the use of a large white tarp could make a 100 or possibly a 200 inch movie screen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xs0taBzJM78>