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Live the Masonic Values

Our 161st Year



From the East

Joseph K. Dongo, Master

2012 Officers Installation Address

Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests, brethren, welcome!

We don't often get the opportunity to give a speech to such amazing and wonderful people such as are gathered here this afternoon. Thank you all for being here. You had many other choices on this holiday season but decided to come and support us. We appreciate it.

Our sincere thanks go to the installation team: Most Worshipful Wordlow, you helped installing us a couple of years ago and yet when I called a few weeks ago, you just checked your calendar, and said I will do it. From Master of Tehama No.3 to Grand Master of Masons in California to Master again of your blue lodge, you have inspired and continue to inspire us.

Worshipful Doug Sleeper, your presence is always a reassurance that we might be doing something right. You are continually in attendance and support this lodge. I will always aspire to be the mason you are.

Worshipful Ron Charles, your zeal for Masonry and dizzying amount of knowledge regarding the craft are most impressive. I often times exclude you from my thanks. I guess because I don't find the right word to express to you my gratitude. So for a lack of words let me simply say: thank you. Let's give these three gentlemen, a loud round of applause.

Many volunteers contributed to make this happen. Thank you very much Jeanell Born for the great and inspiring music selection. Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to:

Joe Basham II for stepping up to immortalize this event as photographer.

Robert L. Wade DeMolay for the Flag presentation. You are the future of freemasonry.

Suzanne and David Huez for the beautiful decoration of the banquet room and Eric Faranda for the catering.

The Rainbow girl from Camellia Assembly 108 for the warmest welcome to our guests and your help later at the refreshments.

Spencer and Richel Noss Espinoza, and Zack Basham who helped setting up the banquet room and Sacramento Lodge No.40 for closing the lodge for us after the ceremony.

Please join me in another loud round of applause to all our volunteers.

When I joined this fraternity thirteen years ago, I joined it for the mystique and the brotherly love. I had no designs to be an officer, and I certainly never planned on becoming Master of the lodge and sitting in the east. At the time I joined I didn't even know there were officers in a

Masonic Lodge. I knew next to nothing about Freemasonry.

Over the years, many of you have inspired me and encouraged me to learn a few things here and there, but most importantly I have gained some amazing brothers. I cannot list you all. We will be here for a long time. In Africa, we have a saying: It takes a village to raise a child. Nevertheless, I wish to take just a few moments to recognize some of those brothers, without whom I would not be standing here before you today.

First and foremost I want to recognize my friend, brother, coach, and mentor, Bob Boulware. You're gone Bob but I know you're watching.

Almost two years ago today, I had the honor and privilege to stand here before you as Master of our lodge. And here we go again. It all started by Worshipful Rich Wilson who approached me to be Andrew Wilson's Officer. It continued with Worshipful Dick Pullen who had the audacity to put me in his line of officers a few years ago. Look gentlemen at what you have made of me. I don't know if I will ever forgive you. My heart is bursting with gratitude.

Our Past Masters, you are that ark which wafts us over our bad times and that anchor which moors us into a peaceful harbor. Thanks for your continued support, inspiration, guidance and your immeasurable contribution to the craft and the life of this lodge. I urge all our new members to emulate you and learn all the rituals as well as you have.

To the 2012 Officers and committees members and chair persons, thank you for accepting your chairs and charges and may this year be a wonderful year for all of us here at Washington Lodge. Please join me and recognize our Junior Past Master Worshipful David Cameron for his leadership and fine service to the Lodge over the past year.

Our utmost gratitude goes to the Ladies and widows of the Lodge. Some time ago I was at a gathering where a gentleman was assigned to make a toast to the ladies. He rose, and said: "To our ladies, because God created you beautiful and foolish" He went on to say: "Beautiful so men love you and foolish enough so you can love men." I know ladies, your beauty is timeless and we will always love you. But just as Steve Jobs said to Stanford students in his commencement address, stay foolish and keep loving us and supporting Washington Lodge.

Last but not the least, thank you brethren of Washington Lodge No.20 for honoring me to sit again in the Oriental Chair. Electing me the first time was my greatest honor. Re-electing me makes me think that I screwed up so badly the first time that you want me to go back and fix what I broke. Thank you for the redemption chance.

The first time was without pressure on ourselves. We knew we had to do our best. Now you know what we did the first time and what we can do. We will be judged against our own threshold. This makes it harder this time around. I promise to the best of my abilities to make this year one of renewal of our values. I vow to do my best to deserve the honor you have bestowed upon me this year to sit again in the East.

I will send out as of next week the "Officers Handbook" I have been working on for a couple of weeks now. It summarizes our respective assignments for degrees and our duties for various lodge events,. It lists the various committees, its members and chair persons, lodge activities and schedules. It lays out a set of ground

Washington Lodge #20 2012 Officers

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Adopt-A-Freeway Program

Volunteers Needed

January 7th, 2012 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.)**

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rules we should go by for a consistent and harmonious management of our lodge. Please make comments and suggestions when you receive it before we finalize it.

Along with the "Officers Handbook", I will send out a draft of our Mission Statement, Vision, and Values for your comments and suggestions so we continue to define and reshape, and align our lodge identity with our ever-changing world.

The theme of this year is "**Live the Masonic Values**". We need to "Live the Masonic Values" while maintaining and developing friendship, fellowship, enjoyable activities, community involvement, leadership opportunities and perhaps the ability to network with our peers in a prestigious organization.

I challenge each and everyone in this room: masons and non-masons alike; if we live by the three principal tenets of Freemasonry: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth; if we practice the principal cardinal virtues: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice; if we live by the true Masonic virtues: Silence and Circumspection; if like with the lamb skin apron, we continually remind ourselves and each other of the essential purity of life and conduct we are seeking; if you live by these moral virtues while properly and efficiently using our various tools and instruments for the more noble and glorious purposes we are taught,

If you bear in remembrance and exemplify in your daily lives the moral teachings of our emblems, we will be a better family person, better neighbor, citizen, in brief a better person.

If we model the way, if we are living examples of the Masonic vision, if we live it, breathe it, talk about it, practice what we teach, as Gandhi once said, if our lives are our message, we will inspire and cause others to want to be like us, to be masons and become better men and together we will make our communities and our world better places for ourselves and for mankind.

If we can provide that kind of leadership; there is no doubt Freemasonry will continue to be the most dynamic, the most powerful, the most prestigious and the greatest fraternity in the world.

Thank you and I wish you all best holiday season yet.



Stated Meeting

Thursday, January 5th, 2012

5:00 PM Social

5:30 PM Roll Call Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by January 3rd, 2012

(888) 828-4476

"Waste Not, Want Not"



From the West

Juan C. Faranda, Sr. Warden

Happy Holidays Brethren and Ladies, It's that time of year again when we enjoy God's blessings and the holidays with our families and friends.

I have had the pleasure of serving as the Junior Warden this past year and thank you all for the support. I look forward to serving as the Senior Warden of 2012.

Wishing you all a merry and joyous holidays and the coming year be fruitful to everyone and may God Bless.



From the South

Daniel J. Dailey, Jr. Warden

Brethren, 2011 is now a memory and 2012 is ahead of us. As with the changing of seasons, so to, are the changes in our Lodge. A new cast of officers has been elected and Installed and now begin their journey toward the East, leading Washington Lodge #20 into the future. Congratulations and thanks to Worshipful Joseph Dongo for his return to the East. In 2010 Worshipful Dongo led Washington Lodge #20, and to say we were busy would be an understatement. New members and degrees kept us busy all year. We all look forward to his renewed leadership this year.

Congratulations to Worshipful David Cameron, Junior Past Master, on a successful 2011. A well deserved break from the many duties and responsibilities of Master is overdue. Enjoy your rest. Many thanks to those who are always there to lend us a hand, and mentor many of us as we work our way up the line. Special thanks to Wor. Ron Charles, Wor. Ron Green, Wor. Ray Lenau, Wor. Dave Allmuth, and Wor. Vince Parell, for their support and mentoring.

2012 will bring us many challenges and rewards as a Lodge. As always, Washington Lodge #20 will overcome the challenges and reap the rewards of hard work, fellowship and Brotherly Love. I look forward to my challenge of learning the work of Junior Warden and serving our Lodge to the best of my abilities.



Ambassador's Corner

Bro. Dave Freeman

Scholarship Funds Available in 2012

The California Scottish Rite Foundation will award scholarships in the following categories:

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Award is \$2000 per year, until graduation, or for a maximum of 4 years; you must be a California resident, aged 17-25, seeking a college degree as an undergraduate at any fully accredited college or university nationwide with a major study plan in a standard academic field.

RALPH HALE RUPPERT SCHOLARSHIP

Award is \$2000 per year, until graduation, or for a maximum of 4 years; you must be a California resident, aged 17-25, seeking a college degree as an undergraduate at any fully accredited college or university nationwide with a study plan in medicine, engineering, forestry or public school administration.

BALDWIN SCHOLARSHIP (GRADUATE AID)

Award is a total of \$6000 for 1 year; you must be a California resident pursuing a masters or doctorate degree at any California campus offering the required course of study in the fields of foreign service, public school administration or speech language pathology.

If you are interested in any of these scholarships, contact the California Scottish Rite Foundation at 855 Elm Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90813-4414 or call (562) 435-6061 or go to www.CASR-foundation.org to obtain more specific information.

Completed applications are due by:
February 29, 2012.

Good luck!

Lodge Activities

Jan 5th: Stated Meeting

Jan 7th: Freeway Cleanup:

Jan 12th: 1st Degree

Jan 19th: 3rd Degree, William Cameron

Jan 24th: Officers School of Instructions

Jan 26th: Degree or Practice

LIFE AND TIME OF JOHN KNOX

A SHORT STORY

I was born in a foreign county called Oklahoma (to be exact Ponca City, Okla.) in 1937. We moved to California in 1947, that is when I found out that I was from a foreign county. There I was, an Okie in Santa Cruz, California and I was reminded of that every day. But life in Santa Cruz was good, it was at a time when you could walk the streets, day or night and be safe. There was the beach, the Board Walk, and of course the ocean. I spent every summer day from the sixth grade to the twelfth on the beach and the Board Walk. There I was with a real chance to become a beach bum and



Force after graduating going to see the world!! Edward Air Force Base in enlistment. One good years, I met a young lady married in July 1958, and hanging around. We have grandkids and I think that I spoiled it by joining the US Air from High School in 1955. I was Not to be, I was stationed at the Mojave Desert for my whole thing happened during those named Lorna and we were fifty some years later she is still three daughters, seven there are ten great grandkids.

In Santa Cruz I was a DeMolay, and Master Councilor in 1954. I always intended to join the masons, and one day I realized that I was 52 years old and I had never joined. But I was raised to Master Mason in Washington Lodge #20 in 1990. The same year I joined the Scottish Rite and the Ben Ali Shrine and was active in all. I served as Worshipful Master of Washington Lodge #20 in 1994 and a few other chairs after that. In 2011 Washington Lodge honored me by presenting the Hiram Award to me.

In the Scottish Rite, from day one, I have been on the wardrobe committee, also from day one I have been on the Knife and Fork committee. I went thru the chair in the Chapter Knights Rose Croix and served as Wise Master in 2001. In 2001 I also had the honor of receiving the Knights Commander Court of Honor (Red Hat). In 2002 I became the Director of the Chapter Degrees and I still have that job. In 2011 I was honored by being elected to receive the 33rd Degree (White hat) and did so in October.

In 2003 I took the job of Inspector of the 245 Masonic District, later changed to the 410th Masonic District and served as Inspector up to the close of Grand Lodge in 2011.

Then there is the Ben Ali Shrine, there I was the Co-chairman of the Activities Committee from 1990 till the end of 2002. For those that don't know, the Activities Committee are the people who run the bar at all Shrine functions; we pour the drinks.

Wrap that up with a career with Pacific Bell Phone Co!!!

It's hard to believe that you can get almost seventy-five years of living on one page, but that's it.