



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

Newsletter of Washington Lodge No. 20

January 2013

Time, Patience and Perseverance

Our 162nd

## From the East: Worshipful Juan C. Faranda



My brethren, greetings from the East with much love and respect. Last December 9, I was installed as Worshipful Master of Washington Lodge #20; it is an honor and I thank all my brethren for such an honorable distinction. The installations went well and there were plenty of friends and family sharing those joyful moments with us; thank you brethren for being there. I want to thank our Installing Officers who did an excellent job Wor. David Allmuth PM, Wor. John Knox PM, and Wor. Ron Charles PM; also brother David Huez and his wife Susanne who helped a lot. As a new Master my duties are plenty and I will be good, with the help of my officers and you, my brethren.

My task is not an easy one; our junior Past Master Joseph Dongo made my job very challenging, but I will do my best.

Our Lodge is in very good shape; our line is one of the best. As Master, as I have said before, I will do the best in my capacity. I will attend all functions required of my office. I will make sure that all degrees and ceremonies are conducted in the correct manner, and I expect the cooperation of all my brethren and officers.

Let it be clear, the Lodge is for all of us; let us continue to grow in harmony and peace. We are one of the top lodges in the state; we raised many new brothers in the last two years and we will continue to do so. We should all be very proud of our growth and our new members.

January 3<sup>rd</sup> is our first Stated Meeting of the New Year. I expect many brethren to attend. On January 9<sup>th</sup>, we will again have our Masonic Fellowship night; January 10<sup>th</sup> we will have a first degree for Mr. Carlos Brusel-Casals and on the 17th, a second degree for brother Frederick Janson. On the 24<sup>th</sup> we will have a Roll Call, a very short but touching ceremony, when we remember our fallen brethren who went from this imperfect world to that perfect lodge, not made by hands, eternal in the heavens. On January 31<sup>st</sup> we will practice on the first and second degrees. We will start the New Year with 2 degrees; for sure, it's a good start and I assure my brethren that it is going to be a busy year.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the kitchen crew, Brothers Wally Clark and Bob Taylor, Wor. Eric Hixson and wife Linda and Joan Cameron for always making sure that our Stated Meeting dinners go as well as any other events are successful and our brethren are well nourished; also our Trestleboard editor Victor Sanchez, for an excellent job.

My brethren I would like to wish you Happy Holidays filled with health, peace, harmony and good will. Practice our Masonic tenets of BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, and TRUTH in the 2013. May the great architect of the universe be with you always!



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**Adopt-A-Freeway Program  
January 12th, 2013  
at 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

Brethren, 2012 is now a memory and 2013 is ahead of us. As with the changing of the seasons, so to, are the changes in our Lodge. A new cast of Officers has been elected and Installed and now begins their journey toward the East, leading Washington Lodge #20 into the future. Congratulations and thanks to Worshipful Juan Faranda, our Master in the East. We all look forward to a new and prosperous year under your leadership.

In 2012 Worshipful Dongo led Washington Lodge #20 for the second time, and to say we were busy would be an understatement. New members and degrees kept us busy all year. Our Lodge is strong and growing stronger each month as new brothers work through their proficiencies and degrees until reaching the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Our new Master Masons are taking an active role in the Lodge. Many are now in the line and many more have offered to begin learning the work by taking responsibility for delivering the Charges in the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees. As a result of the hard work and dedication of our members and a few close brothers and friends, we now put on our own degrees. Another sign of our continued strength.

Speaking of degrees, just when we thought we would have a little time off this month, we were summoned thrice more. Two double 1<sup>st</sup> degrees, welcoming Brothers Borodulin, Brizuela, Jaques, and Sal to the Fraternity and to Washington Lodge #20. Several Brothers volunteered to work on December 27<sup>th</sup> to deliver the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree to Brother Jared Dailey. His time away from the Marine Corps is limited and, this being his only opportunity to Pass to the Degree of Fellow Craft for quite some time, I am very grateful to those who offered to participate during your holiday break!

Congratulations to Wor. Joseph Dongo, Junior Past Master, on a successful 2012. 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 as we work our way up the line. Special thanks to Wor. Ron Charles, Wor. Ron Green, Wor. Ray Lenau, Wor. Bill Miklos and Wor. Dave Allmuth for their support and mentoring.

2013 will bring us many challenges and rewards as a Lodge. As always, Washington Lodge #20 will overcome those challenges and reap the rewards of hard work, fellowship and brotherly Love. I look forward to my challenge of learning the work of Senior Warden and serving our Lodge to the best of my abilities.

**Stated Meeting  
Thursday, January 3rd, 2013**

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

**RSVP by December 31st, 2012**

**(888) 828-4476**

**"Waste Not, Want Not"**



# From the South

Michael P. Quinn, Jr. Warden

Congratulations to all the New Officers for the ensuing Masonic Year 2013. Special Thanks to Worshipful Juan for stepping up and taking the helm for this year, and to Dan Dailey for continuing in the line. I'm going around for another time (just don't call me **old top**) and hope to fulfill the goal of reaching the Oriental Chair this time. A happy and prosperous New Year to all the Brethren.

## January 2013 Schedule

January 3rd Stated Meeting  
 January 9th Fellowship and Masonic Education  
 January 10th First Degree: Carlos Brizuela  
 January 12th Freeway Clean up  
 January 17th Second Degree: Frederick Janson  
 January 22nd Officers School of Instruction  
 January 24th Roll Call and Dinner  
 January 31st Practice: First & Second Degrees

## SAY "YES" TO PAPERLESS TRESTLEBOARD

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## 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.



# From the Editor

Victor U. Sanchez, Jr. Deacon



### How to Engage new members - part 1

It's a strategic priority to enhance the membership experience at all levels. To better engage new members, the fraternity passed legislation to open the stated meetings to Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts.

#### Assign

Dedicate one brother to:

Meet the new member at his first lodge event

Initiate introductions

Remind him about upcoming activities

Check in after his first lodge event, and as he proceeds through the degrees

#### Introduce

Help the member form bonds across the lodge family.

Introduce him to:

Lodge officers and key active members

Elder members, who can offer perspective on a life of Masonry

Sweethearts, ladies, and other family members

Other new initiates

TIP: If you have several new initiates at the same time, host a mixer for them and their families to get to know each other.

#### Connect

Provide every member with officer phone numbers and emails, and encourage him to get in touch with any questions, concern, or ideas.

Distribute a New Member Survey with questions about members' extracurricular hobbies and how they might like to be involved in the lodge.

#### Explain

Make sure the new member can find answers to his questions. In addition to his coach, direct him to:

Lodge history buffs

[Discover Masonry](#) section of [freemasonry.org](#)

Lodge History

### Mustard Seed Needs

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

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

## Eastern Star

Rich Wilson, PM, Chaplain this year, is Worthy Patron of Rising Star Chapter #36 of the Eastern Star. Phil Hardiman, PM, is Associate Patron. Together they are sponsoring an Information Night for Eastern Star members, or prospective members, at their meeting place in the Lodge at 3101 Becerra Way in Carmichael, on Friday January 4th at 6:00 pm. Light Refreshment will be available, and a presentation, that will not last more than 45 minutes.



If you have NOT received your Dues Notice, please contact the Lodge Secretary



Did you know?

Brother Colin Cooper, raised on November 8th, 2012, of Elk Grove emerged from his stint in Iraq with new found maturity and a single-minded determination to help veterans. In just two years, Cooper, initiated an Elk Grove chapter of the Student Veterans of America at DeVry University, held a panel discussion on mental health for returning veterans and helped draft three bills that lawmakers in Sacramento are carrying.

"I'm much older and more reserved, so the way I deal with things is with patience and endurance. Cooper's dad, Chuck Cooper, said his son wasn't always so focused. As a student in the Bay Area suburb of Pleasant Hill, Copper drifted from drama to baseball, a shy student "just going through the motions" of high school with the aim of "getting the job done," Chuck Cooper recalled.

As a junior, Colin Cooper said, he decided to join the Army, taking basic training the summer before his senior year. His grandfathers had served in the military, and for Cooper, joining up "made things a lot easier in my senior year. I didn't have to fumble around thinking of college."

Chuck Cooper, 47, an office manager for Sierra Pacific Tours, said he didn't worry about his son's decision "until I found out where he was going to go, and that would scare anyone."

Cooper's deployment destination was Balad, Iraq, where he spent his 19th birthday serving in telecommunications with the 101st Airborne Division in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III. He was "shot at, but never hit" and found homesickness the most difficult part of his job.

"That was the first time I was really gone from my family," he recalled. "But when you're in the military you have another set of family, which are the guys you serve with." That connection to other servicemen and women remained with Cooper after he was honorably discharged for a stateside training injury on his rotator cuff. It's what prompted him to get involved with veteran advocacy when he enrolled at DeVry in 2009.

Working together with a few other involved veterans on campus, Cooper created the Student Veterans Alliance of DeVry University, a chapter of the 3-year-old national Student Veterans of America, which works to help veterans transition to college.

At DeVry, Cooper's efforts resulted in the creation of a website ([www.sv-alliance.com](http://www.sv-alliance.com)) to connect the school's 140 veterans to activities and the peer-to-peer advice that so many veterans need to succeed on campus.

"The biggest thing is support," Cooper said. "Our club on campus allows us to have that shared experience and also gives veterans a place where they know they can go to talk with someone who has had that same experience and might understand that experience."

Peers "are the best person to teach their buddy," said Ted Puntillo, California's Deputy Secretary of Veterans Services. According to Puntillo, about half of the 60,000 post-9/11 veterans enrolled in California colleges are studying at the state's community colleges, and the other 30,000 attend a variety of schools, including the University of California and for-profit schools such as DeVry.

Cooper took home the People Helping People Unsung Hero Award in 2011, and he received the 2010 Presidential Volunteer Service Silver Award from the Student Veterans of America in 2010.

A bill Cooper helped draft as the California legislative director of Student Veterans of America by Assemblyman Mike Davis, D-Los Angeles, would require California community colleges and "encourage" University of California campuses to establish offices on all public campuses.

Cooper said post-combat stress is another problem veterans experience while pursuing their educational goals. "Stress is always going to be a trigger for those who have PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder)," he said. In November, Cooper helped establish a panel discussion on the disorder on the DeVry campus, bringing together veterans and mental health professionals.

Two other bills Cooper has helped draft would extend the amount of time California veterans would receive priority status for college class registration from two years after leaving active duty to four or five.

"They have to get their heads straight," said Puntillo of combat veterans. "You're not going to go right back to work after you get in a car wreck. These people have been in a two- or three-year car wreck and may not be ready to jump right into school."

Cooper is thinking of getting a master's degree in computer engineering or military social work from either UC Davis or University of Southern California. Friends have suggested a run for the state Senate or Assembly, but he said he's not ready to consider public office.

"I'm thinking of getting a job, maybe settling down for a while – maybe taking a little time for myself," he said.