



From the East: **Wor. Luis J. Montero**



September is here and we are at labor in many important events. The Officers have been buzzing in the beehive preparing for events to come. While I was away, Brother **Jesse Solis-Jacques**, our Senior Warden, took good care of the Lodge and did a fantastic job! This gave me the opportunity to spend some time with family and a chance for reflection.

I am very thankful the hurricane Lane missed my vacation destination, O'ahu, Hawaii, and was downgraded to a tropical storm. The hurricane may have passed by the islands but Hawaii is still feeling the storm's aftereffects as residents recover from days of heavy rain and remain on the lookout for even more showers. Some residents had to be evacuated, a number of roads were closed by flooding and landslides. In the midst of all the chaos that surrounded my existence, I was comforted by being with my wife, **Wendy**, and my brother and his family.

This event made me reflect on my journey in Masonry. I have had some triumphs but also had my share of failure. For what is failure, but a lesson to be learned? A teachable moment, indeed, because to reach success, one must persevere and get up again; dust yourself off and pursue your journey.

And a new journey has just begun for Brother **Richard "Smokey" Stover**, our newest Fellow Craft Mason. Congratulations, my Brother! I am certain your journey in Masonry will be full of Light.

I would like to invite the Brethren to bring their families to our Stated Meeting dinner on September 6th. This gives us the opportunity to be close to our loved ones and gives us an opportunity to know them as well. A family of friends and brothers makes for a good Stated Meeting all around.

Then, on September 13th, the officers will meet to practice for the upcoming Third Degree for Brother **Alexis Baloji**. All Master Masons are invited to attend practice sessions and get involved in the ritual. Practices are directed by Wor. **Eric Hixson** and are always fun and full of information. Sessions start at 7pm at the Masonic Temple on J Street. I promise you a great learning experience!

Speaking of the Temple, September 15th marks the Centennial Celebration of the laying of its cornerstone. See page 6 for more information. Please plan to attend as this will be a historical and memorable event.

Officers School of Instruction will be on September 19th at 7pm. All Master Masons are encouraged to attend. On September 20th, we will have Brother **Alexis Baloji's** Third Degree. September 27th brings our Constitution Observance Night. Please bring your family to the event and be ready to have a great time.

Washington Lodge No. 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 West

Bro. Jesse Solis-Jacques · Senior Warden



Brethren, we would like to congratulate our newest Fellow Craft, Brother **Richard “Smokey” Stover**. It was an excellent ceremony. I would like to thank all of those in attendance and those who participated. Also, we would like to thank Bros. **Bob Taylor** and **Wally Clark** for providing another amazing meal. The special dessert prepared by Mrs. **Patty Taylor** was so delicious. I wanted to eat the whole tray! Thank you all again for your time and hard work. We look forward to also having Brother Stover continue on his journey as a Mason and enjoy being part of our family at Washington Lodge No. 20.

Looking ahead, we also take pleasure to remind all Master Masons of the upcoming raising ceremony for Brother **Alexis Baloji** on September 20, 2018. Please see our masonic calendar for details.

For the month of September, we prepare for Fall and with this in mind, I would like to introduce to you an old friend of mine. His name is Failure. You see, whenever I fail at something, Failure teaches me how to fall down properly, just enough to find a way to get back up again. A few years ago, Failure told me that if I was already Perfect, that I would never learn how to master courage or have the opportunity to exercise my innovative muscle. Sometimes I tell Failure to just stop visiting me and leave me alone. I try to avoid him at all costs; but Failure never fails to knock on my door or call me — trying endlessly to convince me that he was my best friend. If he was truly my best friend, why would he always make me feel so miserable and defeated, worthless and helpless or make me to just simply want to give up and never try again?



Years later, I met Failure's twin brother. His name is Success. I was really confused at this point, as you can imagine. Success told me all the great memories and stories he had with Failure growing up, that without him, Success would not be who he is today. Tears fell from his eyes as Success told me his stories. I was starting to understand how much Failure means to Success and I felt maybe I was a bit tough on Failure and maybe I should give him another chance. I felt inspired, empowered, and motivated. I wanted to meet Failure again and bring him along my journey through life so I can enjoy many wonderful stories like Success did.

Failure and I finally met again soon thereafter, and the first thing he told me when we shook hands was, “Are you ready to learn? It's going to be a roller coaster ride but we will have fun accomplishing our way to Success.” I took a deep breath and was ready to make the decision to accept Failure into my life and realize that he is my best friend.

My journey began with Failure and what I've learned was that meeting Success is 100% certain. He is simply waiting for me to arrive. I also remember what Success once told me about his twin brother Failure—that without Failure, Success would not be who he is today.

Brethren, I felt this was insightful to share, especially when life changes, season changes, relationship changes, and other circumstances. Sometimes with change, Failure sees this as an opportunity to teach us something. As we merge into the Fall Season and prepare for the end of the year, we encourage that we embrace Failure that we are destined to face regularly and that it is a requirement to meet Success!





From the South

Bro. Jared Yoshiki · Junior Warden



“We the people, in order to form a more perfect union...” Words that will forever mark the history of this great nation and the topic of this month's activities. September is when we celebrate and remember this country's founding and children go back to school. Hopefully, to enrich their minds that will be the catalyst to achieve their dreams and to continue the efforts of those who have come before them to achieve a more perfect union.

We - as Masons - are always learning.

It never ceases to amaze me each time I pick up that blue book, or some of my old ciphers with notes scribbled in them, and the nuggets of new meanings and provoked thoughts that come to mind when reading those words. It illustrates how language, maybe even written some time ago, can have new and relevant meaning today.

In some instances, you might find references to David and Goliath or even a nugget of history. I used the preamble to the Constitution of the United States to open this article for that reason. Look at the parallels that



document mirrors with Freemasonry. The Constitution of the United State is broken up into four sections. Three of which represent the order of government - a Legislative, Judicial and Executive. Consider how that mimics our Lodge with three principal officers - the Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens.

Coincidence? Maybe. But knowing a little bit about our past helps to understand the future. We have been tasked with forming a more perfect union because the Constitution was never meant, at that moment in time, to be perfect. It was striving for perfection where a future set of Americans would continue that pursuit. For us, on September 15th, we will be able to observe what life was like 100 years ago.

In 1918, the Great War (World War I) was coming to a close and the Boston Red Sox won the World Series for the last time until 2004. Daylight savings time, proposed by none other than Most Wor. Benjamin Franklin, was officially enacted by Congress in March of that year. The RMS Carpathia, a ship known to have rescued the survivors of the Titanic sinking 6 years prior, is torpedoed off the cost of Ireland. President Woodrow Wilson would become the first sitting President of the United States to travel to Europe while holding office.

Think about those events for a second. Think about how strange it would be for a sitting President today to never have travelled to Europe? Think about the technology involved, or lack thereof, where things we all consider to be normal, were never even a thought.

This coming month we get an opportunity to go back in time. It will give us all a chance to understand the meaning of *carpe diem* (seize the day). Finally, let this reflection into the past allow us to spread Liberty and the cement of Brotherly Love to do what we can to write the history for the future in an effort to achieve that more





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WLN20 CALENDAR

September

- 06 • Monthly Stated Meeting
Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7:30pm
- 13 • Practice - 3rd Degree 7pm
- 15 • Sacramento Masonic Temple
Centennial Celebration 1pm
See Page 6 for More Information
- 19 • Officers School of Instruction 7pm
- 20 • 3rd Degree - Bro. Alexis Baloji 6pm
- 27 • Constitution Observance Night 6pm

October

- 04 • Monthly Stated Meeting
Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7:30pm
- 11 • Practice or Degree 7pm
- 17 • Officers School of Instruction 7pm
- 18 • Practice or Degree 7pm
- 25 • DARK

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12 • Rodrigo B. Marciao	MM
12 • Fred K. Schwall	MM
13 • Brian E. Jones	MM
14 • Lucas M. Zeiher	MM
15 • Alan E. Grundel 	MM
17 • Deepak Sharma	MM
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18 • James W. Hughey	MM
19 • David H. Keehner	MM
20 • Zachary J. Bowles	MM
21 • Ian M. Solis-Jacques	MM
25 • Ejimofor Amadi	EA
25 • Alejandro Reynoso	MM
26 • Ernest C. Owen	MM
26 • Daniel Radman	MM

09 • Douglas J. Dern	42 Years
10 • Craig S. McKinnon	3 Years
12 • William M. Hill	27 Years
12 • Jon R. Isaacson 	16 Years
12 • Jesse R. Solis-Jacques	5 Years
15 • Mauro M. Lara	2 Years
16 • Lance T. Vayder	14 Years
16 • V. A. Winter 	25 Years
20 • Creston A. Whiting-Casey	6 Years
22 • Jacob A. Cummings	2 Years
23 • Zachary J. Bowles	8 Years
23 • Reaburn D. Lenau	25 Years
24 • Donald W. Bader	48 Years
24 • Reynold A. Porterfield 	26 Years
25 • Clyde L. Barnett 	32 Years
25 • Richard S. Golden	66 Years
27 • Gary M. Disher	17 Years
27 • Jon C. Hechtman	62 Years
27 • Theodore J. Miller	45 Years
27 • Garth R. Tanner	56 Years
27 • Eric G. Young	6 Years
28 • Larry T. Afzal	40 Years
28 • Thomas L. Ansell	29 Years
29 • Joseph Scott Goode 	7 Years
30 • Daniel D. Radman	64 Years

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Sacramento Masonic Temple Centennial Celebration 1918 - 2018

The **Masonic Temple Association of Sacramento** invites you to our Gala Celebration on September 15, 2018 starting at 1:00 pm. We are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone for our building. We have several interesting and fun events planned for you throughout the day.

Grand Lodge of California will be here to open lodge and take part in the festivities. On display will be the contents of two time capsules. One from the previous Masonic Temple that was built in 1865 and one from our current Masonic Temple dating from 1918. We will have tours of the building and our lodges will have interesting and historical artifacts on display showcasing their history.

For more information and a schedule of events please visit our website at:

www.sacramentomasonictemple.org/centennial

The cost for attending several of the events throughout the day is free. There is a charge for attending the **Banquet Gala** that starts at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$60 for individuals and \$100 for couples. The Gala includes dinner and dancing with music performed by the **Sacramento Jazz Cooperative**. Payment can be made by visiting our website or by sending a check made out to DSMBF, 1123 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. If you have any questions please give us a call at 916-443-5058.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Young
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169th Annual Communication: A Weekend in San Francisco October 19-21, 2018

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Advanced registration is only required for those who are reserving a hotel room or special events tickets. Early purchase is recommended, as special events and discounted hotel rates are limited and will sell out.

Register Today at <https://www.freemason.org/memberCenter/public/annualCommunication.htm>

Special Event: An Evening in San Francisco Gala

Saturday, Oct. 20, 6:30-10:30 p.m.

This elegant evening will play homage to the San Francisco of yesteryear – a time of glamour and grace, culture and extravagance. Don your cocktail attire and enjoy a sumptuous dinner, awards ceremony, and live entertainment. Advance tickets required.

Special Event: Mad as a Hatter Luncheon

Saturday, Oct. 20, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Masonic ladies, children, and guests will experience the magic of Wonderland during a whimsical "Alice and Wonderland"-themed luncheon. In addition to enjoying savory goodies, desserts, and drinks, your guests can flaunt their favorite headpieces in a fancy hat contest, and capture photo-booth memories. Advance tickets required.

Business Sessions

Friday, Oct. 19 – Saturday, Oct. 20

Gather amongst 1,000 esteemed brothers as we shape the future of California Masonry. Address legislation, vote on behalf of your lodge – and measure how far we've come in the past year.

Public Ceremonies and Installation

Sunday, Oct. 21, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join Masonic youth and other members of our Masonic family in celebrating the official ending of the Masonic year and the beginning of the next. This historic ceremony marks our place in the progression of our Grand Lodge.

Exhibit Hall

Thursday, Oct. 18 – Saturday, Oct. 20

Meet members of our extended Masonic family – from Masonic youth to concordant bodies to Masonic Homes residents – and peruse an array of Masonic merchandise.



WASHINGTON LODGE No. 20
LADIES NIGHT

Saturday
Spooktacular!
November 3, 2018

Ghouls and Goblins, Witches and Warlocks!

The hour has approached to leave your places of unrest,
and celebrate our beloved **Ladies of Washington Lodge No. 20.**

An evening of elegance with a slightly spooky twist
will delight the palate and excite the minds of all attendees.

Social hour will begin at 6:00pm followed by dinner at 7:00pm.

So put on your best costumes or just find a mask, it's

Halloween in the Ballroom!

The music will fill the darkness and dancing will fill the floor,
assuring to all frightfully good time.

In continued tradition we ask the couples to
please bring a new unwrapped toy
which will be donated to the Shriners Children's Hospital.

Please RSVP no later than October 27th to **David H Cameron**
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