

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

Newsletter of Washington Lodge No. 20

May 2012

Live the Masonic Values

Our 161st Year

From the East: Worshipful Master Joseph Dongo, PM

Please join me in welcoming Brother Derek Waterman as full member of our honorable craft and our beloved lodge family. He was raised on March 29th on a degree entirely conferred by Washington Lodge members.

We love to have other lodge brethren come out and help, and we will continually seek their support and inestimable help, but being able to do it on our own is a testimony to the vitality and growth we are experiencing. We set the challenging goal, not only for each function of the lodge to be covered by several members, but also, to make sure that each Officer can cover many, if not all the lodge functions.

We are not there yet, by any means, but we cannot hide our pleasure when we see how far we have come. Not only can we do any of the three degrees, we do them even when some each and every one of you, on the floor and on and time to help with the degrees. Let's emulate raise our own standards so to become one of the the best experience of their lives. On the next because we forgot about you, but because task this time around. I did nothing on last double 2nd degree, but I enjoyed myself as that we don't have enough help, but, whom On April 22nd we finished the Masters and be part of that leadership training. Unlike in the Masters were associated together with the two Wardens. In the past, each group had their The materials have been updated to include, to mentor the Wardens and help them succeed in their year's term. What has not changed is the opportunity not only to share ideas with some of Grand Lodge Officers, but to network with peers and share some of the best practices, struggles, and failures in our respective lodges.



Officers or ritual members cannot attend. Kudos, to the sideline, who continually put extraordinary effort each other and sustain the same zeal to continually best ritual lodges of the state and give our candidates 3rd degree, some of you may have no assignments, not another brother, just as deserving, has been given that month's 1st degree and almost nothing the following many others on the sideline. The hard thing now is, not should we choose for this or that. What a luxury! Wardens retreat. Thanks to the lodge for allowing us to past, there was a new format and for the first time the other top Officers of the lodge, the Junior and Senior separate retreats.

among other things, a session for the Masters on how

The weekend offered a snapshot of where we are as a lodge compared to other lodges. Washington Lodge looks robust and healthy. At the same time there is a full basket of ideas the Wardens can look into in the years to come not only to perfect some of the programs we are running now but to expand on others. For now, we are so busy that at best we can just tweak some of what we are already doing.

At stated meetings, we will now read our following Mission Statement, to continually remind ourselves about who we are and not lose sight of what we are seeking:

“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 and an environment that contributes to the enrichment and betterment of its members, mankind, and its communities.”

As of today, we have 25 Entered Apprentices, some of whom have been initiated since 1994 and with whom we are struggling to reconnect as any information in our data base is now obsolete. Another Master informed me that his lodge has a whopping 75 Entered Apprentices in their books. Many of them without contact information.

Statewide, 31 % of Entered Apprentices do not advance to the Fellow Craft degree. But only 4% of Fellow Crafts do not advance to the Master Mason degree. You get the picture. So, now our special committees report segment of the Stated Meeting will include a report from each coach on the progress and status of his entrusted candidates.

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Help us help the environment and the Lodge!

Adopt-A-Freeway Program

May 5th, 2012 @ 9:00am

***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.)***



From the West

Juan C. Faranda, Sr. Warden

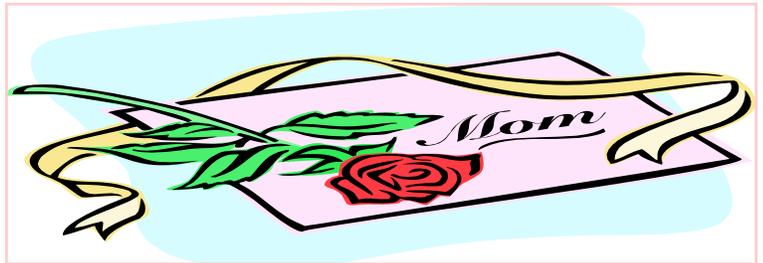
Our warmest congratulations and welcome to our new Fellow Craft Masons, Brothers Heath Hamm and Thomas Weary, and for an excellent proficiency work on the first degree. We are looking forward for them to be raised to Master Masons in the near future.

We are close to the month of May and we have already had so many degrees and new brothers. So far this is an excellent year.

Congratulations to Brother Dan Dailey who is doing outstanding job on the second section of the second degree as well as the master work of the first degree and lecture, on short notice!! He is going to be an excellent Master.

Brother Joe Basham did a good job as a Junior Warden, the same for Brother Victor Sanchez, our Trestleboard editor, for making fast progress as Senior Deacon, and of course our Worshipful Master Joseph Dongo who is the force behind all these dynamic progressions.

Remember: Masonry recognizes the right of differences of opinion and freedoms of individual thinking and action on matters where no fundamental principles of the Order are involved; but friction, partisanship, and dissention in the brotherhood are forbidden. One of the main sources of strength in Freemasonry is unity, solidarity, and conformity in ritual and fraternalism.



SAY "YES" TO PAPERLESS TRESTLEBOARD

Wouldn't you prefer to receive your Trestleboard by e-mail? Please send your e-mail and name to :

secretary@washingtonlodge20.org

Stated Meeting

Thursday, May 3, 2012

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by May 1, 2012

(888) 828-4476

"Waste Not, Want Not"



From the South

Daniel J. Dailey, Jr. Warden

April has once again been a busy month in the South. We celebrated our annual public schools recognition night and combined it with the Grand Lodge "Raise a Reader" program. Our guest speaker for the evening was Margaret Kugler, Education and Vocational Services Director for the Shriner's Hospital for Children in Sacramento. Margaret gave a wonderful presentation on the educational programs offered to patients at Shriner's Hospital. The challenges faced by her students are tremendous. Her program not only provides for the educational needs of her students, but also the emotional needs of the student to be able to return to a normal emotional state when they leave the hospital. This is done by educating their family, friends and the student's teachers at home in understanding the various challenges faced by patients who have suffered traumatic injuries. Helping everyone understand that, just because the patient has suffered a physical injury, they are still the same person on the inside. It is very important to the full recovery of the patient.

The care and energy devoted by Margaret and her staff should be an inspiration to us all. In Stated Meeting, the Lodge voted unanimously to donate \$250 to the school to provide for educational supplies. We will also be collecting school supplies and money from any Brother that would like to donate. Brother John Djubek made the first \$5 donation. Thank you Brother John! The Lodge also voted to donate \$150 to the Mustard Seed School to continue our support to this valuable institution.

In April we initiated Mr. Paul McNamee as an Entered Apprentice Mason. My thanks to the Officers of the Lodge who helped provide Brother McNamee with an outstanding degree. I spoke to Brother McNamee after his initiation and he said his experience was a profound spiritual experience in his life. His comments are a testament to the importance of insuring our degree work for candidates is first rate. We should be ever mindful to perform the work for each new candidate with the same care and effort as we would if we were initiating our best friend.

We have more degree work planned for May. I encourage all the Brethren of Washington Lodge to come out and support our candidates and Brethren who are working through their labors to reach the sublime degree of Master Mason. Sideline support is as important as the work of the officers performing the ritual. I can think of no better way to welcome candidates to our Fraternity and demonstrate their importance to our Lodge than to have the Lodge full of their new Brothers and friends.

LADIES LUNCHEON

Date: Saturday May 26, 2012

Place: 1123 J Street Temple
3rd Floor Club Room

Time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Free for Ladies and Widows

\$15.00 for Men and Guests

Bring in your Ladies,

Invite our Widows

**We will have good fellowship, wonderful food,
and great entertainment in an elegant setting.**

**Reservations & Questions call: Nancy Hardiman:
(916) 947-6738 or email: nancyhardiman@aol.com**

MASONIC FAMILY TRI-TIP BBQ PICNIC

Come out and enjoy an afternoon with your fellow Brothers and their families.

Date: Saturday, July 14th, 2012.

Location: Elk Grove Regional Park

Starting at 11:00 AM until you cannot eat any more of Bro. Brian Schoenborn's famous smoked Tri-Tip

MAY SCHEDULE

May 3, 2012: **Stated Meeting**
50 Years Golden Veteran Award
Brother Gilbert Friesen

Official Visit: Inspector 414th Masonic District:
Worshipful Bill Miklos

May 5, 2012: Freeway Cleanup

May 9, 2012: Fellowship and Masonic Education

May 10, 2012: Practice: 1st Degree

May 17, 2012: Double 1st Degree

May 24, 2012: Double 1st Degree

May 26, 2012: Ladies Luncheon

May 31, 2012: Practice: 3rd Degree

2012 Lodge Management Certification Program - coming to YOU via webinar!

This summer, for the first time, all LMCP courses are available in live webinar format, providing cutting-edge tools, training, and guidance for lodge leadership anywhere in California - or the world. Courses are structured in two 90-minute sessions, enabling participants to access the resources they need, share information, and ask questions. All lodge members are invited and encouraged to attend. Each course is limited to 25 attendees; for maximum selection of course and session, please register early.

Member Experience

A new addition to LMCP programming - developed in response to the fraternity's strategic plan - the Member Experience course offers innovative suggestions to engage current members and attract prospective ones, guidance for developing and utilizing Masonic education programming, and tips for rallying lodges around local and statewide philanthropic initiatives.

Session I: May 28, June 19, July 23, Aug. 21 Session II: May 30, June 21, July 25, Aug. 23

Hall Association Management

Operating a hall association requires directors and members to be well versed in today's business environment. The Hall Association Management course provides a comprehensive overview of hall associations, including their structure and function in the lodge. Participants will become acquainted with business oriented best practices, including, risk management, capital planning, and projected building maintenance.

Session I: May 15, June 11, July 14, July 24 Session II: May 17, June 13, July 21, July 26

Lodge Finance

The Lodge Finance course provides a foundational understanding of essential lodge finance practices, including budget creation, ensuring transparency in lodge and hall association operation through effective reporting and auditing, and developing a long-term financial plan, including investment management.

Session I: May 21, June 12, July 9, Aug. 4 Session II: May 23, June 14, July 11, Aug. 18

Lodge Administration

For modern lodges to operate efficiently, a thorough understanding of officers' roles and responsibilities is required. The Lodge Administration course explains how each officer can contribute to the lodge's short and long-term goals, and will provide an overview of best practices in member development, as well as reviewing commonly asked questions about the California Masonic Code.

Session I: May 29, June 18, July 17, Aug. 13 Session II: May 31, June 20, July 19, Aug. 15

Note: Weekday sessions are held from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Saturday sessions are from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Courses are held during two sessions; each session is \$15.

Both sessions must be completed for certification.

