



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

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

November 2013

Time, Patience and Perseverance

Our 162nd Year

From the East: Worshipful Juan C. Faranda



Congratulations to our new brothers Christopher Boothe, Terry Cooley and Dallas Calmes. It was a very long evening but also very rewarding. Our Senior Warden, Dan Dailey; soon to be Master, did an excellent job, as always. Congratulations to all of our officers for doing such an excellent job. I'm sure the new Inspector Michael Titus was pleased.

The Hiram Award Committee selected Worshipful Eric Hixson to be recipient for this year, we will make that presentation on December 19, 2013. Please mark this day in your calendar. We are looking forward to this special night.

November 2 is our yearly Ladies' Night event. It is going to be a special night for our ladies.

We were dark on Thursday, October 31, so that most of our officers could be with their children, celebrating Halloween. We will therefore reschedule the Degree for Brother Alejandro Reynoso.

At our Stated Meeting, on November 7th the election of our new officers for 2014 will take place. I encourage each of you to attend and witness the proceedings.

On November 16, Washington Lodge will visit Yolo Lodge #195 in Davis. They will have 2 First Degrees, each Lodge will do one degree. Last year they came to our Lodge and did a degree. Worshipful Joseph Dongo will Chair this event and will provide more information.

We are rapidly approaching the end of my year as Master of Washington Lodge #20. We have had a very successful year and the future is "bright", with excellent brothers in the East, West, and South.

My brethren, this is all for now.

May the Great Architect of the universe be with you always.

Washington Lodge #20 2013 Officers

Master: Juan C. Faranda

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Happy Thanksgiving

Adopt-A-Freeway Program

November 2nd, 2013

Litter Removal on Freeway 244

On/Off Ramp at Auburn Blvd

Meet at Del Paso Park

Corner of Park Road and Auburn Blvd

Stated Meeting November 7th, 2013

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by November 5th, 2013

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"Waste Not, Want Not"



From the South

Michael P. Quinn, Jr. Warden

As the days turn shorter and the Autumn Sun shines golden in the afternoon, I am again reminded of the cycle of the seasons and life. Halloween is fast approaching and should be remembered as the beginning of All Souls Day and not just a time of lighting Jack-O-Lanterns and handing out candy treats.

This day is sometimes referred to as:

All Saints' Day (also known as **All Hallows**, **Solemnity of All Saints**, or **The Feast of All Saints**) is a solemnity celebrated on November 1st in parts of Western Christianity, and on the first Sunday after Pentecost in Eastern Christianity; in honor of all the saints, known and unknown.

All Saints' Day is the second day of Hallowmas, and begins at sunrise on the 1st of November and finishes at sundown on the 1st of November. It is the day before All Souls' Day.

So let say a solemn prayer for our departed friends, family, and brothers and enjoy these Days that God has given us.

Fraternally,

November Schedule

- November 2, Ladies' Night
- November 2, Freeway Clean-up
- November 7, Stated Meeting
- November 13, Masonic Fellowship
- November 14, 1st Degree at Yolo Lodge, Davis
- November 21, Possible (2) First Degrees
- November 26, OSI

It is that time of year again. I will be sending out **"Dues Notices"** during the last week of November. But, being the good Freemasons you are, I'm sure you don't really need the notice. You already know the dues are **\$60** per year and you can, at anytime, send your Lodge that pittance to which you are obligated.

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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.



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

Candidate coaching

The master-apprentice dynamic was essential to helping the first, operative stonemasons grasp the art of their craft. Although Masonry's lessons are no longer about stonework, candidate education is just as important today. In fact, coaching is among the fraternity's 2010-15 strategic priorities. So while Grand Lodge works on developing Web-based tools for use statewide, California lodges are fortifying their own programs. San Francisco's Phoenix Lodge No. 144 is one of them. Senior Warden Jim Dierke explains:

Background

Phoenix Lodge is an old lodge, founded in 1861. But lately, we've been going through a renaissance. We have a lot of new members. The men knocking on our doors don't necessarily know anybody in the lodge, or anything about Masonry. A strong coaching program is important for their experience, and for the health of the lodge.

Beyond coaches

- In the past, the brother who recommended the applicant was with him all the time. It might've been his father, uncle, or family friend. Many applicants today don't have an existing connection to members of their lodge, so it's important that the recommenders take an interest. For the past five or so years, it's been unofficial lodge policy that if you recommend an applicant, you will take an active interest in his progress.
- Lodge at large: You don't need to be a candidate's ritual coach to be in his corner. Introduce yourself, offer support, and encourage him. Be a mentor.

Culture of learning

- Preferred proficiency: We've experienced a wave of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degree candidates who opt for the long form, and we encourage it. They get a better grasp of what the fraternity is about, as well as the esoteric value of the degree.
- Personal statement: The basic education program asks candidates to write an essay about the personal significance of each degree. We take that seriously. All of our candidates read their essays aloud at lodge.
- Widespread education: Our lodge makes Masonic education a priority in general. At Masonic education events, coaches and candidates pick up new information to supplement their work together.

Group approach

- Weekly study hall: Every Thursday night, we hold a lodge dinner. After, candidates break into degree groups.
- Greater availability: With one-on-one coaching, it can be difficult for a candidate and coach to align schedules. It helps to offer group sessions and have a number of coaches available.
- Team dynamics: Candidates bounce questions off each other and their coach. It fills an important social need, and at the same time, it's a learning activity – not just an exercise in memorization.
- Candidate camaraderie: If a candidate says, "I can't learn this," he has a brother next to him saying, "Yes you can." Many of our members become very good friends by going through the degrees together. It creates a bond.

The benefits

- Candidates: Two candidates recently gave third degree proficiencies, and they were letter perfect. It was beautiful.
- Coaches: Coaching is a way for coaches to stay involved in the lodge and in touch with the lessons of Masonry.
- Lodge: With a group approach, the candidate becomes close with a number of brothers: his coaches, plus his fellow candidates. He experiences different outlooks on the fraternity's teachings. These connections, and the perspective they lend, strengthen the lodge.

Our ritual sets Freemasonry apart from other fraternities. Masons don't just pay membership dues; we must master important teachings. It began as an oral tradition, passed from coach to candidate, and we continue it today. This kind of education stays with you. Nothing replaces it.