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To Make Good Men Better

OUR 159th YEAR



## From the East

Joseph Dongo, Master

My Brothers

I would like to thank you all for the successful 2010 Installation of Officers we had last month. The turn out was great in spite of a date squeezed between Christmas and the New Year celebrations. After we set up our regular lodge room for the ceremony we had to change to a much smaller room because the heater was not working in our lodge room. And the smaller room turned out to be quite too small for the many brethren, relatives, friends and guests who showed up to support us.

On behalf of the entire line of Officers, I would like to send you our gratitude and appreciation for the trust and support bestowed on us.

The season is already on us and we are looking forward to a very busy year. On January 21st, and 28th, we will have a back to back 3rd degree. We will need the support from each and everyone to make them a success.

February 4th Stated Meeting will be our Roll Call dinner where we will honor and remember our brethren who were raised into the Eternal Lodge last year. February 4th Stated Meeting also will be the "Come Home" event for all our brethren as part of the statewide effort initiated by the Grand Lodge to reconnect with the brethren and bring them back to the Blue Lodge. You will be receiving calls and even be asked to make calls to others to support this effort. Please commit to come and if you need ride or any special accommodation, please call the lodge toll free number 1-888-828-4476 and we will assist you. Even if you do not need any accommodation, still call the same number to tell us that you will attend, so we can have a head count and be better prepared to make this event a great success. A crab dinner will be served for this February 4th Stated Meeting.

We have embarked on a very aggressive schedule in February. A double first degree will be conferred on February 11th and a tentative triple first degree is scheduled for February 18th followed by a second degree on February 25th.

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## From the West

David Cameron, Sr. Warden

My Brothers:

I am pleased to report that we have raised two more Brothers to the degree of Master Mason, Zack Gossell and Dick Finley. Brother Zack is eager and shows much enthusiasm in learning the work. Brother Dick did a fine job on his proficiency and shows the same enthusiasm for our Craft.

We had one of our best turnouts for Stated Meeting dinner in quite some time. Many new visitors were given applications and a few even turned some in. Wally Clark and Gary Disher put on an outstanding dinner, again. My wife Joan, provided desserts; this is becoming much anticipated by attendees. I remind all Brothers and their families to RSVP to our dedicated line, 888-828-4476. With the numbers continuing to grow at Stated Meetings it is now more important than ever to let Wally and Gary know if you plan on attending. If you do not call please do not expect a dinner, the cooking crew does not like to waste food and money. They cannot expect 50 and have 30 show up, on the same token they cannot cook for 30 and feed 50. It is your responsibility to call if you plan on attending Stated Meeting dinners. Please invite your friends and coworkers, this is the best time to show them around the Temple and gives them a chance to meet your Brothers. Call.

Our bylaws have been written and rewritten several times over the course of our existence. These changes were made with the consent of the Lodge, and for the benefit of our Members in particular. The bylaws state that we open Lodge at 7:30pm, this has been overlooked frequently in the recent months. We must adhere to those bylaws if we hope to retain this growing membership. The Stated Meeting was once at 8:00pm, that was changed to allow us to get business and other events finished before it got too late in the evening. Many of our Brothers have difficulties driving at night, and some bring drivers to the meeting, still other Brothers are unable to drive at night for varying reasons. If you know of a Brother that wants to attend but cannot drive, call him. I will be speaking to the cooking crew about starting dinners at 6:00pm to allow more time for the Brothers, friends and families to visit.

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## ROLL CALL DINNER - CRAB FEED

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4th, 2010

*Social Hour 5:30*

**Wine and Cheeses**

*Dinner 6:00 PM*

Served family style tables of 6

**Antipasto Plate**

**Green Salad - Pasta - French Bread**

**Fresh Dungeness Crab**

**Wine - Coffee - Sodas**

**\$30.00 per person**

**Reservations required - No tickets at the door**

**RSVP by January 29th to: 888-828-4476**

*Stated Meeting at 7:30 PM*

**COMING HOME  
February 2010**

Join us for our Coming Home event at the February stated meeting.

Coming Home is a fraternity-wide effort to bring all members, new and senior, active and inactive, back to their blue lodge, beginning with the February stated meeting.

It will be the largest California blue lodge gathering in decades!



# The 2010 Washington Lodge Officers

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Floyd Tritt..... Tiler  
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## Editor's Desk Wally Clark

Well, I am sitting at my desk on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, which is a call to service of your community. As a Mason I believe that we do that very well with our many different charitable endeavors. I don't know if Dr. King was a Mason, but I have to believe that he would approve of our good works.

Our February Stated Meeting Dinner will combine our Annual Roll Call with the Grand Master's Coming Home Program. We are doing this in a big way as it will be a Crab Feed Dinner with all the trimmings. We need to get reservations for this event. No Reservation No Dinner. Thanks for your understanding and help.

I was looking at the February Birthdays and must tell you that three of us, Phil Hardiman, Bob Taylor and yours truly, officially reach the classification of "OLD" this year. Yep, the Medicare Cards are in the mail.

Have you started using text messages? If you have then your are entering new technology and learning a new language, ie. "how r u"

Cheers,  
Wally

"Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint." -- Mark Twain



## Secretary's Desk

Jon Isaacson, PM

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Joseph K. Dongo - February 03, 1960  
Dustin W. Frazer - February 05, 1938  
George P. Jamison Jr. - February 05, 1944  
Robert V. Clements - February 06, 1924  
William A. Dillon - February 07, 1939  
John T. Ansell - February 08, 1934  
Richard I. Redmond - February 08, 1937  
Leon E. Strawn - February 09, 1922  
Bradley J. Mitchell - February 10, 1962  
Henry K. Tatian - February 12, 1970  
Arthur C. Williams - February 12, 1926  
Barry W. Callister - February 14, 1936  
Wallace G. Clark - February 17, 1945  
Garth R. Tanner - February 17, 1941  
Philip A. Hardiman - February 18, 1945  
Craig E. Spilman - February 18, 1949  
Edwin L. Douthit - February 19, 1961  
Eric R. Hardiman - February 19, 1971  
Calvin J. Pflugrath - February 26, 1924  
Elmer F. Herr - February 27, 1920  
Robert G. Taylor - February 27, 1945

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Between these degrees, a Ladies Luncheon is scheduled for February 20h to thank our ladies for their continued support. Please mark your calendar for all these events.

The Lodge Executive Committee met last week to lay out the year calendar. You will be provided in the days ahead with more details to

help you plan the major events of the issuing year. Stay tuned my brethren.

Fraternally,  
Joseph Dongo, Master

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This is a very important time since we only see some of you once a month.

Finally, I am honored to be a member of a Fraternity where we acknowledge the needs of our senior members. We are fortunate to have many of our Past Masters attend lodge and give input when needed. I would like to remind us all, that we should be ever mindful, that it is their dedication that is the foundation, on which we stand and we are able to build our Lodge. I would respectfully like to mention that any corrections to, or observations of ritual during Lodge should be limited only to the Master. After Lodge and before Lodge is appropriate time for instruction from other Members. When instructions are called out it confuses those doing the work, which is probably the reason for the mishaps in the first place. God Bless you all.

Fraternally,  
David H. Cameron, Senior Warden