

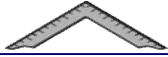
T R E S T L E B O A R D

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

August 2015

En Route to the East

Our 164th Year



From the East: Worshipful Richard Wilson



It was a quiet month in Washington Lodge in July, with only one meeting – a First Degree – in addition to our regular Stated Meeting. We also had a very successful and well attended picnic and bar-be-que in Elk Grove Park. August will also have some “down time”, with only our Stated Meeting and a pair of degrees, along with a major outing.

Our Stated Meeting for the month of August will be on Thursday the 6th, our regular first Thursday, in Lodge Room One at 7:30 pm. Remember, we conduct our business in the First Degree, so all Masons of the Lodge, regardless of the degree they have attained, are eligible and welcome to attend. Only Master Masons may vote on business items, but all Masons may participate in the discussions. There will be

the usual dinner at 6:00 pm in the third floor banquet room prior to the meeting, prepared by our stellar kitchen crew. Five dollars with a reservation and ten dollars without (as long as there's enough food).

We have two more applicants under investigation. If either of the investigations are done prior to the Stated Meeting we will ballot, and assuming the ballot is favorable, we will confer the First Degree on Thursday, August 20th at 7:00 pm. Remember, one of the impressive features of the degree is for the candidate to see the side lines filled with brothers when he is brought from darkness. So lets have a good turnout! We will also confer the Second Degree on Brother Craig McKinnon on Monday, August 3rd at 7:00 pm.

At the end of the month we will take a “road trip” to the village of Mendocino on the coast. Although not an annual event, the Lodge from time to time has chartered a bus and gone to a historic Lodge in this part of the State to confer the Third Degree on one of our candidates. This year we're going to reprise our very successful 2003 trip, with Brother McKinnon as the candidate. **The bus will depart from the Scottish Rite Temple at 7:30 a.m.** We will have lunch upon our arrival, and then the Brethren will head upstairs to confer the degree. The Ladies will have the afternoon free to “pillage the village”. Dinner will be at one of the restaurants in Noyo Harbor, and the bus should be **back in Sacramento by 11:00 p.m.** See the enclosed article and flyer for more details, and get your reservations to me right away.

We congratulate our ritual competition team for their showing at the competition on July 11th. They exemplified the second section of the Third Degree, and I have been told that they missed first place in our Division by only four points (out of a total of around 1,000). I am pleased and proud that they took on this challenge, and I would like to thank Brother Luis Montero, our Senior Deacon, for heading up the team. I know they put in a lot of time and effort on this project, and that was very evident in their performance.

Lastly, I would like to welcome and congratulate new Brother Michael Allen, who received his First Degree in Masonry on July 9th, and Brother Francisco Marques, whose affiliation with Washington Lodge was approved at our July Stated Meeting. I would also like to thank your Officers for their dedication and good work.

See you in Lodge!

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Stated Meeting August 6, 2015

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by August 4, 2015

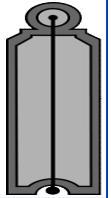
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"Waste Not, Want Not"



From the South

Victor U Sanchez, Jr. Warden



This last month has been a great time for personal reflections and personal learning, not only for myself, but for those other brothers who find themselves with a little time on our hands because, for the most part, July was relatively dark.

We did manage to Initiate Brother Michael Allen as our newest Entered Apprentice. Please join me in welcoming him to our ancient and honorable fraternity.

If you attend the Fellowship night next Wednesday, August 12th, you should stop and admire the floor work in the poolroom and adjoining rooms. They are awesome. Congratulate Brother Jerry Livingston-Joy for his hard work in getting things done.

Speaking of which, as you travel through the Lodge at the Stated Meeting or during any of the degrees, please take a moment to stretch out your hands to many of our members who participated in the Ritual completion this year, they did an awesome performance and took 2nd place in the District, missing first place by 4 points. No too shabby for a first time endeavor and considering that most of the participants are relatively new members, Great Job!

August Schedule

Monday, August 3rd – Second Degree, 7:00 pm

Thursday, August 6th – Stated Meeting

Wednesday, August 12th – Fraternal Night, 6:00 pm

Thursday, August 13th – Dark

Thursday, August 20th – First Degree

Tuesday, August 25th – Officers School, 7:00pm

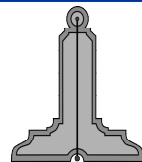
Thursday, August 27th – Proficiencies, 7pm

**Saturday, August 29th – Third Degree
Mendocino Masonic Temple**



From the West

Joseph "Scott" Goode, Sr. Warden



I attended Grand Bethel at the beginning of July and had a great time as Assistant Bethel Guardian for Elk Grove Bethel #374 Jobs Daughters International. These girls are amazing. Drill team competition, dancing and hilarious skits are just a few of the highlights of this event. Our own Shana Brawner was honored with a Grand Officer position. If you ever have the opportunity to be a part of this family, you will be rewarded in your mind and heart.

The July Tri-tip picnic turned out to be excellent thanks in big part to our Brother Brian Shoenborn. All who attended had a great time in fellowship and delicious food. We are already planning next year's picnic to be bigger and better. This picnic has become a tradition of Washington 20 and I hope it continues through the ages. If you would like to help next year or have any suggestions, please let me or Brian know.

I am very excited for the upcoming trip to Mendocino on August 29th. Don't forget to make your reservations. I think I will bring a change of clothes to make the ride more comfortable and for wandering around after the degree.

We are already more than halfway through the year. December is quickly approaching. Officers are moving to their new positions and some positions will become vacant. It's time to start thinking about what you would like to see in the coming year. If there are any changes or new ideas you would like to see for the next term, now is the time to bring them up. I have a couple of ideas for fun and learning that I will present at the appropriate time.

We are looking for an Assistant Secretary for this upcoming term. Someone to potentially take over for Worshipful Isaacson. The Secretary is a paid position. If you are interested please let Worshipful Isaacson or me know.



Brother Marques, Our newest EA- Michael Allen and
Wor Sanchez

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.

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Greetings from The Chaplin

Bro. Dave Minke

I have very much enjoyed this term serving as Chaplain. While public speaking is far from my forte, the ritual has been illuminating. There is nothing like learning ritual to bring you face to face with the unknown or misunderstood. I was given a clue to a misconception by Nick Johnson, PM of Corinthian Lodge No. 67 in Farmington, MN as he described the meaning of charity in one of The Masonic Roundtable webcasts.

Here is a portion of another blog that mirrors Worshipful Johnson's explanation: But, what is charity? Merriam-Webster defines charity as: Etymology: Middle English charite, from Anglo-French charité, from Late Latin caritat, caritas Christian love, from Latin, dearness, from carus dear; akin to Old Irish carae friend, Sanskrit kāma love

1: benevolent goodwill toward or love of humanity

2 a: generosity and helpfulness especially toward the needy or suffering; *also* : aid given to those in need b: an institution engaged in relief of the poor c: public provision for the relief of the needy

3 a: a gift for public benevolent purposes

b: an institution (as a hospital) founded by such a gift

4: lenient judgment of others

The most common concept of charity is giving, either time, money, or property. However, there is a more important function of charity that embodied in the definition 1 and 4; to have a benevolent goodwill toward or love of humanity (brotherly love) and to be lenient in judgment of others.

Why is then, that as Freemasons, who are enjoined to a practice of brotherly love and charity, so many focus on the charity of giving, and not on the charity of loving? Could it be because reaching into your pocket for someone is easier than stretching your heart?

To me, charity doesn't mean giving money or services, charity means having a charitable HEART. By this, I mean we should ever be willing to see the best in our brethren, to cast the best light on their actions, to see them in the most positive light, to hear their words in the most positive light, in the most CHARITABLE light.

This is not to say we do not find brotherly love and charitable means in lodge, quite the opposite! Yet, sometimes we need to see the obvious put into words or hear the words spoken so they have a greater impact on our lives. By the influence of brotherly love we are to regard the whole human race as one family... who we are to aid, support and protect.

On this principle, masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion, and causes true friendship to exist among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance. Brotherly love is a principle, and charity, in attitude and actions, is the outward expression of that affection."

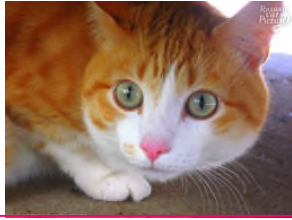
Full article here:

<http://beaconofmasoniclight.blogspot.com/2007/09/masonic-charity.html?m=1>

Worshipful Johnson's bio:

<http://www.themasonicroundtable.com/about/>

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Washington Lodge No. 20 and look forward to a busy Fall and Winter as my 14 year old twins begin high school.



Kitty's Corner



Our Ladies Night entertainment performing their second set at the 2013 Eastern Star Grand Chapter Session.
Save the date – they are not to be missed.

Save the Date

Do you have **Saturday, November 7th**, etched on your calendar? If not, why not? Our annual Ladies Night will be a night to remember. Entertainment for the evening is a fabulous Beatles Tribute band, the same one that played to thunderous acclaim at the Eastern Star Grand Chapter Session in 2013. Stay tuned for more details, and make your reservations early – it should be a full house.

The Beatles are coming!

Escape to the Coast Aug 29th

Third Degree in Historic Mendocino Temple

What better way to escape the Valley heat than to go to the coast. On Saturday, August 29th, the Lodge is taking a bus to the colorful town of Mendocino to confer a Third Degree in its historic Masonic Temple. We will also have time to explore the sights and shops and food that have made popular vacation destinations. You are your ladies and all-day family outing. are also welcome.

Our bus will depart Rite parking lot (at at 7:30 a.m. Several available to our driver, rest and refreshment the way. Upon arrival enjoy a sumptuous the members of Star Chapter.



After lunch the upstairs to the Lodge Third Degree upon Brethren will proceed Room to confer the our candidate. It will be an event that he will remember for the rest of his life. While we are thus engaged, our ladies and guests will be free to explore the attractions of the Mendocino community.

The Degree should be finished by mid-afternoon, allowing the Brethren some time to join their ladies and/or do their own exploring. We will then board our bus and proceed up the highway to Fort Bragg, where we will have dinner reservations at one of the restaurants in colorful Noyo Harbor. After dinner we will re-board our bus for the trip back to Sacramento. (We'll turn the lights down low, so as not to disturb anyone's slumber.) We should be back at Scottish Rite by 10:30 p.m.

On the road again . . .

Yes, it's time for another spectacular Washington Lodge road trip.

or

To Beat the Heat -- Go To the Coast! And leave the driving to us.

Join us as we take a charter motor coach to Mendocino to confer a Third Degree in the historic Masonic Temple there.



The historic Mendocino Masonic Temple with the "Time and the Maiden" statue on the top, carved by one man from a single piece of redwood.

Saturday, August 29

Bus leaves Scottish Rite Temple
at **7:30 in the morning;**
we should be back before
11:00 the same evening.

The Eastern Star Chapter there will serve us lunch upon our arrival. The Third Degree on our candidate will commence right after lunch.

Bring your wives and ladies; they will have all afternoon to explore the quaint town with all its interesting shops. Or, as Kitty puts it, they can "pillage the village!"

About 5:00 in the afternoon our bus will take us up the road to Fort Bragg for dinner on the wharf in Noyo Harbor before hitting the highway for the relaxing trip home.

Price – only \$45.00 per person

for the bus ride and lunch. Dinner is your own responsibility.

We did this trip in 2003, and everyone had a great time. Pictures of that trip are in the photo album on our website.

Make your reservations with the Master, Worshipful Richard Wilson at D246rich@surewest.net or (916) 456-6014.



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Grand Master's Proclamation:
AUGUST 2015 IS COME TO LODGE MONTH
Repairing the World By Improving Ourselves

Whereas, Masonic fellowship is best experienced when we come together under a united purpose of practicing Freemasonry and celebrating our fraternity amongst our brothers and families; and

Whereas, each California Mason has pledged to be supportive of our brothers by standing beside them each month in our Masonic halls, working to keep our lodges strong today and to prepare for the future; and

Whereas, we grow as men and as Masons by reflecting with our brothers upon the meaningful lessons to be found within the timeless allegories of our Masonic ritual and teachings; now,

Therefore, as Grand Master, I proclaim August 2015 as **Come to Lodge Month** in California. I ask all California Masons to select a date in August to attend a lodge function and stand beside their brothers; and I encourage all lodges to call upon each brother within hailing distance to come to lodge, assisting with transportation, if needed.

Together, we will remember that when the brothers of our lodges come together to practice fellowship and engage the wisdom of each other's company, we are truly able to begin to make a profound difference in our society, and to go about repairing our world, by improving ourselves.

Dated this 25th day of June, 2015.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Russell E. Charvonias
Grand Master

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