



# TRESTLEBOARD

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To Make Good Men Better

OUR 157th YEAR



## From the West

Joseph Dongo, Sr. Warden

I want to go back to an article many of you I bet read in the California Freemason magazine winter 2008 issue. But for those who have not, I invite them to do so. Meanwhile, I am giving here excerpts and ideas from an article by Bro. Terry Mendez on "How lodges attract and engage Entered Apprentices".

Last fiscal year was a record year as, "1951 entered Apprentices were initiated in California, - the greater number in almost 20 years " said Bro. Mendez. This shows that masonry is regaining vitality in California. But not all lodges have the same share.

Bro. Mendez interviewed seven lodges with high number of Entered Apprentices. His research offers valuable tips for attracting candidates:

- Make Masonry accessible with a lodge Web site that generates queries when someone searches for Masonry in your area.
- Respond to all email and phone queries; follow up on all leads and referrals from other lodges. Take time to explain the fraternity and answer questions.
- Provide Masonic education that enables new members to talk knowledgeably and comfortably about the fraternity.
- Foster a friendly and welcoming lodge culture.
- Encourage members to invite friends to open and community service events so they experience the culture of friendship and participation.
- Use the wallet brochure – it's the best member development tool
- Use the "On The Level" program.
- Be involved in other community organization, such as the Chamber of Commerce."

Some other ideas of interest consist of:

- Assigning a Mason about the same age as his buddy to the candidate as soon as he is given an application so they discuss the fraternity and lodge activities and attend a meeting together.
- Even having a spouse go to the applicant interview to give the family perspective to the applicant's wife.

As you read in last months Trestleboard, we have a Masonic Information Night for all lodges in Sacramento area on March 25, 2009 at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151H Street, Sacramento. Our lodge is one of the sponsors of this major event. A free dinner will be served and the Grand Secretary will be there to shed some light on our Masonic values.

More information is to be found on the flyer posted at our website at [www.WashingtonLodge20.org](http://www.WashingtonLodge20.org). Brethren, print out the flyer and distribute it by email or hard copy to friends and acquaintances. It is a great opportunity to shed some light on our fraternity and hopefully generate additional membership. Make a point to attend yourself and if you cannot, tell your guests to look after me or after Washington Lodge members. We will be there for them. See you there

Fraternally,  
Joseph Dongo, Sr Warden



## Secretary's Desk

Jon Isaacson, PM

I would like to make all members aware of Masonic Outreach Services (MOS)

Are you having difficulty finding information about programs and services available to seniors in your area? Negotiating the maze of services and providers can be daunting and confusing for seniors and their families.

MOS has compiled a list of resources for seniors in each county in California. They can answer questions about providers in your area and will help you track down and locate appropriate resources in your area.

For more information, contact MOS at 888/466-3642 or [intake@mhccuc.org](mailto:intake@mhccuc.org)

Fraternally,  
Jon Isaacson, PM, Secretary

## Ladies Luncheon

Saturday, April 25, 2009 - 1:00pm

Distinguished Members of Washington Lodge #20, It is with great pleasure that the Brothers of Washington Lodge #20 hereby give notice of your Ladies Luncheon. The event is sure to be as pleasurable to the palate as to the soul, for being with dear friends and family is truly the greatest blessing one can receive. The location will be very familiar for those attending last years luncheon. Nancy Hardiman and Kitty Wilson had arranged that wonderful location, The California Café.

The California Café is located in the Arden Fair Mall, 1689 Arden Way, Sacramento 95815. The phone number is 916-925-2233.

The event will begin at 1:00pm and conclude at approximately 2:30pm.

I encourage all of you to attend this Luncheon. This is one of our opportunities to thank you for all your support. Your support is demonstrated in many ways, your willingness to let us go out when the kids have homework, when the chores are piling up, and when you sometimes need a friend. The sacrifice a women makes cannot be measured by the Plumb, Square or Level, it is measured by her heart, solely for her wanting to see us become better men, is how Masonry is able to continue. This is one chance for all the Brothers to say thank you to the Wives, Widows and Ladies of Washington Lodge. As always transportation is available at no cost to those in need. Please call ahead if you would like a ride or can provide one, and like all the Ladies functions of your lodge, you are our guests, exempt from all costs and responsibilities except attendance. Please RSVP before **April 16, 2009 to 888-828-4476.**

Fraternally,  
David Cameron, Jr. Deacon, Chairman

Lodge TOLL FREE phone number!

**888-828-4476**

Use this number to leave a message for the Secretary or to RSVP for an event.

# The 2009 Washington Lodge Officers

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## A Message from David Cameron, Jr. Deacon

Brothers and Friends,

I would like to recognize our newest Master Mason and his son. John and Joshua Dubeck they are the new blood this body needs to keep it running. If you haven't figured it out they're Father and Son. They both show a strong desire to learn the ritual, and did quite well at practice, serving as Senior and Junior Stewards both have proven to be quick studies. Joshua is ready for his proficiency and he will probably be having his second degree very soon.

I'd like to welcome our newest member, Entered Apprentice Zachary Gossell. We had a very good turnout, and the degree went very well. I'm confident brother Zachary will proceed quickly thru the degrees. I'd like to encourage all brethren to attend as many functions as they can. When the new members get a chance to see established Brothers they develop a sense of belonging to a greater whole. We have had a lot of fun at our last few practices and remembering back, I can see most of the fun came from those who attended not just practicing the work. Do you remember looking for a word and something else comes out? It's moments like that which allows levity and Brotherly Love to work its magic.

Ladies Luncheon is upon us, and we still need to hear from more of you Ladies. Please remember this is not a task or chore that we do every year. This is an opportunity to express our love and devotion to the very ones who make our Fraternity possible. Many times I have heard "I don't want to be a bother". You are never, and will never be, anything but a blessing to our Fraternity. Let us demonstrate in this small way our devotion to you and our recognition of your support. This year it has been decided to cover the cost of the Luncheon for all attendees. I ask that you RSVP (916)359-5335 at your earliest convenience, and do not hesitate to ask if you have a transportation need.

The only good deed that is unrewarded on earth is compassion. Let it be our constant practice to show compassion to the weak, infirmed, simple and distressed. For we are all but a breath away from seeing the divine palace where the Great Architect of the Universe presides.

We have been fortunate in the past to have many Father and Sons work the Craft together. How many can you think of? Send me an email with your names.

Fraternally,  
David Cameron, Jr. Deacon

## April Birthdays

Roy V. Anderson	4/2/1920
William D. Sherrard	4/5/1955
Scott K. Van Wagner	4/6/1961
Rob R. Gerolomy	4/8/1940
Robert W. Reynolds	4/8/1925
Donald W. Bader	4/10/1947
Earl V. Livingston, Jr.	4/10/1921
Frank J. Werner	4/11/1969
James P. Clark	4/12/1943
Norman A. Holoubek	4/13/1919
Jimmie L. Rogers	4/14/1939
Glenn A. Pope, Jr.	4/16/1940
Roy J. Bell	4/19/1946
George W. Rotas	4/21/1954
David H. Crawford	4/22/1924
Charles E. Dunbar	4/22/1935
John A. Kemmler	4/22/1925
William W. Rapp	4/23/1914
Edward R. Hardiman	4/24/1946
John D. Lowrey	4/25/1956

## Stated Meeting Dinner

### April 2, 2009

Enjoy a tasty meal along with an  
"All American" Favorite Desert

Social Hour 5:30PM - Dinner 6:15PM  
Stated Meeting 7:30PM

RSVP REQUIRED by March 31st  
888-828-4476

## Carl Rea, PM - Update

Hip Hip Hoo-ray!!!! They removed Carl's chest tube Sunday! As of last evening he was back at Mission Carmichael room #18-2. He started rehab to-day. Will get going on the real phisical thereapy to-morrow. Things are looking up guys, keep up the good work, and we will do the same. Thanks to all of you for your prayer and good thoughts, really appreciate it.

Love to all and may God bless you!!

Ella, Carl and family

## Save the Date - June 27th

Washington 20 is planning a day trip to Acacia Creek Masonic Senior Living facilities at Union City in Alameda county.

A motor coach has been chartered with departure from Scottish Rite Masonic Center on Saturday, June 27th at 8am and returning by 5pm. Acacia Creek has scheduled an open house on this date so we will be able to tour and learn about the new facilities. A box lunch will be available. Spouses are encouraged to come.

The Masonic Homes observed their 100th anniversary in 1998. The Union City property sits on 296 acres in a beautiful setting. Take advantage of this opportunity to get some timely information about senior living!

Cost is \$15.00 per person. Reservations are required by June 4. Contact Brother Dave Freeman at (916) 363-7158 for questions and to reserve a seat.