

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

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

July 2015

En Route to the East

Our 164th Year



From the East: Worshipful Richard Wilson



To paraphrase that well-known Minnesota philosopher and commentator heard weekly on National Public Radio, "it's going to be a quiet month in Washington Lodge". If we elect candidates at the Stated Meeting we will have First Degrees the following Thursday. Other than that, we will take a break from Lodgeroom meetings for the next two months.

We will not, however, totally shut down for the summer. Our well-established annual picnic and bar-b-que in Elk Grove Park will be on Saturday, July 11th; see the enclosed flyer for all the details. And on that same morning, our ritual competition team will be demonstrating their prowess in the second section of the Third Degree. I am pleased and proud that our officers and other members who took on this challenge and entered the competition. They have been practicing diligently, and I wish them success in this endeavor.

At the end of August we will be taking 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. 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.

Our Stated Meeting for the month of July will be on Thursday the 2nd, our regular first Thursday, in Lodge Room One at 7:30 pm. It will be the annual Official Visit of our District Inspector, Worshipful Mike Titus, PM of Natoma Lodge No. 64 in Folsom. Normally, this is a formal occasion, but in deference to the weather we will stick with "summer formal"; that is, black slacks, short-sleeved white shirts and bow ties for the officers (no jackets). Members should dress accordingly. 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 prior to the meeting in the third floor banquet room, prepared by our stellar kitchen crew. Five dollars with a reservation and ten dollars without (as long as there's enough food).

We have several more applicants under investigation. If any of the investigations are done prior to the Stated Meeting we will ballot, and assuming the ballots are favorable, we will confer First Degrees the following Thursday, July 9th. Remember, one of the impressive features of the degree is for the candidate to see the sidelines filled with brothers when he is brought from darkness. So let's have a good turn out!

Lastly, I would like to welcome and congratulate new Brothers Thomas Thornton and Christopher Webber, who received their First Degrees in Masonry on June 11th, also congratulations to Brothers Christian Wheeler and Devin Gray, who were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on June 18th and June 25th, respectively. I would also like to thank your Officers for their dedication and good work.

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Stated Meeting July 2, 2015

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by June 30, 2015

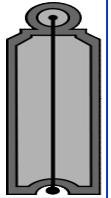
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"Waste Not, Want Not"



From the South

Victor U Sanchez, Jr. Warden



Summer is upon us and the days are getting longer, warmer and sometimes pretty darn hot. We continue to practice our craft and bring into our midst those who have chosen to follow their search for knowledge and enlightenment with us. Two such individuals, whom we can now call Brothers are Chris Webber and Tom Thorton, who were initiated as Entered Apprentices in June. Please welcome them and help us make them feel welcome among us.

Christian Wheeler and Devin Grey continue to seek that higher light in Masonry and were Raised to the Sublime Degree in June as well, please assist them in their quest for that Light which few men find without our brotherly assistance.

The coming month will bring newer members into our fraternity and we will again welcome them to our ranks. But we must no stop there. We should and must make them AND their respective families feel welcome and glad to be with us as they embark and continue their Masonic journey. What better time to make them feel at home than to greet and support each other at our annual picnic on July 11? Come meet our extended families and enjoy a great meal! See you there!

July Schedule

Thursday, July 2nd – Stated Meeting

Wednesday, July 8th – Fraternal Night, 6:00 pm

Thursday, July 9th – Degree, 7:00 pm

Saturday, July 11th – Annual picnic/BBQ, Elk Grove

Thursday, July 16th – possible Degree

Thursday, July 23rd – possible Degree

Tuesday, July 21st – Officers School, 7:00pm

Thursday, July 30th - possible degree

Practices may be substituted for degrees.

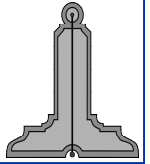
**Saturday, August 29th – Third Degree
Mendocino Masonic Temple**

(bus trip)



From the West

Joseph "Scott" Goode, Sr. Warden



The first and most important care of a lodge when not convened? BARBEQUE! If you are looking for the best tri-tip ever, look no further. Our own Brother Brian Shoeborn is marinating delicious tri-tip as you read this. Not only great food but an excellent opportunity to get together outside of the lodge. There are so many new Brothers, this will be a good opportunity to get to know them better. Please let Brian know if you can help setup or clean up.

June was Masonic Homes month. If you would like to contribute, please go to the website at: <https://www.freemason.org/index.htm> . If you are interested in a trip to visit the Masonic home near us, please let me know. You will see the wonderful things that are done to support our Brothers and Sisters. As you get more involved in the lodge, you will no doubt have questions.

One great place to learn how a lodge is run is the Freemason website. It is packed with lots of documents for all aspects of Blue Lodge ceremonies, finance and business. Most helpful to me has been the online training courses at <https://www.freemason.org/newsEvents/article.htm?id=10765> . Once complete, you will get a certificate and your effort will be recorded.

**Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called conscience.
George Washington**



New Entered Apprentices - Bros. Chris Webber and Tom Thorton with Wor. Goode



Master Mason, Christian Wheeler with Wor. Wilson



Master Mason, Devon Gray with Wor. Wilson

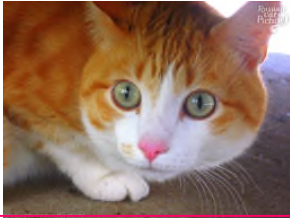


Washington Lodge #20

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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Kitty's Corner

My column needs to be very short this time: I'm suffering from a head & chest cold which triggers my asthma, and the air pollution that is hitting because of triple digit temperatures is making the air quality what I call "asthma hostile" (weather folk call it "unhealthy for sensitive groups"). When the temperature hits 106 degrees I think it's pretty hostile to everyone.

Speaking of Degrees, we are just back from the annual York Rite Chapter outdoor Degrees at the Tunzi Ranch in Comptche, CA. Several more men from Washington Lodge are now members of York Rite, and I hear they liked the Degree work. I say heard because I was busy in both Mendocino and Ft. Bragg finding places to take the Lodge Ladies when the Lodge travels by bus to Mendocino in August to raise a new Mason to the Third Degree.

At our Stated Meetings in both July and August please ask me for the brochure "**Mendocino Merchants**" so your Lady can start planning her shopping tour. As usual it has an excellent map of the town along with 2 indices (index plural): 1) street by street and 2) by categories such as gifts, groceries and jewelry. The new cover art is very special: a close-up of the Time and the Maiden statue on the top of the Masonic Temple! In the Credits on the back of the brochure it lists the separate parts of the statue: "Father Time, the Hourglass of Transience...all of which is symbolic within the Masonic Order". What incredible Public Relations for their Lodge and for the Order in general. We will have plenty of time on the bus to discuss where to go in particular but part of the fun is finding your own favorites.

History Highlights: Battle of the Pyramids on July 21, 1798. Napoleon and his troops won this battle in Egypt but were later defeated by the British. This date combines my love of Egypt with the "love of my life" who was born on July 21.



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.

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Looking Ahead

Thursday, August 6th – Stated Meeting
5:00 pm Social Time
6:00 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Business Meeting

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

Thursday, August 13th – possible First Degree,
7:00 pm, refreshments following

Thursday, August 20th – dark

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

Thursday, August 27th – Third Degree practice

Saturday, August 29th – Third Degree in Mendocino
Masonic Temple (bus trip)

In Memoriam

Dear Brothers,

My wife Eleanor and I are in the Lone Star State to visit family. While there Dorothy Needham, Eleanor's Mom, Passed Away at 89 years. Seems so odd that my own Mom passed just three months ago. We will be down in Texas for an extended time making funeral arrangements & clearing up financial issues. Not sure when we'll return as we had been looking at homes in the Conroe Area for all of us to live in and take care of each other. I'll stay in touch and see you all on our return.

Escape to the Coast Aug 23

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 enjoy the delicious food that have made the North Coast a popular vacation destination. You are encouraged to bring your ladies and friends; this will be an all-day family outing. Prospective members are also welcome.

Our bus will depart from the Scottish Rite parking lot (at Carlson and H Streets) at 7:30 a.m. Several scenic routes are available to our driver, and we will make a rest and refreshment stop (or two) along the way. Upon arrival in Mendocino, we will enjoy a sumptuous lunch prepared by the members of Ocean View Eastern Star Chapter.

After lunch the Brethren will proceed upstairs to the Lodge Room to confer the Third Degree upon 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.

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WASHINGTON LODGE No.20

Free & Accepted Masons of California



ANNUAL FAMILY TRI-TIP BBQ PICNIC

Come out and enjoy an afternoon with our fellow Brothers and families.

Saturday, July 11th, 2015

\$10.00 per Man, Ladies are free

Location: Elk Grove Regional Park (Site 3B).

Menu: Smoked Tri-Tip, Variety of Sausages, Ranch Style Beans, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad, and Garlic Bread, along with Brownies a la Mode for dessert. Wine boxes and beer will be available for the adults. Non alcoholic beverages include: Fruit punch, soda, and water.

Lunch will be served beginning at 12:00pm

Please, glass bottles are not allowed in the park

Park Amenities: Horseshoe pits and playground for the kids' entertainment. Small lake stocked with fish for those who have a fishing license. Do not forget your fishing equipment. Please bring lawn games if you have them.

Reservations are required

Please call 1-888-828-4476 no later than July 3rd.

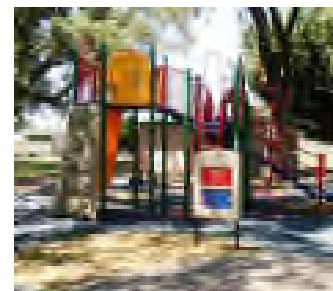
We hope to see you all there.



Picnic Site 3B



Fishing on the Lake



Playground

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Grand Master's Proclamation:
JULY 2015 IS SUPPORT OUR MASONIC VETERANS MONTH
Repairing the World By Improving Ourselves

Whereas, our fraternity has long championed patriotism and heartfelt service to country, from the founding fathers who helped establish our great nation to the Masons who bravely serve it at present day;

Whereas, tens of thousands of our Masonic brothers and sisters have fearlessly devoted their lives to public service through the armed forces to protect the freedoms we treasure as citizens of this great country;

Whereas, each July 4th, we recognize and celebrate those brothers and sisters, their sacrifices on our behalf, and their unwavering devotion to protecting and championing those freedoms; now,

Therefore, as Grand Master, I proclaim July 2015 to be **Support Our Masonic Veterans Month** in California. I ask all California Masons to recognize and express gratitude to the veterans in your lodges and communities at a special program during your July stated meeting. I also encourage all Masons to partner with Masonic youth orders to help support local veterans as they heal. And, I encourage you all to continue your recognition of these brothers and sisters, and their profound sacrifices, throughout the remainder of the year.

I further commend all the brethren who work so hard every day to support our veterans and their families throughout the state in veterans' homes and hospitals, and ask that you similarly look for opportunities to aid in their efforts through the Masonic Hospital Visitors Program Committee.

We enjoy the freedoms we have today because of the veterans in our communities and lodges, and those who served even before our time. As we work to repair our world, let us ensure that we remember to recognize those who sacrificed their own well being so that we might pursue all the ambitions that our glorious freedom provides.

Dated this 26th day of May, 2015.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Russell E. Charvonia
Grand Master

Attest:

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Grand Secretary