

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

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

August 2016

Staying Connected

Our 166th Year



## From the East: Worshipful Scott Goode



Our own Brother Jerry Livingston-Joy was awarded the Hiram award on July 7<sup>th</sup>. He had over 20 family members in attendance and the sidelines were full of friends and Fraternal Brothers. His dedication and hard work to Washington Lodge #20 is greatly appreciated. We will enjoy the fruits of his labors as we use the temple for years to come.

We have a new Brother, Andrew Simon, who was initiated on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Please congratulate and welcome Brother Simon when you see him. We also have a new Fellowcraft, Brother Martin Buff, who was Passed on July 21. I am sure our Wardens will have more to say about both of these Brothers.

The annual picnic was held on July 16<sup>th</sup> and we all had a great time with food and fellowship. There was record attendance this year with over 50 people eating excellent food and enjoying each other's company. I would like to personally thank Brother Brian Schoenborn for preparing the tri-tip. It was the hit of the picnic. What most do not know is that he marinated the meat several days before the picnic and then had to arrive very early in the morning to start the smoking process. I would also like to thank Denton Carlson and his son Everett who cooked the hamburgers and hot dogs to perfection. Also, thanks to all who helped setup and put away all of the chairs and tables. I cannot wait until next year to apply all we have learned this year to make it an even bigger success next year.

Annual Communication for Grand Lodge is quickly approaching and it is time to start researching this year's legislation. The three pillar officers are charged with casting votes for our lodge. Please give us your thoughts if you would like use to vote a certain way. You are welcome to attend Annual Communications. Go to the website at <https://www.freemason.org/memberCenter/public/annualCommunication.htm> to learn more.



# From the West

Victor U Sanchez, Sr. Warden



Masonic traditions inform us of many lessons to be learned from; rituals, readings, learning's and our brethren. And that we should put these educational experiences into our daily living. We hold many of these lessons to good use and thereby make ourselves better men and citizens. After all, we are all inhabitants of the same planet. But, how often do we really apply these lessons into our daily lives? Do we really take to heart the lessons we have been taught and treat each other for the better good of every brother? These are questions I have put to myself and I hope to instill in myself and my brethren so that we might be better equipped to bring about a improved understanding of what we, as a fraternity are all about. Just a thought, what say you?

I have asked in the past for input, from all who read these pages, to share what you see as good in this lodge. As well as what we can do to improve our standing among our brethren. Unfortunately, there has been little shared among us. I therefore take this time again, to ask for your ideas. What have we done well and where can we improve. What would you like the lodge to do in the coming year to improve our standing with our own brothers, community and the world around us? Take a little time to reflect on yourselves, us as a lodge and as individuals and drop me a note. Each of us owe it to our fraternity to share the good and the bad and improve our lodge. Just take a moment to share.

This past month, we Initiated Brother Andrew Simon as our youngest Entered Apprentice and Passed Brother Martin Buff to Fellow Craft, as they each make their way through the Degrees of Masonry in our lodge. They both will have much to offer the lodge as they advance through their respective degrees. If you take a look at their pictures on page 6, I am sure you will recognize them. They have both been active at our stated meeting dinners and you have seen them at some of our events. Help them through their journey, assist them in their education and welcome them into our ancient and honorable fraternity.

Our Annual Communication is fast approaching! There will be votes cast that will change how we do things in the future. Please take the time to read the proposals being put forth and give us your thoughts as to how you want us to vote. Become familiar with the issues and voice your opinion. Otherwise you might not like the outcome and you will have no one to blame!



# From the South

Luis J Montero, Jr. Warden



I would like to welcome our new Entered Apprentice Andrew Simon into our ancient and honorable fraternity. We all look Forward at seeing you progress through the degrees. Also, congratulations to our newly passed Fellow Craft Mason Brother Martin Buff. One of the most impactful degree's yet, put on by all of our officers, thank you for all of your hard work and dedication. Your participation in our lodge is certainly setting new light to things we should all be working towards. Thank you to all our members, and our Past Masters.

I am also grateful for our awesome Tyler Floyd Tritt. Often he is here before all of the officers. He sets out our Lodge Jules, entertaining the new candidates with witty conversations and humorous stories of days past. He is Often quietly tending to our lodge needs as Tyler and thought It would be appropriate for saying thanks for all you do.

Our outdoor degree is also coming up and it will be exciting, and we have a third degree coming up as well.

## TILER

Also spelled "Tyler". In the Latin *tegere* (from which came "thatch") meant cover, roof; *tegulae* were the tiles, pieces, slabs, used for roof-coverings. A tiler, therefore, is one who makes, or fastens on, tiles. Since in Operative Masonry the tiler was the workman who closed the building in, and hid its interior from outside view, the guardian of the entrance to the Lodge was figuratively called by this name. It was once supposed that "tiler" came from the French *tailleur*, a cutter, a hewer (from whence we have "tailor"), and it was accordingly spelled "tyler;" that, however, is incorrect, "tiler" being the correct spelling.

An officer of a Symbolic Lodge, whose duty is to guard the door of the Lodge, and to permit no one to pass in who is not duly qualified, and who has not the permission of the Master. A necessary qualification of a Tiler is, therefore, that he should be a Master Mason. Although the Lodge may be opened in an inferior Degree, no one who has not advanced to the Third Degree can legally discharge the functions of Tiler.

As the Tiler is always compensated for his services, he is considered, in some sense, as the servant of the Lodge. It is, therefore, his duty to prepare the Lodge for its meetings, to arrange the furniture in its proper place, and to make all other arrangements for the convenience of the Lodge. The Tiler need not be a member of the Lodge which he tiles; and in fact, in large cities, one Brother very often performs the duties of Tiler of several Lodges.

This is a very important office, and, like that of the Master and Wardens, owes its existence, not to any conventional regulations, but to the very landmarks of the order; for, from the peculiar nature of our Institution, it is evident that there never could have been a meeting of Freemasons for Masonic purposes, unless a Tiler had been present to guard the Lodge from intrusion. The title is derived from the Operative Art; for as in Operative Masonry the Tiler, when the edifice is erected, finishes and covers it with the roof of tiles, so in Speculative Masonry, when the Lodge is duly organized, the Tiler closes the door and covers the sacred precincts from all intrusion.

## Washington Lodge #20 2016 Officers

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Senior Warden	Victor U Sanchez
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Officers Coach Emeritus	Ray W. Lenau, PM
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## Stated Meeting

**August 4, 2016**

5:00 PM Social  
6:00 PM Dinner  
7:00 PM Stated Meeting

**RSVP by August 2, 2016 at 6:00PM**  
(888) 828-4476  
**"Waste Not, Want Not!"**

## August Schedule

August 4 - Stated Meeting

August 10 - Education and Fellowship

August 11 - Officers' practice

August 13 - Masonic Memorial Service

Amadeo Romero @ Ben Ali

August 18 - Degree TBD

August 23 - OSI



## Looking Ahead

September 1 - Stated Meeting

September 7 - Education & Fellowship

September 8 - Officers' practice

September 10 - Open Air Degree, Union City

September 15 - Degree TBD

September 22 - Dark

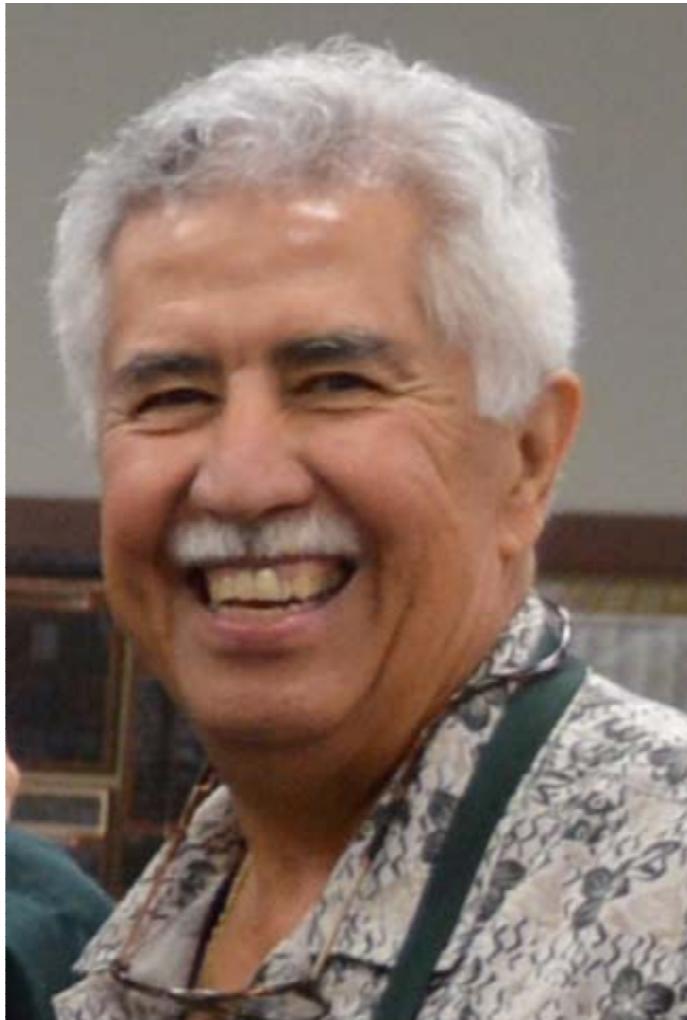
September 29 - Constitution Observance



Is it hot? Or is it HOT?



## **In Memoriam**



Brother **Amadeo C. "Amo" Romero, Jr.**, Age 73, passed away on July 7, 2016. He was a member of Harding San Juan Lodge at the time of his passing. His family has requested a Masonic Memorial Service to be held on **Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 3 p.m.** at the Ben Ali Shrine Activity Center, 3262 Marysville Boulevard Sacramento, CA 95815.

Amo was raised in Washington Lodge No. 20 on 11-04-1974. He affiliated with Harding San Juan Lodge on 01-08-2014. He was a member of the Ben Ali Shrine Keystone Cop Patrol.

**His wife, Mollie, requests your attendance.**

# Congratulations



**July 14, 2016**

**Andrew Simon Initiated by  
Jesse Solis-Jaques**

**July 21, 2016**

**Martin Buff, Passed by  
Luis Montero**



## **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.



# Open Air Degree

**Location:** 34400 Mission Boulevard, Union City, CA 94587

**When:** September 10, 2016

**Transportation:** We are taking 2 vans with total seating for 30.

**Get your reservations in, Seats will go quickly**

(Meet at Starbucks parking lot 3511 Truxel Road, Sacramento, Ca 95834)

**Cost:** \$15 for lunch.

We are going to Union City to perform an open air First Degree, enjoy a barbecue and get a tour of the wonderful facilities. We will enjoy a hamburgers and hotdogs barbecue.

**PLEASE RSVP** to Brother Jared Yoshiki at: [jaredyoshiki@me.com](mailto:jaredyoshiki@me.com) or **916-761-3519**

Reserve a spot in the van, otherwise plan on driving yourself or forming a carpool.

Wives/partners are welcome to enjoy the tour and barbecue for \$15.



## INFLUENCING HEARTS AND MINDS

by Chaplin Francisco Marques

In my view, the Chaplain holds one of the greatest and most fulfilling offices in Freemasonry for more reasons than the potential length of service that he may enjoy.

The Chaplain of a Masonic Lodge is an appointed officer of the Lodge. He sits to the left of the Worshipful Master in the East. Together with the Master and Secretary, his value to his Brethren extends far beyond the open Lodge.

The Chaplain is the bridge between the mundane and the divine, and a Brother faithful in his service is worthy of the esteem of his Brethren. His prayers unite all members in a mystical bond of fellowship, regularly reminding the Lodge that the basic tenets of Freemasonry are spiritual. **It is here that the Chaplain most frequently speaks directly to the Creator on behalf of his Brethren when he offers the collect of their individual prayers.**

A Chaplain is alert for personal, family, or social situations that may require special care. The supportive presence, the gift of active listening, and empathy of a Lodge Chaplain can be a tremendous help to Brethren, patients, and their families; doing so with dignity, concern for others, with a caring heart, an attentive ear, and confidentiality in relationships.

His Jewel of office is an Open Book, symbolizing the Holy Word (the Christian Bible, Hebrew Torah or Tanach, the Muslim Qur'an, the Hindu Vedas or other Holy Books).

**It is the concern of the Office of Chaplain to see that the Holy Word is in its place on the Altar when the Lodge is opened -- for the Volume of Sacred Law, and the Square and Compass, represent the Three Great Lights, which a Mason must relentlessly study and obey.**

The role of the Lodge Chaplain includes:

- The regular opening and closing Prayers.
- The perambulatory "Lessons from the Scriptures" in each Degree.
- Give spontaneous invocations and benedictions in special meetings, dinners, or other occasions, upon request.
- Memorial Services.
- Visit and comfort the sick, afflicted, and bereaved.

**Since the Chaplain should not be solely responsible for such visits, there should be a group of volunteer assistants for this purpose. It will also serve to demonstrate that more than one individual cares about the homebound or hospitalized Brother and his family.**

- Mediate distress.

**It is most undignified for a man in distress to be asked to approach more than one Officer in the Lodge when he is in need. The Chaplain is the obvious choice, since he is trusted by both the Lodge and the individual Mason to preserve the utmost dignity and confidentiality in these matters.**