

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

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

September 2015

En Route to the East

Our 164th



From the East: Worshipful Richard Wilson



Well, Brethren,

. . . summer is almost over, and we're heading into the "home stretch" of the year. We were able to take several Thursdays "off" during the summer, but we were not completely dark. Now, I would like to welcome everyone back from their various vacation activities, which I hope were both enjoyable and relaxing. Although the days *seem* to be shorter as autumn descends, we still have lots to do. If only "shorter days" really did give us more time to do things in the evening!

Your Lodge is going to keep busy right up to the end of the year. This month, in addition to the normal Stated Meeting, we will have one Third Degree and, hopefully, several First Degrees; we also should have some Second Degrees before long. Also, this year's Masonic Symposium – a seminar on the evolution of Masonic ritual -- will be held in San Francisco on Saturday, September 19th. In October Grand Lodge will convene in San Francisco on Columbus Day weekend for its Annual Communication. More information about these latter two events can be found at www.freemason.org. In November we will have our Annual Election of Officers and our Beatles extravaganza Ladies Night, as well as more degrees in both October and November.

Our Stated Meeting for the month of September will be on Thursday the 3rd, 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 four more applicants under investigation at this time. If any of the investigations are done prior to the Stated Meeting (at least some should be) we will ballot, and assuming the ballots are favorable, we will confer First Degrees on Thursdays, September 17th and possibly 24th 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 turn-outs! We will also confer the Third Degree on Brother Craig McKinnon on Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 pm.

This brings up a concern that I have about our Lodge. This year we have initiated ten new Brothers, and we have four more applicants under investigation. We also have several carry-over Entered Apprentices from the last couple of years. This has put a strain on our small cadre of candidate coaches. Coaching candidates is one of the most rewarding and important things we can do as Masons, so I encourage each one of you to join this cadre and take a new Mason under your wing as an instructor and mentor. Contact me or our Head Candidates Coach Joseph Dongo, PM, if you would like to help out.

It's not too early to start making your reservations for our annual Ladies Night dinner and show on November 7th. The Beatles tribute band that will entertain us is fantastic! As anyone who was at Eastern Star Grand Chapter two years ago will attest. Details are elsewhere in this Trestleboard.

I regret that I had to cancel our long-planned Third Degree bus trip to Mendocino on August 29th, but I did not receive enough reservations to warrant the cost of the bus. Brother McKinnon's Third Degree is accordingly re-scheduled for Thursday, September 10th.

Lastly, I would like to welcome and congratulate Brother Ron Speno who was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on August 20th. I would also like to thank your Officers for their dedication and good work.

See you in Lodge!

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Stated Meeting September 3, 2015

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

RSVP by September 1, 2015

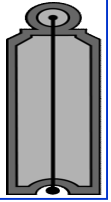
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"Waste Not, Want Not"



From the South

Victor U Sanchez, Jr. Warden



First and foremost let me ask you all to welcome Bro. Ronald Speno as a Master Mason. He has worked long and hard to get to this point and was Raised to the sublime degree on August 20th. Our ritual competition team did a great second section. It was unfortunate that the Mendocino trip was cancelled for a lack of participation, I am sure that a lot of our newer Master Masons were looking forward to the trip. Maybe we can better plan for a greater showing in the future? What are your thoughts, or should we keep our degrees closer to home? We are asking for YOUR input. Not only for this event but for other events the Lodge sponsors. We do not want to make decisions in a vacuum, and therefore seek your suggestions and input. If it does not matter to you, because you are not going to participate anyway, just say so and we will leave you out of the process. That way YOU will have made YOUR decision. If however you would like the lodge to be involved and a real brotherhood, then this is YOUR opportunity to speak YOUR mind and have YOUR voice heard. Speak up, we WILL listen and we will understand YOUR priorities for OUR lodge!

September Schedule

September 3rd – Stated Meeting

September 9th – Fraternal Night, 6:00 pm

September 10th – Third Degree, 7:00 pm

Craig McKinnon; dinner @ 6:00 pm

September 17th – First Degree, 7:00 pm
refreshments following

September 19th - 15th Annual California
Masonic Symposium, San Francisco, 9:00 am

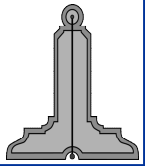
September 22nd – Officers School, 7:00 pm

September 24th –Degree, 7:00 pm



From the West

Joseph "Scott" Goode, Sr. Warden



Grand Lodge is almost upon us. The annual communication runs from October 9 – 11. Business/legislation sessions will take place on Friday from 1:00-5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Please let me know your stance on any of the legislation that will be voted on this year and I will represent our lodge to the best of my abilities. More information can be found at:

<https://www.freemason.org/memberCenter/public/annualCommunication.htm>

I have been reading this month's Freemason magazine. It talks about how the average age of the Fraternity is currently 64. I look at our line of officers and see that the average age is closer to 50. What does this mean? Obviously Washington 20 and Freemasonry in general is attracting a younger crowd, but what does this mean to our lodge in particular? I think it means we have a lodge full of young minds with fresh perspectives and ideas, but at the same time we have a strong pool of wisdom and experience to draw from. Case-in-point; Louis Montero with the help of Worshipful Knox put together a degree team for competition in the second section of the third degree, Jerrod Yoshiki who manages the Wednesday Masonic Fellowship Night with ideas from Past masters and the coaching staff under the direction of Worshipful Dongo. These are just a few examples of how Washington 20 utilizes the wisdom and strength to create beautiful ideas. If you have a great idea, but need help, please do not hesitate to use our Past Masters or long time members to see that idea into fruition.

"Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair; the rest is in the hands of God."

George Washington

Congratulations!



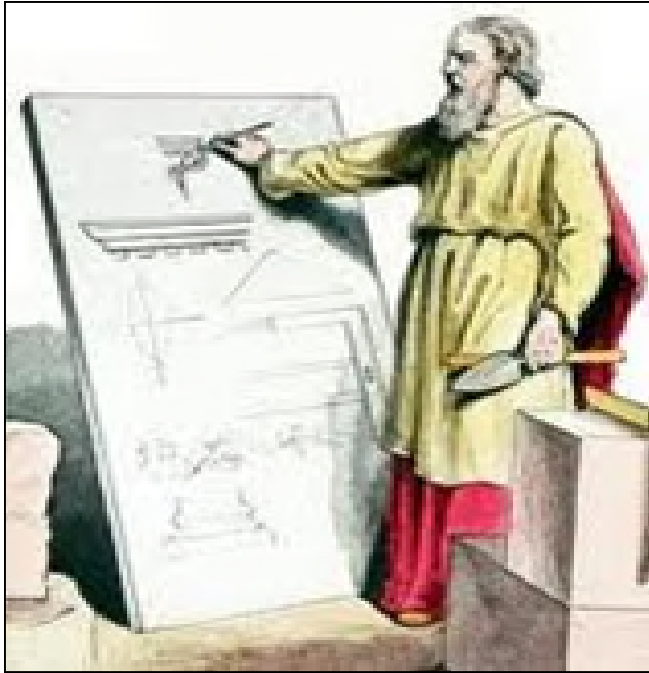
Ronald Speno with Wor. Wilson

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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Looking Ahead

Thursday, October 1st – Stated Meeting
5:00 pm Social Time
6:00 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 7th – Fraternal Night, 6:00 pm

Thursday, October 8th – dark (Grand Lodge)

Friday thru Sunday, October 9th-11th – Annual
Communication of Grand Lodge

Thursday, October 15th – possible Degree

Thursday, October 22nd – possible Degree

Tuesday, October 27th – Officers School, 7:00pm

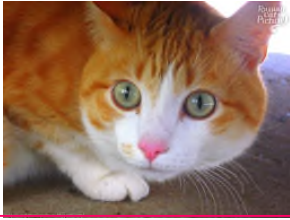
Practices may be substituted for degrees.

Around the Lodge Room

At the York Rite Grand Sessions in Bakersfield in May Worshipful **Phil Hardiman, PM**, was re-elected Grand Lecturer for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in California. At the same time, Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**, was appointed as district Inspector for both the Royal Arch Grand Chapter and the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in California, and Worshipful **Richard Wilson, PM**, was “promoted” from Inspector to Assistant Director of Ritual for the Cryptic Grand Council, while continuing as a Royal Arch Inspector.

Worshipful **Richard Wilson, PM**, and his wife **Kitty** (who does decorations for all our dinners), celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary at our June Stated Meeting dinner (see the photo).





Kitty's Corner

I write my column on the 95th Anniversary of the Ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment, which I consider very much in keeping with Constitution Observance Month by California Masons in September. So begin to wonder what plans are afoot for the Centennial of this event. See more below.

I had two trips this month, the first fun, the second not so much. We finally got to Las Vegas on August 11 to celebrate our 25th Wedding Anniversary. Plans for Hawaii need to wait until next year, but we wanted to do something fun so we went to Luxor Resort/Casino with its Ancient Egyptian theme. Nothing quite like playing inside a pyramid while still alive, unlike the Ancients. The King Tut's Tomb Exhibit was donated to the Las Vegas Museum of Natural History eight years ago (not making money in the Casino), and recently the Museum wrapped an exhibit about life in Ancient Egypt around it. I'm so glad they saved the exhibit, because the Shrine of Anubis from the Tomb is my favorite sculpture in the world and the newer exhibit is highly recommended.

We ate, we got to see a performance by the Australian Bee Gees which match the original very well. And it was quite fun to tell "Barry" that and have him inform me that he has never seen them live ("hundreds of hours of video"). His voice is dead on! And out outing to the baseball stadium to buy Las Vegas 51's souvenirs (I collect year of birth trivia, the Roswell incidents occurred in 1947, so I collect aliens) put us RIGHT under a monsoonal moisture thunder & lightning storm which was breath taking. Watching the lightning en route was also awe inspiring: cloud to ground, wide, & dancing back and forth!!!

Trip 2: WALK don't run to get dessert, and watch the ground not the line in Rik's Dessert Diner. I stepped down into a tree planter area that was not level (tree removed), then tripped on the 2-inch difference between the dirt and pavement. Trying to catch myself didn't work; I went down but was still going forward, so I hit the wall of the building with my forehead. When I heard "crack" I thought "concussion; don't move!" Just as I finished that thought Matthew, a physician's assistant who saw me go down was right there for me to put me thru the concussion checklist, his friend called 911 and the ambulance crew from the 13th & I station were there so fast it made my head spin, pun intended. LOTS of wonderful people that night there (Hi Scot & Lynne!) and the ER made this A-OK. So I've been staying in bed, watching TV and reading for a week. A couple trips out proved that I have a 3 hour limit for being out and about at this point. My wrist got skinned and my elbow got stitches but Tylenol WORKS! I have, however, gone thru lots of color changes as the bruising heals.

Dinner is getting cold so I'll end for now.

History Highlights: Amendment Giving Women the Right to Vote Registered in Washington DC, August 26, 1920.

Tennessee, the last State needed to ratify the Amendment voted approval on August 22nd. The vote was taken in seniority order. The first vote, yes, was cast by the Governor of the state who called the Legislature back into special session to consider ratification. The last vote, and the last yes needed, was cast by the junior-most Senator. Both were Masons.

Kitty =^..^=

A Toast To the Ladies!

You've been saving the date (hopefully). Now is the time to make your reservations for the social highlight of the 2015 Lodge year -- our annual Ladies Night dinner on Saturday, November 7th, in the third floor Ballroom of our Masonic Temple.

Fellowship time will begin at 5:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6:30. After dinner we will be entertained by the Sgt Peppers Beatles Tribute Band. This band has the look and sound of The Beatles nailed! They brought down the house at the Masonic Family Session at Eastern Star Grand Chapter in Fresno in 2013.

The cost for this outstanding evening comes to only fifty dollars (\$50.00) per couple for **Lodge** members, of course, our Ladies are always free. That is, other Lodge's members and other guests pay \$50 each. Checks should be made payable to Washington Lodge No. 20. Reservations are essential! So don't delay



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Grand Master's Proclamation:
SEPTEMBER 2015 IS U.S. CONSTITUTION OBSERVANCE MONTH
Repairing the World By Improving Ourselves

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States is the foundation of our democratic government and responsible for the multitude of freedoms we enjoy today; and

Whereas, many of the founding fathers of our country were Freemasons, and through their ideals and efforts, they formed a society that promoted democracy and established a new order based on upholding the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

Whereas, all Masons pledge to uphold the peace and order of civil society by demonstrating allegiance to our country and obedience to the laws under whose protection we live; and

Whereas, as Masons, we strive to set an example for others in our society and communities by demonstrating compassion, kindness, temperance, tolerance, and respect alongside our storied principle tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth; now

Therefore, as Grand Master, I proclaim September 2015 as **U.S. Constitution Observance Month** in California. I ask all California Masons to select a date in September to celebrate the United States Constitution within their lodges, by recognizing the parallels between our founding fathers' words and our own treasured ritual; by including Masonic youth orders in a celebration of our constitutional freedoms; and by recognizing the importance of our continued efforts to promote civility within society.

Together, we must remember that while we strive to repair our world by improving ourselves, we must harken back to the storied words inscribed by our forefathers upon the hearts of our nation. Our foundational understanding of the importance of democracy will continue to be a source of inspiration and knowledge as we work together to build a brighter future for our children, and our children's children.

Dated this 23rd day of July, 2015.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Russell E. Charvonia
Grand Master

Attest:

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Grand Secretary