



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

Newsletter of Washington Lodge No. 20

September 2010

To Make Good Men Better

Our 159th Year



## From the East

Joseph Dongo, Master

Oh my goodness. This San Francisco Bay cruise was terrific. We boarded the motor coach at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, stopped in Dixon where we picked up three brothers and relatives from the Yolo Lodge and headed to Jack London Square in Oakland. There were over 40 of us. Coffee and cakes were served - complementary of our lodge, host of the event. We watched a 15-minute video in the Visitor Center prior to the cruise. The video provided a glimpse of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's use of the Yacht, emphasizing the impact of his administration on the country as well as the history of the USS Potomac and its restoration story. We then sailed aboard the former President's beloved "Floating White House" for a cruise on the Bay. We cruised by the three Bridges of the Bay (the Bay Bridge with the new East Span under construction, the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, and the Golden Gate Bridge) and the Islands of the Bay. Coffee, tea and bottled water were available, and lunch was served onboard half way on the cruise.

We stopped on our way back in Fairfield for a tour of the Jelly Belly factory. All fun!

At around 6:00 pm we were back to the Scottish Rite Center safe after a fun day filled with great camaraderie and fellowship.

Thanks to Bro. Bill Dillon who suggested this trip. Being onboard of this National Historic Landmark Yacht used by and marked by the memories of a brother mason, President Franklin Roosevelt, added a special note to the trip. Many brothers from other lodges joined us with their relatives and guests to make this a great success. We appreciated their fellowship.

Special thanks to Bro. Dave and Cheryl Freeman for their leadership and tireless effort in putting the whole thing together.

Warmest congratulations to Bros. Alex Chompff and Victor Sanchez who were respectively raised on July 29 and August 12. We welcome you into the Washington Lodge family with open arms with our best wishes and blessings.

Congratulations to Brother Zachary Bowles who was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on August 19, six weeks after his initiation, he is slated to be raised on September 16.

The Adopt-A-Freeway Program is off to a great start. We received a Safety Orientation from Caltrans regarding the program. A DVD will be presented to all those who are to participate in the program at the September Stated Meeting. Please plan to attend. Our first litter removal is slated for September 25, the "California Cleaning up Day". We will need all of you for a fun work. In the future, the litter removal will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, weather permitting.

Fraternally,

Joseph Dongo, Master

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## Communicating – You can't do Enough of It

We do a pretty good job of communicating what's going on inside our Lodge. We do degrees, social events, let our membership know about our support activities for our youth groups; and invite you to dinner, to name a few things we do. That works for us, but what about our neighbor lodges. How do they find out what we are doing? The obvious answer is to send them each a copy of our Trestleboard. But that can get expensive. There is another way. What about the Masonic Service Bureau's Website, and their newsletter "Every Friday." If you have an e-mail account and you are a member of the Masonic Family (Blue Lodge, Jobs Daughters, Eastern Star, etc.). All you need to do to utilize their bulletin board website is go on line, log in, fill out their registration form. From then on you can log in, use your password and username and check out what's going on. You can also post data by using [events@msb-sac.org](mailto:events@msb-sac.org) or [degree@msb-sac.org](mailto:degree@msb-sac.org). Just go to [www.members@msb-sac.org](http://www.members@msb-sac.org) to begin the process. It's easy and adds one more "Tool" to your Masonic "Toolbox". And the best part, it's free! The "Every Friday" Newsletter goes out to over one thousand members of the Masonic family. Check it out; you'll like what you see.

## The 2010 Washington Lodge Officers

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### LADIES NIGHT - 2010

November 6, 2010  
Downtown Masonic Temple  
6:30 – 10:30 pm  
Evening wear ladies, coat and tie for men  
Bring your dancing shoes!  
Key Note Speaker  
Very Worshipful Allan Casalou, Grand Secretary  
"Gender and Freemasonry"  
Gentlemen: \$35.00 - It's Ladies night!  
Reservation: 1-888-828-4476



## Editor's Desk

Victor U. Sanchez

As I make my way through the various stages of Masonry and improve myself as a human being, I remember the many adventures life has brought to my doorstep. Most recently, within the past week, as a matter of fact, I again had the pleasure of spending a week with Brother PM Alan Grundel. Many times we have toured this great country of ours seated on our trusty iron steeds. However, this last adventure we took to the road as brothers. Tied to each other in a manner few have the opportunity to experience. It was through Bro. Alan that I was brought forth from darkness to light. Many times in our discussions and fellowship, we spoke of Shriners, and Masonic fellowship. And, many times I waited for an invitation to join, but the time never came, or I did not see it. It wasn't until I asked Al, "...so, how do I get involved?" And, as though a burden had been lifted from his shoulders, he replied "... I am glad you asked!" Little did I know that to join this fraternity, a prospective candidate needed to ask to be admitted, hence "...of your own free will and accord". I understand the concept and appreciate the need for oneself to make a heartfelt, open decision to become involved within the Masonic brotherhood. But, I look at the years lost and the thoughts of rejection when I was not "asked" if I was interested in becoming a part of the whole. Perhaps as time and the want to fill our membership rolls gives way to a more direct approach to recruit members, we might set aside the notion of asking to be allowed to join for a friendlier and more worthy approach of asking worthy men to join our ranks. However, with this change will come a need to truly investigate the worthiness of a candidate. Until that day comes, and I've heard it said that that day is upon us, we must each search out those who would follow us and prepare them for the task of filling those shoes left by our brethren.

### **September Schedule**

**September 9: 1st Degree or Practice (TBD)**  
7:00 pm Degree, w/Refreshment or Practice

**September 16: 3rd Degree, Bro. Zachary Bowles**  
6:00 Dinner, 7:00 Degree

**September 23: Double 2nd Degree**  
**Bros. Morrison England & Joseph Basham**  
6:00 Dinner, 7:00 Degree

**September 30: 3rd Degree or Practice (TBD)**



## From the West

David H. Cameron, Sr. Warden

I did a degree not too long ago, and a lot of things went wrong. But something happened I will remember forever, and I think another young man will too. I/We had a connection, there was a moment, maybe thrice, when he and I, were alone in the Lodge. Time seemed to have stopped, and I became his Brother. It is an honor to be a Member of the Craft.

My wife Joan and I will celebrate our 18th year of marriage. She said "I do", though I still wonder why, on September 13, 1992. We were at the Sutter Club, the room was full of friends and family, the only two people missing were Billy and Dorothy. I still remember when I first saw her there, it was like, "Oh God, she's serious".

My Joanie, thank you for always being my best friend.

David H. Cameron, Sr. Warden

My trust is in God

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### We need your help

Preparations for the fall trips of Operation Greatest Gift are under way at Grand Lodge many veterans eagerly await their chance to see the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Unfortunately, some veterans - many, in their late 80s and early 90s have had to give up their spots due to failing health. Their situations is a reminder of the urgency to honor as many WWII veterans as we can today, whether it's with a trip to the Memorial or a simple and grateful thank you.

We have a handful of spots available for veterans on our Sept. 9-11 and Sept. 16-18 trips. We are looking for WWII veterans who live in or near: San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Diego, Ontario, or Fresno.

If you know a veteran who would like to participate, contact Joyce Hahn at [jhahn@freemason.org](mailto:jhahn@freemason.org) or 415/292-9139. Please submit the veteran's legal name, address, telephone number, and record ID, if a California Mason, or date of birth.

Help every WWII veteran join this trip of a lifetime.

### Adopt-A-Freeway Program

#### Volunteers Needed

September 25, 2010 at 9:00 AM

Litter Removal on Freeway 244: On & Off Ramp I-80 at Auburn Blvd.

Meet at Del Paso Park, Auburn Blvd near the Ramp.



## From the South

Michael P. Quinn, Jr. Warden

In discussions with Worshipful Norm Stevenson, Past Master of Vacaville Lodge 134 F. & A. M. about Dan Brown's book, *The Lost Symbol*; he notes a major error regarding the structure of the Scottish Rite in America. The Scottish Rite in America is governed by two Supreme Councils, and not just one as Brown suggests. They are the Southern Jurisdiction in Washington D. C. & the Northern Jurisdiction in Lexington Massachusetts. The head of the Scottish Rite is referred to as the "Sovereign Grand Commander" and not the "Supreme Worshipful Master", as stated in his book. Even though the book is a work of fiction, this error or possible misdirection; points out how misunderstandings about Freemasonry may be propagated. We as Masons must make sure we convey the facts of our Fraternity and not the myths; teach and convey the truth and not the lies; and promote unity, hope, and charity among our brethren and the community at large. I have learned much from Brother Norm and hope I can coax him into visiting our Lodge and share his vast knowledge with us.

Fraternally,

Michael P. Quinn, Jr. Warden

## Constitution Night

### September 2<sup>nd</sup> Stated Meeting & Dinner with Special Guest Speaker: Brother Bill Dillon

#### "The Constitution and What it Means Today?"

The guest speaker at the Stated Meeting for September will be Brother Bill Dillon.

Brother Bill, member of Washington Lodge earned his Doctorate Degree at University of California, Berkeley and is Professor of Government at Sacramento State University.

5:00 pm Pool

6:00 pm Dinner

6:45 pm Bro. Bill Dillon

7:05 pm Adopt-A-Freeway Video Presentation

7:30 Stated Meeting

## Member Profile

### Brian Schoenborn

I have been with Washington Lodge 20 for eight months. I have made many new friends and appreciate all the Brotherly Love and help many of you provided me with over the last several months.

I was born the fifth out of five children, at Fort Ord, California on June 1, 1964. My father retired from the United States Army in 1963 and purchased a home in Marina, small town next to Fort Ord. I pretty much lived on the beautiful Monterey Peninsula my whole life. I was a U.S. Naval Sea Cadet throughout high school and had the opportunity to sail aboard the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk in the summer of 1980, the U.S.S. Constellation in the summer of 1981, and the U.S.S. Flint in the summer 1982. I graduated from Seaside High School in 1983. In the fall of 1983 an opportunity to attend DeAnza College in Cupertino, California was presented to me by my former High School Auto Shop Instructor. It was the General Motors "Automotive Service Education Program" (ASEP). I received an Associate Degree in Automotive Technology in the Fall of 1985. I was employed by various General Motors New Car Dealerships as an automotive repair technician on the Monterey Peninsula. On December 7, 1991, I married my wife Ida, yes that was on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. I married on that date so I would never forget my wedding anniversary. In July of 1996, I accepted a position with the Bureau of Automotive Repair, a State Agency that regulates the automotive repair industry and administers the California Smog Check Program. Unfortunately the position was in Hayward and I was still living on the Monterey Peninsula and I was commuting 190 miles a day. Three years later, burned out by the long commute and one worn out automobile, I was offered a position to work in the Bureau's main office in Sacramento. After pricing homes in the Sacramento Region, Ida and I decided to relocate to Sacramento. We moved into our new home in Elk Grove in November of 1999.

On July 29, 2002, Ida and I were blessed with a beautiful baby girl, Erika Marie Schoenborn. She has brought much joy to our lives. Erika is currently a pledge in Rainbow Girls and is also a Brownie in Girl Scouts. My wife Ida is also very active with the Girl Scouts as an assistant troop leader.



## Ambassador's Corner

### Bro. Dave Freeman

Do you have questions about Masonic Outreach Services?

What is it you need to know?

Are you missing out on some of the services or benefits that could be important to you and your family?

Well, the acting manager of Masonic Outreach Services for Northern California will be our speaker at the October 7 Stated meeting dinner. So save the date and make your reservation to attend this special meeting. Spouses and widows are encouraged to attend.

Specific items to be covered will include: an overview of all Masonic Outreach Services for family members under 60 years of age as well as seniors over age 60.

A question and answer period will follow and handout materials will be available.

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Wednesday October 13th, 2010

Dinner at 6:00 PM

Degree at 7:00 PM

No charge for Dinner or Degree

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Ida, Erika, and I are very active in the Capital City PT Cruiser Club, we enjoy bike riding, camping, and our all time favorite thing to do is go to Disneyland when we can afford it. So far I have enjoyed being part of Washington Lodge 20 and look forward to being part of this lodge for many years to come. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my profile with you.