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

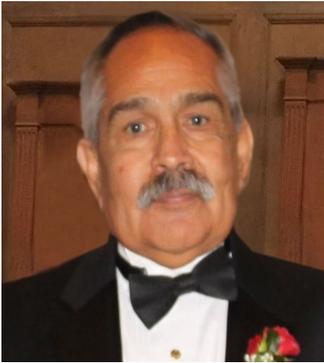
March 2017

Sincerity & Plain Dealing

Our 167th Year



## From the East: Worshipful Victor Sanchez



Welcome to March and the start of a new natural season. Spring brings us the start of new growth, revitalization of previous development and the start of continued progress in our search for spiritual and physical wellbeing. Our members are no less susceptible to these forces of nature. We travel through our Masonic journey constantly growing, learning and exploring our surroundings. We share with others that which we learn and help those around us understand those lessons. We bring others into the fraternity and guide them as they begin and continue their journey. We should not take this responsibility lightly or let these opportunities pass us by.

February was a busy and fruitful month. On February 9<sup>th</sup> we had our annual Roll Call Dinner which was well attended and very successful. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, we sponsored a Valentines luncheon which was also well attended. SW Montero and his wife Wendy put on a great spread and made our guests comfortable with music from students from the Natomas Performing Arts Charter School. On February 16<sup>th</sup> we held our Annual Past Masters night when Brother Michael Allen was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

March will bring more candidates before the lodge as they quest admission into our fraternity, which, as the dominos fall, will keep your officers busy throughout the year. That being said, Colin Cooper, our Candidates Head Coach, will be looking for Master Masons willing to step up and help mentor those elected to receive the degrees of masonry within our lodge. Please contact me or Colin if you are interested. You will find that it is a very rewarding way to learn more about masonry and to watch those placed in your trust advance through degrees.

We will be rolling out a recognition program for coaches which will be explained at our March Stated meeting. These silent partners have been an integral part of the lodge and its membership but have gone unrecognized for far too long. It is time to recognize those who have given much of their personal time and knowledge to teach our members the craft. Please come and share your thoughts.

I have extended a standing invitation to the other lodges who meet at the Masonic Temple; Union-Tehama #3, General Douglas MacArthur #853, and the concurrent York Rite bodies to join us and Sacramento #40 at our monthly Fraternal/Education night. It is my hope they will accept the invitation and we can share in the education of our respective brothers and at the same time become more acquainted with the brothers of these lodges.

Brother Mauro Lara continues to formulate the MERT (Masonic Emergency Response Team) and should have more information to share at our stated meeting. The events in Oroville and throughout the region show that MERT would be a welcome resource for our members, as well as those of other lodges. Please see Brother Mauro if you are interested.

In preparation for April's schools month, Brother Jared Yoshiki is soliciting assistance in helping area schools obtain benches and tables needed by students at local schools. The committee will be gathering materials to build the benches and tables, deliver them to the schools and help the students put on the finishing touches to their benches and tables. I am sure Brother Jared would welcome any and all assistance with this important project.

To close, the lodge is involved with the community, schools and its membership. There are many and varied opportunities for all lodge members to become involved in the business of the fraternity, either physically or financially. Please take the opportunity to become involved and help those less fortunate.

**To Be 1 Ask 1**



# From the West

Luis J. Montero, Sr. Warden



The month of February has been a short one. This is a time for all members to appreciate the loving support we receive from our wives, girlfriend or fiancé. For our Annual Valentines Day Luncheon, we had about 35 people show up to honor the women in their lives. The event was catered by Tony's Delicatessen.

They delivered a beautiful warm meal for the ladies to enjoy. And the desserts were delicious. We had entertainment from the Natomas Charter Performing Arts Academy High School which gave the event a soft touch for the ladies. The talent which was displayed made it feel warm and welcoming. Some of the York Rite members joined in the Ladies Luncheon as well, and together we had a wonderful afternoon.

The room seemed full of joy and appreciation. All of the ladies left with a gift and a scarf. All reports from the luncheon indicate that it was a success.

Past Masters night was very memorable. The performance of the third degree was a memorable and impactful performance for Michael Allen our new Master Mason. Congratulations Brother Allen, I know you had been waiting for this moment. We look forward to seeing more of you in our meetings in the near future.

We also held our monthly Officers School of Instruction (OSI) which due to illnesses or injury not many had the time to attend. As a reminder, OSI is not just for the officers of the lodge. I invite all Master Masons to attend. We always learn something new and we get to have a little fun with the other lodges involved. The purpose of OSI many nights is to go over ritual work. If you are interested in the ritual of our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, you are more than welcomed to attend. OSI is held on the third Wednesdays of each month.

Lastly, I know our candidates have been working diligently toward completing their work in the craft and we eagerly await their arrival at their new milestone. It is a rewarding journey. I look forward to our next degrees.



# From the South

Jesse Solis-Jacques , Jr. Warden



Brethren, February has been a celebrated month. We would like to congratulate our newly raised Master Mason, Brother Michael Anthony Allen, raised on February 16<sup>th</sup>. I would also like to thank all Past Masters who participated on Past Masters Night for the raising of Brother Allen. Also, a great thanks for all those who volunteered and participated for the Super Bowl Party hosted by Sacramento Lodge 40 and Washington Lodge 20. A special thanks to the students of the Natomas Charter Performing Arts Academy High School and to Tony's Delicatessen Catering Company for providing an exceptional entertainment and quality treats for our Annual Valentine's Day Luncheon.

## **For the Stewards:**

It gives me great pleasure to present to you Junior Steward Brother Carlos Brusel-Casals and Senior Steward Brother Francisco Marques. The Stewards are the most instrumental part of Freemasonry and the foundation of brotherly love. The gravity of their hospitality is paramount and supersedes all divine characteristics. The Stewards represent servant leadership and display how mankind should adopt love and care to all, especially our most rivaled enemies—of the past, present, or future. Please join me Brethren, in great honor and appreciation to the Junior and Senior Stewards for all that they do for our lodge and Freemasonry in general, by giving them a battery of 3 times 3—no matter where you are around the world, please show your appreciation for one of the toughest jobs a leader can obtain---brotherly servitude.

As we head into March, life starts to change according to the seasons. Change is our profession as human beings; It is in our nature. Change is the fluid that circulates within us and keeps us alive. On my journey to the other side of the world, I've seen many changes from climates, time zones, cultural gestures, to the variety of quality of life. I've met many good men who are afraid of each other. I've also met many good men who embrace each other despite their differences. It is our hope that this fear that some men have in their hearts will become resolved in time.

In addition to the changes of the seasons, there are many good things coming up next month in March. Please take time to remember the good times you enjoyed with each other this past winter and start fresh with new pleasant memories with the new season Mother Nature divinely calls---Spring.

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## Stated Meeting March 2, 2017

5:00 PM Social Hour

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

**RSVP by February 28, 2017 at 6:00PM**

**(888) 828-4476**

**"Waste Not, Want Not"**

## March Schedule

March 2 - Stated Meeting

March 7 - Fraternal/Education night

March 9 - Entered Apprentice degree - Mr. Johnston

March 15 - OSI - 1<sup>st</sup> Sec 3<sup>rd</sup> degree

March 16 - Degree TBD

March 23 - Dark/Degree

March 30 - Degree/Dark

TBD - Assemble benches and tables



## Looking Ahead

April 6 - Stated Meeting

April 11 - Fraternal/Education night

April 13 - Dark

April 19 - OSI - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sect 3<sup>rd</sup> degree

April 20 - Degree/Dark

April 27 - Degree/Dark

TBD - Deliver benches and tables to schools

**To Be 1 Ask 1**

Are you a Master Mason?

Are you interested in being part of the third degree?

Washington Lodge #20 is looking to put together a degree team for the second section of the third degree, composed of Master Masons from the lodges within our District. This is an effort to be able to help all lodges in the district put on a third degree when they do not have the requisite number of brothers to fill a team. This also gives us the opportunity to spend time with our brothers from other lodges, and build some spirit between our lodges. As you can tell with our Education Nights, we are focusing on building the bridge with our brothers within the district.

We are looking for all positions to be filled. The goal is to be able to have a main set of brothers at each position, and one or two back-ups. If you are interested in participating with this team, please speak to Brother Colin Cooper. We would like to have the first meeting for the team some time in April.

## **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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