

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

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

February 2015

En Route to the East

Our 164th



From the East: Worshipful Richard Wilson



The new year is certainly off and running. We are barely six weeks into the new term, and we have already initiated three Entered Apprentices and raised one Master Mason. And, we have quite a few candidates working on their proficiencies in all three degrees, so we are assured of a steady schedule of degrees in the coming months. In addition to Nicholas Jones and Daniel Mueller, who were initiated in December, we welcome Brother Randy Brinks, who started his Masonic journey as an Entered Apprentice on January 15th. And we welcomed Brother Ian Solis-Jacques, brother of our Junior Deacon, as a Master Mason on January 22nd. We look forward to seeing all these brethren regularly at our meetings and activities.

Our February Stated Meeting will be on Thursday, the 5th, our regular first Thursday, in Lodge Room One. Remember, we conduct our business in the First Degree of Masonry, 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, but this month it will be in the third floor Club Room and will be a full Italian dinner catered by Toni's Deli (on the first floor of our Temple building). The reason for this is that the banquet room and ballroom will be closed all week so the floors can be refinished. And, because this meal will be a little more expensive for the Lodge, we will be asking for a ten dollar donation from all attendees – still a bargain.

February's highlight will be our traditional Past Masters Night on Thursday, the 19th. The officers will open Lodge at 7:00 pm, then our Past Masters will enter in procession and confer the Third Degree on Brother Charles Byrd. There will be a 6:00 pm dinner preceding the Degree. This is certainly an evening not to be missed. Our tradition has been to hold Past Masters Night on the Thursday closest to February 22nd, which is George Washington's birthday. There will be a practice for both the officers and the Past Masters on the previous Thursday, February 12th, at 7:00 pm.

The last week of the month, on February 26th, we will confer the Second Degree on Brothers Dante Cuellar and Ron Speno. We will start at 7:00 pm, and refreshments will be provided after the degree. Because of a number of conflicts around Valentine's Day, the Ladies Luncheon originally intended for February 15th will be rescheduled in March.

One other important event in February will be a Town Hall Meeting conducted by Grand Master Russ Charvonja on Sunday afternoon, February 22nd, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. It is being held to offer an opportunity to jointly explore what Masonry can and should look like in the Sacramento area and what we can contribute to society. It is open to all Masons, and you should all have received a personal invitation (by e-mail letter) from the Grand Master in mid-January. I urge you all to attend the meeting and join in the discussion.

Finally, I urge each one of you to resolve to be more active in Lodge in 2015, even if all you can do is attend an occasional Degree or special activity. Stop and think about what your membership means to you. Wouldn't it mean more if you started coming to Lodge to join with your Brethren in body as well as in spirit. And, think what it means to our candidates to be able to see sidelines filled with Masons when they are brought to light, instead of just an almost empty Lodge room.

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Stated Meeting February 5, 2015

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by February 3, 2015

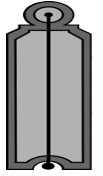
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"Waste Not, Want Not"



From the South

Victor U Sanchez, Jr. Warden



Please join with me and the other lodge officers to welcome Randy Brink to the craft. Randy was conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on January 15th. He is now our youngest Entered Apprentice. This degree was well attended and Randy felt very welcome and honored.

Please also congratulate Brother Ian Solis-Jacques as our newest Master Mason. I am sure he will be a very active member in our fraternity.

On January 29th, we will have our Annual Roll Call dinner to celebrate Dan Dailey, PM and the Class of 2014. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending, also please make your reservations so that our great kitchen crew can get a good head count. If ANY brother needs a ride to and from this event, please call me (916) 425-6112 and we will make sure you get a ride.

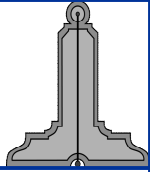
February Schedule

- Feb 5, Stated Meeting
- Feb 11, Masonic Fellowship, 6pm
- Feb 12, 3rd. Degree Practice, 7pm
- Feb 14, Ritual Competition Practice, 8am
- Feb 19, Past Masters Night - 3rd Degree-Byrd
- Feb 24, OSI
- Feb 26, Double Fellowcraft Degree: Cuellar & Speno
- Feb 28, Ritual Competition Practice, 8am



From the West

Joseph "Scott" Goode, Sr. Warden



Washington 20 shows no signs of slowing. In fact the rate of growth is increasing as proven during the last stated meeting dinner; there were several new potential candidates introduced and welcomed. This brought up conversations about why we are thriving as a lodge. Many reasons were suggested, here is a synopsis:

We are welcoming: Potential candidates are invited to stated meetings where they are welcomed and given an excellent meal. As they sit and eat we ask questions about their work and personal life, this shows that we are interested and care. When they are introduced we clap and cheer to make them feel welcome. We all take a turn to shake their hand and welcome them before we go down to the stated meeting, again this makes them feel welcome, but also sparks curiosity as we disappear to do the craft. Curiosity turns into interest and interest turns into enthusiasm.

Zeal for the craft: After a candidate receives his first degree, he can then witness other first degrees and attend stated meetings. This is our chance to show our enthusiasm for the craft. Even if we do not give a flawless performance, they still witness the greatness of the fraternity as corrections are given in a humble and gentle manner. This demonstrates brotherly love which is a big reason we seek out Freemasonry. At least once a month we hold fellowship meetings where we talk about the meaning of Freemasonry and enjoy refreshment and even a game of billiards. This combines welcoming and zeal for the craft which reinforces and strengthens both.

Inclusion: It is extremely important that a new Brother feel he is a part of the lodge as soon as possible and not be just a spectator. We encourage new members to learn a charge, sit in the Junior Stewards chair if empty, be part of a committee or write a Trestleboard article. There are many ways even an Entered Apprentice can be involved.

Expectations: Expectations are set by example. If a new member sees that an Officer is performing his part well, then that new member will aspire to perform to that same level. Keeping in mind that no one is perfect, we gently correct mistakes and encourage practice. We do not yell or get upset when mistakes are made. No one should be afraid to step in the line or perform a part. Most people put enough pressure on themselves to do well. We aide, encourage and praise to foster a healthy and enjoyable fraternal experience. There are many more reasons why our lodge is so successful, but it would probably require a book to explain it all. Maybe some young member will take a stab at writing that book. As good as we are doing we can always do better. Any ideas, suggestions and comments are welcome and encouraged.

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

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.



Kitty's Corner

A funny thing happened on the way to the February Ladies Lunch! It is difficult enough to schedule things when the Brethren of the Lodge are “booked solid” with a myriad of Masonic organizations, but we have discovered that the Women of Washington 20 have VERY full agendas as well. When a man becomes a Master Mason his female relatives become eligible to be members of Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile and Job's Daughters (Rainbow Girls need only be the friend of a Rainbow Girl). So in what I jokingly refer to as “dueling calendars” we have just come through the start of the Eastern Star year here in California with all sorts of Installations, Instruction, workshops and the first Official Visits of Grand Officers to local districts (there went November, January, February) which brings us to March when the local Temple of Daughters of the Nile holds its' annual Installation. So we are, quite literally, thinking of having a Valentine's Luncheon in March at this point.

For those of you who are new, allow me to give you a capsule history of these luncheons. When I first came to the Lodge 25 years ago (February 1990) there was a Widow's Lunch and a Ladies Night each year. Then Past Master Phil Hardiman started going through the Line a second time (around 1999) at which time he and his wife, Nancy, started the Ladies Luncheons where both wives and widows could get together several times a year. The Lodge hosts these as a way of thanking the womenfolk for all they do for the Lodge. Especially all those times the Brethren go off to meetings, degrees, etc.

I write this column the night of the Roll Call Dinner because I have been busy with the decorations for it. My thanks to our Lodge “resident” cooks, Bob Taylor and Wally Clark (& crew) for excellent prime rib and all the extras! The Grand Master, Russ Charvonia, informed us that many Lodges in California do not hold Roll Calls and the way we call the Roll is different from other places (there is a “script” indicating which members are present, what year they were raised to the Degree of Master Mason and who was the Master that year).

As Rich and I were doing the last preparations for the dinner, TV news informed me that survivors were memorializing the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz Concentration Camp. Reports of conditions there were unbelievable. Part of the reason was the Russians had become notorious for fabricating news, including photographs. So when Americans found Buchenwald Concentration Camp in April 1945 General Dwight D. Eisenhower ordered American GI photographers within 100 miles of the Camp sent there to document what was found. One of those photographers was my father, Eugene White. So as the Grand Master spoke tonight on his theme for this year “Repairing the World by Improving Ourselves”, pointing out that EACH person CAN make a difference, I began tearing up, thinking how his and other GI photographers' pictures made such a difference at the Nuremburg Trials.



Looking Ahead

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

Wednesday, March 11th – Masonic Fellowship

Thursday, March 12th – Degree, 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 19th – Degree, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 24th - Officers School, 7:00pm

Thursday, March 26th – Joint Third Degree with Yolo Lodge #195 at Davis

Practices may be substituted for degrees.

In Memoriam

Maurice Leroy “Moe” Fix

Born March 25, 1940, Jamestown, CA

Initiated May 27, 1982

Passed February 10, 1983

Raised April 26, 1983

all in Washington Lodge #20

Entered Eternal Life January 17, 2015

Almighty Father, into Thy hands we commend the soul of our departed brother.





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2015 RITUAL COMPETITION RULES

PARTICIPATION

- Teams may consist of members of the same lodge or a combination of members from several lodges within the same district.
- The team leader shall complete and submit the Ritual Competition Registration Form to his district inspector (or in his absence, the concerned assistant grand lecturer) by **February 1, 2015**.
- All participants, including the exemplification candidate, shall be Master Masons and members of the participating district.

JUDGING

- The inspector shall work with each team leader to identify a suitable date and time for each team to exemplify their work in front of the inspector.
- After judging the work of each degree team, the inspector shall forward the winning team's registration form to his assistant grand lecturer (AGL) by **May 1, 2015**.
- Each AGL shall then work with each district team leader to identify a suitable date and time for each team to exemplify their work in front of the AGL.
- After judging the work of each district degree team, the AGL shall forward the winning team's registration form to the grand lecturer by **August 1, 2015** to allow him time to arrange for appropriate recognition of each division's team leader during the 2015 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California.
- Judging shall be the sole discretion of the judging inspector and AGL, who may use as many assistants as he deems necessary to make his decision.

OBSERVING

- Inspectors and AGLs are encouraged to invite any and all Master Masons to the exemplification and judging process in order to observe the work and thereby improve their own ritual skills.

As mentioned at the November Stated meeting, the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of California will be having the 2015 ritual competition. My intent is to perform the 2nd section of the Third Degree in costume. This will be one of the most memorable endeavors Washington Lodge #20 has undertaken. We will need at least 15 Master Masons. I will be seeking the assistance and guidance of our Past Masters to be the best we can. I welcome all lodge members to participate and show how well we best can work and best agree. If you are interested please call me Luis Montero at: [1-888-828-4476](tel:1-888-828-4476) or email me at: L.Montero22@yahoo.com