



# TRESTLEBOARD

Newsletter of Washington Lodge No. 20

September 2012

Live the Masonic Values

Our 161st Year

## From the East: Worshipful Master Joseph Dongo, PM

We are really expecting to have a great time this August 30<sup>th</sup> when we will be conferring a split 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree with our Brethren from Yolo Lodge No.195. Worshipful Brian Walker and his Officers and members will be visiting us. But unlike any other lodge visitation where the visitors just sit on the sideline, Yolo Lodge will be entirely covering the 2<sup>nd</sup> section after Washington lodge covers the 1<sup>st</sup> Section. Quite exciting!

And in the near future, we will return the covering their 2<sup>nd</sup> Section on another 3<sup>rd</sup> time thing but an annual event for both

September is quite packed with great and uniquely design Constitution you don't miss it. The 163rd Annual 21st weekend and although each lodge representatives, the whole ceremony is accordingly and see you there.



favor to Yolo Lodge in the same fashion Degree. Hope we can make this not a one lodges.

unbelievable activities. We are set for a Night on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure Communication is slated for the September has a limited four (4) voting open to all Masons. So, please plan

And if you have not made your reservation for the Ladies Night of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, please do it instantly. Also check your mailbox as a flyer with further details is on its way.

Finally, and not least, we have been trying in vain to get a hold of Bro. John Michael Otten for his 50 year veteran award. I sent him a letter without return and his phone number in our books is wrong. So, if any of you has his contact, please let us know as we have his pin and certificate and we hope to join him on celebrating this milestone many Masons can only dream about.

### Stated Meeting Thursday, September 6, 2012

5:00 PM Social  
6:00 PM Dinner

6:50 PM - Video: Freemasonry and the Fabric of America  
7:15 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by September 4, 2012  
(888) 828-4476

### September Schedule

September 6, 2012: Stated Meeting  
September 12, 2012: Fellowship and Masonic Education  
September 13, 2012 2nd Degree, Bros. Colin Cooper & Paul McNamee  
September 14, 2012 Constitution Night  
September 20, 2012 1st Degree  
September 27, 2012 3rd Degree, Bro. Creston-Whiting Casey

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### ***Adopt-A-Freeway Program***

***None this month***

***Next Removal on October 6, 2012***

***Litter Removal on Freeway 244***

***On/Off Ramp at Auburn Blvd***

***Meet at Del Paso Park***

***Corner of Park Road and Auburn Blvd***



## From the West

Juan C. Faranda, Sr. Warden

Brethren, we rapidly are approaching the end of this very successful Masonic year. We have had many degree already with more to come. Also next month will be the 163rd, Annual Communication in San Francisco, the three principal officers of our lodge and one past Master will be there to vote on many issues concerning Masonry in California. I assure you my brethren we will do our best to vote on the issues.

Now a little bit of history. We are proud that our lodge name is Washington, the name of the first President of the United States. We are justifiably proud of the fact that George Washington, was first at war, first at peace, first in the hearts of the nation. The illustrious first President of the United States was a notable leader in Freemasonry. He was the chartered Worshipful Master of the Lodge in Alexandria, Virginia now Alexandria Lodge 22 and continued to fill this high position during his tenure as President of the United States. In Masonic circles of America, the memory of no man is more highly revered than that of George Washington.

Brethren, may the great architect of the universe bless you all.

Fraternally yours, Juan.

### **THE CRAFT AND THE DIVINE**

The August/September issue of California Freemason takes an in-depth look at the implicit and nuanced connections between Freemasonry and religion.

Look for direct links to supplemental articles from leading Masonic scholars in this digital edition. California Freemason online offers you a broad view of the topics at hand with a simple click of your mouse.

**Brethren,**

It is with a heavy heart that we have learned of the passing of Brother Elmer Joseph Becky a couple of days shy of his 89th birthday.

Initiated on March 06, 1951 in Washington Lodge No. 20

Passed on May 17, 1951 in Washington Lodge No. 20

Raised on October 27, 1951 in Washington Lodge No. 20

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

## From the Secretary's Corner

**Jon Isaacson, P.M.**

I was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I knew my father had been a Mason but he passed away when I was only 16 and we hadn't discussed it much. It did however stick in my mind and it was something I wanted to do later in life.



I went to college after high school but even in 1970 I found the cost to be too much and I did not want my mother taking out loans for me. I dropped out and worked for four years to earn enough money to go back to school. In 1975 at the age of 23 I decided the cheapest way to go back to school was to move to California. That is how I ended up in Sacramento and I met and married a local girl and we made our lives together here. I found my true calling about 15 years ago when I decided to learn about those newfangled personal computers that were just coming out and I discovered I had a real knack for them. I became very adept at maintaining and repairing computers, studied and received several Microsoft certificates and have been in the IT industry ever since.

As the years went by I found myself thinking of the Freemasons again and at the age of 50 I joined the Lodge in 2002. I guess I'll have to live to be 100 to get my 50 year pin! Freemasonry helped me fill the void in my spirituality that was left wanting at the frustrating contradictions I found in organized religions. When I joined the Lodge I knew I wanted to "jump in with both feet" and become very involved. This meant immediately going into the line of officers and as I had a knack for memorization I started out as Senior Steward then jump to Senior Deacon and on through the wardens chairs until I became master of the Lodge in 2007. I have been the Lodge Secretary and the Webmaster for the last five years.

I have embraced the principles and precepts of Freemasonry and through this have discovered many new friend's and feel as though I am now a vital part of my community.

## Washington Lodge #20 F. & A. M.



# Mardi Gras



### Annual Ladies Night Dinner & Dance

Sacramento Masonic Center  
1123 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Ballroom

Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Widows, Wives and Dates of Washington 20 Lodge Members: **FREE**

Cost: Men \$35.00 / Women \$17.50

#### Appetizers:

Louisiana Shrimp Remoulade

(large boiled shrimp, with Mayo dressing, mustard, green onions, celery, parsley, garlic and lemon juice)

#### Soup/Salad:

Chicken and Andouille Gumbo/ Mix Green Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette

#### Entree Choices:

Beef Bourguignon or Chicken Marsala with roasted red potatoes

#### Dessert: Famous King Cake

Please **RSVP** your entree choice by October 20<sup>th</sup> 2012 to  
Bro. David Huez: [dch3887@gmail.com](mailto:dch3887@gmail.com) or call 916.689.6154



## Member Profile Jack Ansell

I was born in Sacramento at Mercy Hospital in 1934 and attended local schools. After graduating from C.K. McClatchy High School in 1950, I joined the Navy to see the world. After serving in the Navy in "dry dock" at San Diego, I was discharged in 1954.



I decided to use my G.I. Bill benefits to attend Heald Business College. This is where I met Jackie who was working in the school office after graduating from Heald. We were married in June of 1958.

After attending Heald, I went to work at the DMV on 24th Street. That is where I met Ray Lenau and about that same time, I joined Washington Lodge in 1958. I also worked in outside sales for the West Chemical Company.

Jackie had taken a job with the Sacramento City School District at 16<sup>th</sup> and N. Street. About this same time I met the district's Maintenance and Repair Crew and was offered a job there. It was very interesting to be working with all the different trades; carpenters, electricians, plumbers, etc. I worked on various projects with the school district, moving schools from one location to a new location, running maintenance crews, etc. I met Byron Drew during this time while we were working on moving the old Sacramento High School to the new school site. After working for 25 years at the school district, Jackie retired in 1992. Later I also retired in 1998 so we could enjoy life together.

After joining Washington Lodge in 1958, it was some time before I had the opportunity to become active in lodge work. In 1991 and again in 2007, I served as Master of Washington Lodge. It was fun and very interesting. In March of 1989 my son Tom took his first degree in Washington Lodge. In July of that year he took his second degree, and on September 28th, 1989 he received his third degree. I was privileged to confer all three of his degrees. He also joined both Scottish Rite and the Ben Ali Shrine soon after. In the 1960's I joined the Scottish Rite where I helped Doc Delavan in the makeup crew for the degrees. I worked in the old Governor's Hall at the old state

### CONSTITUTIONAL OBSERVANCE

**Ballroom, 1123 J Street**

**September 14, 2012**

**6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

This annual observance is sponsored by four of the Blue Lodges that meet at the J Street Temple:

Washington #20

Sacramento #40

Union Kit Carson #58

Concord #117

and

The Sacramento York Rite bodies.

Gather at 6:00 pm for light refreshment.

Program will begin at 6:30, with a flag presentation and pledge of allegiance.

Then a number of youth groups will recite memorized sections of the US Constitution.

A panel consisting of a Federal Judge, a Professor of Constitutional Law, and a Lawyer from the Pacific Legal Foundation, will answer questions provided in advance regarding the Bill of Rights.

Presentations and awards will be given to participants, and the informative evening will be finished by 8:30 pm.

Please come out and support our DeMolay, Rainbow, Jobs Daughters and Scouts as they make this public effort to honor our founding document.

RSVP by **SEPT 12th** to Nancy at 916-947-6738  
or Phil Hardiman P.M. at 916-712-4814

fairgrounds. We also worked on makeup for the Shrine degrees. After about 20 years serving on the makeup crew, I decided to be more active in various blue lodge activities, such as the local public schools program projects. In July 2009, I again became involved in the Scottish Rite makeup crew, since most of the former members had passed away. Currently, I am still active with this crew.

Last, but not least, I joined the Ben Ali Chanters Unit in 1998 until they disbanded the unit in 2004. In 2008 I joined Bicentennial Daylight Lodge where I serve on the knife and fork crew and also serve as Senior Deacon. God willing and the creeks don't rise, I'll be able to enjoy many more years working in the Masonic fraternity.

