



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

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

April 2013

Time, Patience and Perseverance

Our 162nd Year

## From the East: Worshipful Juan C. Faranda



Thank you for all your support in the last three months; March is almost gone and we are looking forward to April.

Last March 14, I had the satisfaction to raise Brother Luke Zeheir, a bright young man and definitely an asset to the lodge. Also I would like to mention to our new Masters Masons whose presence in our Stated Meetings and Degrees are very important. Every one of us are "Washington Lodge" and we need side liners on the degree nights, and to get involved in the business of the lodge; so my brethren you are very important. Our journey begins when we become a Master Mason.

This last Thursday, March 28 we raised Brother Jesse Vega as a courtesy for his original Lodge, Fillmore-Santa Paula No. 291. He will soon be affiliated to our Lodge, so let us make it a good night for our new brother. Fellowship night was a winner, ten young men showed this last time. We had a great time and I got beat in pool! Brother Derek Watermen gave us a homework assignment for our next meeting.

At the Stated Meeting on April 4, Worshipful Phil Hardiman will be doing a presentation regarding the "Eastern Star Chapter". He will introduce Mrs. Evelyn Ostrom and announce that she will receive her 75 year pin from Eastern Star. Mrs. Ostrom is the widow of a Past Master (Paul) of our Lodge in 1976.

I'm asking the brethren to make an effort to attend this special night. Also, I would like to mention that non-members are welcome. Let us make Mrs. Ostrom feel at home.

As usual, our Masonic schedule will be full for April. Our Stated Meeting begins our month on April 4<sup>th</sup> with our social hour at 5:00PM, followed by dinner at 6 and the meeting at 7:00PM. On April 10<sup>th</sup>, our first Wednesday of the month, we will continue our Masonic learning during our Masonic Fellowship. Remember, get your homework done! April 11<sup>th</sup> will be a night to remember for two Entered Apprentices who will be passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. On April 18<sup>th</sup> the officers will meet to practice the craft and on April 30<sup>th</sup>, the officers will once again meet for our monthly Officers School of Instruction session. Unfortunately we lost the Traveling Gavel last month; hopefully we can recoup it this time around. But, we need all the officers to attend.

**Have a nice Easter and enjoy the spring season.**

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## **Adopt-A-Freeway Program** *No Clean-up this month*

*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

Daniel J. Dailey, Sr. Warden

Spring is a time of new beginnings. Nature begins to awaken from winter slumber and all forms of life seem to be renewed and awakened. This time of year gives us all the opportunity to look inward and start our own new beginnings. Not only in the Lodge, but outside as well. Within the Lodge, one can begin to look at what new and exciting journey may be ahead. For our many candidates, Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, the next degree may be in your thoughts. What will it be like? What will I learn? How can I apply ritual and work in my life?

Master Masons may begin asking about getting into the Officer's Line and learning the ritual. Should I explore further light in Masonry in Scottish Rite, Shriner's, York Rite or any of the other Concordant Bodies of Masonry? What will it be like moving up to the next chair? Can I do the work? How will I remember all that information? I know I have these questions each time I am inclined to move up or join a new Masonic Organization. During these times of reflection, it is important to remember that the answer or "secret" of Masonry lies within you. You alone determine what Masonry means and how you will apply its many lessons in your life. You get out of it what you put in. The Officers of the Lodge and the Ritual provide you with a framework or path to follow, a "Plan" so to speak. And like all plans, the interpretation lies with the reader.

Outside of the Lodge, Masonry also gives us a "Plan" we can use in our daily lives. As the goal of Masonry is to take a good man and make him better. Where better to apply our lessons than outside of the Lodge? By your deeds and conduct you can show the whole world the benefits of Masonry. Ask yourself, how can I apply the new knowledge from my last degree? How will I use my new working tools? What will I change for the better, in my life or someone else's? The answers to these questions are also within each of us. We just have to look for them. What a better time than now, in spring, the season of new beginnings!

### **Stated Meeting**

**Thursday, April 4th, 2013**

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

**RSVP by April 2nd, 2013**

**(888) 828-4476**

**"Waste Not, Want Not"**



## From the South

Michael P. Quinn, Jr. Warden

The Mystic Tie that binds us together as a band of brothers cannot be explained; nor can the urge that drew us to the Fraternity in the beginning of our Masonic Journey. When I am asked about the Secrets that Masons keep I use the examples mentioned above. It may be unique to each brother but it defies a spoken explanation. As much as Faith binds us to our religious beliefs, so too do these esoteric secrets bind us to our Lodge and Brethren. After the Easter Weekend, which I hope you all enjoyed, I am again reminded of how important Faith and Trust in God is to us and how it improves our lives and communities.

Fraternally

## The Senior Steward

by  
David Minke

Our Officer's handbook describes the Senior Steward's duties to include:

Responsible for refreshments, kitchen, and clean up duties, prepare candidates for Degrees, learn the second Degree charge, assist the Junior Steward by marking in the attendance on the dinner sheets and learn the names and faces of those who attend and write an article in the April Trestleboard.

I am honored to serve as an officer in this Lodge and very much enjoy getting to know my brother Masons. I appreciate the opportunity to gather Stated Meeting reservations and check off everyone as they arrive and associate faces with names. As some of you know, Brother Antonio, I need all the help I can get! I find it especially meaningful to serve as the brother who leads Candidates to the door for degrees.

I am very grateful for the assistance of our Junior Steward, Brother Luis Montero. Delivering on his vision of what 'refreshments' means has been my goal. Thank you brothers, for your assistance and kind words during my short eight months of membership.

### SAY "YES" TO PAPERLESS TRESTLEBOARD

Wouldn't you prefer to receive your Trestleboard by e-mail? Please send your e-mail and name to:

[secretary@washingtonlodge20.org](mailto:secretary@washingtonlodge20.org)

### 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.



#### Mustard Seed Needs

Liquid hand soap  
Clorox disinfectant wipes  
Children's socks (size s, m)  
Women's underwear (size s, m, l)  
Paper towels  
Belts (small child)  
Dry erase markers and erasers  
Roller blades and roller skates (all sizes)  
Children's underwear (boys and girls: sizes 3T, 4T, 5L)  
Bicycle helmets (all sizes)  
Deodorant

Quality sturdy backpacks  
Kids pants (3T-16)  
Shoes (boys and girls: 3-15)  
Green chair cushions  
New/used workbooks (pre K-8)  
Bottled water  
Mouthwash  
Chap stick  
Hair Accessories  
Dish washing soap  
Healthy snacks: low sodium, low sugar

**"The Old Masters Wages"**

*I met a dear old man today,  
who wore a Masonic pin,  
It was old and faded like the man,  
It's edges were worn quite thin.*

*I approached the park bench where he sat,  
To give the old brother his due,  
I said, "I see you've traveled east,"  
He said, "I have, have you."*

*I said, "I have, and in my day before the all seeing sun,  
I played in the rubble, with Jubala, Jubalo and Jubalum."*

*He shouted, "don't laugh at the work my son,  
It's good and sweet and true,  
And if you've traveled as you said,  
You should give these things their due."*

*The word, the sign, the token,  
The sweet Masonic prayer,  
The vow that all have taken,  
Who've climbed the inner stair.*

*The wages of a Mason,  
are never paid in gold,  
but the gain comes from contentment,  
when you're weak and growing old.*

*You see, I've carried my obligations,  
For almost fifty years,  
It has helped me through the hardships  
and the failures full of tears.*

*Now I'm losing my mind and body,  
Death is near but I don't despair,  
I've lived my life upon the level,  
And I'm dying upon the square.*

*Sometimes the greatest lessons  
Are those that are learned anew,  
And the old man in the park today  
has changed my point of view.*

*To all Masonic brothers,  
The only secret is to care,  
May you live your life upon the level,  
May you part upon the square.*

**Brethren,**

**At the Stated Meeting in April for Washington Lodge #20, Phil Hardiman will give a presentation on the Order of the Eastern Star.**

**Dinner is at 6:00 pm in the 3rd floor Banquet Room, on Thursday April 4th.**

**The presentation and Q&A will be done by 7:00pm.**

**This is a great chance for you to learn about the Star -- bring your "wife, daughters, mother, sisters or widow (!)" as well and treat them to a free meal by one of Washington's best cooks Bob Taylor and Wally Clark.**

**Learn whether a man can be a 'real' Mason without being in the Star!!**

**Please RSVP to Phil at 916-712-4814 ASAP if you can make it!**

**April 2013 Schedule**

- April 4th Stated Meeting - Eastern Star  
Presentation by Worshipful Phil Hardiman, PM
- April 10th Education & Fellowship
- April 11th Double 2nd Degrees - TBD
- April 18th Officer's Practice
- April 25th Officers School of Instruction (OSI)

