

June 2023

WLN20 Trestle Board

FROM THE EAST – MAURO LARA – WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Hello Brethren, Family, and Friends.

Hope everyone is continuing to enjoy the good weather before the traditionally high temperatures commence in summer. Now that winter is in our rearview, we can look forward to those lazy, crazy, hazy days of summer.

For the most part, your team of Officers has been working diligently with many activities taking place so far this year. Fortunately, in May we had a little relief, and your Officers were able to take a breather from the numerous events. One event that included your Pillar Officers was the **Masters and Wardens Retreat** which was held on the first weekend in May.

This was a three-day conference presented by the Grand Lodge that provides training and direction in leadership and support of our Lodge. I can tell you from personal experience that this retreat is well worth attending. Not only do we have an opportunity to interface with Officers from other lodges in and around our area, but we have good and strong fellowship with Grand Officers as well. This is in addition to the training sessions offered.

Our next conference will be the **174th Annual Communication** of the **Grand Lodge of California**, taking place from the 27th through the 29th of October in San Francisco. Click [HERE](#) to register.

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Our Lodge is looking forward to upcoming events. On June 15th, we have our **Annual Table Lodge**, which is being spearheaded by Worshipful **Joseph Dongo (PM)**. Slated to start at 6:30 PM, it is open to Masons and we hope the Brethren can attend. This is a very traditional event that is very much a lot of fun.

Please RSVP [HERE](#).

On June 22nd, we have a special program that is a presentation entitled “**Forget-Me-Not**” **Symbol of Freemasonry**. This lecture will be delivered by Worshipful **Narbeh Bagdasarian (PM)**, Inspector of the 737th Masonic District. The main theme is Nazi Germany’s treatment of Masons and Masonry. It promises to be very informative and well worth attending. Dinner starts at 6:00 PM with the lecture at 7:00 PM.

Please RSVP to <https://forms.gle/B8vbP8EfdSQJkp1n6>. This is very important so we have enough refreshments for everyone in attendance. This is open to Masons and non-Masons.

NEXT MONTH

Back to Worshipful **Joseph Dongo (PM)**. On July 20th, we are holding a reception in his honor. This is to recognize his service as **Grand Standard Bearer** this Masonic year. The evening starts with Social Hour at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM, and Ceremony at 7:00 PM in the ballroom on the third floor of the Sacramento Masonic Temple. Please join us in honoring our Grand Officer.

Please RSVP [HERE](#) by 07/13/2023.

FUTURE EVENTS

Another event is a **Ladies' Luncheon** on a date yet to be determined. The exact details of this are coming, however, we know it will be a **Bingo and Wine Tasting Event**, with pizza on the menu. It is currently scheduled from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Also on the horizon:

- **Annual Family BBQ Picnic on August 12th**
- **Annual Past Masters' Night on September 21st**
- **Annual Constitutional Observance Night on September 28th**



CELEBRATIONS IN JUNE

This month we have two significant celebrations to note:

Flag Day

Flag Day is celebrated on June 14th each year. It commemorates the adoption of the American flag, which occurred on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the **Second Continental Congress**. This day serves as a reminder of the symbol that represents the ideals and principles upon which the United States was founded.

On Flag Day, Americans proudly display the flag in their homes, schools, and public buildings. It is a time when communities come together to honor the flag's significance and pay tribute to the nation it represents. Many cities and towns organize parades, flag-raising ceremonies, and patriotic events to celebrate the occasion. It is a day when citizens reflect on the values of liberty, unity, and justice that the flag embodies.

Flag Day is also an opportunity for Americans to learn about the history and meaning behind their national flag. Schools often incorporate lessons and

activities that educate students about the flag's design, the symbolism of its colors and stars, and the importance of respecting and caring for the flag. It is a chance for individuals, young and old, to deepen their understanding of the flag's role as a unifying symbol and a source of national pride.

Overall, Flag Day in the United States is a time to honor and cherish the flag as a representation of the country's shared heritage, values, and aspirations. It is a day when Americans come together to express their patriotism and gratitude for the freedoms and opportunities that the flag represents.

Father's Day

Father's Day is an annual celebration observed in many countries worldwide to honor and appreciate fathers and father figures. Typically held on the third Sunday of June, it is a special day dedicated to expressing love, gratitude, and recognition for the important role fathers play in their children's lives.

On Father's Day, families often come together to spend quality time with their fathers. It is a time to show appreciation by giving gifts, preparing special meals, or organizing activities that fathers enjoy. Many people take the opportunity to express their heartfelt sentiments through cards, letters, or verbal expressions of love and gratitude. The day serves as a reminder to acknowledge the sacrifices, guidance, and support that fathers provide throughout their children's lives.

Father's Day is also a time to celebrate and honor the diversity of fatherhood. It recognizes the different roles that fathers play, whether biological, adoptive, stepfathers or father figures. It is a day to appreciate the love, care, and positive influence that these individuals have on their children's development. The celebration of Father's Day promotes stronger family bonds and highlights the importance of fatherhood in creating nurturing and supportive environments for children to thrive.

To close, Father's Day is an annual occasion to honor and celebrate fathers and father figures. It is a day when families come together to express love, gratitude, and appreciation for the pivotal role fathers play in their lives. By recognizing and celebrating the diverse forms of fatherhood, Father's Day reinforces the significance of paternal love, guidance, and support in shaping the lives of children and fostering stronger family connections.

Happy Father's Day to all the Fathers and Father Figures in our life.

FROM THE WEST – MATT MASON – SENIOR WARDEN

Brethren,

As we move forward in the year, next year's planning is already starting to take place. This includes activities and how those activities will take place.

What I am looking to hear is your input into what YOU would like to see in the lodge. This includes both you and your spouse, as we cannot do our work without them.

What I want to know from you are the things the lodge is doing well and that you like. I would also like to know things that you would like to see and participate in. I would also like to hear from you on things you would like to see tweaked, whether that be how we run and what happens at meetings, degrees, and anything else in general.



Remember that this is your lodge and as Officers, we are here to serve you. We have many new younger members and I want to make sure you and your families feel welcome with those of us who have been here for a while. After all, we cannot build better men unless we have the support of our families and spouses, as well as being connected as a lodge.

I look forward to hearing from you your ideas and thoughts, so please don't be shy in contacting me.

FROM THE SOUTH – JOE WALLACH – JUNIOR WARDEN

June is here and there are days to celebrate, some terrestrial and some celestial.

June 8th is **World Ocean Day**, a moment to appreciate that which makes up approximately 71 percent of the earth's surface but is only 10 percent mapped worldwide. The ocean provides a home to many aquatic creatures, is a major component of our weather systems, and is a reminder that the celestial and terrestrial are tied together as the moon calls to the ocean tides to ebb and flow.

June 21st marks the **Summer Solstice**, the longest day to contemplate your place in the universe.

June 24th is **St. John the Baptist Day**, a day meant to celebrate the life and death of St. John the Baptist. Revered as one of Freemasonry's Patron Saints, John the Baptist has deep ties to the early beginnings of Freemasonry and has influenced our fraternity for generations.

La Parfaite Union Lodge No. 17 - founded in 1851 and located in San Francisco - conducts Degree Ceremonies in an ancient Ritual very similar to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite's Degrees.

Early next year, that *loge maçonnique* will be performing a very special First Degree in the Sacramento Area, and Brethren from all over California will be invited.

This is a unique experience with Masonic Ritual performed entirely in the French language, and an occasion that should not be missed by our Brethren.

The event will be open to all regular Masons in good standing and reservations required.

As done in the past, each Brother should bring his own Masonic Apron and current Dues Card, as this will be a tiled event.

Additional details will be forthcoming as they become available.

Washington Lodge No. 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 Free & Accepted Masons 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.