



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

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

March 2015

En Route to the East

Our 164th Year



From the East: Worshipful Richard Wilson



Brethren,

March will be a little quieter in the Lodge than our first two months, but it will just be a brief respite to catch our breaths. We have quite a few candidates working toward advancement, and several recent applicants under investigation, so we should soon be back at it with renewed vigor.

Our March 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, in the banquet room and prepared by our stellar kitchen crew. Five dollars with a reservation and ten dollars without (as long as there's enough food).

On March 12th we will confer the Second Degree on Brother Dante Cuellar, who was unable to be with us on February 26th. We did pass Brother Ron Speno that night, and we welcome him as a Fellowcraft. In February we also raised Brother Charles Byrd to the sublime Degree of Master Mason, and our Past Masters did the entire degree in fine style. There have been years recently when the Past Masters could not field a complete team, so it was a welcome sight.

On Thursday, March 26th we will visit Yolo Lodge #60 in Davis to confer the second section of the Third Degree on their candidate. This has become an annual event – reciprocal visits with Yolo Lodge to jointly confer degrees; they provide opportunities to both see and display excellent ritual and to share Masonic fellowship with new friends and old. The visit is, of course, not limited to just the officers, so come join us.

Our annual Roll Call dinner at the end of January was an outstanding event! Almost sixty members and guests filled the banquet room, Bob and Wally and their crew put out a fantastic prime rib dinner, and Kitty's decorations really made the room sparkle. Grand Master Russ Charvonja was our guest; he enjoyed the evening immensely and his remarks were well received. I heard several comments afterwards to the effect that the atmosphere was very much like the "old days", when Roll Call was indeed one of the premier events of the year.

Grand Master Russ Charvonja's Town Hall meeting on Sunday afternoon, February 22nd, was well attended by members from quite a few Lodges in the area. It went very well, and it was amazing how many ideas were presented and discussed in just two hours. There was lots of active participation, and the tone was quite upbeat. You'll be hearing more about many of the ideas as time goes by.

Finally, I want to say a little more about the **need to make reservations for dinners**. They are **very** important, and February was an excellent example. Because the dining room and kitchen were unavailable we had to have an outside caterer provide dinner. This meant we had to order (and pay for) a precise number of dinners. We had 29 reservations, so Bob ordered 32 meals (a ten percent margin, which is pretty standard). But 39 people showed up for dinner, and several who had made reservations were unable to eat. So please, brethren, show respect for our kitchen crew and your brothers by reserving ahead, either on-line or by phone.

See you in Lodge!

Fraternally,

Rich

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Stated Meeting March 5, 2015

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by March 3, 2015

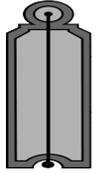
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"Waste Not, Want Not"



From the South

Victor U Sanchez, Jr. Warden



Please join me in welcoming Brother Master Mason, Ron Speno to our craft. He was raised on Past Master's night by some of the best Past masters of the lodge. Our own Alan Grundel traveled from southern California to participate as the third ruffian. It was one of the sites to behold. As we continue bringing in more and more men into the lodge, please continue remember to greet them with warmth and brotherly love. In my travels this last week, I met several brothers who have not attended their own lodge, for whatever reason. Some are here locally and others I have run across as I have worked in other cities. One local brother, who has not attended his lodge in years - in southern California - said that he had lost his way when his wife passed. I got me to think that perhaps our own brother members, who have not attended in a while, might be in the same situation. Please, when you contact our brethren, either through outreach or just by coincidence, ask them how we might be able to bring them back and help them through their distress. You might just be the brother who encourages him to again be an active participant within his lodge, or ours.

Please note that the Trestleboard email has changed, it is now washington20editor@gmail.com.

See you at the lodge soon.

March Schedule

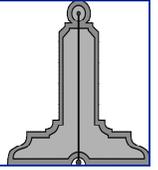
- March 5, Stated Meeting
- March 11, Masonic Fellowship, 6pm
- March 12, Fellowcraft Degree Bro. Cuellar
- March 14, Ritual Competition Practice, 8am
- March 19, TBD
- March 21, Ritual Competition Practice, 8am
- March 24, OSI
- March 26, Travel to Yolo Lodge #60, Davis
- March 28, Ritual Competition Practice, 8am

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From the West

Joseph "Scott" Goode, Sr. Warden



If you missed the Roll Call Dinner you missed a lot. It turned out to be a wonderful night of food, remembrance and welcoming of our new Master Masons. Our Most Worshipful Charvonia was in attendance and spoke about the state of Masonry in California, as well as, our philanthropic projects. He reminded us of the Town Hall meeting that will be held on February 22nd at 2 PM. He will talk about how we can improve our lodges.

Another big event was Past Masters Night. This is when our Washington 20 Past Masters pull their blue books out of the closet and blow off the dust. They then perform a third degree and raise a new Master Mason. This gives us a chance to witness a group of men who have a love for the craft. This also gives the current line of officers a chance to step back and view the ritual as a whole without the worry of remembering the next line. We can then reflect on what we have learned and strengthen our knowledge.

There will be many more degrees conferred this term. I encourage everyone to attend as many as possible and support our new Brothers.

The Master/Wardens Retreat is in March. Brothers Montero, Sanchez and myself will be attending. There will be lots of learning opportunities concerning lodge management, membership expansion, team building exercises and information about our philanthropic endeavors. We hope to bring back great ideas and enthusiasm that will enhance our lodge, the craft and fraternal experience.

“We should not look back unless it is to derive useful lessons from past errors, and for the purpose of profiting by dearly bought experience”

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.

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Kitty's Corner

On Sunday, March 22, we will finally have our first Ladies' Lunch of the year. Please see the announcement elsewhere for details.

This lunch was one year in the planning so I am sticking with the theme: I (heart) Anubis. Egyptologists Howard Carter & Lord Carnarvon opened two interior chambers of King Tutankhamen's Tomb on February 16, 1923 where they found the Shrine of Anubis, which is one of my favorite statues of all time. My name, Kathleen, means "dear to my heart" in Gaelic, so I love Valentines and hearts dearly. Which is the reason for the theme of the lunch; you will need to attend to see how I've connected them.

I write this on a day when the newspaper is reporting that ISL (ISIS is an Ancient Egyptian goddess!!!!) has destroyed some of the most ancient icons and relics of Christianity because they pre-date Islam. During the uprisings called Arab Spring items from Tut's Tomb were stolen from the Cairo Museum and 1,500 items in a museum devoted to Pharaoh Ikhnaton's city were stolen or destroyed. As an Aegyptophile (a lover of things Ancient Egyptian) this breaks my heart.

My father told me that Freemasons revere symbolism and have either preserved things or researched the original meaning of symbols, especially after someone (later) has used them for a negative purpose. The Swastika is a perfect example: it was a symbol of the life-giving power of the sun in India for a thousand years; it took the Nazi's less than 20 to tarnish, perhaps for all time.

I recently read that in the 3rd Century AD a Roman Emperor wanted one religion for the entire Empire as a way to unify it's diversity. He chose Christianity & stamped out all others. Which is how/why the meaning of so much from Ancient Egypt was lost to us for 1,500 years: until Napoleon's soldiers found the Rosetta Stone in Egypt and Champollion began to crack the code in 1822. One hundred years before Tut's Tomb was found.

So invite your Ladies to attend the tea and explore some of the knowledge and symbols we have inherited from Ancient Egypt. There is also "Egyptomania": when they find new things in Egypt and popular culture picks them up in clothing, jewelry, decorating & song!

THE BEATLES ARE COMING!!!!

To Ladies Night, November 7th.

"It was fifty 50 years ago this year..."

Stay tuned for details.

Reservations

Reservations are **needed** for all dinners, so that we know how many meals to prepare. Common courtesy and good stewardship both dictate that we all observe this important policy. If we have to guess how many are coming, we either run short of food or we have to throw out too much at the end of the evening. Please reserve your place at dinners at least two days in advance by visiting our website www.washingtonlodge20.org/reservations or call **1-888-828-4476**.

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Looking Ahead

Thursday, April 2nd – Stated Meeting
5:00 pm Social Time
6:00 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 8th – Masonic Fellowship

Thursday, April 9th – Degree, 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 16th – Junior Grand Deacon
Dan Dailey's Reception, 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 23rd – Degree, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 28th - Officers School, 7:00pm

Practices may be substituted for degrees.

In Memoriam

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

Douglas C. Witt

Born October 15, 1922

Initiated May 8, 1956

Passed July 10, 1956

Raised November 13, 1956

Received the Hiram Award Feb. 4, 1988

A 58-year Member of Washington Lodge

Entered Eternal Life January 30, 2015

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

I (Heart) Anubis

You Are Cordially Invited To
Washington Lodge No. 20's

Ladies Luncheon

Sunday, March 22, 2015, 1:00 P.M.

The Club Room of the Masonic Temple
12th & J Streets, Sacramento, California

Tea & Wine Tasting
Caesar Salad with Chicken or Smoked Salmon
Make Your Own Sandwich Buffet
Downtown Abbey Desserts

Washington Lodge ladies free
Brethren and Guests \$20.00 Each

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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



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GRAND MASTER'S PROCLAMATION

MARCH IS YOUTH ORDERS MONTH: *Repairing the World By Improving Ourselves*

We all recognize that our youth are our future. In order to make this future bright, we must make an investment in the next generation, by devoting our time, guidance, and financial resources to our young people.

This year, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California reflects on the theme *Repairing the World by Improving Ourselves*. As we examine our commitment to improving the communities we serve by consistently demonstrating Masonic values, we must remember to include support for our Masonic youth orders as a central focus.

DeMolay International, Job's Daughters International, and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls are built on the same fraternal values that frame our own lives. Just as Freemasonry inspires each of us to share knowledge and improve society, the three Masonic youth orders guide our young men and women – building leadership skills and confidence; instilling respect, integrity, and compassion.

It is imperative that we continue to support each young man and woman who finds a place within the family of Freemasonry. Strengthening Masonic youth orders is one of our 2010-15 strategic priorities because our youth are the future of society as well as our fraternity, and the ones who will continue to repair our world long after we are gone.

I therefore PROCLAIM the month of MARCH 2015 to be **YOUTH ORDERS MONTH**

and I hereby request that this Proclamation be read by the master at the March stated meeting and included in the lodge Trestleboard. During the month of March, I urge every lodge to plan a special program in support of our Masonic youth. Consider organizing a joint service project, offering mentorship opportunities, or organizing an essay contest. More information about supporting Masonic youth is available at Masons4Youth.org.

Dated this 27th day of January, 2015.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Russell E. Charvonia
Grand Master

Attest:

Allan L. Casalou
Grand Secretary