

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

Newsletter of Washington Lodge No.20

March 2011

To Make Good Men Better

Our 160th Year



From the East

David H. Cameron
Master

It gives me great joy and a strong sense of pride when I answer yes to a person that asks "Are you a Mason". It reminds me of all that I hope to achieve and the reverence which emanates from the very word, Masonry. From Presidents to Gardeners, we have all walked the same steps in hopes to reach and be worthy to enter the House of our Father. Will our account on earth equal those of the men who have gone before us, or will we rest on the work they have done and sleep in the bed of iniquity while those around us are in need? Am I a Mason, my answer, Damn right, I have always been a Mason, since birth, it just took me a good slap on the back of the head, and the love of my Brothers to wake me up from my careless wanderings, thank you Lord God, "I needed that".

Last month we were working in the Temple every Thursday night, the enthusiasm that Wor. Joseph Dongo got started has yet to slow down. I'm very proud of our attendance at Officers School of Instruction as well, please remember that although some officers have had passes in the past, it is your duty to attend as many as possible, or let the Master know why you can't.

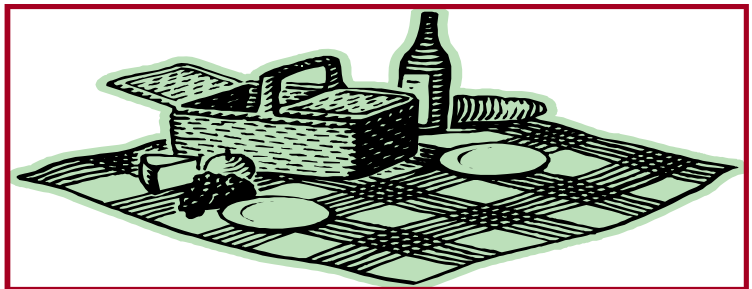
I wish to thank those of you, who investigate prospects, this is very important. Next month there will be many more needed, please expect to help and offer if you can. This duty should not be assigned, but it should be you Brothers coming forward to volunteer, to make sure we continue to provide the Craft with "worthy and well qualified" men. Whether you are active or not, if you are a Member of Washington Lodge please consider volunteering.

March brings Cancer Awareness Month. I have not made plans, as I should, for this Stated

meeting. I am very aware of how cancer affects a life and those near to us. I lost my mother, Dorothy Cameron in 1986 to cancer. I would like us to donate and match the dinner income for the March Stated Meeting dinner to the American Cancer Society. I would also hope to find inventive ways to support our local charities, any ideas?

Our Brother Michael Quinn will be having throat surgery very soon; we all pray for a full recovery. We will need help in his absence. I will be asking this from each of you, this is what we do for each other.

Lastly, as you know I have twin boys, David and William, they will be presenting their applications to our Secretary at this months Stated Meeting. I cannot express in words the pride that wells up at the thought. I wish my Dad was there, but he remains in my heart and in my spirit, and I pray that they too will reap the benefits, and love of the Craft, which my father passed to me.



Stated Meeting

Thursday, February 3rd, 2011

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

Corned beef & cabbage

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by January 31st, 2011

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Washington Lodge #20 2011 Officers

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Adopt-A-Freeway Program

Volunteers Needed

March 12th, 2011 at 9:00 AM

***Litter Removal on Freeway 244: On & Off
Ramp I-80 at Auburn Blvd.***

***Meet at Del Paso Park, corner of Park Road
and Auburn Blvd (near the Ramp.)***



From the South

Juan Faranda, Jr. Warden

First of all my prayers and thoughts go to our Marshal, Brother Joe Basham and his family who are facing some burdens right now. Also may the Great Architect answer our prayers and comfort our Brother Senior Warden, Michael Quinn for his upcoming surgery.

Now I would like to write a few lines about my experience being an officer of the lodge.

As we learn our duties in our respective places in the lodge we do our learning through repetition, time and time again and in the end the concept is so inculcated in us that we live our lives by those cardinal virtues. This is quite gratifying and rewarding.

Masonry is a beautiful and serious philosophy, so I sincerely encourage my fellow brethren, if you have any opportunity to be on the officers line, seize it as you won't regret. It is not only good for the soul but also for the brain. It's a great memory and mental exercise.

Well my brethren February is almost gone we are looking forward to a busy month of March with more degrees ahead and new members.

Juan





From the West

Michael P. Quinn, Sr. Warden

Brethren, I will be having Surgery at the beginning of March and will miss Stated Meeting. I hope to recover quickly and be back in Lodge for any Degrees occurring during the month. I will keep you posted by email on my progress.

Fraternally,
Michael Quinn

Masonic Information Night

March 29, 2011

Have a friend, neighbor, or family member interested in masonry? The Sacramento Scottish Rite in conjunction with the Greater Sacramento Area Masonic Service Bureau is hosting a Masonic Information Night on March 29, 2011. Bring your family and friends that are interested in learning a little more about Freemasonry and its roots. Doors open at 6:00 PM and the program begins at 6:30 PM.

Worshipful Adam Kendal, P.M. will be speaking on **Balancing Faith and Reason, the Spirit of Freemasonry in the 18th-21st centuries.** This presentation will contextualize Freemasonry's origins and purpose in the 18th century and how it influenced the philosophers and statesmen that advocated freedom of thought and religion in England, France and the Americas. The lecture will also briefly explore important events in American Freemasonry's evolution through the 19th century that helped define how it is perceived by modern members and the public alike.

Light refreshments will be served after the presentation and those in attendance will have an opportunity to ask Brother Kendall questions. Many of the local Lodges will have tables and brethren present to answer questions about specific Lodge activities, fees for degrees, and general membership requirements.

About the Speaker:

Adam G. Kendall, P.M manages the library and museum collection and exhibits for the Henry Wilson Coil Library of Freemasonry at the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of California. He is also a fre-



From the Editor's Desk

Victor U. Sanchez

With the coming of March, spring will be in the air and a time to rejuvenate one's self and well being will be a part of our lives. The welcoming of a new season and the renewed expectations of what that time will bring will be at the forefront of our continuing effort to become better men, neighbors, and coworkers.

The many trials and tribulations which await us should be undertaken with the blessings of God and the benefit of prayer. Without His assistance, we might not arrive at our destination in good form. And, as we pray for the quick and successful recovery of our Brethren, we might also ask for the wisdom to correct that which we can.

I am not an exceptionally religious person, but I do take the time to address my Supreme Being with the frankness and honesty that dwells within my soul. I discuss, as we all do, what might be perplexing me and ask how to better myself and my situation, we should all endeavor to improve ourselves by questioning ourselves.

I have not had any takers to my request for articles for the Trestle Board. It is unfortunate, since I know of the many talents my brothers and fellows who read this newsletter have to share.

March Schedule

March 1, 2011

Officers School of Instruction Mandatory for ALL line officers

Masonic Temple 7:00pm

March 3, 2011

Social, Dinner & Stated Meeting

March 10, 2011 - First Degree

March 17, 2011 - degree or practice

March 24, 2011 - degree or practice

March 31, 2011 - degree or practice

quent speaker locally and internationally, having lectured at the 2009 and 2011 International Conferences on the History of Freemasonry in Edinburgh and other diverse places in North America. In addition, his essays and book reviews have been published in The Philaethes Journal, Ars Quatuor Coronati, and Ahiman: ***A Journal of Masonic Culture and Tradition***, along with future publications scheduled for 2011-2012. Bro. Kendall is a Founding Fellow of The Masonic Society. He is a Past Master of Phoenix Lodge No. 144 in San Francisco and a founding member of Academia Lodge No. 847 in Oakland. He is also a member of both Oakland and San Francisco Scottish Rite Valleys.

Henry Wilson Coil Library and Museum of Freemasonry can be viewed at <http://www.masonicheritage.org>



Office of the Secretary

Jon Isaacson, PM

Please check your wallets!

If you do not have your 2011 dues card then you haven't sent me you payment. I know things get misplaced and we all tend to "forget" but as Freemasons we have certain obligations. Not as important as Rent, Utilities, or Groceries but a duty never-the-less. And I really hate sending out "Pay or Else" notices.

Prepare to Excel

Each year the Wardens' Retreats help junior and senior wardens develop strong fraternal management skills in a team setting.

These retreats consist of intensive programming designed to assist wardens in developing and refining fraternal management skills. Attendees will learn how to plan a year as master that will create positive interest and participation by all lodge officers and members.

Mark your calendars

Northern retreats held in San Ramon

Junior wardens, April 8-10

Senior wardens, May 13-15

Southern retreats, in Newport Beach

Junior wardens: April 29-May 1

Senior wardens: May 20-22

Stay tuned for registration information in the coming weeks. If you have questions at this time, contact **Kim Hegg**, program coordinator, at 415/292-9111.



INTERESTED IN FREEMASONRY?



Find out more at a

MASONIC INFORMATION NIGHT

March 29, 2011 – 6:30 pm

SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER

6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA

(916) 452-5881

Light refreshment after – Free Parking



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Sincerely

David Huez