

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

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

August 2014

Relaying Our Cornerstone

Our 163rd Year



From the East: Worshipful Daniel J. Dailey



Washington Lodge #20 welcomed our Master Mason this month, Brother Jason Sibbring. Brother Sibbring was Raised to the Sublime Degree on July 24th. Brother Sibbring is following in his Father's footsteps as a Mason. His Father Albert Russell Sibbring has been a Master Mason for 41 years, beginning his Masonic travels with Honor Lodge #726 which has since merged with Lafayette Lodge #79 in Ohio. I had the pleasure of presenting Brother Albert Sibbring with his 40 year anniversary pin on behalf of his home Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Several family members and friends were present. Brother Sibbring was pleased to receive this honor.

We will be Initiating Mr. John McCormack on July 31st as an Entered Apprentice Mason. Welcome to the fraternity! We all hope your Masonic journey is memorable.

July was a quiet month with only two Degrees and our Stated meeting. We did however enjoy a full day of fellowship at Elk Grove Park for our annual tri-tip barbeque hosted by Brother Brian Schoenborn. As always, the tri-tip was outstanding, the side dishes filling and the fellowship outstanding. Over 30 Brothers, families and friends were with us. I look forward to next year and another fine meal.

We are now just over half way through our Masonic year. Many officers have begun working in advanced chairs to prepare for their new roles next year. I am very pleased at how well each is doing and know that all will be more than ready for their new roles. Our Inspector will be pleased at how easy you will make his job this summer.

August looks to be a quiet month for Washington Lodge. To date we have no degrees scheduled as all of our candidates have progressed faster than expected. We will take this time to prepare for the new Masonic year and enjoy some time with friends and family on Thursday evenings, something we have not done in many years.

I would like to take a minute to introduce you to a worthwhile safety program designed by one of our own new Brothers that will be coming to all Lodges in California next year, I.C.E. Packs. The I.C.E. Packs are a driving safety and education tool that can be carried in your car. It contains information on what to do and not to do after a collision, information on who to contact if you are injured and many other safety tips. It is bright orange and has the word HELP on one side so it can be used to flag down assistance. The I.C.E. Packs were designed by Brother Christian Weaver who generously offered his design to the Grand Lodge to distribute throughout the State. Right Worshipful Russell Charvonja took one look at the design and committed Grand Lodge to the project. Grand Lodge is in the final stages of printing 50,000 for distribution to Lodges next year. This is an excellent tool to introduce Masonry to the public and provide them with vital safety information. Our Annual Communication will soon be here.

Please begin researching the legislation that has been and will be proposed and let your officers know how you feel. We are charged with casting the votes for Washington Lodge #20. Your thoughts and feelings are important to the success of Masonry in California. Remember, you are the Grand Lodge of California. I hope to see many of you at the Annual Communication. It is something you should not miss. You can register on the Grand Lodge web site, freemason.org.

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Stated Meeting August 7, 2014

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by August 5, 2014

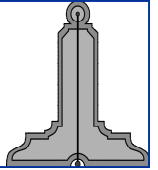
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"Waste Not, Want Not"



From the West

Michael P. Quinn, Sr. Warden



I read with great interest the April-May edition of the California Freemason from the Chapter: Around the World. The Statistics are fascinating.

There are 196 Grand Lodges (GL) throughout the World Recognized by the California GL. The United GL of England, founded in 1717, has the most members at 224,964. All but one continent has a Grand Lodge, can you guess the one missing a GL? Surprisingly, Norway has the highest number of average members per Lodge at 300.

Statistics for California can be found on the website: <http://www.freemason.org>, log on to the Member Center.

Washington Lodge will no longer use a PO BOX for mail delivery.

Please send all written communication to:

**1123 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95814**

August Schedule

August 7, Stated Meeting

August 13, Masonic Fellowship

August 14, TBD

August 21, TBD

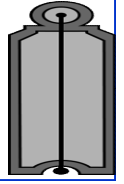
August 26, OSI - Dark

August 28, TBD



From the South

Joseph "Scott" Goode, Jr. Warden



Brother Nico Montero is now a Master Mason. It was beautiful to see him Raised to the Sublime Degree while his father, Louis Montero, watched from the vantage point of Junior Deacon. I could feel the pride beam from Brother Louis while his son gave an excellent 2nd degree proficiency and while he went through the ceremonies. Nico will no doubt make an excellent Master Mason, as all Master Masons before him.

I have noticed a lot of pride and enthusiasm for the craft and our lodge lately. Many new Brothers are answering the call and stepping up. Not only for positions in the line, but also for charges, roles in the second section of the third degree, as well as, supporting new candidates and even helping in the kitchen. Most recently Brother Dave Minke and Louis Montero rallied the troops in response to a call from our favorite Mason, Worshipful Ron Charles, to aid Sacramento #40 with a first degree. This is what Freemasonry is all about.

We had our 4th annual picnic on July 19th. There was a great turnout of Brothers, friends and family. Brian Schoenborn did an excellent job of putting this event together. His four day marinated and smoked tri-tip was a big hit. The next time you see him, please give him a big thank you. Not only did he provide a great meal, but also an opportunity for fellowship and to strengthen our Masonic bonds.

"Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called conscience."

George Washington

October 10-12, 2014 | San Francisco, California

California Masonic Memorial Temple
1111 California Street
San Francisco, California 94108
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The Grand Lodge of California will hold its 165th Annual Communication this year. Don't miss the chance to join us as we will reconnect with brethren from throughout California, celebrate this year's many accomplishments, and draft the course for our new masonic year.

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.

How to Approach Prospective Members

Masons do not solicit members. Informing a man about Masonry is not solicitation. Many men don't know anything about Masonry and will not join an organization which they know little about. We do talk to men, invite consideration, answer questions, and provide information.

Invite a prospective member's consideration. A 1993 Grand Master's Decision states the following: "A member may ask a man whom he believes to be a worthy prospective Mason if he has considered membership in the Masonic fraternity or if he would like to have information to enable him to make such a decision. A member must inform the prospective member or inquirer that the fraternity does not extend an invitation to become a member, that his application must be made of his own free will and accord, and that he must pass a secret ballot for admission. After providing the information, the inquirer should be left to make his decision without persuasion. If the inquirer makes no decision within a reasonable time, the member may make a single follow-up contact to see if additional information is needed."

Begin a dialogue with the prospective member about aspects of the fraternity that would be attractive to him. Do this in a personal, caring way, paying attention to his interests and needs. The dialogue can be as simple as a casual conversation, letting good friends and family know what you do in your free time. Talk about your involvement in a Masonic activity, such as a lodge community service or program.

Following are suggestions for this dialogue:

- Tell him about the fraternity.
- Tell him why you became and remain a Mason.
- Tell him why he would make a good Mason.
- Tell him what benefits Masonry will bring to his life.
- Ask him to consider what you tell him and invite his questions and interest.
- Tell him you will be glad to provide an application should he desire to join.
- Talk freely about the purposes and principles of the fraternity, membership requirements, financial obligations, expectations of members, opportunities for personal development, Masonic charities, community service, family activities, and many other subjects.
- Tell others about the rewards of being a Mason: personal growth; friendships with men and their families who share your beliefs and values; associating with other men of honor and integrity who believe there's more to life than pleasure and money; participating in community service; being part of an organization committed to making a difference

Stay informed and be comfortable talking about the fraternity.

Be prepared to answer the question, "What do Masons do?"

Some suggested responses include:

- Charity is at the heart of Masonic activities.
- We help make the world a better place through philanthropy, volunteerism, and community service.
- Each year California Masons donate millions of dollars and thousands of hours to philanthropic causes.
- Masonic charities receive no public funding and are supported entirely by member contributions.
- The vast majority of Masonic philanthropies benefit non-Masons.
- Cite your lodge's specific philanthropic programs.



Most prospective members will need time to consider submitting an application.

Follow up with each man you approached about consideration.

Ask if you can answer any questions or clarify something in your previous conversation.

Ask him specific questions about his needs and expectations. Discuss how membership will meet his needs and expectations.

Ask if he has any concerns that you can address.

Invite him to an open event so he can meet other members.

Be prepared to give him the membership information/application packet.

A prospective member says he wants to join.

Complete the application process.

Make sure the prospective member has an application and completes it.

Explain each step of the application process.

Explain the fees for degrees and be sure the total is written on the application.

Review the submitted application to ensure the applicant as well as the recommending lodge members have completed it.

Submit the application and confirm that the lodge has received it and it is being reviewed.

****** News Flash ******

Brother Andrew Wilson, son of Worshipful Rich Wilson, PM, was married on June 29th to Miss Sharon Gendelman. Brother Andrew is a member of Washington Lodge, and the couple now lives in Elk Grove, CA. Barely two weeks later, Worshipful Rich's other son John and his wife Megan had their first baby, Wyatt Conner Wilson, early the morning of July 16th while on vacation in Colorado. They also have a foster daughter Hayley.

Worshipful Rich's wife Kitty entered this year's California Eastern Star ritual competition, and she earned First Place in exemplifying the Conductress' work in Initiation.

At this year's York Rite Grand Sessions in May, Worshipful Phil Hardiman, PM, was elected and installed as the Grand Lecturer and Worshipful Joseph Dongo, PM, was appointed and installed Grand Master of the Third Veil for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California; Worshipful Rich Wilson, PM, was appointed and installed Grand Chaplain in the North for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of California.



**An Evening with Ill. Art De Hoyos
Grand Archivist and Grand Historian of the House of the Temple, Washington, DC.**

August 13, 2014 at 7:00 PM

**Downtown Masonic Center
1123 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-2809**

**Joining us for the evening will be the Grand Master of Masons for California
The Most Worshipful John L. Cooper III.**

Masonic Education – Fellowship – Brotherhood – Fraternity

The program will begin with Ill. Brother Dean Alban, Director of Membership Services SRSJ, making a presentation on membership tools and services.

To kick off this year's Scottish Rite Tough Mudder event, hosted by the Orient of California, Ill. Brother Arturo de Hoyos, Grand Archivist and Grand Historian of the SRSJ, will hold an informal discussion (with audience participation) about Freemasonry, from the Blue Lodge through the Scottish Rite. He will also discuss the dynamic Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Symbolic Lodge educational program which focuses on the deeper symbolism of Blue Lodge Freemasonry.

Copies of the Master Craftsman Program and its textbook (Esoterika) will be available for purchase as will several other of Illustrious De Hoyos' books. Bro. Art will be happy to autograph any of his books sold (cash and checks only).

The Master Craftsman Program was developed by the Supreme Council, 33° to help support the Grand Lodges, and is one installment of a three-part educational program.

Masons, non-Masons, wives and friends are cordially invited to attend, business casual attire please.

Sponsored by: Valley of Sacramento, Orient of CA, Ill. Fred Sorsabal, PGM, Personal Rep., and Ill. Frank Loui PGM and SGIG of the Orient of CA.

For more information on this event please email Ill. Mike Sellick, General Secretary Valley of Sacramento.
Email: office@sacramentoscottishrite.org



A message from Jobs Daughters

Job's Daughters up and down the state just returned from their annual convention. Grand Bethel and our Elk Grove girls brought home multiple awards and were named as Grand Bethel Representatives to Indiana for the 2014-2015 term! This is the fourth year in a row the Bethel has received the honor of Jurisdictional Representatives. The list of awards is as follows:

Erika Schoenborn, 1st place in arts and crafts for her age category
Christina Davis, 1st place in water color painting, and 1st place in ceramics for her age category.

Shana Brawner, 1st place in essay, and perpetual trophy for her essay (highest score in every essay category), 1st place in sew-n-show, and 1st place in individual ritual, participation for the story of Job, and participation for color photography. This was her last year of being able to compete due to her age.

Emily Bjorklund, 1st place in ceramics for her age category, participation in essay, and participation in the story of Job.

Jamie Long, participation for vocal soloist.

While the girls attended their convention, their parents and adult volunteers opened the fireworks booth which was located in front of Pizza Bell on Elk Grove Blvd and Emerald Vista Way.

While regular meetings are suspended in July, the girls will fill their time by attending an Association-wide picnic; participating in the Sesquicentennial celebratory picnic hosted by the Elk Grove Lodge members; planning their Official Visit with Bethel 276 Lodi; and practicing for the majority ceremony they will perform on August 12 at the Elk Grove Masonic Center at 7pm. This is an open ceremony, therefore all are invited, and encouraged, to attend.

Bethel 347 is always looking for new members. If you know of a girl aged 10-20, who could benefit from the opportunities we offer, please contact Maureen Murphy-Tyler at 916 628-0599.



A Message from Elk Grove Rainbow Girls

Rose Assembly had fun participating in the Scottish Rite Youth Night in mid-June. They did an amazing job with the Masonic Heritage ceremony, for which they have been practicing for months. The girls will be observing Founders Day with a ceremony by the same name at their July 9th meeting, which starts at 7pm. All of our Masonic brothers are invited to attend. Throughout the term, our lovelies will be helping their little sisters of Rosette Pledge group collect unopened jars of peanut butter & jelly to donate to the Elk Grove Food Bank, and miniature/travel size shampoo, conditioner, soap, and other hygiene items to put inside comfort kits that will be distributed to mentally ill/challenged homeless people in our area. To bring products or make to a donation please contact:

roseassembly224@gmail.com or phone [916-776-6853](tel:916-776-6853).

Lastly, the girls would like to express their gratitude to the Lodge for their generous donation to their fun trip, which will take place July 11. Rose members have been diligently working for months to earn money so that out-of-pocket costs for this event would be as low as possible, if not nil. The Lodge's contribution greatly helped in this endeavor and the girls are extremely appreciative!!

If you know of a girl who likes to have fun, take on leadership roles, and needs community hours for school, please let us know at:

roseassembly224@gmail.com or phone [916-776-6853](tel:916-776-6853).



The 2nd Annual Scottish Rite Tough Mudder Event

Northstar Ski Resort Lake Tahoe

August 16, 2014 – Team takes off at NOON

Comradery – Education – Fellowship – Brotherhood – Fraternity

Everyone who wants to support and cheer for the Scottish Rite Team is invited to attend this great afternoon on the mountain with fellow brothers enjoying the Scottish Rite Tough Mudder Team for this Lake Tahoe event, start for this 11 mile course is at Noon.

Tough Mudder obstacle courses are designed to test all-around strength, stamina, teamwork, and mental grit. The courses are designed by former British Special Forces. The Lake Tahoe course will include 20+ obstacles. The returning Scottish Rite Team Members from 2013 will navigate an additional one mile added to the course, with several additional obstacles, which will earn them the right to receive and wear a different colored headband to distinguish them from first time participants. The Tough Mudder event is billed as “**Probably the Toughest Event on the Planet.**”

Although these are very grueling events, they are also fun events. In keeping with our mission of comradery, education, fellowship, brotherhood, and fraternity we invite you to come join us on the mountain as a spectator. Spectator information and ticket purchase can be found at:

<http://tinyurl.com/SRToughMudder>

In addition to supporting your Scottish Rite Team, there is another good reason to support this event. The Tough Mudder organization has chosen the **Wounded Warrior Project** as their charity of choice. A percentage of all ticket sales go to the Wounded Warrior Project. Thus far, Tough Mudder has donated over \$6.5 million to this worthy cause. The Wounded Warrior Project has helped thousands of Wounded Warriors make the transition from the battlefield to life back home. Scottish Rite has a long history of supporting our troops, and is proud to help support the efforts of the Wounded Warrior Project.

Following our kickoff educational event at the Valley of Sacramento on August 13th, 2014, with Ill. Brother Arturo de Hoyos, he will be joining us on the mountain for more roundhouse discussion about all matters of Masonic education. Mudder-up and come support your Scottish Rite Team for a fulfilling and fun day on the mountain.

For more information on Bro. De Hoyos event in Sacramento email: Ill. Mike Sellick, General Secretary Valley of Sacramento. Email: office@sacramentoscottishrite.org