

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

Newsletter of Washington Lodge No.20

April 2012

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Our 161st Year

From the East: Worshipful Master Joseph Dongo, PM

March is in the books by the time you read me here. On 2/23/12 we raised Brother David W. Cameron to the sublime Degree of Master Mason, on the Past Masters Night. Congratulations Brother David! You have joined a long list of relatives who have gone this way before you, the last being your sibling William Cameron, who was raised just a month before you on January 19th. I have no doubt that both of you will be proud members of the Washington Lodge family.

The Past Masters Night was have we seen so many of our did some work you have not some extra effort on the part of out there as that brought fond set a goal to have it done by Wor. David Allmuth and Matt you.



memorable. Never in recent memory Past Masters on the floor. Many of you done for years and although it took some of you, we could tell you had fun memories of your years as Master. We Past Masters only, and with the help of Ernst, we did just that. Thanks to all of

And thanks to our Officers who the occasion. I hope you

relinquished their regular duties for enjoyed yourselves on the sideline.

At the Freeway clean up early this month, I found a large hand bag in the middle of the weeds, zipped up, and a little bit wet. It did not look too strange so I carefully inspected and picked it up, and with the other members with me we opened it up and found in it, a text book, little cash, work security card, female and other miscellaneous stuff. It belonged to a lady from Folsom who worked at the State Department of Social Services. On one of the documents we found a phone number. I got hold of the owner, who came happily an hour later to get back her belongings. Someone broke into her vehicle a couple of days before, taking away everything. She was so grateful to recover this bag that she offered me, I believe, \$30 bucks which I declined to take stating that I found it with other fellow Freemasons serving on behalf of Washington Lodge No.20. Although trivial from our standards, she was obviously moved and it impressed upon me that our community service coupled with moral principles not only makes us better but incidentally can touch an unknown fellow creature and shed a light and bring comfort in her life.



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Help us help the environment and the Lodge!

Adopt-A-Freeway Program

No clean up - see you next month!

*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 West

Juan C. Faranda, Sr. Warden

I would like to welcome two new Fellowcrafts Masons: Brother Jason Henderson and Brother Thomas A. Weary. They were passed on March 22nd, 2012, please welcome them.

Benevolence in Masonry, it is an expression of goodwill to others, which results in deed of helpfulness. It is promoted by the emotion of love inculcated in the command "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" a benevolent disposition suffers uneasiness at the suffering of others, abhors cruelty under every disguise or pretext, and seeks to relieve these conditions.

Masons are thought to look upon all mankind as formed by the Great Architect of the Universe, in spirit of sympathy, love, and to discharge the duties of benevolence in the widest and most generous scope.

May the Great Architect bless all my

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

Stated Meeting

Thursday, April 5, 2012

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by April 3, 2012

(888) 828-4476

"Waste Not, Want Not"



Senior Steward David Huez

As Senior Stewart, my best friends forever, is that person who is always there for you. They always have your best interest at heart and will put you before themselves. No matter how bad things get your BFF will be slow to anger and quick to forgive. They are that special person that sticks with you no-matter how bad it gets. That person for me is my wife. I joined Masonry because of her, we do Eastern Star together as well as housework, homework and child-raising.



Junior Steward Scott Goode

As Junior Steward, under the direction of the Senior Steward, I have been responsible for providing refreshments for the second and third degree ceremonies. Being on the Trustee Committee, we Stewards have collected fees for the Stated Meeting dinners in order to keep food costs down.

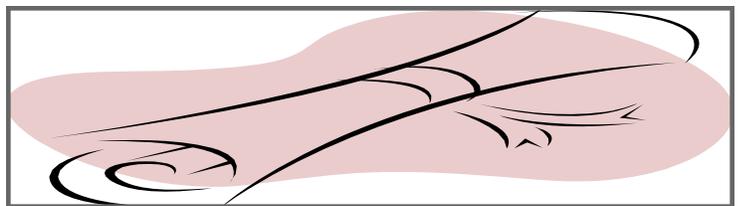
I have realized that while performing these duties I have been truly blessed. These duties have given me the opportunity to meet and break bread with my fellow Officers, other Masons, Past Masters and even Grand Masters. I believe I have learned more about the Tenets of Masonry sitting at the table talking with my Mason Brothers than even in the lodge, because I can see those Tenets in action. As I listen and observe, I hear about and see my Brothers give their time and expertise to charity work, their fellow Brethren and the community at large.

As an Officer in the line, it has been my duty to attend all degree conferrals, stated meetings and the Officer School of Instruction

(OSI). It has been a wonder to see new candidates go through the ceremonies and reliving through them, my experiences as I went through each degree myself. I am still learning about everything that happens at stated meetings. My goal is to one day second a motion for a proposal that I clearly understand. The OSI meetings have been a real eye opener. We are given the opportunity to delve deeper into the meaning of the words and symbology of Freemasonry which strengthens our knowledge and convictions.

I am on the youth committee which oversees the organizing of Freemason and Masonic youth interaction. I have a strong affinity to this as I have a son in Demolay and a Daughter in Rainbow Girls. I believe it is imperative that we help these groups in any way we can. Our Masonic future depends on these young people. They are the future leaders. Who is more likely to become a Mason than a DeMolay and who will be more likely to encourage Masonic involvement than our Jobs Daughters and Rainbow Girls.

I would like to thank all of my Washington #20 brothers for helping me find my way out of the dark and to navigate the mysteries of Freemasonry, especially Brian Schoenborn my proficiency coach and David Huez as Senior Steward for helping me understand my duties as Junior Steward.



April Lodge Activities

- April 5: Stated Meeting
- April 11: Fellowship & Masonic Education
- April 12: Double 1st Degree
- April 19: Double 2nd. Degree: Bros. Denton Carlson & Heath Hamm
- April 24: Officers School of Instruction
- April 26: 3rd Degree: Bro. Thomas A. Weary



Masons4Mitts

Masons, Kids, & Baseball: A Perfect Fit

The CHALLENGE is back for another year!

*Delta Dogs
East Bay Aces
North Bay Bees
Sacramento Cyclones
San Francisco Sluggers
South Bay Bombers*

The Junior Giants is a great program developing character in more than 20,000 at-risk youth, 45% of whom have never owned a baseball mitt!

*\$20 buys a mitt for a child – Give one today.
Let's make this year another strong victory for the kids!*

***Make a donation to your team online at
www.Masons4Mitts.org
on Opening Day, April 6***

*Join us in celebrating the 2012 campaign on
**Masons Night, September 17th, 5:30pm,
at AT&T Park!***

*Talk to your lodge officers about tickets!
Let's show 'em what Masons can do...*

Message from Grand Master Frank Loui: Relief for the Victims of the Kentucky Tornadoes

On March 2, at least 13 high-intensity tornadoes struck several areas in Kentucky.

A number of Masonic brothers and their families have lost their homes. There have been instances of injuries, hospitalizations, and loss of life – and reports of damage and loss are still coming into the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

Having received a request for relief from their Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of California has established a relief fund for this disaster in Kentucky. All contributions will be sent to the Masonic Service Association of North America (MSA). The MSA will then forward all donations directly to the Grand Lodge F&AM of Kentucky.

Please open your hearts to the victims of these disasters, and give what you can to help.

If your lodge, family, or friends would like to contribute, please mail your donation to:

Grand Lodge of California
Office of Philanthropy
Attn: Denise Avila
1111 California St
San Francisco, CA 94108

Checks should be made payable to the **MSA Disaster Relief Fund**. Please indicate in the check memo that your gift is for the **Kentucky Appeal**.

If you have questions, please contact Adam Kendall of the Masonic Service Bureau at 415/292-9137, or email:

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