

TRESTLEBOARD

NEWSLETTER OF WASHINGTON LODGE No. 20.

April 2010

To Make Good Men Better

OUR 159th YEAR



From the East

Joseph Dongo, Master

Please join me on welcoming our new brothers Alex Chomppff and John Day in our fraternity. They were initiated on March 11.

Before that on February 25 Bros. Emad Sweiden and Rich Lacoy passed to the degree of fellowcraft. Congratulations to both of you and we cannot wait for the day you will be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason and we will welcome you into full membership in Washington Lodge.

We really enjoyed ourselves at the March Stated Meeting dinner. Over fifty brothers, guests and relatives were in attendance. Let's keep growing the number.

As always the Kitchen "Dream Crew" met and exceeded all expectations. Seriously, all the lodges around envy us for having a dedicated team in place to provide this level of service for a \$5 token. However, the Kitchen Crew needs our help. I mean we need to help them helping us. We all understand that they cannot shop and cook for more than needed. We will be wasting our monies. We need to call to reserve. That's all we need to do. This toll free line 888-828-4476 is open 24/7. Nobody to talk to, just leave a message on how many people you will have in your party. A list of attendees is established on Monday prior to the Stated Meeting which allows them to shop for the dinner.

Some called and reserved as they should but got stacked in the traffic and showed up late. They couldn't eat because others who did not reserve came early and got served. This was not pretty and we're going to make small changes. If you don't reserve for dinner, you may not eat. If there is enough food, you will be charged \$10 instead of \$5. Everyone will check in on the attendance sheet before being seated for dinner.

I have already called for the April 1st Stated Meeting dinner reservation. I don't know what will be served. Do I care? I know that the meal is every time more delicious that the time before. Please call if you have not yet done so.

On April 17, a program sponsored by Northern California Research Lodge is scheduled at our Lodge building with the theme: "Freemasonry Fact and Fiction: the Dan Brown Effect"

See the advertisement on page 3. This is a great reach out event which can serve as a Masonic Information Day for our Lodge. Please invite all those you know from your family, work, neighborhood, or other associations who might be interested to know more about our craft. If you cannot attend yourself for whatever reasons, please ask your guests to ask for me or any Washington Lodge Officer or member. Your guests will be Washington Lodge guests. Invite your friends also, Masons and non Masons alike are all welcome to join the fun.

Washington Lodge No.20 is on Facebook now. You can become a fan by joining us at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Washington-Lodge-No20/343177258994>

As many new members are joining the craft, we need coaches to help them advance in their Masonic journey. Please contact myself at (916)776-6440 or our Candidates Head Coach, Wor. Rich Wilson at (916)456-6014 if you decide to support the Lodge as a coach.

As a reminder, the USS Potomac Cruise of July 24, which was announced in the last Trestleboard is now open for reservations. Please look for the article by Brother Dave Freeman and turn in your reservation by May 1st.

In closing, on April 22nd, on Past Masters Night, Bro. Emad Sweiden will be raised to the sublime degree by the Lodge Past Masters and this will restore the Past Masters Night to its traditional setting.

Stay tuned and see you all at the April 1st Stated Meeting.

Fraternally,

Joseph Dongo, Master

Stated Meeting Dinner

Thursday April, 1st

"April Fools Day Suprise Menu"

Hospitality 5:30 pm - Dinner 6:15 pm

Meeting 7:30 pm

RSVP by March 29th 6pm to : 888/828-4476

USS POTOMAC CRUISE in S.F. BAY
July 24th See page 2

The 2010 Washington Lodge Officers

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In Memorium Ray Clausen

On a very sad note, I must inform you that Brother Ray Clausen was raised into the Eternal Lodge on Friday February 26, 2010.

Fifty years ago last month on February 25, 1960 he was raised a Master Mason in Washington Lodge, No. 20. His posthumous Golden Veteran Award was presented to his daughter Lisa at his memorial service on March 5, 2010. Our sympathies go out to his daughter Lisa, his son and all his family

Joseph Dongo, Master

Lodge Ambassador

Dave Freeman



USS Potomac Cruise

The USS Potomac was built in 1934 as the Coast Guard cutter Electra. The 165-foot vessel, displacing 416 tons with cruising speeds of 10 to 13 knots, was commissioned as a U.S. Navy vessel in 1936, re-named the USS Potomac, and served as Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Presidential Yacht and "Floating White House," until his death in 1945.



Washington Lodge has contracted with the Potomac Association to provide a cruise on the FDR Presidential yacht USS Potomac. This will be a 3 hour historic cruise of the three bridges of San Francisco Bay on Saturday, July 24. The day trip is open to all family and friends. Our motor coach will depart from the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H Street at 8am and return by 5pm. The cost is \$75 per adult. Children up to 12 are \$60.

Our reservation deadline is May 1. If seats remain unsold, we will invite other lodges to join us. Please complete the form below. If you have any questions, call: Dave at (916) 363-7158.

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Reservation for July 24 cruise on the USS Potomac

Name(s)_____

Telephone (____)_____

Cost: Adults_____@ \$75.00 per person
Children up to 12 _____@ \$60.00 per person
Total enclosed \$_____

Make check payable to: Washington Lodge #20

Mail to: David Freeman,

3432 Buccaneer Cir., Sacramento, CA 95826

RSVP by: May 1st. Send your check today!!!



From the West

David Cameron, Sr. Warden

My Masonic Family,

I was looking at a popular Freemason book titled "The Freemasons, The Illustrated book of an Ancient Brotherhood". It is a very colorful book full of pictures and insightful stories. One of the Chapters covers famous Freemasons in history. I thought it might be fun to test your knowledge:

1. I was a member of a New York Lodge, I am well known for my "scat" singing and sentimental ballads. I was sometimes called "Pops" along with my better known nickname.
2. I wrote "Annie Get your Gun", as well as several other Broadway hits. I was a member of Munn Lodge No. #90 in New York. I wrote "White Christmas" and not that Bing Crosby fellow.
3. I followed Neil Armstrong on his most famous climb down a ladder.
4. I have a reputation of being quite the "ladies man"; I was made a Mason around 1750 while living in France.
5. I was a World Heavyweight Boxing Champion for 7 years running, 1919 -1926. I was a member of Kenwood Lodge No. 800

This is a short list of many famous masons of our illustrious history. Good Luck. Answers to be given at April Stated meeting.

Fraternally,

David H. Cameron



From the South

Michael P. Quinn, Jr. Warden

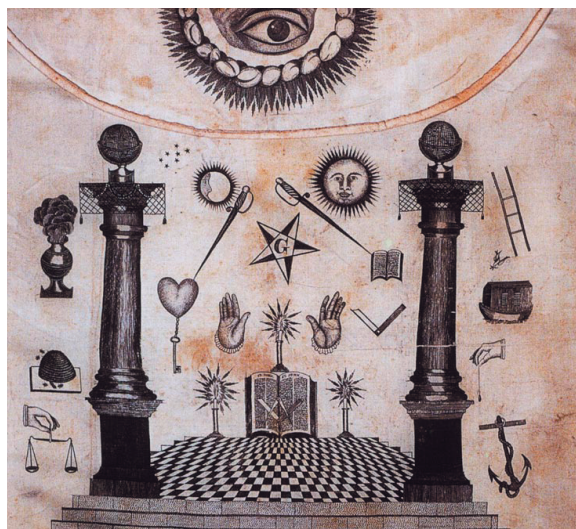
On Saturday, March 13th, I had the opportunity to attend the 150th year Celebration for Vacaville Masonic Lodge #134. It was a well attended event presented by the Most Worshipful Kenneth G. Nagel and Worshipful G. "Skip" McKinney. A fine spread of Roast Beef, Roast Turkey, and all the trimmings was prepared by "Joe's Buffet & Deli" of Fairfield. Almost all Grand Lodge Officers were present as were members of the Order of the Eastern Star, Vacaville Commandery #38, and Rainbow Girls. Brother Kerry O'Brien & Sarah McIntire gave presentations of the American Flag & Rainbow Flag. Mayor of Vacaville, Ken Augustine; Vacaville Police Lieutenant, Ed Goldberg; and Vacaville Fire Chief representatives presented short kudos.

The Most Worshipful Kenneth G. Nagel was presented with a hand made gavel and stricker which had the Memorial Challenge Coin for this event embedded in them.

A new Cornerstone was also dedicated and many individuals presented tokens and memorabilia to be enclosed in a time capsule, to be opened 50 years from now. What a great time to be a Mason and see over 200 people celebrate this historic event.

Fraternally,

Michael P. Quinn, Junior Warden



FREEMASONRY FACT & FICTION

THE DAN BROWN EFFECT

April 17, 2010 ♦ Sacramento

Presented by the Northern California Research Lodge

Join us for a special event exploring the myths and realities of Freemasonry.
All are welcome.

April 17, 2010, 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Downtown Sacramento Masonic Hall
1123 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCHEDULE

11:30 a.m.	social time
12:00 p.m.	lunch
12:30 p.m.	announcements
12:45 p.m.	program begins
2:00 p.m.	panel discussion
3:00 p.m.	conclusion

PRESENTERS

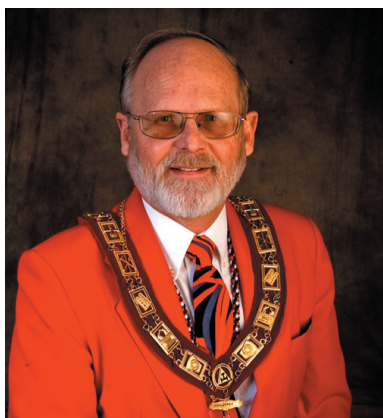
William Miklos, 32°
John L. Cooper III, 33°
Shawn Eyer, 32°
Adam Morrill, 32°
W. Bruce Pruitt, 32°

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

\$10, lunch included. Use PayPal to make your reservation at <http://www.northerncaliforniaresearchlodge.org> (select the "meals" button").



Member Profile



Philip A. Hardiman, P.M.
Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons
of the State of California

Philip Alan Hardiman was born on February 18, 1945, in Louisville, KY, where his father, the Mason's mason, was stationed at Ft. Knox. At 10 months, he moved to his father's homeland, Sacramento, CA, per force, where the young family grew over a 13 year period to include two brothers and two sisters.

He attended public schools, graduating High School as valedictorian, and attended numerous California colleges and Universities (Sacramento City College, UC Berkeley and Davis) finally graduating after 15 years with a BS in Mathematics at California State University of Sacramento (CSUS).

He had his first child (Edward) while a Sophomore at UC Davis and his second (Judy) while a Junior at UC Berkeley. Though a student at Cal during the tumultuous Free Speech era, he remained apart from the demonstrations – unsympathetic with the radicalism but also too busy working full-time while carrying a full course load and building a family. He dropped out of school as a Senior, for a number of years until 1973, and worked as a life Insurance “debit agent”, principally for Met Life and John Hancock. During this time, he added two more children to the burgeoning family (Paula and Frederick), and then went to work with the State of California as a Computer Programmer Trainee in 1970. The Employment Development Department (EDD) helped Phil complete his education, and he finally graduated from CSUS in 1977.

In this same year, Phil and his brother Ricky were initiated, passed and raised by their father, Edward, when he was Master of Washington #20. Phil rose to Master of Washington #20 in 1985, during which time he also joined the Scottish Rite and Shrine. Also, during this time, the last two children were added to the family (Jeffrey and Patricia). In 1986, Phil's marriage ended, and not too long thereafter Phil began dating Nancy, a single mother. They were active with their teenage sons (Fred and Eric) in San Juan Chapter of DeMolay, and were married on February 14, 1987 – that's right, Valentines' Day, at her insistence! She is a superb grandmother, mother, and wife – the only reason Phil is a reasonably stable personality today!

Phil followed his father in plural membership to Drytown Lodge #174, where he served as Master in 1998, and again for Washington Lodge #20 in 2001. He is currently Secretary of Drytown Lodge #174, and has served Grand Lodge on the Widows, Homes Endowment, and Masonic Properties Committees. During the first eight years of the new millennium, Phil served as President and Secretary of the Masonic Temple Association of Sacramento. From 1993 to 1994, Phil and Nancy spent 15 months on an Intergovernmental Personnel Assignment to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. While in Alexandria, VA, Phil served as Chaplain of Andrew Jackson Lodge #120, where he retains dual membership today. During this time, also, Phil had the distinct privilege and pleasure of raising his three sons – Edward (1988), Frederick (1998), and Jeffrey (2008). Phil's York Rite career began in March, 1991, when he took the degrees and orders in Vallejo. He served as Illustrious Master of Sacramento Council #1 in 2003, High Priest of Sacramento Chapter #3 in 2004, and Commander of Sacramento Commandery #2 in 2005. He is a member of San Francisco Priory No. 38 and Golden Redwood Priory No. 82, Knights of the York Cross of Honour. In addition to the Masonic organizations already mentioned, Phil is a member of Allied Masonic Degrees, Royal Order of Scotland, National Sojourners, Heroes of 76, Eastern Star, Order of Amaranth, Sciots Tract Pyramid 11, and the Saint Francis Conclave of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine. He also served in the 1980s as Chapter Dad for San Juan Chapter, DeMolay, and in the 1990s as Chairman for the Verta Linda Chapter, DeMolay.

His non-Masonic activities have included numerous family camping and hiking trips. He is an avid cribbage player. He also coached Little League baseball for 15 years. Phil retired at the end of 2005 from EDD as a Research Manager, after 35 years. Nancy has also retired after more than 40 years in accounting and office management. They look forward to many happy years in the future, traveling and interacting with their large family – seven children and 20 grandchildren.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Grand Master of Masons in California the Most Worshipful Ken Nagel is desiring of a meeting of the Lodges in the Sacramento area. The meeting will be presided over by the Grand Masters Chief of Staff, Worshipful Randy Downey. The meeting is to be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010, from 9:00 Am until 3:00 PM, at Oak Plains Lodge, 3010 Becerra Way, Sacramento, CA 95821-3915.

This meeting is very important, as the face of Masonry in the Sacramento area will change in the near future. With the sudden increase of interest in the craft by younger men and the realization that some of our lodges are suffocating due to a lack of interest, leadership, side liners, whatever. Some very important questions will be addressed at this meeting. Would lodge consolidations be healthy for the Craft? Is there a need for a Traditional Observance Lodge in the Sacramento area? Can our area support 12 or 13 lodges?

Fraternally, Vince Parell,
Inspector 414 Masonic District