

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

Newsletter of Washington Lodge No. 20

July 2012

Live the Masonic Values

Our 161st Year

From the East: Worshipful Master Joseph Dongo, PM

On May 26th, we had the Ladies Luncheon at the Temple. If you missed it, I cannot help but be sorry for you. The attendance was exceptionally high, the food was exquisite even to the most discerning palate, and the music was unheard of and simply melodious. All of this was made possible under the leadership of Nancy Hardiman, the chairperson of the Committee. Thank you Nancy for making this year's Luncheon the most successful in recent memory.

Congratulations to Brother Thomas Lionell Weary who was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on May 31st; about a month after his son, Brother Antonio Weary. This is a beautiful story, we wish you a beautiful Masonic journey.

In addition to that, on June, 14th, Bros. Dave Minke and Logan Taxdal were initiated. Congratulations to both of you. We look forward to seeing you complete your who were privileged to investigate our few to get to know them privately in to reach out to and mentor them. Assist their bond with the Lodge and the Craft prayed for at their initiation. Let's stop with the investigation report, but it brother joining the lodge.

A couple of years ago, I had the short period of time, we have seen him member of the Lodge. Not only was he He led our happy hour prior to the monthly Fellowship and Masonic served as Junior Deacon, Junior charge as well. Unfortunately, Brother stepped down from all of these



Alex. I commend you for the zeal and dedication you have displayed, and the impact and contribution you have made. We wish you and your family the best of luck. The lodge you may affiliate with will be most fortunate to have you as an active member. Bother Derek Waterman has agreed to cover all the official functions held by Brother Alex. He was installed as Marshal at last Stated Meeting. Please join me in welcoming Bro. Derek. There is no doubt that we all will support his efforts with great enthusiasm for the success of his challenging assignments.

It has come to our attention that many of you do not have access to the Grand Lodge website. The site has a lot of information for Officers and members; it is a valuable source to visit frequently. If you don't have access, please send an email to Randy Pangelina, the webmaster, with your name and lodge at rpangelina@freemason.org and he will be more than happy to assist you. Then access it, play with it, and at the July 24th Officers School of Instruction meeting, a lesson will be given on how to navigate and access the information you need at the website. That OSI will be open to Officers and non Officers alike, so, mark your calendar and I'll see you then.

Our annual TriTip Picnic is around the corner. It is slated for July 14th. If you have not yet made your reservation, please do it today. More information is again inserted in this Trestleboard. Bring relatives and friends as this will be our last event for the first half of the year before we go dark for the rest of the month.

Thank you all for the great support and work you've done and enjoy a safe and great summer vacation.

other degrees on your terms. For those of you new brothers, you have been some of the very their homes with their families. Please continue them alongside their coaches to help strengthen and become the true and faithful brothers we make it a practice that the investigation doesn't be the beginning of a mentorship for any new

privilege to coach Brother Alex Chompff. In a grow and he has become an active and devoted the Marshal, but the Candidates Head Coach. Stated Meeting, and also spearheaded our Education activities. When needed, he has Warden, and he has delivered the third Degree Alex may leave the Sacramento area and has functions. We will dearly miss you Brother

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Help us help the environment and the Lodge!

Adopt-A-Freeway Program
July 7th, 2012 at 9:00 AM

Litter Removal on Freeway 244
On/Off Ramp at Auburn Blvd

Meet at Del Paso Park
Corner of Park Road and Auburn Blvd



From the West

Juan C. Faranda, Sr. Warden

Congratulation to our new Brother Denny Carlson, it was a good night at the degree. All the officers did their best. We hope you soon will be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Commencing at the porch of the temple, there was an impressive series of winding steps leading up to the middle chamber. According to Masonic legend, there were fifteen of these steps. In the ritual of the Fellow Craft Degree, the Winding Stairs are given important symbolic uses. A Masonic understanding of the Temple symbolizes the world purified by the Shekinah, or Divine presence. In the Entered Apprentice Degree, the candidate passes from darkness to light and begins his course within the mysteries of the Temple, or in the Divine light of God's presence. In the Fellow Craft Degree he progresses in his search for more light; he is reminded as soon as he passes between the pillars of Strength and Establishment that he must begin the laborious climb upward, step by step, toward the goal of the Word, or divine truth. He continues self-improvement, which becomes a solemn duty; perfection is to be the end goal, which he will find at the top of the flight of fifteen steps.

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, July 5, 2012

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by July 3, 2012

(888) 828-4476

"Waste Not, Want Not"

The Senior Deacon's Station

A couple of months ago I volunteered to replace Brother Schoenborn as Senior Deacon. To my amazement, I found the position rewarding, difficult, and, time consuming.

The position is a self-rewarding position because it affords the Senior Deacon, and no other officer of the lodge the exclusive opportunity to present a new brother to the lodge brethren, and to the officers and Master. No other position affords the officer this unique opportunity. The Senior Deacon receives the candidate in his infancy to see the light of Masonry. He conducts the man to be reborn into a new understanding and appreciation of what it is to be better than what he was before his rebirth. With each advancing degree, the Senior Deacon brings the candidate to a new understanding of his responsibilities to country, his neighbor, and himself. To bring a fellow brother to such understanding is a most unique experience and reward.



The Senior Deacon's position requires a lot of memorization, floor work and understanding of every other position within the lodge. It requires the Senior Deacon to know the basic floor work of the other positions, because the Senior Deacon will need to perform with the other positions several times throughout his tenure as Senior Deacon. Add to this the requirement to be proficient in the second section of the Fellow Craft Degree and one finds himself sometimes overwhelmed and fearful of failure, the experience is truly humbling.

The Senior Deacon's position requires time, time, and more time! As Senior Deacon, you might think you have an action down and you think you can do it in your sleep, then you go to do it and everything goes blank! I have found, and continue to experience, that only practice makes perfect! Practice, practice and only more practice will assure perfect knowledge of what is done, what needs to be done and how to do it well.

Without the benefit of my coaches and their guidance, I doubt that I would be where I am in my education. I have a long way to go to be truly proficient and further learning to be somewhat more comfortable, but I know I can accomplish my task. And, I encourage anyone who wants to learn more about Masonry and what it means to guide a brother through his journey, to get involved in the Officers Line.



From the South

Daniel J. Dailey, Jr. Warden

The month of June has come and gone. And the officers of Washington Lodge #20 are all getting ready to move into our new positions to practice for next year. While moving up is a challenge, it is also very rewarding. I am pleased to see many new Master Masons beginning to take part in learning and presenting Charges and Lectures for candidates. This is a great way to begin learning Ritual and preparing for replacing us in the line. The quality of the work of these men is very inspiring. Washington Lodge #20 should have a strong line of future leaders for many years to come.

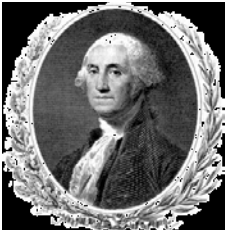
Many of you know I missed many events during June. I had a unique opportunity to join my son Jared who is a United States Marine Sergeant on the last leg of his seven month deployment with the Navy in the Arabian Sea and elsewhere in the Middle East. I had the privilege of sailing with him on the USS New Orleans from Pearl Harbor to Camp Pendleton. I was able to experience the life of a Marine on ship by living, eating, sleeping and working with them. It was an experience of a lifetime, even for an old retired Air Force veteran. During this trip, Jared asked the question. I hope to initiate him in Washington Lodge #20 next year.

July looks to be another busy month. We have several candidates who are in various stages of application or investigation to join our Lodge, and new inquiries on the web site for future Masons. Let's make sure that as these new Brothers and candidates come to dinner or their Initiation that we show them Brotherly love and make an effort to sit with them and show them why Washington Lodge #20 is still the best.



July SCHEDULE

July 5, 2012: Stated Meeting
July 7, 2012: Highway Clean up
July 11, 2012: Fellowship and Masonic Education
July 12, 2012: Double 1st Degree
July 14, 2012: Family Picnic
July 19, 2012: Dark
July 24, 2012: Officers' School of Instruction
July 26, 2012: Dark



WASHINGTON LODGE No.20

Free & Accepted Masons of California



MASONIC FAMILY TRI-TIP BBQ PICNIC

Come out and enjoy an afternoon with your fellow Brothers and their families.

Date: Saturday, July 14th, 2012.

Location: Elk Grove Regional Park (Site 6A).

Menu: Smoked Tri-Tip, Ranch Style Beans, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad, Green Salad and Garlic Bread along with Brownies a la Mode for dessert.

Wine boxes and cans of beer will be available for the adults.

Non alcoholic beverages: Fruit punch, soda, and water.

Park Amenities: Horseshoe pits and playground for the kids' entertainment.

Small lake stocked with fish for those who have a **fishing license**

Do not forget your fishing equipment.

Reservations are required. Please call 1-888-828-4476 no later than July 6th, mention PicNic, \$10.00 per Man, Ladies are free.

Lunch will be served beginning at 11:00am. We hope to see you all there.

Please be advised that glass bottles are not allowed in the park.



Picnic Site 6A



Fishing on the Lake



Playground