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To Make Good Men Better

OUR 159th YEAR



From the East

Joseph Dongo, Master

By the time you read me here, the Past Masters Night would have just passed. And Brother Emad Sweidan would have been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. We really wanted to get back to the tradition and have our Past Masters come out and teach us a lesson on the 3rd degree rituals. Although short handed, they responded admirably to the challenge. Who would expect less from them? Thanks to Worshipful Richard Wilson to lead the effort to put it together.

May 6 Stated Meeting will be our Masonic Sojourner's Night. We are reaching out to our Brethren from away Lodges who now live with us in our Greater Sacramento Area to come and join us to celebrate brotherly love.

You probably know a number of Masons at work, church or elsewhere who have relocated to our neighborhood but have never been sufficiently motivated to visit a local lodge. Please invite them with their guests to attend our event; call 1-888-828-4476 to tell how many you are coming with. Let's give them a new home in our Lodge and together we will build a better and vibrant community.

Very Worshipful John L. Cooper, 33°, Past Grand Secretary will be our Keynote Speaker of the Night. He will be talking of the: "Famous Rogues in Masonry" after the delicious dinner prepared by our "Kitchen Dream Crew".

A couple of days later, on May 8, we will convene again at the Elk Grove Regional Park, site 3B for the Tri-Tip Picnic Day. The Picnic site is very beautiful. There are horseshoe pits near by. There is also a playground nearby for children. If any one has a fishing permit, there is a small lake nearby that allows fishing. (Beer and wine are allowed if not in glass bottles.) What else do you want? This is open to all members and nonmembers, all Masons and non Masons. Invite your relatives, friends, and guests to attend this outdoor event. Food will be served starting at 11:00 am and the fun will go on until we cannot take it anymore.

On May 13, Brother Brian Schoenborn will be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft.

Let's now talk a bit about the USS Potomac Cruise of July 24. Please read the insert. We are extending the invite to the brethren of other Lodges and their families. If you have not made your reservation, I urge you to do so, now. We need to have a head count and determine the viability of the trip. We have to decide by May 20. It's been a while that we have traveled together. Here is the chance.

Is this all too much? Not so fast! Let's talk next month.

Joseph Dongo, Master

Picnic Day SATURDAY, MAY 8TH

Elk Grove Regional Park, Site 3 B
Open to all masons and non-masons and their families

Fee: \$10 per person

Tri-tip Bar-be-que

With: Ranch Beans, Corn-on-the-cob, Salads

Garlic Bread, Brownies and Ice-Cream

Food to be served starting at 11am

Beer, wine and sodas

No glass bottles.

Horseshoe Pits, Childrens Playground

Fishing Pond (license required)

Reservation required: call 1-888-828-4476 by May 4th.

Stated Meeting Dinner Thursday May, 6th

Masonic Sojourner's Night

Keynote Speaker: John L. Cooper 33°
"Famous Rogues in Masonry"

Hospitality 5:30 pm -

Dinner 6:15 pm

Meeting 7:30 pm

RSVP by May 4th, 6pm to : 888/828-4476

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Brethren,

It is with much sadness I must inform you that **Imogene Martin**, one of Washington Lodge 20's widows passed away on November 9, 2009.

Let's keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

Almighty Father, into Thy hands we commend the soul of our departed widow.

Joseph Dongo, Master

Member Profile Zack Gossell



Hello all! In my short time as part of Washington 20 I have enjoyed getting to know the members of the lodge both old and new. I appreciate the opportunity I have to introduce myself and look forward to getting to know each of you better.

I was born the third of three children in Lubbock Texas on August 2, 1979 where I lived out the first two years of my life and which I can recall almost nothing. When I was two, my family moved to Vacaville, CA where I stayed until I graduated high school. My parents divorced when I was 5, both remarried to great people, and for the last 15 years have lived within 3 blocks of each other. As a boy I enjoyed playing all sports, being with my friends pulling practical jokes and the occasional (temporary) defacing of property. Vacaville was a small town...we had to create our own entertainment.

In the fall of 1997 I moved to San Luis Obispo to begin my college career at Cal Poly. I stayed in the dorms for 2 quarters before taking off on a Study Abroad trip through the College of Business to Thailand. If you haven't been to Southeast Asia I highly recommend you drop everything and go! Shortly after getting back I served a two year church assignment in Parana Brazil where I learned to love the people, speak fluent Portuguese and mastered the art of washing clothes in a bucket. I then returned back to Cal Poly in 2000 with the goal of getting through school as soon as possible. I ended up meeting a dark haired blue eyed girl from the farmlands of Nor Cal and on September 11, 2001 (yes THE 9/11) while on a trip to Las Vegas we got engaged. I probably should have proposed the night before while at the top of the Stratosphere but I distinctly remember thinking she deserved better than that. In 2003 Katie and I graduated school on the same day, with the same GPA, and even the same SAT scores. We were meant to be.

Armed with a freshly minted diploma we moved to West Los Angeles where I began my career in the shipping business selling container space on cargo ships primarily out of China. After 2 months on the job I realized that was not my calling in life and decided Real Estate would be the quickest way for me to make my millions. I was hired on with the Staubach Company (owned by football great Roger Staubach) and leased office space throughout the greater Los Angeles area. After a year in West LA we bought our first place in Valencia, CA. The lure of living close to family eventually became too great and in late 2004 we moved to Sacramento. I took an offer with Cornish & Carey Commercial Real Estate and within the first week of being here we discovered Katie was pregnant with our son Dylan.

Five years later and one final move to our current residence in Granite Bay, the family has now grown to include three children; Dylan (5), Ava (3), and Claire (1) – and maybe one more to come??? Aside from being with my family I enjoy the therapeutic rewards of working in the yard, running, hiking, camping, reading, eating, watching TV, and of course being with the lodge. I still consider myself an avid traveler (even if I do have three kids to contend with) and have been to over 20 countries and most states in the US. I also volunteer as assistant Scoutmaster to Boy Scout Troop 818 as well as other charitable causes. I still feel that the best in life is yet to come and look forward to what the future has in store for masonry in general but especially Washington 20!



From the West

David Cameron, Sr. Warden

It comes to no surprise the way life has of changing our perspective in a moment's notice. Although most changes go unrecognized and we seem ambiguous to their existence, they do radically effect our being. When the big surprises hit, they seem more important than those hundreds of smaller concerns which we file away daily to be called upon or not at a later time. But sometimes, those small changes make the most profound changing in our lives and leave us in awe.

I refer to our Widows; I speak to them twice or three times a year, encouraging them, even begging some to attend our functions. When they tell me they are not "the same girl I used to be" I agreed and understood that we all age, and we all get closer to His house with every breathe we take. I see their problems as just part of life and though I am compassionate, I feel no real connection with their problems. Imogene Martin, was my friend, I never told her that. I always thanked her for attending when she could, but I had no other relationship with my Brothers wife. She was a small concern that I pushed back several times a year, not realizing that it is those small problems which make us who we truly are. When the big problems come we take them on, or we run. When the smaller ones come forward we often neglect to acknowledge them until such time as it becomes so large it requires immediate attention. My Brothers the smaller issues are by far the most important; by recognizing them we can truly establish within us a love for mankind, and a willingness to assist others. I am sorry I did not recognize the needs of my Brothers wife until she had passed. Let us not succumb to the same mistakes I have made, but let us strive to grasp each moment as being "big", for we never know when that little issue, can be gone forever and make us realize just how much life we have missed.

Fraternally,

David H.Cameron, Sr. Warden



From the South

Michael P. Quinn, Jr. Warden

On March 19 through March 21, 2010 I had the opportunity to attend the Junior Warden's Retreat at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel.

This was a memorable event that provided me with a significant amount of information related to the preparation and planning for successful lodge management. 1 Senior & 62 Junior Wardens, along with 22 Senior Deacons & 1 Senior Steward attended this event hailing from many northern California Lodges. Present were, Frank Loui, current Senior Grand Warden & John F. Lowe, current Junior Grand Warden who led the event along with various Grand Lodge Officers who lead training sessions. Their presentations stressed the need for planning and preparation necessary to lead lodges in the coming Masonic Year. As they will be the Grand Master and Grand Warden Officers next year, they pointed out that we in the audience would be next in line to lead our own lodges. A hospitality suite sponsored by local Shriners and excellent meals provided by hotel staff made the event a comfortable and friendly environment for learning and fellowship. A workbook and CD were provided to all attendees including wives. I recommend that all Junior Officers of Washington Lodge, check their calendars and prepare for next year's retreats and plan to attend.

Fraternally,

Michael P. Quinn, Jr. Warden

Around the Lodge



Bob Taylor & Joan Cameron at Past Masters Night



Brian Schoenborn
Picnic Chairman



Emad Sweiden
Our newest Master Mason

May Birthdays

Russell M. O'Day	May 1, 1919
Edwin A. Grebitus Jr.	May 2, 1926
John H. May	May 2, 1932
Stanley N. Shelton	May 4, 1933
Richard A. Pullen	May 8, 1935
Douglas N. Pope	May 11, 1945
Paul T. De Rouen	May 12, 1933
Jack A. Holt	May 12, 1926
Walter J. Santwer	May 12, 1943
John E. Waldron	May 14, 1971
David C. Hall	May 20, 1947
Michael P. Quinn	May 20, 1946
Denton W. Carlson	May 28, 1926
Miguel H. Squyer	May 30, 1929
John E. Davies	May 31, 1927

Lodge Ambassador's Corner

Dave Freeman



USS POTOMAC CRUISE

The USS Potomac was built in 1934 as the Coast Guard cutter Electra. It was commissioned as a U.S. Navy vessel in 1936, renamed 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 for a 3 hour historic cruise of the three bridges of San Francisco Bay on Saturday, July 24. THE DAY TRIP IS OPEN TO ALL MASONS, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS. Our motor coach will depart from the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H Street at 8am and return by 5pm. **Reservation deadline is May 20. Please complete the form below**

If you have any questions, call: Joseph at (916) 776-6440 or email at alacabo@gmail.com

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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

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