



From the East: Wor. Jesse Solis-Jacques



Spirit of Harmony

Brethren, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It is our hope that each and everyone of you enjoy these Holidays and share the spirit of joy and good fellowship. The cold winter weather has also been picking up. A perfect time of year for warm mittens, decorative scarfs, funny looking sweaters, and beanies with bells on top of our heads while sipping a mug of Hot Cocoa with marshmallows!

The month of December brings a time of happiness and a wonderful spirit of harmony. During my travels, where ever it may be, I observed more people sharing and caring for others by conducting good acts of kindness. Despite the frustrations of hectic traffics and dealing with difficult people during our shopping craze, many of us, somehow, find a way to persuade ourselves to be kind and loving to all no matter what. There is something about this time of year that brings the Magic of Harmony to the surface of our humanity. How it marinates our souls without resistance or guilt. How Harmony governs our decisions and actions to promote good will to one another. The Spirit of Harmony stimulates our most dormant desire to reestablish peace to even our most notorious enemies and sometimes, by some unexplained Grace, our most annoying friends and relatives.

Although, mankind may manifest and exercise its power of freewill to pick and choose who they like and do not like, The Spirit of Harmony, however, has evolve to only exercise its universal free will to establish, maintain, and create Peace and Harmony toward all creations. Thus, The Spirit of Harmony does not understand grudges, it does not speak negative gossip for self-gratifications or to build its own self-worth; it does not discriminate one creation from another. The Spirit of Harmony has only one Idea and Belief, has only one Vision, and has only one Purpose---- "UNIVERSAL PEACE" forever and ever and ever! It is my hope that we strive to learn and adopt the legendary examples of the Spirit of Harmony in its truest state. I am personally grateful to be in the presence of so many wonderful, good men and women who deeply care about each other and continues to share that spirit to those who are in need of it so desperately. Thank you all again, my Brethren!

As we prepare for December, we look forward to the following events:

On December 5th, is our last monthly stated meeting for this Masonic Year 2019. We welcome all to attend. The Cordon Bleu Team has prepared another delicious meal: snacks, salad, minestrone soup, French bread, topped with ice cream. Dinner starts at 6pm.

On December 12th at 7pm is Installation Practice for all officers. Please come prepared for practice or have a general idea of what is expected. Our Officer's Coach, Worshipful Luis Montero, will direct the practice and further assist with any questions and guidance, if needed.

On December 15th at 2pm will be the Annual Installation of Officers for the 2020 Ensuing Masonic year. This is an open to the public ceremonial event and all family members and friends are cordially invited to attend. Please see event itinerary for more details.

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On December 18th is our last monthly OSI for officers for the year. Details are yet TBD. I encourage all officers to attend. As we transition to the new year of Officers, this would be a great time to rekindle ideas of growth and training and continue to develop innovative ways of building our honorable fraternity. There is also a special officer's meeting with Worshipful Michael Woo, Inspector of the 414th Masonic District, after the meeting. Meeting details TBD.

On December 19th at 6pm, Christmas Social fellowship night at the club room on the 3rd floor. We have pool tables, chess boards, big screen television for maybe Thursday Night Football, great food, chips, and beverages always available! The option may also be to gather at a nearby restaurant to enjoy the evening and maybe exchange gifts or participate in Secret Santa. Just a thought. Please coordinate with the Junior Warden of any requests, at least 1-2 week notice.

The Washington Lodge #20 Last Quarter 2019 Officer and Coaches Meeting was scheduled on Tuesday November 26th at 6pm phone conference. Much was discussed to wrap up this year to see where we used to be, where we are at now and how much we have accomplish and improved, and finally seeing where we are going forward for the next several years. Planning and goals created and analyzed are always a working progress and should be evaluated at least every 6 months or as necessary. All members of Washington 20 are highly encouraged to participate in the future plans of our Lodge with your innovative thoughts and feelings, visionary goals and dreams, and solidifying our purpose in Freemasonry and life, in general. We thank you all again for your volunteer service, time, and efforts in making this an enjoyable masonic experience possible!

In closing Brethren, My Theme for this year of 2019 is "Innovation, Vision, and Purpose." As we remind ourselves how such a diverse and universal culture we are, I enjoy the inspiration of our evolutionary society of our past, today, and the future. At the opening of this year 2019, I briefing explained the following three concepts of my theme "INNOVATION... VISION... and PURPOSE."

Innovation—is imagining an ocean of ideas that already exist. The magic is pulling two or more of those ideas and combining them to create a revolutionary change that moves the universe in a harmonious and glorious manner. There is an innate innovative spirit hiding in each one of us. Giving it permission to emerge and develop lies the magic. Each of us have wonderful ideas that will make a difference in others. Throughout centuries and across the globe, innovation has shown to be a universal language. It only has one alphabet— "Let's make it happen, who's with me?"

Vision—are dreams that signify the art of witnessing the invisible. Visions are free and are limitless. Only one person has the authority and power to view them—YOU. Visions remind you who you are supposed to be and your supreme role in making that vision a reality. Visions merely submit to your desire to give them the opportunity to shape and mold into your beautiful creation. Sharing visions with each other make them unstoppable.

Purpose—The strategic plan of everyone's journey is to give it a name—Purpose. It is continuously nourished on Passion and Belief to thrive. Purpose is flexible and amendable, when necessary and it provides the direction and floor plan needed to get to your destination. Without purpose, the journey ends; however, this may open up an opportunity to create a new purpose that may define your new identity. Defining your purpose in life or any endeavors you choose to follow, will form the solid foundation and strength required for an amazing and successful journey.

I am truly and sincerely pleased brethren to be part of this journey with you all. I honorably thank each and every one of you for your creative and daring ideas, passionate visionary endeavors, and the several unique and detailed maps you have shown me to propel your purpose in your life and Freemasonry. Remember Brethren that you are Never alone and together We are **Unstoppable!** From all of us at Washington Lodge #20 to all of you and your families, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



From the West

Bro. Jared Yoshiki • Senior Warden



Bridge to the Future

I hope everyone had a festive and safe Thanksgiving with their families and loved ones and are looking forward to the holiday season that is ahead. While November sets the stage for a changing of the guard, we should not forget the work of our soon to be junior past master. Wor. Jesse has done a fine job at the helm keeping us afloat and it's now up to us to continue the progress and keep her straight and steady for future masters.

I want to thank all the brothers of Washington Lodge #20 for their confidence in allowing me to serve you for the ensuing Masonic year. I was humbled and honored to receive your support and will do my best to live up to your expectations as Master. I can tell you that I am looking forward to 2020 with high hopes and I know your fellow officers are more united then ever to make next year special. We are planning some very special events including a trip out to Raley Field for some family time at the Rivercats game, game nights and fellowship fun and a return of bowling night. Finally, in April we will be celebrating our centennial of our Lodge's first ever meeting in the temple with a festive board. All you have to do is google festive board or table lodge and you'll know what I'm talking about.



We are cultivating solid foundations with General Douglas MacArthur Lodge 853, Sacramento 40 and Union-Tehama 3, in the hopes of doing an intra-district degree and a couple other fun events geared at bringing us as masons closer together. I hope you will look forward to some of these events that your officers and I have planned for next year.

In closing, I want to thank you again for allowing me to serve you and instilling your trust. Next year is about laying the foundation for the next 100 years of our lodge. I hope you will join me in building our "Bridge to the Future."

Washington Lodge No. 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 Free & Accepted Masons 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.





From the South

Bro. Francisco Marques • Junior Warden



Magic of Beginning Anew

Most of the symbols, customs, and rituals associated with the month of December are linked to celebrations of the **Winter Solstice** in ancient times and cultures. While Christian mythology is interwoven with contemporary observances of this holiday time, its (Roman, Germanic, etc.) pagan nature is still strong and evident.

Travel with me, Brethren, backwards in imagination to a forgotten era when the world of men was young; when knowledge was obscure and the primal urges of all humans were divided between the satisfaction of the needs of the body: hunger, thirst, warmth, light; and the instincts of self-preservation: mating, and the love of children.

The men of time immemorial found everything in nature a wonder. They did not understand why the wind was, what made the rain, whence came lightning, thunder, cold and warmth; why the sun climbed in the canopy of heaven in the morning and disappeared at night, or what the eastern star might be.

The greatest manifestation of nature known to our ancient ancestors was the sun, which was regularly present during the day - and somewhat replaced by the fire, which warmed and comforted the groups at night. The sun and fire also kept away the wild beasts of the field. Under the gentle rays of sunlight, crops grew and life manifested all around. Sun worship and fire worship were as natural for men as the breath they drew. And so the mid-summer's day, the longest, became a festival; it was the harbinger or harvest, the birthday of a new life, just as the Winter Solstice was significant of the end of the slow decline of the sun, the beginning of a new time of warmth and crop - and happiness.

Christianity then came to the world. Old feasts and festival days were still very present, and men in the early days of the new Faith turned the pagan festivals to Christian usage. Slowly, the old celebrations of Summer and Winter Solstices became the Saints John's Days of the Middle Ages. Early Masons adopted the two Saints John as a constant reminder of the spiritual influence of their lives, and, ever since, Masonic Lodges in all Christian countries have been dedicated to the one, or to the other, or to both of these worthy and worshipful men.

As **Saint John the Evangelist's** Day is celebrated on December 27, I see a unique opportunity to walk step by step with our ancient Brethren, worshiping and giving thanks as they did; they, to the Supreme Being they knew for the beginning of the period when days lengthened - we, to the Grand Architect of the Universe, for allowing our Craft to take for its own the loving character of Saint John of Galilee, the apostle of Brotherly Love and Charity.

The festival days were of central importance to early American Masonic Lodges as well. Records indicate that Brothers **George Washington** and **Benjamin Franklin** always made it a point to attend the Lodges respective observance of the Saint John's Days. By the same token, Annual Installations of Officers are usually planned around Saint John the Evangelist's Day and the Winter Solstice, which marks the symbolic death and rebirth of the Sun, also signifying "reversal" or "new beginnings" to all Freemasons.

And, precisely to celebrate the rebirth of our Lodge, we will come together on "Sun Day," December 15th (see Invitation on page 7), to carry out one of the most important activities of Washington Lodge No. 20 - the installation of our new Officers for the ensuing Masonic Year. I am excited about the potential our Lodge has for further growth and development under the leadership of our Master-Elect, Brother **Jared Yoshiki** - to whom, I am sure, we all pledge to support with our dedication, energy and enthusiasm. At the same time, this is the occasion for us to recognize those individuals who have served as Officers for the past year, most expressly the retiring Master of the Lodge, Wor. **Jesse Solis-Jacques**. After devoting a tremendous amount of time and effort to his Office, he leaves our Lodge in excellent shape and ready to achieve new heights in the years ahead.











Member Birthdays

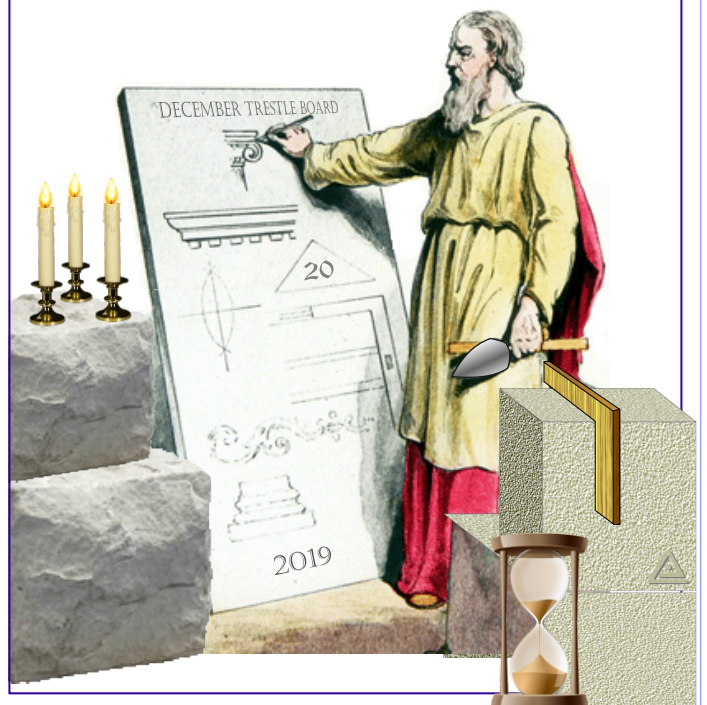
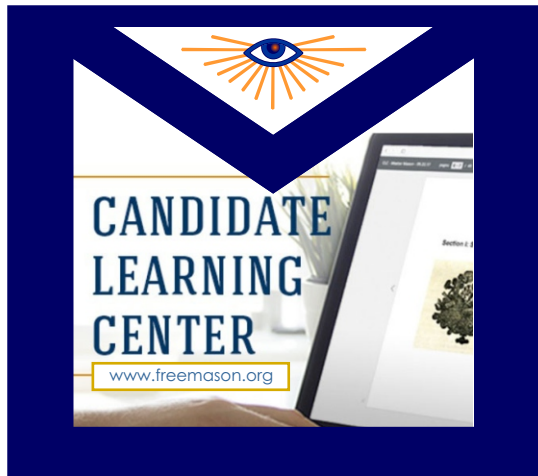
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25 • Donte E. Cuellar	MM
25 • Stephen Michalski	MM
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28 • Pedro Perez	MM

Master Mason Anniversary Dates

04 • Joseph D. Basham	9 Years
04 • Richard F. Lacey	9 Years
10 • James E. Keehner	53 Years
10 • Tim R. Tyler	21 Years
14 • Andrew P. Wilson	19 Years
15 • Melvin H. Pinsler	68 Years
17 • Joseph K. Dongo 	21 Years
19 • Francisco E. Marques	23 Years
21 • Norman C. Chapman	73 Years

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WLN20 CALENDAR

December

- TUE 03** • Officers Meeting 6pm

- THU 05** • Monthly Stated Meeting
Social Hour at Nine 2 Won 5:15 pm
Dinner at the Banquet Room 6pm
Meeting in Lodge Room One 7:30pm

- THU 12** • Practice (Installation) 6pm

- SUN 15** • 2020 Installation of Officers 2pm
Installing Team:
MW John E. Trauner, Grand Master
Joseph K. Dongo, PM (MC)
John W. Knox, PM (Chaplain)

- WED 18** • Officers School of Instruction 7pm
Topic TBD

- THU 19** • DARK

- THU 26** • DARK

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2020

January

- THU 02** • Monthly Stated Meeting
Social Hour at Nine 2 Won 5:15 pm
Dinner at the Banquet Room 6pm
Meeting in Lodge Room One 7:30pm

- THU 09** • Officers Meeting / Practice 7pm
Topic TBD

- WED 15** • Officers School of Instruction 7pm
Topic TBD

- THU 16** • DARK

- THU 23** • Roll Call Dinner 6pm
Banquet Room

- THU 30** • Fellowship Night 7pm
Club Room

**RSVP to 888-828-4476 or at
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2020 Annual Installation of Officers
for
WASHINGTON LODGE No. 20

Sacramento Masonic Temple

December 15, 2019
2:00pm

1123 J Street
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Master-Elect: Jared D.M. Yoshiki
Senior Warden-Elect: Francisco E. Marques
Junior Warden-Elect: Russell C. Tomas

Installing Team
Most Worshipful John E. Trauner, Grand Master
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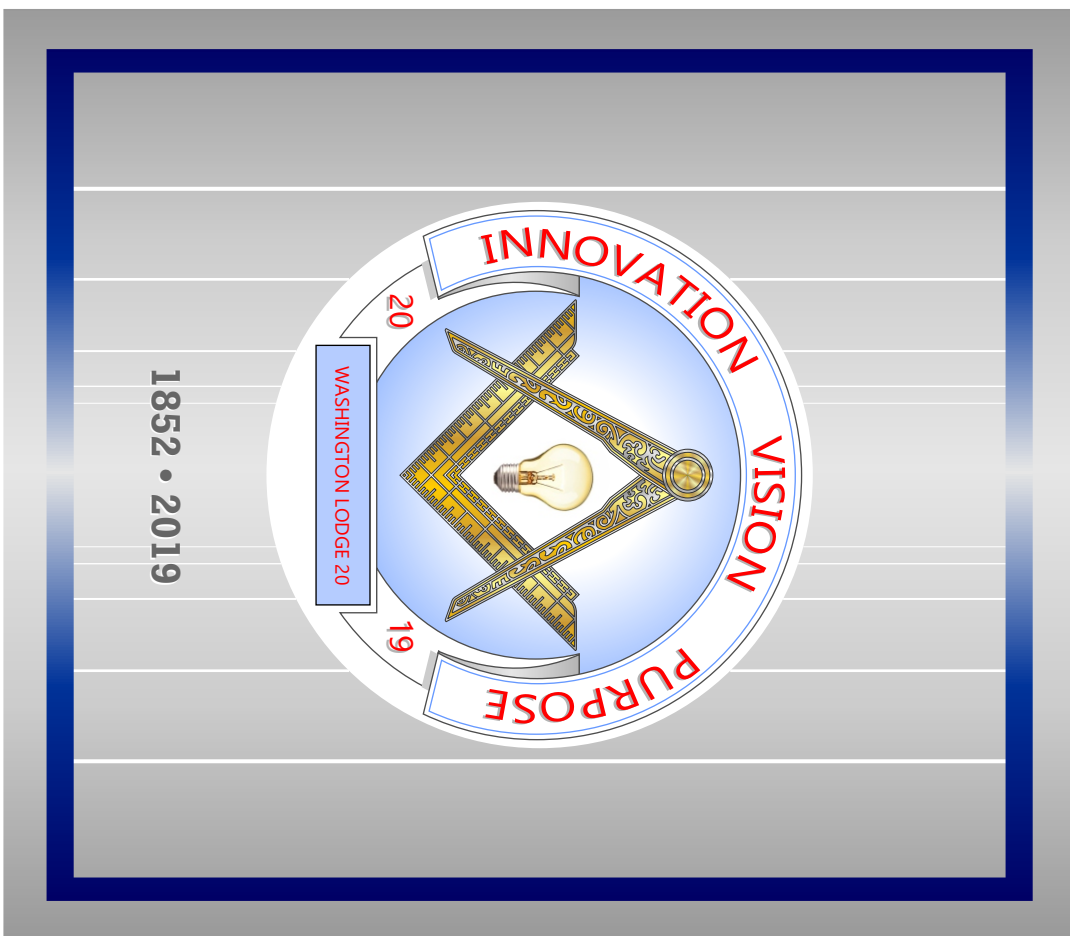
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