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#### March 2018



### From the East: Wor. Luis J. Montero



March is always beautiful in Sacramento, the approach of spring is near. The flowers begin to bud as a sign of a new growth and the singing of the birds and hear their song of a new morning. The bee's buzzing about in the day.

And this beautiful beehive of ours – our Lodge, that is – will be quite busy as well, with plenty of ritual work and two Double First Degrees and one Double Third Degree this

month. And, Brethren, this is as busy as a bee can be!

But first, I would like to salute Bro. **Nicholas Johnston** for his superb Fellow Craft Proficiency on February 1st, and for being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 22nd (see photo on page 6), during our Past Masters Night. A big shout out to our Past Masters: **Richard Wilson**, **Phil Hardiman**, **Juan Faranda**, **John Knox**, **Max Schell**, **Dan Dailey**, **Joseph Dongo**, **Eric Hixson**, **Jon Isaacson**, **Dave Cameron**, and **Jeret Burnett**, who performed the Third Degree Ceremony and delivered a magnificent performance!

I also would like to commend our Lodge Officers for their attendance at OSI - Officers School of Instruction. We had a winning tie for the Traveling Gavel. This is the prize awarded by the District Inspector to the Lodge with best attendance rates. Both **Washington Lodge No. 20** and **Union-Tehama Lodge No. 3** were the winners. Kudos to Wor. **Dave Cobb** and to the Officers of his Lodge as well! I want to encourage all Master Masons of our Lodge to attend these sessions, which comprise one hour of ritual work and one hour of leadership training. Wor. **Michael Woo**, PM, Inspector of the 414th Masonic District, has been doing an outstanding job. Plus, you get to know Brothers from all Lodges housed in our Temple. **Sacramento Lodge No. 40** and **Gen. Douglas MacArthur Lodge No. 853** also participate at OSI, and the energy level is amazing. OSI happens on the third Wednesday of the month. Master Masons only, please.

Our first Fellowship Night of the year is coming up on March 6th, and I have a feeling it will be a hit! This event will unite our Brethren in a way that only bowling alleys can. Our Officers assure to deliver great performances and awe the crowd! Will the swift feet of our Junior Warden be enough? And what about the smooth transition of our Junior Deacon? Will our Senior Deacon cheer at the sight of this fierce bowling competition? We may need a group of Brethren to add side commentary to these gentlemen's skills. It will certainly be a fun night!

On March15th, we will be initiating two new Entered Apprentices, Mr. **Anthony Michael Contreras** and Mr. **Richard Eldon Stover**. And, on the 22nd... yes, you guessed it right: another Double First Degree! This time, for Mr. **Jack Lawrence Cornelius** and Mr. **William James Workman**.

Please make plans to attend these very special ceremonies and welcome these fine gentlemen to our Craft. Let us all wish them a meaningful Masonic Journey – full of Light, great fellowship and meaningful discoveries.

And finally, we will have a Double Third Degree, which is something our Lodge has not done in quite some time. On March 31st, Bro. **Ryan Gooch** and Bro. **Christopher Hamilton** will be Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. I would like to thank in advance our Past Grand Master of Masons in California, Most Worshipful **Russ Charvonia**, for his support and for his participation in that Degree. Please mark your calendars and save the date: Last Saturday of the month. Lunch will be provided after the Ceremonies.



## **From the West**

#### Bro. Jesse Solis-Jacques • Senior Warden



Brethren, I would like to share my travels from afar and communicate to all back home that I'm doing well. These past couple of weeks have passed by quickly and soon I will be back home and among my family. For many years, people have identified their definition of family in their own way and continues to evolve to various meanings. How do you define what family means to you? How is it created, maintained or destroyed, if ever?

It has been my deepest pleasure to experience Tennessee's most Southern hospitality. This past weekend, I went shopping in an older part of town and decided to head back to my car and head back to base. I did not realize, at first, how far I had parked. A man saw me walking down the street and asked me if I needed a ride. My first reaction was to decline the offer because it is not a good idea to accept rides from strangers. I replied, "No, thank you. I'm ok. I'm parked down the hill, but thanks anyway." He insisted and stated "oh no, it's no problem at all, we'll take you." His wife, followed by their children, got into their vehicle and smiled and appeared to be cordial and kind. It would be rude to decline such an offer from a family who wanted to help.

During the ride, there was an opportunity to ask questions about the local area and way of life there. I've learned so much in a 2-block ride. I felt as if I was from there. Their children were so trustworthy and accepting of my presence and treated me like I was a relative. I truly felt like I was part of their family and showed them my utmost gratitude for their hospitality. I also learned that no matter where I go, whether rich or poor, there will always be family all around me.



There are times, my Brethren, when we may forget that we are a part of a family. There may be some difficult times in our lives that allow

us to experience feelings of being outcast or isolated. We may sometimes feel like we don't belong. I would like to encourage and remind those who experienced times of trouble that this is not so. Freemasonry teaches us that we are to regard the whole world as one family and we should be there for each other. It is my hope that we continue to treat others in this manner and spread the wealth of Brotherly Love.

In closing, Brethren, March marks the beginning of spring and a new beginning of family and friendship. Take this time to bring those around you much closer than before. This may not seem like an easy task but sometimes offering the simplest gesture can provide a stronger bond among others. The family who assisted me will never be forgotten. Their kindness will be duplicated and their example reminds us that we should continue to endeavor to stretch forth a helping hand. In their eyes, I was not a stranger—I was family!

#### 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 F.&A.M. 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. Jared Yoshiki • Junior Warden



As the month of February comes to a close, I want to congratulate Brother **Nicholas Johnston** on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. I was proud to be his coach up to this point in his masonic journey and look forward to his contributions to our Fraternity and our Lodge as he continues his mission.

The month of March brings a respite from the TV where many of us were possibly captivated by the mixed curling, ice dancing and 4-man bobsled. Or maybe it was the downhill or Super-G that you were into. Nevertheless, many of these contests are based on time. Fastest to the finish or down the mountain wins. We think of time a bit different. While we are taught to divide our time into 3 separate parts we are not taught to divide them into any particular order or dedicate a specific amount to each part. That is for each of us to decide. The time that each of the athletes that trained for their respective disciplines took them away from their families or from fishing or playing golf. It could be that they were the fastest and came home with recognition. Conversely it could be that the race showcased that their careers were over knowing they could never get faster or that their physical bodies could not sustain the time necessary to get better and faster.

Nevertheless, the strive to be the best or the fastest parallels what we as Brothers get out of Freemasonry. If we dedicate time to our Brothers, we yet find that we will get better and faster.

But speaking of sport, I am hopeful that you will consider joining some of your fellow Brothers in a night of bowling and pizza. The Olympics was not just a series of sporting events and athleticism. It also included a bit of fellowship. As this year Marches on (pun), take a second to think about the time you have spent making yourself better using your tools - whether it be the trowel, the level or the plumb. While our fellowship nights, or the time you spend with your family on vacation, may not mimic the grand stage of the Olympics remember that our level of time only lasts so long.

I leave you with a poem written sometime ago for you to ponder:



Gather ye rosebuds while ye may, Old Time is still a-flying; And this same flower that smiles today Tomorrow will be dying.

The glorious lamp of heaven, the sun, The higher he's a-getting, The sooner will his race be run, And nearer he's to setting.

That age is best which is the first, When youth and blood are warmer; But being spent, the worse, and worst Times still succeed the former.

Then be not coy, but use your time, And while ye may, go marry; For having lost but once your prime, You may forever tarry.

~ **Robert Herrick** (1591-1674)



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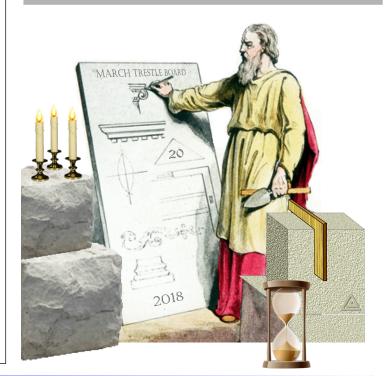
#### March

- 01 Monthly Stated Meeting Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7:30pm
- 06 Fellowship Night 6pm **Bowling with Brothers!**
- 08 Officers Practice 7pm
- 15 Double First Degree 7pm
- 21 Officers School of Instruction 7pm
- 22 Double First Degree 7pm
- **29** Officers Practice 7pm
- **31** Double Second Degree 9am

#### April

- 05 Monthly Stated Meeting Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7:30pm 10 • Fellowship Night 6pm 12 • Officers Practice 7pm
- 18 Officers School of Instruction 7pm
- 19 Public School Night 7pm
- **26** Second Degree 7pm
- 27-29 Masters and Wardens Retreat

#### **RSVP by calling 888-828-4476**





Tuesday, March 6 at 6 PM - 8 PM

2600 Watt Ave, Sacramento CA 95821

Country Club Lanes

#### Washington Lodge's first Fellowship Night of 2018!

Bringing Brothers together for some fun bowling time, unlimited pizza and soda!

Bowling shoes, lanes and food are provided!

COST:FREE

Please RSVP to the Stewards TODAY!

WLN20Stewards@gmail.com or 1-888-828-4476

### **Birthdays - March**

03 • James D. Cralle	MM
03 • Eric L. Owen	MM
04 • Robert F. Bastian	MM
05 • Alan W. Peay	MM
07 • Clyde L. Barnett	PM
07 • Ronald M. Forsberg	MM
10 • James G. Harrisberger	EA
11 • Charles T. Byrd	MM
11 • Gary M. Disher	MM
12 • Peter W. Hurst	EA
12 • James E. Keehner	MM
12 • Peter D. Petersen	MM
13 • Heath J. Hamm	MM
16 • Alexander C. Chompff	MM
17 • Melvin H. Pinsler	MM
18 • Jeffrey A. Hardiman	MM
18 • Daniel A. Mosier	FC
20 • Ko K. Chang	MM
23 • Victor U. Sanchez	PM
23 • William J. Workman	EA*
24 • George A. Morrow	MM
25 • Michael B. McGlone	MM
26 • Fred D. Bloom	MM
26 • Paul E. Evans	MM
28 • John M. Petersen	PM
28 • Michael "Max" D. Schell	PM
28 • Gerald E. Singer	MM
30 • Juan C. Faranda	PM
30 • Eric C. Van Houten	EA
30 • Christian A. Wheeler	MM

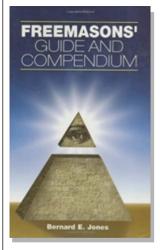
### Master Mason Anniversary Dates



08 • John W. Knox 🏴	28 Years
10 • Edward J. Hardiman	30 Years
14 • Lucas M. Zeiher	5 Years
15 • James L. Ramey	21 Years
16 • Russell C. Tomas	l Year
17 • Robert L. Cole	67 Years
20 • Christopher C. Boothe	4 Years
20 • Allen R. Kramer	15 Years
20 • John M. Petersen 🏴	38 Years
22 • Karl E. Gresehover	17 Years
22 • Kelvin C. Mark	11 Years
22 • John M. Otten	56 Years
23 • Marcus S. Bole	12 Years
23 • Arthur S. Henrikson	40 Years
23 • Nigel S. Martin	l Year
27 • Scott J. Germer	38 Years
28 • Bradley J. Mitchell	22 Years
28 • Jesus S. Vega	5 Years
29 • Derek D. Waterman	6 Years
31 • Robert F. Bastian	41 Years
31 • Alan W. Peay	7 Years

#### **Your Next Read** Book of the Month

#### FREEMASONS' GUIDE AND COMPENDIUM **New and Revised Edition**



This wonderful reference book was first published in 1950 and the latest edition was published in 2006. A book that has been in more or less constant reprint for almost 60 years tells you something about the need for such a reference and its ability to meet a continuous demand.

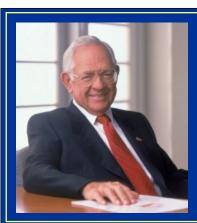
At first sight the book looks a little daunting at over 600 pages, but don't be put off

by that: it's not a book that's intended to be read from the beginning to the end in one continuous study.

Rather it is a book to dip into and savour. The author, Bernard E. Jones, has included an excellent list of contents and a detailed index. Almost all that you could ever want to know about Freemasonry, albeit from a very UGLE perspective, can be found therein.

The book is divided up into six main parts: Operative Masonry and the London Company of Freemasonry; How Speculative Freemasonry came into being; the early English Grand Lodges; our Craft Degrees; our Lodges, Lodge officers, Regalia, paraphernalia and festive boards; and Royal Arch, Mark Master and other Degrees.

For additional recommended titles, visit: www.washingtonlodge20.org/books



"There are no strangers in Freemasonry, only friends you've yet to meet."

## **Brother Dave Thomas**

Philanthropist and Founder of Wendy's Restaurant





**Past Masters Night** Third Degree • Brother Nick Johnston February 22





#### **BREWS & BRAINS - TRIVIA NIGHT**



Bro. Creston Whiting-Casey

Brethren,

I currently serve as the Chair of Philanthropy for **United Way's Young Leaders Society (YLS)** and want to inform you about a really fun charity event we have coming up on Thursday, March 8th.

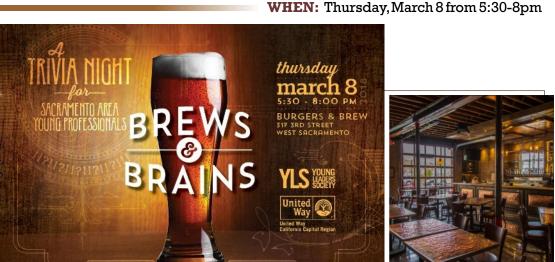
YLS consists of young professionals from across the Sacramento Region who are committed to serving our community through volunteerism and philanthropy.

Members participate in networking, fundraising and volunteer projects as part of the mission of **United Way California Capital Region**. Our focus is supporting young students in the **Robla School District** through a college savings program for kindergartners and their families.

**FUN FACT:** Kindergartners with even a nominal college savings are 3 times more likely to go to college and four times more likely to graduate.

WHAT: Brews & Brains Trivia Night WHERE: Burgers & Brew • 317 3rd Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605





**WHO:** Young Professionals, Trivia Fans, United Way supporters and people who believe in education as a key to growth, success and hope

**WHY:** Proceeds from Brews & Brains will benefit the Sacramento's Kindergarten 2 College Savings Program. K2C is part of United Way's Square One Project – our 20-year promise that will significantly increase the number of students who graduate from high school prepared for success in college and beyond.YLS is working with the founders of Sacramento K2C, California Assembly Member Kevin McCarty and SAFE Credit Union, to grow this program in our region. We know that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty in the Sacramento region.

**HOW:** Email me directly at <u>creston.whitingcasey@gmail.com</u> or send me a Facebook message for more information if you want to join! Your ticket includes registration, food and drink, and knowing you are helping children in our community.

**Brews & Brains is fun!** Trivia will be 1990's themed. Last year SOLD OUT, so buy your ticket and support your local community today!



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