



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

Newsletter of Washington Lodge No. 20

December 2011

To Make Good Men Better

Our 160th Year



From the East

David H. Cameron

Master

My Masonic Family,

It is with great joy and greater sorrow that I write my last article as Master of Washington Lodge #20. The list of accomplishments that Washington Lodge has made in 2011 is remarkable. Though many of her accolades are the result of good men doing what is right, many more are from good men stepping up and taking charge. We have many Brothers who have done unrecognized work inside and outside the Temple. It is those Brothers, those whose work is steady, and performed silently. Our Tyler, Brother Floyd Tritt, has anyone ever tried to set up a lodge for one function all by themselves, or tried to put it away when everyone else walks by you on the way home? The Tyler's role is one of great importance; he can make the Brothers look great in the eyes of visitors, or incapable in front of the same. We rely on him to keep Cowan's and their sort at bay, and we count on him to clean up after us. Thank you Brother Tyler. Our Dream Team, Cooking Crew, Wally Clark and Bob Taylor, sometimes assisted by Mr. & Mrs. Eric Hixson, have continued all year to provide meals on short notice and most times with little or no reservations from attendees. Our Stated Meeting dinners are always well attended with members of other Lodges often joining in the bounty. Do you know who Brother Victor Sanchez is? Do you read our Trestleboard? Brother Victor keeps this going without fanfare or monetary gain. It's a very challenging job waiting for a Master to send his article in, and then it's late. He has to fill in the open pages with a variety of ideas, usually his own and with very short notice. Two more Brothers come to mind, but in no way are the only Brothers who have helped Washington Lodge all year. Brothers David Huez and Brian Schoenborn have the most difficult none paying job in the house, next to the Dream Team. These Brothers provide snacks and meals at most degrees. This is no easy task and one that, although appreciated by all, receives no regular recognition. Brother Huez has taken on many events

his organizational skills and attention to detail. Brother Schoenborn continues to carry water for the Temple even though he is involved within many other Masonic groups. Some positions within the Lodge are paid, and we expect a certain level of professionalism from an "employee", Worshipful Isaacson and Hixson keep track of our monies and our Brothers when faced with challenges from unprepared Masters and alike. Many other Brothers come to mind, but the list is too long to thank everyone in print, Brother Jerry Livingston-Joy dazzled us with a great Ladies Night Dinner, Brother Alex Chompff has helped in many ways, from arranging social hour functions to scheduling visitations to our infirmed Brethren.

As this list expands, I would be remiss not to mention the Past Masters of Washington Lodge and other Lodges who have come to our aid over the last year. Worshipful John Knox, our newest Hiram Award winner, Worshipful Phil Hardiman, Worshipful Ron Green, Worshipful Ron Charles, Worshipful Dave Allmuth and Worshipful Ray Lenau. These last two have inspired me since I joined Masonry and have been my biggest supporters.

When I joined Freemasonry, I did it to please my Dad. I never knew what I would get from it, but I figured he would be proud to see both of his sons in the Craft. He was proud, but not for the reason I believed. He was proud because I had found a group of men who would love and support me as I did the same for others. He knew it would not be easy for me; my speech was, at best, rocky at times. He never said I couldn't do it, never made me think twice if I'd made the right decision. As he coached me in his car, he saw those struggles that had tormented me all my life, and he never once lost his patience. Through time and perseverance, and with the support of my coach Worshipful Ray Lenau, I found a new confidence, a confidence that would not allow me to be embarrassed by my speech, but instead, I found the strength to overcome that which had been haunting me for over 45 years. And, although it still troubles me, I have found the inner strength to accept it; not as a weakness, but as a difference, as all men should.

Now, as I count the last days of my term, as this

Washington Lodge #20 2011 Officers

Master: David H. Cameron

Senior Warden	Michael Quinn
Junior Warden	Juan Faranda
Treasurer	Eric Hixson, P.M.
Secretary	Jon Isaacson, P.M.
Chaplain	Jed Van Wagner
Senior Deacon	Daniel Dailey
Junior Deacon	Jerry Livingston-Joy
Senior Steward	Brian Schoenborn
Junior Steward	David Huez
Marshall	Joseph Basham
Tiler	Floyd Tritt
Officer's Coach	Eric Hixson, P.M.
Candidate's Head Coach	Rich Wilson, P.M.
Officers Coach Emeritus	Ray W. Lenau, P.M.
Inspector, 414th District	Bill Miklos, P.M.
Masonic Lawn Board	Richard Pullen, P.M.
Masonic Lawn Board	Dave Freeman
Ambassador	Dave Freeman

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Adopt-A-Freeway Program

No clean-up this month

*Litter Removal on Freeway 244: On & Off
Ramp I-80 at Auburn Blvd.*

*Meet at Del Paso Park, corner of Park Road
and Auburn Blvd (near the Ramp.)*



From the South

Juan Faranda, Junior Warden

Congratulations to our new brother, Deepak Sharma, for his excellent second degree proficiency, and to his elevation as Master Mason. It was a great night at Washington Lodge, everyone did an excellent job. Thanks to our past masters Worshipful Ron Green, Worshipful Ron Charles, and to Brother Eric Patton for the excellent lecture. We hope that our newly elevated brother will be a regular participant in our degrees, and at all of our other activities. We love to see our Lodge full with our many brothers, especially in degree nights. We should remember that all of us are the "lodge", we are all important members. We wish Brother Sharma a happy vacation and hope to see him back in our lodge soon.

We sincerely thank Worshipful David Cameron for all the activities and degrees of this year 2011. I am aware that being a Master is not an easy task.

At the last stated meeting we elected a new line of Officers for Masonic year 2012. I am sure next year will also be a successful one. Please welcome anew, Master Elect Joseph K. Dongo whom we all know for his tremendous motivation and dedication to our Lodge.

I am taking this opportunity to wish you, my brethren of Washington Lodge, a Happy Holiday season. I will finish with a phrase that I always read at my church on Sundays: "May God always be with you; wherever you my be; and God be with you always."



Stated Meeting

Thursday, December 1, 2011

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP

(888) 828-4476



From the West

Michael Quinn
Senior Warden

Thanks for a great year at Washington 20. I enjoyed my year as Senior Warden and hope I served the Fraternity well. I look forward to taking a year off from Officer's Duties but will try to remain active with Degrees and Stated Meetings. All the best to you and yours for the Christmas and New Years Holidays.

Fraternally,



From the East (continued)

Masonic year has reached its conclusion, I find many things to be true. I **am** a good man, a good friend, and a good Mason. But more, so much more importantly is that I have become a far better man. My speech has improved, my understanding of others has led me to a place where I can find good in every man. I have found patience, something I had very little of in the past. I have found friendship from men who want to be friends, not who choose you for what you can do for them, or what I can get from them. I have found God, not that I ever lost sight of him, just sometimes I'd be looking the other way, usually out of convenience or shame. I now see how great He is, how much He helps us all. And though the homeless need shelter, and the feeble need care, we all have a God who will support and protect us. A God who will always have a place in his heart and Heaven where we can go when troubled, or looking for a final resting place for our souls. I thank each and every Mason, those I know, those I have known, and those I will never meet. You all have a positive and permanent effect on my life. I only wish I would have gotten my life in order sooner, but then, I would not appreciate you all as I do now.

Thank you.

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Masonic Lawn Board	Dave Freeman
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Trestleboard Editor	Victor U. Sanchez
Orator	Jed Van Wagner

*You, your family and friends are cordially
Invited to attend the
One Hundred Sixty First
Annual Installation of Officers
Washington Lodge No. 20
Free and Accepted Masons
Sunday, December 11th, 2011
At two o'clock in the afternoon
Masonic Temple
1123 J Street
Sacramento, California*

December Schedule

December 1st	Stated Meeting
December 6th	OSI
December 8th	1st Degree practice
December 11th	Installation of Officers
December 15th	Degree
December 22nd	Dark
December 29th	Dark

2012 Committees:

Audit:

Juan Faranda
Dan Dailey
Rich Wilson, P.M.

Charity:

Joseph Dongo, P.M.
Joseph Basham
Dan Dailey
Juan Faranda

Membership Retention and Development:

Joseph Dongo, P.M.
Jon Isaacson, P.M.
Michael Quinn
Alex Chompff

Sunshine:

David Cameron, P.M.
David Freeman

Masonic Lawn Association:

Richard Pullen, P.M.
David Freeman

Lodge Trustees:

David Huez
Scott Goode

Budget & Investments:

Joseph Dongo, P.M.
Cyril Shah
Eric Hixson, P.M.
Jon Isaacson, P.M.
Juan Faranda
Dan Dailey

Youth Orders:

John Djubeck
David Huez
Scott Goode

Temple Board:

Jerry Livingston-Joy
Michael Quinn
John Djubeck
Eric Hixson, P.M.
Jon Isaacson, P.M.
Juan Faranda
Dan Dailey
Joseph Dongo, P.M.

Executive

Joseph Dongo, P.M.
Juan Faranda
Dan Dailey
Eric Hixson, P.M.
Jon Isaacson, P.M.
David Cameron, P.M.

Hiram Award:

Juan Faranda
Wally Clark
Dave Freeman

Masonic Widows:

Jerry Livingston-Joy
Richard Pullen, P.M.
Floyd Tritt

Funeral Services:

Phil Hardiman, P.M.
John Knox, P.M.
Joseph Dongo, P.M.

Social Hour:

Ion Popa
Alex Chompff

Masonic Education:

Jed Van Wagner
Victor U. Sanchez

Public Relations and Community Involvement

Dan Dailey
John Djubeck
Ion Popa

Past Masters Night:

Joseph Dongo, P.M.
David Cameron, P.M.

Constitutional Observance:

Phil Hardiman, P.M.

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