



TRESTLEBOARD

NEWSLETTER OF WASHINGTON LODGE No. 20.

March 2009

To Make Good Men Better

OUR 157th YEAR



From the West

Joseph Dongo, Sr. Warden

At last I was installed as Senior Warden of Washington Lodge No.20 F&AM at this past February stated meeting, along with Bro. PM Eric Hixson as Treasurer and Bro. Jed Wagner as Chaplain. I missed the first installation as I rushed to Ivory Coast for a fond farewell to my younger brother, a physician who tragically passed away.

I would like to thank everyone for entrusting me to a seat in the West. It was a sober but great installation ceremony at the presence of the Worshipful Vince Parell, Inspector of the 414th Masonic District. "I am fired up and ready to go." I have no doubt this will be a successful year. I must say though it will take everybody to pinch in a little bit more. For the second year in a row we don't have a complete line of officers and some key positions even down to the various committees remain to be filled. I call upon everybody to step up to the plate.

If anyone needs ride or any special assistance to attend any fraternal events, please call this new lodge toll free number **888-828-4476** and suitable help will be provided. Please volunteer and many past masters are lined up to coach you and help you pursue your lifelong quest for brotherly love, relief, and truth in the mysteries of Freemasonry. The point is please volunteer. Washington Lodge No. 20 needs your help.

On February 19, 2009 we celebrated our Past Masters, those who have brought us that far. I cannot stop thinking how exquisite the food was, but we could not even eat it all. Not enough attendees.

Listen, a small core of active members has been carrying much of the load for a very long time now. I know they will continue but they need some relief from us. After years of decline, interest in our honorable fraternity has been on the rise since the early 2000, especially with the Millennial segment of the population; and in general the degree activity in California lodges has picked up a great deal as a result. Of course some lodges grab a larger share because they are more creative and active than others and are consequently growing faster and bigger. Let's get our share. Now.

We will welcome any ideas that might work in rejuvenating our lodge, which had and has a strong and large core of active members but which had had few candidates. We need to renew and strengthen our connection with our community.

As you may have heard by now, a Masonic Information Night for all lodges in Sacramento area is planned on March 25, 2009 at the Scottish Rite building in Sacramento. Our lodge has voted to financially contribute to promote this major event. A free dinner will be served and the Grand Secretary will be there to shed some light on our masonic values. More information is to be found on the flyer posted at our website at www.WashingtonLodge20.org.

Brethren, print out the flyer and distribute it by email or hard copy around you. Make a point to attend yourself and if you cannot, tell your guests to look after me or after Washington Lodge members. We will be there for them. See you there.

Fraternally,
Joseph Dongo



Secretary's Desk

Jon Isaacson, PM

Brethren! There are still 50 to 60 members who have not sent in the due payments for 2009. If you haven't received a membership card for this year then I have not received your check.

If you have lost or simply can't find your dues notice, give me a call 916-955-7752 or drop me a line. secretary@washingtonlodge20.org

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Wilbur H. Haines, Jr. 3/1/1928
- Irving C. Nason 3/3/1926
- Eric L. Owen 3/3/1965
- Robert F. Bastian 3/4/1933
- Ronald M. Forsberg 3/7/1942
- Clyde L. Barnett, Jr. 3/7/1946
- Gary M. Disher 3/11/1947
- Peter D. Petersen 3/12/1940
- James E. Keehner 3/12/1942
- Douglas A. Sleeper 3/13/1932
- William M. Waite 3/15/1916
- Melvin H. Pinsler 3/17/1929
- Ko K. Chang 3/20/1936
- George A. Morrow 3/24/1933
- William D. Christensen 3/25/1927
- Moe L. Fix 3/25/1940
- Michael B. Mc Glone 3/25/1941
- Robert E. Hayhurst 3/26/1921
- Paul E. Evans 3/26/1939
- Gerald E. Singer 3/28/1942
- John M. Petersen 3/28/1948

Fraternally,
Jon Isaacson, PM

Washington Lodge
TOLL FREE phone number!

888-828-4476

Use this number to:
Make reservations for stated Meeting Dinners
Leave messages for the Secretary
Make reservations for events

STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR LODGE

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From the Editors Desk

Wally Clark



Here we go; another column with a bit-o-blarney, which is appropriate for March. Our Stated Meeting Dinner will be a special treat. It will be our annual St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner prepared by none other than our Irish for the day Chef's Gary O'Disher and Eric O'Hixson.

Our secretary has implimented a new way to stay in touch with the lodge. We now have a Washington Lodge TOLL FREE phone number 888-828-4476 to make reservations or to leave messages for the lodge. Please use it to make reservations for the Stated Meeting Dinner this month.

Bro. Carl Rea, PM, is at Mission Carmichael Healthcare Center, 3630 Mission Avenue, Carmichael. He has no phone in his room, but they have a roaming phone at the nurses station. The number is 916/480-5012. Give him a call; he would love to hear from you!

There is an advertisement below for a Masonic Information Night that will be held at the Scottish Rite Masonic center on March 25th. It is a great opportunity to bring friends and acquaint them to our fraternity. It is also an opportunity for Blue Lodge Masons to find out about the Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shriners and what each of those organizations offers in terms of fellowship and growth in Masonry. Our lodge is providing financial support to make this event possible so I hope we get good attendance from our members to promote Washington Lodge #20. And, besides there is a FREE dinner and plenty of FREE parking...such a deal.

I just got back from a great trip to Disneyland with the family. Our age spread was from 64 years to 3 1/2 years. All is well in the magic kingdom. I am sure that Walt Disney, who was a DeMolay, would be very proud that his original concept for family fun and adventure is still thriving. Soaring California is way cool.

I saw Bro Doug Sleeper, PM this morning and he was in an unusually good mood as he said his Phlebotomist got it right on the first try.

Cheers,
Wally Clark

Stated Meeting Dinner

March 5, 2009

Celebrate
St. Patrick's Day
 with a traditional
**Corned Beef &
 Cabbage Dinner**

prepared by our own chef's
Gary O'Disher
 and
Eric O'Hixson

Social Hour 5:30PM - Dinner 6:30PM
 Stated Meeting 7:30PM

RSVP REQUIRED by March 2nd
 888-828-4476

What it Means to Be a Mason

A special invitation to all who would like to learn more about being a Mason

You are invited to attend a Masonic Information Night sponsored by:

Sacramento Area Lodges
 Sacramento Scottish Rite
 Sacramento York Rite
 (Wives and Ladies are Welcome)



When: Wednesday March 25, 2009
Doors open: 6:30 p.m.
Dinner & Presentation: 7:00 p.m.
Where: Scottish Rite
6151 H Street, Sacramento
Free Parking

For more information, or to RSVP for dinner, please call the Scottish Rite Office at **(916) 452-5881**.

Of all the cardinal virtues, none is more valued in Masonry than selfless giving. Nationally, Masons contribute nearly \$2 million everyday to relieve suffering for the enrichment of mankind. Examples of Masonic Charity include the Shriners Burn Institutes and the Hospitals for Children, the Scottish Rite Language Clinics, and the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, to name only a few.