



TRESTLEBOARD

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October 2009

To Make Good Men Better

OUR 157th YEAR



From the West

Joseph Dongo, Sr. Warden

Please Save These Important Dates

Election of Officers, Stated Meeting
Thursday, November 5, 2009

Installation of Officers
Sunday, December 27, 2009
Masonic Temple, 1:00 p.m.

Fraternally,
Joseph Dongo, Sr. Warden



Secretary's Desk

Jon Isaacson, PM

October Birthdays

- George Edward Dacre - October 01, 1922
- Martin Philip Zimmerman - October 03, 1962
- Burriss Adair Heflin - October 06, 1920
- Robert Denny Hurst - October 12, 1926
- John Michael Otten - October 13, 1939
- Thomas Edgar Goodwin - October 15, 1925
- Douglas C. Witt - October 15, 1922
- Carl Marx Rea Jr. - October 18, 1930
- William Dean Chessum - October 20, 1943
- Norman Lester Stillwell - October 22, 1921
- Robert Mc Lean Ferry - October 24, 1935
- Harold Joseph Stevenson - October 24, 1915
- Thomas Wayne Brockman - October 25, 1939

Greetings From Bro. Herman Silvius

Fraternal Greetings from a far-removed (geographically) brother. Although born and raised in Sacramento, I opted for a profession where one gets "sent" (I am a missionary, cleric, of the Episcopal Church). So although the 50-year pin was presented to me at 1123 J Street in 1998, it has not been possible for me to get "home" again since then.

But one's Masonic heritage is hard to forget. Both grandfathers were Sacramento Masons, and Grandpa Silvius and my Dad were both Masters of Washington Lodge #20. So it was natural for me to petition, although degree memorizations were shared with a Bay Area Mason, (Tony Mecca) while I attended there after World War II. Seminary training followed in New Jersey and Massachusetts where I was cordially received as a guest by local lodges.

After an assistantship in the Boston area I was sent in 1954 to the Dominican Republic. Unfortunately even the Masonic Order was infiltrated by the blindly loyal thugs of Generalissimo Trujillo, whom our own State Department cites as the bloodiest military dictator yet in Latin America. The state Department credits him over 25,000 murders - including his own brother's. Only once was "my secret" in danger: in a visit, Dad forgot prior warnings and wore his Masonic ring. Within the hour the phone rang, and dad was ordered to attend the local lodge! Fortunately he and mom were leaving the next day, and the "secret" remained just that.

Once back on my feet in the northeast, I was sent to organize a parish north of Boston (Topsfield). The local postmaster noticed the Washington lodge bulletins sent to our post office box...and that led to 31 years as chaplain in New Meadows Lodge, Ancient F. &A.M., where no numbers are used. The ritual is much the same as that of Washington Lodge #20, F. &A.M. in Sacramento, so I felt at home from Day 1. In addition to degree work, a lodge chaplain is called on too often for funeral duties.

Retirement followed in Puerto Rico, with a different kind of Spanish even the two states are separated by only 90 miles of ocean.

Recent years are here in Florida, where my wife's older brother lives. He is also a Masonic brother from Massachusetts, and we keep an eye on each other.

My wife's health is not conducive to westward visits, although we keep hoping! In the meantime the occasional phone chats from members of Washington Lodge #20 keep us posted on things around Sacramento (yes, it has changed over the past 60 years)!

Many thanks for all the news!

Brother, Herman T. Silvius III'
Aka "Woody"
1128 S.E. 17th Terrace
Cape Coral, Florida
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Stated Meeting Dinner - Thursday, October 1st

Social Hour 5:15PM - Dinner 6:15PM a hauntingly delicious meal - Stated Meeting 7:30PM

RSVP Please to: 888-828-4476, by September 29, 2009

The 2009 Washington Lodge Officers

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.....Junior Steward
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SMILE

A man suffered a serious heart attack and had open heart surgery. He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at a Catholic Hospital.

As he was recovering, a nun asked him questions regarding how he was going to pay for his treatment.

She asked if he had health insurance.

He replied, in a raspy voice, 'No health insurance.'

The nun asked if he had money in the bank.

He replied. 'No money in the bank.'

The nun asked, 'Do you have a relative who could help you?'

He said, 'I only have a spinster sister, who is a nun.'

The nun became agitated and announce loudly, 'Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns ar married to God.'

The patient replied, 'Then send the bill to my brother-in-law.'

Ladies Night 2009 Saturday, November 14, 2009

It is with great of pleasure that the Master and Brethren of Washington Lodge #20 present for your enjoyment, Ladies Night 2009. The Dinner, 6:30pm to 9:30pm , is in the ballroom, at our own Masonic Temple, 1123 J street ,Sacramento 95814.

Worshipful Dick Pullen requests your attendance as we assemble to honor the most valuable of our treasures, the Wives, Widows, and special Ladies in our lives.

Please join us in the spirit of Christmas. That magical season when we feel the gladness in our heart, and a new found youthfulness in our spirit. This year we request you bring one gift, either as a couple, or individually to be donated to the Shriners Hospital for Children Northern California.

Dinner is \$30.00 for all Gentlemen. Ladies are exempt from any cost. Rides and RSVP arranged by David Cameron, 916-359-5335.

Call your friends, and mark your calendar, the celebration is about to begin.

David H. Cameron, Chairman

Ideas For Giving

General

Toys, Games, & Craft Supplies
Board Games and Puzzles
Fisher Price Medical Kits
Jewelry Kits & Beads
Art Supply Kits (e.g., fuzzy art posters)
Nintendo DS Play Systems and Games
Wrapping Paper & Gift Bags (all occasions)
Scrapbook Supplies
Entertainment – Books, Tapes, CDs & DVDs (Spanish & English)
DVDs (G, PG or PG13)
Books (all ages) (English and Spanish)
Spanish Novels / Books
MP3 Players

For the School

Clipboards
Brainquest (for grades 7 -12)
Band of Brothers (HBO DVD series)
Blank Note Cards & Envelopes
Model Magic Clay (all colors)
Glue Sticks, Elmer's School Glue
Crayola Markers (both wide & narrow sizes)
Notebooks (college ruled)
Water Color Paper and Paints, Acrylic Paints
Canvases (all sizes)
Portable DVD Players (with stereo headphones)

Personal Items

Backpacks
Lotions & Bath Gel, Shaving Kits
Underwear (all ages/ must be packaged)
Boxer Shorts (must be packaged)
Slippers, Pajamas, Socks, Sweats
Suitcases/ Duffle Bags (carry on and check in sizes)
Sippy Cups, Pacifiers, Teethers
Toddler Clothing

Please Note: All donations are made to Shriners Hospitals for Children Northern California. Material donations are distributed to patients by hospital staff. To conform to our infection control policies, only donations of new toys and new clothing will be accepted for distribution to patients. To protect the health of our patients, we cannot accept latex balloons, glass ornaments, fresh flowers or live plants. For information on other giving opportunities call The Development Office at (916) 453-2009.

David H. Cameron
916-359-5335
"In God We Trust"