



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

Newsletter of Washington Lodge No. 20

October 2010

To Make Good Men Better

Our 159th Year



## From the East

Joseph Dongo, Master

September has been just another busy month. Let's not complain. This is a sign of vitality. On September 9, 2010 Brother Ioan Popa was initiated and I would like to welcome him to Freemasonry and to the Washington Lodge Family in particular.

On September 16, Brother Zach Bowles, who was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on August 19th, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, "Bravo Mon Frère". To complete your three degrees in 10 weeks is quite remarkable, especially with a long form proficiency for both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degrees. Thanks also to Worshipful Jon Isaacson, your coach.

Congratulations to Bros. Joe Basham and Morrison England who were passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The showdown for the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree is around the corner and you have all of our support.

The next big event coming up is "Ladies Night". For more details please see the insert on one of the following pages. Brother Zack Gossell has been putting in a ton of energy to design and plan this wonderful night for our ladies on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Please register early so we have a head count for a total success.

The first litter removal for Caltran's "Adopt-A-Highway" program was completed on September 25th due to Caltran's "California Clean Up Day" operation, which was planned for the same day. Only Worshipful Jon Isaacson and Brother Brian Schoenborn showed up, I commend them for their great effort. We got it done! It is quite an easy and fun job. One commuter passing by hailed, "You're doing a great job, thanks. That saved the day. The conflicting schedule with the Grand Lodge annual communications the same weekend in San Francisco, can not explain a "no show" to the many brethren. We will not be removing litter on the first Saturday of October, (10/2/10) as originally planned because it would just be one week after the September litter removal date. We will arrange for Caltrans to schedule our next litter removal event for October 23rd.

We are very excited to have Brother Thane

Takahashi back on his Masonic journey, he will be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

The 414 Masonic District Inspector, Worshipful Vince Parel's official visitation to our lodge is slated to be at the October 7<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting. We will have quite a busy night. In addition to the always delicious meal, carefully selected and prepared by our Dream Kitchen Crew, we will have the acting Manager of Masonic Outreach Services for Northern California as our Guest Speaker. She will talk about the Masonic Outreach Services available to us, our families and widows. Thumbs up to our Ambassador, Brother Dave Freeman for putting this together. Also we will have Most Worshipful Tony Wordlow, PGM and President of George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association in attendance to present a video entitled "Built on Freedom". If you have not yet reserved your seat for the dinner, you better call right now Toll free # 1-888-828-4476. And try to show up as early, at 5:00 pm when we start Pool and Billiards as part of our social hour. Brother Alex Chompff had been single handedly organizing these pool sessions and we're really having fun. Thank you Brother Alex.

Now what about October? Bros. Alex Chompff and Brian Schoenborn will perform their 3<sup>rd</sup> degree proficiency at the October 7<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting. And on October 14, we will have a potential double 1<sup>st</sup> degree. On October 21st. another tentative double 1<sup>st</sup> degree is scheduled.

### **October Schedule**

**October 7: Stated Meeting**  
6:00 pm Dinner

**October 14: Double 1<sup>st</sup> Degree**  
6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Degree

**October 21: Double 1<sup>st</sup> Degree**  
6:00 Dinner, 7:00 Degree

**October 28: Tentative 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree**  
6:00 Dinner, 7:00 Degree

## The 2010 Washington Lodge Officers

Master: Joseph Dongo

Senior Warden	David Cameron
Junior Warden	Michael Quinn
Treasurer	Eric Hixson, P.M.
Secretary	Jon Isaacson, P.M.
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Junior Steward	Josh Djubek
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Candidate's Head Coach	Rich Wilson
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### LADIES NIGHT - 2010

November 6, 2010

Downtown Masonic Temple

6:30 – 10:30 pm

Evening wear ladies, coat and tie for men

Bring your dancing shoes!

Key Note Speaker

Very Worshipful Allan Casalou, Grand Secretary

"Gender and Freemasonry"

Gentlemen: \$35.00 - It's Ladies night!

Reservation: 1-888-828-4476



## Editor's Desk

Victor U. Sanchez

Rules, rules, rules. There are so many that one has a hard time keeping up. In my old job, the one I retired from after 32 years, I had a lot of rules, except, they were written and everyone knew what to expect. But, Masonry, I am finding, has unwritten rules that one learns "on the fly". That's not to say that they should all be written, just shared, as one goes through the process. And, everyone should be on the same page! So, maybe we should have a column that shares those rules with everyone, barring there be an unwritten rule that says we can not do that.

Perhaps there can be a "Rules" class for all Entered Apprentice? That should cover it? If not, perhaps the assigned coach can explain the rules and the thought process behind them? Whatever the process, it would be nice to have a heads-up on the rules before one is apprised of it at Lodge? It sure was embarrassing to have my hand slapped, well—not literally, last Thursday. Had I known....

Which brings me to another item for discussion. How do we get more of us involved in events going on at Lodge? Seems like the same people are doing everything. I know we all have lives outside Lodge, but there has to be a way for each of us to be more involved, myself included. I know there are times when conflicts occur, that's life and what she throws at us. But, there has to be a happy medium? Maybe with our schedule of upcoming events, we might be able to arrange our schedule around at least one Lodge event? I hope so, I'd hate to see Jon and Brian picking up litter alone again. Thank you.

### Stated Meeting

October 7th, 2010

5 PM: Social Hour Pool and Billiards

6:00 PM: Dinner - Octoberfest Menu

6:30 PM Guest Speaker

7:15 PM George Washington Nation

Memorial Video " Built on Freedom"

7:30 PM: Meeting

Please RSVP: Monday October 4th  
(888) 828-4476



## From the West

David H. Cameron, Sr. Warden

Past Master of Washington Lodge #20, Wor. Roy Anderson passed away last month. He leaves us with the care of his wife Rose Mary; we will not let you down my Brother. I remind us all of our duty and our obligation, to serve a distressed member of our Lodge in any manner possible. Let us now extend our hands in thanks to her; for it is that support which he was able to achieve 50 years of service to the Craft, and live a long and fruitful life dedicated to the God of our Fathers. Thank you Rose Mary, your too are in our thought and prayers.

Ladies Night is one of two times a year we recognize our Wives, Daughters and Widows. It is this night where we publicly thank you for all your devotion to our Fraternity. Please attend this year, as we again attempt, albeit in a small degree, to express our love for you all, and recognize that we are empty shells without your love and support.

We have had many degrees this year, and though they went well there was something or someone missing, you. Please make a point to attend every degree or stated meeting.

Next month brings the Election of Officers, the time when the successors are voted to preside for next year. Please plan on attending, and show support for the "new line", which will soon lead us into another fraternal year of Brotherly Love and Affection.



## From the South

Michael P. Quinn, Jr. Warden

I am really gratified that at our last stated meeting we received so many applications from interested men desiring to gain more information about Masonry and to join our Lodge. As I review the notices for Degree Work from other Lodges in our area I see that they too are receiving applications and advancing candidates to greater light in Masonry. Hopefully this will lead to more good works and philanthropy in our country, cities, and local communities; enriching everyone around us.

I am also looking forward to attending the Grand Lodge Sessions in San Francisco for the first time. This event will begin on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The Grand Master's theme this year is: **Freemasonry, The Foundation of Our Country. The Blue Lodge, The Foundation of Our Craft. Coming Home.** This message has special meaning for all Masons by giving inspiration to newer members and in helping to bring older members, who may have stopped attending

### **Adopt-A-Freeway Program** **Volunteers Needed**

**October 23rd, 2010 at 9:00 AM**

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

**Meet at Del Paso Park, Auburn Blvd near the Ramp.**

The attached photograph and article were copied from "Masons of California" online edition.

### **Did you know?**

#### **A Tree Grows in DC**

Earlier this year Kathy Nagel, wife of Grand Master Ken Nagel, began fundraising for a California grove on the grounds of the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Today that grove is 60 trees strong, and counting.

Many of the trees now surrounding the memorial will soon perish due to age and inclement weather. Kathy Nagel created the Memorial Tree Program to help restore the memorial grounds.

To date, the Memorial Tree Program has raised more than \$30,000, exceeding the original goal by more than \$10,000.

Some 60 trees will be planted in the new California grove. Planting will begin in December. Memorial markers will be added in spring 2011.

You can still be part of this special project. Contributions in any amount are appreciation. For a gift of \$500, a tree will be planted with a granite marker designating both donor and honoree.

Contact [Denise Avila](#) at 415/292-9117 for more information.



**2010**  
**Member Profile**

**Bro. Alex Chompff**

I came into the world in 1972 in Southern California, where I spent my pre-teen years. Life was pretty normal for a Generation X kid, except that we had a lot more animals than most of my friends. There were always dogs and chickens around, and sometimes we even had goats, pigs and a pony.

My teen years were spent in Concord, California, learning how to take advantage of BART and to navigate San Francisco, Berkeley and much of the Highway 24 corridor. Those experiences were a great deal of fun, and I'm fortunate to have had the opportunity to have grown up in such a stimulating cultural environment.

When I was 19, I joined the United States Marine Corps as an infantryman. My father was also in the USMC during Vietnam, and his example was my inspiration. We live in a great country, and I consider it an honor to have served as part of one of the finest military units in the world.

After leaving the Corps, I came home to meet my beautiful bride, Jessyka. We married in 1997, and we spent the first 7 or 8 years of our marriage traipsing around Silicon Valley, both of us working for various technology firms as opportunity and interest coincided.

In 2003, we moved to Sacramento as part of the larger demographic shift out of the Bay Area which was occurring at the time. We came to Sacramento on a lark, and we love it here. Today we live Natomas with our four wonderful children, aged five, four, two and one. We still have a dog, and we're expecting our fifth child in February 2011!

The fraternity has been a very enriching experience for our family. It is an honor to be a part of such an ancient and venerable institution. I'm looking forward to many more years of friendship in the lodge.



**Ambassador's Corner**  
**Bro. Dave Freeman**

Do you have questions about Masonic Outreach Services?

What is it you need to know?

Are you missing out on some of the services or benefits that could be important to you and your family?

Well, the acting manager of Masonic Outreach Services for Northern California will be our speaker at the October 7 Stated meeting dinner. So save the date and make your reservation to attend this special meeting. Spouses and widows are encouraged to attend.

Specific items to be covered will include: an overview of all Masonic Outreach Services for family members under 60 years of age as well as seniors over age 60.

A question and answer period will follow and handout materials will be available.

**Delta Chapter No. 27**

**Royal Arch Masons of California**

Invites all Master Masons to the conferral of the

Mark Master Degree

**956 1/2 Lincoln Way**

**Auburn, California**

Wednesday October 13th, 2010

Dinner at 6:00 PM

Degree at 7:00 PM

No charge for Dinner or Degree

For an application and additional information please contact:  
Jim Bennett (HP), Karl Krummell (Sec.), or Roy Vermes (WM)  
(530) 401-1231 (916) 821-0807 (916) 224-3863

**In Memoriam**

It is with a heavy heart and great sorrow that we announce to you the passing of **Brother Roy Anderson**.

He passed away the night of 9/11/10.

He was Initiated on 07/28/1955, Passed on 10/25/1955 and Raised on 1/19/1956

Secretary of Washington Lodge from 11/01/1992 to 10/04/1998

Master of Washington Lodge in 1965

Inspector from 2/12/1974 to 6/27/1983

50-Year Anniversary on 02/21/2006

Masonic service: 9/20/10