



TRESTLEBOARD

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To Make Good Men Better

OUR 157th YEAR



From the West

Joseph Dongo, Sr. Warden

I would like to thank the Scottish Rite 3rd Degree team. They did a fine work on raising Bro. Josh Djubek to the sublime degree of Master Mason this past 7/23/09. The ritual was just a great emulation for us. Similarly, we did a nice work on the ritual for the initiation of Bro. Alex Seppala a couple of weeks after on 8/13/09. Welcome Alex to Washington Lodge No. 20. It's been a busy summer season as we are expecting another 1st degree in September. More details on that to come. Stay tuned.

I cannot help but notice Bro. Josh's enthusiasm. It is quite contagious. He is introducing himself to his new Washington Lodge No.20 Free & Accepted Family. Please follow his profile in the following columns.

What a feast was the August Stated Meeting dinner! Sincere and warm thanks to Bro. Emad Sweidan who has just opened the "Jerusalem Cafe" at 7336 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael and offered us an exquisite catering at the Stated Meeting.

Brethren, in the coming days, I will be sending out for your perusal the Lodge Strategic Plan drafted by Wor. Richard Pullen, John Isaacson and I. When you receive it, please take time to read it and more importantly to change, add, strike through, and or rewrite it. It is just a draft which aims to delineate the vision that we are forging together for the Lodge. It should reflect not only the vision, mission and values of our Lodge but especially yours. Only together we get reaffirm the identity of our Lodge. Together, not only can we redesign our place and role in our ever changing community, but we can define and embrace the changes we seek. Please look out for this draft.

Fraternally

Joseph Dongo, Sr. Warden

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



Secretary's Desk

Jon Isaacson, PM

September Birthdays

- Norman L. Helsel - September 5, 1941
- Hershel V. Jackson, Jr. - September 7, 1938
- Fred K. Schwall - September 12, 1921
- Alan E. Grundel - September 15, 1939
- James W. Hughey - September 18, 1966
- David H. Keehner - September 19, 1944
- Lee P. Scroggin - September 20, 1934
- Ernest C. Owen, Jr. - September 26, 1940
- Daniel Radman - September 26, 1928
- John D. Meyer - September 29, 1927
- Edgar N. Pope - September 29, 1926



My Masonic Life So Far

By
Josh Djubek

Freemasonry has been in my family for a long time and I grew up around it. Both my father and grandfather are Masons. So are several of my cousins and uncles. My mother was a Rainbow girl and my dad was in De Molay and they have both remained very active in those organizations throughout my life. As such, Masonry has been a big part of my life for well, a big part of my life. Throughout my 20's I had often expressed an interest in joining lodge, but life always seemed to get in the way. One of my favorite quotes from *Star Trek* is when Captain Kirk said "If something's important enough to you, you make the time." Last year, I finally decided I would "make the time" and asked brother Wally Clark to sponsor my application to Washington Lodge. And I'm glad I did. At each of the three degree ceremonies brethren have asked if I was afraid. I never had any fear going into them. After all, my father and grandfather had gone through these rituals as had many of my cousins and uncles and all of them survived without any scars or severed limbs so I figured I'd just go with it and try to take in the experience. After the ceremony I was asked if I would go through the degrees long form or short form. I decided that going long form was the only way to get the full experience of each of the degrees and to really take in the full symbolism and meaning of them. Again, I'm glad I did as I have found the rituals to have both beauty and meaning and I think a lot of that gets lost in short form. I was recently raised to the third degree (in July) and a few weeks later, joined Scottish Rite. I really found that to be an interesting and fun experience and something that I intend to become very active in. I find deeper meanings at each stage of freemasonry and I feel that my journey through Masonry is just starting and I look forward to what may come.

The 2009 Washington Lodge Officers

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Stated Meeting Dinner

September 3, 2009

Social Hour 5:15PM

Dinner 6:15PM
Celebrate the California State Fair
FAIR FOOD MENU

Stated Meeting 7:30PM

RSVP Please
Washington Lodge

Reservation phone number!

888-828-4476

INTERESTING QUOTES

"The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other peoples' money"
Margaret Thatcher

"When **The People** fear their Government there is **Tyranny**. When **The Government** Fears the People, there is **Liberty**."
Thomas Jefferson

From the Editors Desk



Wally Clark

A tip of the hat to Emad Sweidan who prepared a great Mediterranean inspired meal for the July Stated Meeting Dinner. There were three different wraps style sandwiches, one with beef, one with chicken, and one veggie. I unknowingly picked up one of the veggie wraps along with a chicken one and enjoyed both. Then I found out that one was veggie. I guess my daughter and daughter-in-law are both right. I can eat veggie without any ill effects.

If you are in the Carmichael area, drop in to Emad's restaurant the Jerusalem Cafe at 7336 Fair Oaks Blvd. and have a very enjoyable lunch or dinner. His house salad has this very light olive oil and lemon dressing that is fabulous.

I am editing this Trestleboard while I am on vacation with my family at Lake Tahoe. The whole family is here for a week. Sue my wife of 40 years, our kids Brad, Shannon, Brian, daughter-in-law Amy and our grandkids, Austin, Owen, Adeline and Lilly. Ages range from 64 to 4 1/2. This is what life is all about, FAMILY. Enjoy your family and friends while you can.

It is State Fair time, maybe we should have fair food for the next Stated Meeting Dinner on September 3rd.

I need a nap. Cheers,
Wally Clark

Brothers and Friends

By
David Cameron

Last week I had the privilege of being at the first degree for Bro. Alex Seppala. The first thing I noticed other than the one guy there underdressed, was that from the Master to the Tyler, they were all on their marks. Our own inspector Worshipful. Vince Parell, commented that he saw a fine display of the first degree ritual. Which leads me to say, if you haven't seen a degree at Washington Lodge #20 in a while you may be missing something.

This year we thought it would be nice to give a little back to our community, and though there are many worthy causes in the Sacramento area, and our families and friends donate thousands of dollars and hours to support almost all. The Shriners Hospital for Children Northern California, depends entirely on donations to operate. Our own Brothers and Wives donate time driving and sewing to make sure kids get where they need to go, and Doctors have scrubs in good repair. This year the Brothers ask that all members attending Ladies Night bring a unwrapped gift, either as a couple or each. The Hospital has provided a list and it will be sent with every invitation. This list will be available at all meetings, dinners, degrees and at our website. Many items can be purchased for just pennies on the dollar. Please, turn in those cans and bottles, look under the seat, lift up the cushions of the couch, do all you can, lets show these kids a great Christmas.

Ladies Night is this November 14, 2009 at the Masonic Temple 1123 J St, Sacramento, Ca 95814. The scene is set for a Christmas Day Dinner, November 14, 2009 between 6:30pm and 9:30pm, Ladies are exempt of cost, Gentlemen \$30.00. Rides and R.S.V.P. to Br. David Cameron (916)359-5335, or at ycdealer@winfirst.com.

A very good friend reminded me that there are only so many treasures one can own, and that the only true riches are found in those we call Friends.

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