

# TRESTLE BOARD

Washington Lodge No. 20 F. & A. M.

July 2016 Staying Connected Our 166th Year

WISDOM

From the East: Worshipful Scott Goode



We lost a Brother to the Great Architect in June. Worshipful Doug Sleeper entered into rest on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the age of 84. He was an active member of Washington Lodge #20, serving as Senior Warden and Worshipful Master. I did not know him personally, but know that he was loved and will be missed. I have heard many Brothers speak highly of him.

If you have not heard we will be awarding Jerry Livingston-Joy the Hiram award. We will perform the ceremony at the July Stated meeting during dinner in the main dining hall. Please

make every effort to attend so that we can show Jerry how we appreciate the efforts he made for Washington #20.

Our Head Coach called a meeting for all coaches this month and we had a very fruitful meeting. With 12 in attendance, we covered many topics and now have a good framework to follow to insure that we track our candidate's progress and insure they are prepared for their proficiency in a timely manner. We also talked about investigations for applicants and how there was a need for better understanding of how to conduct an investigation. It has been decided that curriculum be created and training be offered to all who will be asked to perform investigations for the lodge. Look for more information in future Trestleboards and Social Media.

The annual picnic is this month. It will be held on July 16th at the Ben Ali Shrine Center. I am asking Brothers who plan to attend to bring a dish or \$10. Ladies of Washington 20 are free. It will be \$10 for an additional guest. Please let the stewards know what dish you will bring or if you plan to pay \$10. This will allow us to plan accordingly for food and drink. I am sure there will be more information on our website at <a href="http://www.washingtonlodge20.org">http://www.washingtonlodge20.org</a>.

Every year there are several fireworks booths in place to help our youth groups raise money for their annual budget. The booths are run by the parents and volunteers over 18. If you would like to volunteer for a shift and help our youth, please email me and I will get you on the roster, wln20master@gmail.com. We will be having an Open Air degree on September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Masonic

We will be having an Open Air degree on September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Masonic Homes in Union City. All officers will need to attend to make this trip a success. We have plenty of room and welcome side liners. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



# From the West

Victor U Sanchez, Sr. Warden



Wishing all of you a great Independence Day and beautiful July. I am confined to home for the next couple of weeks due to a surgery to remove an infected bone in my left foot, not something I'd wish on anyone. I trust that I will recover and will be back on my feet soon.

June was a relatively quiet month, but that is about to change. As Worshipful Goode has related, our July Stated Meeting will honor Brother Jerry Livingston-Joy for all of his hard work as our Temple Board representative and all of his tenacity to get the lodge in great shape!! Congratulations Jerry, you deserve this honor.

July will bring more members advancing through their respective degrees and our officers also working on next year's stations. If anyone is interested in joining our line next year, please give me a call, drop me a note, or send me an email. It is never too late to get involved. We also have a lot of committees, one sure to fit your particular talents. Again, please let me know.

Speaking of which, please try to come out and join us at our annual BBQ. There will be lots of food, fun and merriment. Lots of space for games and shade to keep you cool....see you there!



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# From the South

Luis | Montero, Jr. Warden



June has been a slow month for us with the change of Officer Stations, kids getting off for the summer and Families taking off On summer vacation. We should all be tested for the rest of the year which is packed with outdoor degree's, the annual picnic, and not to mention the upcoming degrees. I look forward to a busy third quarter of the year. I also want to congratulate Jerry Livingston-Joy on his Hiram award.

#### **Five Points**

The Five Points of Fellowship, as every Master Masons knows, contain the essence of the doctrine of brotherhood. But many a new brother asks, pertinently, "why are they called "Points?" In the Old Constitutions, as explained in the Halliwell or Regius manuscript, are fifteen regulations, called "points." The old verse runs:

"Fifteen artyculus there they soughton And fifteen poyntys there they wrogton."

Translated into easy English, this reads:

"Fifteen articles there they sought And fifteen points there they wrought."

Phillips "New World of Words," published in 1706, defines "point" as "a head, or chief matter." Moreover, an operative Masons "points" the seams of as wall by filling in the chinks left in laying bricks or stone, thus completing the structure.

In older days of the Speculative Art there were "twelve original points" as we learn from the old English lectures, done away with by the United Grand Lodge of England at the time of the reconciliation of 1813. They were introduced by the following passage:

"There are in Freemasonry twelve original points, which form the basis of the system and comprehend the whole ceremony of initiation. Without the existence of these points, no man ever was, or can be, legally and essentially received into the Order. Every person who is made a Mason must go through these twelve forms and ceremonies, not only in the first degree, but in every subsequent one."

The twelve points were: Opening, Preparation, Report, Entrance, Prayer, Circumambulation, Advancing, Obligation, Investure, Northeast Corner and Closing; and each was symbolized by one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel for ingenious reasons not necessary to set forth here.

The twelve original points were never introduced into the United States, and are now no longer used in England, although the ceremonies which they typify, of course, are integral parts of all Masonic rituals.

# Washington Lodge #20 2016 Officers

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# **Stated Meeting July 7, 2016**

5:00 PM Social 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by July 5, 2016 at 6:00PM (888) 828-4476 "Waste Not, Want Not"

#### **July Schedule**

July 7 - Stated Meeting

July 13 - Fellowship and Education

July 14 - Officers practice

July 16 - Annual Picnic

July 21 - Degree TBD

July 26 - School of Instruction

July 28 - Dark



#### **Looking Ahead**

August 4 - Stated Meeting

August 10 - Education and Fellowship

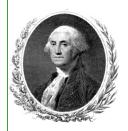
August 11 - Officer's practice

August 18 - Degree TBD

August 25 - Dark

August 30 - OSI





### **WASHINGTON LODGE No.20**

Free & Accepted Masons of California



# MASONIC FAMILY TRI-TIP BBQ PICNIC

Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 starting at 11:00 AM

> Ben Ali Shrine Center 3262 Marysville Boulevard Sacramento, CA 95815

Come out and enjoy an afternoon with your fellow Brothers and families.

Menu: Smoked Tri-Tip, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, and Garlic Bread Beer and wine will be available for the adults. Non-alcoholic beverages: soda, and water for family members and friends under 21 years of age.

Amenities: Horseshoe pits covered dining area, private restrooms, and very large lawn area and horseshoe pits. Please bring lawn games if you have them.

## Reservations are required!!!

Please call 1-888-828-4476 no later than July 9th. \$10.00 per Mason **Or** bring a side dish or dessert. We hope to see you all there.







Last year, more than 700 Masons, wives, widows, and children received critical services through the Masonic Homes of California residential and outreach services. Because of donations from brothers like us, these Masonic family members had a place to turn in their hour of greatest need. They heard us collectively say, "Brother, I am here for you."

When we lift up those around us who are vulnerable and struggling, we demonstrate the defining tenets of Freemasonry – brotherly love, relief, and truth. As leaders in the fraternity, our gifts proclaim: **Charitable giving is important to California Masons – and our lodges prove it.**PLEASE GIVE TODAY

Back when we joined the fraternity, one of our first acts was to freely make an obligation to always serve our brothers in need. Show your lodge brothers that this is a promise we will fulfill throughout our entire lives.

I give because I love our brothers. I give because I promised to give. And, I give because through doing so, I hope that I am helping others to understand that generosity defines our beloved craft.

Fraternally,

M. David Perry

### Washington Lodge #20

#### Mission Statement

To practice and promote a way of life that binds like-minded men in a worldwide brotherhood that transcends all religious, ethnic, cultural, social and educational differences. Through Masonic principles and tradition and by the outward expression of these through its fellowship and compassion, Washington Lodge No.20 F.&A.M. provides ways in which to serve God, family, country, neighbors and self in an environment that contributes to the enrichment and betterment of its members, mankind, and its communities.



# **Open Air Degree**

Location: 34400 Mission Boulevard, Union City, CA 94587

When: September 10, 2016

**Transportation:** We are taking 2 vans with total seating for 30.

### Get your reservations in, Seats will go quickly

(Meet at Starbucks parking lot 3511 Truxel Road, Sacramento, Ca 95834)

Cost: \$15 for lunch.

We are going to Union City to perform an open air First Degree, enjoy a barbeque and get a tour of the wonderful facilities. We will enjoy a hamburgers and hotdogs barbeque.

PLEASE RSVP to Brother Jared Yoshiki at: <a href="mailto:jaredyoshiki@me.com">jaredyoshiki@me.com</a> or 916-761-3519

Reserve a spot in the van, otherwise plan on driving yourself or forming a carpool.

Wives/partners are welcome to enjoy the tour and barbeque for \$15.

# **Introducing our New Website!**



It's with great excitement that we unveil our newly redesigned website to all lodge members and to the world!

www.washingtonlodge20.org

Aside from an updated look, the new website features a powerful new way to search content and to navigate through all pages; just look for the "square and compass" at the bottom of most pages, they will help you find the way...

We have created new menu items to help you find any information you need:

ABOUT OUR LODGE
OFFICERS
HOW TO JOIN
RSVP TO EVENTS
CONTACT US
and much more etc.

Moreover, we've added a COMMUNICATIONS section to the front page to give you updates on new and exciting things happening in Freemasonry, as well as our new CALENDAR to share fun things we're up to as a lodge.

In addition, we have also created a new page for **ARTICLES** to bring you fresher content of Masonic significance, updated frequently. Hence, we recommend you to keep an eye on our **Articles** page regularly.

If you don't follow us on Facebook or Twitter, you'll be able to see our postings and tweets in the **SOCIAL MEDIA** page:

PHOTOS
VIDEOS
BOOKS
APPS
MASONIC DICTIONARY
MEMBERS PORTAL
... all that and more!

This new version of our website is just a start - we will add more content pages and functionalities over the coming months. We aim to provide you with more simplicity, ease of use and the best possible information you might actually want to read.

We think you'll like the new look and we're sure you'll like the improved navigation and information.