



TRESTLE BOARD

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From the East: Wor. Victor U. Sanchez



My brothers, we have accomplished so much during these past few months and there is still much to do within our lodge.

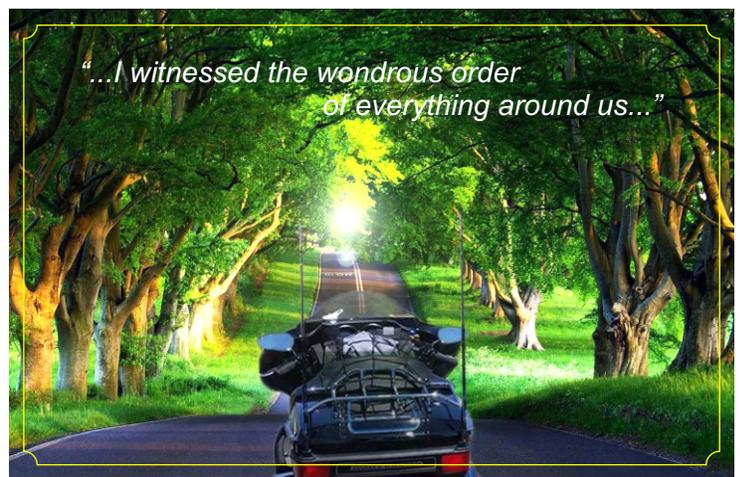
Upon us falls the responsibility to keep the lodge in great running order and to hand it off to the succeeding line. It also falls on us the undisputed duty to help those whom we Initiate, Pass and Raise, by teaching them what we have learned in our travels through our Masonic journey. Please aid and assist our brothers who are in need of coaching while learning their work. Please contact Worshipful **Richard A. Wilson**, PM, and **Max D. Schell**, PM, if you can lend a helping hand.

Our very own Trestle Board has made the cut this year in the category of Best Trestle Board for large lodges and will be recognized at the 300th Anniversary Gala and Banquet at our Annual Communication this October. Thank you to all who made this possible, but most notably to our Editor, Brother **Francisco E. Marques**, who works tirelessly to put out a great publication.

I am glad to report that our Junior Warden, Brother **Jesse Solis-Jacques**, is safely among us and has hit the ground at full sprint. He has been missed and will again be vigorously involved in the line. As we welcome the return of one brother, we hesitantly bid farewell to another. Brother **Nico E. Montero** will be deploying to the Middle East to support our military personnel. We wish him a safe journey and speedy return.

Please welcome Brother **Norman G. Hernandez** as our youngest Entered Apprentice - Initiated on August 10th - and congratulate Brother **Wesley E. Jackson** for Passing to the Fellow Craft Degree on August 24th.

On a personal note and to keep you all informed, I must report that as I write this article, I am at Kaiser Hospital, having been admitted with some breathing problems and overall physical weakness. Seems that I have several arterial blockages and I will have had a three-way bypass. Hopefully, all went well and I will soon be back at the lodge ready and raring to go. If that did not happen, bummer... I'll be checking your dues cards as you come join me. All kidding aside, I must say that this year has opened my eyes to the greatness of our Creator and to the sheer smallness of our individual existence.



As I traveled the country this past summer, I witnessed the wondrous order of everything around us. And, as I sit here writing, I benefit from the realization that everything must continue, come to an end and then be Raised again by the Great Architect. His plan is His only, and no matter how we may try to ignore that fact, it remains intact. We must cherish the time, relationships and loved ones NOW. Celebrate the company we share NOW because in a blink of an eye... it is all gone.

Hope to see you in lodge very soon...





From the West

Bro. Luis J. Montero · Senior Warden



In the Southern Hemisphere, August is the seasonal equivalent of February in the Northern Hemisphere. In many European countries, August is the holiday month for most workers. Numerous religious holidays occurred during August in Ancient Rome. Like our ancient brethren before us, we at Washington Lodge No. 20 are no different. We continued to be hard at labor in our Craft diligently through the summer. During the month of August, we dedicated our time to our lodge with a sense of purpose and pride. We initiated our newest Entered Apprentice, Brother **Norman G. Hernandez** and welcomed him into our honorable fraternity. May his journey be filled with Masonic light. We also passed our Brother **Wesley E. Jackson** to the degree of Fellow Craft. We look forward to participating together in lodge activities and enjoying bonds made.



The month of August was indeed full of surprises. The **Montero Family** will experience a loved one being sent into harm's way. My son, **Nico E. Montero**, is being deployed to the Middle East. The arrival of such news has certainly caused one of the scariest feelings as parents, my wife and I have ever experienced. As a family, we decided to dedicate this past month to being close to each other and enjoy the company and love we all share at home. Together, with prayers and the love of our Creator, we must rejoice in His purpose and hope to get through this difficult time.

Many thoughts come to my mind, as a veteran of a war myself. I would have never dreamt of sending my child to war or otherwise. But the decisions of another is an aspect one must endure and have the mental fortitude to see things through. I have shared my concerns with **Nico**, and have been spending time with his wife and one-year-old baby girl. May the blessing of Heaven rest upon him and may the Great Architect of the Universe walk beside him during his time abroad and bring him back home safely.

Another exciting event that happened last month was the total solar eclipse, which has been called "The Great American Solar Eclipse." It crossed the United States of America from coast to coast on August 21st. The path of solar darkness has come in from the Pacific Ocean into Oregon, swept across the country and exited out into the Atlantic Ocean through South Carolina. We are now turning our focus to the next total solar eclipse in the USA on April 8, 2024 - seven years later! This next event will be coming in from another direction. These two eclipses, (two is the Biblical number of witness), are putting a great big X on the USA. Being the two eclipses seven years apart, could this have a possible connection to the coming 70th Week of Daniel and the final 7 years of this age?

In recent studies of The Fall Feasts of Israel from Tishri 1, 2017, (Feast of Trumpets) to Tishri 10, 2024, (Day of Atonement), there is a timeline of 86 moons or 2550 days. This is considered by some as a perfect match for the "70th Week of Daniel" – or "the final 7 years of this age." We are wise to keep our accounts with God in check with our hearts and minds, and ask the Creator to guide us in all our resolutions and in all that we do.

Let's remember to keep our brethren close and our family members and loved ones closer.

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From the South

Bro. Jesse Solis-Jacques · Junior Warden

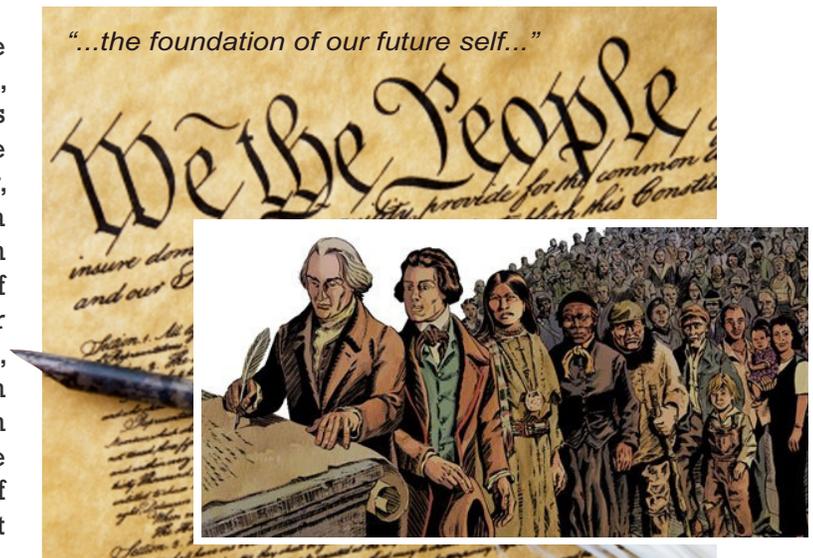


Brethren, what a glorious opportunity it is to express my gratitude for the history of our nation. The United States has come a long way to become what it is today. We have also learned that everything in life requires a foundation in order to erect the desired plan.

The foundation of any plan is the most critical and crucial part of its structure. The stronger the foundation, the longer the structure will be preserved. The United States is dependent upon its foundation—The Constitution of the United States.

The U.S. Constitution was created on September 17, 1787. It is considered the founding document and supreme law of the land. This document was developed to replace the Articles of Confederation to establish a firm league of friendship between the States. This principle reminds us of how “Masonry unites men from every country, sect and opinion; and causes true friendship to exist among those who might have otherwise remained at a perpetual distance.”

The seven key historical figures—George Washington, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and John Jay are represented as the Founding Fathers of the United States; however, according to the “Great Man Theory,” a philosophical idea made popular in the 19th century, it simply applies to a broader group of people. They are not merely the Signers or Framers of the Constitution, but to every race, gender, politician, statesmen, soldier, or just an ordinary citizen who lived during the period in conquering the U.S. Independence and the creation and establishment of the United States of America. Every citizen held a significant influence and power in the birth of this country.



In order for the U.S. Constitution to remain a solid foundation of the United States, this document also required its own foundation. Every foundation has a foundation—The People. It has been described that the Constitution would have never existed without the People and the Framers would not have developed it without the influence of its Citizens and each citizen is founded upon their own character, morality, and principles. Benjamin Franklin once stated that the U.S. Constitution is merely a piece of paper with words and is only as good as the men and women who follow it.

In Freemasonry, brethren, we stand as Good men and are inspired to become Great. Masons joined together, however, are Great men inspired to become an Example. Our current example is the foundation of our future self.

Let us celebrate this upcoming moment in history, as we reflect how the foundation of our U.S. Constitution and Nation was created—Of the People, By the People and For the People.

Thank each other, your family, friends, relatives, and neighbors and continue to improve as an individual and citizen to preserve the Foundation of the Example we desire to become.





Featured Contributor

Bro. Russell C. Tomas • Senior Steward



Hello, Brothers! This is my first time writing in the Trestle Board and like anything new, I didn't know what to write about. How can a relatively new brother (initiated a little over a year ago) write an article as profound as those written by the Worshipful Master and Wardens of the lodge? After thinking about it for a few weeks, I realized that some of the best things to write about are personal experience.

It's easy to get lost in something new, especially if it's something as big as becoming a Mason. When you're first initiated, the world of Masonry seems straightforward. Read and practice with your coach. Memorization, proficiency, and lecture. Easy, right?



Then you start to learn about different paths. Do you join the Officers line (and be asked to write in the Trestle Board), do you want to be a part of the Scottish Rite, York Rite, or the Shriners, join any of the committees, consider other lodges, volunteer in different charities, or simply just decide which event you can attend?

All of this coupled with juggling your personal, family, and work time can be very daunting. Again, it's very easy to get lost in the mix.

Fortunately, our Masonic fraternity follows many precepts that lend itself to helping each other.

Through my short journey in Masonry (so far) I have found many brothers whom I can rely on. The Masonic ornaments: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth are alive in every brother. Whenever there is a question on what to do, there is a brother who is willing to answer.

Throughout our journey through the degrees, we learn the words passed down from generation to generation. With so much to learn, the meaning of those words sometimes gets lost. We must remember those obligations. Aiding those who join us is one of the main reasons the fraternity has flourished.

If you feel lost in your Masonic journey, know that you can ask any brother for help. The Officers of the lodge are a great resource for finding out who you want to become. Their combined knowledge of over 100 years speaks volumes of the caliber of men who lead this lodge.

Washington Lodge No. 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.





From the Editor

Bro. Francisco E. Marques



Welcome to our September edition!

As Worshipful **Victor U. Sanchez** announced, Washington Lodge No. 20 has indeed won the Best Trestle Board category for large lodges in this year's Communications Awards.

According to the Awards Committee, our Trestle Board excels in the following criteria:

- Friendly, relevant, and grammatically accurate messaging. ✓
- Relevant details and calls to action are included for activities and events. ✓
- Lodge contact information included and easy to find. ✓
- Design elements are of professional quality and successfully integrated with content. ✓

Washington Lodge No. 20 will be formally recognized during the **300th Anniversary Gala and Banquet**, the Saturday evening social event during Annual Communication on October 14 held at the 110-year old Fairmont Hotel - a sparkling jewel atop Nob Hill - the evening will reflect the enduring sophistication and revelry of San Francisco's golden era. Mix and mingle during cocktail hour before enjoying a delicious seated dinner, with awards and recognitions throughout the night.

Our work will be showcased on stage during the evening, and our Lodge will be honored in front of brothers statewide!

Marking the culmination of a weekend steeped in tradition, as well as centuries of shared dedication to Freemasonry, the 300th Anniversary Gala will be a once-in-a-lifetime celebration of the bonds of brotherhood - a night you'll never forget.

You are invited to attend this celebration. Tickets are \$125 per person and may be purchased at the Grand Lodge of California's special web page: freemason.org/anncomm.



I want to thank everyone for the gracious and encouraging words we have been receiving from many members of our Lodge.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize the remarkable contribution from our amazing Grammarian, Brother **Dave F. Freeman**, and also the magnificent work from our writers and their inspiring articles.

This Trestle Board is definitely not a one-man show!

We all had a part in the results, and what a great teamwork that is!



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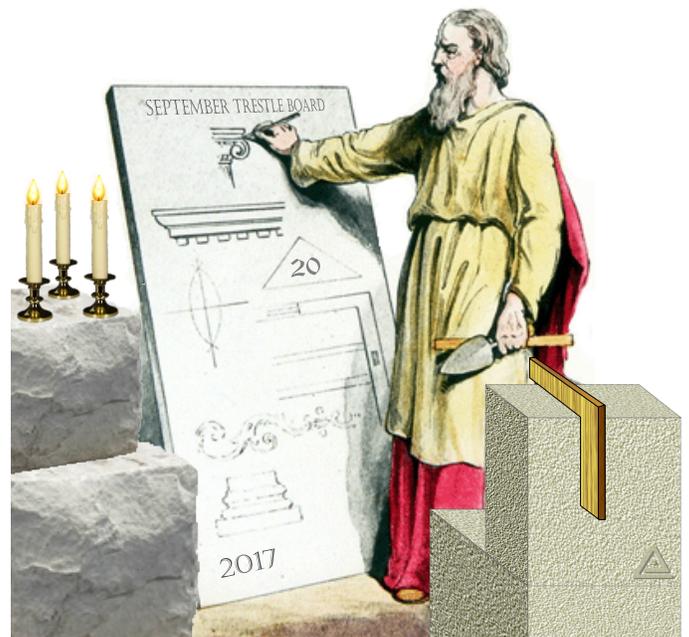
5:00 PM Social Hour

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by September 5th at 6:00 PM

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Looking Ahead

October

- 05 • Stated Meeting and Dinner
- 11 • Fellowship & Education Night
- 12 • Officers Practice
- 18 • OSI - Officers School of Instruction
- 19 • Degree (TBD)
- 26 • Officers Practice

Congratulations!



First Degree - Brother Norman Hernandez
August 10



Second Degree - Brother Wesley Jackson
August 24

Birthdays - September

02 • Devin J. Gray	MM
05 • Norman L. Helsel	MM
07 • Hershel V. Jackson Jr.	MM
09 • Marco E. Lopez	MM
12 • Rodrigo M. Bitar	FC
12 • Fred K. Schwall	MM
13 • Brian E. Jones	MM
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21 • Ian M. Solis-Jacques	MM
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Master Mason Anniversary Dates September

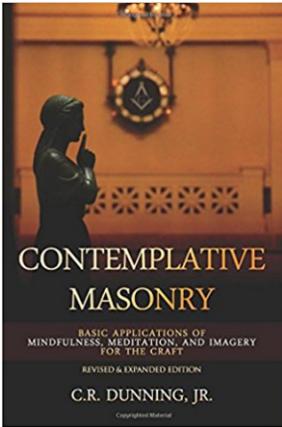
09 • Douglas Dern	41 Years
10 • Craig McKinnon	2 Years
12 • William Hill	26 Years
12 • Jon Isaacson	PM 15 Years
12 • Jesse Solis-Jacques	4 Years
15 • Mauro Lara	1 Year
16 • V. Allen Winter	PM 24 Years
20 • Lance Vayder	13 Years
22 • Creston Whiting-Casey	5 Years
23 • Jacob Cummings	1 Year
23 • Reaburn Lenau	24 Years
23 • Zachary Bowles	7 Years
24 • Donald Bader	47 Years
24 • Reynold Porterfield	PM 25 Years
25 • Richard Golden	65 Years
25 • Clyde Barnett	PM 31 Years
27 • Jon Hechtman	61 Years
27 • Garth Tanner	55 Years
27 • Theodore Miller	44 Years
27 • Gary Disher	16 Years
27 • Eric Young	5 Years
28 • Larry Afzal	39 Years
28 • Thomas Ansell	28 Years
29 • J. Scott Goode	PM 6 Years
30 • Daniel Radman	63 Years

Your Next Read

Book of the Month

CONTEMPLATIVE MASONRY

Basic Applications of Mindfulness, Meditation, and Imagery for the Craft



Part of the work that has become **Contemplative Masonry** first appeared on the internet in 2000 as an anonymously authored guide to the exploration of Freemasonry through contemplative practices like prayer, meditation, breath work, chanting, and visualization.

Sixteen years later, the original author of that

material, **C.R. Dunning, Jr.**, has come forward with a substantially expanded edition for those seeking to utilize Masonic symbolism and teachings in a way that is practical, accessible, inspiring, and profoundly transformative. **Contemplative Masonry** is a much-needed resource for Masons seeking to undertake the challenging and rewarding work of deep self-knowledge and self-improvement. Brother **Dunning** provides Freemasons with a unique system of practices derived directly from the Degrees of Craft Masonry, without reliance upon other religious, spiritual, or esoteric traditions.

About the Author

C.R. Dunning Jr. has been a Master Mason since 1988, a member of Blue Lodges and Scottish Rite Valleys in both Texas and Oklahoma, and also belongs to a number of Masonic research societies.

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September is U.S. Constitution Observance Month!

Our Grand Master **John R. Heisner** has proclaimed September to be **U.S. Constitution Observance Month** – a great time to celebrate the democratic achievements of our forefathers. As we reflect upon the 300th year of Modern Freemasonry (1717-2017) we recognize the parallels between our founding fathers' words and our own treasured ritual.

As Freemasons, we pledge to uphold the peace and order of civil society by demonstrating allegiance to our country and obedience to the laws under whose protection we live.

We strive to set an example for others in our society and communities by demonstrating compassion, kindness, temperance, tolerance, and respect alongside our storied principle tenets of **Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth**.



"The foundation of our Empire was not laid in the gloomy age of Ignorance and Superstition, but at an Epoch when the rights of mankind were better understood and more clearly defined, than at any former period, the researches of the human mind, after social happiness, have been carried to a great extent, the Treasures of knowledge, acquired by the labors of Philosophers, Sages and Legislatures, through a long succession of years, are laid open for our use, and their collected wisdom may be happily applied in the Establishment of our forms of Government." June 1783

George Washington



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