

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

Newsletter of Washington Lodge No. 20

April 2011

To Make Good Men Better

Our 160th Year



From the East

David H. Cameron

Master

Being Master of Washington Lodge #20 was the second hardest achievement I have made in my lifetime. The first and foremost was trying to be the best father I could be, and when I think about it, it's still not reached. I will never stop being a father, a mentor, or a pain in the butt. I will forever worry and protect, admonish and praise, for I am my fathers son, and his before him.

"Let us remember, and celebrate the lives of those of who we sit with daily, for in an instant, "in the twinkling of an eye" that friendship too may pass, and we will only be left with memories, a glimpse in the past, a sad reminder of what should be."

Last month the Craft was busy in the Temple. Br. Denton Carlson was entered into our Fraternity on March 10, 2011. Brother Peay was very motivated and we did his 2nd and 3rd degrees within two weeks of each other. Brother Peay is leaving the country for a couple years on business and desired to be a Master Mason, while traveling...

This month, we will have read five applications. That's a basketball team, lets hope they turn out like Stanford and not Cal, huh Ray. Providing the weather is clear in the East we will be busy this month too. I have scheduled a double 1st degree for April 14, 2011, for my sons Mr. David W. Cameron and Mr. William D. Cameron. On April 21, 2011 I

have scheduled a double 1st for Mr. Joseph S. Goode, Mr. Thomas A. Weary and on April 28, 2011 a 1st degree for Mr. Eric G. Young II.

My Masonic Ladies, my favorites, I hope you all have a good time at the Tea and Fashion Show. The Brothers and I would like to thank you each personally for your devotion to our Brothers. Along with our love and our strong desire for your great treats, we are forever

Ladies Tea & Fashion Show

The Brothers and the Wives of Washington Lodge #20
would like to invite you to a

Ladies Tea and Fashion Show

Saturday, April 2, 2011 from 1pm - 4pm.

The event is being hosted by:

Peace Lutheran Church

924 San Juan Road, Sacramento Ca 95834

and

Dress Barn

4710 Natomas Blvd, Sacramento Ca 95835

Please be our guests, and enjoy this event that will
include a wonderful selection of tea
and cuisine fit for royalty!

Please call Joan Cameron for rides and reservations
916-359-5335

April Schedule

April 5th

Officers School of Instruction/mandatory for ALL
line officers/ Masonic Temple @ 7:00pm

April 7

Social/Chile Cook-off Dinner/Stated Meeting

April 14

Double 1st Degree

April 21

Double 1st Degree

April 28

1st Degree

Visitation/Mandatory for ALL line officers

Washington Lodge #20 2011 Officers

Master: David H. Cameron

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Guest: Joseph Dongo, PM

"Dear Outreach:

My Father, William Newton Statzell was a member of Washington Lodge #20 and was a member of the Ben Ali Band for over 50 years before his death. My Mother is now 97 and I am asking if the Masonic Order offers outreach services to assist her with living arrangements. She has been in a private home for about two years but has finally run out of savings and the room and board exceeds her income. My husband and I are willing to have her live with us but we both work fulltime at Sacramento State University and are fearful of my mother being alone during the day. She is blind from macular degeneration, a diabetic and suffers from bone density loss which caused her to break her hip two years ago. She is still lucid and enjoys books on tape from the society for the blind and also enjoys the company of others. Any advice you can give me would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours, Carolann Statzell Forseth-Daughter"

With the guidance and support of our Ambassador of Fraternal Support Services, Brother Dave Freeman, a year later, on March 14, 2011 we received again from Ms. Carolann Statzell Forseth the following letter which with her permission we are sharing with you.

"Dear (Past) Master Joseph Dongo:

I beg your understanding that this letter of appreciation is so tardy. Below you will see the letter I sent you a year ago on March 8, 2010. Thanks to your quick response in forwarding my inquiry and request, MOS has made it possible for my Mother to remain where she was residing and maintain her quality of life. As I said in my letter, she outlived her savings and we were unsure of what the future held for her.

My father was so proud of his long affiliation with the Masonic Order, the Scottish Rite and the Ben Ali Shrine Band. Perhaps as a child I didn't see the relevance but now as an adult, it's plain to see all the good work that is done for the brotherhood of mankind. The caseworkers assigned to my Mother take a genuine interest in her wellbeing and for that I will be forever grateful.

I have a good friend, Dr. William Dillon, also a member of Washington Lodge #20, who suggested that I ask this letter to be included in your monthly newsletter to show just how your important work affects the community of its members in such a positive way. My Mother will be 99 years of age in July and thanks to the care she receives from the Masonic Outreach Services, she is thriving!

Your grateful friend, Carolann Statzell Forseth-Daughter and former Job's Daughter"

In response, I sent her this:

"Dear Carolann,

Thank you for your letter and more importantly, thank you for reporting back on the condition of your beloved mother. Your inspiring letter lifts our spirit and sums up our hope and faith. It renews our belief that Masonic values never die. To relieve the distressed is one of our primary and most important duties. The indissoluble chain lives on and Brother William Newton Statzell can rest in peace knowing that we look after and care for his widow, your mom just as he would have for each and every one of us if we have departed before him.

Joseph Dongo, PM"

Adopt-A-Freeway Program

Volunteers Needed

April 9th, 2011 at 9:00 AM

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

***Meet at Del Paso Park, corner of Park Road
and Auburn Blvd (near the Ramp.)***



From the West

Michael P. Quinn, Sr. Warden

Brethren,

I continue to improve and recover from the Surgery aspect of my illness. I still have to have the Blood Work done on the First of April, then if all measures are good I'll get Radioactive Iodine on the 4th with follow-up Scans and evaluations on the 5th & 6th. Hope to see you all later in April or First of May.

Faternally,



From the Ambassador's Corner

Dave Freeman

MASONIC LAWN

For those unaware, there is a Masonic Cemetery in Sacramento and it's located at 2700 Riverside Boulevard. It consists of 7.5 acres and was purchased in 1875 for \$5,000 by five Masonic lodges: Tehama #3, Washington #20, Union #58, Sacramento #40 and Concord #117. The Cemetery is open to the public.

A trust was initially established to assess a per capita tax of \$.03 per month per member to pay for maintenance and debt service. Cemetery costs are now covered by a perpetual care fund, investment returns and sales of burial plots. A Masonic Lawn Association was established in 1918 with two representatives appointed or elected from each of the five Lodges. Currently Washington Lodge #20 representatives are David Freeman and Richard Pullen. The ten Board of Directors along with a full time manager, who also serves as the Association secretary/treasurer, provide oversight for the maintenance and care of the grounds. There are also two full time groundskeepers on staff. The 2011 budget of approximately \$230,000 covers payroll and cemetery operations.

A computerized system is now available to provide for identification and location of some 5,000 burial sites. This can be done on a computer by going to www.masoniclawnassociation.com.

There are currently 75 regular burial plots remaining at a cost of \$3,000 to \$4,000 each, and 100 cremating spaces at \$500 each.

The skills of the cemetery staff have provided for very attractive and well maintained grounds which are a pleasure to view. Cemetery hours are 8am to 4:30pm daily and the office is open



From the South

Juan Faranda, Jr. Warden

Brethren; the Past Masters night was a great night. Our brother fellowcraft Ioan Popa gave an incredible first degree proficiency and our Past Masters gave us a fine second degree work. They worked with mastery and elegance. What a beautiful degree! We wish we can have more than one Past Masters night a year.

Congratulations to our brother Popa and warmest welcome to our new brother Carlson on his first degree. Our brother Alan Peay deserves our kudos for his well done first degree proficiency as well and his becoming a Fellowcraft. We are looking forward to March 31 when he will receive the sublime degree of Master Mason. He has our best wishes for his departure to Afghanistan. May the great architect of the universe watch over him.

March is gone with three good degrees and for the month of April we are expected to be quite busy with our new members keeping our lodge good and energetic. It will be a very special month for our Worshipful Master Cameron who will have his two sons joining the craft. I know Worshipful Cameron will be a happy man.

We are happy to learn that the senior Warden Michael Quinn is doing very well. "Hurry up Brother! We need you in the west.

Stated Meeting

Thursday, April 7th, 2011

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner
Chile

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by January 31st, 2011
(888) 828-4476



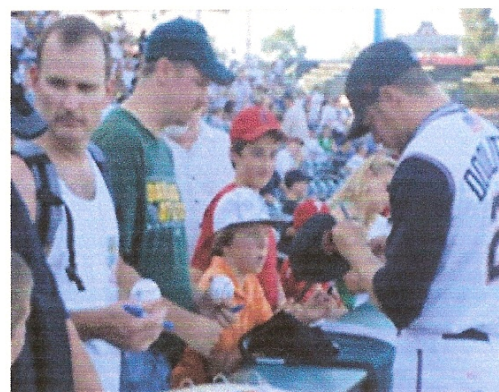
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SATURDAY, JULY 30TH @ 7:05 PM RIVER CATS VS. COLORADO SPRINGS SKY SOCKS

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TICKET OPTIONS

PRICE LOCATION # OF SEATS

\$36* Gold Rush _____ = \$ _____

**Price Includes All-You-Can-Eat BBQ*

***BBQ starts @ 6:05pm*

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Orders due by Sunday, July 10th. Make checks payable to: Washington Lodge #20
P.O. Box 211788, Sacramento, CA95822

