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From the East: Wor. Victor U. Sanchez



Greetings from the East. I hope this finds each and every one of you in good spirits, health and with a sense of renewal. Family gatherings and vacations have come to an end and the children have started a new scholastic year. Some of us may even be taking care of grandchildren to give parents some time off from the stress of child-rearing. For the rest of us, well, we will be enjoying cooler weather, fall's scenic change and perhaps even a quick getaway to our favorite winter retreat.

Yet, others, myself included, will be taking it easy and recovering from medical challenges. I'm here to tell you, it is certainly no vacation! They say that "you do not know what you have, until you lose it", or something to that effect. I always took going to lodge as a given and never really missed it, because I was there. Sometimes as a busy bee and others just as a bystander or sidliner. Whichever it was, I would make every effort to attend. Unfortunately, now that I am going through my own challenges, I truly miss going to lodge, in whatever capacity! Hopefully that will change soon and I will be back in your midst.

Until then, please take the opportunity to attend lodge and the numerous degrees put on by the Officers. They do appreciate your attendance, and I am sure the candidates would welcome your presence also.

I am told that the Officers have been putting on some great degree work and have kept the lodge running smoothly in my absence; I never had any doubts as to their abilities and time forged commitments. Our lodge is truly fortunate to have these men as officers of the lodge, please thank them for their service and continued willingness to serve.

Our Annual Constitutional Observance was held on September 28th with some twists by Brother **Luis J. Montero**; I understand it was a great success.

On October 5th, we will conduct our monthly Stated Meeting with dinner at 6pm followed by the meeting at 730pm. Please RSVP to the Stewards at WLN20Stewards@gmail.com.

October will also bring Annual Communication and lodges will conduct the business of Masonry in California from the 13th through the 15th in San Francisco. If you haven't looked at the upcoming legislation to be introduced, please do so by logging onto Freemasonry.org and checking the proposed legislation. It is your yearly chance to change/hold the direction of Freemasonry in California. Relay your concerns and/or opinions to me or to the other Pillar Officers, Brother **Luis J. Montero** (Senior Warden) and **Jesse Solis-Jacques** (Junior Warden).

On October 19th, we will be raising Brother **Rodrigo Bitar Marciao** to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Dinner will be served at 6pm followed by the degree at 7pm. Please plan on attending and showing Brother Marciao what Master Masons do. If you would like to participate in the ritual, please communicate your willingness to me, at 916-425-6112 or WLN20Master@gmail.com, and I will add you to the ritual team.

Let's fill the lodge with Master Masons!

As we look ahead to November, we will conduct our Annual Election of Officers for the 2018 Masonic Year at the Stated Meeting. Please plan on attending on November 2nd and participating in this process.

On November 4th, Saturday, the lodge will present our Annual Ladies Night, which **Joan** and **Dave Cameron** have promised will be the best Sock Hop themed event of the year! The event will open with a 6pm Social, followed by a 7pm dinner. The cost is a mere \$25 for gentlemen!!!! How can you go wrong??? (Continued on Page 6)





From the West

Bro. Luis J. Montero • Senior Warden



September was a busy month for Washington Lodge No. 20. While Worshipful **Sanchez** was out recovering from surgery, our Brethren worked together on behalf of the Lodge, showing how best we can work and best agree.

We have finished the Firefighters Burn Institute Dedication Memorial located at 3101 Stockton Blvd. in Sacramento. We all have been invited to attend the opening ceremonial scheduled to start at 6pm on October the 13th. This project could not have been possible without all of the brothers who lent a helping hand to accomplish and finish the memorial. A warm heartfelt thank you for all of your support!

We held two Officers Practices last month and I would like to encourage all Master Masons to participate in future practice sessions. All Degrees we put on are for the benefit of our candidates and it is up to us to ensure each one of them has a meaningful experience. This can only be possible with you, our members. Let us continue to be a beacon of Masonic Light! We can only get better.

Constitutional Observance Night was a great success! I would like to thank the youth orders for helping us put together a meaningful event. Worshipful Sanchez is certainly very proud that we were able to support our Youth Groups and help the Lodge meet one of its most meaningful yearly traditions.

Since September brought such a remarkable period of time, I did a little research about that month, which I hereby present to our readers.

Did you know September was once considered the seventh month in a calendar year?

Pope Gregory XIII reigned from 1572 to 1585. Among the events of his papacy were the attempted overthrow of the defiant Queen Elizabeth I, and his bizarre "blessing" of the slaughter of Huguenots (French Protestants) throughout France. One of Gregory's most lasting legacies was his "Gregorian Calendar," which was actually a revision of an earlier Roman calendar that most of us, Roman Catholic, Protestant, and everyone else, find ourselves using today. With the assistance of the Italian astronomer Luigi Lilio Ghiraldi and the German Jesuit mathematician Christopher Clavius, Gregory introduced his namesake calendar in 1582.

The Roman calendar months are ironic proof that the new year actually begins in the spring, as the Romans themselves observed in earlier times. They named September as the seventh month ("sept" is a Latin prefix for seven), although it's observed as the ninth month now.

In accordance with its ancient beginnings, Bible calendar days were, and are, determined to begin and end at sunset e.g "from evening to evening shall you keep your sabbath" (Leviticus 23:32 RSV).

Months of the Biblical calendar are linked directly to the phases of the moon (the word month actually means moon). The Bible month begins with the first sighting of the slender crescent of the new moon which does not become visible until a day or two after the precise time of the astronomical new moon, when the moon is directly between the earth and the sun.

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From the South

Bro. Jesse Solis-Jacques • Junior Warden



The beginning of Autumn is here brethren and the end of Summer has passed. For many of us, we've enjoyed what the Summer has brought and as the sunlight dwindles away, a new light emerges and will bring forth its own purpose—The Moonlight. The October Moon has also been referred to as the Travel Moon, Dying Moon, and Harvest Moon which brings beautiful changes and Cool Beginnings. Autumn since ancient times has been a time of harvest, festivals and celebrations. It also marked the beginning of the Autumn equinox, which is the point where there is exactly 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness at the equator. The daylight hours will eventually shorten until we have reached the Winter Solstice being the shortest day of the year which then becomes Winter.

In Freemasonry, we learn that there are different shades of light and that light represents wisdom. The brighter the source, the brighter the intelligence. It is said that the most powerful gift of all, is our power of free will. The decisions we make is what fuels the fight of seeking further light or the delay of it.



The wise teacher understands that it is impossible to teach one who does not have the desire to learn. Seeking first for new light comes from within and only inspired when the student is ready to be teachable. When a student expresses ignorance, rejects or refuses further assistance, or demonstrates negative feelings toward the subject of learning, this simply displays clues that the student is not ready to seek further light. The Law of Time dictates that everything and everyone has their own timing. It is simply a matter of time when the student decides to make a decision to exercise their free-will to be teachable and seek further light.

Throughout the course of our lives, we may continuously have attained new light, as well as lose some. This constant change provides much mystery to our mental and emotional state and, thus, requires the appropriate level of adjustments to maintain our sanity. One of the vital reasons why some people may choose not to change their current light is the fear of what the new light will do to their mental and emotional stability. It is our duty as brothers to help others overcome this fear for their benefit—not our own.

In closing brethren, the light within us will constantly change its range of brightness, as it should. Light understands how much we give ourselves the authority to possess. This principle is like the change of seasons, in which, we are continuously reminded how we self-adjust to that natural phenomenon. In Freemasonry, we will continue to encourage all to exercise their free-will in all things and sharing our enlightened experiences that will forever shape our global communities.

Fun Facts for the month of October –There is a couple of special events in history that pioneered a civilization for the betterment of mankind.

- October 3, 1789, George Washington proclaims the first Thanksgiving Day, which has been a national celebration of family gathering even to this day.
- October 4, 1537, the first printing of a complete English-Language Bible. Without this moment in history, Freemasonry may today instead be using a very different Plan and foundational guidance.
- In the Old Roman Calendar, October was known as the 8th month, “Octo” coming from the Latin word meaning “Eight” and was changed to the 10th month in a Gregorian or Julian Calendar.





Featured Contributor

Bro. Jason Z. Sibbring • Marshal



In 2001, I became a leader. Well, not entirely. I had been with my company for 5 years and wanted to take on more responsibility. I wanted to showcase my talents and challenge myself that I could run a department. So, in July of that year I transferred to another branch to take an open management position.

Once I got settled into the new position, I almost immediately had a feeling of remorse. What did I get myself into? For years I had worked hard, solved problems and challenged myself to succeed. I was now charged with running a department, trying to reach goals while managing a team of people who were (news flash) not like me at all.

It was the very first challenge I faced as a leader. How do I take a group of people who possess differing attitudes, perspectives and ideas and get the team to gel, working together to accomplish our goals?

One of the first steps I took was to reflect on a couple of influential leaders from my past. What was it about these leaders that inspired me? Over the last two weeks, as I was preparing to write this article, I interviewed several people. I asked them this same question; What qualities did an influential leader in your life have? It was interesting to listen to the responses. Listed here are a few of the most common answers.



Caring

An overwhelming majority felt that the leader truly cared for them. Whether it was making sure they had everything needed to succeed, a sense the leader cared for their development or, simply, asking how their families were, this was the most common trait.

Listening

Another popular response. When a leader took the time to listen to an idea, it had a motivating impact, giving the person a sense of contribution to a success. Getting buy-in from team members is a very powerful tool and allows the leader to stay in tune with the team.

Courage

I don't mean climbing the face of Half Dome or jumping a dirt bike over 14 school busses. While those acts are certainly courageous, for a leader the courage to stand up for the team or "go-to-bat" for someone made an impression on most of the interviewees. Even if a leader fails in his argument, you know he has the fortitude to make difficult decisions, which can strengthen the bond of trust.

Integrity, honesty and fairness were a few other common responses.

Good leadership will have a multiplicative effect to your team's production. The aspects listed here are a fraction of what makes great leaders. For a concert pianist or professional athlete, it takes years of practice to perfect their craft. Leadership is no different. Whether you're a manager at work or an officer in your lodge or a little league coach, practice leadership.





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Stated Meeting • October 5th, 2017

5:00 PM Social Hour

6:00 PM Dinner

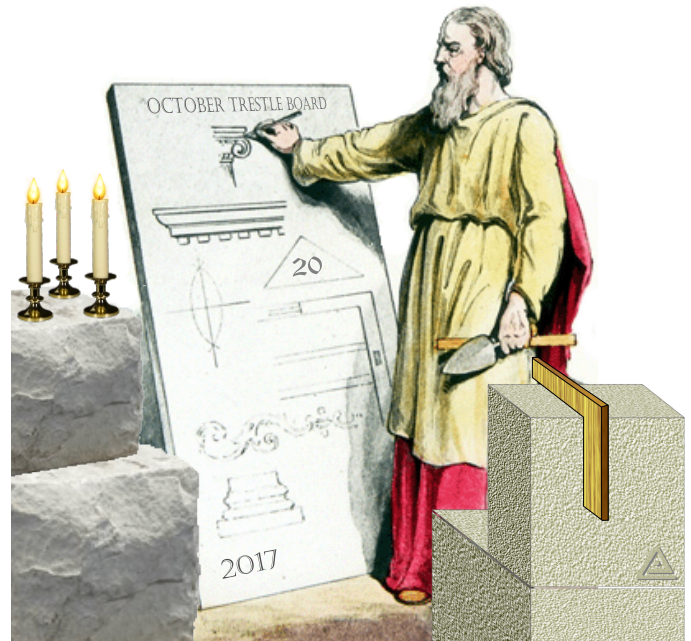
7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by October 3rd at 6:00 PM

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∴ October Schedule ∴

- 05 • Stated Meeting and Dinner
- 11 • Fellowship & Education Night
- 12 • Officers Practice (3rd Degree)
- 18 • OSI - Officers School of Instruction
- 19 • 3rd Degree (Bro. Rodrigo Bitar)
- 26 • DARK or Degree



Looking Ahead November

- 02 • Stated Meeting and Dinner
(Annual Election of Officers)
- 04 • Ladies Night - Sock Hop Party
- 08 • Fellowship & Education Night
- 09 • Officers Practice
- 15 • OSI - Officers School of Instruction
- 16 • Degree (TBD)
- 23 • DARK (Thanksgiving Day)
- 30 • Installation of Officers Practice

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Several candidates are in the wings, awaiting their initiation into the craft. Please watch our many social media channels for updates.

If you have not yet visited our Temple's new library, located near Lodge Room No. 4 on the 2nd floor, it is time you took a look at what it has to offer. Brother **Francisco Marques** assures me there is a lot of material for your reading and educational needs within the confines of the newly refurbish and repurposed room. Take a look. It is open whenever the Temple is available, including Saturdays and Sundays.

Finally, as we transition from summer to fall and then winter, let us transition our lives to help, protect and support our brothers in need, not only here but across these United States. Many are feeling the devastations of hurricanes and other natural disasters. Help in whatever manner you see fit. Give as you can and help bring stability back into the lives of our fellow Masons withersoever dispersed. Your donations can be made online to the Grand Lodge of California or through our website and forwarded to those who will disperse it.

Let's make a difference!!!



Congratulations!

Birthdays - October

01 • George E. Dacre	MM
01 • Patrick J. Malley	MM
02 • Jason B. Henderson	MM
03 • Russell C. Tomas	MM
03 • Martin P. Zimmerman	MM
08 • Richard McCaleb	MM
08 • Andrew A. Simon	EA
13 • John M. Otten	MM
15 • Chris C. Boothe	MM
15 • Thomas E. Goodwin	MM
20 • William D. Chessum	MM
21 • Logan A. Taxdal	EA
22 • Norman L. Stillwell	MM
23 • John J. McCormack	EA
28 • Douglas A. Arrington	MM
28 • J. Scott Goode	PM
28 • Emad K. Sweidan	MM

Master Mason Anniversary Dates October

08 • James J. Lenau	19 Years
08 • Peter D. Petersen	36 Years
10 • Norman L. Helsel	15 Years
18 • James R. Lash	61 Years
19 • Marvin Freedman	17 Years
20 • Ioan C. Popa	6 Years
21 • Dwight C. Bradish	18 Years
21 • David P. Kelley	46 Years
23 • Robert S. Cameron	14 Years
24 • Paul E. Evans	49 Years
24 • Rob R. Gerolomy	56 Years
25 • David L. Minke	5 Years
25 • Leonard A. Schweitzer	44 Years
26 • Mark A. Christie	17 Years
28 • Richard A. Entrican	41 Years
28 • Richard I. Redmond	24 Years
29 • Donte E. Cuellar	2 Years
30 • Russell M. James	61 Years
31 • Barry W. Callister	60 Years





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