



TRESTLEBOARD

NEWSLETTER OF WASHINGTON LODGE No. 20

July 2010

To Make Good Men Better

OUR 159th YEAR



From the East

Joseph Dongo, Master

A brother of the lodge reminded me last week that we are half way through the Masonic year. He is right. Six months have already passed. So much to do sometimes makes you wish we are in December. But, so much fun sharing the daily tasks and ideas with the Officers and other brethren makes you wish for time to run slower. The support we have been receiving since the installation is quite touching. I would like to send you all our warmest gratitude. We have more to do and we will carry ourselves and conduct the lodge business with more zeal and energy.

Two new members joined our craft this past Thursday 6/17/10. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming Bros. Victor Alexander and Freddie Howard. We look forward to being their companions on their Masonic journeys. Bros. Alex Chompff and David Huez received their Fellowcraft degrees on June 10th. Congratulations to both of you. You are now just one degree short of being a Master Mason. I have no doubt you will very soon be full members of Washington Lodge.

By the time you read me Bro. Brian Schoenborn will have been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He was initiated in February and in about four months he has completed all three degrees. Congratulations my brother and many thanks to your coach. You have attended all events you've been allowed to and this is quite remarkable. May your enthusiasm be contagious.

On July 8, we will confer the 1st degree upon Mr. Zachary Bowles. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. This may well be a double 1st degree night and Bro. Victor Sanchez is slated to be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft a week after, on July 15th. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend all of these degrees.

Brethren, the USS Potomac cruise is on and we are going. Thanks to Bro. Dave Freeman's tireless effort and leadership. We have enough reservations to make it a success. You are going to miss a great trip if you have not already made your reservation. Do it now, before it is too late.

The last stated meeting was preceded by a pool session between 5:00 and 6:00 pm. Thanks to Bro. Alex Chompff who organized the event. We had great participation and we will continue doing it before every stated meeting until further notice as part of our social program. Bring your friends,

co-workers, and relatives, lets have some fun. Also bring a pack of soda, beer, or a bottle of wine to share. Let's have fun.

The Child ID Program is back. We need your help to make this event a great success. You will find more information about this event as you read on.

See you on July 1st .

Fraternally,
Joseph Dongo, Master

A Profile of Richard Ivan Findley

I was born on August 12, 1939 at my Aunt Florence's home in Visalia, California, the last child of a family of four. The Findley Family relocated to California from Texas in 1861 by oxen team and settled in Sand Creek near Orosi. My grandfather Ivan moved to a farm near Mooney's Grove (Visalia) in 1915. Farming and ranching were the occupation of our family.

My older brother Bill moved to Wee Waa, NSW Australia in 1966 and his family is still in the farming business there. I sold my farm in Visalia, California in 1989 after retiring as an engineer with Pacific Bell Telephone Company.

I was educated at the local country schools and graduated from Mt. Whitney High School in 1957, College of the Sequoias (AA) in 1960, Fresno State University (BA) in 1977 and National University (MBA) in 1988.

I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in February 1962 and was stationed at NAS Pensacola, Florida as a student pilot and was involved in the Cuban Missile Crisis in October, 1962. With an Honorable Discharge I went back to farming with my father Byron in Visalia growing cotton and alfalfa.

After employment and retirement from the telephone company, I contracted as a project engineer to telephone companies in the US Virgin Islands, Hawaii and California. I then immigrated to Australia in 1991 and worked as a Pizza shop owner, a training manager for a corporation and several government jobs in Guam and American Samoa. My family consists of a daughter Amy (born 1967) with five children in Visalia and a son Rick (born 1970) of Daphne, Alabama.

I have returned to Visalia as a retiree and enjoy dancing, playing softball and basketball and growing a garden.

Richard Ivan Findley

The 2010 Washington Lodge Officers

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Hospitality 5:00 pm
Pool & Billiards
3rd floor Club Room

Dinner 6:15 pm
Summer BBQ Menu

Meeting 7:30 pm

RSVP to : (888) 828-4476

From the Editor's Desk

Victor U Sanchez, Editor
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It is with much humility and a sense of pride that I assume the responsibility of trying to fill Brother Wally Clark's shoes as Editor of the "Trestleboard".

I know Bro. Clark has invested much time and energy throughout the years to make this publication what it is today. The "Trestleboard" is the voice of Washington Lodge No. 20, and an important means to communicate with you and all our Brethren.

With the help and assistance of Bros. Clark, Sleeper, and Freeman I hope to continue the great work already in place. I would also like to invite my brethren to submit articles, information, thoughts and other information you wish to share with your Fellows. We will endeavor to include as much information in each edition as space allows, or we may include it in the subsequent issues.

Like Bro. Clark, I was asked to become the Editor of the "Trestleboard" by Worshipful during a meeting and again at the bar-b-que. Although I had been the editor of the "Call Box", the newsletter of the Sacramento Police Officers Association, it has been years since that task had been an intricate part of my daily life. And, without any experience using a Mac or this "new" program, I did not want to stumble around any more than was necessary. However, with Bro. Wally's help, I think I will be able to get through this awkward time.

With your patience, assistance and active involvement, I am sure we will continue to put out a professional and informative newsletter.

Humbily,

Victor U Sanchez, Editor

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Brothers, I am looking for someone who might have a contact with a publishing software person. The "Trestleboard" is in need of a copy of Adobe InDesign CS5 software for our publication. Our current edition is a "Trial" version and the cost for the complete program is expensive. Any assistance would be appreciated.

CHILD ID PROGRAM

The Child ID program is back!!

California State Fair, July 14 - August 1st

We need volunteers from Washington Lodge
to join other lodges' members to make this a successful event.

Please let me know if you can help.

Fraternally,
Joseph Dongo, Master
Washington Lodge No.20

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From the West

David Cameron, Sr. Warden

For the life of me, I just can not think about what to write! I have been racking my brain but nothing jumps out at me. All the good stuff is already spoken for and my brain just doesn't know what to think. Oh my, a thought!

This is July, isn't it. Hmm, what's so important about this month? I ask myself. That's right! It's the month we celebrate the birth of our nation. And, it is also the time we have our annual 4th of July Picnic! Someone mentioned that we were featuring: Coney Island Hot Dogs, Dodger Dogs and Doc's Sacramento Dogs. Some sweet corn, potatoe salad and chips. Those always go good with good dogs and great fellowship. Oh yeah, don't forget the watermellon. we can never have enough of that tasty fruit.

Oh no, my mind is melting! I can not remember where! If you want more information, come to Lodge on July 1, 2010

for David H. Cameron, Sr. Warden
My trust is in GOD

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Adopt a Highway Program

The Lodge Executive Committee at its beginning of the year meeting asked me to look into the civic responsibility promotion and community pride offered by the Caltrans "Adopt-A-Freeway" Program. After months of diligent effort, I am reporting to you that Caltrans has made available for Washington Lodge adoption its Route 244. This 1 mile road lies in the intercity between Auburn Blvd. and Watt Avenue off and to Capital City Freeway 80.

A roadside sign with Washington Lodge No.20 and a logo with the square and compass will be placed on each direction to the view of hundreds of thousands of daily commuters in our community.

Caltrans will provide the safety training and all needed materials. In return, Washington Lodge or its contractor (to be hired if any) will be removing litter on the monthly basis along this one mile road. No money is involved in the agreement if we do not contract out for the litter removal work.

Caltrans has given us until July 8 to sign or decline the agreement which will be discussed at the July 1st stated meeting. It is the first time this portion is being offered for adoption. For the adoption of any road around the Sacramento area one needs to be placed on a long waiting list.

If you need further information, please contact me before the next stated meeting.

For more information on the Caltrans "Adopt-A-Freeway" Program, please visit: <http://www.adopt-a-highway.dot.ca.gov>



From the South

Michael P. Quinn, Jr. Warden

Congratulations to our newly obligated brethren: Victor Alexander and Freddie Howard. While I have given the First Degree lecture before this was the first opportunity I've had since becoming Junior Warden to perform the Obligation portion for the First Degree. While I am still humbled and awed by this impressive ritual; now, because of this experience I feel even more a part of the Fraternity and closer to my brethren within the lodge. As Victor and Freddie become "true and faithful" brethren among us, I hope one day to see them in the officer's line to share this experience. I would also add to that fervent prayer that all lodge brethren step forward, become officers, and join with those who have gone this way before. With each meeting and degree it continues to be an enriching and joyful experience open to all who ask and seek, so shall they find, the door of Freemasonry open even wider.

Fraternally,
Michael P. Quinn, Jr. Warden

Did you know??

Our first Master, under dispensation received February 19, 1852, was Charles Denscombe; Senior Warden was Jesse Morrill; and Junior Warden Jeb Thompson. On May 5, 1852 we received our charter and on May 13, Nathaniel Green Curtis was elected master under the charter. Brother Curtis later became Grand Master of Masons in California.

Secretary's Desk

Jon Isaacson, PM

July Birthdays

George W. Hing	July 4, 1921
Jon R. Isaacson	July 7, 1952
Carl E. Spilman	July 7, 1921
Herman H. Lalk	July 8, 1915
Reynold A. Porterfield	July 9, 1938
Robert L. Cole	July 11, 1922
David P. Kelley	July 13, 1935
Todd A. Ravencroft	July 13, 1971
Mark G. Friesen II	July 15, 1965
Andrew P. R. Wilson	July 17, 1979
Richard S. Golden	July 18, 1927
Glenn H. Ticknor	July 20, 1917
Richard A. Wilson	July 21, 1945
Elmer J. Becky	July 26, 1913
Thomas L. Ansell	July 29, 1961

Lodge Ambassador's Corner

Dave Freeman



USS POTOMAC CRUISE

The USS Potomac was built in 1934 as the Coast Guard cutter Electra. It was commissioned as a U.S. Navy vessel in 1936, renamed the USS Potomac, and served as Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Presidential Yacht and "Floating White House," until his death in 1945.



Washington Lodge has contracted for a 3 hour historic cruise of the three bridges of San Francisco Bay on Saturday, July 24. THE DAY TRIP IS OPEN TO ALL MASONS, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS. Our motor coach will depart from the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H Street at 8am and return by 5pm. Reservations are closing June 24th. Please complete the form now.

If you have any questions, call: David Freeman at [NOT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE](tel:NOT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE) or email to cdf58@sbcglobal.net

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Reservation for July 24 cruise on the USS Potomac

Name(s) _____

Telephone (____) _____

Cost: Adults _____ @ \$75.00 per person

Children up to 12 _____ @ \$60.00 per person

Total enclosed \$ _____

Make check payable to: Washington Lodge #20

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