



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

Newsletter of Washington Lodge No. 20

June 2012

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Our 161st Year

## From the East: Worshipful Master Joseph Dongo, PM

Brother Thomas A. Weary was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012. I appreciate your joining me on welcoming him not only in our craft but in the Washington Lodge family. His dad, brother Thomas L. Weary is slated to be conferred the third Degree on May 31<sup>st</sup>. What a beautiful family story!

When the Executive Committee met earlier in January, one of the many things discussed was to have a split degree with another lodge in lieu of our regular lodge visit. I am pleased to announce that Yolo Lodge in Davis accepted to split degree with us. So, in the coming weeks or months, we will be visiting them on a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree night and after they perform the 1<sup>st</sup> Section we will be entirely covering the second section. And on another third degree night at our lodge they will return us the favor. We don't yet know what lodge will be visiting first, nor do we know the dates of the respective visits. We will be finalizing all this very soon and will let you know as soon as the information becomes available. Exciting!



Another idea discussed, was to reprint the members roster. Instead we decided to explore the possibility to create a members only webpage where members personal information can be shared. And Worshipful Jon Isaacson, our webmaster has set up that webpage just in case you have not visited our site lately.

Thank you Worshipful. The members' only webpage requires member ID and password for access. If yours have not been created, please send your desired ID and password to Wor. Jon and he will be happy to do just that. And I encourage you to do so as the minutes of our stated meetings and special meetings will be stored there. By the way, these minutes as started early in May will be emailed to all the members with email address for their reviews prior to the stated meeting so, we will not have to read the entire minutes again but approve them at the stated meeting and thereby save some time. So, please look for those minutes and reply with any errors and omissions you may find.

Finally, as previously discussed we have made available a box where we can make donation to both Mustard Seed (Downtown school for the kids of the homeless) and the Shrine's School students. Brother Dave Freeman has provided a list of the basic and special needs of both schools. Please take a look at them and I bet most of these items are at your home unused, or at your neighborhood garage sale, or with your convenient store on sale next time you look around. Please take a look at that list and let's challenge ourselves and make the commitment to bring in something every time we come to the lodge. Let's make every effort to assist these schools and help bring a smile to the faces of their students. Let's make our Masonic spirit shine.

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## From the West

Juan C. Faranda, Sr. Warden

Greetings from the West

We are half way into the Masonic year. By June all the officers should be ready to advance to the next chair. So far, we are having an excellent year with the Degrees.

### Qualifications of Candidates

What are the qualifications for Masonic candidates?

There are two types, internal and external. The internal qualification have been listed under the heading "Internal Qualification". The external qualification are five: Moral, Religious, Physical, Mental, and Political. Morally, the candidate must faithfully observe the Moral Law, and lead a virtuous life; Religiously, he must believe in the existence of a Supreme Deity, and must be yielded to his superintending power and divine providences, and he must believe in the immortality of the soul and a future resurrection into eternal life; Physically, he must be a man, free born, of lawful age, sound in body and limb, and not in his dotage; Mentally, he must be intelligent, capable of comprehending the profound truths and tenets of the Order; Politically, he must adhere to the principles of freedom and individual liberty of conscience, and be faithful in all civic duties.

### SAY "YES" TO PAPERLESS TRESTLEBOARD

Wouldn't you prefer to receive your Trestleboard by e-mail? Please send your e-mail and name to :  
[secretary@washingtonlodge20.org](mailto:secretary@washingtonlodge20.org)

## Stated Meeting

Thursday, June 7, 2012

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by June 5, 2012

(888) 828-4476

"Waste Not, Want Not"

## Joe Basham, Junior Deacon

My name is Joe Basham and I'm the Junior Deacon of Washington Lodge #20. I was raised on December 04, 2010 and was Marshall's Masonic year the Junior year.



I was born in California on 1964 to

Donald Basham. My father was a police officer with the Pasadena Police Department. Shortly after my birth, my father was selected to attend the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Academy. After he graduated from the academy, we moved to Roseville, California and my father worked Northern Sacramento County as a CHP Motor Officer.

In 1970, my father was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and transferred to Humboldt County. My family moved to the small town of McKinleyville, where I attended first, second and third grades.

After my parents separated, my mother, sister and I moved to Modesto, California to live with my grandparents. We lived there for the next two years and after my mother re-married and we moved to Sacramento, I have been here ever since. After I graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in 1983, I attended Sacramento City College while working at Corti Brothers grocery store on Folsom Blvd.

In April of 1987 I was selected to attend the Sacramento County Sheriff's Academy and after graduation I started my career at the Main Jail in downtown Sacramento. I have been with the Sheriff's Department for 25 years and I have worked several different assignments over the years. Some of the assignments I enjoyed the most were Patrol, Canine Handler, Motor Officer and Motor Sergeant. I am currently on loan to the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) Training and Exercise Division as a Law Enforcement Subject Matter Expert, assisting with Exercise planning and design.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you and making 2012 a great Masonic year.



## From the South

Daniel J. Dailey, Jr. Warden

May brought us the pleasure to initiate three new Masons into Washington Lodge. On May 10<sup>th</sup> the Brethren of Washington Lodge conferred the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree of Masonry on Mr. Joseph Wallach and Mr. Patrick Malley. On May 24 we conferred the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree of Masonry on Mr. Luis Montero. The degrees, both evenings, were accomplished by our own members. Several were taking part in their opportunity to sit in a chair and participate as an officer instead of a candidate. It was refreshing to see new faces in the line, their work was outstanding.

Speaking of new Masons, it looks like we have several more applications in progress. We will have a busy summer season ahead of us as we initiate these new candidates. Remember, their first experience in Masonry is the conferral of the First Degree. The work we do and the memory we provide will set the tone for their future Masonic journey. Help show our new brothers how much we care about them by making an effort to be there for the degrees. A large turnout of sideliners shows the strength and unity of our Lodge.

On a sad note, Brother Alex Chomppf informed the Lodge that he will soon be moving from the Sacramento area. Alex has been instrumental to the success of Washington Lodge #20 as the head candidate's coach and Marshall. He had recently begun filling in as Junior Warden to allow me to work from the East in the 1<sup>st</sup> degree. While Alex will be sorely missed by Washington Lodge, we wish Alex and his family God Speed and the best of success in their new adventure.

### MASONIC FAMILY TRI-TIP BBQ PICNIC

Come out and enjoy an afternoon with your fellow

Brothers and their families.

**Date:** Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**Location:** Elk Grove Regional Park

**Starting at 11:00 AM** until you cannot eat any more of Bro. Brian Schoenborn's famous smoked Tri-Tip

Call (888) 828-4476 by July 10th, 2012, to make your reservations, mention "PicNic"

### June SCHEDULE

June 7, 2012: Stated Meeting  
June 13 2012: Fellowship and Masonic Education  
June 14, 2012: Double 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
June 21, 2012: 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Bro. Denny Carlson  
June 28, 2012: 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Bro. Jason Henderson

## To the Brethren of Washington Lodge #20

### D. Edward Entrican PM (1972)

As I look on the wall of my den, which has my Masonic Certificates and pictures I have received over the years on display; I see a picture that was taken on Washington Lodges Past Masters Night, on February 20, 1975 honoring our 50 year Past Master WB Bill Sitton (1925). Twenty-one of our Past Master's were present. The sad thing is that only four of us are still here; WB Bob Reynolds (1966), WB Ray Lenau (1967), WB Ed Entrican (1972) and WB Al Grundel (1974).

This picture brings back a lot of memories of my Masonic Career and it makes me wonder how can it be possible that 50 years has passed Mason in Washington Lodge #20. in 1955 when I joined Alameda California.

What I hold most dear is the the years. I think the lasting Masonry above any other

Right after I was Initiated an 12, 1961, and after I gave my coaching the first degree to other was passed to the second degree. the Sublime Degree of Master

During the time I was going thru the were I met my wife Diana, who has Masonic accomplishments. Next Wedding Anniversary. We have have two boys David and Robert have two girls Helena and Queen of Jobs Daughters and Cliff



The social night of the year for Washington Lodge was its annual Ladies Night. It was the outstanding ball of the year with excellent entertainment. We would see many of these shows afterwards on the Ed Sullivan Show. We would fill the lodge auditorium and have an outstanding stuffed game hen dinner by Brother Don Dole. The entertainment was followed by the grand march and dancing. What an evening it was, I still talk about it today.

Serving as Master of Washington Lodge 20, in 1972, was a great honor which I cherish each and every day. The biggest honor I had, during my year as Master, was to Raise my dad to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Our annual ladies night was the outstanding social night of the year, with a theme "IT'S A SMALL WORLD". Diana spent a year working on the decorations which were out of this world. Yes that is what we did back then and loved every minute of it.

Serving as Treasurer of Washington Lodge 20, for fifteen years, was very enjoyable. And working with three great Secretaries, WB Dwight Morrow, WB Roy Anderson and Jerry Van Wagner was a real blessing. When I was voted as Treasurer Emeritus by the Lodge I was deeply honored.

In 2008 Diana and I moved to Sequim, Washington. One of the first things I did was to visit Sequim Lodge #213 F&AM Masons of Washington. I found out that a very large number of the membership were form California Lodges and a good number of them were Past Masters of California Lodges. I refer to Sequim as a "Retirement Community for California Masons". Diana and I have really enjoyed Sequim. The cooler climate has less rain than Sacramento (12 to 16 inches a year). We live in an outstanding neighborhood with very friendly people as well as all of Sequim are very friendly. Our view of the Olympic Mountains is really a beautiful sight to wake up to every morning.

I am looking forward to June 28, 2012 when the Most Worshipful Tony Wordlow and Worshipful Brother John Knox will be coming up to Sequim to present me with a California 50 year Golden Veteran Award at the Sequim Masonic Lodge #213 F. & A.M.

I am also looking forward to many Brothers and Friends who will be coming up from the Sacramento area for the presentation.

by since I was raised a Master My Masonic Career actually started Chapter of DeMolay in Alameda,

friendships that I have made over friendships you make are what puts organization.

Entered Apprentice, on September proficiency, I was put to work candidates. On January 18, 1962, I On February 27, 1962 I was Raised to Mason.

degrees I was attending college, been very supportive of all my year we will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> two children; Lorra and her husband and our son Clifford and his wife Sue Gabriella. Lorra is Past Honor is a senior DeMolay.