



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

Washington Lodge No. 20 F. & A. M.

January 2015

En Route to the East

Our 164th Year



From the East: Worshipful Richard Wilson



I would again like to thank the brethren of Washington Lodge for electing and installing me to serve you as your Master for 2015. As I remarked at Installation, when Worshipful Dan Dailey asked last spring if I would consider stepping into the East this year, it was an easy decision to say yes. I am proud of Washington Lodge and its members, and I recognize that it is strong and well administered. We are growing and attracting new members, and our new members are eager to learn and be active in Lodge programs. We are regaining the reputation we long had for ritual excellence, and we are becoming known around the State as a successful and thriving Lodge.

Two-thousand-fifteen is already off to a good start. Our Installation ceremony was quite impressive and well attended, providing a good impression of our fraternity for our family members and guests. I want to thank all those who helped put it together. Then, five days later we initiated two men into the Lodge as Entered Apprentice Masons. Please welcome our newest Brothers, Nicholas Jones and Daniel Mueller. All our officers did fine work in their new stations, and the candidates were quite impressed. We also welcome Nicholas' father Brian Jones, a Georgia Mason who affiliated with us at the same time his son was elected to receive the degrees.

January's highlight will be our annual Roll Call dinner on January 29th in the third floor Banquet Room at the Temple. Roll Call is the special evening when we honor the recently retired Master from the previous year and all the new Master Masons who were raised during his term. We also recognize all the Past Masters and the members of their "classes." And, we pay a final tribute to those Brothers who were raised into that Celestial Lodge above during the same year. Finally we will be honored to hear from Most Worshipful Russ Charvonia, Grand Master of Masons in California, who will be our guest for the evening. Dinner will be prime rib, and reservations are particularly **essential**. The fellowship hour will begin at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Dress for the evening is coat and tie (tuxedos for the officers). Your ladies are invited, and I encourage you to bring them.

We will also be "working" this month. On January 15th we will confer the First Degree of Masonry on Mr. Randy Brinks, who was elected to receive the Degrees at our December Stated Meeting. Then on January 22nd we will have either a Second Degree or a Third Degree; I'm not sure which candidate yet, so check the web-site mid-month, or better, attend the degree on the 15th and find out.

One theme I would like to encourage this year is greater participation by our wives and families. In today's busy society "quality family time" (to use an overworked phrase) is more and more important, yet harder and harder to find. By including our families in many of our activities, we can add to that "quality time" instead of taking away from it. Masonry can no longer afford to be an organization that separates men from their families.

In this spirit, my wife Kitty will again be assisting with many Lodge activities during the year. In particular, she will be planning ladies programs at some Stated Meetings. She will also write a regular column in the Trestleboard that will be addressed specifically to your wives, and I encourage you to share it with them.

Lastly, our Stated Meeting this month is on January 8th, the *second* Thursday, because the first Thursday is a holiday, and our by-laws require the shift in that circumstance.

I am looking forward to an exciting, productive and fun year in 2015, with many special activities as I mentioned last month. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you.

Washington Lodge #20 2015 Officers

Master: Richard Wilson, PM

Senior Warden	Joseph "Scott" Goode
Junior Warden	Victor U. Sanchez
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Stated Meeting January 8, 2015

5:00 PM Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Stated Meeting

RSVP by January 6, 2015

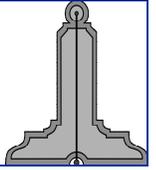
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"Waste Not, Want Not"



From the West

Joseph "Scott" Goode, Sr. Warden



What a wonderful line of officers we have for the 2015 term. Many of you have hit the ground running; preparing for ritual competition, organizing events, beefing up social media and putting in that extra effort to perform a great degree for candidates. You are all appreciated more than you know. As Senior Warden I have begun memorizing the third degree ritual, as well as, preparing for my year as Master. I welcome any ideas, comments or questions that will help make this and the next term as good as possible.

We start the new term off strong with a double first degree. Please welcome brothers Nicholas Jones and Daniel Mueller into the Fraternity and our lodge. The degree went very well and both candidates were impressed. I look forward to their proficiency and passing to Fellowcrafts.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas with family and friends. Let us remember our Brothers and Sisters here and abroad who are unable to be home for the holidays as they protect us from evil. May the New Year bring you opportunities, success and friendship.

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."

Albert Einstein

January Schedule

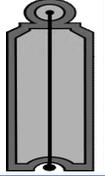
- Jan 1, Dark
- Jan 8, Stated Meeting
- Jan 14, Masonic Fellowship
- Jan 15, First Degree Randy Brink
- Jan 17, Ritual Competition Practice 8am
- Jan 22, Degree TBD
- Jan 27, OSI
- Jan 29, Roll Call Dinner

Remember, your annual dues are expected



From the South

Victor U Sanchez, Jr. Warden



The calendar year 2014 has come to an end and our 164th year as a lodge begins. Our Lodge, already in a sound state, will be even more so as the year churns and our talents are put to the test. We will all be called upon to help a distressed worthy brother Mason, their widow and orphan(s). It will be our responsibility to assist them as best we can and relieve them. Let us all make a concerted effort to make their lives better.

Our newly obligated brothers will be in much need of our assistance also, and, even though they might each have a personal coach, we should each endeavor to assist them whenever these opportunities present themselves. I am sure our Stewards will continue their Fellowship nights every 2nd Wednesday of each month. It is a great time to meet our newly obligated brethren, enjoy camaraderie, good food, and education.

Those who have volunteered to participate in the 2015 Ritual Competition, we thank you for your interest and wish you the best. Brother Luis Montero has taken that challenge and will be your contact person for that endeavor. Please meet with him and make yourself available for the practices.

During the year we have several events which are a tradition for the Lodge and which help bring together those members who have been unable to attend our meetings. Keep those events in mind; Ladies Night, Past Master's Night, annual BBQ picnic and other events which Master Wilson might have in mind. We can always use help, suggestions and cooks, along with volunteers.

With your help and assistance, Washington #20 will continue to prosper, it's members will improve and the line will continue to grow.

2015

Happy New Year

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Washington Lodge #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.

KITTY'S CORNER



Kitty's (the Master's wife) Monthly Column.

I had the privilege to attend some of the first Warden's Retreats, back in 1991 and 1992. At that time we, Masters' wives, were encouraged to get actively involved in our husband's journey in the Line, including writing an article for the Ladies of the Lodge, in the Lodge newsletter. In 1993, when the Trestleboard was still a cut & paste production, I had a cat cartoon in a right angle corner as my logo; hence the name **Kitty's Corner** for my articles. Since 2003 was Rich's third time in the East (1983, 1993, 2003), the Installation centerpieces were "cornerstones" commemorating events which occurred in years ending in "3", so that year the column was called Kitty's Corner-Stones.

This inaugural column is going to jump around a bit: it's my first for the year so I have a lot to introduce you to. Expect mini-history facts each time.

Ladies Events: We are planning several Ladies Lunches this year. Hopefully one will be off-site to make it special but most will be at the 12th & J Street Temple since we are blessed with an architectural gem to meet in. These will be in the Club Room on the Third Floor. The first is tentatively scheduled for **February 15th**. Please look for an invitation in the mail for details.

Ladies' Night, December 5th: Mark your calendars, Worshipful Rich & I hope to make this extra special this year but plans are still afoot so mum's the word.

Roll Call Dinner January 29th: Ladies are welcome to attend. Every Washington #20 Lodge member will be "called" in the order of when they became Master Masons, the 2014 Class and Master will be honored, and in a Necrology we will remember those members who passed away in 2014.

Dress "Code". When the Officers wear their tuxedos, it is appropriate for the Ladies to wear formals. Which is all fine and good if you own them. As an Officer in Eastern Star I do, but I often wear palazzo pants and a beaded blouse to events like Roll Call. Hey! If they can wear the same tux over & over again, I can use one pair of dress pants & vary the tops! The closets in our 1936 house are postage stamps, so mix & match rules!

Grand Officer's Reception, April 16th: Again, mark your calendar. Dress code to be determined.

Stated Meeting Dinners: You are welcome at these dinners that take place on the first Thursday of every month at 6 PM. I will have the Club Room open for us to "retire to" (yes! I LOVE Downton Abbey!) while the men conduct their business behind closed doors. On January 8th, the date of the next stated meeting dinner, might be a great time to brain storm about what we want to do this year. Or not. In 1993 most of the women of this Lodge were retired; now most are working, involved with Youth Groups, etc.

Cornerstones of the Month (history facts): December 16th:

1773: a band of "Indians" dumped an entire shipload of tea into Boston Harbor. Nicknamed "The Boston Tea Party" it was actually the first of 2 such events. The company which supplied the tea is still in existence & the tea can be purchased from the Old North Church in Boston.

1944: The Battle of the Bulge begins. My father was working a portable darkroom behind the Lines, developing and printing aerial reconnaissance photos of what Allied troops were up against. The Battle raged until January 16, 1945.

Just think how different our lives would be if these events had not been successful.



A Look Ahead

Thursday, February 5th – Stated Meeting
5:00 pm Social Time
6:00 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Business Meeting

Wednesday, February 11th – Masonic Fellowship

Thursday, February 12th – Degree, 7:00 pm

Sunday, February 15th – Ladies Luncheon

Thursday, February 19th – Past Masters Night
6:30 pm Diner, 7:30 pm Third Degree

Tuesday, February 24th - Officers School, 7:00pm

Thursday, February 26th – Degree, 7:00 pm

Washington Lodge No. 20 Annual Roll Call

Honoring Jr. Past Master Dan Dailey
and the Candidate Class of 2014

Remembering Those Who Passed On

Special Message from
Grand Master Russ Charvonia

Sumptuous Prime Rib Dinner

Ten Dollars per Person

Reservations are essential!!

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Thursday, January 29, 2015

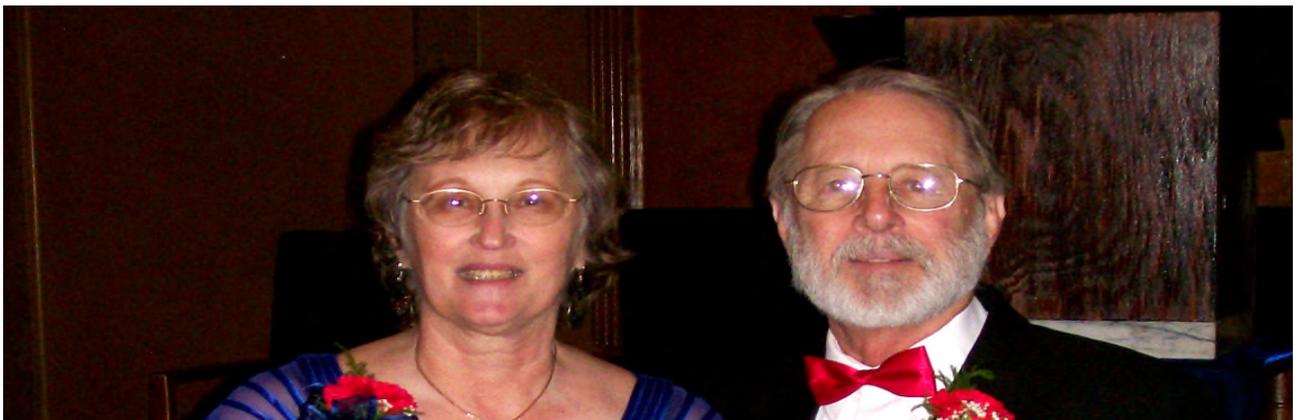
Social Gathering Time – 6:00 pm

Dinner and Program – 6:30 pm



2015 Lodge Officers

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Chaplin	Sr. Steward	Jr. Warden	Sr. Deacon	Jr. Steward	Secretary
Luis Montero	Joseph "Scott" Goode	Richard Wilson	Floyd Tritt	Eric Hixson	
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Richard and "Kitty" Wilson

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2015 RITUAL COMPETITION RULES

PARTICIPATION

- Teams may consist of members of the same lodge or a combination of members from several lodges within the same district.
- The team leader shall complete and submit the Ritual Competition Registration Form to his district inspector (or in his absence, the concerned assistant grand lecturer) by **February 1, 2015**.
- All participants, including the exemplification candidate, shall be Master Masons and members of the participating district.

JUDGING

- The inspector shall work with each team leader to identify a suitable date and time for each team to exemplify their work in front of the inspector.
- After judging the work of each degree team, the inspector shall forward the winning team's registration form to his assistant grand lecturer (AGL) by **May 1, 2015**.
- Each AGL shall then work with each district team leader to identify a suitable date and time for each team to exemplify their work in front of the AGL.
- After judging the work of each district degree team, the AGL shall forward the winning team's registration form to the grand lecturer by **August 1, 2015** to allow him time to arrange for appropriate recognition of each division's team leader during the 2015 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California.
- Judging shall be the sole discretion of the judging inspector and AGL, who may use as many assistants as he deems necessary to make his decision.

OBSERVING

- Inspectors and AGLs are encouraged to invite any and all Master Masons to the exemplification and judging process in order to observe the work and thereby improve their own ritual skills.

As mentioned at the November Stated meeting, the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of California will be having the 2015 ritual competition. My intent is to perform the 2nd section of the Third Degree in costume. This will be one of the most memorable endeavors Washington Lodge #20 has undertaken. We will need at least 15 Master Masons. I will be seeking the assistance and guidance of our Past Masters to be the best we can. I welcome all lodge members to participate and show how well we best can work and best agree. If you are interested please call me Luis Montero at: [1-888-828-4476](tel:1-888-828-4476) or email me at: L.Montero22@yahoo.com