

TRESTLEBOARD

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March 2010

To Make Good Men Better

OUR 159th YEAR



From the East

Joseph Dongo, Master

My Brothers:

Ok, I need to compose myself before I get started. We've been running so much with so many good things happening in our Lodge that I need to breathe a moment. I am just excited. Don't you see that? I hope you all are as well. We are having so much fun..., come and join us.

Gee's, this "Coming Home Event" of February 4th was quite something. What a success! We got to see some of our brothers who have not been in attendance for a while and we were all delighted. So much so that we started the stated meeting a little bit late. Oh well, that's what happens when brothers get together after such a long period. But please let us not be away from each other for so long again. Keep your attendance steady. Whether or not you made it to the February stated meeting, let's renew our commitment to be together more often, why not every time for that matter. This success has to be attributed to Bros. David Cameron, Zack Gossell and Josh Djubek and all those of our brethren who tirelessly made calls after calls to inform, remind, and make sure the other brethren know what's going on.

What about the food? We just couldn't finish the crab. And yet so many of you like me couldn't stop. Delicious! Bro. Wally, thanks to you and to this "Dream Team" with Gary Disher, Joan Cameron, Bob Taylor, Eric Hixson, Linda, and Bro Lew Wentworth. And, with John-Henry Disher and Katie Disher, the Cameron Twins, and the Jobs Daughters from Elk Grove we had everything before we needed any. Kudos to you all!

On February 11th we initiated Bros. David Huez and Brian C. Schoenborn and on February 18th we initiated Bros. Morrison England and Steven Skrukrud. The Lodge room was packed with 30 maybe 40 people, members of Washington Lodge and guests from other Lodges. It was great.

We have in the calendar a double second degree scheduled for this February 25th, which will make 6 degrees for this month. Bravo Officers! For the great and hard work.

On the 20th we had a Ladies Luncheon. I have no doubt it was a great success. It had not yet happened as I am finishing this paper.

On March 2nd, our brother Frank Mac Bride who just turned 98 will be honored with his 75 year Award to be presented at his home by the Grand Master of Masons in California, Most Worshipful Ken Nagel. Please join the Grand Master in rejoicing the Masonic life of our brother. The ceremony is scheduled to start at 11:30 am. Frank's address is 3521 Arden Creek Road, Sacramento, CA 95864.

On March 4th, another brother, James Smith will be receiving his 50 year Award just before the Stated Meeting. Please join us at the 6:00 o'clock dinner to honor and celebrate our brother.

We will have a 1st degree for Mr. Alex Chompff on March 11th and maybe a double degree and I hope you will be with us to welcome him or them in our Lodge.

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www.washingtonlodge20.org



From the West

David Cameron, Sr. Warden

My Brothers: Would my father be proud of me?

When I ask this question it brings to mind a myriad of thoughts. Have I become the man he had hoped? If I had to give an account for all my deeds this far in my life, how would they measure up to his? We have all asked these questions in our own journeys to become better men. My father, walked the righteous path, always on the right side of the justice. He never allowed temptation or the pleasures of man to interfere with the journey with his God, or with Masonry. I felt, if I could not measure up to him I would be deemed a failure in his eyes, in the world, and unworthy of his love and trust. But my lifelong question was soon answered. We were in the car, it was about 4-5 years ago when I got up the nerve to ask him the question which had been troubling me most, and I had waited years to hear these words fall from his lips, (in my mind) never giving him much reason to do so. I kept my eyes forward, hoping, and fearing at the same time, then, with his own way of assurance and compassion, he said, "I've always been proud of you son". At that moment, I felt a strong sense of belonging, and a heartfelt acceptance that I had reached the pinnacle in my father's eyes.

My Brothers, we are all reaching the pinnacle of our journeys, for some of us the road was full of turmoil, loss and distress. Still others lived a life of opulence and contentment, love and compassion. But now it seems as we look on others lives, and see their afflictions, we feel more compelled to solve our own problems and issues, than even those of whom we love and respect the most. I will remind us then my Brothers, that which we do for ourselves is in vain, and profit us not; for it is only in our acts of Mercy, Charity and Kindness, that we can hope to obtain a seat with the true God, and be with our parents, families, and friends in Heaven forever.

Acceptance, we all long for it, work for it, sometimes we even pray for it. Thank you all, for accepting me into this fraternity.

In memory of my father,

Daniel M. Cameron
Past Master 1955

Fraternally,
David Cameron, Sr. Warden

Stated Meeting Dinner

March 4, 2010

Social Hour 5:07 pm - Dinner 6:07 pm

Stated meeting 7:30 pm

*Traditional
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
with all the trimmings*

RSVP to 888/828-4476, by March 1st.

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From the East, contd.

Thanks to all of you for the many ideas you suggested through the membership survey to revitalize our Lodge. We heard you. As you may see we are implementing many of them. We are not always giving you the credit of the ideas, but hope you are enjoying the benefits. We need you all to be involved to be able to deliver the many things you suggested.

Bro. William Dillon came to us with the brilliant idea to have a cruise onboard the F.D.R. Presidential Yacht USS Potomac. The Lodge Executive Committee embraced the idea right away and thanks to Bro. Dave Freeman, the "Three Bridges of the Bay" cruise is scheduled in the best season of the year, Saturday, July 24, 2010. The cost is estimated to be \$75.00 per person, which includes the transportation, 3 hour cruise and a box lunch. The event is open to all family members.

I am excited by this idea and I hope you are as well! Please notify Dave Freeman at (916) 363-7158 or email him at cfd58@sbcglobal.net by May 15 if you are interested in going. A separate reservation form will be mailed out later to collect the money. If needed, we will extend the invitation to other lodges.

Fraternally,
 Joseph Dongo, Master



Secretary's Desk

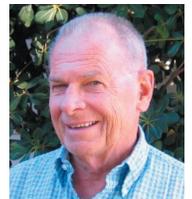
Jon Isaacson, PM

BIRTHDAYS

Wilbur H. Haines Jr. - March 1, 1928
 Irving C. Nason - March 3, 1926
 Eric L. Owen - March 3, 1965
 Robert F. Bastian - March 4, 1933
 C. Lance Barnett Jr. - March 7, 1946
 Ronald M. Forsberg - March 7, 1942
 Gary M. Disher - March 11, 1947
 James E. Keehner - March 12, 1942
 Peter D. Petersen - March 12, 1940
 Douglas A. Sleeper - March 13, 1932
 William M. Waite - March 15, 1916
 Melvin H. Pinsler - March 17, 1929
 Ko K. Chang - March 20, 1936
 George A. Morrow - March 24, 1933
 William D. Christensen - March 25, 1927
 Moe L. Fix - March 25, 1940
 Michael B. Mc Glone - March 25, 1941
 Paul E. Evans - March 26, 1939
 Robert E. Hayhurst - March 26, 1921
 John M. Petersen - March 28, 1948
 Gerald E. Singer - March 28, 1942

Lodge Ambassador

Dave Freeman



In 2010, Worshipful Dongo appointed Brother Dave Freeman to serve Washington Lodge 20 as our Lodge Ambassador. Established by Section 406.040D of the CMC, the Lodge Ambassador takes a very important part in our Masonic family's mutual support and relief programs. His role is to act as the central point of contact in the Lodge for information about the support services available to Masons and their families in California. Those services include Masonic Homes, Masonic Outreach, the Masonic Foundation and the Grand Lodge.

In addition to communications, the Ambassador serves to:

- * maintain member and widow contacts in coordination with the Lodge Secretary;
- * watch and report on emerging needs and trends among Lodge members and widows;
- * provide feedback regarding successful Lodge programs to Grand Lodge's Fraternal Support Services Committee;
- * become familiar with annual scholarship programs and share information with Lodge members;
- * maintain contact with any Masonic Student Assistance Programs in our community; and
- * develop, encourage and support charitable giving and community service programs among Lodge members.

There will be information to share in future Trestleboards, but if any member or widow reading this article has a question or needs information about Masonic resources and services, please contact Brother Dave Freeman at (916) 363-7158 or email cfd58@sbcglobal.net