

HALL OF WASHINGTON LODGE No. 20, F. & A. M.
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Stated Meeting

April 06, 2023

The Stated Meeting was opened at 07:42 PM with the Master presiding and other Officers and Brethren present as shown in the Tiler's Register.

Officers

Mauro Lara	Worshipful Master	William Workman	Senior Deacon
Matthew Mason	Senior Warden	Brandon Jenkins	Junior Deacon
Joseph Wallach	Junior Warden	Not Present	Marshal
Eric Hixson, PM	Treasurer	Not Present	Senior Steward
Francisco Marques, PM	Secretary	Patrick Fischer	Junior Steward
Richard Wilson, PM	Chaplain	Not Present	Organist
Not Present	Assistant Secretary	Martin Buff	Tiler

Brother **Carlos Brusel-Casals** served as Senior Steward while the chairs of the Assistant Secretary, Marshal, and Organist remained vacant for the meeting.

The Master, Worshipful **Mauro Lara**, invited all Masters and Past Masters to seats in the East and led the Lodge in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes of the March 2nd, 2023, Stated Meeting and March 23rd, 2023, Special Meeting (Second Degree) were read and approved by the lodge.

Reports of Investigating Committees

None.

Balloting

None.

Reception of Applications

None.

Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business

(a) Reports of Special Committees:

Coaches:

The Coaches Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, and Brother **Patrick Fischer** reported updates on their Candidates.

The Head Candidates Coach, Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**, offered his phone number and his availability to help Coaches and Candidates, whenever needed.

The Master, Worshipful **Mauro Lara**, expressed his gratitude to all Coaches and Candidates for their dedication and hard work, and provided advice regarding the coaching process.

(b) Bills and Communications:

The Treasurer, Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, gave the monthly report of bills for **April 2023** in the amount of **\$1,593.42**. Audited by the Senior Warden, Brother **Matthew Mason** and the Junior Warden, Brother **Joseph Wallach**. Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, moved that the bills be paid. Seconded by Brother **Martin Buff** and approved by the Lodge.

(c) New Business:

• [Proposal for Reinvestment \(CMC §805.220\)](#)

The Treasurer, Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, informed the Lodge that the Investment Committee recommended the reinvestment of **\$400,000.00** in bonds at a rate of 4% or better, and moved that the Lodge approve such reinvestment. Seconded by Brother **William Workman** and approved by the Lodge.

Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, also asked for permission to purchase a new set of business checks for the Lodge, which was approved by the Master. No motion required.

• [Withdrawal of Entered Apprentice \(CMC §804.135\)](#)

The Secretary, Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, informed the Lodge that Brother **Jon Phillip Horton**, Entered Apprentice, requested cancellation of his membership with our Lodge and moved that the Lodge approve his request. Seconded by Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, and approved by the Lodge.

The Master then asked the Lodge Secretary to immediately issue a Certificate of Demit on the form provided by Grand Lodge, as evidence of the withdrawal. The Secretary presented the Certificate of Demit of Entered Apprentice to the Master for his signature.

• [Life Membership for Retiring Master \(CMC §809.550.D\)](#)

The Master, Worshipful **Mauro Lara**, introduced this item to the Lodge for discussion.

The Senior Deacon, Brother **William Workman**, moved to present the Retiring Master, Worshipful **Russell Tomas, PM**, with a Life Membership of this Lodge, pursuant to CMC §809.550.D. Seconded by Brother **Brandon Jenkins**.

Worshipful **Richard Wilson, PM**, Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, Brother **Matthew Mason**, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, Brother **Martin Buff**, and Brother **Patrick Fischer** presented their points-of-view on the motion to the Lodge.

Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**, recognized that the present motion is personalized towards the Retiring Master, which may cause disharmony in the future. He recommended the motion be withdrawn and a modified motion presented to the Lodge, making it an annual gift.

Brother **William Workman** withdrew his motion and moved that the Lodge approve the annual bestowment of Lifetime Membership of this Lodge to the Retiring Master, barring any misconduct or malfeasance on the part of the Retiring Master. The cost of a Life Membership is based on the calculations recorded in our ByLaws. Seconded by Brother **Brandon Jenkins** and approved by the Lodge.

The Master, Worshipful **Mauro Lara**, recognized the relevance of this motion and showed his appreciation to all who shared their thoughts. He wanted to make sure everybody had a chance to speak up. He particularly thanked Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**, for bringing clarity to the matter, leading the Lodge to find common ground. “We are truly blessed for having a strong core of Past Masters in this Lodge,” he added.

- [Donation for Funeral Expenses \(CMC §804.820\)](#)

The Master, Worshipful **Mauro Lara**, reported that Worshipful **David Cameron, PM**, as Board President for the Masonic Lawn Association, had offered some possibilities for Brother **Charles Byrd**’s funeral to be held at the Masonic Cemetery, however, the family chose to have a military funeral.

The Senior Warden, Brother **Matthew Mason** moved that the Lodge donate **\$250.00** to **Charles Byrd Jr.** to help with funeral expenses. Seconded by Brother **Joseph Wallach** and approved by the Lodge.

- [Remission of Dues \(CMC §809.360\)](#)

The Secretary, Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, moved that the Lodge approve the remission of dues for five (5) members, in accordance with CMC 809.360, as recommended by the Charity Committee. Seconded by Worshipful **Richard Wilson, PM**, and approved by the lodge.

- [Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues \(CMC §809.370\)](#)

The Secretary, Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, moved that the Lodge approve the suspension of membership for seven (7) members for non-payment of dues, in accordance with CMC 809.370, as reported by the Member Retention Committee. He also informed the lodge that those members were sent notices via certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid,

addressed to their last known address, as required by the CMC, in addition to phone calls. Seconded by Brother **Martin Buff** and approved by the lodge.

Oration

Brother **William Workman** read an excerpt from **George Washington's** Inaugural Address from April 30, 1789 (234 years ago).

The Master, Worshipful **Mauro Lara**, announced the following upcoming events:

Bowling with Brothers at 06:00 PM on 04/13/2023 (Country Club Lanes)

Officers' School of Instruction at 07:00 PM on 04/19/2023 (LR3)

First Degree Practice at 06:30 PM on 04/20/2023 (LR1)

First Degree at 06:30 PM on 04/27/2023 (LR1) – Initiation: Mr. **Kelvin Kimball**

The Junior Steward, Brother **Patrick Fischer**, reported the cash donations received for stated dinner in the amount of **\$100.00** and gave the monies to the Secretary.

Sacred Roll

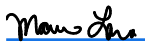
The Secretary, Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, read the Sacred Roll *in memoriam* of Brother **Charles Trevor Byrd**, Master Mason. He was born on March 11, 1951, and entered into Rest on March 20, 2023, at the age of 62 years and 9 days.

The Stated Meeting was closed at 09:03 PM. Dinner was served before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Francisco Marques .:

Francisco Marques, PM
Secretary


Mauro Lara (May 6, 2023 09:50 PDT)

Mauro Lara
Master

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