

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

Stated Meeting

April 03, 2025

The Stated Meeting was opened at 7:49 PM with the Master presiding and other Officers and Brethren present as shown in the Tiler's Register.

Officers

Joseph Wallach	Worshipful Master	Kevin Hall	Senior Deacon
Not Present	Senior Warden	Nicholas Johnston	Junior Deacon
Brandon Jenkins	Junior Warden	Christopher Hamilton	Marshal
Eric Hixson, PM	Treasurer	Maury Hicks	Senior Steward
Francisco Marques, PM	Secretary	Carlos Brusel-Casals	Junior Steward
Not Present	Chaplain	James Dimmitt	Organist
Not Present	Assistant Secretary	Not Present	Tiler

Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**, served as Senior Warden; Brother **Kelvin Kimball**, as Tiler; And Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, led the Lodge in our devotions.

The Master, Worshipful **Joseph Wallach**, 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 Secretary, Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, moved that the reading of the March 6th, 2025, Stated Meeting, and March 27th, 2025, Special Meeting minutes be dispensed with and that they stand approved as so distributed. Seconded by Worshipful **Mauro Lara, PM**, and approved by the Lodge.

Reports of Investigating Committees

The Master, Worshipful **Joseph Wallach**, informed the Lodge that the committee upon the application of Mr. **Stephen Dee Smith** to receive the Degrees of Masonry in this Lodge had made an unfavorable report, and declared the applicant rejected.

Balloting

None.

Reception of Applications

None.

Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business

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(a) Reports of Special Committees:

The Junior Warden, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, Chair of the Philanthropy (Community Outreach) Committee, announced the upcoming charity drive scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd, 2025. Washington Lodge No. 20 will assist the nonprofit **Chick in Crisis**, located in a 2-acre ranch in Elk Grove, with upkeep, mostly consisting of yard work and other maintenance jobs they may need. At the end, our volunteers will gather for a barbecue celebration.

(b) Bills and Communications:

The Treasurer, Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, gave the monthly report of bills for **April 2025** in the amount of **\$925.02**. Audited by the Senior Warden, Brother **William Workman**, and the Junior Warden, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**. Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, moved that the bills be paid. Seconded by Worshipful **Mauro Lara, PM**, and approved by the Lodge.

The Secretary, Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, read a section of the Scottish Rite Newsletter, featuring the Further Light in Masonry Lecture Series. The session will cover the topic “Masonic Inconsistencies – Why the Secrets?” on Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025, at 7:00 PM, in person and on Zoom. The link will be provided to those interested.

(c) New Business:

The Master, Worshipful **Joseph Wallach**, reported that the Hall Association (Masonic Temple Association of Sacramento) has been engaging in informal discussions about a possible rent increase of 83% that will affect all shareholders (“Owning Bodies”) (Washington Lodge No. 20 owns 8.5% of the building and currently pays \$528.00 per month in rent.)

The Master also informed the Lodge that, at the Annual Board Meeting held on Monday, March 24th, 2025, Washington Lodge No. 20 nominated and elected Brother **Kevin Hall** to serve as Board Director of the Hall Association. However, the Master of Union-Tehama No. 3, Worshipful **Mike Perry**, rejected our nomination and election, and cited possible “conflict of interest” due to Brother Hall being the building manager, which led Worshipful Wallach to rescind our Lodge’s nomination and election that night. Later, Worshipful Wallach learned that the Hall Association’s Bylaws allows employees to serve as Board Directors, up to four employees (one third of the twelve directors). In fact, several managers have served as Board Directors in the past, in full compliance with the Bylaws.

Sacred Roll

None.

Oration

None.

The Senior Steward, Brother **Maury Hicks**, reported cash donation received during dinner in the amount of **\$100.00** to the Refreshment Fund and gave the monies to the Secretary.

The Organist, Brother **James Dimmitt**, asked questions about the Investigating Committee process, more specifically when unfavorable reports are given to the Master, leading to the rejection of an Application for Degrees, which were answered in detail by the Master, Worshipful **Joseph Wallach**, and by Worshipful **Mauro Lara, PM**.

The Senior Deacon, Brother **Kevin Hall**, announced the upcoming **Bowling with Brothers** scheduled for Thursday, April 10th, 2025, at 6:30 PM, at the Country Club Lanes. “The most anticipated event of the year!”

Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**, announced the upcoming **Grand York Rite Sessions** (“Annual Communication”) to be held in San Ramon on Monday, May 19th, 2025, at 7:00 AM, when, if elected, he will be installed Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of California. This would be a great opportunity for Washington Lodge No. 20 members to participate in York Rite activities and show support to our esteemed Past Master in his very important achievement.

The Stated Meeting was closed at 8:15 PM.

The Annual Roll Call Dinner was held in the Banquet Room before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Francisco Marques

Francisco Marques (Jun 4, 2025 12:02 PDT)

Francisco Marques, PM
Secretary

Joseph Wallach

Joseph Wallach (Jun 4, 2025 13:08 PDT)

Joseph Wallach
Master

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