

# WLN20 TrestleBoard

April 2025



## From the East

Joseph Wallach - Worshipful Master



Greetings Brethren. As we *open* the month of April, I would like to look back at the end of March.

We welcomed two of our Entered Apprentices to the Degree of Fellow Craft and look forward to supporting them as they move ever closer to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

April is going to be a busy month. We will have our **Annual Bowling with Brothers** event, which is always a great fraternal experience. There will also be a few degree practices and preparations for events coming in May.



Thursday, March 27th, 2025 - Sacramento Masonic Temple

Congratulations on being Passed to the FellowCraft Degree,

Brothers **Anthony Ibarra** and **Kelvin Kimball**!



## From the West

William Workman - Senior Warden



### On Being Present

I don't know how my father did it. He was at every practice for my athletics, and even coached a few of my teams before high school. He was at every **Indian Guides** meeting (he was our Chief), at every **Boy Scout** meeting, every camping trip we took, even the weeklong Colorado river canoe trips with his bad back and all. He came to every violin and viola recital, every concert, every school event with open houses and parents nights. I don't know how he did it.

He worked a full-time job as a Phd in nuclear science that demanded an intense workload. He still found time to teach me carpentry, gardening, house maintenance, mathematics, chemistry, English grammar, and philosophy. He did all the big things too. Weddings, Christenings, graduations etc. I don't know how he did it.

I have two brothers and a sister; he was there, doing the same for them. He sold girl scout cookies with my sister. He went to her concerts, her school events, and her graduations.

I don't know how he did it. Or do I?

There were times that I had hoped he didn't come to some of those events, so that I could goof off or misbehave just a bit. I did not appreciate it then; in fact, I was somewhat irate about it. Good Lord can't I do something without him having to be there every time!! I don't know how he could do that to me!

Of course, looking back, I am in awe of how he did it. I have come to realize over the years how difficult it is to not only attend all those events and functions but to be present in the home. Fortunately, my father is still alive, 90 years old this year, and I have told him how amazing his presence meant to me now and that I was truly sorry for being such a trial for him in my youth.

His presence in my life is a major part of who I am today and who I continue to hope to be. I am constantly distracted by phone use, computers, emails, texts, calls, television, chores, etc. I have to make a very conscious effort to place in order God, family, and my fellow man. (And, of course, all this while following the World Champion Dodgers!)

Presence and mindfulness are core to being a Freemason. I found this to be helpful when contemplating some of the reasons that I feel a belonging in our Lodge.

## **Mindfulness and Freemasonry**

### **Focus and Attention:**

Mindfulness involves paying attention to the present moment without judgment, which can be helpful in various aspects of life, including Masonic rituals and discussions.

### **Self-Reflection:**

Being present allows for deeper self-reflection and understanding of one's thoughts, feelings, and actions, which can be valuable for personal growth and moral development, core tenets of Freemasonry.

### **Connection and Community:**

Mindfulness can foster stronger connections with others, as it allows for more attentive and empathetic interactions, which is important for building a strong Masonic lodge community.

### **Overcoming Distractions:**

In a world full of distractions, mindfulness can help Masons stay focused on their values and goals, both within and outside the lodge.

### **Embracing the Present:**

Mindfulness encourages Masons to appreciate the present moment and to find joy in the simple things, which can enhance their overall well-being and experience of Freemasonry.



Being active at the Lodge and in our events is vital to a strong and vibrant Lodge. The effects that we have on each other, when present, are essential for the craft to have its impact on our lives. I know that some of us have moved away or are unable to attend for health reasons. We should still reach out to those who can't be physically present as they are still our Brothers in Freemasonry. A phone call, wellness check, a happy birthday wish, or any message of Brotherly Love would be an excellent project for our lodge.

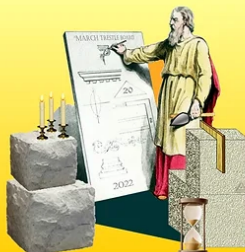
**"One thing and only one thing  
a Masonic Lodge can give its members  
which they can get nowhere else in the world.  
That one thing is Masonry."**

**George Washington**

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## From the South

Brandon Jenkins - Junior Warden



"Bees never quit (as anyone who has ever been chased around his yard after trying to knock a hive out of his garage's eaves will tell you). As a result, bees have long been a symbol of hard work and cooperation.

The beehive is especially fascinating because the honeycomb is a perfect geometric structure. One bee can do nothing; working together, they can achieve a great deal. Men are much the same."

– Christopher Hodapp, *Freemasons for Dummies*, p. 141

I officially began my personal journey in beekeeping (or "apiculture," if I want to sound fancy) about nine years ago, but I remember going with my great-grandfather to inspect his numerous hives when I was a little, little boy (way back in the 1900's). My great-grandfather had a distinct garden lot where he kept his hives, and he also had a special shed devoted to making wooden frames, collecting the wax, and repairing his equipment. These were amazing places to my adolescent mind...singular in function and rarely visited by other people (not even my grandmother), and I felt fortunate to be allowed inside this sanctum.

The tools he used, I also found remarkable. The aptly named hive-tool, though little more than a miniature prybar, was specifically fashioned to separate and lift the hive boxes and frames. He had several different hive-tools of multiple lengths and shapes, all of which were used for various things, but all seemed to be absolutely necessary for his work.

The bee-broom, a thin, wooden, hand-held brush, approximately a foot in length, contained long, soft bristles, and was used to sweep bees off of frames during honey collection. This simple but effective tool was also very interesting to me. How could this brush move all of those bees, tens of thousands of them, without any bee getting hurt? And why didn't the bees

react negatively to being removed? It was astounding to my developing mind.

But the greatest tool of all was the smoker. This implement seemed to perform pure magic. It contained smoldering burlap that somehow remained burning but never alight. The smoke it emitted was thick and white but never hot. I was fascinated by the way the bees would move away from the billowing smoke, always buzzing their protests but never retaliating. It seemed to both agitate and calm them simultaneously. The greatest of days for me at the lot were the ones where I would be given the very special honor of keeping the smoker ignited. “Keep it going, Brandon. It’s our only defense,” my grandpa would say, and my tiny hands made sure that smoke never stopped rising, ready for the call to action should Grandpa need me to rescue him from the ever possible, but never realized, attack.



My great-grandfather never stopped working outdoors during the entirety of his life. In actuality, he literally worked in his garden lot up to the day before he died. I cherish those memories with him out in the “rows” (what we called his field of vegetables and beehives). I think of him often when I work with my own beehives, and especially now as I teach my son, at his request, to care for his own bees.

I am often reminded of Grandpa Angle when I think of the industry which bees possess, and when we speak of bees within Masonic circles. My great-grandfather taught me about work...within himself, and also within the hive. A tiny bee will fly miles and miles every day to collect trace amounts of nectar in order to feed their colony. As they grow, their duties within the colony change, but their devotion does not. A worker bee literally wears themselves out in the search of resources for their hive. Upwards of 50,000 bees per colony perform their duty every day. They serve to the

end, eventually becoming too weak to carry on, often expiring miles from home in the pursuit of their labors.

As Masons, we may not be called upon to lay down our lives, but our devotion to The Craft should be equal to the bees devotion to their colony. We must constantly be working to improve...not only ourselves, but also our brothers. We cannot do it alone. We do not live long enough, have the physical strength, or the mental intelligence to accomplish great things within ourselves, and for others, while standing alone.

The Great Architect saw fit to make us work together to accomplish greatness. "And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." (Genesis 2:18) It is only when we work together, each fulfilling his specific duty, that the colony will grow and improve.

We can learn much from the bees, and each other.







## Chili Tapenade on Cornbread from Pompeii

an 'amuse-bouche' brought to you at the 2024 Chili Cook-Off

Recipe discovered & developed by Brother **Denton Carlson**

### Chili Tapenade ingredients:

Sun Dried Tomatoes  
Garlic \*\* raw - garden  
Avocado Oil  
White Onion  
Onion Chives - garden  
Arugula \*\* fresh  
Parsley, fresh  
Oregano \*\* dried - garden  
Paprika \*\*

### Cornbread ingredients:

Bob's coarse ground cornmeal  
Water, filtered  
Milk, low fat  
Butter  
Honey, Jenkins-approved, raw

### Garnish:

Cardinal basil, chiffonade - garden  
Agrumato Olive Oil, lemon pressed  
Napa Chardonnay Tomato - garden  
Red Radish \*\* fresh  
Corn, fresh steamed  
Cilantro  
Paprika \*\*

### Pairing:

Pomegranate Juice 100%, room temperature

\*\* spice is derived from these ingredients



Recipe discovered in Pompeii in 1971

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL

- 01 **Monthly Executive Committee Meeting** (Zoom) Tuesday 7:00 PM
- 03 **Roll Call Dinner** (Banquet Room) Thursday 6:00 PM
- 03 **Monthly Stated Meeting (Inspector's Visit)** (LR1) Thursday 7:30 PM
- 10 **Bowling with Brothers** (LR1) Thursday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
- 16 **Officers' School of Instruction** (LR3) Wednesday 7:00 PM  
Topic: **Second Degree - Second Section**  
Host: **GDML853**
- 17 **DARK** Thursday
- 24 **Degree - TBD** (LR1) Thursday 7:00 PM
- 29 **Monthly Executive Committee Meeting** (Zoom) Tuesday 7:00 PM

### MAY

- 01 **Stated Meeting Dinner** (Banquet Room) Thursday 6:00 PM
- 01 **Monthly Stated Meeting** (LR1) Thursday 7:30 PM
- 08 **Degree Practice** (LR1) Thursday 7:00 PM
- 15 **Degree Practice** (LR1) Thursday 7:00 PM
- 21 **Officers' School of Instruction** (LR3) Wednesday 7:00 PM  
Topic: **Third Degree - Second Section**  
Host: **WLN20**
- 22 **DARK** Thursday
- 29 **Degree - TBD** (LR1) Thursday 7:00 PM

### Washington Lodge No. 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 Free & Accepted Masons** 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.



## APRIL

### BIRTHDAYS

- 01 **Francisco Marques (Past Master)**
- 01 **Clint Abbott** (Master Mason)
- 03 **Joshua Djubek** (Master Mason)
- 04 **Alex Baloji** (Master Mason)
- 05 **William Sherrard** (Master Mason)
- 06 **David Huez** (Master Mason)
- 06 **Scott Van Wagner** (Master Mason)
- 10 **Donald Bader** (Master Mason)
- 11 **Frank Werner** (Master Mason)
- 12 **James Clark** (Master Mason)
- 13 **Thomas L. Weary** (Master Mason)
- 13 **Michael Shannon** (Entered Apprentice)
- 14 **Thomas A. Weary** (Master Mason)
- 20 **Jeret Burnett (Past Master)**
- 21 **George Rotas** (Master Mason)
- 22 **Denny Carlson** (Master Mason)
- 24 **Jacob Cummings** (Master Mason)
- 25 **John Lowrey** (Master Mason)

### MASTER MASON ANNIVERSARIES

- 04 **Angel Lopez, Sr.** (33 Years)
- 08 **George Rotas** (49 Years)
- 14 **Phil Hardiman (Past Master)** (48 Years)
- 20 **Joseph Barnes** (47 Years)
- 24 **Jared Yoshiki (Past Master)** (11 Years)
- 25 **Maury Hicks (Senior Steward)** (13 Years)
- 25 **Martin Zimmerman** (36 Years)
- 26 **Thomas Weary** (13 Years)

*Washington Lodge No. 20*  
*Free and Accepted Masons of California*

# *Annual Roll Call Dinner*



*Thursday, April 03, 2025*  
*6:00 PM Dinner and Program*

*Sacramento Masonic Temple*  
*1123 J Street*  
*Sacramento, California*

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**2025**  
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PLEASE JOIN US AS WE HONOR WORSHIPFUL

**PHIL HARDIMAN PM**

MAY 24TH 11:00 AM CEREMONY  
FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION

SACRAMENTO MASONIC TEMPLE

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