



TRESTLE BOARD



From the East: **Wor. Jared Yoshiki**



Brethren,

This year has definitely been a challenge for many of us. Our Fraternity, and the events we would normally have throughout the year, has been put on hold. None of us could have anticipated this disturbance in the Force, but we have tried to get creative in order to allow the membership to continue to see each other.

While many of our events this year have been cancelled, the one event we have been able to accommodate to some extent is our Annual Election of Officers. On November 5, 2020, at 7:30 PM, we will hold our Annual Election of Officers virtually and in accordance with the manner in which Grand Lodge was able to elect our newly installed Grand Master, Most Worshipful **Arthur Weiss**.

In normal times, we would gather in lodge to cast our votes for the brothers nominated for elected offices. This time, we will be using the “polling” function on the virtual platform Zoom to cast and tally our votes. You will be prompted with a selection for the officer nominated where you will be asked to cast your vote. You will have 30 seconds to cast your vote before the prompt disappears. These Brothers will be nominated for the following respective offices:

Master	Francisco Marques
Senior Warden	Russ Tomas
Junior Warden	Nick Johnston
Secretary	Jesse Solis-Jacques, PM
Treasurer	Eric Hixson, PM
Masonic Temple Association	Francisco Marques, Russ Tomas, Nick Johnston Mauro Lara, Creston Whiting-Casey, Matt Mason, David Minke
Masonic Lawn Association	Dave Cameron, PM, Francisco Marques

I know the vast majority of you are capable of using Zoom but this poll function may be foreign to you. For those brothers who may find it difficult to navigate Zoom or who may have questions regarding the polling function, I encourage you to contact myself, **Francisco Marques** or **Russ Tomas** so we may help you understand the technology.

These are definitely abnormal times for our Lodge and for our Fraternity as a whole and I am confident we all are anxious to return to normal. I want to thank all of you for understanding the challenges we face and hope our elections in November represent a small glimmer of hope of normalcy.

Fraternally,
Wor. Jared Yoshiki





From the West

Bro. Francisco Marques • Senior Warden



As Worshipful **Jared Yoshiki** and our remarkable line of Officers strive to put together the ceremonies for the upcoming Virtual Annual Election of Officers in November as well as the Annual Installation of Officers next month, I can't help it but feel an enormous sense of gratitude for having the opportunity to labor with these fine gentlemen. My wonderful Masonic family is a beautiful reminder of how blessed of a man I have been.

The holiday season this year will certainly be different, my Brother. Like everything else during the shutdown, the last two months of the year will be filled with difficult choices and unwanted changes for our families. The good news is that the holidays are also a time when gratitude is front and center – and our gratitude has been shown to help us be resilient through tough times, from experiencing more positive emotions to improving the way we deal with onerous events around us. Thanksgiving is the perfect holiday to start practicing gratitude!

Something in our hearts has always understood the necessity and benefit of gratitude, whether to others, good fortune, or a higher power. “Practice having a grateful attitude and you will be happy,” said **Epictetus**, who knew that wanting less for ourselves tended to enhance our appreciation for what we did have.

Masonic scholars have had a crack at explaining why gratitude is such a powerful force in human affairs and in individual lives. Researchers have consistently found that gratitude – the conscious thankfulness for what we have and for the lessons learned in difficult times – is good for our bodies, our minds, and our relationships with our Brothers, friends, and family members. Simply put, gratitude tends to make Masons happier, for it's difficult to be grumpy or self-pitying when conscious of what we have received, often through no merit of our own.

Because gratitude is a “social emotion” connected to relationships, Freemasons who practice it tend to be more helpful to others and more compassionate. Brothers are more outgoing, more forgiving, and feel less isolated.

Gratitude - or the Spirit of Charity - orients us toward goodness, inclining us to see and acknowledge the gifts and benefits we have received from sources outside ourselves. It enables us to feel awe, connects us to something greater than ourselves, reminds us to pay that rational homage to the Great Architect of the Universe. It encourages humility by obliging us to recognize our dependence on our Brothers and others. It makes us less likely to take what we have for granted, makes us more aware of life in the moment.

Sometimes we need be thankful for what happens to us; sometimes we need be thankful for what doesn't. We can be thankful to those who have helped us, thankful also to those who have given us the chance to help them.

Personally, I am thankful to have the opportunity to be a part of and contribute to our Ancient and Honorable Band of Brothers, the Freemasons, and to live in one of the most cherished and blessed nations on Earth.

I am thankful to all who have risked so much to work on our behalf on the front lines of the coronavirus crisis, our amazing medical workers, police officers, firefighters, all first responders, and also the scientists who have been tirelessly researching and working in the efforts to eradicate this virus from our lives for good.

Thankful for the opportunity to honor, through my own gratitude, the legacy of generations of Brothers and fellows who have gone this way before - especially our Past Masters and all Master Masons who have served Washington Lodge as Officers, Committeemen, and Leaders since 1852, through the highs and lows of time.

In closing, Brethren, I wanted to thank our Veterans for their service to our Country. Those who live in Freedom should always be grateful to those who helped preserve it.

I also want to wish you and your family a very happy and lovely Thanksgiving Day! Wishing you all a harvest of blessings, good health and good times.





From the South

Bro. Russ Tomas • Junior Warden



My article last month reflected on the things we missed as we progressed through 2020. As hinted in that same article, I believe November is a great time to reflect on what we are thankful for. It might sound derivative of Thanksgiving, but reflecting on what we are thankful for allows us to celebrate it in the coming holiday.

Although we were not able to conduct our usual business in person, perform our beautiful rituals, or socialize as Brothers do, I am thankful for Freemasonry. Even though I could not see my fellow Brothers, I knew Freemasonry was there to be the steady foundation of our Brotherhood. There can be a feeling that our fraternity might be weakened by the lack of physical presence. Freemasonry has been around for centuries and has endured world wars and pandemics. Freemasonry was here long before us and it will be here long after us. Freemasonry will endure and I'm thankful to be a part of it.



I am thankful for the many different Brothers I have come to know. Although we can't meet physically, quarantining has opened up (or at least helped us returned to) other avenues of communication that we otherwise would not have used (or returned to). Zoom has opened up a line of communication for Brothers who otherwise would not have the time to meet. I have been able to meet some Brothers from my own lodge who I never would have met otherwise.

I have had multiple phone conversations with different Brothers as well, some lasting for hours, about our respective lives and viewpoints. At times I felt like I learned more about my fellow Brothers through these conversations than if we had just been in our normal routines. As one artist put it:

*We walk the same path, but got on different shoes.
Live in the same building, but we got different views.*

I am thankful for the leadership from Grand Lodge and our own Lodge. The difficult decisions they made may not have been popular, but their quick reaction and decisiveness were to protect us.

I am thankful that I am still writing these articles and that you, my Brother, are reading it (hopefully with a glass of your favorite libation).

There are many things we have missed out on this year. The few things we can be thankful for, in my opinion, far outweigh what we missed. One of those few things is the entirety of Freemasonry and knowing it will always be there.

One last thing... We have two important votes in the first week of November.

The General Election (you may have heard of it) and the Election of our 2021 Lodge Officers.

Don't forget to vote!

Vote! Vote! Vote!



NOVEMBER

Member Birthdays

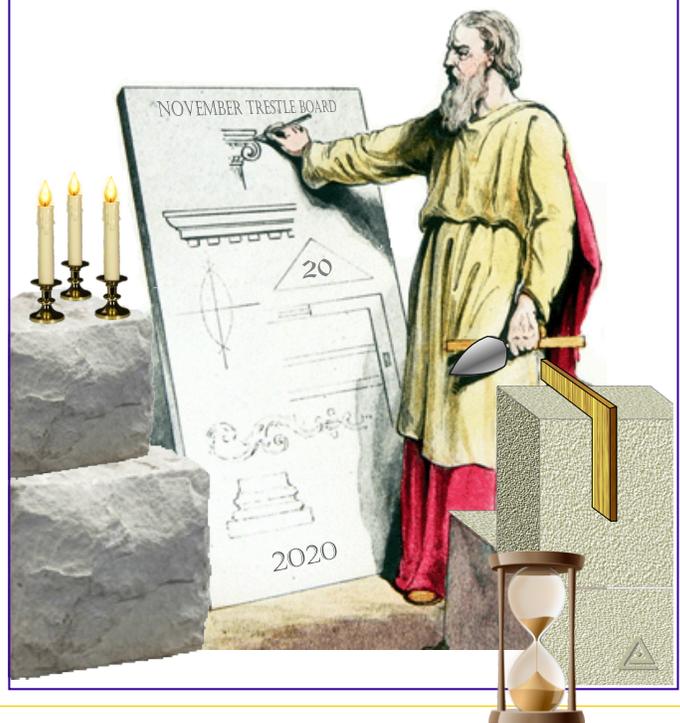
01 • Eric W. Hixson 	MM
02 • David P. Stallberg	EA
05 • Richard L. Rose	MM
05 • Leonard A. Schweitzer	MM
06 • Tod J. Barnes	MM
10 • Jon C. Hechtman	MM
11 • John A. Djubek	MM
11 • Nicholas L. Johnston	MM
12 • Robert A. Hughey	EA
12 • Frederick S. Rickard	MM
12 • Jack L. Wagner	EA
13 • Donald A. White	MM
15 • Nicholas B. Jones	EA
15 • Joseph L. Wallach	MM
17 • Jared M. Dailey	MM
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25 • Victor J. Alexander	EA
25 • Arthur S. Henrikson	MM
26 • Eric G. Young	MM
27 • Joshua J. Pane	MM
27 • Frederick R. Sneathern	FC
28 • John P. Day	EA
28 • Victor J. Novak	MM
28 • Tim R. Tyler	MM
28 • V. A. Winter 	MM

Master Mason Anniversary Dates

03 • Tod J. Barnes	28 Years
08 • Colin J. Cooper	8 Years
10 • David F. Freeman	32 Years
10 • Gerald W. Van Wagner	26 Years
11 • Thane H. Takahashi	10 Years
14 • John M. Obregon	18 Years
14 • Richard A. Wilson 	52 Years
15 • Denton E. Carlson	8 Years
15 • James P. Clark	41 Years
16 • Glenn A. Pope	53 Years
17 • Michael P. Quinn	15 Years
17 • Craig E. Spilman	43 Years
18 • Richard L. Rose	44 Years
19 • Walter J. Santwer	22 Years
20 • David H. Keehner	51 Years
20 • Todd A. Ravencroft	21 Years
23 • Stephen Michalski	27 Years
24 • Russell M. O'Day	69 Years
27 • George E. Dacre	64 Years
28 • Sonny F. Stormes 	13 Years
29 • Wallace G. Clark	54 Years
29 • Luis J. Montero 	8 Years
30 • John A. Djubek	43 Years
30 • Alan E. Grundel 	53 Years

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Washington Lodge No. 20 2020 Officers

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Junior Warden	Russ Tomas
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Secretary	Jesse Solis-Jacques • PM
Chaplain	Richard Wilson • PM
Assistant Secretary	Prezell Harris
Senior Deacon	Nick Johnston
Junior Deacon	Mauro Lara
Marshal	Creston Whiting-Casey
Senior Steward	Marty Buff
Junior Steward	Matt Mason
Tiler	Floyd Tritt

Officers Coach	Luis Montero • PM
Head Candidates Coach	Richard Wilson • PM
Inspector 414th District	Michael Woo • PM
Ambassador	David Freeman
Junior Past Master	Jesse Solis-Jacques • PM
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WLN20 CALENDAR

November

THU 05 • Virtual Stated Meeting
Annual Election of Officers
Online • 7:30 PM
Check Email for Zoom Link

December

THU 03 • Virtual Stated Meeting
Online • 7:30 PM
Check Email for Zoom Link

SUN 13 • Annual Installation of Officers
Online • 1:00 PM
Check Email for Zoom Link

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.

Rocket Man: Grand Master Arthur H. Weiss on Freemasonry, Outer Space, and the Future

Newly installed Grand Master aiming for return to lodges in 2021.

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to be grand master. But just in case, MW **Arthur Weiss** is one.

On October 11, Weiss, of Conejo Valley Lodge No. 807 in Thousand Oaks, was installed as Grand Master of Masons in California, in an installation ceremony livestreamed to more than a thousand onlookers from around the state and beyond. For Weiss, it was the culmination of a 35-year career in Masonry that has seen him serve at the lodge level (lodge master in 1991 and 2003), district level (inspector from 1994–99 and 2004), for Grand Lodge (grand marshal, 2004; grand chaplain, 2007; and each line office since 2017); and on just about every different committee and board.

Weiss's passions for Freemasonry and space exploration were forever entwined the night he was raised as a Master Mason, as it was the same day that the space shuttle Challenger was destroyed. "They say your raising is a never-to-be-forgotten thing," Weiss says. "For me it was a very memorable day."



Weiss retired in 2015 after four decades years working for Rocketdyne, the Canoga Park firm that has built many of the rocket engines for NASA and the Department of Defense. Though he started in engineering, helping develop the main engine for the space shuttle, Weiss spent most of his career in program management, where he ran the development of the RS-68, the world's most powerful hydrogen-fueled engine, which powers the Delta IV rocket. He also oversaw development of propulsion for the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense anti-ballistic missile system, which is used around the world.

Now, as Grand Master Weiss prepares to add to that long history, we spoke with the rocket man to ask about how California Masonry—which has seen lodge meetings grounded since mid-March—can achieve liftoff in 2021.

"Guys want to meet face-to-face. That fellowship is the real underlying driver for everybody. What I'm telling people is, number one, we have to follow state and county guidelines. Given where we are, the fact is that [lodge meetings] are considered a social gathering. We review the legalese practically every day. So this is what we've got to follow. And the second thing is that we're going to be safe. Lodges should be thinking about what their plan is to operate in this environment when they are allowed to open. They can work on that right now. Lodges and hall associations should be writing those plans so the moment the county says OK, they have a plan ready to submit.

The first thing was we had to allow people to do their lodge business, and now, they can have legal stated meetings on Zoom beginning in November so they can elect officers. That implies they have to have guidelines for how to do installations on Zoom. And our code is clear that although an installation is public, it's considered ritual. So we'll have to find a solution for that.

It's kind of serendipity that it aligns with my theme, **Embracing the Next Evolution**. We're at an interesting point. Most Worshipful **Trauner** had a strong year going, and then he had to lead the pivot to this whole new world. And hopefully I have the opportunity to help lead us into whatever the world is going to be like when we can operate fully again. And that's going to be different because of all these things we've come up with like the Online Speaker Series and virtual retreats. We're going to evolve and we're going to be a slightly different fraternity when we come out. I think that's pretty exciting."

Credit: **California Freemason Magazine**



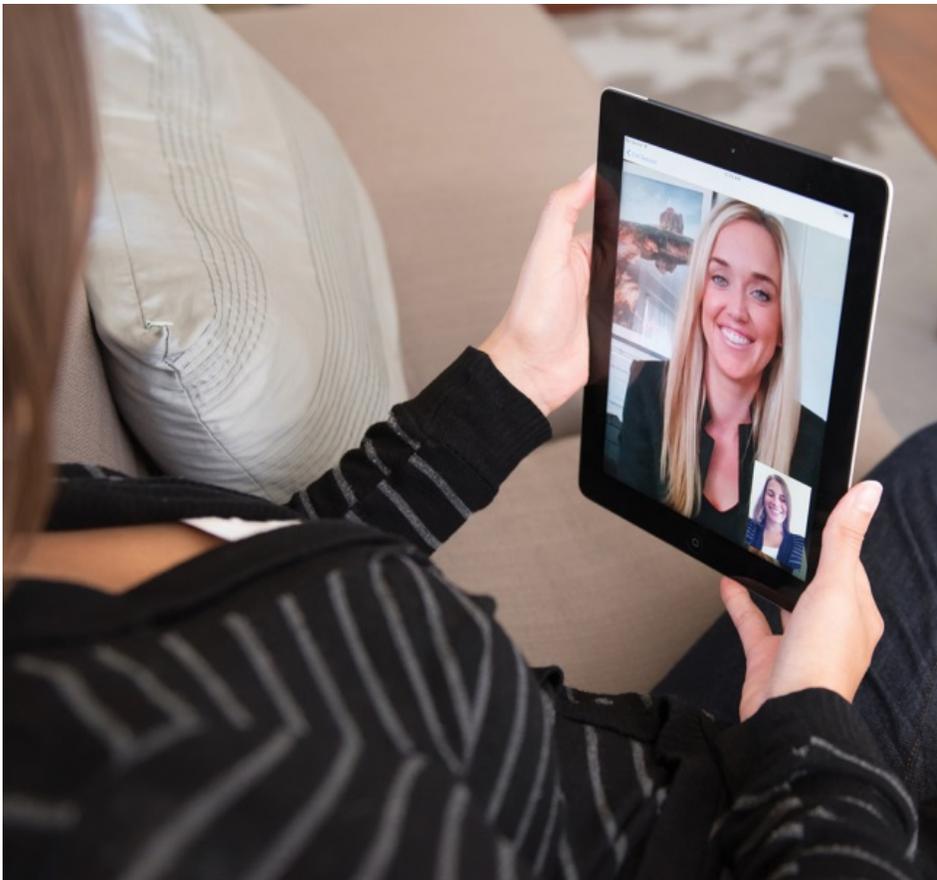
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