



Washington Lodge No. 20 F&AM

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Bridge to the Future

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## From the East: Wor. Jared Yoshiki



The month of September has given us a chance to do something somewhat normal - our Constitutional Observance. It was my plan for this year to make this a fun trivia event and, for the most part, I think we were able to fulfill that goal. Our zoom meeting was fun and light-hearted where Brother **Nick Johnston** took home the highest score (albeit it was for fun). I truly hope that everyone who participated maybe learned something new about this historic document and enjoyed the evening as well.

BIG SHOUT OUT TO **BOB TAYLOR** FOR THE AMAZING RIBS! I think that line of text was completely worth the all-caps lettering. I know of several Brothers who were so thankful to have had such a delicious meal that perhaps just hinted at a normal Stated Meeting dinner.

In other news, I hope you will join me in congratulating our Brother Senior Warden **Francisco Marques** for his stellar performance in qualification to serve as Master of the Lodge and our Brother Senior Deacon **Nick Johnston** in his pristine qualification to serve as Junior Warden. I know that our Brothers **Russ Tomas** and **Mauro Lara** are both on their way as well to qualify for their next chairs.

Many of you are also probably wondering what the Lodge will be doing as we enter Lodge elections, which are shortly around the corner. This decision is something that posed a challenge to your Officers due in large part to the uncertainty surrounding our elections and whether or not Grand Lodge would allow us to conduct them. Plans were even being considered that would have frozen the current line in place for 2021 until further instructions and guidance was provided by Grand Lodge.

I know this has been a tremendously tough year for all of us, but even through these struggles, our Lodge has remained strong and connected. Has it been difficult to keep in touch with people - sure. But it has, in my mind, brought our Lodge closer than ever before. It has centered our focus on each other, which only makes our Lodge stronger. It is why I strongly support the plan that we should progress the line and move forward into 2021 without freezing the line. Elections will most likely be scheduled for November 5th.

There are reasons and justifications for either plan of action for next year - all bear merit. But moving the line forward and installing a new master in December is the most normal thing that we as a Lodge can do in light of all of the things that have been taken away from us. Our Lodge has incredible men who are leaders in their own rights with good ideas and the best of intentions. I am confident they will be excellent stewards of their chairs and continue the work to improve harmony and fellowship that we have tried so hard to bring back this year.

Building a bridge strong enough to last takes time and patience. It also takes dedication and persistence. The Brothers behind me are amazing men and I am confident that next year will be great and that they will be ready to tackle any of the challenges that lay ahead. You can be sure that I will be right there with them to help them with anything they may need, and I hope you will aid them in that effort.

There is no question that 2020 has been a roller-coaster year. But there is no better way, in my mind, to think about what lies ahead, then to believe in a quote by President Abraham Lincoln who said:

*"The most reliable way to predict the future is to create it."*



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# From the West

Bro. Francisco Marques • Senior Warden



There is a term many of us came across this year - the now infamous but necessary 'social distancing.' Since March, we have been encouraged to keep away from other humans, wear face masks in public spaces and increase awareness to our own (but mostly our neighbor's) personal hygiene. This "new custom" of ours was actually widely used during the pandemic of 1918, when many schools and businesses closed, and all public events were cancelled, which is a comparable response to today's affairs.

The influenza virus pandemic is conventionally marked as having begun in March 1918, was persistent and wiped out a huge proportion of the globe during its deadliest second wave in the autumn of 1918. A third wave came in the winter of 1919, however, by summertime of that year, very few cases were reported.

So, what have we learned from the 1918 pandemic? That preventative measures - however difficult and limiting - do make a difference in slowing the spread of diseases. That no matter how developed a health care system can be, there will still be problems. Yet, positively, we can be 100% certain that all pandemics do all come to an end.

Historically, global situations like a pandemic have forced us humans to break with our past and rethink our world. And, believe me, our present life circumstances are no different. 100 years ago, we celebrated the dedication of our brand new Masonic Temple to the Brethren and to the public of Sacramento; and then we launched ourselves into an intense and euphoric "roaring 20's." We improved on. We evolved. Imagine - if you will - that we are about to step through a long aisle or porch, a gateway between one world and the next. Together, we are about to cross a bridge to our new future. We are about to experience our own roaring 20's...

What will our Lodge look like after COVID-19? To me, one of the most important lessons from this pandemic is the importance of working together. We are much stronger united than divided. Truly... What a concept! And if there is one subject we have learned about more than anything else was our "selves." We have had a unique opportunity to look into ourselves, as human beings, Masons and individuals, and paid particular attention to how we react to challenges. Many of these challenges (and our natural interpretation of such events) will most likely remain in our lives next year and in the next decade, even. Right now and more than ever, as a Lodge and as a Fraternity, our main focus is to prepare for these challenges, aim to improve on, and seize opportunities.

Not surprisingly, the Grand Lodge of California will indeed be hosting the Annual Communications in October - but with an important difference: everything will be done online. Grand Master **John Trauner** and Deputy Grand Master **Arthur Weiss**, together with the Grand Officers, relevant Committees, and staff members, have been working very hard to make that happen. The Election and Installation of the Grand Officers are set to be done via a virtual platform, in full integration with the usages of digital solutions, and the same technology will be made available to all Masonic Lodges in our Jurisdiction.

Under the wisdom and counsel of Worshipful **Jared Yoshiki**, after several hours of discussion and deliberation, the leadership of our Lodge has decided to seize this opportunity and agreed to move forward with our traditional practices of electing and installing Officers. **Washington Lodge No. 20** will be hosting Election in November, and will install a new line of Officers in December, either in-person (in case we suddenly wake up from this very bad dream and find out that COVID-19, riots and fires never really happened), or that - this being our most likely scenario - Election and Installation of WLN20 Officers will be conducted online. Please, stay tuned for more information on when and how. Your participation in this process will be greatly appreciated.

Moving forward in our journey, through this perpetual **Masonic Odyssey** of steady advancement and relentless search for innovation, is an important step that - in the words of Brother Junior Warden **Russ Tomas** (see next page) - will allow us to regain a much-needed sense of control over at least one aspect of our lives.

I am yearning for a return to normalcy but also looking forward to **Embracing the Next Evolution...**



# From the South

Bro. Russ Tomas • Junior Warden



Although we are no longer operative Masons, we continue as speculative Masons through hands-on work. We don't work in the quarries (well, some might) or erect the beautiful modern edifices that surround us in our cities, but we actually physically build Masonry through our ritual and ceremonies. We engage with our fellow Brothers by working with them on their degree and ritual work. For some it is easy to study alone, but we can all agree that working together allows for us to put into practice what we are studying. When we practice our work together, it allows each individual to break off those rough and superfluous parts and make our degree and ritual work better for building our Masonic lodge.

I wrote the following update after the Officers' meeting on September 7, 2020.

If you're reading this, you probably already read Worshipful **Jared Yoshiki's** article on page 1. The Pillar Officers discussed the future of our Lodge in a meeting and came to the decision that we will move forward with the line.

Originally, I had been opposed to the idea of moving the line forward, but after months of work from home and the inability to do more with my family, I came to the realization that we can't stay in a holding pattern. The decision among the Pillar Officers wasn't an easy one. We discussed the pros and cons of such a move. In the end, we made a decision based on what we think will be best for the Lodge.

One motivating factor was the ability to control at least one aspect of our lives. As opposed to what is happening outside of our lives that is not in our control, moving forward in the line allows us to be able to take control of one of the few things we have control of. Another reason was the unknown aspect of our future. We don't know how long it will take for this pandemic to end. Would we remain stagnant if we are in the same place one year from now? Again, this decision was not made lightly, but we Masons must work to engage with our fellow Brothers.

You may be asking how we will have an election or installation of officers. Thankfully, Brother Senior Warden **Francisco Marques** was able to watch a Grand Lodge presentation in which they announced they are ready to move forward with their line with usage of modern technology for the Election and Installation of Grand Officers, which will be passed down to the Lodge Level – should they choose to move forward.

We can all agree we want what's best for the lodge. Moving forward is the best direction we can go, and with the help of our fellow Brothers and Grand Lodge, we will be able to secure a small part of our future.

## 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.








## Member Birthdays

02 • Devin J. Gray	MM
05 • Norman L. Helsel	MM
09 • Marco E. Lopez	MM
09 • Mark V. Rudd 	PM
12 • Rodrigo B. Marcião	MM
13 • Brian E. Jones	MM
14 • Lucas M. Zeiher	MM
15 • Alan E. Grundel 	PM
18 • James W. Hughey	MM
19 • David H. Keehner	MM
20 • Zachary J. Bowles	MM
21 • Ian M. Solis-Jacques	MM
25 • Alejandro Reynoso	MM
26 • Ernest C. Owen	MM
26 • Daniel Radman	MM



## Master Mason Anniversary Dates

09 • Douglas J. Dern	44 Years
10 • Craig S. McKinnon II	5 Years
12 • William M. Hill	29 Years
12 • Jon R. Isaacson 	18 Years
12 • Jesse R. Solis-Jacques 	7 Years
15 • Mauro Lara	4 Years
16 • V. A. Winter Jr. 	27 Years
16 • Lance T. Vayder	16 Years
20 • Creston Whiting-Casey III	8 Years
20 • Alexis K. Baloji	2 Years
22 • Jacob A. Cummings	4 Years
23 • Reaburn D. Lenau III	27 Years
23 • Zachary J. Bowles	10 Years
24 • Donald W. Bader	50 Years
24 • Reynold A. Porterfield 	28 Years
25 • Richard S. Golden	68 Years
27 • Jon C. Hechtman	64 Years
27 • Theodore J. Miller	47 Years
27 • Garth R. Tanner	58 Years
27 • Eric G. Young II	8 Years
28 • Larry T. Afzal	42 Years
28 • Thomas L. Ansell	31 Years
29 • J. Scott Goode 	9 Years
30 • Daniel Radman	66 Years

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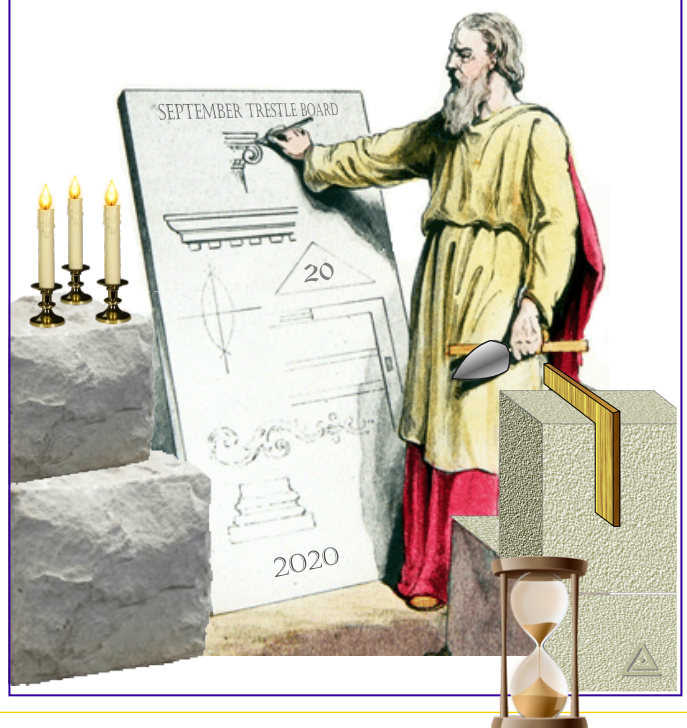
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**Master: Jared Yoshiki**

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

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## Important Update from the Grand Master

As we begin a new summer month, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to spread across our state. Over the past week, California has set daily records for new coronavirus infections—more than 7,000 on June 23 and more than 8,000 on June 30. As of today, more than 240,000 cases and 6,000 deaths have been reported in our state.

This sobering news has prompted me to remind us all that on March 18, I directed that there be no Masonic gatherings of any kind in California until further notice from me. That directive remains in effect today.

While some government restrictions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic have been relaxed, California and nearly all counties continue to prohibit or significantly limit non-essential gatherings. California Department of Public Health directives still prohibit all professional, social and community gatherings. The state notes that these gatherings pose an especially high danger of transmission and spread of COVID-19.

In light of this information, my March 18 directive remains in effect in all respects: there shall be no Masonic gatherings of any kind in the state until further notice from me.

- My directive continues to include all Masonic Organizations and Youth Orders.
- My directive continues to apply to both indoor and outdoor gatherings.

My March 18 directive also outlined a special procedure for lodges regarding their payment of essential lodge bills that cannot be reasonably deferred. This special procedure also remains in effect until further notice from me.

Thank you for your continuing dedication to the craft and diligence in complying with my directive. I will update you again as soon as warranted but certainly by the first week of August. Until then, stay safe and best wishes this holiday weekend.

Sincerely and fraternally,

  
**JOHN E. TRAUNER**  
Grand Master  
Grand Lodge F&AM of California



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If a young person in your life is struggling with behavioral, educational, or emotional challenges, we can help – no matter where you live in California.

Through new telehealth services, the Masonic Center for Youth and Families (MCYAF) offers professional consultation services over a secure video connection for parents, couples, families, and youth.

To learn more about telehealth, contact [inquiries@mcyaf.org](mailto:inquiries@mcyaf.org) or (877) 488-6293.

Find out how MCYAF's professional therapeutic services help families thrive at [mcyaf.org](https://mcyaf.org).



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## How to Get to iMember 2.0

iMember 2.0 is designed to work on any mobile phone, tablet, or desktop or laptop computer with an internet connection. Simply visit [freemason.org](http://freemason.org) and click the “For Members” button in the upper-right-hand corner of the screen. If you haven’t logged on yet, you’ll need to create an account, so have your email address, membership number, and a unique password ready to go.

## You Can Download iMember 2.0 on Your Phone

Yes. Whether you have an iPhone or an Android phone, you can add a home screen shortcut to access iMember 2.0 quickly and easily. To install, use your web browser to visit the site, and select “Add to home screen.” The exact placement of the button will depend on your web browser (Safari, Chrome, or Firefox). See detailed instructions [here](#).

## More Features in the Works

- Digital Dues, Reminders and Payment Plans.
- Expanded Social Networks
- New Ways to Share Resources
- One-Stop Shop for Hall Associations
- Keeping Track of Attendance

You may have also noticed that our WLN20 Lodge App became obsolete and is no longer accessible.

## iMember 2.0 is available to all Masons in California!

For questions on iMember 2.0, contact Member Services at (415) 292-9180 or [memberservices@freemason.org](mailto:memberservices@freemason.org)





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