

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

Stated Meeting

September 04, 2025

The Stated Meeting was opened at **7:51 PM** with the Master presiding and other Officers and Brethren present as shown in the Tiler's Register.

Officers

Joseph Wallach	Worshipful Master	Not Present	Senior Deacon
Bill Workman	Senior Warden	Nicholas Johnston	Junior Deacon
Brandon Jenkins	Junior Warden	Christopher Hamilton	Marshal
Eric Hixson, PM	Treasurer	Maury Hicks	Senior Steward
Not Present	Secretary	Not Present	Junior Steward
Ramey Packer	Chaplain	James Dimmitt	Organist
Not Present	Assistant Secretary	Martin Buff	Tiler

Most Officers served in Advanced Stations in the Opening and Closing of the Lodge.

Brother **William Workman** served as Worshipful Master;

Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, as Senior Warden;

Brother **Nicholas Johnstons**, as Junior Warden;

Brother **Maury Hicks**, as Junior Deacon;

For the Business Session, most Officers served in their Installed Positions, except:

The following served for the entire Stated Meeting:

Worshipful **Matthew Mason, PM**, served as Senior Deacon;

Brother **Ramey Packer**, as Assistant Secretary;

and Worshipful **Richard Wilson, PM**, led the Lodge in our devotions.

In the Opening, the Acting Master, Brother **William Workman**, 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 Junior Warden, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, moved that the reading of the August 07, 2025, Stated Meeting, and the August 28, 2025, Special Meeting be dispensed with and that they stand approved as so distributed.

Seconded by Brother **William Workman** and approved by the Lodge.

Reports of Investigating Committees

None.

Balloting

None.

Reception of Applications

The Acting Assistant Secretary, Brother **Ramey Packer**, read the following Applications:

- Application for Affiliation from Brother **David Edward Kitts**, Master Mason 334845, from Elk Grove Lodge No. 173, recommended by Worshipful **Joseph Wallach**, Master, and Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, Secretary, pursuant to CMC §804.235.
- Application for Degrees from Mr. **Samuel Drew Connell**, recommended by Brother **William Workman**, Senior Warden, and Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, Secretary, pursuant to CMC §804.230.

Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business

(a) Reports of Special Committees:

None.

(b) Bills and Communications:

The Treasurer, Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, gave the monthly report of bills for **September 2025** in the amount of \$ **17,607.28**. Audited by the Senior and Junior Wardens.

Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, moved that the bills be paid.

Seconded by Brother **William Workman** and approved by the Lodge.

The Junior Warden, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, read the following communications:

- Thank You Card from Mrs. **Soledad Faranda**.
- Letter from Worshipful **Nik Leiner, PM**, Convention Director of NorCal DeMolay requesting donation.

(c) New Business:

The Acting Assistant Secretary, Brother **Ramey Packer**, read the 2025 Semi-Annual Temple Board Report on Income and Expenditures, and on Assets and Liabilities, pursuant to CMC §900.050. The report also included updates on facility maintenance issues, complete management turnover, and ongoing financial constraints.

The Senior Warden, Brother **William Workman**, noted discrepancies in the 2025 Semi-Annual Temple Board Report. Washington Lodge No. 20 pays disproportionate rent, the highest rent paid by any Owning Body. This issue has been brought up before but not resolved by the Temple Board. Brother Workman also noted that the fire alarm system should be under warranty.

The Master, Worshipful **Joseph Wallach**, reported that **Nancy Hardiman**, spouse of Worshipful **Phil Hardiman, PM**, passed away on August 15, 2025, and announced that her Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 06, 2025, at 11:00 AM, in the Ballroom of the Sacramento Masonic Temple.

The Junior Deacon, Brother **Nicholas Johnston**, noted a typo in the agenda for the total amount of bills, that it should have been \$ **17,607.28**, as reported by the Treasurer, Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, instead of **\$16,607.28**, as printed on the agenda.

The Senior Warden, Brother **William Workman**, moved to donate \$200.00 to NorCal DeMolay. Seconded by Brother **Christopher Hamilton**. The Junior Warden, Brother **Brandon Jekins**, inquired if the Lodge had enough money left in the budget for such a donation. The Treasurer, Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, reported that we are currently over budget for Charity.

Brother **William Workman** amended his motion to donate \$150.00, instead, to NorCal DeMolay. Seconded by Brother **Christopher Hamilton** as amended.

Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, disclosed that his previous report was incorrect, and that we have enough money left in the budget for Charity. Brother **William Workman** reintroduced the motion to donate \$200.00 to NorCal DeMolay. Seconded by Brother **Christopher Hamilton** and approved by the Lodge.

The Master, Worshipful **Joseph Wallach**, reported that Brother Kevin Hall retired from the Line of Officers for personal reasons, and reassured that he is in good health and will return to lodge functions as a regular member in the near future.

Sacred Roll

None.

Oration

The Organist, Brother **James Dimmitt**, presented a philosophical reflection on Impermanence. We are all cogs in the machine of our Great Work as Masons. And like in all machinery, we will eventually wear out and be replaced by new ones. We stand in the place of Great Men who have gone this way before and have departed to the Celestial Lodge Above, leaving behind a lasting impact created by their actions, values, and the culture they fostered. This influence extends far beyond their lifetime and is often found not in the things they accomplished alone, but in the Brethren they developed and inspired.

The Senior Steward, Brother **Maury Hicks**, reported cash donation received during dinner in the amount of **\$70.00** to the Refreshment Fund and gave the monies to Acting Assistant Secretary.

The Stated Meeting was closed at **8:29 PM**.

Dinner was served in the Banquet Room before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Francisco Marques, PM
Secretary

Joseph Wallach
Master