

WLN20 TrestleBoard

November 2025



From the East

Joseph Wallach - Worshipful Master



Greetings, Brethren.

It's hard to believe, but we are already in November.

A time for turkey and reflection.

As we gather in Lodge and in our homes, we should reflect on what we are thankful for as we share a meal.

I'm very thankful for all the members of our Lodge and for all the support our Officers have given me this year.

I'm thankful for all the good times and great memories as well.

Remember to make time for friends and family this holiday season.

There are many things that you can make up for in this life, but lost time is not one of them.

I look forward to seeing you all at our November Stated Meeting.

Fraternally,

Joseph Wallach WM



From the West

William Workman - Senior Warden



It was my honor to represent Washington Lodge No. 20, Free & Accepted Masons of the State of California, as your Senior Warden, along with several other members, including our Master, Worshipful **Joseph Wallach**, our Junior Warden, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, and Past Masters Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**, Worshipful **Richard Wilson, PM**, Worshipful **Matt Mason, PM**, at the 176th Annual Communication in San Francisco.

The business session successfully concluded with the unanimous election of all nominees for the Grand Lodge positions, who received a standing ovation. Several key [recommendations and resolutions were](#) passed and will be enacted this month.



Over 1,300 Master Masons from California and neighboring states attended the event. The Installation Ceremony, held on Sunday, October 26th, featured traditional fanfare and pageantry, including long, elegant herald trumpets.

The Grand Lodge extended their profound gratitude to the outgoing Grand Master, Most Worshipful **Arthur L. Salazar, PM**, for his 18 years of distinguished service.

Masons in California now pledge their trust to the new Grand Master, Most Worshipful **Garrett S. Chan, PM**, who will lead the 2026 Masonic Year with the theme and strategic plan, "**The Keystone Initiative: Roadmap to a World in Harmony.**"

Our Lodge will adopt the core principles of this initiative and will provide members with further information on this worthy mission.



California Freemasonry's membership has increased by nearly 700 brothers this year, marking the first rise in several decades. This positive trend indicates the success of active transparency efforts, and our Lodge will likewise prioritize new prospect engagement in the coming year with a stronger social media and online presence, hosting public gatherings, both in-

person and virtual events like open houses, educational sessions, or "bring-a-friend" nights for non-members to experience our values and fellowship.

I also want to express our gratitude for the Lodge's support, which enabled our Pillar Officers to represent Washington 20 at the 176th Annual Communication.

The Officers affirmed their commitment to conducting themselves with due order and propriety, in accordance with Masonic values and principles, and acted in good faith to promote the well-being of all Masons, whithersoever dispersed.





From the South

Brandon Jenkins - Junior Warden



This past weekend (October 24-26, 2025), I had the privilege of attending the Grand Lodge of California Annual Communication in San Francisco — one of the most important gatherings in California Freemasonry.

As Junior Warden this year, it was my duty to attend, but I was happy to do so since the Annual Communication brings together Masons from across the state to conduct the business of the Craft, renew fraternal bonds, and chart the future course of our fraternity.



During the sessions, delegates considered [proposed additions and changes to the California Masonic Code](#).

It was inspiring to witness firsthand the democratic and deliberative nature of Masonic governance.

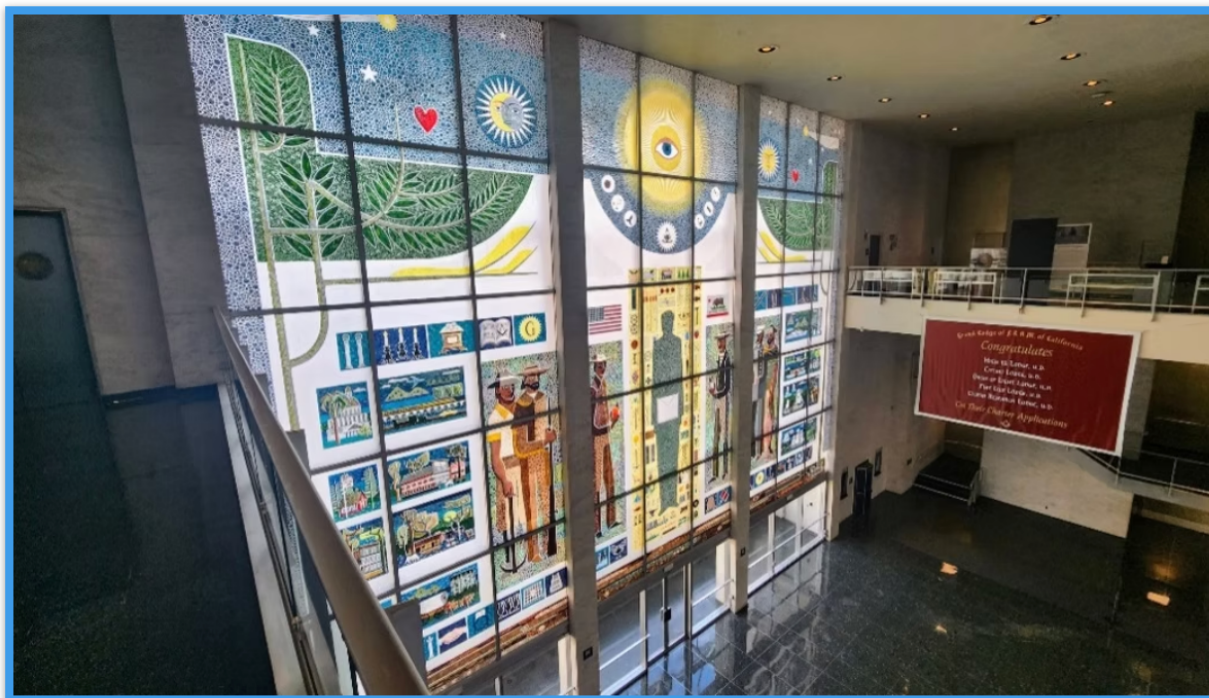
Each amendment was thoughtfully discussed, reflecting the Craft's commitment to fairness, order, and improvement.

Observing this process underscored the value Freemasonry places on reasoned dialogue and collective decision-making.



Another highlight of the weekend was the election of new Grand Lodge Officers. Although the election generally follows the established tradition of following a line of succession, the proceedings were conducted with dignity and precision, and reminded all present of the trust and responsibility vested in our leadership.

I was pleased to see that each newly elected officer expressed sincere emotion and humility as his name was read for consideration. Brotherly Love permeated the auditorium. As the affirmative votes were cast in unanimity, it was plain to see that each officer was wholeheartedly overcome by the gravity of the trust we place in them, and they could also feel the love that their brothers have for them and all regular Masons.



Beyond the formal sessions, the Annual Communication offered opportunities for fellowship, education, and reflection. Conversations I had with our brothers highlighted the shared spirit that unites us, regardless of background or geography. Whether discussing ritual, community service, or lodge traditions, every exchange reinforced the enduring vitality of Masonry in our state.

Attending the Grand Lodge Annual Communication was a meaningful experience — one that deepened my appreciation for the structure, history, and heart of our fraternity. Witnessing the careful stewardship of our laws and the installation of new leadership reminded me that Freemasonry is not only a fraternity of the past, but a living institution continually renewing itself for the future.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 01 **Ladies Night: Oktoberfest** (Ballroom) Saturday 7:00 PM
- 04 **Executive Committee Meeting** (Zoom) Tuesday 6:30 PM
- 06 **Stated Meeting Dinner** (Banquet Room) Thursday 6:00 PM
- 06 **Monthly Stated Meeting Annual Election of Officers** (LR1) Thursday 7:30 PM
- 13 **DARK**
- 19 **OSI (Officers School of Instruction)** (LR3) Wednesday 7:00 PM
- 20 **DARK**
- 27 **DARK**

DECEMBER

- 02 **Executive Committee Meeting** (Zoom) Tuesday 6:30 PM
- 04 **Stated Meeting Dinner** (Banquet Room) Thursday 6:00 PM
- 04 **Monthly Stated Meeting** (LR1) Thursday 7:30 PM
- 11 **DARK**
- 14 **Annual Installation of Officers** (LR1) Sunday 11:00 AM
- 17 **OSI (Officers School of Instruction)** (LR3) Wednesday 7:00 PM
- 18 **DARK**
- 25 **DARK**

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.

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 01 **Eric Hixson** (**Past Master**) (**Treasurer**)
- 02 **David Stallberg** (FellowCraft)
- 04 **Jonathon Brown** (Entered Apprentice)
- 06 **Tod Barnes** (Master Mason)
- 08 **Richard McCaleb** (**Past Master**)
- 11 **Nicholas Johnston** (**Senior Warden**)
- 11 **John Djubek** (Master Mason)
- 15 **Joseph Wallach** (**Worshipful Master**)
- 16 **Kevin Hall** (Master Mason)
- 17 **Jared Dailey** (Master Mason)
- 23 **James Ramey** (Master Mason)
- 25 **Arthur Henrikson** (Master Mason)
- 27 **Joshua Pane** (Master Mason)
- 28 **V. Allen Winter, Jr.** (**Past Master**)
- 28 **Victor Novak** (Master Mason)
- 28 **Tim Tyler** (Master Mason)
- 28 **John Day** (Entered Apprentice)

MASTER MASON ANNIVERSARIES

- 03 **Tod Barnes** (33 Years)
- 10 **David Freeman** (**Grammarian**) (37 Years)
- 10 **Gerald Van Wagner** (31 Years)
- 14 **Richard Wilson** (**Past Master**) (57 Years)
- 15 **Denton Carlson** (13 Years)
- 15 **James Clark** (46 Years)
- 16 **Eddie Haskins** (26 Years)
- 17 **Michael Quinn** (20 Years)
- 17 **Craig Spilman** (48 Years)
- 19 **Walter Santwer** (27 Years)
- 20 **David Keehner** (56 Years)
- 28 **Sonny Stormes** (**Past Master**) (18 Years)
- 29 **Luis Montero** (**Past Master**) (**Assistant Secretary**) (13 Years)
- 29 **Wally Clark** (59 Years)
- 30 **Alan Grundel** (**Past Master**) (58 Years)
- 30 **John Djubek** (49 Years)

★★★★★ WASHINGTON LODGE #20 ★★★★★

OKTOBERFEST

LADIES NIGHT

**FOOD
DRINKS
MUSIC
DANCE**



Special Performance
SACRAMENTO TURN VEREIN ALPENTÄNZER

SACRAMENTO MASONIC TEMPLE
WLN20.ORG/RSVP



11.1.2025 7:00PM
\$30 PER GUEST



Annual Election of Officers

Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 7:30 PM

Members of Washington Lodge No. 20

Please join us for the most important Stated Meeting of the year!

Master Masons must be in Good Standing in the Lodge to be permitted to vote in the Election of Officers.

Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts cannot vote.

This Ceremony is for Masons Only.

Before opening the meeting to nominations, the Master, Worshipful **Joseph Wallach**, will determine if there is a visitor present who will relieve the Tiler so that he may vote.

The Master will also appoint three Master Masons to serve as Tellers for the Election. A table with three chairs will be set up in the South-East corner of the Lodge for the Tellers' use.

The Secretary will have sufficient slips of paper available on his desk for ballots, as well as pencils or pens for WLN20 Members to use when voting.

Key Roles in the Annual Election

- **Elected Officers:** WLN20 Members vote to elect specific positions for the ensuing Masonic Year, most notably:

- **Worshipful Master**
- **Senior Warden**
- **Junior Warden**

- **Treasurer and Secretary:** These roles are also elected, but the incumbents frequently serve for several years to ensure continuity and institutional knowledge.
- **Progressive Line:** Officers move up a progressive line of positions year by year, with the Senior Warden typically becoming the next Worshipful Master.
- **Appointed Officers:** The incoming Worshipful Master appoints the remaining Officers to serve alongside the Elected Officers for the new term:

- **Chaplain**
- **Assistant Secretary**
- **Senior Deacon**
- **Junior Deacon**
- **Marshal**
- **Senior Steward**
- **Junior Steward**
- **Organist**
- **Tiler**

Men who volunteer to serve as Lodge Officers exhibit strong leadership, a commitment to personal and spiritual growth, integrity, and a willingness to dedicate time and effort to Washington Lodge No. 20 and its members, with a focus on the welfare of the Brotherhood and the Institution itself.

- **Masonic Lawn Association ("Cemetery Board"):** Two WLN20 Members will be elected to serve as Directors on the Cemetery Board in 2026.
- **Masonic Temple Association of Sacramento ("Temple Board"):** WLN20 Members will also elect seven Delegates to serve at the Annual Temple Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 24, 2026, at 7:00 PM, and held in the Banquet Room of the **Sacramento Masonic Temple**.

At the annual meeting, WLN20 representatives will elect one Delegate to serve as a Board Director for a three-year term.

The Board of Directors consists of twelve elected Directors, representing the Owning Bodies (Shareholders), as follows:

Union-Tehama Lodge No. 3 (with 46.75% of Ownership) has four Directors

Washington Lodge No. 20 (8.5%), one Director

Sacramento Lodge No. 40 (24.31%), two Directors

Chapter No. 3 of Royal Arch Masons (13.06%), two Directors

Council No. 1 of Cryptic Masons (0.69%), one Director

Commandery No. 2 of Knights Templar (6.69%), one Director

Plus one **Director-at-Large**, as the 12th Director, in compliance with the stipulations under Section 2.01 of the Bylaws of the Masonic Temple Association of Sacramento (Multiple Ownership).

Installation of Elected and Appointed Officers

The Installation Ceremony is scheduled for **Sunday, December 14, 2025**, at 11:00 AM.

☞ This is a public event, allowing family, friends, and prospective members to attend and witness the ceremony.