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From the East

WM Francisco Marques

Greetings, Brethren.

We had a great month in August.

On the 26th, the Lodge welcomed Brothers **Moises Gonzalez** and **Brandon Jenkins** into our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity. Brother **Nick Johnston** directed a fantastic Double First Degree Ceremony and presented a fascinating Lecture with grace and elegance. Brother **Dave Minke** delivered an excellent Charge to the newly obligated Brothers.

We also want to thank Worshipful **John Weldon** from Clearwater Lodge No. 127 F.&A.M. of Florida for attending the ceremonies. What a delightful Degree Night!

Congratulations, Brothers Gonzalez and Jenkins! May your Masonic Odyssey be filled with Light and Brotherly Love. Brother **David Thomas** and I are honored to be your Coaches and very excited about being your closest companions through this new Journey. On the day after Initiation, we met for our first contact with the Cipher.

As Freemasonry in the whole world has the **Holy Saints John** as its patrons, CHARITY has **Saint Vincent de Paul** as its most important patron. And it is with Saint Vincent de Paul and his legacy in mind that our Lodge kicks off various charitable programs this month:

- **Masons4Mitts**
- **River City Food Bank (09/18)**
- **Homeless School Children Awareness Event - A Day of Giving (09/25)**

More details are on the next page. Also, stay tuned for more charity drives coming up in October and beyond.

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From the East

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Our Stated Meeting for the month of September will be on Thursday, the 2nd, our regular first Thursday of the month, when we will have the honor of formally receiving Worshipful **Michael Woo**, Inspector of the 414th Masonic District. Please make plans to attend. Before the Stated Meeting, we will gather in the Banquet Room for dinner. Please RSVP for dinner today to **Master@WLN20.org**.

On September 18th, please join us at 9:30 AM, in partnership with the **River City Food Bank**, an independent 501c3 non-profit organization, at **The Center at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church**, 2300 Edison Ave, Sacramento, CA 95821.

River City Food Bank has identified Arden Arcade as the area in which it can make the greatest impact in reducing hunger and building community -- through donations, volunteer hours, and community partnerships. You can now donate your time -- together with the Brethren of Washington Lodge No. 20 -- and help feed the hungry in Sacramento. Register today. Space is very limited. Only 20 spots available. Please RSVP today to **Master@WLN20.org**. We are asking for your time but if you wish to also donate dry goods, please bring your donations to the Sacramento Masonic Temple during operation hours (Mon-Fri 8:00 AM-12:00 PM).

I also would like to invite you to another Double First Degree on September 23rd, when we will be welcoming Mr. **Jonathon Miller** and Mr. **Kevin Hall** into the Craft. Dinner at 6:00 PM followed by the Initiation Ceremony. Please RSVP for dinner today to **Master@WLN20.org**.

Just a couple of days later, on Saturday, September 25th, join us for another Masonic Volunteering event, from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM, together with Masons from **Gen. Douglas MacArthur Lodge 853**, **Union-Tehama Lodge 3**, **Sacramento Lodge 40**, **Valley Lodge 135**, **Philomathean Lodge 2 Prince Hall**, **Ben Ali Shriners Islander Club**, and in partnership with **Marites and James S. Labang, Sikap Foundation, Inc.**, and the **Sacramento City Unified School District - Homeless Services Office**:

Event: **Homeless School Children Awareness**
Where: William A Carroll Amphitheatre
3901 Land Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95823 by the Sacramento Zoo.

We need your help to make a difference!

Blood Drive (Vitalant) ▪ School Supplies & Hygiene Products

Bring your donations to the event and enjoy great food and live entertainment featuring **D'Naturalz Band**.

If you can't make it to the park, please drop off donations at the **Sacramento Masonic Temple** - Monday-Friday (8:00 AM - 12:00 PM) or donate at **WLN20.org**. No RSVP needed. For more information, please contact **Master@WLN20.org**.

On September 30th, we will be hosting our **Annual Constitutional Observance Night** in honor of the Constitution of the United States of America. Our Guest-Speakers are Worshipful **Phil Hardiman**, Past Master, and Brother **Morrison Cohen England Jr.**, Senior US District Judge for the Eastern District of California. Dinner starts at 6:00 PM in the Banquet Room. Please RSVP for dinner today to **Master@WLN20.org**.

For more information on our schedule of activities, please visit **https://www.wln20.org/2021-calendar**

From the West

SW Russell Tomas

Congratulations to our newly initiated brothers as they begin their Masonic odyssey! Brother **Moises Gonzalez** and Brother **Brandon Jenkins** (what's his name again?) will be excellent additions to our ancient and honorable fraternity. Thank you to their families for joining us for dinner on their big night. Thank you to **Amy Gonzalez** and **Beth Jenkins** for bringing your families. Your support is important to our fraternity and your husbands could not do it without you. As I have told others before, there should be greater importance placed on the acceptance by the spouse than on the candidate. Harmony at home means harmony at the Lodge.

Initiating two of our brothers in one night is no small task. It takes careful planning and constant practice both at the Lodge level and the individual level. Fortunately for us, we have an excellent cadre of officers and Past Masters to complete the rituals successfully. Brother **Nicholas Johnston** was an excellent role model serving in the East. Brother **Mauro Lara** and the rest of the officers performed their ritual duties wonderfully. Despite the long night, everyone including the brothers who were simply in attendance did well.

Long nights of ritual remind me of a piece of advice from a trainer I follow in online workouts. And I know what you're thinking. Another article connecting our experiences as brothers to another one of Brother Russ' online workouts…

"Give people the best of us, not what's left of us."

Long days and nights of ritual can be very taxing on any brother. Whether you're a seasoned Past Master with decades of Freemasonry under your belt or a newly minted and eager Entered Apprentice, you will always catch yourself looking at your watch, writing your grocery list in your head (oddly specific), planning tomorrow, or any multitude of things that mentally pull you out of these long events. Lodge functions and rituals on a Thursday (why oh why not a Friday?) add to the challenge.

At the end of the day, it is easy to tell yourself you are tired. You probably are. If you gave most of your energy to the day, you have probably told yourself to give the remaining energy to the Lodge functions as the end. That is where the advice above comes into play. We should not give what energy we have left. We should give our best selves. During any function or ritual, we are usually there for someone else whether it's for the good of the Lodge (like Stated Meeting) or ritual (for our individual Brothers). It is the unerring duty of every brother to give their best at any function of the Lodge. We must remember that it is given to us strictly in charge to walk and act as a just and upright Freemason.

What do I mean about giving our best? It's not as difficult as it seems. If you find yourself slouching, pull yourself up. If you find yourself nodding off or your mind wandering, bring yourself to the present and listen to the words said and invocations given. Let the words and invocations remind you of your obligations and why you are here.

Personally, I keep myself in the present by giving the reassuring smile. Whether I'm giving it to a candidate or an officer performing their duties or a brother across the room, it always brings me to the present and reassures whoever I'm giving it to that I am here for them.

Honestly, once I get home after any long ritual night on a workday, I have no problem getting comfortable, kissing my wife and kids goodnight, and having some good Scotch or Rye Whiskey.

I think I earned that.

From the South

JW Nick Johnston

This month, Brother **Norman Heisel** turns eighty years of age. Thirty years ago, Brother **William Hill** was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Congratulations Brethren on your milestones.

In the month of September, we make the transition from Virgo to Libra on the day of the autumnal equinox, which happens on September 22nd. Just as in March, the days and nights will be of equal length on that day. The difference is that now the night overtakes the day by progressively longer amounts as we look towards the winter solstice.

Libra of course is well known for the symbol of the scales. One of the bearers of the scales depicted in Ancient Greece is the Titaness **Themis**, who was the Greek personification of divine laws and customs.

Themis' daughter, **Dike**, also was depicted with the scales, but her sense of justice is concerned with social laws, norms, and customs. As both Themis and Dike are well-known symbols of Justice, we are reminded how Justice is that standard or boundary of right which enables to render onto every man his just due, without distinction.

This virtue is not only consistent with divine (Themis) and human (Dike) laws, but is the very cement and support of civil society. This leads me to recall with pleasure the admonitions of our monitorial: Justice in a great measure constitutes the really good man, and to let it be the guide of your actions. Themis was also known as the organizer of the communal affairs of humans, such as assemblies.

We masons of course hold our own assemblies, and my hope is that this month continues to build on the last two months, which have had some amazing degrees and wonderful stated meetings.

Autumn is a delightful time of year, and I hope the beginning of yours is well-balanced and pleasant.

One of my recent interests is to follow two different solo sailors who are sailing across the oceans and documenting their trips on youtube. This interest then led me to learn a bit about celestial navigation.

The video I have linked below is great to watch for all masons. It features both the terrestrial and celestial spheres. It also contains applied geometry, astronomy, and navigation. It delineates the extent of seas, and also features practical applications of the compass, and applies the circumpunct.

The quadrant arch of the Past Master's jewel also reminds me a bit of the sextant, an instrument used for taking readings of celestial bodies. The video is a bit technical, and if you have no interest in sailing or flying by the stars, it may not mean much. But sometimes you can still learn amazing concepts from other disciplines.

The ancients were able to navigate the world without computers or GPS, just by looking up. What a wonderful skill: to look to the heavens to allow what is above to help us navigate our way through our lives down below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UV1V9-nnaAs

WLN20 Gives Back

Saturday, August 18th

09:30 AM - 01:30 PM

River City Food Bank • 2300 Edison Ave 95821

Register today! Space is very limited!

Important Notes:

Arrive by 09:15 AM to check in and receive instructions

Closed-toed shoes are required. Casual, comfortable attire.

Only 20 spots available.

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September 25th
09:30 AM

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Featuring: D'Naturalz Band

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09 •	Douglas J. Dern	45 Years
10 •	Craig S. McKinnon II	6 Years
12 •	William M. Hill	30 Years
12 •	Jon R. Isaacson PM	19 Years
12 •	Jesse R. Solis-Jacques PM	8 Years
15 •	Mauro Lara	5 Years
16 •	V. A. Winter Jr. PM	28 Years
16 •	Lance T. Vayder	17 Years
20 •	Creston Whiting-Casey III	9 Years
20 •	Alexis K. Baloji	3 Years
22 •	Jacob A. Cummings	5 Years
23 •	Reaburn D. Lenau III	28 Years
24 •	Donald W. Bader	51 Years
24 •	Reynold A. Porterfield PM	29 Years
25 •	Richard S. Golden	69 Years
27 •	Jon C. Hechtman	65 Years
27 •	Theodore J. Miller	48 Years
27 •	Garth R. Tanner	59 Years
27 •	Eric G. Young II	9 Years
28 •	Larry T. Afzal	43 Years
28 •	Thomas L. Ansell	32 Years
29 •	J. Scott Goode PM	10 Years
30 •	Daniel Radman	67 Years

Member Birthdays

02 •	Devin J. Gray	MM
05 •	Norman L. Helsel	MM
09 •	Marco E. Lopez	MM
12 •	Rodrigo B. Marcião	MM
13 •	Brian E. Jones	MM
14 •	Lucas M. Zeiher	MM
15 •	Alan E. Grundel PM	PM
19 •	David H. Keehner	MM
21 •	Ian M. Solis-Jacques	MM
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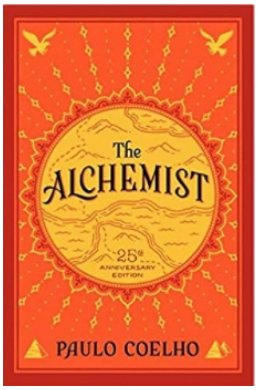
To practice and promote a way of life that binds like-minded men in a worldwide brotherhood that transcends all religious, ethnic, cultural, social and educational differences.

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.



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About the Author

Paulo Coelho de Souza (born 24 August 1947) is a Brazilian lyricist and novelist. He is a member of the Brazilian Academy of Letters. He influenced Brazilian rock music through his partnership with the musician Raul Seixas.

His work has been published in more than 170 countries and translated into eighty-three languages. Together, his books have sold three-hundred and twenty million.

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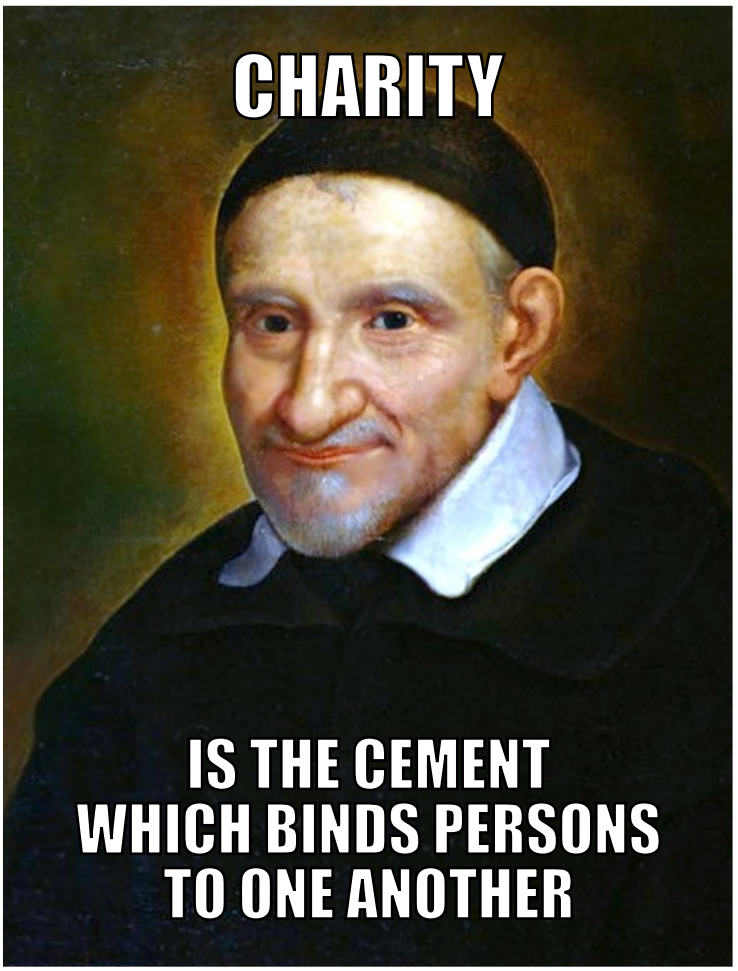

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September

THU	02	Stated Meeting Dinner Banquet Room 6:00 PM
THU	02	Monthly Stated Meeting LR1 7:30 PM
THU	09	Officers' Practice LR1 7:00 PM
WED	15	OSI - Officers School of Instruction LR3 7:00 PM
SAT	18	WLN20 Charity Drive River City Food Bank 9:30 AM
THU	23	First Degree Dinner Banquet Room 6:00 PM
THU	23	First Degree - Mr. Miller & Mr. Hall LR1 6:45 PM
SAT	25	Multi-Lodge Charity Drive William A Carroll Amphitheatre 9:30 AM
THU	30	WLN20 Constitutional Observance Night Banquet Room 6:00 PM

October

THU	07	Stated Meeting Dinner Banquet Room 6:00 PM
THU	07	Monthly Stated Meeting LR1 7:30 PM
FRI	08	172nd Annual Communication Grand Lodge of California FRI-SUN
THU	14	Degree Team Practice LR1 7:00 PM
WED	20	OSI - Officers School of Instruction LR3 7:00 PM
THU	21	Degree Team Practice LR1 7:00 PM
THU	28	WLN20 Past Masters' Night Banquet Room 6:00 PM
THU	28	Third Degree - Brother Dave Stallberg LR1 7:00 PM

For more information, please visit:
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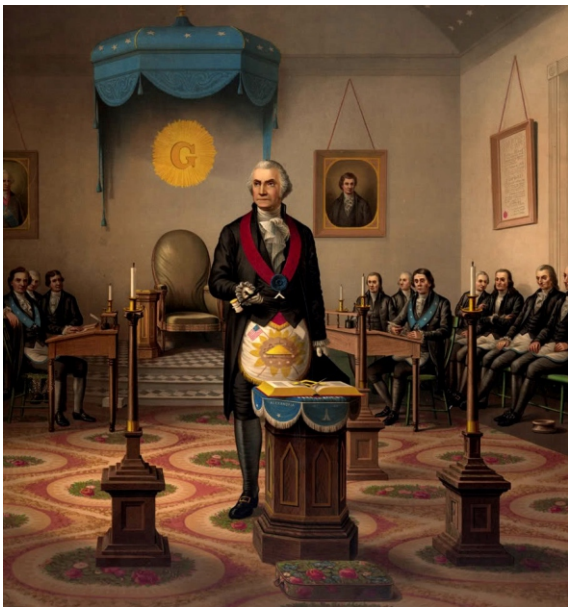

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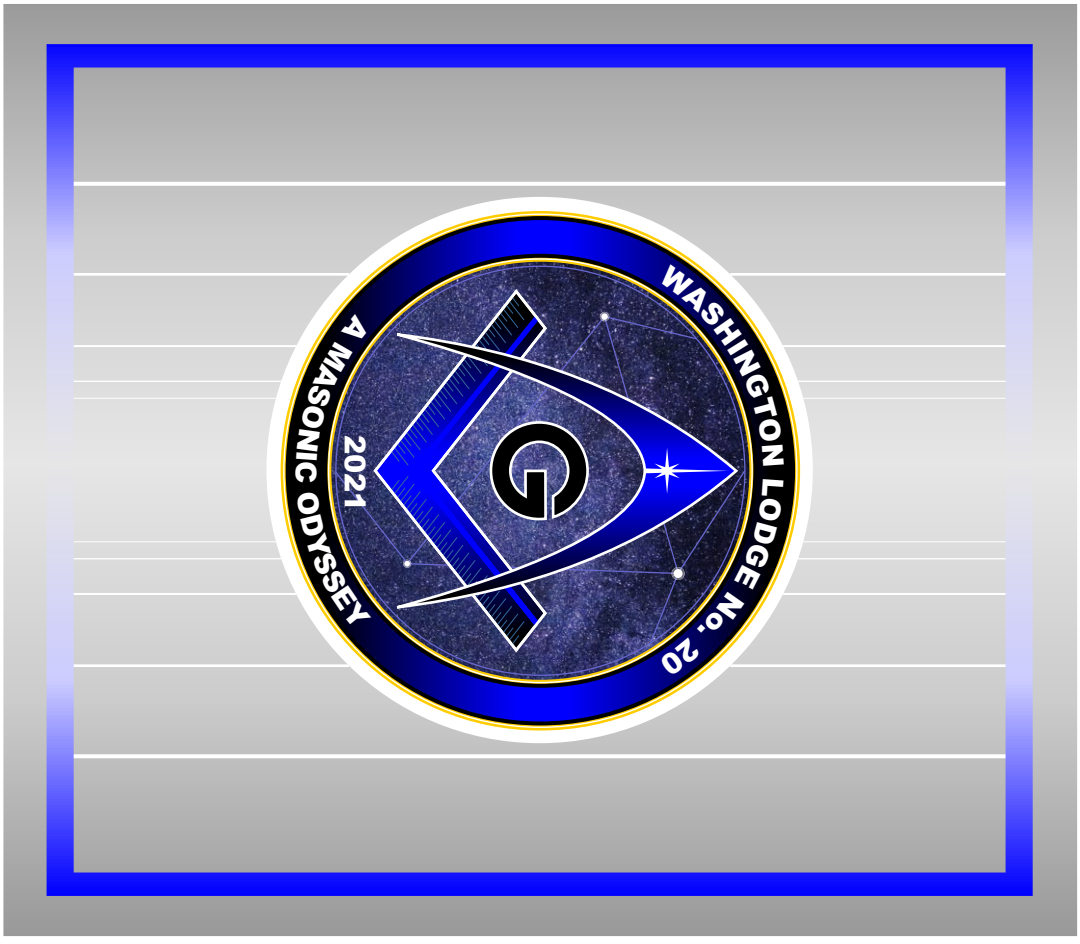

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