

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

Virtual-Tiled Stated Meeting

February 4, 2021

The Virtual-Tiled Stated Meeting was opened at 7:30pm with Worshipful Master Francisco Marques presiding and other officers and brethren present during the Zoom virtual-tiled meeting. The virtual tiled stated meetings will continue due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and statewide suspension of in-person stated meetings and will resume until further notice from the Grand Lodge of California.

Francisco Marques	Worshipful Master	Mauro Lara	Senior Deacon
Russell Tomas	Senior Warden	Creston Whiting-Casey III	Junior Deacon
Nick Johnston	Junior Warden	Joseph Wallach	Marshall
Eric Hixson, PM	Treasurer	Matthew Mason	Senior Steward
Jesus (Jesse) Solis Jacques, PM	Secretary	David Minke	Junior Steward
Kyle Campbell	Assistant Secretary	Not present	Organist
Bill Workman	Chaplain	Not present	Tiler

**Other brethren present:**

Michael Contreras, Wally Clark, Marcus Bole, Michael Allen, Bob Taylor, Worshipful John Knox, Worshipful Jeret Burnett, Worshipful Juan Faranda, Worshipful Richard Wilson, Worshipful Phil Hardiman, Worshipful Jared Yoshiki - Junior Past Master, and Worshipful Thom Pryor, Past Master of Elk Grove No. 173 and Junior Grand Steward.

The Master led the Lodge in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country.

**Announcements:**

Worshipful Francisco Marques announced the February birthdays for the following Brothers:

Worshipful Joseph Dongo on the 3rd.

Dave and William Cameron on the 13th.  
Wally Clark on the 17th.  
Worshipful Phil Hardiman on the 18th.  
Worshipful Eric Hardiman on the 19th.  
Dallas Calmes on the 27th.  
Bob Taylor on the 27th.

**Celebratory Dates:**

Worshipful Francisco Marques announced special tribute reminders to the following celebrated dates in History for the Month of February:

Lincoln's Birthday (1809) 212th Anniversary, Friday 02/12  
Valentine's Day, Sunday 02/14  
Presidents' Day, Monday 02/15  
WLN20 Under Dispensation (1852) 169th Anniversary, Friday 02/19  
Washington's Birthday (1732) 289th Anniversary, Monday 02/22

**Upcoming Events:**

Worshipful Francisco Marques provided details of the following events:

- 1) OSI - Officers School of Instruction  
Inspector of 414th Masonic District: Worshipful Michael Woo (PM)  
Wednesday, 02/17 • 07:00 PM  
All Masons are welcome (EAs, FCs, MMs)
  
- 2) Masonic Speaker Series:  
Our Role in Restoring Civility to Society  
Most Worshipful Russ Charvonia (PGM)  
Wednesday, 02/17 • 07:00 PM  
Register at [freemason.org/speakerseries/](http://freemason.org/speakerseries/)

**Activities:**

Worshipful Francisco Marques presented an interactive picture game from the Trestle Board called "NAME THIS PAST MASTER." The purpose of this game was to bring awareness to our monthly publications.

**Reading of the Minutes:**

The minutes of the January 7th virtual-tiled Stated Meeting were read and approved by the lodge.

**Balloting:**

There were no ballots taken.

**Reception of Applications:**

No applications were received.

**Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business:**

**Treasurer's Report/Bills:**

Worshipful Eric Hixson gave the monthly report of bills in the amount of \$1,318.89 and moved that the bills be paid. Seconded by Brother Matthew Mason, Senior Steward, and approved by the lodge.

**Communications:**

Worshipful Thom Pryor, Past Master of Elk Grove No. 173, Junior Grand Steward, representing our Grand Master on behalf of the California Masonic Foundation, presented a video describing the impact of our donation to the Let's Write the Future campaign.

**Committees Reports:**

Sunshine: Worshipful Joseph Dongo reported that Brother Tritt had been hospitalized due to health complications.

The Master Francisco Marques reported that Brother Michael Allen had also been recently hospitalized (he is home now) and that Brother Marty Buff had to be taken to the ER earlier in the day but that he was back home.  
Temple Board: No reports were made.

Social Media: The Secretary and Assistant Secretary provided the addition of the "Secretary's Table" Article with pertinent information for members.

**New Business:**

Worshipful Eric Hixson reported the Treasurer's 2020 Semi-Annual and 2020 Annual Reports. Brother Russ Tomas, Senior Warden, moved that the lodge adopt the 2020 Semi/Annual report. Seconded by Worshipful Phil Hardiman and approved by the lodge.

Worshipful Jesse Solis-Jacques reported the Secretary's 2020 Semi-Annual and 2020 Annual membership status Reports. Worshipful Jeret Burnett moved

that the lodge adopt the 2020 Semi/Annual membership status report. Seconded by Brother Matthew Mason and approved by the lodge.

The Master Francisco Marques informed the lodge that Premier Parking is the new parking management company at 1117 J Street. In addition, on behalf of all Masonic Lodges at 1123 J Street, the Masonic Temple building management is negotiating a new contract with Premier Parking.

Contract will include the following:

- Monthly Parking Passes for Temple Staff
- Special Validation Code for Brothers and Guests (Mon-Fri Evening)
- Parking Validation for Prospective Clients with Tours
- Parking Packages and Valet Services for Clients with Rentals.

Once finalized, there will be FREE PARKING for all members of Washington Lodge #20 when given the special validation code: WL201123

### **Current Status of the Membership Roster:**

The Master Francisco Marques informed the lodge that diligent outreach efforts were made for our Members with unpaid dues balances. Below are the following details to date and notices and certified mail with return receipts will be conducted in phases to eligible members:

Phase I - 11 Entered Apprentices, 1 Fellow Craft and 1 Master Mason with balances ranging from (\$939.75-\$1,179.75).

Phase II - 12 Master Masons with balances ranging from (\$323.25-\$769.75).

Phase III - 15 of 80/120 Eligible Members with balances ranging from (\$246.75-\$459.75).

Phase IV - 30 members with Direct Follow-Up from the Master Francisco Marques with balances ranging from (\$246.75-\$1,079.75).

\$972.11 were received from this group in January.

During the outreach, many members had undeliverable mailing Addresses, incorrect phone numbers, and invalid email addresses. Regularly, updates have been made accordingly.

### **Motions:**

The Master Francisco Marques presented the Amendment to the lodge By-Laws for both Annual Dues and Life Membership in accordance with (CMC §809.310, §809.150, §809.320). Brother Russ Tomas, Senior Warden, moved that these amendments to the By-Laws be made. Seconded by Worshipful Jeret Burnett and approved by the lodge.

The Master Francisco Marques moved that the Retiring Master's Regalia fund of \$500 be transferred and made payable to the Masons4Mitts program

per Worshipful Jared Yoshiki, Retiring Master's requests. Worshipful Phil Hardiman amended the motion to include an additional check of \$500 made payable to Worshipful Jared Yoshiki, to comprise of two checks of \$500 each, one payable to Masons4Mitts program and the other payable to Worshipful Jared Yoshiki. Seconded by Worshipful Jared Yoshiki and approved by the lodge.

The Master Francisco Marques added that when Masons4Mitts campaign opens in April 2021, a \$500 check will be mailed to: Masons 4 Mitts, 1111 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94108 and note in the memo line of the check "On behalf of Worshipful Jared Yoshiki, PM."

**Sacred Roll:**

No in-memoriams given.

The Virtual-Tiled Stated Meeting was closed at 8:37pm. Stated meeting dinner canceled until further noticed, in accordance with Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines and Grand Lodge's decision to suspend all social gathering activities.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jesus Solis-Jacques*

Jesus (Jesse) Solis-Jacques, PM, Secretary

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*Francisco Marques*

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Francisco Marques, Master