

WLN20 TrestleBoard

August 2024



From the East

Matthew Mason - Worshipful Master



I just flew in from Frankfurt through Taiwan and boy, are my arms tired! (Sorry, I couldn't help myself.) As I return from an around-the-world trip, I am excited by the things going on to experience here at home with Washington 20 this and next month.

Our **Annual Table Lodge** is just weeks away! The men of the Lodge will gather on August 15 at 6:00 PM for food, libations, toasts, and fun. Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**, will walk us through the toasts and Brother **Joe Wallach** has arraigned the seven, yup-seven, courses we will eat through in the evening.

Make sure you bring some smaller bills in cash for the small “fines” for violations in the ritual you will be walked through beforehand. The “fines” are voluntary, small, and ALL the money raised will go to purchasing items needed at the **Shriners Hospital** school.

Next month is **Constitutional Observance Night** on September 12 at 6:30 PM. It is open to all Masons, their families, and guests. Fun trivia and a reflection on the most influential document written will be accompanied by dinner as we enjoy each other's fellowship.

On September 21 is the **Master's Ball** (previously Ladies Night). This year, it is a luau with all the laid-back Polynesian latitudes—or is it attitudes—of fun, consisting of a wonderful dinner and some tropical drinks.

Finally, a reminder that the **September Stated Meeting** will be a dress-down (or is it dress-up?) evening of Hawaiian wear to end the summer months and support the theme of the Master's Ball (Ladies Night). It is just

a to inject a little fun before the end of the year. If anything, make sure to come that night to see me in my aloha shirt and a top hat!



From the West

Joseph Wallach - Senior Warden



It is August, and as it happens every year, we are greeted with a searing kiss from the hottest time of the summer.

There are many tasks put upon us that are limited as to the time they can be accomplished, when the day is most temperate. As the sun rises in the East at early dawn and sets in the West at the eve of day, that is when we can work best at our labors.

This month is also on the cusp of change from being restrained in activity to being free to do more over a greater span of time. We are more than halfway through the Masonic year and there is always much to be done. Those ahead prepare those behind, those behind work to do what's necessary in the next step of the journey.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our August Stated Meeting when we are once again in fellowship with one another.



From the South

William Workman - Junior Warden



August Greetings, Brethren.

This summer heat, relentless and unyielding, turning the canvas from green to brown, has siphoned some of the energy from me. This, indeed, has been a hot summer here in Sacramento.

Our family has taken some dips in cool waters, had a few otter pops and cold drinks, and spent some time in the shade of big trees. I hope you have all found a refreshing way to beat the summer heat.

Despite the drained energy level, I still feel energized when it comes to my fellow Brother Masons. We have a great supply of inspiration from a rich and diverse fraternity.

I would like to share with you something from one of my favorite Founding Fathers of our great nation that gives me a lift in spirits. I admire his insight and appreciate his deep understanding of Masonry and his dedication to the Craft and to our country.

“Freemasonry has tenets peculiar to itself. They serve as testimonials of character and qualifications, which are only conferred after due course of instruction and examination. These are of no small value; they speak a universal language, and act as a passport to the attentions and support of the initiated in all parts of the world.

They cannot be lost as long as memory retains its power. Let the possessor of them be expatriated, shipwrecked or imprisoned, let him be stripped of everything he has got in the world, still those credentials remain, and are available for use as circumstances require.

The good effects they have produced are established by the most incontestable facts of history. They have stayed the uplifted hand of the destroyer; they have softened the asperities of the tyrant; they have mitigated the horrors of captivity; they have subdued the rancor of malevolence; and broken down the barriers of political animosity and sectarian alienation.

On the field of battle, in the solitudes of the uncultivated forest, or in the busy haunts of the crowded city, they have made men of the most hostile feelings, the most distant regions, and diversified conditions, rush to the aid of each other, and feel a special joy and satisfaction that they have been able to afford relief to a Brother Mason.” - Benjamin Franklin.

I hope to see you all at the next stated meeting on August 1st!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

- 01 **Monthly Stated Meeting Dinner** (Banquet Room) Thursday 06:00 PM
- 01 **Monthly Stated Meeting** (LR1) Thursday 07:30 PM
- 08 **DARK or Degree Practice** (LR1) Thursday 07:00 PM
- 15 **Table Lodge** (Banquet Room) Thursday 06:00 PM
- 21 **Officers School of Instruction** (LR3) Wednesday 07:00 PM
(Advanced Stations, First Degree)
- 22 **DARK or Degree Practice** (LR1) Thursday 07:00 PM
- 29 **DARK or Degree Practice** (LR1) Thursday 07:00 PM

SEPTEMBER

- 03 **Monthly Executive Committee Meeting** (Zoom) Tuesday 06:30 PM
- 05 **Monthly Stated Meeting Dinner** (Banquet Room) Thursday 06:00 PM
- 05 **Monthly Stated Meeting** (LR1) Thursday 07:30 PM
- 12 **Annual Constitutional Observance Night** (Banquet Room) Thursday 06:00 PM
- 18 **Officers School of Instruction** (LR3) Wednesday 07:00 PM
(Advanced Stations, Second Degree)
- 19 **DARK or Degree Practice** (LR1) Thursday 07:00 PM
- 21 **Masters Ball: Aloha Tiki** (Ballroom) Saturday 06:00 PM
- 26 **DARK or Degree** (LR1) Thursday 07:00 PM

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.

AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS

- 01 **Mark Hammer** (Entered Apprentice)
- 02 **Branden Polupan** (Master Mason)
- 04 **Charles Moore, Jr.** (Master Mason)
- 06 **Richard Hixson (Past Master)**
- 06 **Marcus Bole** (Master Mason)
- 07 **Carlos Brusel-Casals** (Master Mason)
- 07 **Lance Vayder** (Master Mason)
- 08 **Kamyl Assè** (Master Mason)
- 09 **Tony Contreras** (Entered Apprentice)
- 16 **Phillip Richards** (Master Mason)
- 17 **Creston Whiting-Casey, III** (Master Mason)
- 22 **Jared Yoshiki (Past Master) (Officers Coach)**
- 23 **Ehsan Ghanizadeh** (Master Mason)
- 24 **Douglas Dern** (Master Mason)
- 26 **Dwight Bradish** (Master Mason)
- 26 **Robert Brooks** (Master Mason)
- 27 **Bob Cameron** (Master Mason)
- 28 **Reaburn Lenau, III** (Master Mason)
- 30 **Luis Montero (Past Master)**
- 30 **Terry Cooley** (Master Mason)
- 31 **Ramey Packer (Chaplain)**
- 31 **William Hill** (Master Mason)

MASTER MASON ANNIVERSARIES

- 01 **Patrick Fischer** (4 Years)
- 08 **Jeret Burnett (Past Master)** (17 Years)
- 10 **Robert Hovorka** (22 Years)
- 13 **Stanley Sanders** (43 Years)
- 14 **William Sherrard** (25 Years)
- 16 **Marco Lopez** (28 Years)
- 20 **Ronald Speno** (9 Years)
- 24 **James Dimmitt (Organist)** (14 Years)
- 26 **David Huez** (14 Years)
- 27 **Frederick Hardiman (Past Master)** (26 Years)
- 29 **Juan Faranda (Past Master)** (46 Years)
- 30 **Heath Hamm** (12 Years)



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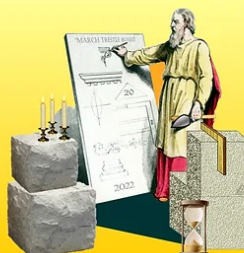
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