

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

Stated Meeting

July 06, 2023

The Stated Meeting was opened at 07:42 PM with the Master presiding and other Officers and Brethren present as shown in the Tiler's Register.

**Officers**

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| <b>Mauro Lara</b>            | Worshipful Master   | <b>William Workman</b> | Senior Deacon  |
| <b>Matthew Mason</b>         | Senior Warden       | <b>Brandon Jenkins</b> | Junior Deacon  |
| <b>Joseph Wallach</b>        | Junior Warden       | Not Present            | Marshal        |
| <b>Eric Hixson, PM</b>       | Treasurer           | Not Present            | Senior Steward |
| <b>Francisco Marques, PM</b> | Secretary           | Not Present            | Junior Steward |
| <b>Richard Wilson, PM</b>    | Chaplain            | <b>James Dimmitt</b>   | Organist       |
| Not Present                  | Assistant Secretary | <b>Martin Buff</b>     | Tiler          |

In an effort to practice for Advanced Stations, Brother **Matthew Mason** (Senior Warden) served as Worshipful Master for the Opening and Worshipful **Mauro Lara** (Master) directed the Business portion and Closing; Brother **Joseph Wallach** (Junior Warden) served as Senior Warden, Brother **William Workman** (Senior Deacon) as Junior Warden, Brother **Brandon Jenkins** (Junior Deacon) as Senior Deacon, Brother **Alexis Baloji** as Senior Steward, Brother **Kevin Hall** as Junior Steward, while the chairs of Assistant Secretary and Marshal remained vacant for the meeting.

The Master, Worshipful **Mauro Lara**, upon taking the Oriental Chair for the Business portion, 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 minutes of the June 1st, 2023 Stated Meeting were read and approved by the lodge.

**Reports of Investigating Committees**

None.

**Balloting**

None.

**Reception of Applications**

None.

## **Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business**

### **(a) Reports of Special Committees:**

The Coaches Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, and Brother **Brandon Jenkins** reported updates on their Candidates.

Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, reported that Brother **Dan Jernigan**, Entered Apprentice from Eureka Lodge No. 16, has joined his study group.

### **(b) Bills and Communications:**

The Treasurer, Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, gave the monthly report of bills for **July 2023** in the amount of **\$2,821.59**. Audited by the Senior Warden, Brother **Matthew Mason**, and the Junior Warden, Brother **Joseph Wallach**. Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, moved that the bills be paid. Seconded by Worshipful **Russell Thomas, PM**, and approved by the Lodge.

### **(c) New Business:**

The Master, Worshipful **Mauro Lara**, expressed his gratitude to the Brethren in attendance, most especially to Brother **Alexis Baloji** and Brother **Kevin Hall** for serving as Stewards for the evening, and recognized the presence of Worshipful **Russell Tomas**, Junior Past Master.

The Acting Junior Warden, Brother **William Workman**, reported cash donations received from the members attending dinner in the amount of **\$130.00**.

## **Oration**

The Acting Senior Deacon, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, presented a lecture on the importance of asking **WHY** for a better understanding of our Masonic experience.

“Why do we do what we do as Freemasons?” The answer “because this is the way it has always been done” should not stop your desire to learn. “Why” questions are essential in Masonic Philosophy, as they cause us to take a step back and focus on gaining more insight and clarity before moving forward.

When learning the Ritual, ask yourself “why,” or what the context is behind each lesson from your Coach. At the end of the day, the “why,” or the reason you are doing something, shouldn’t only be an afterthought; rather, it should be the driving force behind the entire process.

## **Sacred Roll**

The Secretary, Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, read the Sacred Roll *in memoriam* of Brother **Allen Robert Kramer**, Master Mason. He was born on January 14, 1952, and entered into Rest on July 02, 2023, at the age of 71 years, 5 months, and 14 days.

The Master announced the upcoming events:

**Grand Standard Bearer Reception** on Thursday, July 20th at 05:00 PM  
**Ladies' Luncheon (Bingo & Wine Tasting)** on Saturday, July 29th at 12:00 PM  
**Annual Family BBQ Picnic** on Saturday, August 12th at 12:00 PM  
**River City Food Bank** on Saturday, August 19th at 10:00 AM

Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**, offered the support from members of **Sacramento Commandery No. 2 of Knights Templar (York Rite)**, who will be joining our Food Bank efforts on August 19th. Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, reiterated that the partnership between Washington Lodge No. 20 and Commandery No. 2 of Knights Templar has been strong for many years, with both organizations working together in various charitable initiatives.

The Stated Meeting was closed at 08:08 PM. Dinner was served before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Francisco Marques .:*

**Francisco Marques, PM**  
Secretary

*Mauro Lara*  
Mauro Lara (Aug 4, 2023 13:35 PDT)

**Mauro Lara**  
Master


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