

HALL OF WASHINGTON LODGE No. 20, F. & A. M.
 SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
 Stated Meeting August 5, 2021

The Lodge was opened on the First Degree of Masonry at 7:30 PM with the Officers presiding and Brethren present as recorded in the Tiler's Register.

OFFICERS

Francisco Marques	Worshipful Master	Mauro Lara	Senior Deacon
Not Present	Senior Warden	Creston Whiting-Casey, III	Junior Deacon
Nicholas Johnston	Junior Warden	Joseph Wallach	Marshal
Eric Hixson, PM	Treasurer	Matthew Mason	Senior Steward
Jesus (Jesse) Solis-Jacques, PM	Secretary	David Minke	Junior Steward
William Workman	Chaplain	Floyd Tritt	Tiler
Not Present	Asst. Secretary	Martin Buff	Organist

After inviting all Past Masters to seats in the East, the Master, led the Lodge in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes for the July 1st Stated Meeting were read and approved by the Lodge.

The minutes for the July 29th Special Meeting, Entered Apprentice Degree for Brother Branden Aharon Populan, were read and approved by the lodge.

Reports of Investigating Committees

The Master, Worshipful Francisco Marques, informed the Lodge that the committee upon the application of Mr. Jonathan Mark Bray has requested further time, and it was granted further time until the next Stated Meeting of this Lodge.

Balloting:

After background checks were completed by Grand Lodge and favorable reports from the investigating committee were submitted to the Master, applications from Mr. Kevin Ross Hall, Mr. Allan Arthur Harlan, Mr. Jared Eliot Bishop, Mr. Ramey Paz Packer, and Mr. Brandon Wayne Jenkins were read and the Master ordered the Senior Deacon to prepare the ballot. The Senior Deacon, Mauro Lara, presented the ballot at 8:01pm. Balloting was closed at 8:08 pm. At 8:11 pm, the Master, announced that the lodge elected all five applicants to receive the degrees of Masonry in this lodge.

Reception of Applications

No Applications were received.

Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business

None presented.

Treasurer Reports/Bills:

The Treasurer, Worshipful Eric Hixson, gave the monthly report of bills in the amount of **\$4,264.01**. The Auditing Committee of the Junior Warden, Brother Nicholas Johnston and Worshipful Jon Isaacson, PM, concurred, on the amount and it was moved by Worshipful Eric Hixson that the bills be paid. Seconded by Worshipful Jesse-Solis Jacques and approved by the Lodge.

Treasurer, Worshipful Eric Hixson read the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report to the lodge.

Communications

None given.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: No reports were made.

Temple Board: The Master announced the parking validation update that there is a scanning QR code system available, however, members must register first via an App.

The Master thanked all who volunteered on 07/24/2021 with painting over the graffiti on the exterior walls of the Masonic Temple. The City of Sacramento had issued a notice of violation, mandating the clean-up, however, not providing any support to help with the cost.

The Master informed the lodge that Brother Richard Stover was recently attacked by an unknown suspect at approximately 3:30 pm on 07/29/2021, date of the last Special Meeting, Entered Apprentice Degree. The camera footage of the suspect was captured and is available to assist with the investigation and a police report has been filed.

Social Media: No reports were made.

Charity: The Junior Deacon, Brother Creston Whiting-Casing III, announced the introduction of an upcoming philanthropy App. He also requested volunteers to assist with the River City Food bank on September 18th from 0900 - 1300 at the North Sacramento Church to provide service and distribution of food.

The Senior Deacon, Brother Mauro Lara, stated that the most valuable gifts we can give to our communities is our time, treasures, and talents and as Captain of our District, he encourages members to contribute to the Mason4Mitts program. Our support helps provide sporting supplies to local children so they can have the opportunities

to enjoy these sporting activities and stay active within our communities. Brother Mauro Lara stated there are various ways to donate and that the month of September is Donation and Giving Month and that charities such as local blood drives, Mason4Mitts, and the Children's Holiday Drive are a few examples to offer our support and to see Brother Creston Whiting-Casey III or himself for more information.

Worshipful Joseph Dongo forwarded a message from Sir Knight Luis Montero, Eminent Commander of the Sacramento Commandery #2 of Knights Templar, that volunteers are needed to assist with serving food at Loaves and Fishes, and any member who like to help, please see Worshipful Joseph Dongo for more information.

New Business:

The Secretary, Worshipful Jesse Solis-Jacques read the Secretary's Semi-Annual Membership Report to the lodge. The ending membership as of June 30, 2021, is 222 Masons.

The Secretary, Worshipful Jesse Solis-Jacques, presented the status results of the Grand Lodge's Annual Audit Report and reported that Washington Lodge #20 passed the audit and forwarded the message from the Assistant Grand Secretary, Worshipful Jordan Tyler Yelinek, that he was overly impressed with the audit and that he would like to use the lodge's audit as a template to assist other lodges with their audits. Worshipful Jesse Solis-Jacques also provided his sincere gratitude to the Retention and Charity committees, all Officers, and any brethren within the lodge who played key roles in supporting the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary with the management of lodge records, under the direction and leadership of the Master, Francisco Marques, by focusing on the Lodge's membership roster as a top priority for the 2021 masonic year.

The Junior Steward, David Minke, presented the income received from the August stated meeting dinner, of which, \$80 payments were made online and \$120 received as cash payments for a total of \$200 and provided these payments to the Secretary. Brother David Minke, also presented, for the record, that \$230 cash was received for the July stated dinner and provided this payment to the secretary. The \$230 cash received has been deposited into the lodge's bank account on August 4, 2021.

Oration: None

Sacred Rolls: None

Upcoming Events:

The Master, Worshipful Francisco Marques, announced the upcoming events for the month of August.

THU 08/12/2021 WLN20 Officers' Practice (07:00 PM) LR1

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THU 08/26/2021 Double 1st Degrees for Mr. Moises Cruz Gonzalez and Mr. Brandon Wayne Jenkins

The Master also informed the lodge that there will be a 5-Candidate Entered Apprentice Ceremony on November 20th and that the remaining 5 applicants, Mr. Ramey Paz Packer, Mr. Alan Arthur Harlan, Mr. Jonathan Mark Bray, Mr. Jared Eliot Bishop, and Mr. Kevin Ross Hall have been informed that their initiations will take place on that date.

The Lodge was closed at 8:41 PM. Dinner was served before the meeting.

Jesus Solis Jacques, PM

Jesus (Jesse) Solis-Jacques, PM, Secretary

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Francisco Marques, Master