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From the East

William Workman - Worshipful Master

We, as Free and Accepted Masons, are taught to make use of it for the more noble and glorious purpose of dividing our time. Being divided into twenty-four equal parts, it is emblematic of the twenty-four hours of the day, which we are taught to divide into three parts: a part for the service of God and a distressed worthy Brother, a part for our usual vocations, and a part for refreshment and repose.

As Master of the Lodge, the symbolic use of this instrument has proven to be my greatest challenge. I initially found myself caught up in the logistics - how we inherited an inch-based tool from English Masonry rather than using the metric system. However, the real test lies in applying its division of time to my daily life. Working ten-hour shifts and needing eight hours of sleep leaves me just six hours to balance everything else: serving God, maintaining a loving relationship with my wife and four sons, and supporting distressed worthy Brothers. Leading a busy Lodge, chairing every committee, and striving to remain a patient role model when things do not go as planned is a monumental balancing act.

During my tenure as Master of the Lodge, I have been blessed with a deeply supportive and flexible partner in my wife, Dawn. Together, we manage the daily rhythms of our home and the demands of our youngest son's academic and crew schedules with shared understanding and balance, while also maintaining close relationships with my three adult sons who live in other states.

My foremost duty in this life is the upbringing of my son, offering him a steadfast example of what it means to be a good man in modern society. The

love I hold for my family inspires my work in the East, just as the tenets of the Craft enrich my home. Dawn recently observed that my devotion to the lessons of Freemasonry shines through in all that I do. Thus, my time away from home in service to the Lodge is, in itself, a profound lesson for our son - demonstrating that there is no nobler purpose than serving God, country, neighbor, and family. Balancing this aspect of my life with the lessons of the 24-inch gauge is truly my greatest challenge.
One of the most valuable lessons Freemasonry has taught me is that our Lodge is a living compilation of the past, present, and future. Standing before you tonight is a humbling experience.

While I aspired to accomplish great things for our Lodge this year, I deeply understand that my opportunity to serve was made possible by the Past Masters and older Brethren who can no longer attend our labors.

Staying connected with them has been a cornerstone of my year. Fortunately, long commutes have afforded me the time for deep, meaningful phone conversations with these Brothers - conversations that might never have happened within the busy walls of the Lodge.

With our active membership, I have strived to connect on a truly personal level. Many of our Brethren faced periods of distress this year, challenging me to offer Brotherly Love when and where it was needed most—often when it was least expected. This application of the 24-inch gauge has been the most rewarding part of my journey.

Looking ahead, I humbly hope that others will rise after me to build upon this foundation and elevate our Lodge in ways I could not. I have always believed that sitting in the Oriental Chair is not about power, entitlement, or ego. Instead, I am reminded of the profound words that guide our journey from the West to the East:

> *“Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own.”*

The true energy of the East is not a mandate to rule, but a duty to guide the future with direction, purpose, and meaning through Charity - which, in its highest sense, is divine, selfless, and active love.

For refreshment and repose, I turn to the garden and the woodworking bench, teaching my son the patient crafts of wood, metal, and stone. Using tools both modern and ancient, operative and speculative, I carry on the legacy of my father, Brothers, and mentors. This labor ultimately prepares our minds as living stones for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. This is the practice that brings me true peace.

Travel and Discovery: A Memorable Degree at Siminoff Daylight Lodge

Our recent "Travel and Discovery" event was a truly engaging and rewarding highlight of this year's journeys. The Lodge Officers traveled to the Masonic Homes campus in Union City to conduct a Third Degree ceremony at Siminoff Daylight Lodge, raising Brother **Isaí Jaimes** to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with the Brethren of Siminoff Daylight Lodge. Several of their members joined us, with one serving as Junior Warden during the Degree and many others offering their support from the sidelines. We also owe a special note of appreciation to a Brother from UT3, who stepped in to fill an important role during the ceremony - perfectly exemplifying Brotherly Love and Relief. Thank you, Brother **Jhason Wint**!

On a lighter note, our journey concluded with a bit of unexpected humor: we accidentally packed up all of Siminoff Daylight Lodge's aprons! Rest assured, they have since been returned to the place whence they came and are once again safely deposited in their faithful chests.

A new journey has also begun for our newest Brother, **David Crow**, who was initiated on October 29 and has taken his first steps in his Masonic travels. We welcome him with open arms and wish him all the blessings of Heaven as he begins his journey. Please join us in welcoming him to Washington Lodge No. 20 at his first Stated Meeting dinner and meeting on November 5.

Looking Ahead This Month

Stated Meeting and Dinner - Thursday, November 5

Please join us for our November Stated Meeting and dinner. See the dinner menu below for details.

During the Stated Meeting, we will hold our Annual Election of Officers for the 2027 Masonic year, along with other important Lodge business. Your attendance and participation are greatly appreciated.

Wild West Ladies' Night - Saturday, November 7

Our much-anticipated Ladies' Night is almost here! See the flyer accompanying the Junior Warden's article for additional details.

Please bring your lady, spouse, partner, girlfriend, auntie, grandmother, daughter, sister, cousin, love interest, date - or anyone special in your life!

This year's celebration features a Wild West theme, so feel free to dress the part!

Just remember to leave your six-shooters safely at home. You may tie up your horses in the parking lot before coming inside to feast on delicious BBQ and enjoy cocktails, beer, and wine.

Let's make this a memorable evening for the wonderful ladies in our lives!

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Thanksgiving: A Time for Gratitude and Reflection

Let us not forget one of our nation's most meaningful holidays this month: Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving has historical connections to the principles reflected in the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, particularly religious liberty and the role that faith and gratitude played in the lives of many of our Founding Fathers.

In 1789, Congress requested that President George Washington proclaim a national day of public thanksgiving and prayer. In response, President Washington issued his Thanksgiving Proclamation on October 3 of that year, inviting Americans to express gratitude for the nation's blessings, including the peaceful establishment of a new constitutional government. Washington also recognized religious and civil liberty among the blessings for which the nation should be thankful, expressing these sentiments in the following words:

Thanksgiving Proclamation on October 3rd, 1789:

> *By the President of the United States of America. A Proclamation.*
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> *Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor - and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.*
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> *Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be - That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks - for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation - for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war - for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed - for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national*

One now lately instituted - for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions - to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually - to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed - to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord -To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us - and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New-York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.
Go: Washington

As we gather with our loved ones to celebrate this season of gratitude, I wish to extend my warmest fraternal greetings and heartfelt blessings to each of you on behalf of the East.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the many blessings the Supreme Architect of the Universe has bestowed upon us. It reminds us of the strength we draw from our families, the comfort we find in our homes, and the enduring bonds of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth that unite us as Masons.

May your homes be filled with warmth, laughter, joy, and peace throughout this season of gratitude. Let us also remember in our thoughts and prayers those facing hardship, traveling far from home, or unable to gather with their

loved ones, and extend to them the compassion, kindness, and generosity that embody the true spirit of Masonic charity.

I extend my sincere appreciation to each of you for your continued dedication to our Lodge, our beloved Craft, and one another. May the coming year bring you and your families an abundance of good health, happiness, prosperity, and countless blessings.

Happy Thanksgiving, Brethren!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

William "Bill" Workman
Worshipful Master
Washington Lodge No. 20





From the West

Brandon Jenkins - Senior Warden

October was a busy and rewarding month for Washington Lodge No. 20. We had the pleasure of raising Brother **Isaí Jaimes** to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at the Masonic Homes in Union City, followed by the initiation of Mr. **David Crow** as an Entered Apprentice at our own Temple. My sincere thanks go to all the Brethren who helped make these occasions possible, especially those who traveled to Union City to participate in such a memorable Degree.

As I prepare for my upcoming year in the East (if elected), I have been spending quite a bit of time studying the lectures of the Third Degree. Although I have heard them several times over the years, the process of memorizing them has revealed new insights and areas of interest that I had not previously recognized. One particular passage has stood out to me lately (written in plain English, rather than ciphered, so it is appropriate to share here):

> *"Be just, be faithful, be true and convince the world by your acts that on becoming a Master Mason, you have become a better man."*

I believe there is an important lesson in those words. We are not told to convince the world through our titles, our jewels, our knowledge of ritual, or even how frequently we attend Lodge. Instead, we are reminded that our actions should demonstrate that Freemasonry has made us better men.

This raises an interesting question: **What does it truly mean to be a faithful Mason?**

Attending meetings, participating in Degrees, learning ritual, and serving our Lodge are all important. These activities strengthen our Fraternity and help preserve its cherished traditions. But are they the only measures by which we should judge a Brother's faithfulness?

Consider a Brother who cannot attend Lodge regularly because of family responsibilities, work commitments, or health concerns. Perhaps we rarely see him in the Lodge room, yet he remains honest in his dealings, keeps his promises, helps others whenever possible, and strives to live by the principles he has learned through Freemasonry. Would we consider him any less faithful?

Although I would certainly love to see him at our meetings, I would never consider such a Brother unfaithful.

To be just means treating others fairly, even when doing so is difficult. To be faithful means honoring our obligations to our Fraternity, our families, and our communities. To be true means doing what is right, even when no one is watching.

Our Lodge provides us with opportunities to learn, practice, and strengthen these principles, but it is what we do beyond the Lodge room that truly matters. After all, the apron comes off, but the lessons remain.
And now, a little challenge for my attentive Brethren: Any Brother who happens to mention those eight words to me before anyone else does might just find himself twenty dollars richer! Of course, to give everyone a fair chance, previous winners are ineligible to claim the prize two months in a row.



As another Masonic year draws to a close, I hope we will each take a moment to reflect on whether we are simply participating in Freemasonry or truly embracing its teachings and allowing them to make us better men.

Finally, I hope to see many of you, along with your ladies and guests, at our **Wild West Ladies' Night on Saturday, November 7, at 6:30 PM.** The evening will feature live music by the Geoffrey Miller Band, some good old-fashioned Western vittles, and, most importantly, a wonderful opportunity to enjoy one another's company. So dust off those cowboy boots and hats, and join us for what promises to be a memorable evening filled with laughter, friendship, and good old-fashioned Masonic fellowship!

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Washington Lodge No. 20 F. & A. M.

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.

Freemasonry is

Kindness in the home,
Honesty in business,
Courtesy in society,
Fairness in work,
Pity and concern for the unfortunate,
Resistance toward evil,
Help for the weak,
Forgiveness for the penitent,
Love for one another and,
Above all, reverence and love for God.
Freemasonry is many things but
Most of all:
Freemasonry is a way of life.



From the South

Nicholas Johnston - Junior Warden

Greetings, Brethren!

Welcome to November!

Many of you may have heard of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2067 in the United Kingdom, a distinguished Masonic research Lodge based in London. But have you ever wondered where its name originated? Interestingly, it has a historical connection to the month of November.

This connection dates back to the traditions of operative Masonry and the Feast of the Quatuor Coronati (the Four Crowned Martyrs), commemorated on November 8. According to tradition, four Roman stonemasons—Claudius, Castorius, Symphorian, and Nicostratus—were martyred during the reign of Emperor Diocletian for refusing to carve an idol of Aesculapius. During the Middle Ages, these martyrs were venerated as patron saints of the stonemasons' guilds. Their story is referenced in one of the earliest surviving Masonic manuscripts, the Regius Poem (c. 1390).

To this day, Quatuor Coronati Lodge continues the tradition of holding its annual Installation on or around November 8.

For those interested in learning more about this fascinating piece of Masonic history, I encourage you to explore the following link:

https://www.quatuorcoronati.com/about-qc-lodge/the-legend/

Throughout this year, I have shared several historical references in this column concerning our Lodge's namesake, Worshipful Brother **George Washington**. As it happens, November 4 marks another significant anniversary in Masonic history. On that date in 1752, a 20-year-old George Washington was initiated as an Entered Apprentice at Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia, now known as Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4.

Stay tuned for next month's column, when we will explore one final chapter of Washington's remarkable legacy in our concluding installment for 2026.

Closer to home, November promises to be an exciting month for our Lodge here in Sacramento. We begin with our Stated Meeting on Thursday, November 5, during which we will conduct our **Annual Election of Officers**.

Just two days later, on Saturday, November 7, we will celebrate our much-anticipated **Wild West Ladies' Night**, featuring live music, delicious BBQ, and a wonderful opportunity for fellowship. I warmly encourage all Brethren to attend and participate in these special occasions.

Finally, November brings us Thanksgiving, one of my personal favorite holidays. It is a meaningful opportunity to reflect upon our blessings, express gratitude, and cherish the company of those who matter most in our lives.

I sincerely hope each of you will have the opportunity to enjoy this special holiday surrounded by family, friends, and loved ones.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving!



MASONIC LODGE

WASHINGTON #20 INVITES YOU TO



WILD WEST LADIES' NIGHT





NOV. 7th

6:30 PM

20 26

WANTED:

YOU! For a Rip-Roarin' Night!

at The Masonic Temple

FEATURING:

The Geoffrey Miller Band

Old-Fashioned Western Vittles

& Good Fellowship

Boots, Hats & Western Wears Encouraged!

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The Tiler's Word

(Past Masters Edition)

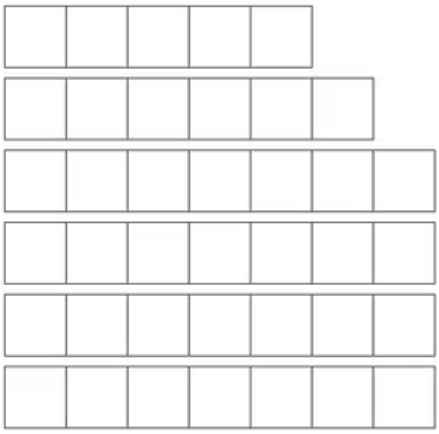
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Find every hidden surname
Six are hidden in the grid.

Trace adjacent letters
Connect letters horizontally or vertically but never diagonally.
Surnames bend around the blue walls.

Use every tile exactly once
Surnames can never share a tile.

Your Answers:





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- **05 Thursday 6:00 PM**
  - **Stated Meeting Dinner**
  - Banquet Room at 1123 J Street 95814
- **05 Thursday 7:30 PM**
  - **Stated Meeting (Annual Election of Officers)**
  - LR1 at 1123 J Street 95814
- **07 Saturday 6:30 PM**
  - **Wild West Ladies' Night RSVP**
  - Ballroom at 1123 J Street 95814
- **12 Thursday**
  - **DARK**
- **18 Wednesday 7:00 PM**
  - **OSI (Officers School of Instruction)**
  - LR3 at 1123 J Street 95814
- **19 Thursday 6:30 PM**
  - **DARK**
- **26 Thursday**
  - **DARK**

BIRTHDAYS

- 01 **Eric Hixson (Past Master)**
- 02 **David Stallberg** (Fellow Craft)
- 06 **Tod Barnes** (Master Mason)
- 08 **Richard McCaleb (Past Master)**
- 11 **Nicholas Johnston (Junior Warden)** (Master Mason)
- 11 **John Djubek** (Master Mason)
- 15 **Joseph Wallach (Past Master) (Assistant Secretary)**
- 16 **Kevin Hall (Senior Steward)** (Master Mason)
- 17 **Jared Dailey** (Master Mason)
- 23 **James Ramey** (Master Mason)
- 25 **Arthur Henrikson** (Master Mason)
- 27 **Joshua Pane** (Master Mason)
- 28 **V. Allen Winter, Jr. (Past Master)**
- 28 **Victor Novak** (Master Mason)
- 28 **Tim Tyler** (Master Mason)
- 28 **John Day** (Entered Apprentice)

MASTER MASON ANNIVERSARIES

- 03 **Tod Barnes** (34 Years)
- 10 **David Freeman** (38 Years)
- 10 **Gerald Van Wagner** (32 Years)
- 14 **Richard Wilson (Past Master)** (58 Years)
- 15 **Denny Carlson** (14 Years)
- 15 **James Clark** (47 Years)
- 16 **Eddie Haskins** (27 Years)
- 17 **Michael Quinn** (21 Years)
- 17 **Craig Spilman** (49 Years)
- 19 **Walter Santwer** (28 Years)
- 20 **David Keehner** (57 Years)
- 28 **Sonny Stormes (Past Master)** (19 Years)
- 29 **Luis Montero (Past Master)** (14 Years)
- 29 **Wally Clark** (60 Years)
- 30 **Alan Grundel (Past Master)** (59 Years)
- 30 **John Djubek (Golden Veteran)** (50 Years)



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