

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

Stated Meeting

August 01, 2024

The Stated Meeting was opened at 07:58 PM with the Master presiding and other Officers and Brethren present as shown in the Tiler's Register.

Officers

Matthew Mason	Worshipful Master	Brandon Jenkins	Senior Deacon
Joseph Wallach	Senior Warden	Kevin Hall	Junior Deacon
William Workman	Junior Warden	Christopher Hamilton	Marshal
Eric Hixson, PM	Treasurer	Nicholas Johnston	Senior Steward
Francisco Marques, PM	Secretary	Not Present	Junior Steward
Not Present	Chaplain	Not Present	Organist
		Martin Buff	Tiler

Worshipful **Richard Wilson, PM**, led the Lodge in our devotions, and Brother **Kelvin Kimball** (EA) served as Junior Steward, while the chair of Organist remained vacant for the meeting.

The Master invited all Masters and Past Masters to seats in the East then led the Lodge in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes of the July 11th, 2024 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) New Business:

The Secretary, Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, read the 2024 Semi-Annual Secretary Report on Membership Information and Monies Received pursuant to CMC §805.230.B

The Secretary, Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, read the 2024 Semi-Annual Temple Board Report on Income and Expenditures, and on Assets and Liabilities, pursuant to CMC §900.050.

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The Master, Worshipful **Matthew Mason**, informed the Lodge that the Treasurer, Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, will present the 2024 Semi-Annual Financial Statement on Income and Expenditures, and on Assets and Liabilities, at the next Stated Meeting.

The Secretary, Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, presented the Building Manager's report, highlighting the occurrences leading to the fire alarm control panel failure and consequent 24/7 fire watch mandated by the Sacramento Fire Department at a cost of \$5,880.00 per week. (24 x 7 x \$35.00 per hour). The fire watch will remain in place until the fire alarm control panel replacement is completed and approved by the Sacramento Fire Department.

The Senior Deacon, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, reported, as president of the Temple Board, that the board held an emergency meeting in the Club Room this evening, adjourning just before this Stated Meeting. He informed that the Board approved very important motions to provide the Hall Association with financial assistance via capital infusion by the shareholders.

In addition, Brother **Brandon Jenkins** reported that the Hall Association presented to the Washington Lodge No. 20 representative at the 08/1/2024 emergency board meeting the project of replacing the fire alarm control panel and that FireCode Safety Equipment, Inc. was selected to perform the work and will be awarded the project but only after the Hall Association obtains written approval from the Masonic Properties Committee.

A motion was made by Brother **Brandon Jenkins** and seconded by Brother **Martin Buff** to approve \$3,400.00 as capital infusion to the Hall Association to help fund the fire alarm control panel replacement project as presented by the Hall Association. The dollar amount of \$3,400.00 corresponds to 8.5% of \$40,000.00. Washington Lodge No. 20 will generate the \$3,400.00 check payable to the Hall Association but only after the Hall Association obtains written approval from the Masonic Properties Committee. Motion carried.

After explaining that the mandatory fire watch costs \$35.00 per hour or \$5,880.00 per week or \$23,520.00 per month, Brother **Brandon Jenkins** moved to approve \$1,999.20 as capital infusion to the Hall Association to help fund a retainer for four (4) weeks of fire watch, so that the building is not fined \$25,000.00 a day for noncompliance. This dollar amount of \$1,999.20 corresponds to 8.5% of \$23,520.00, which is the cost of four (4) weeks of fire watch at \$35.00 per hour or \$5,880.00 per week. Seconded by Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, and approved by the Lodge.

After explaining that the urgent need to hire fire watch services, in addition to the low volume of ballroom bookings since the pandemic shutdown, has caused the Hall Association to fall behind on a few important bills, Brother **Brandon Jenkins** moved to approve \$1,360.00 as capital infusion to the Hall Association to help pay for past due bills. This dollar amount of \$1,360.00 corresponds to 8.5% of \$16,000.00. Seconded by Brother **William Workman** and approved by the Lodge.

Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, moved to pay twelve (12) months of rent in advance in the total amount of \$6,336.00 to the Hall Association. The rent paid by Washington Lodge No. 20 to the Hall Association currently costs \$528.00 per month. Seconded by Brother **Martin Buff** and approved by the Lodge.

Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**, proposed that the Hall Association look into developing a business plan and apply for a loan. A reputable lender can help us get a better deal and make the process easier and quicker.

Brother **Kevin Hall** argued that we may have reached the right time to encourage discussion for a long-term plan in future committee meetings, due to the Masonic Temple being a very old building, and as such, prone to structural problems, old electrics, old plumbing, and other building age-related common issues. Selling the building could become a more sensible option.

Brother **Brandon Jenkins** stated that he agrees with Brother **Kevin Hall**, and the time may have come to look into other viable options regarding meeting spaces. He stated that Freemasonry is contained within ourselves, not in the structures in which we meet, and although this building initially drew him to seek what was inside, we carry the Lodge within our hearts. He reiterated that although he is currently serving as president of the Hall Association, he is first a Brother of Washington Lodge No. 20, and since our Lodge only holds 8.5% of building ownership, we should only commit to paying 8.5% of the costs. He further stated that if other Owing Bodies could not afford their share of the costs of ownership, perhaps Washington Lodge No. 20 could purchase a percentage of their shares and take over a portion of their financial responsibility, but we should not contribute finances beyond our percentage of ownership.

(b) Reports of Special Committees:

None

(c) Bills and Communications:

The Treasurer, Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, gave the monthly report of bills for **August 2024** in the amount of **\$7,746.74**, audited by the Senior Warden, Brother **Joseph Wallach** and the Junior Warden, Brother **William Workman**, and moved that the bills be paid. Seconded by Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, and approved by the lodge.

Oration

None

Sacred Roll

None

The Senior Steward, Brother **Nicholas Johnston** reported cash donation received during dinner in the amount of **\$140.00** and gave the monies to the Secretary.

The Stated Meeting was closed at 9:25 PM.

Dinner was served in the Banquet Room before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Francisco Marques

Francisco Marques, PM
Secretary

Matthew Mason
Matthew Mason (Oct 12, 2024 12:06 PDT)

Matthew Mason
Master










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