

WLN20 TrestleBoard

September 2025



From the East

Joseph Wallach - Worshipful Master



Greetings, Brethren.

September has arrived, and with it the beginning of [Autumn](#). The temperature will be cooling, the leaves will be changing color, and soon they will wither and blow away from the tree that has nourished them to make room for new growth in a new season.

Our Lodge seems to follow nature similarly in its many windings for the last quarter of the Masonic year. As budding Officers in our new positions earlier this year, we have grown under the tutelage of those who have gone this way before, and given fullness to what would otherwise be a barren tree of past deeds and accomplishments. As with all growth, we must hold onto that which we have mastered and move forward to that which is new growth and new experiences.

We must remember to make time for those who are progressing through the Officer line as well as all our Brothers. We cannot make up for lost time or missed opportunities.

And with this thought in the forefront of my mind, I look forward to seeing you at our Stated meeting and reconnecting once again in good company and fellowship.

Fraternally,

Joseph Wallach WM



From the West

William Workman - Senior Warden



Summer is fading, and Fall is approaching. We have been very lucky this year in Sacramento to have had a relatively mild summer with only a few days of triple-digit heat. Maybe we can all report some saving on our air conditioning bills this year!!

Looking forward to the cooler temperatures of Fall and contemplating something that I feel strongly about and that as a Mason, seems to fit perfectly into our philosophy as a Fraternity.

Service!

As I kid, I used to rebel a little when asked to do chores around the house. It seemed like a punishment at times. That was until my grandfather taught me that the chores were a way to provide a service to others and that if done well, it would be something that I could be proud of and feel good about having done it for selfless reasons. My grandfather taught me the value of contributing to the overall well-being of our family through work such as chopping wood, cutting grass, preparing meals and cleaning up.

Each of us kids had a job and we did them together, all having an important part in everyday living. No one complained, no one felt as if they were doing more than others, we just did it, and it felt satisfied knowing that we could provide a valuable service for each other. I will never forget how my grandfather made me feel about pitching in and helping out.

One of my fondest memories is having my grandfather watch us use a bucksaw to cut logs and then using a wedge, sledgehammer, and axe to make firewood. He made it fun, even though it was hard work, and it made the fires in the living room just a bit more enjoyable, knowing that we had invested in the warmth it provided the whole family.

Service

The word service has a variety of meanings depending on the context, but it primarily refers to an intangible act or a system that provides value, assistance, or a helpful function.

A Mason can serve their lodge in various formal and informal roles, both ceremonial and administrative. While formal officer positions involve ritual duties, many other opportunities exist for members to contribute to the lodge and the broader community

Informal and committee roles

Beyond holding office, Masons serve their lodge in numerous informal and committee-based ways.

- Education and mentorship
- Candidate Coach: Helps new members learn the lessons and ritual of Freemasonry.
- Program Presenter: Many lodges feature educational presentations from members on Masonic history, symbols, or other topics. Event planning
- Refreshment Team: Organizes and prepares the meals and refreshments for the social dinner, or "festive board," that follows meetings. Serving the meals and clearing the table. Helping in the kitchen to clean up, wash and rinse dishes and throw out trash.
- Fundraising and Social Events: Organizes events like pancake breakfasts, community barbecues, or other social gatherings. Community service and charity
- Charity Committee Member: Participates in the lodge's charitable giving process, which includes assisting fellow Masons and their families.
- Community Volunteer: Joins in group service projects, such as park clean-ups, cemetery maintenance, or assisting other non-profit organizations.

Administrative support

- Committee Chair/Member: Serves on specialized committees for finance, membership, or building maintenance, providing administrative support.

- Historian: Maintains the lodge's history through archiving documents and updating historical information.

There are lots of opportunities for Masons and our families to become involved in service in many more ways and I hope that you feel comfortable asking to be involved. We will all benefit from the unique set of skills that each of us have that are of great value.

Please volunteer to joint committees and share those qualities with the Fraternity. After all, we are builders of our Temple and each act of service is like placing a stone, fitted with nicety, into something truly beautiful, that bonds us as Brothers.



Thursday, August 28, 2025
Third Degree: Brother Jonathon Miller
Past Masters' Night

Congratulations on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason!



From the South

Brandon Jenkins - Junior Warden



I greet you, my Brothers!

My wishes for a cooler August went unanswered, registering multiple triple-digit days, but hope springs eternal! Perhaps September will heed my desires!



*Image 1 - My daughter, **Delaney**, outside the entrance of the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum, San Jose, CA – June 2024*

Recently, I fell down the rabbit hole of learning about Egyptian myth.

My father, daughter, and I visited the [Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum](#) in San Jose last year, and as I was reviewing some of the pictures I took, I was drawn into one that displays the “Weighing of the Heart” ceremony recreated on the walls of a reconstruction of an Egyptian tomb. [Knowing that cultures often share morals across generations](#), I wondered if the values propagated

by ancient Egyptians carried over into our Freemason ideals. What I found was very enlightening.



Image 2 - Weighing of the Heart Ceremony - Recreation - Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum - San Jose, CA - June 2024

The ancient Egyptians believed that the heart was the seat of a person's mind, conscience, and morality—it recorded all of their deeds, good and bad, during their lifetime. Unlike the brain, which they didn't consider important for thought or morality, the heart held one's true self.

After death, the soul went to the [Hall of Ma'at](#). [Ma'at](#) was the goddess of truth, order, and cosmic balance, and her feather symbolized truth, morality, and universal harmony. The god [Anubis](#), the jackal-headed deity of embalming and the afterlife, placed the deceased's heart on one side of a scale and Ma'at's feather on the other. [Thoth](#), the ibis-headed god of wisdom and writing, recorded the results.

- If the heart was as light as (or lighter than) the feather, it meant the person had lived a righteous, balanced life in accordance with Ma'at. The soul was allowed to enter the afterlife (the Field of Reeds, an Egyptian paradise).

- If the heart was heavy with wrongdoing, it tipped the scale, and the soul was condemned. The monstrous deity [Ammit](#) (part crocodile, lion, and hippopotamus) would devour the heart, destroying the person's chance for eternal life.

While rooted in Egyptian spiritual tradition, this allegory speaks directly to values we uphold as Freemasons.

In Freemasonry, we are taught that our internal character—our moral and spiritual state—is of greater importance than external status or possessions. Just as the Egyptians believed that the heart recorded all one's deeds and thoughts, Freemasonry reminds us that our conscience bears witness to our lives. We cannot hide the truth of who we are from the Great Architect and his [All-Seeing Eye](#).

The feather of Ma'at represents balance and uprightness. Freemasonry offers a similar symbol: [the Plumb](#). Just as the feather was the standard against which the heart was measured, the Plumb “teaches us to walk uprightly before God and man.” Both symbols urge us to maintain moral rectitude, fairness, and truth in all our dealings.

The Egyptians feared a heart heavy with greed, deceit, and selfishness. Likewise, Masonry teaches us to rid ourselves of “all the vices and superfluities of life.” The weight of ill deeds burdens the soul, but living with integrity, charity, and brotherly love keeps our hearts light.

The weighing of the heart also challenges us to consider how we will be remembered. As Masons, we strive to live so that when our own time comes to part this mortal coil, we are not judged by wealth or titles, but by our service, our fidelity to truth, and our love for our fellow man.

An Ancient Truth, A Modern Call

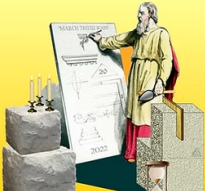
The [Egyptian ceremony of judgment](#) may belong to a different culture and era, but its lesson is universal: to prepare our hearts while we live. Freemasonry calls us to the same task, encouraging self-examination, moral improvement, and alignment with the divine principles symbolized in our ritual.

As we meet upon the level and part upon the square, let us keep before us the image of the balanced scale: our hearts measured against the feather of truth. Let our actions make our hearts light—so that one day, we too may stand justified, having lived uprightly and well.



Watch the Video: **Weighing of the Heart**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1sDJ0jAcw7U>

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A
CELEBRATION OF LIFE
in loving memory of
NANCY JOAN HARDIMAN

SATURDAY 6 11:00 AM
SEPTEMBER 2025

Nancy passed to the heavenly realm on August 15, 2025, after a struggle with cancer over the last couple of years.

Throughout her illness, she showed incredible strength and grace, never losing her love for those around her.

Nancy's faith was unwavering and a comfort to all. It was the foundation of her life and a guiding light for all who knew her.

She offered comfort and inspiration to all who stood by her side.

Nancy's Celebration of Life will be held in the Ballroom of the Sacramento Masonic Temple at 1123 J Street, in Downtown Sacramento.

Come share your memories

We invite you to join us after the service for food and drinks, catered by Tony's Deli.

For those planning to attend, RSVP to philipandnancy@aol.com or text **916-712-4814**.

For those who are so inclined and wish to donate in Nancy's memory, her favorite York Rite Charities are the **Royal Arch Research Assistance** (Check made payable to Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons) and the **Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation** (Check made payable to CMMRF).

You can send your donation to:

**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons Office
1123 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-2809**

They will forward your donations to the proper parties.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 02 **Executive Committee Meeting** (Zoom) Tuesday 6:30 PM
- 04 **Stated Meeting Dinner** (Banquet Room) Thursday 6:00 PM
- 04 **Monthly Stated Meeting** (LR1) Thursday 7:30 PM
- 06 **Celebration of Life - Nancy Hardiman** (Ballroom) Saturday 11:00 AM
- 11 **DARK**
- 17 **OSI (Officers School of Instruction)** (LR3) Wednesday 7:00 PM
- 18 **DARK**
- 25 **DARK**
- 30 **Executive Committee Meeting** (Zoom) Tuesday 6:30 PM

OCTOBER

- 02 **Stated Meeting Dinner** (Banquet Room) Thursday 6:00 PM
Masonic Homes Presentation
- 09 **Monthly Stated Meeting** (LR1) Thursday 7:30 PM
- 15 **OSI (Officers School of Instruction)** (LR3) Wednesday 7:00 PM
- 16 **DARK**
- 23 **DARK**
- 24-26 **176th Annual Communication in San Francisco, CA**
- 30 **DARK**

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.

SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 02 **Devin Gray** (Master Mason)
- 05 **Norman Helsel** (Master Mason)
- 09 **Marco Lopez** (Master Mason)
- 11 **Moises Gonzalez** (Master Mason)
- 12 **Rodrigo Bitar** (Master Mason)
- 13 **Brian Jones** (Master Mason)
- 15 **Alan Grundel (Past Master)**
- 19 **David Keehner** (Master Mason)
- 21 **Ian Solis-Jacques** (Master Mason)
- 25 **Alejandro Reynoso** (Master Mason)
- 26 **Ernest Owen, Jr.** (Master Mason)

MASTER MASON ANNIVERSARIES

- 09 **Douglas Dern** (49 Years)
- 12 **Jon Isaacson (Past Master)** (23 Years)
- 12 **Jesse Solis-Jacques (Past Master)** (12 Years)
- 12 **William Hill** (34 Years)
- 15 **Mauro Lara (Past Master)** (9 Years)
- 16 **V. Allen Winter, Jr. (Past Master)** (32 Years)
- 16 **Lance Vayder** (21 Years)
- 20 **Creston Whiting-Casey** (13 Years)
- 20 **Alexis Baloji** (7 Years)
- 21 **Moises Gonzalez** (02 Years)
- 22 **Ramey Packer (Chaplain)** (3 Years)
- 23 **Reaburn Lenau, III** (32 Years)
- 24 **Donald Bader** (55 Years)
- 27 **Garth Tanner** (63 Years)
- 28 **Thomas Ansell** (36 Years)
- 29 **Scott Goode (Past Master)** (14 Years)
- 29 **Brandon Jenkins (Junior Warden)** (3 Years)
- 30 **David Thomas** (12 Years)