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Bridge to the Future

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From the East: Wor. Jared Yoshiki



What new and strange times we are living in. The last time we were all together in Lodge was over 2 months ago and this is slowly becoming a somewhat new normal. Technology has definitely been a valuable means to stay connected and I know many of us are taking advantage of it to chat with one another.

So with many stay-at-home orders being extended through the month of May, I think its safe to say none of us will be in lodge until at least June at the earliest. But as we continue to do our best to help each other, I wanted to let you know your lodge is here to help you.

We have committed \$1,000 to the newly formed [Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund](#) to help those brothers who may need assistance. It's designed to help Masons affected by COVID-19 get back on their feet. For those who need an urgent hand paying for groceries or medication – or facing longer-term income instability – the Relief Fund will provide access to local, state, and federal resources, offer direct emergency funds, and assist in other ways. Despite new government assistance and other programs, many people will have gaps to fill. The Relief Fund can help cover some of those gaps.

Due to the public health orders, we postponed many of our volunteer charity events we had planned and chose instead to allocate some of our charity dollars to those purposes. We are donating \$500 to one of the poorest school districts in the state to help children obtain school supplies while they are kept out of the classroom. This was originally meant to kick-off our “Operation Backpack” efforts, but instead access to school supplies immediately was more important.

Your lodge is also donating \$500 to the River City Food Banks as they struggle to help poor communities with food supplies. Several brothers were signed up to volunteer to help sort food stuffs, but again due to public health orders, safety was more important and that event was postponed. We also learned that the food bank was having a hard time purchasing supplies and felt that this small contribution would be a good way to help our community. We can do more to help and if you have any suggestions of how we can help communities or families in need please reach out to let me know.

I cannot reiterate enough that your masonic family is here to help you. We care not only about your overall health, but your mental health as well. Social interactions is sometimes integral to our mental psyche as human beings. Check in on each other from time to time. We have brothers who will feel great about that text message or that phone call. It is my hope that many of these health orders will be lifted in the coming month and that we can get back to a semblance of our normal lives. There is no question that our lives have been changed by this pandemic, but I think the more light we shed, the more hope we can bring to each other and our communities.

You have also probably received information from Grand Lodge about the new [freemason.org](#) member center that will be rolled out soon. This system is valuable and provides really good information about the fraternity, but most importantly, it allows you to keep your contact information up to date. While we have some time on our hands, I would strongly recommend logging into the system to make sure your contact information is up to date.

I look forward to seeing many of you on our zoom trivia night happy hour. It should be a fun event that allows us to enjoy some social time and test some of our useless random knowledge.

In the meantime, stay safe, my Brothers. Stay Healthy!



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From the West

Bro. Francisco Marques · Senior Warden



A long time ago, under the auspices of a Grand Lodge not far way, twenty Master Masons met for the purpose of organizing a fourth Masonic Lodge in the Sacramento Area. Just a few weeks later, on May the 5th, 1852, Washington Lodge was chartered. Historians refer to that Band of Brothers as the embodiment of courage and optimism. 1852 was not a favorable year by any means. Flood and pestilence took the lives of many natives and residents. Uncertainty and hopelessness dominated the minds of the public. Sounds familiar?

A couple of months prior, Sacramento had been overflowed in consequence of heavy rains and faulty levees, and water had poured into the city. All the bridges were swept away and many drowned. Boats were brought in to navigate the streets to and from the State Capitol and between many other points. The entire loss in the city was estimated at \$150,000. The farmers and gardeners, however, on the low lands, and the proprietors of bridges, sustained even greater losses.

Nevertheless, those brave and visionary Brothers got together and signed a petition for dispensation, which was granted by the Deputy Grand Master only two days later. There was no time to waste and much to be done. On May 13th, 1852, Brother **Nathaniel Greene Curtis** was elected the first regular Master under the charter and his highest priority was to raise funds for relief of all distressed, worthy Brother Masons in the Sacramento Area.

Those were difficult times, but our Lodge remained optimistic and our members found a way to work together and help fellow Masons and local communities. Despite the hardship, our membership strengthened and grew from 20 to 39 in one year, and in 1854, WLN20 already had 94 Master Masons, including California Governor **John Bigler**, who was a member of Tehama Lodge No. 3 and joined our Lodge by affiliation.

A few years later, in 1861, farmers and ranchers were praying for rain after an exceptionally dry decade. In December, their prayers were answered with a vengeance, as a series of monstrous Pacific storms slammed into the West coast. The storms produced the most violent flooding Sacramento residents had ever seen, before or since. The entire valley was more like a lake extending from the mountains on one side to the coast hills on the other. Steam boats ran back over the ranches fourteen miles from the river, carrying supplies and animals to the hills. Once again, members of Washington Lodge No. 20 came to the relief of local communities, organizing fundraising events and providing distribution of food, water and clothing items.

Our Lodge had seen its share of floods, fires and plagues, but the worst was yet to come. The influenza outbreak of 1918 devastated the world, killing an estimated 50 million people in contrast to the 16 million who died during the Great War, making it one of the deadliest pandemics in human history. One-fifth of the population worldwide suffered from the influenza outbreak to some extent, and one-fourth of Americans contracted it. The influenza epidemic struck the Sacramento Area as severely as other locations, and shelter-in-place orders were issued.

At that time, Washington Lodge No. 20 was heavily involved in the erection of our beautiful Masonic Temple. All construction work was put to arrest almost immediately and our members saw themselves going once again out of their way to help the distressed and to care for the well being of our locality.

Today, as we navigate through the uncharted waters of the current contagion, our Lodge remains as involved and vigorous as ever, under the leadership of Worshipful **Jared Yoshiki**. Our fellow members have been working together in various charitable projects in our community and providing support to the **Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund**, available for Masons experiencing COVID-19 related hardship. See Wor. Yoshiki's article on the previous page for more details on how your masonic family can help you and your family.

There is no doubt in my mind that Relief - as in Charity, Kindness and Generosity - has always been the driving force of our Lodge and I am proud to be a member of such visionary and dynamic organization.

Happy 168th Anniversary, Washington Lodge No. 20!



From the South

Bro. Russ Tomas · Junior Warden



May is month that wears many faces. It is the month for Cinco de Mayo. A day a younger version of me used to enjoy. Present Russ not so much. It is also Star Wars month. A month that the younger version of me wished existed a long time ago. Present me is living it up. Most importantly, May is the month to celebrate mothers.

Whether it is the woman who gave birth to you or the woman who raised you, we should revere her for making us the men we are today. On Mother's Day (May 10, which you should know, because if not... uh oh...), we celebrate the women who cared for us and the women who care for the ones we love. Every now and then, I hear the argument that we should celebrate them every day. I agree. However, that one special day is for her. It is the day we can truly show the women in our lives the appreciation they deserve.

Proverbs 31:28-29 reads:
Her children will rise up and bless her;
Her husband also, and he praises her, saying:
"Many daughters have done nobly,
But you excel them all."

As Freemasons, we use terminology that fits this idea. A "Mother Lodge" is a term we use to identify the particular Lodge where a brother was "first made a Mason." It is the Lodge that we were born a Mason and for the rest of our lives we will always remember. As Freemasons, we can say even the word "mother" holds a special place in our hearts.

On a side note, congratulations to Sacramento for having the lowest COVID-19 infection rate of America's 50 largest metro areas! Let's keep it up! Special shout out to the California Grand Master, Most Worshipful **John Trauner**, for taking early and decisive action to protect the brothers of California Freemasonry and their families.

Be safe out there. Stay home as much as possible.

Wear masks! I can't wait to see all of you in person.

May the fourth be with you!

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.





Member Birthdays

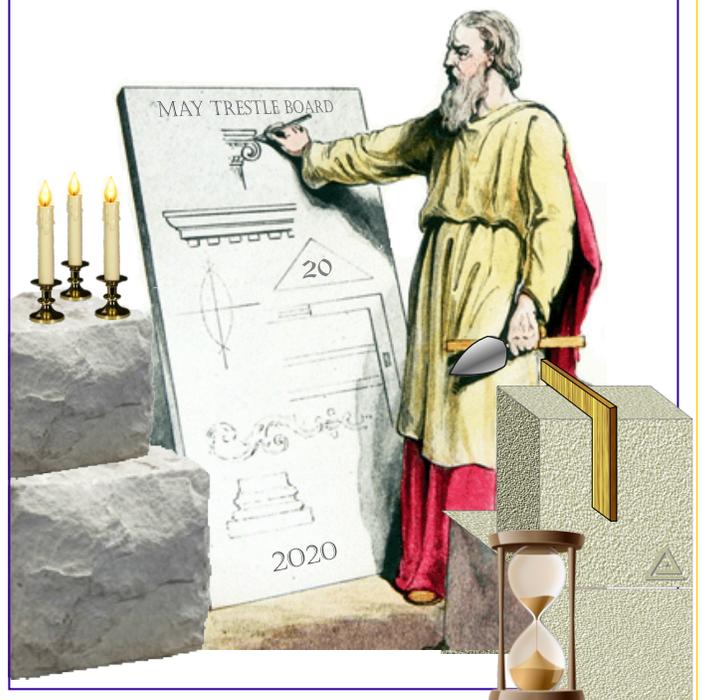
01 • Russell M. H. O'Day	MM
02 • John H. May 	MM
03 • Robert D. Hessee	EA
05 • Jesse R. Solis-Jacques 	MM
06 • David C. Huez	MM
07 • Prezell O. Harris	MM
08 • Richard A. Pullen 	MM
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12 • Walter J. Santwer	MM
15 • Richard E. Stover	MM
19 • Jonathan A. Brizuela	MM
19 • Mauro Lara	MM
20 • David C. Hall 	MM
20 • Michael P. Quinn	MM
22 • Denton E. Carlson	MM
23 • Stephan L. May	EA
25 • Colin A. Quinn	FC
26 • Paul McNamee	MM
29 • Wayne G. McIntyre	EA

**Master Mason
Anniversary Dates**

01 • Prezell O. Harris	10 Years
08 • Dallas L. Calmes	6 Years
08 • Charles H. Moore	51 Years
11 • Martin L. Buff	3 Years
11 • William D. Chessum	25 Years
11 • Joseph A. Mayo	25 Years
12 • Ronald M. Forsberg	43 Years
14 • Thomas E. Goodwin	63 Years
15 • Terry C. Cooley	6 Years
15 • Frederick S. Rickard	66 Years
16 • Scott K. Van Wagner	22 Years
16 • Joseph L. Wallach	7 Years
17 • Ko K. Chang	19 Years
18 • Robert E. Brooks	48 Years
20 • William A. Dillon	56 Years
20 • Ernest C. Owen	38 Years
21 • Albert C. Lazare	7 Years
21 • Phillip A. Richards	50 Years
22 • George A. Morrow	62 Years
22 • Emad K. Sweidan	10 Years
24 • Robert C. Breese	36 Years
24 • James D. Cralle	47 Years
25 • Brian E. Jones	16 Years
31 • Edwin L. Douthit	36 Years
31 • Thomas L. Weary	8 Years

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Masonic Events During COVID-19 Gathering Restrictions

On March 16, the California Department of Public Health released new guidance on the prevention of COVID-19 transmission. The Department has found that all non-essential gatherings should be postponed or canceled until further guidance is provided. **All Masonic gatherings are non-essential in the context of this guidance.**

Based on the foregoing, it is my direction that there be no Masonic gatherings of any kind in this state until further direction is received from me. This includes all Masonic organizations and Masonic Youth Orders.

Payment of Lodge Essential Bills

As a result of these actions, no lodge can hold a stated meeting to pay its bills, and there is no clear remedy in our law to solve this problem.

Special Procedure for Lodges

Effective today, 03/18/2020, a majority of the elected officers of the lodge may order the advancement of lodge funds to pay those essential lodge bills whose payment cannot reasonably be deferred.

The elected lodge officers may confer by telephone, video conference, or email in making this determination.

Expenditures by the lodge charity committee are an essential lodge bill for which payment should not be deferred.

The lodge must ratify these payments at the next stated meeting held by the lodge.

The lodge master should inform the inspector of any other circumstances that may need to be addressed while this special procedure is in effect.

This special procedure is available only during the pendency of any applicable inhibition or prohibition on non-essential gatherings. In any event, it will have no further force or effect after my term as Grand Master ends.

Sincerely and fraternally,

JOHN E. TRAUNER

Grand Master

Grand Lodge F&AM of California





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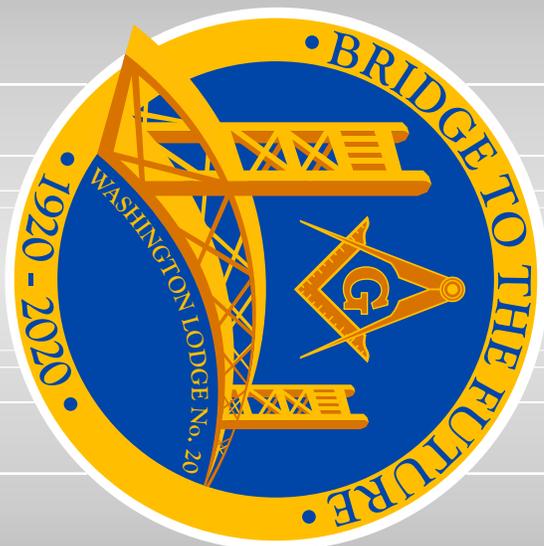


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