

WLN20 Trestle Board



From the East

William Workman - Worshipful Master



Travel and Discovery: Marching Ahead

Brethren,

As we prepare for our Stated Meeting on Thursday, March 5th at 6:00 PM, I want to take a moment to reflect on one of our most poignant traditions: the **Masonic Roll Call**.

In the daily world, a roll call is a simple matter of logistics - a way to ensure everyone is present. But in a Masonic Lodge, the Roll Call serves a much deeper, more spiritual purpose. It is a moment where we bridge the gap between the visible and the invisible, reaffirming the bond of brotherly love that death itself cannot sever.

Why We Call the Roll

When a Brother's name is called, and the silence of the room is the only response, it serves as a powerful "Memento Mori" - a reminder of the brevity of life and the importance of the work we do while the sun is still high. We do not call these names to dwell on sadness, but to celebrate the permanent vacancy they leave in our earthly labors and their new residence in that Celestial Lodge Above.

On March 5th, we will stand in silence to honor three of our own who have laid down their working tools this past year:

In Memoriam: The Celestial Roll

Worshipful Juan Carmelo Faranda, PM

Born on March 30, 1938

Passed to the Celestial Lodge on July 20, 2025

Brother Thomas Edgar Goodwin

Born on Oct 15, 1925

Passed to the Celestial Lodge on March 6, 2025

Brother Stephen Michalski

Born on Dec 25, 1950

Passed to the Celestial Lodge on February 22, 2025

"Alas, my Brother! We cherish their memory here, and commend their spirits to God who gave them."

These Brothers represented decades of service, wisdom, and fellowship within Washington Lodge No. 20.

From the long, storied lives of Brothers **Goodwin** and **Michalski** to the leadership and guidance of Worshipful **Faranda**, their absence is felt deeply.

Looking Forward

I encourage every member to join us for this special evening. Let us gather not just to conduct the business of the Lodge, but to ensure that the names of our departed Brothers are spoken aloud once more, keeping their memory green in our hearts.

Meeting Details:

- Date: Thursday, March 5th
- Time: 6:00 PM
- Location: Washington Lodge No. 20

As the bitter, desolate silence of winter finally breaks, the earth erupts in a vibrant, joyous symphony of blooming color and warmth, signaling that the cold, sad nights have surrendered to a bright new beginning.

This shift from despair to hope is often described as nature's way of celebrating life. Most of us are very lucky to have had forefathers such as George Washington to imagine a country as great as ours. Most of us wake up in warm beds, use a bathroom within a few steps, get food from a well-stocked refrigerator, and venture out about our days under the protection of our constitution.

As we look toward the 250th anniversary of our great nation, it is fitting to reflect on the crucible that shaped it. Imagine the Spring of 1778. The Continental Army had just endured the harrowing winter at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Disease, starvation, and desperation had decimated the ranks. Many predicted the revolution would die before the spring thaw.

Yet, General George Washington - a Brother raised in Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 - did not buckle.

Washington's leadership during that pivotal spring was not just military strategy; it was a masterclass in Masonic fortitude. He understood that to win the fight for independence, he had to keep his men alive and united. He did not lead merely from a distance; he walked among them, ensuring "relief" to his suffering brothers-in-arms, often sharing their meager rations.

Brother Washington utilized the spring to train his army, transforming a collection of regional militias into a unified, disciplined force. His perseverance stemmed from a deep-seated faith in the cause of liberty - a dedication to truth and the good of mankind. He believed in the fraternity of his men, encouraging the forming of Masonic lodges within army regiments to foster brotherly love during the darkest times.

As we celebrate 250 years, let us remember that the nation was not built on battles alone, but on the character of men like Washington who, when faced

with overwhelming odds, looked to the East for light, acted on the square, and held firm to their obligations.

Let us, as Freemasons, emulate Brother Washington's resilience in our own lives, ensuring that the legacy of freedom lasts for another 250 years.

A Call to the Pillars: Double Fellowcraft Degree

Brethren, it is with great pleasure and fraternal anticipation that we announce a special evening dedicated to the advancement of our craft. On Thursday, March 26th, we will assemble to conduct a Double Fellowcraft Degree for two of our worthy Entered Apprentices, Brother Ivan Flowers and Brother Isai Jaimes. As these brothers prepare to pass from the outer porch to the middle chamber, your presence is requested to witness their progress and support them as they seek further light in Masonry.

The ceremony will commence promptly at 6:30 PM. This is a vital moment in a Mason's journey—a time to reflect on the transition from youth to manhood and the cultivation of the mind through the liberal arts and sciences. Let us gather in strength to provide Brother Flowers and Brother Jaimes with the warm fellowship and solemnity this milestone deserves. Whether you are a Fellowcraft yourself or a Master Mason, your participation at the altar of our labors strengthens the bonds of our Lodge.

Event Details at a Glance

- Date: Thursday, March 26th
- Time: 6:30 PM
- Degree: Fellowcraft (Second Degree)
- Candidates: Bro. Ivan Flowers & Bro. Isai Jaimes
- Attire: Standard Lodge Dress, Officers Tuxedo with Black or Dark bow tie

I look forward to seeing you all on the level.



Congratulations, Brother Marcos Leal!

On February 26, 2026, Washington Lodge No. 20 had the distinct honor of introducing our newly Obligated Brother to the sublime mysteries of our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity.

It was a memorable and uplifting evening for all the Officers and Brethren in attendance, marked by dignity, reflection, and Brotherly Love.

In an unexpected (and entirely unofficial) capacity, the evening was also observed by a very special guest from the canine jurisdiction, who maintained a watchful eye on the proceedings. While not yet eligible for Initiation - although his paw-ficiency is flawless - Big Boy conducted himself within due order and propriety, and appeared to approve of the solemnity of the occasion.

All in all, a wonderful night of Masonry, Fellowship, and even a touch of lighthearted charm.



A Day to Remember

On Saturday, February 28th, the Brethren of Washington Lodge No. 20 had the distinct pleasure and privilege of hosting our **Annual Ladies' Luncheon** in our beautiful Dining Room. What a special afternoon it was - filled with laughter, fellowship, creativity, and heartfelt appreciation.

To our organizer, First Lady **Dawn Zhao**, it was a joy to witness your creativity unfolding alongside your dedication to our Lodge - **thank you**.



To every Brother and friend who helped prepare, cook, serve, clean, or simply show up in support - **thank you**.

To every Lady who attended and shared her light with us - **thank you**.

You are truly the heart behind the harmony of Washington Lodge No. 20.

Events like this remind us that Freemasonry extends beyond our tiled meetings. It lives in our homes, in our friendships, and in the shared moments that bring us closer together as a family.



From the West

Brandon Jenkins - Senior Warden



Fraternal greetings, my Brothers,

In the final week of last month, we had the pleasure of initiating a new brother into our Order, **Marcos Leal Gastelum**. It was a very meaningful ceremony for all involved and serves as a reminder that our Craft is alive and well. May our new Brother find within this Lodge a warm home and welcoming friends.

March again brings a period of self-reflection and a turning point of the year. The days are beginning to grow longer, and we will soon experience the Spring Equinox, when day and night once again stand in balance – a subtle but constant reminder that harmony and equilibrium are woven into creation.

From our studies in Freemasonry, we learn that light is much more than mere illumination; it is a constant journey to awaken the heart and conscience from the slumber of ignorance.

That journey from darkness to light, from West to East, from ignorance to enlightenment is symbolized at the ceremony of initiation, which our newest brother just witnessed.

But that journey is not confined to the events of a single night; it is a continual expedition into the most concealed recesses of our being. Seasons of winter come to us all.

Distraction, fatigue, and diminished enthusiasm are the stumbling blocks of all who dwell under the canopy of heaven. Even entire lodges sometimes suffer from quiet periods of inactivity or progress.

But the bi-annual equinox reminds us that these periods of cold and darkness will not endure. The light will increase slowly and gradually at times, but

increase it does faithfully and eternally. It is the rhythm of life, instituted by the Divine for our benefit.

This rhythm is also reflected in the working tools of the First Degree.

The **24-inch gauge** teaches us to consciously and intentionally divide our time so we may properly balance our labors with reflection, our duty with refreshment. True growth requires time to reflect as well as time to act.



The **common gavel** reminds us that any improvements we wish to make must be deliberate. As well-intended as the hammer may be, it will not function without the arm of the craftsman.

As the host of one of my favorite car-repair shows constantly reminds the viewer, “It will not work unless you do.”

We must actively labor to build “a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens” (2 Corinthians 5:1); hope without labor is mere imagination.

The lesson here is simple: **Light increases only as it is sought.**

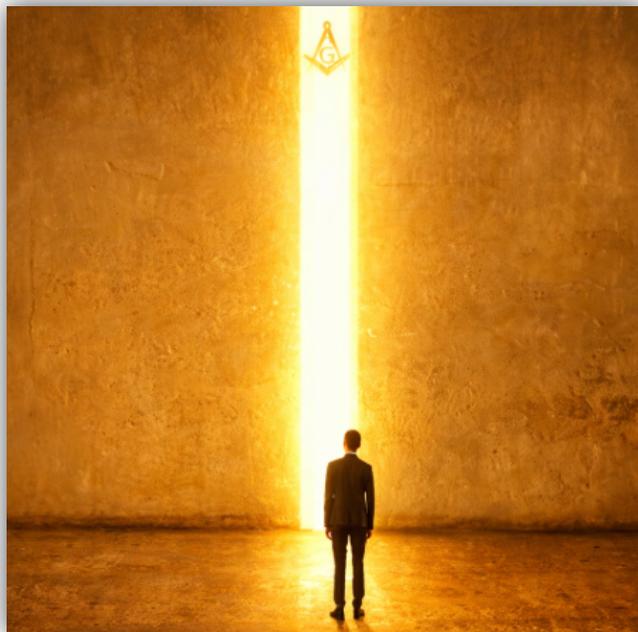
Renewal does not occur simply because we long for it; it comes only through deliberate and faithful labor. Lodges exist not only to initiate new brothers and enjoy fellowship but to cultivate personal growth and deepen our understanding of the transforming principles and practices we routinely espouse.

When we gather together with willing minds and eager hearts, the Light within the lodge increases. Let this season of renewal inspire us to examine our own progress.

Are we continuing our Masonic journey beyond our basic degree ceremonies? Are we seeking to improve ourselves in all we do? Do we encourage growth in each other?

May **Washington Lodge No. 20** continue to be a haven for those who value study, curiosity, and are Seekers of Light.

May we encourage others to follow our lead, and may we continue to assist our Brothers as they work to improve.





From the South

Nicholas Johnston - Junior Warden



Greetings, Brethren.

February was a busy month.

We were pleased to welcome our newest Brother, **Marcos Leal**.

Additionally, we had an amazing Ladies Luncheon that was a great opportunity to show our appreciation to all the wonderful wives of our Brethren.

That the luncheon happened so late in the month is a nice segue into March, as in ancient Rome, March 1st held the festival called *Matronalia*, which celebrated *Juno Lucina*.

Juno was the goddess of childbirth, motherhood, and women in general.

The etymology here is nice: the word *Matronalia*, being written *mātrōnālis* in Latin, is where we also obtain our modern word *Matron*.

This word is also used in the Order of Eastern Star, as a *Worthy Matron* is the highest-ranking female presiding Officer of a local Chapter.

Additionally, the word *Lucina* modifies the name *Juno*, meaning “Juno, who brings children into the light.”

Although we do not usually think of childbirth in those terms, it is no less true that the process of being born is how a child first experiences the sunshine for the very first time in his or her life.

Although in modern times, the sunshine is typically replaced with hospital fluorescence, the idea is still relevant.

This March has a couple of unique quirks.

One that you probably have noticed is that this year, the dates of each day in February and March fall on the same days of the week. I personally have confused the two months several times now since January.

These two months also include back-to-back Friday the 13ths.

A Friday the 13th in March is also memorable, as it harkens back to March 13, 1307. On this date, **King Philip IV** of France arrested numerous Templars, including the **Grand Master Jacques de Molay**. It is often believed that this is the reason Friday the 13th is considered unlucky to this day.

Looking ahead, we have some great events planned in March, as our Worshipful Master alluded to above.

Luckily, they are not on Friday, but as usual in our Lodge, they will be great opportunities for much fun and fellowship.



Matronalia, the Roman equivalent of Mothers' Day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

(Youth Orders Month)

- 03 **Executive Committee Meeting** (Zoom) Tuesday 7:30 PM
- 05 **Roll Call Dinner** (Banquet Room) Thursday 6:00 PM (Stated Meeting Dinner)
- 05 **Monthly Stated Meeting** (LR1) Thursday 7:30 PM
- 12 **Degree Practice** (LR1) Thursday 6:30 PM
- 18 **OSI (Third Degree: First Section)** (LR3) Wednesday 7:00 PM
- 19 **DARK** Thursday
- 26 **Double Second Degree - Brother Ivan Flowers and Brother Isai Jaimes** (LR1) Thursday 6:30 PM

APRIL

(Public Schools Month)

- 02 **Public Schools Celebration Dinner** (Banquet Room) Thursday 6:00 PM
- 02 **Monthly Stated Meeting** (LR1) Thursday 7:30 PM
- 09 **Annual Bowling with Brothers** (Location TBD) Thursday 6:30 PM
- 15 **OSI (Second Degree: Second Section)** (LR3) Wednesday 7:00 PM
- 16 **DARK** Thursday
- 23 **Degree Practice** (LR1) Thursday 6:30 PM
- 30 **DARK** Thursday

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.

MARCH

BIRTHDAYS

- 07 **Ronald Forsberg** (Master Mason)
- 11 **Jared Bishop** (Entered Apprentice)
- 12 **James Keehner** (Master Mason)
- 13 **Heath Hamm** (Master Mason)
- 16 **Alex Chompff** (Master Mason)
- 17 **Melvin Pinsler** (Master Mason)
- 18 **Jeffrey Hardiman** (Master Mason)
- 18 **Daniel Mosier** (Fellow Craft)
- 20 **Ko Chang** (Master Mason)
- 23 **William Workman (Worshipful Master)**
- 23 **Robert Hovorka Jr.** (Master Mason)
- 24 **George Morrow** (Master Mason)
- 24 **Ivan Flowers** (Entered Apprentice)
- 25 **Michael Mc Glone** (Master Mason)
- 26 **Fred Bloom** (Master Mason)
- 26 **Paul Evans** (Master Mason)
- 28 **John Petersen (Past Master)**
- 28 **Gerald Singer** (Master Mason)
- 30 **Eric Van Houten** (Master Mason)
- 30 **Christian Wheeler** (Master Mason)

MASTER MASON ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 **James Ramey** (29 Years)
- 16 **Russell Tomas (Past Master)** (9 Years)
- 17 **Robert Cole** (75 Years)
- 20 **John Petersen (Past Master)** (46 Years)
- 20 **Christopher Boothe** (12 Years)
- 21 **Kyle Campbell** (7 Years)
- 22 **Kelvin Mark** (19 Years)
- 22 **John Otten** (64 Years)
- 23 **Marcus Bole** (20 Years)
- 23 **Arthur Henrikson** (48 Years)
- 27 **Scott Germer** (46 Years)
- 28 **Matthew Mason (Past Master)** (7 Years)
- 28 **Bradley Mitchell** (30 Years)
- 29 **Derek Waterman** (14 Years)
- 31 **Christopher Hamilton (Chaplain)** (29 Years)
- 31 **Ryan Gooch** (29 Years)



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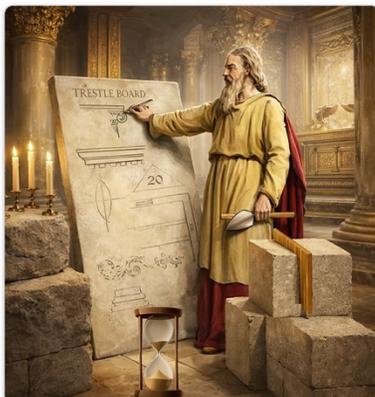
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