

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

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Virtual-Tiled Stated Meeting

May 6, 2021

The Virtual-Tiled Stated Meeting was opened at 7:30pm with Worshipful Master Francisco Marques presiding and other officers and brethren present during the Zoom virtual-tiled meeting. The virtual tiled stated meetings will continue due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and statewide suspension of in-person stated meetings and will resume until further notice from the Grand Lodge of California.

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| Francisco Marques | Worshipful Master | Mauro Lara | Senior Deacon |
| Russell Tomas | Senior Warden | Creston Whiting-Casey III | Junior Deacon |
| Nick Johnston | Junior Warden | Not Present | Marshall |
| Eric Hixson, PM | Treasurer | Matthew Mason | Senior Steward |
| Jesus (Jesse) Solis Jacques, PM | Secretary | Not Present | Junior Steward |
| Not Present | Assistant Secretary | Martin Buff | Organist |
| William Workman | Chaplain | Floyd Tritt | Tiler |

Other brethren present:

Bob Taylor, John Djubek, Wally Clark, Marcus Bole, Michael Allen, Worshipful Richard Wilson, Worshipful Phil Hardiman, Worshipful Joseph Dongo, Worshipful Juan Faranda, Worshipful Dave Cameron, and Worshipful Jared Yoshiki.

Visiting Brethren: Worshipful Chester Fristoe, Master of Union-Tehama Lodge No. 3.

The Master led the Lodge in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country.

Announcements:

The birthday acknowledgements for the month of May were given:

5th - Jesse Solis-Jacques (PM)

6th- David Huez

7th - Prezell Harris

15th - Richard Stover

19th - Mauro Lara

22nd - Denton Carlson

Reading of the Minutes:

The minutes of the April 1st virtual-tiled Stated Meeting were read and approved by the lodge.

Balloting:

There were no ballots taken.

Reception of Applications:

No applications were received.

Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business

None presented.

Treasurer's Report/Bills:

Worshipful Eric Hixson gave the monthly report of bills in the amount of \$1,021.29 and moved that the bills be paid. Seconded by Worshipful Phil Hardiman and approved by the lodge.

Communications:

The Master, Francisco Marques, displayed a video presented by the California Masonic Foundation providing a "Thank You" message for Freemasonry's historical support and contribution during Public School's Month and the great impact it continues to bring within our communities.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: No reports were made.

Temple Board: No reports were made.

Social Media: No reports were made.

Charity: The Master, Francisco Marques, encourages members to offer donations to support masonic charity programs.

New Business:

The Master, Francisco Marques, announced the Grand Master's lodge reopening directives updates below:

The Sacramento County remains in Red Tier, indoor private events are allowed with limitations, each masonic temple must create or develop a site-specific prevention plan, guest list and seating chart need to be provided, face masks are still required, and all members and guest must display proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test result within 72 hours of event.

Brother Matt Mason displayed his interest in becoming a Funeral Master and is learning its role and duties in order to assist Worshipful Phil Hardiman and Worshipful John Knox.

Motions:

Brother Maura Lara moved that the Suspension of thirty-six (36) members for non-payment of dues in accordance with CMC 809.370 be made. The Master, Francisco Marques, informed the lodge that Certified Mail notifications and several attempts via email and phone calls were also made with no response from these members. Seconded by Brother Nick Johnston and approved by the lodge.

Three lodges from the Masonic Temple have already agreed to split the costs for the HVAC system improvement and repair for all lodge rooms. Washington 20 moved and seconded to contribute the amount not to exceed \$4,700 made payable to the Masonic Temple of Sacramento.

Brother Nick Johnston moved that the lodge make a check payable to Worshipful Francisco Marques in the amount of \$1,250 for the upcoming Annual Family Tri Tip BBQ picnic expenses on May 29th. Seconded by Brother Maura Laura and approved by the lodge.

The Master, Francisco Marques, described the new parking validation proposal that would offer free parking for all members and guests as courtesy from Washington Lodge #20 that would entail approximately \$160 - \$200 per month, which will be included in the annual lodges budget. Brother Russ Tomas moved that the lodge accepts this proposal and seconded by Brother Dave Cameron.

Worshipful Eric Hixson inquired if this projected \$2 per vehicle plan may run the risk of increased total annual costs due to unforeseen variables or actual cars in attendance and would recommend a guaranteed fixed rate per month to assist with budget control. After much discussion was made from the lodge, Worshipful Phil Hardiman amended the motion to only provide this proposal at the end of the year budget 2021 of \$2 per evening parking charge. Amendment seconded by Brother Matt Mason and approved by the lodge.

A donation of \$125 was given to the lodge by Mrs. Brandie Henderson, granddaughter of Brother Sam Clower, Pearl Harbor POW Survivor, who passed away on 03/16/2021. The Master, Francisco Marques, expressed his gratitude to lodge members who were able to attend Brother Clower's funeral and served as pallbearers on 04/10/2021. The Master informed the lodge that, as recommended by Worshipful Phil Hardiman, the \$125 cash donation will be applied towards the lodge's Funeral Master program. The Master will discuss pertinent action items with Worshipful John Knox in the near future.

The Master, Francisco Marques, announced the upcoming events for the month of May:

- 1) Washington Lodge's 169th Anniversary on May 5, 1852
- 2) Mason4Mitts program
- 3) Lodge Officer's meeting on May 13th, at 6pm
- 4) OSI on May 19th, at 7pm
- 5) Fellowship Night on May 20th, at 6pm

6)Lodge's Annual Family Tri-Tip Picnic on May 29th, at 10am located at the Ben Ali Shrine's Center

Sacred Roll:

In-memoriams given for both Brother John May and Norman Chapman.

The Virtual-Tiled Stated Meeting was closed at 8:39pm. Stated meeting dinner canceled until further noticed, in accordance with Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines and Grand Lodge's decision to suspend all social gathering activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesus Solis-Jacques

Jesus (Jesse) Solis-Jacques, PM, Secretary

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Francisco Marques, Master