

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

Stated Meeting

December 07, 2023

The Stated Meeting was opened at 07:43 PM with the Master presiding and other Officers and Brethren present as shown in the Tiler's Register.

Officers

Mauro Lara	Worshipful Master	William Workman	Senior Deacon
Matthew Mason	Senior Warden	Brandon Jenkins	Junior Deacon
Joseph Wallach	Junior Warden	Christopher Hamilton	Marshal
Eric Hixson, PM	Treasurer	Not Present	Senior Steward
Francisco Marques, PM	Secretary	Patrick Fischer	Junior Steward
Not Present	Chaplain	James Dimmitt	Organist
Not Present	Assistant Secretary	Martin Buff	Tiler

Brother **Alexis Baloji** served as Senior Steward, while the chairs of Assistant Secretary and Organist remained vacant for the meeting.

The Master, Worshipful **Mauro Lara**, 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 November 2nd, 2023 Stated Meeting were read and approved by the lodge.

Reports of Investigating Committees None.

Balloting None.

Reception of Applications

The Application for Degrees from Mr. **Joaquin Jesus Lopez** was received and read by the Lodge Secretary, pursuant to CMC §804.230.

Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business

(a) Reports of Special Committees:

The Coaches Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, and Brother **Patrick Fischer** reported updates on their Candidates.

(b) Bills and Communications:

Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, gave the monthly report of bills for **December 2023** in the amount of **\$7,911.57**. Audited by the Senior Warden, Brother **Matthew Mason**, and the Junior Warden, Brother **Joseph Wallach**. Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, moved that the bills be paid. Seconded by Brother **Joseph Wallach** and approved by the Lodge.

(c) New Business:

The Master, Worshipful **Mauro Lara**, informed the Lodge that Worshipful **Michael “Max” David Schell**, Past Master, requested cancellation of his membership with our Lodge. The Master acknowledged this Request for Demit and asked the Lodge Secretary to immediately issue a Certificate of Demit on the form provided by Grand Lodge, as evidence of the withdrawal. The Secretary presented the Certificate of Demit to the Master for his signature.

Sacred Roll None.

Oration

Brother **James Dimmitt** gave a talk on the esoteric aspects of the number nine (9), its appearances in the Bible and other Sacred Books, and its relevance in Geometry and Freemasonry.

On behalf of all members of Washington Lodge No. 20, but especially the Past Masters, Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**, expressed words of gratitude to Worshipful Mauro Lara for his dedication and hard work during his term as Lodge Master in 2023, which was carried out with great dignity and honor.

Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, led the Lodge in the battery of three times three in honor of Worshipful **Mauro Lara**.

Worshipful **Mauro Lara** thanked the Lodge for the support and recognition. “I am very happy to have served you all and to have represented you throughout the Masonic year. It was my honor and distinct pleasure,” he added.

Brother **Brandon Jenkins** reported cash donations collected at dinner in the amount of **\$170.00** (one hundred seventy dollars) which included \$100.00 from Worshipful **Jeret Burnett, PM**. He also received \$25.00 from Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, for the Ladies Night.


Brother **Matthew Mason**, Master-Elect, reminded the Officers about Installation Practice on Thursday, 12/14/2023 at 07:00 PM.

The Stated Meeting was closed at 08:30 PM. Dinner was served before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Francisco Marques .:

Francisco Marques, PM
Secretary


Matthew Mason (Jan 16, 2024 16:51 PST)
Matthew Mason
Master






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