

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

Stated Meeting

August 07, 2025

The Stated Meeting was opened at **7:55 PM** with the Master presiding and other Officers and Brethren present as shown in the Tiler's Register.

Officers

Joseph Wallach	Worshipful Master	Not Present	Senior Deacon
Bill Workman	Senior Warden	Nicholas Johnston	Junior Deacon
Brandon Jenkins	Junior Warden	Christopher Hamilton	Marshal
Eric Hixson, PM	Treasurer	Maury Hicks	Senior Steward
Not Present	Secretary	Not Present	Junior Steward
Ramey Packer	Chaplain	James Dimmitt	Organist
Luis Montero, PM	Assistant Secretary	Martin Buff	Tiler

Worshipful **Matthew Mason, PM**, served as Senior Deacon, and Brother **Anthony Ibarra**, as Junior Steward.

The Master, Worshipful **Joseph Wallach**, invited all Masters and Past Masters to seats in the East, and led the Lodge in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

Examination

After introducing the next section, the Master directed all Entered Apprentices to retire.

The Lodge was declared to be at refreshment and labor resumed on the Second Degree of Masonry for the purpose of Examination.

Brother **Brandon Jenkins** conducted the Examination upon Brother **Jonathon Miller**, who demonstrated an excellent level of proficiency in the assigned portion of the lecture of the FellowCraft Degree.

After congratulating the Candidate, the Master declared the Lodge to be called from refreshment to labor on the First Degree of Masonry.

Reading of the Minutes

The Junior Warden, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, moved that the reading of the July 03, 2025, Stated Meeting be dispensed with and that they stand approved as so distributed. Seconded by Brother **Nicholas Johnston** and approved by the Lodge.

Reports of Investigating Committees

None.

Balloting

None.

Reception of Applications

None.

Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business

(a) Reports of Special Committees:

The Assistant Secretary, Worshipful **Luis Montero, PM**, gave a report on Brother **Isai Jaimes'** progress on his Entered Apprentice Proficiency studies.

(b) Bills and Communications:

The Treasurer, Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, gave the monthly report of bills for **August 2025** in the amount of \$ **1,552.69**. Audited by the Senior and Junior Wardens. Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, moved that the bills be paid. Seconded by Worshipful **Luis Montero, PM**, and approved by the Lodge.

The Assistant Secretary, Worshipful **Luis Montero, PM**, read a Press Release from South Pasadena Lodge No. 290, announcing the historic conferral of a Red First Degree by Alonso Flores Lodge No. 16, from Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, hosted at the South Pasadena Masonic Lodge No. 290, in Southern California.

(c) New Business:

The Assistant Secretary, Worshipful **Luis Montero, PM**, moved that the Lodge approve remission of dues for two (2) members, 2024 + 2025 Annual Dues for one member, and 2024 Annual Dues for the second member, in accordance with CMC 809.360, as recommended by the Charity Committee. Seconded by Brother **Brandon Jenkins** and approved by the Lodge.

The Assistant Secretary, Worshipful **Luis Montero, PM**, moved that the Lodge approve a donation in the amount of \$2,700.00 to **Soledad Faranda** to help pay for Worshipful **Juan Faranda's** Memorial Service catering expenses. The check will be made payable to Worshipful **Luis Montero, PM**, who has already paid Tony's Delicatessen & Catering out of his pocket. Seconded by Brother **William Workman** and approved by the Lodge.

The Treasurer, Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, read the 2025 Semi-Annual Financial Statement on Income and Expenditures, and on Assets and Liabilities, pursuant to CMC §805.220.

The Assistant Secretary, Worshipful **Luis Montero, PM**, read the 2025 Semi-Annual Secretary Report on Membership Information and Monies Received, pursuant to CMC §805.230.

The Master, Worshipful **Joseph Wallach**, informed the Lodge that the 2025 Semi-Annual Temple Board Report on Income and Expenditures, and on Assets and Liabilities, will be presented at the next Stated Meeting, pursuant to CMC §900.050.

Sacred Roll

The Assistant Secretary, Worshipful **Luis Montero, PM**, read Sacred Rolls *in memoriam* of:

- Worshipful **Juan Carmelo Faranda, PM** (03/30/1938 - 07/20/2025)
- Brother **Thomas Edgar Goodwin, MM** (10/15/1925 - 03/06/2025)

Oration

None.

The Senior Steward, Brother **Maury Hicks**, reported cash donation received during dinner in the amount of **\$110.00** to the Refreshment Fund and gave the monies to the Treasurer.

The Acting Senior Deacon, Worshipful **Matthew Mason, PM**, introduced the Assistant Grand Lecturer, Worshipful **Jairo Gomez, PM**, who addressed the Lodge with words of appreciation for the excellent Fellowship and Ritual Work demonstrated this evening, and instructed the Lodge on the proper use and etiquette associated with the Due Guard and Sign, reminding us that it represents our solemn obligation to the Great Architect of the Universe and each other, and should be performed with reverence and dignity.

The Stated Meeting was closed at **9:00 PM**.

Dinner was served in the Banquet Room before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Francisco Marques, PM
Secretary

Joseph Wallach
Master