

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

Stated Meeting

November 06, 2025

The Stated Meeting was opened at **7:36 PM** with the Master presiding and other Officers and Brethren present as shown in the Tiler's Register.

**Officers**

|                              |                     |                             |                |
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| <b>Joseph Wallach</b>        | Worshipful Master   | Vacant                      | Senior Deacon  |
| <b>Bill Workman</b>          | Senior Warden       | <b>Nicholas Johnston</b>    | Junior Deacon  |
| <b>Brandon Jenkins</b>       | Junior Warden       | <b>Christopher Hamilton</b> | Marshal        |
| <b>Eric Hixson, PM</b>       | Treasurer           | <b>Maury Hicks</b>          | Senior Steward |
| <b>Francisco Marques, PM</b> | Secretary           | <b>Carlos Brusel-Casals</b> | Junior Steward |
| <b>Ramey Packer</b>          | Chaplain            | <b>James Dimmitt</b>        | Musician       |
| Not Present                  | Assistant Secretary | <b>Martin Buff</b>          | Tiler          |

The following Officers served in Advanced Stations:

Brother **William Workman** served as Worshipful Master;  
Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, as Senior Warden;  
Brother **Nicholas Johnstons**, as Junior Warden;  
Brother **Ramey Packer**, as Senior Deacon;  
Brother **Maury Hicks**, as Junior Deacon;  
Brother **Carlos Brusel-Casals**, as Senior Steward.

Worshipful **Richard Wilson, PM**, led the Lodge in our devotions.

Other Brethren present:

Worshipful **Jon Isaacson, PM**  
Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**  
Worshipful **David Cameron, PM**  
Worshipful **Jared Yoshiki, PM**  
Worshipful **Mauro Lara, PM**  
Worshipful **Matthew Mason, PM**  
Brother **Moises Gonzalez**  
Brother **Jonathon Miller**  
Brother **Kelvin Kimball**  
Brother **Anthony Ibarra**  
Brother **Isai Jaimes**

In the Opening, the Acting Master, Brother **William Workman**, 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.

After the Opening, the Master, Worshipful **Joseph Wallach**, directed the Business Session.

### **Reading of the Minutes**

The Acting Senior Warden, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, moved that the reading of the October 02, 2025, Stated Meeting be dispensed with and that they stand approved as so distributed. Seconded by Worshipful **David Cameron, PM**, and approved by the Lodge.

### **Reports of Investigating Committees**

The Master, Worshipful **Joseph Wallach**, informed the Lodge that the committee upon the application of Mr. **Samuel Drew Connell** to receive the Degrees of Masonry in this Lodge had requested further time and granted further time until the next Stated Meeting of this Lodge.

The Master, Worshipful **Joseph Wallach**, informed the Lodge that the committee upon the application of Mr. **Marcos Roman Leal Gastelum** to receive the Degrees of Masonry in this Lodge had made a full and favorable report.

### **Balloting**

The Brethren deposited their ballots and elected Mr. **Marcos Roman Leal Gastelum** to receive the Degrees of Masonry in this Lodge, pursuant to CMC §804.410.

### **Reception of Applications**

None.

### **Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business**

#### **(a) Reports of Special Committees:**

None.

#### **(b) Bills and Communications:**

The Treasurer, Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, gave the monthly report of bills for **November 2025** in the amount of \$ **6,319.64**. Audited by the Senior and Junior Wardens. Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, moved that the bills be paid. Seconded by Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, and approved by the Lodge.

The Secretary, Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, read the following:

- Letter from **JoAnna Lyle**, Miss California Job's Daughters 2025-2026
- Annual Communication: Legislation Results

Regarding "Grand Master Salazar's Decision No. 1 (Esoteric or Secret Portion of the Ritual)," Worshipful **Matthew Mason, PM**, clarified that signs, words or modes of recognition in our Ritual are the "esoteric or secret portion" of the Ritual; but that doesn't mean that all other elements of the Ritual should be written down explicitly.

A question was raised by Brother **Nicholas Johnston** regarding the purpose of placing the Decision No. 1 on the agenda for a vote at the Annual Communication, noting that its provisions mirror current Masonic practice regarding ciphered portions of the Ritual.

**(c) New Business:**

• **Remission of Dues (CMC §809.360)**

The Secretary, Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, moved that the Lodge approve remission of the 2025 Annual Dues for one (1) member, in accordance with CMC 809.360, as recommended by the Charity Committee. Seconded by Brother **Ramey Packer** and approved by the Lodge.

• **Request for Demit (CMC §804.130)**

The Master, Worshipful **Joseph Wallach**, informed the Lodge that Brother **Marco Eloy Lopez (160969)** had requested cancellation of his membership with our Lodge, acknowledged his Request for Demit, and asked the Lodge Secretary, Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, to immediately issue each respective 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.

• **Temple Board (CMC §900.010)**

Worshipful **Jared Yoshiki, PM**, thanked the members for the opportunity of serving as the Lodge's representative on the Temple Board. He reported that recent discussions at board meetings have focused on finding ways to cover expenses.

A contract with the owners of **Locked Barrel (KJ, LLC)** will provide a new revenue stream, but it is not expected to be sufficient for emergency expenses. The contract will not affect Washington Lodge's use of the Ballroom on Stated Meeting nights.

Worshipful Yoshiki noted that while our Lodge is fiscally sound, this is not true for all shareholders. He raised the question of our Lodge's future financial commitment to the building, especially in the event of a catastrophic issue.

He also mentioned that the **Masonic Temple Association of Sacramento (MTAS)** is a corporation and that California laws will influence decisions when not all owning bodies can contribute capital. He questioned the potential liability for the Lodge. He plans to propose updates to the MTAS Bylaws, specifically regarding the term "judging," as its absence could make directors personally liable.

After answering questions from Worshipful **Mauro Lara, PM**, and Worshipful **David Cameron, PM**, Worshipful Yoshiki expressed his willingness to schedule regular meetings with Lodge members to provide updates and answer questions.

• [Annual Election of Officers \(CMC §805.410\)](#)

The Master, Worshipful **Joseph Wallach**, announced the commencement of the Annual Election of Officers for the ensuing Masonic Year.

The following members were elected to serve as **Officers** for the ensuing Masonic Year:

|                         |                                         |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Master-Elect:           | Brother <b>William Workman</b>          |
| Senior Warden-Elect:    | Brother <b>Brandon Jenkins</b>          |
| Junior Warden-Elect:    | Brother <b>Nicholas Johnston</b>        |
| Treasurer-Elect:        | Worshipful <b>Mauro Lara, PM</b>        |
| Secretary (Re-Elected): | Worshipful <b>Francisco Marques, PM</b> |

The following members were elected to serve as Delegates at the 2026 Annual Board Meeting of the **Masonic Temple Association of Sacramento**:

Brother **William Workman**  
Brother **Brandon Jenkins**  
Brother **Nicholas Johnston**  
Brother **Ramey Packer**  
Brother **Maury Hicks**  
Brother **Carlos Brusel-Casals**  
Worshipful **Jared Yoshiki, PM**

The following members were elected to serve as Directors on the **Masonic Lawn Association of Sacramento** for the ensuing Masonic Year:

Worshipful **David Cameron, PM**  
Worshipful **Matthew Mason, PM**

The Master-Elect, Brother **William Workman**, presented the roster of **Appointed Officers** for the ensuing Masonic Year:

|                      |                                     |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Chaplain:            | Brother <b>Christopher Hamilton</b> |
| Assistant Secretary: | Worshipful <b>Joseph Wallach</b>    |
| Senior Deacon:       | Brother <b>Ramey Packer</b>         |
| Junior Deacon:       | Brother <b>Maury Hicks</b>          |
| Marshal:             | Brother <b>Jonathon Miller</b>      |
| Senior Steward:      | Brother <b>Carlos Brusel-Casals</b> |
| Junior Steward:      | Brother <b>Kevin Hall</b>           |
| Tiler:               | Brother <b>Martin Buff</b>          |
| Musician:            | Brother <b>James Dimmitt</b>        |

Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**, Worshipful **David Cameron, PM**, and Worshipful **Matt Mason, PM**, served as Tellers.

## **Sacred Roll**

None.

## **Oration**

The Musician, Brother **James Dimmitt**, reminded us that, in Freemasonry, the Letter G prominently symbolizes both God (as the Great Architect of the Universe) and Geometry, the "divine science" upon which the fraternity's moral and philosophical teachings are founded. He demonstrated (assisted by Brother **Ramey Packer**) that the Golden Ratio appears in the proportions of the human arm and hand, creating an aesthetically pleasing and harmonious structure. The proportion of your forearm (from elbow to wrist) to your hand (from wrist to the tip of your middle finger) is in the Golden Ratio. The ratio of the length from the wrist to the elbow to the length from the elbow to the shoulder is also approximately in the golden ratio. From a Masonic perspective, the Golden Ratio can be viewed as an example of a "divine order" or "design" in the universe. The beauty and harmony observed in nature and in the human body can be interpreted as evidence of God's existence and creative power.

The Senior Steward, Brother **Maury Hicks**, reported cash donation received during dinner in the amount of **\$160.00** to the Refreshment Fund and gave the monies to the Secretary.

The Chaplain, Brother **Ramey Packer**, extended his congratulations to Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, on the occasion of his retirement and expressed gratitude for his significant contributions and dedication to the Washington Lodge over many years as Treasurer.

A battery of three times three was led by the Master-Elect, Brother **William Workman**, as a tribute to Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**. Worshipful Hixson offered remarks of gratitude and shared mixed emotions regarding his upcoming retirement.

The Senior Warden-Elect, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, reported **\$615.00** in donations from Ladies Night, and thanked the Lodge for approving stipends for the Pillar Officers to attend the Annual Communication in San Francisco.

The Stated Meeting was closed at **9:11 PM**.

Dinner was served in the Banquet Room before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

**Francisco Marques, PM**  
Secretary

**Joseph Wallach**  
Master