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From the East: Wor. Jared Yoshiki



Another month has come and gone and I hope all of you are staying safe out there. I know many of you are restless to get back into lodge and I can't tell you how much I'm right there with you. I have had several conversations with Brothers who are working on proficiencies or getting ready for advanced stations and anxious to show off their hard work. All I can say is that I hope we are near the end and the door of Freemasonry can be reopened to us.

A few updates that I can share with you on some lodge activities include the amazing work **Wor. Dave Cameron** is doing with the Masonic Lawn Association. I can tell you they are embarking on a new endeavor that could become one of the landmark destinations of our Fraternity here in Sacramento. **Bro. Creston Whiting-Casey** was our ambassador at a Masons4Mitts and Raising-A-Reader volunteer event. See page 5 for more details.

Speaking of Masons4Mitts, the return of baseball to our daily lives has been a great boost to morale and it should remind us that kids still need gloves to play this perfect game. The donations period is still ongoing through the end of September and every \$20 donated provides a mitt to a needy junior giants participant. If you are able, please consider donating to this cause to ensure that kids get the equipment they need. Brother Creston has taken the charity mantle to new heights and there are more ways you can help your community during these times.

I want to continue to mention our duty as Brothers to attend to Masonic Relief. I have put together a list of some of our more elderly brothers who may need some assistance. Our Master Chef **Bob Taylor** has offered to prepare ready to cook meals for some of our brothers who may not have the ability to cook or shop for themselves. If you are in need of some assistance or would like to be included on this list, please let me know ASAP via email (wln20wmaster@gmail.com) or via phone (916) 761-3519. I know asking for help is never easy, but trust me - we are here to help. If you need something please let me know and we can take care of you.

Finally, if you are in need of financial assistance due to the economic downturn of COVID-19 and with the recent orders to slow down the opening of public spaces, the Grand Lodge's **Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund** is here to help you. Visit freemason.org to locate how the California Masonic Foundation can help you.



I want to close on one of the iconic parts of the Master's Jewel, the Square. While it signifies the squaring of our actions, its positioning on the apron is a reminder to look up. Possibly as a reminder to look up to the bright sides of your life. To look up and be thankful for the Brothers and family members who care for you. Its point is up to remind us that optimism and positive thought are worthy of us. It's a symbol that can indicate moving forward or progress towards a common end. While many of its uses in this position seem to indicate rank, it also symbolizes that there is something above it.

For me, it's a symbol that reminds myself that you, my Brothers, are all at the top of my mind and that together, time, patience and perseverance can accomplish all things.





From the West

Bro. Francisco Marques • Senior Warden



The current pandemic has resulted in social gatherings being proscribed and Masonic Lodges being shut in most of the world -- whithersoever Brothers are dispersed. Globally, thousands of Masons have been advised to stay away from their beloved lodge rooms since March and we still have no idea when we will be able to return.

With this shift away from Masonic meetings and Degree ceremonies, Freemasons worldwide have found themselves forced to venture into a new world of virtual meeting rooms and online educational platforms to stay connected and updated. I cannot help but wonder if the usage of e-learning platforms and broadcasts will continue to persist post-shutdown, but I speculate that COVID-19 may have already changed the way we approach Masonic Education forever.

It is probably easy to assume that a move this fast to video calls and Webinars will result in poor Masonic experience, unconducive to sustained growth, but I believe rather that the adoption of online Masonic Education could become the much needed catalyst to create a new, innovative, more effective method of membership engagement and evolution. It is hoped that - once we all return to our lodge rooms - a new hybrid model of Masonic Education programs will emerge and will bring significant benefits to our members.



Whatever it is, my Brother, we will be the pioneers and it will be incumbent upon us to explore its full potential.

On Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 PM, our Worshipful Inspector, **Michael J. Woo**, will be hosting the 414th Masonic District's very first virtual Officers School of Instruction (OSI) via video chat online. This event will be open to all members of our Lodge but more particularly to my fellow Officers and all of those who aspire to join the line. Stay tuned for the Zoom link.

Speaking of the line of Officers, Wor. Woo has reopened the qualification process and examination sessions are well under way. I am excited to announce that Brother **Nick Johnston** is now fully qualified for the Office of Junior Warden, and that yours truly is half way through his proficiency exams for the Oriental Chair. My goal is to be fully qualified by the end of this month. We still do not know, however, when our Lodge will be allowed to meet in person again, or if we are having Elections in November and Installation of Officers in December. Most likely, due to the recent viral spikes, all Officers will remain in their current and respective chairs through 2021.

Meanwhile, the **Grand Lodge of California** gives continuity to the incredibly popular Masonic Speakers Series online, bringing leading and illuminating voices on Freemasonry to all of our members, this time in partnership with **Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076**, the world's premier Masonic Research Lodge since 1884.

Check out the entire speaker series lineup for dates and topics below, and don't miss these fascinating presentations. All sessions are free and open to all regular Masons.

Register today at <https://freemason.org/speakerseries/>

Wednesday, August 5 ... 7:00 PM ... Dr. Hans Schwartz

Topic: Freemasonry in Revolutionary New England

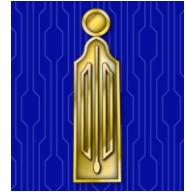
The bonds of brotherhood were tested beyond measure during the American Revolutionary War. Learn the various interconnectivity and complexities that freemasonry played in late 18th-century New England, and more about some of those famous names that have become so associated with it.

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From the South

Bro. Russ Tomas • Junior Warden



August is an important month to our lodge that many may not realize. Without a certain day in history, who knows what the namesake of our lodge would be? On August 4, 1753, a gentleman by the name of **George Washington** (you may have heard of him) was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Having been Initiated an Entered Apprentice in November 1752 and Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft in March 1753, it only took Brother Washington less than one year to complete his journey to Master Mason, during which he served as a military officer in the Colonial Militia. Brother Washington was also recorded to have attended lodge meetings and ceremonies between battles and military campaigns.

Our lives today are beset with many hardships. This year has proven to be especially challenging in all aspects of our family, work, and Masonic lives. George Washington serves as an inspiration to us of the due diligence we must maintain toward the three parts of our day. As a man of faith, a loyal husband and father, an honorable military officer, and a steward of Masonry, Brother Washington proved that even during difficult times we can still live our lives according to the 24-inch gauge.

Even without in-person lodge meetings and ceremonies nowadays, there are many ways to participate in Masonry. We still have our monthly Zoom meeting for all members for our Lodge and others. Worshipful **Michael Woo**, Inspector of the 414 Masonic District, is starting up OSI (Officers School of Instruction) via Zoom. Although WLN20 Officers are required to attend, brothers are encouraged to participate as well. Whether you're interested in joining the line, curious about the work it takes to be a Lodge Officer, or just plain want to do something Masonic, the virtual meeting is a great way for you observe and/or actively participate. Finally, Grand Lodge has held webinars and hosted multiple videos on their website that offer more information and serve as great learning tools to expand your knowledge in Freemasonry.



Our current circumstances dictate that we must adapt. Modern society and technology have afforded us opportunities our Brothers of old never had. If George Washington can do it in his early 20's while also fighting a war with limited resources (and no Internet!), we can too.

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.



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Wednesday, August 12 ... 7:00 PM ... Dr. Mike Kearsley

Topic: Rob Morris, The Conservators, and the failure to establish a Grand Lodge of the United States

Just who was Rob Morris? Masonic dreamer and innovator? Or a self-serving charlatan? A man whose legacy has had such an effect on the American Masonic “family” is clearly a multifaceted individual worth studying.

Wednesday, August 19 ... 7:00 PM ... Dr. S. Brent Morris

Topic: The High Degrees in the USA, 1730-1830

Degrees beyond the Craft have played an integral role in American freemasonry since the early 18th-century. Come and learn the timeline of events and degrees that gave rise to the progressive Masonic Orders in America.

Wednesday, August 26 ... 7:00 PM ... Ben Williams

Topic: Freemasonry in the Territory of Colorado – Masons, Miners, and the rush to Statehood

Learn more about Freemasonry and the Centennial State, an overview of the role of Freemasonry in the Kansas Territory gold country, and the emergence of Colorado.

Now let us take a look at September and Beyond!

Wednesday, September 9 ... 7:00 PM ... Mark Tabbert

Topic: A Deserving Brother: George Washington and Freemasonry

Learn about George Washington's membership in, and support of, Freemasonry and explore its role in the context of his life's greatest achievements.

Wednesday, September 23 ... 12:00 PM ... Dr. Ric Berman

Topic: The Antient Grand Lodge and the Foundations of American Freemasonry

The influence of the Irish in America is identified today with the more than four million Southern Irish immigrants, mainly Catholic, who dominated nineteenth and twentieth-century migration. But the pattern in the eighteenth-century was different – and fundamentally so.

Tuesday, October 6 ... 7:00 PM ... Dr. David Harrison

Topic: The Lost Rites of Freemasonry

This presentation examines some of the Lost Rites of Freemasonry, in particular the mysterious and influential Rites created on continental Europe during the eighteenth-century.

Wednesday, October 21 ... 7:00 PM ... Dr. Christopher McIntosh

Topic: Freemasonry and the Rosicrucian Stream

Separating fact from fiction, this presentation examines the long relationship between the Rosicrucian furor of the seventeenth and eighteenth-centuries with early speculative Freemasonry, and beyond.

Sunday, December 27 ... 7:00 PM ... Dr. John L. Cooper

Topic: St. John the Evangelist in Freemasonry

Exploring the history of St. John the Evangelist's place as one of the two most prominent patron saints of the Craft, and the symbolism found therein.

Don't forget to register today for this can't-miss lecture series!

Another innovation which has been welcomed to our Masonic lives is the **iMember 2.0** platform. This new program replaces our Lodge App. If you have not tried it yet, please go to www.freemason.org, register as a member of Masons of California (in case this is your first time visiting the Grand Lodge website), sign-in, and click on the **FOR MEMBERS** button on the top of the page. Also, go to Google Play or Apple Store and download the **iMember 2.0** app into your mobile device. The app's main development is finished, but there are still just a few kinks to be ironed out by the Grand Lodge. See page 8 for more information on **iMember 2.0**. Enjoy!



Brothers,

I currently am one of the regional team captains for **Masons 4 Mitts** (M4M) for the "Sacramento Cyclones". With that opportunity, I represent our Lodge and our local region to raise funds for the M4M program so kids can have baseball gloves for their local Junior Giants leagues. As some of you may have known, I have been a coach for the South Sacramento Junior Giants program for the last 9 years. When Wor. **Jared Yoshiki** recommended me for this position, I gladly accepted the opportunity as it was a perfect fusion between two of my favorite organizations.

This year, in just about every facet of life, has been extremely challenging due to COVID-19. As M4M was ramping up our marketing strategy, we were informed, as expected, that the Junior Giants would not be hosting any physical league play this year and instead would supplement their program as "Junior Giants at Home."

The Junior Giants is not only a baseball league, but a league where we promote the "4 bases," which are the league's values: integrity, teamwork, confidence, and leadership. As coaches, we have on the field discussions on topics such as bullying, striving for higher education, healthy dieting, and discussing what makes a team a team. Although we couldn't play actual baseball, the kids would be able to have those discussions with other kids and coaches over Zoom.

However, the Junior Giants organization and M4M still wanted to supply kids with mitts this year as the mitts are one of the most iconic parts of the season. This is because when the season ends, kids actually get to keep their mitt! In addition to the excitement of still supplying mitts, there was a grand idea to partner with one of our other initiatives, **Raising a Reader**.



With these three forces combined, we packaged nice drawstring bags supplied by the Giants with as many books we could fill, along with other items such as crayons. If kids participated and completed the Season at Home, they were awarded a mitt inscribed with M4M, the drawstring bag, and additional items such as Hunter Pence socks (and yes, they looked just as ragged and creepy as he looks... and were just as awesome!).

Last Friday, July 24th, my long-time co-coach **Jenny Callison** and I met at the Coloma Community Center in Sacramento to help give out these items to the families. I was very proud to wear our Lodge pin and represent us that day. We had an unexpected turnout and now countless kids will be donning Masonic sponsored baseball gloves and reading items that will really help these families get through our current pandemic.

In our upcoming Zoom video call on the first Thursday of August, I will be "pitching" to the members of our Lodge what further things we can do to support this great program.

More information can be found at
<https://masons4mitts.org/#northern-california>

See you on the 8th!

Bro. Creston Whiting-Casey
WLN20 Charity Committee



AUGUST

Member Birthdays

02 • Theodore J. Miller	MM
02 • Zachary T. Gossell	MM
04 • Charles H. Moore	MM
06 • Richard W. Hixson	PM
06 • Marcus S. Bole	MM
07 • Carlos . Brusel-Casals	MM
07 • Lance T. Vayder	MM
10 • James A. Smith	MM
12 • Richard I. Findley	MM
16 • Phillip A. Richards	MM
17 • Creston A. Whiting-Casey III	MM
19 • Thane H. Takahashi	MM
22 • Jared D. Yoshiki	WM
24 • Douglas J. Dern	MM
26 • Robert E. Brooks	MM
26 • Dwight C. Bradish	MM
27 • Robert S. Cameron	MM
28 • Reaburn D. Lenau	MM
30 • Luis J. Montero	PM
30 • Terry C. Cooley	MM
31 • William M. Hill	MM



Master Mason Anniversary Dates

08 • Jeret C. Burnett	13 Years
12 • Victor U. Sanchez Sr.	10 Years
13 • Stanley D. Sanders	39 Years
14 • William D. Sherrard	21 Years
16 • Marco E. Lopez	24 Years
17 • Mark G. Friesen II	18 Years
20 • Ronald J. Speno	5 Years
26 • David C. Huez	10 Years
27 • Frederick V. Hardiman	22 Years
29 • Juan C. Faranda	42 Years
30 • Heath J. Hamm	8 Years



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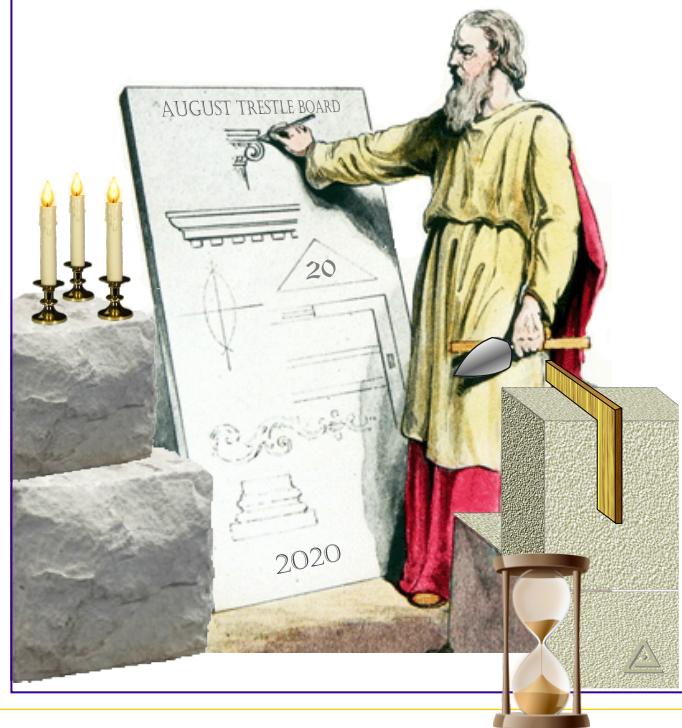
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Important Update from the Grand Master

As we begin a new summer month, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to spread across our state. Over the past week, California has set daily records for new coronavirus infections—more than 7,000 on June 23 and more than 8,000 on June 30. As of today, more than 240,000 cases and 6,000 deaths have been reported in our state.

This sobering news has prompted me to remind us all that on March 18, I directed that there be no Masonic gatherings of any kind in California until further notice from me. That directive remains in effect today.

While some government restrictions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic have been relaxed, California and nearly all counties continue to prohibit or significantly limit non-essential gatherings. California Department of Public Health directives still prohibit all professional, social and community gatherings. The state notes that these gatherings pose an especially high danger of transmission and spread of COVID-19.

In light of this information, my March 18 directive remains in effect in all respects: there shall be no Masonic gatherings of any kind in the state until further notice from me.

- My directive continues to include all Masonic Organizations and Youth Orders.
- My directive continues to apply to both indoor and outdoor gatherings.

My March 18 directive also outlined a special procedure for lodges regarding their payment of essential lodge bills that cannot be reasonably deferred. This special procedure also remains in effect until further notice from me.

Thank you for your continuing dedication to the craft and diligence in complying with my directive. I will update you again as soon as warranted but certainly by the first week of August. Until then, stay safe and best wishes this holiday weekend.

Sincerely and fraternally,


JOHN E. TRAUNER

Grand Master

Grand Lodge F&AM of California

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To learn more about telehealth, contact inquiries@mcyaf.org or (877) 488-6293.

Find out how MCYAF's professional therapeutic services help families thrive at mcyaf.org.



iMember 2.0 is here. Get started today!

The screenshot shows the iMember 2.0 mobile application interface for Masons of California. At the top, a red banner displays the text "iMember 2.0 is here. Get started today!". Below this is a header bar with the Masons of California logo and navigation links for "Menu", "My Portal", and "Lodge". The main content area is organized into a grid of twelve red-colored tiles, each featuring a white icon and a label: "Feed" (two people talking), "Events" (calendar), "My Profile" (person silhouette), "Virtual Card" (credit card), "Education" (book with quill), "Grand Lodge" (temple building), "Member Search" (magnifying glass over a document), "Seminars" (laptop with person icon), "Find Meetings" (house icon in a speech bubble), "Lodge Locator" (location pin), "Resources" (file folder), and another "Events" tile. At the bottom of the screen, a dark red bar displays the text "Washington No. 20".

A month in, nearly 85 percent of California lodges have already begun to access their portals in iMember 2.0, the new membership platform—one of the highest adoption rates of any grand lodge jurisdiction on the system. Yet with so many new features just a finger-swipe away—and many more being prepped for launch this fall—there are still lots of questions left to be answered, starting with some of the most basic.

How to Get to iMember 2.0

iMember 2.0 is designed to work on any mobile phone, tablet, or desktop or laptop computer with an internet connection. Simply visit freemason.org and click the “For Members” button in the upper-right-hand corner of the screen. If you haven’t logged on yet, you’ll need to create an account, so have your email address, membership number, and a unique password ready to go.

You Can Download iMember 2.0 on Your Phone

Yes. Whether you have an iPhone or an Android phone, you can add a home screen shortcut to access iMember 2.0 quickly and easily. To install, use your web browser to visit the site, and select “Add to home screen.” The exact placement of the button will depend on your web browser (Safari, Chrome, or Firefox). See detailed instructions here.

More Features in the Works

- Digital Dues, Reminders and Payment Plans.
- Expanded Social Networks
- New Ways to Share Resources
- One-Stop Shop for Hall Associations
- Keeping Track of Attendance

You may have also noticed that our WLN20 Lodge App became obsolete and is no longer accessible.

iMember 2.0 is available to all Masons in California!

For questions on iMember 2.0, contact Member Services at (415) 292-9180 or memberservices@freemason.org



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