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From the East

Matthew Mason - Worshipful Master



Hope everyone had a wonderful Easter Holiday, whether as a religious celebration or a simple family gathering, as every holiday no matter the origin is a cause for remembrance of those around us.

Speaking of important things to us, our Cordon Bleu leader, Brother **Bob Taylor**, is still recovering from heart surgery. He is regularly, even if slowly, getting better with each day but and still in need of all of our prayers and good wishes. We all know Bob will get through this as he is a fighter, and I'm not sure even the Great Architect has the will to tell Bob what to do. We are all looking forward to seeing him around again.

In happier news, Mr. **Joshua Valentin** will be initiated on April 25 at 6:30 pm. The ceremony will be flowed by a light refreshment. Please join us as we support him on the first step of being a Mason.

Other great news is Brother **Brandon Jenkins** conducted his first Entered Apprentice class this last month. We had four EAs attending and some great information was given to help them with their proficiencies. It was also great for me to hear as many of us tend to forget many of the meanings behind our Degrees and it was nice to hear them in a fresh way. These classes are directed toward candidates completing their proficiencies, but all are welcome and can help refresh the Light we all sometimes forget.

Before I forget, I want to thank my wife, **Venessa**, on her excellent tour of the Masonic Temple for the families and wives during our last Stated Meeting. She did a complete tour, including the apartment that has been hidden away so much over the last two decades. Great job!

Hope to see you in April for the Stated Meeting Dinner at 6:00 PM!





Greetings, Brethren.

Welcome to April, and being one-third of the way through our 2024 Masonic Journey. As the storms break and the skies begin to clear there are many events beyond the various revolutions we are accustomed to in our daily view.

Although all being conducted by the Divine rules of nature and cyclic in their presentation to those who look to the skies, their timelines are vast and eternal as opposed to the finite window we are given to witness their beauty.

On April 8th, for those who are fortunate enough to be in the right place at the right time, there will be an eclipse of the Sun. I experienced this as a child in Montana, it was both beautiful and eerie in the quiet darkness that fell around my home.

On April 21st and 22nd, the Lyrid meteor shower will occur, and on April 23rd, the Pink Full Moon. It is easy to become engrossed in our daily obligations, so much so that we miss the opportunity to witness the beauty presented to us by the Great Artificer of the Universe.

It is important that we allow ourselves time to witness the Divine Art that is presented to our view through nature as she pulls back the curtain to reveal what lies beyond us.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our meeting this month.





Good Spring to you all, Brothers. April brings with it the blooms of flowers, trees leaves, and blossoms that will soon bear fruit, and vegetable gardens that will feed many hungry people from around the world.

The hunger is real! Our minds are also hungry.

Hungry for wisdom, knowledge, spiritual guidance, direction, and motivation, and we are searching constantly for truth.

George Washington said "A primary object should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty is more pressing than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?"

Our children need that same direction and guidance to learn how to contemplate the important concepts of knowledge and truth so they may have a path to understanding and loving each other and themselves. We as Freemasons should be models for them. Spring seems to be the perfect season to teach these philosophical ideas as it is a time of rejoicing and rebirth.

As Masons, we have a special commitment to supporting the Masonic youth orders of **DeMolay**, **Job's Daughters**, and **Rainbow for Girls**, the next generation of Freemasonry.

DeMolay

This fraternal order prides itself on teaching young men to live their lives by following seven core values: Filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness, and patriotism.

Job's Daughters

Their mission is to create confident young women, respect tradition, and shape the future. Their members learn invaluable skills that increase their confidence and prepare them to lead and use their voice.

Rainbow for Girls

This organization prepares girls for responsible and purposeful adulthood through character and leadership development, encouraging unselfish service and higher ideals in life, and promoting teamwork and effective interpersonal communications.

These groups rely on Lodges and adult leaders for support and mentoring. Learn how to be a youth mentor at masons4youth.org.

May this season bring you all prosperity, awakening, and rebirth.

May your Light lead the youth and provide essential guidance toward Beauty, Truth, and Wisdom.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 02 Monthly Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom) Tuesday 06:30 PM
- 04 Monthly Stated Meeting Dinner (Banquet Room) Thursday 06:00 PM
- 04 Monthly Stated Meeting (LR1) Thursday 07:30 PM
- 11 DARK Thursday
- 17 Officers School of Instruction (LR3) Wednesday 07:00 PM (Second Degree, Second Section)
- 18 **DARK** Thursday
- 25 First Degree Mr. Joshua Christopher Valentin (LR1) Thursday 06:30 PM
- 30 Monthly Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom) Tuesday 06:30 PM

MAY

- 02 Monthly Stated Meeting Dinner (Banquet Room) Thursday 06:00 PM
- 02 Monthly Stated Meeting (LR1) Thursday 07:30 PM
- 04 Hiram Award for Worshipful Francisco Marques PM Saturday 11:00 AM Ceremonies (LR1)

Followed by Luncheon & Entertainment (Ballroom)

- 09 Advanced Stations Practice (LR1) Thursday 06:30 PM
- 15 Officers School of Instruction (LR3) Wednesday 07:00 PM (Third Degree, Second Section)
- 16 Degree Practice (LR1) Thursday 06:30 PM
- 23 Second Degree (Pending Proficiency Exam) (LR1) Thursday 06:30 PM
- 30 Degree or DARK Thursday

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.

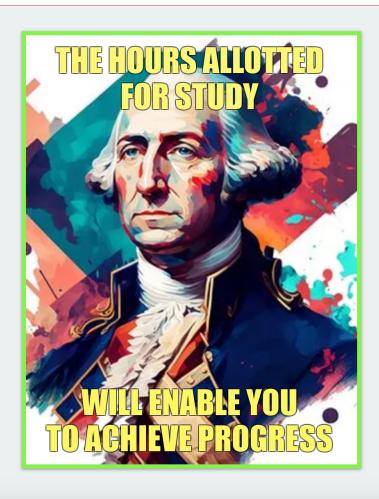
APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Francisco Marques (Past Master) (Secretary)
- 01 Clint Abbott (Master Mason)
- 03 Joshua Djubek (Master Mason)
- 04 **Alex Baloji** (Master Mason)
- 05 William Sherrard (Master Mason)
- 06 **David Huez** (Master Mason)
- 06 Scott Van Wagner (Master Mason)
- 08 Robroy Gerolamy (Master Mason)
- 10 Donald Bader (Master Mason)
- 11 Frank Werner (Master Mason)
- 12 James Clark (Master Mason)
- 13 Thomas L. Weary (Master Mason)
- 13 Michael Shannon (Entered Apprentice)
- 14 Thomas A. Weary (Master Mason)
- 20 Jeret Burnett (Past Master)
- 21 Erick Leutholtz (Master Mason)
- 21 George Rotas (Master Mason)
- 22 **Denny Carlson** (Master Mason)
- 24 Jacob Cummings (Master Mason)
- 25 John Lowrey (Master Mason)

MASTER MASON ANNIVERSARIES

- 07 **Bob Taylor** (55 Years)
- 08 George Rotas (48 Years)
- 14 Phil Hardiman (Past Master) (47 Years)
- 20 Joseph Barnes (46 Years)
- 24 Jared Yoshiki (Past Master) (Officers Coach) (10 Years)
- 25 Maury Hicks (12 Years)
- 25 Martin Zimmerman (35 Years)
- 26 Thomas A. Weary (12 Years)
- 28 Paul Derouen (41 Years)



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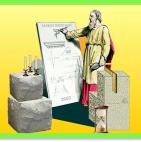
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