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From the East

WM Russell Tomas



September is going to be a busy month for us, my Brothers. After the week of the Stated Meeting, we have Constitutional Observance Night on September 8 at 6 p.m. in the Club Room. It will be a trivia night hosted by our very own Junior Warden, Mauro Lara. Dinner is of course provided and all Washington Lodge No. 20 Brothers and families are invited.

Two days later - on September 10 at 6:37 p.m. - the Sacramento River Cats (Giants affiliate... boo!) will be playing the Las Vegas Aviators (A's affiliate! Go Team!) at Sutter Health Park. You can buy game tickets here: <https://fevo.me/3RJsFIP>. A portion of the ticket proceeds will go to Mason4Mitts.

OSI (Officers School of Instruction) is on September 21 at 7 p.m. in Lodge Room 3. We will be covering the Advanced Stations for the 2nd Degree, so OSI is open to all Fellowcrafts and Master Masons.

September will also have the first Third Degree ritual since 2019 for our Lodge and there will be two this month! Brother Ramey Packer will be Raised a Master Mason on Thursday, September 22 at 7 p.m. in Lodge Room 1. We will open Lodge at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Brother Brandon Jenkins will be raised on September 29 at 7 p.m. in Lodge Room 1. We will follow the same schedule of the September 22 Third Degree.

The officers and Past Masters have been working hard on practicing the ritual for the past month. Some have never seen a Third Degree ritual outside of their own! If you are a Master Mason and are available, please join us in raising these men to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Up to this point, out of all of the Trestle Board articles I have written through the years, I do not think I have mentioned my mom. Her birthday is this month, so this is a great time to mention her. Many of us have close ties with our moms and I am no different. I have never shied away from being called a "mama's boy." My wife has even learned to live with this fact although her relationship with my mom is very good.

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From the East

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I bring up my mom because of the many years of being a Freemason, I frequently hear the term "mother lodge." A Brother's home lodge is often referred to as their "mother lodge." It is fascinating to realize that the Lodge where you first became a Mason is awarded such a term of endearment.

As if no matter where you go, you can always go back home to your mom. That Lodge is hopefully the one that nurtured your growth in Freemasonry and gave you the love and teaching you received to become a better man. Washington Lodge No. 20 will always be my mother lodge because of this.

My family recently laid my grandmother to rest in August. She was my last living grandparent and a very tough woman. Lived to 93 years old through the Japanese occupation of the Philippines, eventually immigrating to the U.S. (specifically Mississippi first) in the 70s.

Married at 14 (it was a different time and she did not have much of a choice), she eventually learned to love my grandfather and with him raised nine boys and one girl. Not even COVID could take her down. When she passed, she lived only 45 minutes away...M

I wish I had visited her more often.

I wish her great-grandkids had gotten to know her better.

I wish I had more time with her.

Do not be like me and wish for these things after it is too late.

"No amount of money ever bought a second of time."





From the West

SW Nicholas Johnston



The month of September should be a great one for Washington 20. We have two Third Degrees lined up and I am very excited to see all the hard work put in by the Officers come alive.

I had the recent opportunity to read the current issue of California Freemason magazine, and if you have traveled (or plan to travel) south of our border, or have an interest in the cultures of those countries to our South, I would recommend you take the time to go through the summer issue of the periodical.

If you do not have a paper copy, you can check out the electronic version at <https://californiafreemason.org/>

One of the more interesting articles includes the one titled Freemasonry in Brazil: When Masonry Went Pop, which talks about the influence of Masonic architecture in Rio de Janeiro, along with the recent 21st-century growth of the Fraternity in Brazil.

Another great feature is the story of a traveling Silver Trowel, which was intended to travel around the world and visit every country. It made its way westward from New York, and after a brief stay in California eventually made its way to Mexico City.

Fast forward to modern times, and another article discusses modern relations between Brethren in Southern California and their neighbor lodges across the border. Also discussed is the influence of Freemasonry on the lives of many of Latin America's famous leaders, including Bolívar, Martí, and Hidalgo.

There is also another article on the various masonic practices in Latin America. Overall the issue is worth a read and I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

See you next time in Lodge.





From the South

JW Mauro Lara



Hello, Brethren.

Keeping pace with the day's events, I am happy to report that I bounced back from that fall from the 30-foot ladder. I not only overcame the first step on the ladder when I fell, but I am happy to announce that I made it to the second step. I am indeed on my way!!

September marks the beginning of fall with the Autumnal Equinox on September 22. But the month also holds important national holidays including Labor Day and Patriot Day, which honors and remembers those who were killed in the September 11 attacks. September holidays include religious observances, cultural events, and many days dedicated to food and drink, from Cheese Pizza Day to Fried Rice Day. You'll find September holidays that speak to your identity, background, and stomach.

September also marks Hispanic Heritage Month, Alopecia Areata Awareness Month, and Baby Safety Month, among many others. There are weeks dedicated to Suicide Prevention, Arts in Education, and Assisted Living. Some of these observances can weigh heavy on our hearts, but there are also celebratory moments throughout the month that can alleviate any painful memories that may arise. Rosh HaShanah, the Jewish New Year, is celebrated on September 25, and the Mid-Autumn Festival, a Chinese holiday that honors the moon, happens on September 10.

There are also fun observances throughout the four weeks of September, ranging from Beer Lover's Day to Read a Book Day. And don't get us started on the mouth-watering list of food holidays this month. Coffee Day and Pancake Day will have you dreaming of breakfast in bed.

September is often associated with fall activities, apple picking, and back-to-school season, but it's also a month full of meaningful holidays and observances that make for a packed calendar. Read on to learn which days to mark on your September 2022 calendar.

Celebrations

Papa? Gigi? Nana? Gramps? No matter what you call them, grandparents are meant to be celebrated

National Grandparents Day

Mark the calendar — Grandparents Day is coming! The holiday, designed to celebrate the connections we share with older generations, is commemorated on the first Sunday after Labor Day each year.

Grandparents Day falls on September 11, 2022.

Grandparents Day celebrates and honors the important role grandparents play across generations.

What is National Grandparents Day?

In 1978, the United States Congress passed legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day, said Donna Butts, the executive director of Generations United, an organization that focuses on intergenerational strategies. President Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation that began the observation.

It was a little-known holiday until 2012 when there was a movement that began spearheading an annual campaign to encourage all generations to 'Do Something Grand' and engage with another generation on Grandparents Day.

Grandparents Day is a Time to Celebrate and Serve.

It is a day we set aside to honor grandparents and various generations for their contributions to families, neighborhoods, communities, and the country. We should also take time to remind people of all ages they can do something grand with another and/or for another generation. People at all ages and stages of life have value and something valuable to contribute to making our world a better place.

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From the South

JW Mauro Lara



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The official proclamation of Grandparents Day states that the holiday is used “to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children’s children, and to help children become aware of the strength, information, and guidance older people can offer.”

How to celebrate Grandparents Day

This is a great opportunity to do something “Grand” with other generations.

Suggestions that have been made include:

- A community service project
- Sharing a meal together
- Exploring your neighborhood
- Posting a picture on social media with your grandparents or grandchildren, depending on your generation.

It is a good time to reach out to other generations to make their day a little brighter. Sometimes just reaching out can make someone’s day. With isolation taking place in the last couple of years, what a great time today to reach out.

Milestones

A very Happy Birthday to the 14 Brothers who celebrate their birthday in September, and also a very Happy Masonic Birthday to the 17 Brothers who were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in September as well as to the other 16 Brethren enjoying their birthday celebrations this month.

Happy Birthday, one and all.

Just for Smiles

“Never have children, only grandchildren.” - Gore Vidal

SMILE!!



HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY!



SEPTEMBER



BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Devin Gray (Master Mason)
- 05 Norman Helsel (Master Mason)
- 09 Marco Lopez (Master Mason)
- 11 Moises Gonzalez (Entered Apprentice)
- 12 Rodrigo Bitar (Master Mason)
- 13 Brian Jones (Master Mason)
- 14 Lucas Zeiher (Master Mason)
- 15 Alan Grundel (Past Master)
- 17 Norman Hernandez (Entered Apprentice)
- 19 David Keehner (Master Mason)
- 21 Ian Soli-Jacques (Master Mason)
- 25 Alejandro Reynoso (Master Mason)
- 26 Ernest Owen Jr. (Master Mason)
- 26 Daniel Radman (Master Mason)

MASTER MASON ANNIVERSARIES

- 09 Douglas Dern (46 Years)
- 10 Craig McKinnon II (7 Years)
- 12 William Hill (31 Years)
- 12 Jon Isaacson (Past Master) (20 Years)
- 12 Jesse Solis-Jacques (Past Master) (9 Years)
- 15 Mauro Lara (Junior Warden) (6 Years)
- 16 V. Winter Jr. (Past Master) (29 Years)
- 16 Lance Vayder (18 Years)
- 20 Creston Whiting-Casey III (Marshal) (10 Years)
- 20 Alex Baloji (4 Years)
- 22 Jacob Cummings (6 Years)
- 23 Reaburn Lenau III (29 Years)
- 24 Donald Bader (52 Years)
- 25 Richard Golden (70 Years)
- 27 Garth Tanner (60 Years)
- 27 Theodore Miller (49 Years)
- 27 Eric Young II (10 Years)
- 28 Larry Afzal (44 Years)
- 28 Thomas Ansell (33 Years)
- 29 Scott Goode (Past Master) (11 Years)
- 30 Daniel Radman (68 Years)
- 30 David Thomas (9 Years)



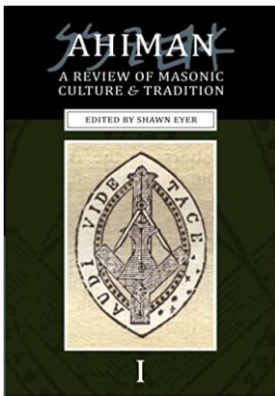
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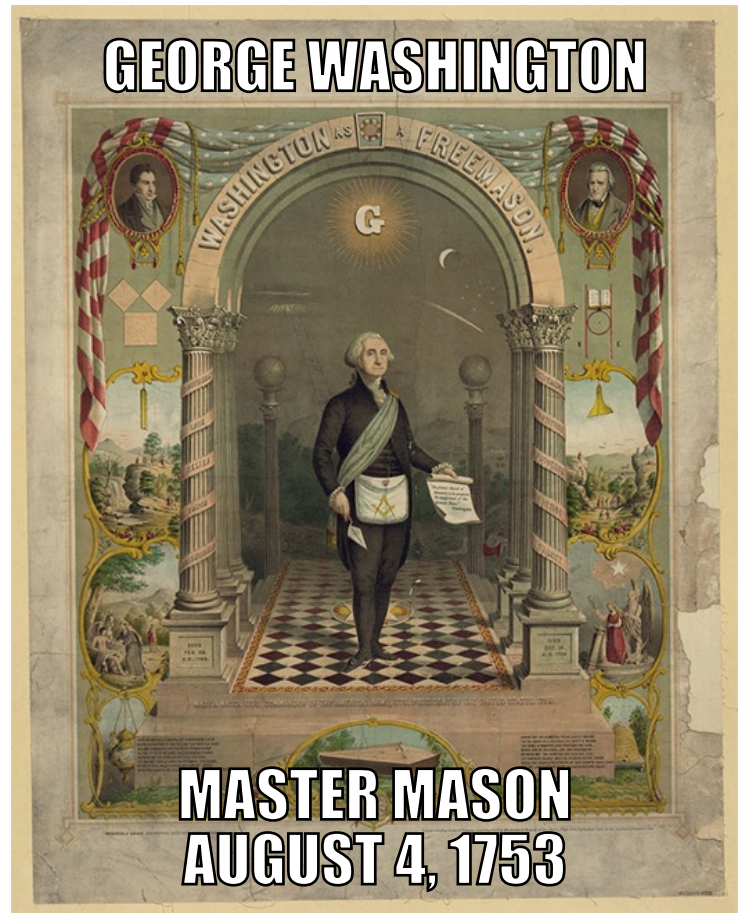
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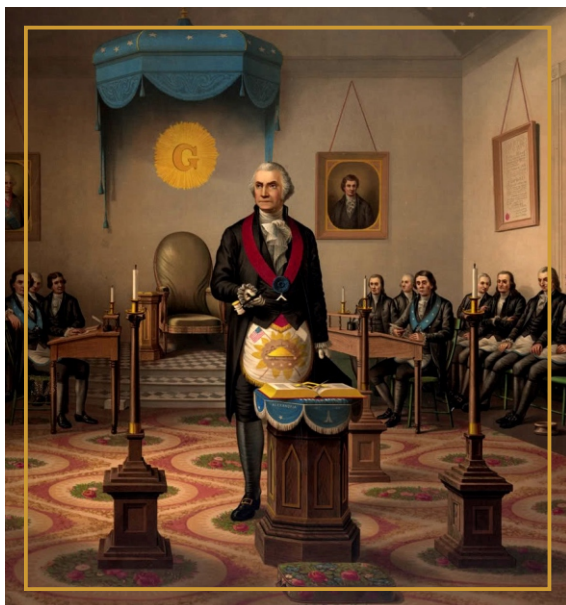
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 01 **Social Hour** Thursday • 05:30 PM (Club Room)
- 01 **Stated Meeting Dinner** Thursday • 06:15 PM (Banquet Room)
- 01 **Stated Meeting** Thursday • 07:30 PM (LR1)
- 01 **Family Hour** Thursday • 07:30 PM (Club Room)
- 08 **Constitutional Observance Trivia Night** Thursday • 06:00 PM (Club Room)
- 10 **Rivercats Baseball Fundraiser** Saturday • 06:37 PM (Sutter Health Park)
- 15 **Officers' Practice** Thursday • 06:00 PM (LR1)
- 21 **Officers School of Instruction** Wednesday • 07:00 PM (LR3)
- 22 **Degree Dinner** Thursday • 06:00 PM (Banquet Room)3E
- 22 **3rd Degree - Brother Ramey Packer** Thursday • 07:00 PM (LR1)
- 29 **Degree Dinner** Thursday • 06:00 PM (Banquet Room)
- 29 **3rd Degree - Brother Brandon Jenkins** Thursday • 07:00 PM (LR1)

OCTOBER

- 03 **Executive Committee Meeting** Monday • 06:00 PM (Zoom)
- 06 **Social Hour** Thursday • 05:30 PM (Club Room)
- 06 **Stated Meeting Dinner** Thursday • 06:15 PM (Banquet Room)
- 06 **Stated Meeting** Thursday • 07:30 PM (LR1)
- 13 **Officers' Practice** Thursday • 06:00 PM (LR1)
- 19 **Officers School of Instruction** Wednesday • 07:00 PM (LR3)
- 20 **Festive Board** Thursday • 06:00 PM (Ballroom)
- 27 **Degree Dinner** Thursday • 06:00 PM (Banquet Room)
- 27 **3rd Degree - Brother Kevin Hall** Thursday • 07:00 PM (LR1)
- 31 **Executive Committee Meeting** Monday • 06:00 PM (Zoom)



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