

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

Stated Meeting

April 05, 2026

The Stated Meeting was opened on the First Degree of Masonry at **7:50 PM** with the Master presiding and other Officers and Brethren present as shown in the Tiler's Register.

Officers

William Workman	Worshipful Master	Ramey Packer	Senior Deacon
Not Present	Senior Warden	Maury Hicks	Junior Deacon
Nicholas Johnston	Junior Warden	Not Present	Marshal
Mauro Lara, PM	Treasurer	Not Present	Senior Steward
Not Present	Secretary	Carlos Brusel-Casals	Junior Steward
Christopher Hamilton	Chaplain	James Dimmitt	Musician
Joseph Wallach	Assistant Secretary	Martin Buff	Tiler

Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**, served as Senior Warden; Worshipful **Joseph Wallach, PM**, as Secretary; Brother **Moises Gonzalez**, as Marshal; and Brother **Ivan Flowers**, as Senior Steward.

Members in Attendance:

- Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**
- Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**
- Worshipful **Matthew Mason, PM**
- Brother **Wallace Clark, Master Mason**
- Brother **David Kitts, Master Mason**
- Brother **Moises Gonzalez, Master Mason**
- Brother **Isaí Jaimes, Fellow Craft**
- Brother **Ivan Flowers, Entered Apprentice**
- Brother **Marcos Leal, Entered Apprentice**

Visiting Brethren:

- Brother **Ronald Garvin, Master Mason**, Plural Membership: Union-Tehama Lodge No. 3 and Elk Grove Lodge No. 173

The Master, Worshipful **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.

Reading of the Minutes

The Senior Deacon, Brother **Ramey Packer**, moved that the reading of the **March 05, 2026, Stated Meeting** and **March 26, 2026, Special Meeting (Second Degree)** be dispensed with and that they stand approved as so distributed. Seconded by the Chaplain, Brother **Christopher Hamilton**, and approved by the Lodge.

Reports of Investigating Committees

The Master, Worshipful **William Workman**, informed the Lodge that the committee upon the application of Mr. **Nathaniel Miguel Venegas** to receive the Degrees of Masonry in this Lodge had made an unfavorable report, and declared the applicant **rejected**.

The Master, Worshipful **William Workman**, informed the Lodge that the committee upon the application of Mr. **Robert Gordon Taylor** to receive the Degrees of Masonry in this Lodge had made a **full and favorable report**.

Balloting

The Lodge elected Mr. **Robert Gordon Taylor** 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:

The Senior Deacon, Brother **Ramey Packer** reported that Brother **Marcos Leal** is expected to be ready for his Entered Apprentice proficiency examination by June 2026. He further reported that Brother **Ivan Flowers** is scheduled to receive the Fellow Craft Degree on April 16, 2026.

The Master, Worshipful **William Workman**, reported that Brother **Michael Allen** sustained an injury last year from which he has not fully recovered and will be relocating to the Masonic Home in Union City this week. He further suggested that the Brethren visit Brother Allen to assist with his transition and noted that an Outdoor Degree may be conferred at the Masonic Home later this year.

(b) Bills and Communications:

The Treasurer, Worshipful **Mauro Lara, PM**, gave the monthly report of bills for **April 2026** in the amount of **\$2,728.11**. Audited by the Senior and Junior Wardens.

• MTAS Invoice 6362	\$ 966.24	Rent	April 2026
• US Treasury (IRS)	\$ 82.62	Payroll Tax Deposit	2026 Q1 M3 Form 941
• EDD	\$ 57.71	Payroll Tax Deposit	2026 Q1 Forms DE9/DE9C
• Francisco Marques	\$ 97.22	Reimbursement	Zoom, USPS Certified Mail
• Kevin Hall	\$ 38.59	Reimbursement	Ice, Supplies for Second Degree
• Luis Montero	\$ 351.12	Reimbursement	Food Items for Stated Meeting Dinner
• Ramey Packer	\$ 417.76	Reimbursement	Reservation Deposit for Bowlero
• William Workman	\$ 74.13	Reimbursement	Refreshments for Degree Practice
• Secretary's Wages	\$ 487.58	Monthly Payroll	April 2026
• Tiler's Wages	\$ 155.14	Monthly Payroll	April 2026
• TOTAL	\$ 2,728.11		

Worshipful **Mauro Lara, PM**, moved that the bills be paid.
Seconded by Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, and approved by the Lodge.

(c) New Business:

The Junior Deacon, Brother **Maury Hicks**, moved that the Lodge donate **\$200.00** to Camelia Assembly No. 108 of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Sacramento. Seconded by Worshipful **Matthew Mason, PM**, and approved by the Lodge.

The Officers' Coach, Worshipful **Matthew Mason, PM**, moved that the Lodge pay a **\$1,000.00** stipend to each of the four top Officers of this Lodge (Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, and Senior Deacon) attending the 2026 Leadership Retreat, provided they attend the event. Seconded by the Assistant Secretary, Worshipful **Joseph Wallach, PM**, and approved by the Lodge.

Sacred Roll

None.

Oration

The Musician, Brother **James Dimmitt**, offered a reflection on how life's struggles may roughen one's nature, noting that fear can lead individuals to avoid danger and thereby limit their lives. He further emphasized that through self-discipline, wisdom, and brotherhood (as symbolized in our Masonic teachings) we may refine ourselves into more balanced and improved individuals.

Good of the Order

The Officers' Coach, Worshipful **Matthew Mason, PM**, on behalf of Ben Ali Shrine, announced various upcoming Shrine Ceremonials scheduled for this Spring.

Worshipful **Matthew Mason, PM**, also presented the Grand Master's lapel pin to the Entered Apprentices and Fellowcraft Masons in attendance. The pin features the Square and Compasses of the First Degree and is intended to be all-inclusive.

The Senior Deacon, Brother **Ramey Packer**, introduced Brother **Ronald Garvin**, Master Mason of Union-Tehama Lodge No. 3 and Elk Grove Lodge No. 173

Worshipful **Matthew Mason, PM**, invited the Brethren to join him in giving Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, a battery of three times three in recognition of his many years of service as a Lodge Officer. Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, expressed his gratitude to the Lodge.

The Junior Warden, Brother **Nicholas Johnston**, reported cash donations in the amount of **\$120.00** received during dinner for the Refreshment Fund and delivered the funds to the Assistant Secretary, who also received an additional **\$20.00** donation from Brother **Maury Hicks** for the same purpose.

There being no further comments for the Good of the Order, the Stated Meeting was closed at **8:36 PM**. Dinner was served in the Banquet Room before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Francisco Marques, PM
Secretary

William Workman
Master