

WLN20 TrestleBoard

December 2025



From the East

Joseph Wallach - Worshipful Master



Greetings, Brethren.

As my term as Worshipful Master reaches its conclusion this month, I find myself reflecting fondly on the journey. My path began with my own Initiation, Passing, and Raising within our Lodge, followed by time spent as a Master Mason on the sidelines before I was invited to join the officers' line as Marshal.

Serving as Marshal offered my first glimpse into the responsibilities of an Officer, akin to dipping a toe in the water to test the temperature. As I progressed to Junior Deacon, I found myself wading a little deeper and further from the shore, each year bringing new responsibilities and deeper insights into Masonry, our Lodge, and the many wonderful Brethren who compose it.

Serving as Master has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life. When my year began, the 12-month term seemed like a long time stretched out before me. In reality, the experience was like falling into a swift-moving river; the year flew by, and suddenly, the end of my term was at hand. I will carry many cherished memories with me.

Now, I look forward to making new ones with our incoming Master and the progressive line in 2026.

Fraternally,

Joseph Wallach WM



From the West

William Workman - Senior Warden



A Year of Depth and Growth: Reflecting on Fraternity, Family, and Finding Strength Together

The turning of a calendar page often prompts a moment of reflection. This past year, the chapters of our collective story have been written with both profound sorrow and incredible joy, binding us closer as a fraternity and as a family. We have weathered storms, welcomed new light, and, through it all, reaffirmed the enduring power of our brotherhood.

During the year, we fell under the heavy shadow of loss. The passing of our beloved Worshipful Brother **Juan Faranda** left a void that words struggle to fill. It was at a Masonic event, a Ladies' Night, that my wife **Dawn**, seeing Juan dancing with his wife and sensing the joy they expressed, said to me that if Masons can celebrate their wives the way that he and the other Masons present did, then she was very happy that I was a part of it and supported me wholeheartedly. Juan was a pillar of our Fraternity, a mentor, friend, and integral part of our shared history. In our grief, we leaned on one another, sharing stories and silent support. These moments of vulnerability were a stark reminder that the bonds forged in our Fraternity are not merely social ties, but a true Brotherhood that provides unwavering support even in the darkest times.

As in the cycle of life and our Fraternity, the void was met with the arrival of new life and new members. The initiation, passing, and raising of a new class of Brothers brought fresh energy, new perspectives, and a hopeful future. Through the bonds created during Ritual, they have become part of our extended family, and it has been a powerful experience. It serves as a beautiful testament to the enduring nature of our Fraternity, ensuring that the legacy of those we lost lives on in the values we continue to pass down.

Life continued in vibrant color outside of our formal gatherings. The past twelve months have been filled with the kind of special occasions that remind

us of the rich lives we lead beyond our organization. We celebrated anniversaries, birthdays, and shared quiet, meaningful moments with our families and loved ones.

Brothers have landed new, fulfilling jobs, celebrating professional milestones achieved through hard work and dedication. We welcomed new additions to our families—babies born, nieces and nephews cherished, expanding our circle of love and responsibility. From graduations to personal achievements, we join in promoting each other's welfare and rejoice in each other's prosperity, reinforcing a culture of mutual support.

The true measure of a Fraternity lies not only in how we treat each other, but in how we engage with the wider community. This year, we made efforts in charity and volunteer work. Supporting Chicks in Crisis was illuminating in that we found a common bond through a lost brother, who we found was actually an honorary board member of their cause. Whether organizing fundraisers, participating in local clean-ups, or volunteering our time to those in need, our collective actions have made a tangible difference. These acts of service embody the values of our Craft, made real and demonstrating our commitment to being good citizens and compassionate individuals.

This past year has been a complex tapestry of emotions, woven with threads of sorrow, joy, challenge, and triumph. We have learned that we can hold grief in one hand and celebration in the other, finding strength in the balance. As we look ahead, we carry the memories of those who are gone, the promise of our newest members, and the shared experiences that define us. The bonds of our Fraternity remain strong, a constant source of support as we navigate the year to come.





From the South

Brandon Jenkins - Junior Warden



As I come to the close of my time serving as Junior Warden, I've been thinking a lot about what this past year has taught me—and what it means for us as a Lodge moving forward.

When I was installed, I heard the words of the charge to the Junior Warden: to watch over the Craft during the hours of refreshment, to make sure that none convert the purposes of refreshment into intemperance or excess, and to see that harmony prevails. It sounds simple enough on paper. In practice, it has meant learning about balance, equilibrium, symmetry in all things—for myself, and for our Lodge.

We talk often about the balance between labor and refreshment, between the work we do in the quarries of life and the respite that renews us. This year, I've seen firsthand how important that balance really is. Our meals have been welcoming, our conversations have been brotherly, and our time together upstairs has been filled with warmth and laughter.

Many prospective brothers have visited our dinners, and they have noticed how Brotherly Love prevails among us. When we are prepared with good fellowship, brothers arrive in the lodge room a little more relaxed, a little more connected, and a little more ready to receive light.

I've also learned that "refreshment" is more than just food. Yes, it's the dinners and snacks and drinks (especially Diet Coke!) that we share, but it's also the spiritual and intellectual refreshment that comes from good conversation, meaningful education, and genuine friendship.

Some of my favorite moments this year have been those small, simple ones: a brother lingering after the meal to ask a question about ritual, two brethren who hadn't talked much before now laughing together like old friends, or a newer Mason saying, "I feel like I belong here."

If I had one hope as your Junior Warden, it was that every Brother who walked through our doors—whether a 50-year Mason or a freshly raised Master Mason—would feel that sense of belonging. I haven't done it perfectly, but I have tried. I am grateful for every brother who helped set up a table, collected trash, moved tables, or simply sat and made a quiet Brother feel included. You were doing Masonic work just as surely as any officer in a chair.

As we enter this last month of the year, I'd invite each of us to reflect on three simple questions:

Have I helped make this Lodge a place of refreshment?

Not just physically, but emotionally and spiritually. Have I greeted the Brother sitting alone? Have I listened more than I spoke? Have I helped lighten someone's burden?

Have I used my time here to gain more Light?

We are all busy. But when we choose to be here, are we present in mind and heart—or just in body? Do we come seeking something better in ourselves?

Have I carried Masonry back out into the world?

The harmony we cultivate in the banquet hall and the lodge room doesn't belong to us alone. It is something we are meant to share—with our families, our workplaces, and our communities.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to our Worshipful Master, **Joe “Jay Dubs” Wallach**, and Senior Warden, **William “Billiam” Workman**, for their support and guidance this year, and to all the officers who quietly keep this Lodge running—often without recognition. It has been an honor to sit in the South, to look across at the West and East, and to feel the strength and character that our Lodge possesses.



As we prepare for a new Masonic year and new officers take their stations and places, my hope is that we continue to build on what has been started: more education, more fellowship, more opportunities to grow together. The work in the lodge room is most important—but so is the spirit with which we break bread together.

Thank you, my Brothers, for the privilege of serving you as Junior Warden. May we continue to meet on the level, act by the plumb, and part upon the square—and may our hours of refreshment always strengthen us for our hours of labor.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 02 **Executive Committee Meeting** (Zoom) Tuesday 6:30 PM
- 04 **Stated Meeting Dinner** (Banquet Room) Thursday 6:00 PM
- 04 **Monthly Stated Meeting** (LR1) Thursday 7:30 PM
- 11 **DARK** Thursday
- 14 **Annual Installation of Officers** (LR1) Sunday 11:00 AM
- 17 **OSI (Officers School of Instruction)** (LR3) Wednesday 7:00 PM
- 18 **DARK** Thursday
- 25 **DARK** Thursday

JANUARY

- 01 **DARK** Thursday
- 06 **Executive Committee Meeting** (Zoom) Tuesday 6:30 PM
- 08 **Stated Meeting Dinner** (Banquet Room) Thursday 6:00 PM
- 08 **Monthly Stated Meeting** (LR1) Thursday 7:30 PM
- 15 **DARK** Thursday
- 21 **OSI (Officers School of Instruction)** (LR3) Wednesday 7:00 PM
- 22 **DARK** Thursday
- 29 **First Degree Practice** (LR1) Thursday 7:00 PM

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.

DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 02 **Cyril Shah** (Master Mason)
- 03 **David Minke** (Master Mason)
- 04 **Joseph Barnes** (Master Mason)
- 07 **Dan Dailey** (Past Master)
- 10 **James Dimmitt** (Musician)
- 11 **Jason Sibbring** (Master Mason)
- 12 **Joseph Basham** (Master Mason)
- 13 **Gerald Van Wagner, Jr.** (Master Mason)
- 17 **Morrison England, Jr.** (Master Mason)
- 20 **Martin Buff** (Tiler)
- 21 **Michael Allen** (Master Mason)
- 21 **Stanley Sanders** (Master Mason)
- 24 **Floyd Tritt** (Master Mason)
- 25 **Donte Cuellar** (Master Mason)
- 30 **Eddie Haskins** (Master Mason)

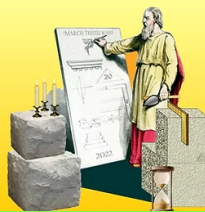
MASTER MASON ANNIVERSARIES

- 04 **Joseph Basham** (15 Years)
- 10 **James Keehner** (59 Years)
- 10 **Tim Tyler** (27 Years)
- 14 **Andrew Wilson** (25 Years)
- 15 **Clinton Abbott** (26 Years)
- 15 **Melvin Pinsler** (74 Years)
- 15 **Branden Polupan** (3 Years)
- 17 **Joseph Dongo** (Past Master) (27 Years)
- 19 **Francisco Marques** (Past Master) (29 Years)

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Annual Installation of Officers

Sunday, December 14 at 11:00 AM

The members of Washington Lodge No. 20, Free & Accepted Masons, cordially invite all Masons, their families, and the general public to attend the Annual Installation of Officers for the ensuing Masonic year.

This time-honored Ceremony marks the official beginning of the new leadership's term and is a significant event in the life of the Lodge.

The event is an excellent opportunity for the community to witness a part of the rich tradition of Freemasonry and meet the Lodge's new leaders.

Event Details:

- Date: **Sunday, December 14, 2025**
- Time: **The Ceremony will commence promptly at 11:00 AM**
- Location: **Masonic Temple at 1123 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814**

The Installation Ceremony will be conducted by Worshipful **Jared Yoshiki, Past Master**, with the program to include the presentation of the new leadership team.

Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**, will serve as Master of Ceremonies, and Worshipful **Matthew Mason, PM**, will lead the Lodge in our devotions.

2026 Line of Officers:

Master: **William Workman**
Senior Warden: **Brandon Jenkins**
Junior Warden: **Nicholas Johnston**
Treasurer: **Mauro Lara, PM**
Secretary: **Francisco Marques, PM**
Chaplain: **Christopher Hamilton**
Assistant Secretary: **Joseph Wallach (Retiring Master)**
Senior Deacon: **Ramey Packer**
Junior Deacon: **Maury Hicks**
Marshal: **Jonathon Miller**
Senior Steward: **Kevin Hall**
Junior Steward: **Carlos Brusel-Casals**
Tiler: **Martin Buff**
Musician: **James Dimmitt**

A shared meal and fellowship will follow the ceremony. All members and families are encouraged to attend and witness the Officers pledge their commitment to the principles of the Fraternity and the community.

About Washington Lodge No. 20 F.& A.M.:

Washington Lodge No. 20 is a constituent Lodge of the Grand Lodge of California, dedicated to self-improvement, fellowship, and community service.

The Fraternity is committed to attracting and retaining men of high quality who strive to make a positive difference in their lives and the community.