

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

Stated Meeting

September 03, 2026

The Stated Meeting was opened on the First Degree of Masonry at **7:47 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
Brandon Jenkins	Senior Warden	Maury Hicks	Junior Deacon
Nicholas Johnston	Junior Warden	Jonathon Miller	Marshal
Mauro Lara, PM	Treasurer	Kevin Hall	Senior Steward
Not Present	Secretary	Carlos Brusel-Casals	Junior Steward
Christopher Hamilton	Chaplain	James Dimmitt	Musician
Joseph Wallach	Assistant Secretary	Martin Buff	Tiler

Members in Attendance:

- Worshipful **Richard Wilson, PM**
- Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**
- Worshipful **Matthew Mason, PM**
- Brother **Wallace Clark, Master Mason 11/29/1966**
- Brother **David Kitts, Master Mason 04/05/2012**
- Brother **Anthony Ibarra, Sr. , Master Mason 05/21/2026**
- Brother **Kelvin Kimball, Master Mason**
- Brother **Ivan Flowers, Fellow Craft**
- Brother **Robert Taylor, Entered Apprentice**

Visiting Brethren:

- Brother **Brennen Barron, Master Mason** of Wayne Lodge No. 112 in Westland, Michigan.

Most Officers served in Advanced Stations in the Opening and Closing of the Lodge.

In the Opening, the Acting Master, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, 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.

After the Opening, the Master, Worshipful **William Workman**, directed the Business Session.

Reading of the Minutes

The Senior Warden, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, moved that the reading of the minutes of the **August 06, 2026, Stated Meeting** , and of the **August 27, 2026, Special Meeting**, be dispensed with and that they stand approved as so distributed.

Seconded by Brother **Kevin Hall** and approved by the Lodge.

Reports of Investigating Committees

None.

Reception of Applications

The Assistant Secretary, Worshipful **Joseph Wallach**, read the following Applications:

- Application for Affiliation from Brother **Nicholas Benjamin Grossman**, Master Mason 215423, from Newport Mesa Lodge No. 241, recommended by Worshipful **William Workman**, Master, and Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, Secretary, pursuant to CMC §804.235.
- Application for Degrees from Mr. **David Wayne Crow**, recommended by Worshipful **William Workman**, Master, and Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, Senior Warden, pursuant to CMC §804.230. The Master shall refer this application to an Investigating Committee, duly assigned for this purpose, pursuant to CMC §804.310.

Balloting

The Brethren deposited their ballots and elected Brother **Nicholas Benjamin Grossman**, Master Mason 215423, to membership in this Lodge by affiliation, pursuant to CMC §804.710.

Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business

(a) Reports of Special Committees:

None.

(b) Bills and Communications:

The Treasurer, Worshipful **Mauro Lara, PM**, presented the monthly report of bills for **September 2026** in the amount of **\$4,418.13**. Audited by the Senior and Junior Wardens.

• MTAS Invoice 6439	\$ 966.24	September 2026 Rent
• US Treasury (2026 Q3)	\$ 110.93	Monthly Deposit (M2)
• Brandon Jenkins	\$ 614.47	Reimbursement (Festive Board)
• Creston Whiting-Casey	\$ 500.00	Relief Motion approved on 08/06/2026
• Francisco Marques	\$ 435.38	Reimbursement (Internet, Lodge Supplies)
• Nicholas Johnston	\$ 213.28	Reimbursement (Food Items)
• William Workman	\$ 935.11	Reimbursement (Food Items)
• Secretary's Wages	\$ 487.58	Monthly Payroll (September 2026)
• Tiler's Wages	\$ 155.14	Monthly Payroll (September 2026)
• TOTAL	\$ 4,418.13	

Worshipful **Mauro Lara, PM**, moved that the bills be paid. Seconded by Brother **Kevin Hall** and approved by the Lodge.

The Senior Warden, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, shared a communication from Brother **Creston Whiting-Casey** expressing his gratitude to Washington Lodge No. 20 for the assistance provided following the fire at his apartment.

(c) New Business:

The Senior Warden, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, moved that the Lodge donate **\$250.00** to Northern California & Hawaii DeMolay, pursuant to CMC §809.550(i). Seconded by Brother **Christopher Hamilton** and approved by the Lodge.

The 2026 Semi-Annual Temple Board Report on Income and Expenditures and Assets and Liabilities, required pursuant to CMC §900.050 and due August 1, 2026, was not yet available for presentation to the Lodge.

Under New Business, discussion resumed regarding matters previously addressed at the August Stated Meeting concerning Washington Lodge No. 20's continued occupancy of the Sacramento Masonic Temple. Worshipful **William Workman** reiterated that no motion would be entertained and no vote would be taken at this time regarding the possibility of the Lodge leaving the building.

It was reported that the Lodge Inspector had been informed of the Lodge's concerns and grievances. Based upon his advice, it was suggested that further action involving Grand Lodge representatives might be deferred until October, when Worshipful **Scott Morrison, PM**, assumes his duties as the new Assistant Grand Lecturer (AGL), rather than raising the matter with outgoing AGL, Worshipful **Jairo Gomez, PM**. Worshipful **Mauro Lara, PM**, expressed the opinion that the Lodge should act more immediately, including informing the AGL of the Lodge's concerns and possible intentions and seeking greater involvement from the Inspector in addressing the matter.

Discussion then turned to the possibility of the Lodge leaving the Temple, including potentially discontinuing its occupancy even as a renter. Brother **Kevin Hall** expressed concern regarding the extent of deferred maintenance at the building, suggesting that necessary work could potentially amount to \$20-\$30 million. He also raised concerns regarding possible liability exposure to Washington Lodge No. 20 and its assets should a serious accident or injury occur at the building.

The possibility of purchasing or renting another facility for Lodge meetings and events was also discussed. Members noted that, given the Lodge's current monthly rent of approximately \$1,000 and its limited use of the Temple, the present arrangement effectively provides the Lodge with use of the Lodge Room primarily for its monthly Stated Meeting, raising questions regarding whether the cost remains reasonable and beneficial to the Lodge.

Brother **Brandon Jenkins** discussed concerns regarding the availability of the Temple for future Lodge events, noting reports that weekends during 2027 had already been booked. He suggested that the Lodge consider reserving dates as far in advance as possible, including dates in 2028, particularly for the Annual Installation of Officers and Annual Ladies' Night, to reduce the possibility that suitable weekend dates would be unavailable.

Discussion subsequently turned to the MTAS agreement with KJ LLC and concerns regarding the process by which it was negotiated and approved. Members expressed concern that Washington Lodge No. 20 had no Hall Association Director appointed or elected at the time and therefore did not have direct representation during the negotiations. It was further expressed that, regardless of the absence of a Director, the Lodge should have received advance notice that such matters would be discussed, consistent with applicable notice and agenda provisions of the Hall Association bylaws. Members stated that, had the Lodge been aware that discussion and possible

action concerning the agreement were scheduled, it could have ensured that, at minimum, a representative was present to participate in the discussion and advocate for the Lodge's interests.

Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**, Worshipful **Matthew Mason, PM**, and Brother **Nicholas Johnston** each offered their perspectives and observations regarding the matters under discussion.

Sacred Roll

None.

Oration

The Senior Steward, Brother **Kevin Hall**, presented a paper on **Rhetoric** as part of the Lodge's Masonic Education program.

Good of the Order

The Senior Steward, Brother **Kevin Hall**, reported cash donations in the amount of **\$210.00** received during dinner for the Refreshment Fund and delivered the funds to the Assistant Secretary.

There being no further comments for the Good of the Order, the Stated Meeting was closed at **8:55 PM**. Dinner was served in the Banquet Room before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Francisco Marques, PM
Secretary

William Workman
Master