

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

Virtual-Tiled Stated Meeting

January 7, 2021

The Virtual-Tiled Stated Meeting was opened at 7:30pm with Worshipful Master Francisco Marques presiding and other officers and brethren present during the Zoom virtual-tiled meeting. The virtual tiled stated meetings will continue due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and statewide suspension of in-person stated meetings and will resume until further notice from the Grand Lodge of California.

Francisco Marques	Worshipful Master	Mauro Lara	Senior Deacon
Russell Tomas	Senior Warden	Creston Whiting-Casey III	Junior Deacon
Nick Johnston	Junior Warden	Joseph Wallach	Marshall
Eric Hixson, PM	Treasurer	Matthew Mason	Senior Steward
Jesus (Jesse) Solis Jacques, PM	Secretary	David Minke	Junior Steward
Kyle Campbell	Assistant Secretary	Not present	Organist
Bill Workman	Chaplain	Floyd Tritt	Tiler

Other brethren present:

Michael Contreras, Jerry Livingston-Joy, Wally Clark, Heath Hamm, Michael Allen, Bob Taylor, Rodrigo Bitar, Dave Stallberg, Worshipful John Knox, Worshipful Jon Isaacson, Worshipful Jeret Burnett, Worshipful Joseph Dongo, Worshipful Juan Faranda, Worshipful Dave Cameron, Worshipful Luis Montero, Worshipful Scott Goode, Worshipful Richard Wilson, Worshipful Gabriel Mariscal, and Junior Past Master, Worshipful Jared Yoshiki.

The Master led the Lodge in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country.

The Master, Francisco Marques announced the birthdays of the following Brothers: Worshipful John Knox on January 6th and Brother Kyle Campbell on January 7th.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes of the December 3rd virtual-tiled Stated Meeting were read and approved. The minutes of the Special Meeting of the 170th Annual Installation of Officers held on December 13, 2020 were read and approved.

Balloting

There were no ballots taken.

Reception of Applications

No applications were received.

Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business

Treasurer's Report/Bills

Worshipful Eric Hixson gave the monthly report of bills in the amount of \$1,959.12 and moved that the bills be paid. Seconded by Brother Russ Tomas, SW and approved by the lodge.

Communications

No Communications were given.

Committees Reports

Sunshine: No reports were made.

Temple Board: No reports were made.

Social Media: Worshipful Francisco Marques announced the "Slack" App platform is now available as an additional tool for rapid communication within members of various committees. Slack is not available for all lodge officers and members. Members discussed other ideas for outreach growth.

Monthly Events: The Master Francisco Marques announced the upcoming Officer's School of Instructions on Wednesday January 20, 2021 via zoom online.

New Business

The Master Francisco Marques announced the necessary amendments for the lodge's Bylaws, lifetime membership plan, and annual dues structure. Worshipful Francisco Marques described that these records could not be found after much diligence and that this is a good time to review and update these essential records.

The Master Francisco Marques announced the appointments of both the Audit Committee and the Membership Retention Committee. The following appointees are:

Audit Committee:

Worshipful Francisco Marques, Master, Brother Russ Tomas, SW, Brother Nick Johnston, JW, Brother Kyle Campbell, Asst. Secretary, Brother Mauro Lara, SD, and Brother Creston Whiting-Casey III, JD.

Membership Retention Committee:

Worshipful Francisco Marques, Master, Brother Russ Tomas, SW, Brother Nick Johnston, JW, Brother Kyle Campbell, Asst. Secretary, Brother Mauro Lara, SD, and Brother Creston Whiting-Casey III, JD.

Motions:

The Master Francisco Marques presented the budget for 2021. Worshipful David Cameron moved that the lodge approve the budget for 2021. Seconded by Worshipful Jesse Solis-Jacques, Secretary and approved by the lodge.

Worshipful Eric Hixon, Treasurer moved that, to ensure bond's maturity, that two funds be reinvested to A-rated or better. A \$40,000 bond and a \$80,000 for a total of \$120,000 to be reinvested. Motion was seconded and approved by the lodge.

Worshipful David Cameron moved that the lodge purchase a lifetime membership for its retiring Master, Jared Yoshiki in the amount of \$1992. Seconded by Brother Russ Tomas. Worshipful John Knox stated his remarks in disagreement. Worshipful Joseph Dongo and Jeret Burnett also provided their remarks of concern. Worshipful David Cameron withdrew his initial motion and considered that this topic needs further discussion.

Brother Creston Whiting-Casing III made a new motion that the lodge contribute \$1,992 made payable to Worshipful Jared Yoshiki for his charitable contributions and efforts to the lodge during the Covid-19 epidemic. Seconded by Brother Russ Tomas. Worshipful Jared Yoshiki provided his sincere remarks of gratitude and thoughtful appreciation of such a gift, however, declined the gesture from the brethren in good faith and that he was profoundly grateful of serving as Master of this lodge. Brother Creston Whiting-Casey III withdrew the motion.

Sacred Roll:

The in memoriams of both Brothers Pedro Perez and Deepak Sharma were read.

The Virtual-Tiled Stated Meeting was closed at 8:36pm. Stated meeting dinner cancelled until further noticed, in accordance with Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines and Grand Lodge's decision to suspend all social gathering activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesus Solis-Jacques

Jesus (Jesse) Solis-Jacques, PM, Secretary

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Francisco Marques

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Francisco Marques, Master