

WLN20 Trestle Board

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From the East

William Workman - Worshipful Master



A New Dawn of Travel and Discovery: Our Year Ahead

Dear Brothers,

The Trestle-board for this year is laid out, not with chalk on a floor, but with purpose in our hearts, and I am thrilled to share our vision for the journey ahead!

The Officers of Washington Lodge No. 20 have already met, unified, and are eager to lead our members to new heights of fraternity, fellowship, and fulfillment. The initial step forward marks the transition from the familiar into a realm of untapped potential and hidden truths.

This journey into discovery has officially begun, fueled by a relentless curiosity to uncover the mysteries that lie ahead. As **Lao Tzu's** proverb states, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step," so too the journey into Masonry begins with a single knock. The door has now been opened, and the journey begins.

The Tools of Our Trade, In Our Hands:

Look around at your elected leaders. They carry more than just titles; they hold the working tools that will shape our future. The Square reminds us to square our actions by the square of virtue, the Compass to circumscribe our desires, and the Plumb to walk uprightly before God and man. These are the principles we will use to build, to teach, and to inspire. The light that shines

from them are welcoming beacons that reflect and exemplify our Mission, our Vision, and our Core Values.

Growing Our Family, Reconnecting Our Bonds:

Our primary mission is to extend the hand of fellowship. We aim to bring new members into our fold, sharing the light of Masonry with worthy candidates. Simultaneously, we are committed to reaching out to those Brothers who may have become distant, inviting them back to the warmth of our hearth. Let us be a beacon for those seeking and a comforting light for those who have wandered.

Mentorship, Service, and Unity:

We pledge to serve as mentors, coaches, and guides, ensuring that every Brother, new or old, feels supported. Our Lodge will be a shining example of charity in action and hope for our community. Your Officers are prepared to serve, to uplift, and to embody the very principles we hold dear.

Let us work together, with renewed vigor and fraternal love, to make this a year of significant growth, deeper connection, and profound service.

Yours in Fraternity,

William Workman

Worshipful Master

Washington Lodge No. 20



The Worshipful Master's Installation Address

"Good afternoon, distinguished guests, Officers, and my beloved Brothers of Washington 20 and their friends and families.

I am profoundly humbled and honored to stand before you today as I accept the gavel, accepting the esteemed role of Master of this venerable Lodge for the year 2026.

I stand on the shoulders of giants, men who have guided, shaped, and inspired me on this journey. I thank you for the trust and confidence you have placed in me.

The theme I have chosen for the ensuing year is **Travel and Discovery**. This theme reaches deep into the very foundations of our fraternity. We often reflect on our operative predecessors, whom we refer to as operative masons, and their necessity to travel from job to job.

Think back to the time of the building of **King Solomon's** Temple and other grand structures that defined their age. Skilled craftsmen did not stay in one place. They were itinerants, moving to wherever their specialized skills in architecture and stonework were required. It was this very need to travel that necessitated systems of recognition and shared knowledge—the seeds of our modern Speculative Masonry.

They traveled in search of work, in search of better wages, and in search of light in their professional lives. We, too, are travelers. Firstly, there is geographical travel.

As Masons, many of us journey across states, countries, and even continents to visit other Lodges, share fellowship, and observe how our universal craft is practiced elsewhere. These journeys broaden our perspective and remind us that

the bonds of Freemasonry transcend borders. We also travel for pleasure, to chase beauty, embrace the unfamiliar, and uncover the world's hidden wonders.

But the most significant journey we undertake is the figurative travel from West to East. This is the symbolic path of our learning and self-improvement. We enter the West, where the sun sets, symbolizing the darkness of ignorance, and we travel toward the East, where the sun rises, symbolizing enlightenment, wisdom, and the pursuit of greater knowledge.

It is on this figurative journey that we make our most important discoveries: discovering the deeper meanings of our symbols, understanding the moral lessons embedded in our degrees, and ultimately, discovering better versions of ourselves, all under the guidance and inspiration of the Great Divinity whom we adore.

Our lodge is not a destination; it is a vehicle for this journey.

I am truly blessed to be supported in this endeavor by an outstanding line of officers. The dedication, talent, and energy of the brothers standing beside me are second to none. I know that with their high quality and commitment, Washington Lodge 20 will flourish, and together, we will navigate the path of discovery and service.

I look forward to the work we will accomplish as a unified team. The path that has led me to this chair was paved by many, but I wish to specifically honor three brothers who have recently laid down their working tools and passed to the Celestial Lodge above: Worshipful **John Knox**, my coach and mentor, Brother **Bob Taylor**, and Worshipful **Juan Faranda**. Their wisdom, their passion for the craft, and their personal guidance were instrumental in my formation.

Their memory will continue to be a beacon for me as I endeavor to fulfill my duties. Finally, no man reaches this station alone. My journey, both masonic and

personal, has been possible only because of the unwavering support and enduring patience of my incredible wife, **Dawn**.

To my dear wife, my little flower, thank you for your sacrifices, your encouragement, and for being the anchor that allows me the freedom to pursue the light of Masonry. I love you dearly, and to my sons, **James, Michael, Connor**, and especially **Ryan**: you are the light of my life and my greatest motivation. Every day, I endeavor to become a better man for you. I want to be the kind of father who makes you proud.

Brothers, let us embark on this new year with a spirit of adventure. The working tools are in our hands. Let us travel, let us discover, and let us build for the glory of the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, of the Craft, and for the benefit of all mankind.

Please keep our Lodge and our families in your prayers; our wish is to live faithfully by the great tenets of Freemasonry: **Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth**.

I am sincerely honored to humbly serve my Brothers as your Worshipful Master.

Thank you!"

- Sunday, December 14, 2025





From the West

Brandon Jenkins - Senior Warden



Brethren, as we begin another year, I hope your holiday season was filled with joy and peace. My hopes for you continue as we look forward to what this new season of life will bring us.

I must offer my sincere gratitude to all of the Brethren of Washington Lodge No. 20 who have placed their trust in me to serve as Senior Warden. This chair is very special, but also very daunting. I think of all the men whom I hold in high regard who have also served in this role, and I am humbled by the knowledge that I have a heavy responsibility to meet. I ask your forgiveness if I stumble in my duties, but you can be assured that with your assistance, I will arise to carry on.

I have been contemplating the significance associated with the West, the symbolic seat of the Senior Warden, and a preparatory location for “receiving further instruction in the East.”

- **Why is the West so important?**
- **Why is the Level the jewel of this office?**
- **What is implied when the Installation Ceremony states, “Look well to the West!”?**

As we enter Freemasonry, we are continually instructed that we are symbolically travelling from West to East, from the position of the sun’s retiring to the location of its ascension. We are emblematically moving from spiritual darkness to enlightenment, from the profane world to sacred and solemn spaces. However, before we can begin the long trail of self-improvement, we must be permitted to enter this realm of discovery through our own motivations towards goodness and justice.

We must prepare our hearts, we must knock at the gate, be found worthy, and be admitted only after thorough examination. Those alone who have already demonstrated their ability to do good are allowed to improve even

further within our ranks. And this preliminary evaluation is allegorically accomplished at the symbolic “West Gate.”

The Tiler, the Deacons, and the Senior Warden (as well as all of the other Officers of the lodge to one degree or another) work together to ensure those who enter our divine dwelling do so with noblest of intentions. This is practical as well as symbolic.

We learn from scripture that [King Hiram of Tyre](#), a ruler of the Phoenicians and a great friend to both **King David** and **Solomon**, provided many of the skilled workers who built the Holy Temple (1 Kings 5:1). Traditionally, these men would have been tested for their skill and loyalty prior to being allowed to build so great an edifice.

The ignoble and crudest worker would not have been permitted to labor on such a holy site, not only because of their lack of skill, but also because they had not prepared themselves to serve in so great an undertaking. They would have been turned away until they had improved, if that ever occurred.

Symbolically, our Craft upholds the same ideals. All who seek to enter our hallowed halls must demonstrate an acceptable level of humility, an ethical desire for improvement, and moral decency. This emphasis on “Guarding the West Gate,” included in the earliest recorded Masonic constitutions and also the written regulations of operative stonemason guilds, continues to this day. It is my hope that our emphasis on only admitting good and true men will endure in perpetuity.

The Level, a ubiquitous image in all lodges of Freemasonry, is symbolic of equality. All Freemasons are alike to each other, even as they hold a position of office in the Lodge. This truth is reiterated in the admonition to the Senior Warden during his installation ceremony:

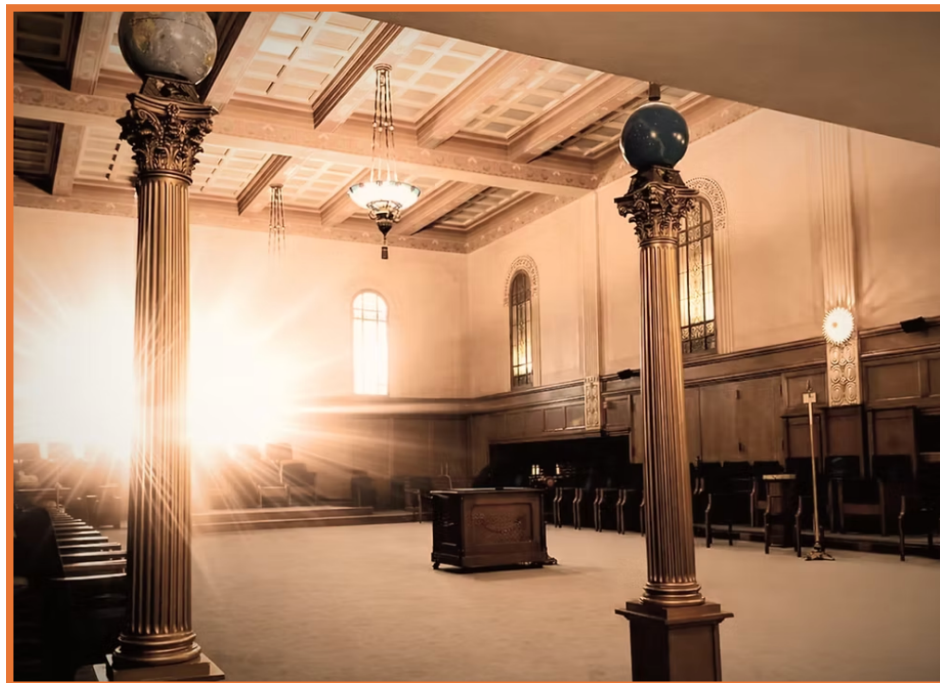
The Level, my Brother, demonstrates that we are descended from the same stock, that we partake of the same nature, and share the same hope; and that although distinctions among men are necessary to preserve subordination, yet no eminence of station should make us forget that we are Brethren; for he

who is placed on the lowest spoke of fortune's wheel may be entitled to our regard;

This helpful caution is apt for one who has ascended to this station, for since he is soon to sit in the Oriental Chair and lead what a distinguished lodge, he may be inclined to assume that he is becoming something greater than he is. However, as the Greatest Teacher instructed, "...whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant..." (Matthew 20:26-27). The Level is placed around the neck of this Officer in part to remind him that he is to serve the Lodge to his greatest ability, and also to display to the Lodge that this man is tasked with maintaining harmony "that none may go away dissatisfied." It is a tangible reminder that once a man is initiated into our order, he is forever among equals.

Knowing all this, I hope I can live up to "the Love and confidence of (my) Brethren". You have my pledge that I will do my very best, and I ask for your assistance in ensuring that harmony will prevail among our beloved Lodge.

May the Great Architect bless us all.





From the South

Nicholas Johnston - Junior Warden



Greetings my dear reader.

It is with great pleasure that I once again visit my musings upon this storied column.

This being my second trip through this chair, I reread what missives I had penned to begin the year 2021. I think the opening paragraph is as true today as it was then: For my inaugural column, I would like to thank the Brethren of Washington 20 who have entrusted me with this office. Those Brethren fortunate to have patronized our mysteries and joined in our assemblies know that this chair I now occupy holds a special meaning, and I undertake the mantle of its office with sincerity and humility.

Since then, it has been fun to observe how much has changed, while much remains the same. The progressive line has completely turned over, with many of our more recent Past Masters now applying their labors to chairs such as Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary.

What remains the same, however, is the sense of friendship and Brotherly Love among the Brethren.

We Pillar Officers have already been at work planning an amazing year for this Lodge and are excited about what is to come. It is our hope that this year continues the chain of sincere fraternal goodwill that has been built by all the Officers in recent years.

At the installation, Brother **Brandon Jenkins** and I were admonished by the Installing Officer to imitate what we have seen praiseworthy in others. How fortunate we are that the Brethren of Washington 20 give so many examples from which to learn! I hope to take everything I have learned from all of you to help make for a spectacular 2026.

Worshipful **William Workman**'s theme for the year is **Travel and Discovery**. At first glance, this theme brings to mind trips to faraway lands, with exotic foods and new cultures to experience. But we need not actually board a plane to experience this theme (although if you do, that's great too). We can travel locally to visit many of the lodges in Northern California and discover how they practice the degrees of Masonry. We can also visit friends and family and discover more about their lives. Lastly, we can travel inward and discover the nature of our true self.

For it was written at the **Temple of Apollo** (1) in Delphi, the Greek phrase: Γνῶθι σεαυτόν, which translates to "Know Thyself." By traveling inward, we can thus take the advice given by **Aristotle**: that "knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom."



(1) One of the other inscriptions at the Temple of Apollo was Μηδὲν ἄγαν, which translates to "Nothing in Excess."

This overlaps nicely with the admonition to the Junior Warden at installation to "carefully observe that the means of refreshment are not converted to improper or excessive use."

Please accept my wishes for a very Happy New Year.

I hope it brings many wonderful memories with your family, friends, and the Brethren here at Washington 20.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

(Support Our First Responders Month)

- 01 **DARK** Thursday
- 06 **Executive Committee Meeting** (Zoom) Tuesday 7:30 PM
- 08 **National Law Enforcement Appreciation 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 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY

(Masonic Widows Month)

- 03 **Executive Committee Meeting** (Zoom) Tuesday 7:30 PM
- 05 **Washington's Birthday Celebration Dinner** (Banquet Room) Thursday 6:00 PM
- 05 **Monthly Stated Meeting** (LR1) Thursday 7:30 PM
- 12 **DARK** Thursday
- 18 **OSI (Officers School of Instruction)** (LR3) Wednesday 7:00 PM
- 19 **DARK** Thursday
- 21 **Ladies Lunch** (Club Room) Saturday 12:00 PM
- 26 **First Degree - Mr. Marcos Leal - Past Masters Night** (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.

JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

- 01 David Freeman (Master Mason)
- 01 Scott Germer (Master Mason)
- 01 Anthony Ibarra, Sr. (FellowCraft)
- 07 Kyle Campbell (Master Mason)
- 08 Frederick Hardiman (Past Master)
- 12 Steven Anders (Master Mason)
- 14 Derek Waterman (Master Mason)
- 15 Jonathon Miller (Marshal)
- 17 Sonny Stormes (Past Master)
- 18 Mac Contreras (Master Mason)
- 23 Jerry Livingston-Joy (Master Mason)
- 26 D. Edward Entrican (Past Master)
- 31 Cornell Tindall (Entered Apprentice)

MASTER MASON ANNIVERSARIES

- 04 Alejandro Reynoso (12 Years)
- 19 William Cameron (14 Years)
- 22 Morrison England, Jr. (15 Years)
- 22 Ian Solis-Jacques (11 Years)
- 25 Eric Hardiman (29 Years)
- 25 Wesley Jackson (8 Years)
- 30 Jonathan Brizuela (12 Years)



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