

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

Stated Meeting

January 04, 2024

The Stated Meeting was opened at 07:38 PM with the Master presiding and other Officers and Brethren present as shown in the Tiler's Register.

**Officers**

<b>Matthew Mason</b>	Worshipful Master	<b>Brandon Jenkins</b>	Senior Deacon
<b>Joseph Wallach</b>	Senior Warden	<b>Kevin Hall</b>	Junior Deacon
<b>William Workman</b>	Junior Warden	Not Present	Marshal
<b>Eric Hixson, PM</b>	Treasurer	Not Present	Senior Steward
<b>Francisco Marques, PM</b>	Secretary	Not Present	Junior Steward
Not Present	Chaplain	<b>James Dimmitt</b>	Organist
		Not Present	Tiler

The chairs of Chaplain, Marshal, Senior Steward, and Junior Steward remained vacant for the meeting. Brother **Michael Allen** performed the Tiler's duties and Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, led the Lodge in our devotions.

The Master invited all Masters and Past Masters to seats in the East; all Past Masters in attendance accepted his invitation and stormed the East to congratulate Worshipful **Matthew Mason** on his ascension to the Oriental Chair, afterward returning to their respective seats, as customary.

The Master led the Lodge in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

**Reading of the Minutes**

The minutes of the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Stated Meeting and of the December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Special Meeting (Annual Installation of Officers) were read and approved by the lodge.

**Reports of Investigating Committees**

The Master informed the Lodge that the committee upon the application of Mr. **Joaquin Jose Lopez** to receive the Degrees of Masonry in this Lodge has made a favorable report.

**Balloting**

The lodge elected Mr. **Joaquin Jose Lopez** to receive the Degrees of Masonry in this Lodge, pursuant to CMC §804.410.

## **Reception of Applications**

The Application for Degrees from Mr. **Joshua Christopher Dillon Riddle Valentin** was received and read by the Lodge Secretary, pursuant to CMC §804.285.

## **Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business**

### **(a) New Business:**

The Master, Worshipful **Matthew Mason**, announced the appointment of the Auditing and the Member Retention Committees as follows:

#### **Auditing Committee (CMC §806.000.C)**

Chair - Matthew Mason (Master)  
Joseph Wallach (Senior Warden)  
William Workman (Junior Warden)  
Brandon Jenkins (Senior Deacon)

#### **Member Retention Committee (CMC §806.000.D)**

Chair - Matthew Mason (Master)  
Joseph Wallach (Senior Warden)  
William Workman (Junior Warden)  
Francisco Marques, PM (Secretary)  
Brandon Jenkins (Senior Deacon)

The Master, Worshipful **Matthew Mason**, presented the budget for 2024 in the amount of **\$63,529.00**. The Treasurer, Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, confirmed his endorsement of the proposed budget. Worshipful **Jeret Burnett, PM**, moved that the proposed budget be adopted. Seconded by the Treasurer, Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, and approved by the Lodge.

The Master, Worshipful **Matthew Mason**, acknowledged receipt of a recommendation from the Hiram Award Committee. He then directed the Senior Deacon, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, to deliver the recommendation to the Lodge Secretary in a sealed envelope to be open only after the name of the awardee was revealed to the Lodge.

The Senior Deacon, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, carried the orders from the Worshipful Master, delivered the sealed envelope to the Secretary, and performed a very exquisite perambulation in the lodge room in search of the awardee. He ended his long journey in the southeast corner thereof and informed the Secretary that he, Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, had been designated by to receive the Hiram Award this year. Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, expressed his gratitude to the Master, to the Hiram Award Committee, and to the members of this Lodge for such an honorable and important designation.

The Junior Warden, Brother **William Workman**, moved that the Lodge pay a \$1,000 stipend for each of the four top Officers of this Lodge (Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, and Senior Deacon)

attending the Masters & Wardens Retreat this year. Seconded by Worshipful **Russell Tomas, PM**, and approved by the Lodge.

The Junior Warden, Brother **William Workman**, moved that the Lodge donate \$200.00 to Job's Daughter Bethel No. 292 as a token of appreciation for their presentation at Installation Day on 01/27/2023. Seconded by Brother **Creston Whiting-Casey**. Worshipful **Jared Yoshiki, PM**, proposed a higher donation, and, after some discussion, Brother **William Workman** amended his motion for the Lodge to make a donation of \$300.00 Job's Daughter Bethel No. 292. Seconded by Brother **Creston Whiting-Casey** and approved by the Lodge.

**(b) Reports of Special Committees:** None.

**(c) Bills and Communications:**

Treasurer, Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, gave the monthly report of bills for **January 2024** in the amount of **\$1,199.26**. Audited by the Senior Warden, Brother **Joseph Wallach** and the Junior Warden, Brother **William Workman**. Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, moved that the bills be paid. Seconded by the Junior Warden, Brother **William Workman** and approved by the lodge.

### Oration

Brother **Kevin Hall** presented a beautiful oration on the Masonic Symbolism of the 24-inch Gauge, adapted from the book Making Good Men Better by Worshipful **Carl W. Davis, PM**, from Peru-Miami Lodge No. 67, F.& A.M. of Indiana.

Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**, once again congratulated the Master, Worshipful **Matthew Mason**, on his ascension to the Oriental Chair, and asked the Master to investigate the possibility of reviving the tradition of presenting the Junior Past Master with a Past Master Breast Jewel. The Master, Worshipful **Matthew Mason**, will look into reimplementing such meaningful tradition.

**Sacred Roll** None.

The Master announced the following upcoming events:

**Officers' Meeting** in the Club Room on Thursday, 01/11/2024, at 06:30 PM

**Officers' School of Instruction** in LR3 on Wednesday, 01/17/2024, at 07:00 PM

**Officers' Practice** in LR1 on Thursday, 01/25/2024, at 06:30 PM

The Stated Meeting was closed at 08:42 PM. Dinner was served before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Francisco Marques .:*

**Francisco Marques, PM**  
Secretary

*Matthew Mason*

**Matthew Mason**  
Master