

WLN20 Trestle Board



From the East

William Workman - Worshipful Master



Brethren,

The theme for my year in the East is **Travel and Discovery**.

Often, we think of Masonic travel as journeying to neighboring California lodges, visiting jurisdictions across state lines, or exploring lodges overseas as ambassadors of Washington Lodge No. 20. While those journeys expand our horizons, I firmly believe that true Masonic travel and discovery must begin right here at home.

True travel as a Brother Mason means bridging the distance between our lodge room and the homes of our members, especially those who can no longer attend our stated meetings or events. Discovery happens when we check in on our people, listen to their stories, and remember the unbreakable bonds that tie us together, no matter how much time has passed.

Before serving as your Master, I spent much of my career in the building trades - yes, including some actual masonry work. Now, I want to use those same hands to give back to our community.

Our duty to aid and assist one another is a lifelong promise, and I want to provide tangible relief to our Brethren and Masonic widows by making their homes safer and preventing dangerous falls.

I am officially offering to personally install safety bars in the showers, tubs, or bathrooms of any brother or widow who needs them. This initiative allows us to accomplish two vital Masonic duties at once: visiting our Brethren in their

homes and providing a practical service that protects their well-being. There is no cost to you for the installation.

If you or someone you know could benefit from having safety bars installed, please reach out to me directly via email. Let us travel together in service, look out for one another, and ensure that no member of Washington 20 is left behind.

As we look back on the labor and fellowship of the past month, my heart is filled with gratitude for the vibrant spirit moving through our Lodge. Our **Chili Cook-Off** during last month's Stated Meeting dinner was an absolute success! Chili Cook-Off winners were announced, and we look forward to presenting their prizes at our upcoming Stated Meeting dinner.

The **Festive Board of Fellowship** was a truly masterful arrangement, beautifully prepared and served by our Senior Warden Brandon Jenkins, his wife Beth, and their children, Shane and Delaney.

Embodying the theme of Travel and Discovery, they treated us to a culinary tour with foods from around the world. The accompanying slideshow was so deeply moving it brought tears to my eyes. We had a wonderful turnout of Brothers, wives, families, and visiting guests from neighboring Lodges.

Our preparation alongside the officers of Washington 20 bore fruitful results. Together, we conferred a solemn and beautiful **Sublime Degree of Master Mason** upon Brother **Kelvin Kimball**. Brother Kelvin is already a wonderful presence in our Lodge, and I am deeply honored to have had a role in raising him to this high and sublime degree.

We have a busy and inspiring month ahead. Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Thursday, September 3rd at 6:00 PM (Stated Meeting Dinner & Prizes):

Join us for another masterpiece of home cooking prepared by Worshipful **Luis Montero, PM**, his wife Wendy, and the talented Chefs of the

Cross and Crown. We will also officially present the prizes to our Chili Cook-Off winners.

Thursday, September 17th at 6:30 PM (Constitution Night):

Our Lodge Musician, Brother **James Dimmitt**, will take us on a journey of discovery for Constitution Night. This special evening will be held at 1123 J Street on the 3rd floor. Refreshments and dessert will be served.

Thursday, September 24th at 6:30 PM (Fellowcraft Degree):

We will gather to pass Brother **Marcos Leal** to the Degree of Fellowcraft. I will send out an email with further details soon.

Please make every effort to attend and support our Brother during this profound ceremony as he transitions from the porch to the middle chamber.

It is also my distinct honor to announce that Worshipful **Matthew Mason, PM**, has been appointed **Junior Grand Steward** for the ensuing Masonic year. This well-deserved appointment recognizes his steadfast dedication and service to our Craft. The leadership and commitment he has demonstrated within Washington Lodge No. 20 will now serve the Craft throughout California. During his term, Worshipful Mason will travel extensively across the state, representing the Grand Lodge and, wherever his travels take him, being introduced as a Brother of Washington Lodge No. 20 - a distinction in which our Lodge can take great pride. A special reception in his honor is also being planned for 2027, and additional details will be shared with the Brethren as plans are finalized. Please join me in congratulating Worshipful Mason on this tremendous honor and wishing him well in the Masonic year ahead.

Thank you all for your continued dedication to our craft, our Lodge, and each other.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

William "Bill" Workman

Worshipful Master

Washington Lodge No. 20



From the West

Brandon Jenkins - Senior Warden



Greetings, brethren, and happy September.

Personally, I'm glad that the scorching summer temperatures may soon begin to cool down, although I know Sacramento Septembers are notoriously hot. Still, Autumn is around the corner, for which I couldn't be any happier.

At the end of last month, we held our lodge's annual Festive Board. I gave a presentation during the festivities, and our Worshipful Master has asked that I include the text of the presentation here for those that could not attend.

I hope you have a good month, and I hope to see you at all of the planned September events.

Every Journey Begins with a Question

Brethren, distinguished guests, ladies, family members, and friends...welcome. Tonight's Festive Board is a little different. Rather than simply sharing a meal together, I'd like to invite you on a journey. Not a journey across oceans or continents, but one measured in ideas, friendships, and discoveries. Our Worshipful Master's theme this year is Travel and Discovery. It seemed fitting, because Masonry itself is a journey. Every Mason begins in the same place - with curiosity. Every Mason walks a different path. Yet somehow, we all arrive together. Tonight I'd like to share a little of that journey with you.

Sacramento: A Place of New Beginnings

Nearly two centuries ago, people came to California searching for something. Some sought gold. Some sought opportunity. Some sought a new life. Among them were men who believed that prosperity alone could never build a great community. Character would have to come first. In 1852, Washington Lodge

No. 20 was chartered. While Sacramento itself was still finding its identity, our Lodge was already helping build one. For nearly 175 years, men have entered our doors - not because they had all the answers—but because they wished to become better men. That journey continues today.

The Men Who Began the Journey

Every great journey has pioneers. Washington Lodge was blessed with remarkable founders. Charles Duncombe helped establish civic life in early Sacramento. Nathaniel Greene Curtis helped shape Freemasonry throughout California. But what inspires me most isn't simply what these men accomplished. It's what they chose to leave behind. They didn't build something for themselves. They built something for those that would outlive them. Every time we gather in our Lodge room, we continue the work they began. We are not simply preserving history. We are becoming part of it.

Every Mason Is a Traveler

One of the beautiful things about Masonry is that no two journeys look exactly alike. Some men join because their father or grandfather was a Mason. Others arrive knowing almost nothing about it. Some are young, and others begin much later in life. Some seek knowledge. Others seek friendship. Many discover both. The destination isn't identical for everyone, but every journey asks the same question: "What kind of man do I want to become?" That question never goes away.

Lessons Along the Way

Travel changes us. Not because we arrive somewhere different...but because we become SOMEONE different. Masonry works much the same way. The lessons aren't found only in ceremonies. They're found in conversations...shared meals...helping one another...laughing together...serving together. Sometimes they're found in quiet moments. Sometimes they're learned through challenges. Sometimes they're discovered unexpectedly. The destination matters, but often it's the journey that teaches us the most.

Discoveries Worth Sharing

One of the greatest surprises many men discover is that Freemasonry isn't simply about meetings. It's about friendships. It becomes a place where people know your name...where they notice when you're absent...where they celebrate your successes...where they help carry your burdens. Our families become part of that journey as well. That is why evenings like tonight matter. Tonight isn't just for Masons. It's for everyone who walks beside them because every meaningful journey is better when shared.

The Greatest Treasure

When people hear the word "treasure," they often imagine gold, but Freemasonry teaches us to seek something different...Integrity...Wisdom...Compassion...Humility...Service...Friendship...Brotherhood. These are treasures no one can steal, and unlike material treasure, they grow stronger the more we share them. If Washington Lodge has accomplished anything over the last 174 years...it is helping generations of men discover treasures like these.

The Journey Continues

Every journey eventually reaches a moment when we stop...look back...and realize how far we've come. Washington Lodge has traveled a remarkable road, but our greatest adventures still lie ahead. The men who founded this Lodge handed something precious to us. Now it becomes our responsibility to hand it to those who come after us. Not exactly as we received it...but stronger because we cared for it.

Closing

As we conclude tonight, I'd like to leave you with one final thought. Travel changes us because it broadens our perspective. Discovery changes us because it deepens our understanding. Freemasonry seeks to do both. Whether you are a Mason...the spouse of a Mason...a family member...or a

friend joining us for the first time...thank you for being part of this journey. Your presence tonight reminds us that no meaningful road is ever traveled alone. May your own journey - wherever it leads - be filled with purpose, friendship, and discovery. Thank you, and enjoy the rest of the evening. Brethren...our journey continues....

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**MASONIC LODGE
WASHINGTON #20 INVITES YOU TO**

**WILD WEST
LADIES' NIGHT**

NOV. 7th 6:30 PM

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WANTED:

YOU! For a Rip-Roarin' Night!
at The Masonic Temple

FEATURING:

★ **The Geoffrey Miller Band** ★
**Old-Fashioned Western Vittles
& Good Fellowship**

Boots, Hats & Western Wears Encouraged!

RSVP: <https://www.WLN20.org/RSVP>





From the South

Nicholas Johnston - Junior Warden



Greetings Brethren,

As September arrives, there is so much change in the air. The school season is starting up, and the temperatures are starting to drop. The length of the days has begun to change. The work of summer begins to gather itself in, and we start looking, almost instinctively, toward the close of the year. This month has two touchstones worth examining: one from history, and another from the night sky.

On September 18, 1793, **George Washington** presided over the laying of the cornerstone of the United States Capitol. He did so in full Masonic regalia, alongside brethren of the Alexandria-Washington Lodge, in a ceremony that fused the young republic's civic ambitions with the craft's oldest symbolism. You have most certainly seen the famous mural of Washington painted by **Allyn Cox**. This mural depicts the actions of our namesake on that fine September day.

Astronomically, on September 27, the **Harvest Moon** will rise here in Sacramento. The harvest moon is defined as the full moon that falls nearest the autumnal equinox. Its name comes from a practical history: before electric light, farmers relied on its early moonrise and extended glow to keep working the fields after sunset, bringing in the last of the season's crop under its light rather than waiting for morning. For me, I am excited about all the great food that comes from the Autumn produce.

Speaking of food and fun, I would like to take a moment to pitch an upcoming event.

Coming on November 7th, Washington Lodge will host the annual **Ladies Night**. The theme is **The Old West**, and we have great entertainment and food lined up. All are encouraged to dress for the occasion, if so inclined. I really hope to see you there, so please make an **RSVP** soon.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- **03 Thursday 6:00 PM**
 - **Prince Hall Freemasonry Celebration**
 - Banquet Room at 1123 J Street 95814
- **03 Thursday 7:30 PM**
 - **Monthly Stated Meeting**
 - LR1 at 1123 J Street 95814
- **10 Thursday 7:00 PM**
 - **Second Degree Practice**
 - LR1 at 1123 J Street 95814
- **16 Wednesday 7:00 PM**
 - **OSI (Officers School of Instruction)**
 - LR3 at 1123 J Street 95814
- **17 Thursday 6:30 PM**
 - **Annual Constitutional Observance Night**
 - LR1 at 1123 J Street 95814
- **24 Thursday 6:30 PM**
 - **Second Degree - Brother Marcos Leal**
 - LR1 at 1123 J Street 95814

BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Devin Gray (Master Mason)
- 05 Norman Helsel (Master Mason)
- 11 Moises Gonzalez (Master Mason)
- 12 Rodrigo Bitar (Master Mason)
- 13 Brian Jones (Master Mason)
- 15 Alan Grundel (Past Master)
- 19 David Keehner (Master Mason)
- 21 Ian Solis-Jacques (Master Mason)
- 25 Alejandro Reynoso (Master Mason)
- 26 Ernest Owen, Jr. (Master Mason)

MASTER MASON ANNIVERSARIES

- 09 Douglas Dern (50 Years) **Golden Veteran**
- 12 Jon Isaacson (Past Master) (24 Years)
- 12 Jesse Solis-Jacques (Past Master) (13 Years)
- 12 William Hill (35 Years)
- 15 Mauro Lara (Past Master) (10 Years)
- 16 V. Allen Winter, Jr. (Past Master) (33 Years)
- 16 Lance Vayder (22 Years)
- 20 Creston Whiting-Casey, III (14 Years)
- 20 Alexis Baloji (8 Years)
- 21 Moises Gonzalez (3 Years)
- 22 Ramey Packer (Senior Deacon) (4 Years)
- 23 Reaburn Lenau, III (33 Years)
- 24 Donald Bader (56 Years) **Golden Veteran**
- 27 Garth Tanner (64 Years) **Golden Veteran**
- 28 Thomas Ansell (37 Years)
- 29 J. Scott Goode (Past Master) (15 Years)
- 29 Brandon Jenkins (Senior Warden) (4 Years)
- 30 David Thomas (13 Years)



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