

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

Stated Meeting

March 07, 2024

The Stated Meeting was opened at 07:49 PM with the Master presiding and other Officers and Brethren present as shown in the Tiler's Register.

Officers

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

Worshipful **Richard Wilson, PM**, served as Chaplain, and Brother **Michael Allen** as Tiler, while the chair of Senior Steward remained vacant for the meeting.

The Master invited all Masters and Past Masters to seats in the East then led the Lodge in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes of the February 1st, 2024 Stated Meeting and of the February 29th, 2024 Special Meeting (Entered Apprentice Degree) were read and approved by the lodge.

Reports of Investigating Committees

The Master informed the Lodge that the committee upon the application of Mr. **Joshua Christopher Valentin** to receive the Degrees of Masonry in this Lodge has made a favorable report, pursuant to CMC §804.330.

Balloting

The lodge elected Mr. **Joshua Christopher Valentin** to receive the Degrees of Masonry in this Lodge, pursuant to CMC §804.410.

Reception of Applications

None

Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business

(a) New Business:

None

(b) Reports of Special Committees: None.

(c) Bills and Communications:

Treasurer, Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**, gave the monthly report of bills for **March 2024** in the amount of **\$2,644.65**, audited by the Senior Warden, Brother **Joseph Wallach** and the Junior Warden, Brother **William Workman**, and moved that the bills be paid. Seconded by the Senior Warden, Brother **Joseph Wallach**, and approved by the lodge.

Oration

The Master, Worshipful **Matthew Mason**, presented a beautiful oration on the origins of the Due Guard and Sign of the First Degree of Freemasonry and its correlation to the Miners’ Bible, also known as the “Pioneer Bible,” used by Freemasons in the early days of California.

Sacred Roll None.

The Junior Steward, Brother **Nicholas Johnston**, reported the cash donation received during dinner in the amount of **\$70.00** and gave the monies to the Secretary.

The Senior Deacon, Brother **Brandon Jenkins**, welcomed Brother **Joaquin Lopez**, our newest Entered Apprentice, to his very first Stated Meeting.

Brother **Joaquin Lopez** addressed the Lodge and thanked everyone for the warm welcome.

The Stated Meeting was closed at 08:25 PM. Dinner was served before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Francisco Marques ..

Francisco Marques, PM
Secretary

Matthew Mason

Matthew Mason
Master