



Washington Lodge No. 20 F&AM

# TRESTLE BOARD

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From the East: **Wor. Jared Yoshiki**



October is upon us, my Brothers, and I am proud to say that preparations are taking place to allow our great line of experienced Brothers to ascend to higher duties. I am extremely proud of all of our Officers who have taken it upon themselves to qualify for their upcoming respective offices and for accepting their upcoming roles.

There is no question that 2020 has been a tremendous test for all of us and other hindrances still remain. A pressing challenge our Lodge will face in the coming months is how we will conduct our **Annual Election of Officers** and our traditional Installation of our next Master and his line of Officers.

As of this writing, I have received little guidance on how our elections will take place, but was informed that Lodges are allowed to have elections. I am told that Annual Communication will provide a tryout for how Lodges will conduct elections, which may mean that they will be conducted electronically.

Please know that I am committed to making sure that all of our Brethren have an opportunity to cast their ballots for our 2021 line of Officers. The Elective Officers are the Worshipful Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary.

On the next page, Brother **Francisco Marques** presents his 2021 line of Officers, provided elections do occur online. Since we do not know how this will actually be accomplished, I ask all of you to remain patient until additional guidance has been provided. A Special Edition of the Trestle Board will appear later this month to outline the processes and instructions for this annual event.

As we start to wind down 2020, I wanted start taking this time to reflect on what this year has been.

Nobody could have predicted the impacts that COVID-19 would have on the functions of our Lodge or on our families. One of the most important projects I chose to undertake was to clean our membership roster to ensure the Lodge had accurate contact information for our Brothers. Addressing our roster would have provided us the ability to utilize the Grand Lodge Restoration program as a communications tool to help us locate those Brothers who may have gone silent.

Instead, COVID-19 provided us with a more personal touch to check on our roster. It allowed brothers to call or email each other in an attempt to check in to see how they were doing. To check on older Masons who may need grocery shopping help or maybe even a friendly voice. This outreach effort was something I found rewarding and I know many of our Brothers who we haven't heard from in awhile were very appreciative of the call. Even though I was not able to fully complete this project, I am confident that your prospective line of Officers will see the value in connecting with each other on a personal level and to continue this project.

In closing, I want to say farewell to our Brother **Leonard Schweitzer**, who passed away on September 13th at the age of 89. He was raised a Master Mason in our Lodge in October of 1973 in Washington Lodge. I had the honor of attending his funeral along with several other Brothers of our Lodge. After speaking to his granddaughter, the family was so very pleased to see us there and understood the meaning that Freemasonry had throughout his life.

~ Until we meet again, my Brother.



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# From the West

Bro. Francisco Marques • Senior Warden



Brethren,

As we traditionally do every year, our **Election of Officers** will be held on the first Thursday of November.




However, for the first time in the history of our Lodge, we will most likely be hosting an online voting session. Please mark your calendar for the Fifth of November. More details on the process will be posted online and on a Special Edition of the Trestle Board to be published mid-October. "Strange times are these in which we live."

The Grand Lodge's **171st Annual Communication** on October 10th-11th will be paving the virtual way for all Lodges in California. The event is open to all Master Masons in good standing. Please attend and make yourself familiar with the format if you are able. To register, go to <https://freemason.org/annualcommunication/>

Now back to our **WLN20 Annual Election of Officers** on 11/05. If everything goes as hoped and I am elected **Master of the Lodge**, and with all **Elective Officers** being also elected, this will be our line of Officers for 2021:

## Francisco Marques ... Worshipful Master

 **Russell Tomas** ... Senior Warden  
 **Wor. Eric Hixson (PM)** ... Treasurer  
 **William Workman** ... Chaplain  
 **Mauro Lara** ... Senior Deacon  
 **Joseph Wallach** ... Marshal  
 **Matthew Mason** ... Senior Steward  
 **Floyd Tritt** ... Tiler

 **Nicholas Johnston** ... Junior Warden  
 **Wor. Jesse Solis-Jacques (PM)** ... Secretary  
 **Kyle Campbell** ... Assistant Secretary  
 **Creston Whiting-Casey** ... Junior Deacon  
 **David Minke** ... Junior Steward  
 **Marty Buff** ... Organist

**Wor. Luis Montero (PM)** will continue to perform his role as Officers' Coach - as ratified by **Wor. Michael Woo (PM)**, our Inspector - and **Wor. Dave Cameron (PM)** will be our new Head Candidate's Coach.

I want to thank all these gentlemen in advance for their commitment to serving our Lodge and for their ongoing support to our Craft and to everything our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity stands for.

In due time, I would like to post on our website a full list of our Committees, our priorities and programs, and also a tentative calendar of activities, as there are a few special events I am really looking forward to promoting next year. Amongst those, for example, because 04/01/2021 falls on a Stated Meeting Night, I would be thrilled to celebrate the **101st Anniversary of WLN20's first Stated Meeting** at the J Street Temple. Washington Lodge was actually the very first Masonic Lodge to hold an official meeting at the new building on Thursday, April 1st, 1920. The original Book of Records will be placed in a glass display case, showing the minutes of that historic Stated Meeting as handwritten by the Brother Secretary, highlighting the remarks of our WLN20 Brethren on the relocation from their beloved Temple on 6th and K Street to the new site.

A very important date to all Masons worldwide, June 24th, **Saint John the Baptist's Day**, also falls on a Thursday next year, and I would love to drink a toast with all of you in a Festive Board in the Ballroom. The date also marks the **304th Anniversary of Modern Freemasonry**, with the creation of the first Grand Lodge in the world.

But these are just the plans of men. As our Master, Worshipful **Jared Yoshiki**, and all fellow Officers were caused to humbly contemplate this year, only the Divine Plans of the G•A•O•T•U• cannot be changed. Psalm 33:11.

Like many of you, I also miss the energy of our beautiful Lodge Room and our joyous gatherings in the Ballroom and in the Club Room. When will the Sacramento Masonic Temple reopen for meetings and dinner functions?

We certainly have an interesting set of challenges ahead - as many questions remain unanswered - but I have great confidence we will persevere and do our absolute best for the well-being of our Lodge and its members.



# From the South

Bro. Russ Tomas • Junior Warden



As we continue on our journey through 2020, some of us have realized how much potential in our Freemason lives we have missed out on. Some realized this earlier on in the year while others predicted it would happen at the start. For me, I knew we were missing so much when the plans by Wor. **Jared Yoshiki** could not happen.

This year was supposed to be the celebration of our Centennial with a Festive Board. This event, sometimes referred to as a table lodge, would have been an event Washington Lodge No. 20 has not seen in over a decade (possibly more). It's a celebration that many of our brothers in other lodges, states, and countries have enjoyed. It is the type of event that a pre-initiated Russell Tomas intended to partake in. If you are wondering what it is, the show *Inside the Freemasons* on Netflix is a documentary that shows a table lodge in its first episode.

Earlier this year, we also met quite a few potential candidates who answered the call to become a Freemason. Some of these gentlemen were found to be worthy and were even set to be initiated. Circumstances wouldn't allow us to bring these men into our fold, yet those same men continue to communicate and participate in any event they can. Worshipful **Jared Yoshiki** planned to put the officers line to task on thoughtfully passing or raising brothers who were ready to move forward in their Masonic journey.

So why am I bringing up the things we missed out on so far this year? Is it because next month's article will be about what we should be thankful for? Maybe. My main intention is to relate this to my article from last month and the need for engagement from the individual brother.

Last month I wrote about the engagement from the Lodge to the brothers. This is a two-way street. As brothers, we must individually take an active role in participating in any way we can. The idea of delivering free dinners to brothers for last month's Constitutional Night is a great example of this. My wife and I were able to meet another brother's wife (socially distanced of course) while we were delivering meals.

Worshipful **Michael Woo**, Inspector of the 414 Masonic District, has also restarted the Officer School of Instruction (OSI). We can't practice or discuss ritual since it is on Zoom, but now any brother can attend. It is a great way to learn about what other lodges are doing and to exchange ideas with each other. It's nice to see brothers' smiling faces. Washington Lodge No. 20 did have the largest attendance in the last one. OSI is every third Wednesday at 6 p.m. on Zoom.

In the times we're living in today, the lodge will provide as much support as possible. Equally, it is also up to each brother to do the same through thoughtful engagement and participation.

## 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.



## Member Birthdays

01 • George E. Dacre	MM
02 • Jason B. Henderson	MM
03 • Russell C. Tomas	MM
03 • Martin P. Zimmerman	MM
08 • Richard McCaleb	MM
08 • Andrew A. Simon	EA
13 • John M. Otten	MM
15 • Christopher C. Boothe	MM
15 • Thomas E. Goodwin	MM
20 • William D. Chessum	MM
21 • Logan A. Taxdal	EA
23 • John J. McCormack	EA
26 • Jack L. Cornelius	EA
28 • Douglas A. Arrington	MM
28 • J. Scott Goode 	MM
28 • Emad K. Sweidan	MM



## Master Mason Anniversary Dates

08 • James J. Lenau	22 Years
08 • Peter D. Petersen	39 Years
10 • Norman L. Helsel	18 Years
18 • James R. Lash	64 Years
19 • Marvin Freedman	20 Years
19 • Rodrigo B. Marciao	3 Years
20 • Ioan C. Popa	9 Years
21 • Dwight C. Bradish	21 Years
21 • David P. Kelley	49 Years
23 • Robert S. Cameron	17 Years
24 • Paul E. Evans	52 Years
24 • Rob R. Gerolomy	59 Years
25 • David L. Minke	8 Years
25 • Leonard A. Schweitzer	47 Years
26 • Mark A. Christie	20 Years
28 • Richard A. Entrican	44 Years
28 • Richard I. Redmond	27 Years
29 • Donte E. Cuellar	5 Years
30 • Russell M. James	64 Years

## WLN20 on SOCIAL MEDIA



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## Washington Lodge No. 20 2020 Officers

**Master: Jared Yoshiki**

Senior Warden	<b>Francisco Marques</b>
Junior Warden	<b>Russ Tomas</b>
Treasurer	<b>Eric Hixson • PM</b>
Secretary	<b>Jesse Solis-Jacques • PM</b>
Chaplain	<b>Richard Wilson • PM</b>
Assistant Secretary	<b>Prezell Harris</b>
Senior Deacon	<b>Nick Johnston</b>
Junior Deacon	<b>Mauro Lara</b>
Marshal	<b>Creston Whiting-Casey</b>
Senior Steward	<b>Marty Buff</b>
Junior Steward	<b>Matt Mason</b>
Tiler	<b>Floyd Tritt</b>

Officers Coach	<b>Luis Montero • PM</b>
Head Candidates Coach	<b>Richard Wilson • PM</b>
Inspector 414th District	<b>Michael Woo • PM</b>
Ambassador	<b>David Freeman</b>
Junior Past Master	<b>Jesse Solis-Jacques • PM</b>
Treasurer Emeritus	<b>D. Ed Entrican • PM</b>

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## Important Update from the Grand Master

As we begin a new summer month, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to spread across our state. Over the past week, California has set daily records for new coronavirus infections—more than 7,000 on June 23 and more than 8,000 on June 30. As of today, more than 240,000 cases and 6,000 deaths have been reported in our state.

This sobering news has prompted me to remind us all that on March 18, I directed that there be no Masonic gatherings of any kind in California until further notice from me. That directive remains in effect today.

While some government restrictions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic have been relaxed, California and nearly all counties continue to prohibit or significantly limit non-essential gatherings. California Department of Public Health directives still prohibit all professional, social and community gatherings. The state notes that these gatherings pose an especially high danger of transmission and spread of COVID-19.

In light of this information, my March 18 directive remains in effect in all respects: there shall be no Masonic gatherings of any kind in the state until further notice from me.

- My directive continues to include all Masonic Organizations and Youth Orders.

- My directive continues to apply to both indoor and outdoor gatherings.

My March 18 directive also outlined a special procedure for lodges regarding their payment of essential lodge bills that cannot be reasonably deferred. This special procedure also remains in effect until further notice from me.

Thank you for your continuing dedication to the craft and diligence in complying with my directive. I will update you again as soon as warranted but certainly by the first week of August. Until then, stay safe and best wishes this holiday weekend.

Sincerely and fraternally,

  
**JOHN E. TRAUNER**  
Grand Master  
Grand Lodge F&AM of California



# **DISTRESSED WORTHY BROTHER RELIEF FUND**

## **DO YOU NEED MASONIC RELIEF DUE TO COVID-19?**

Masonic Outreach Services is here to help those who find themselves in need due to COVID-19. Relief includes emergency financial assistance, case management, and information and referral services.

**Learn more at [masonichome.org](https://masonichome.org)**

**Or call (888) 466-3642 to speak with Masonic Outreach staff**



## **Telehealth: Help Wherever Your Family Needs Us**



If a young person in your life is struggling with behavioral, educational, or emotional challenges, we can help – no matter where you live in California.

Through new telehealth services, the Masonic Center for Youth and Families (MCYAF) offers professional consultation services over a secure video connection for parents, couples, families, and youth.

To learn more about telehealth, contact [inquiries@mcyaf.org](mailto:inquiries@mcyaf.org) or (877) 488-6293.

Find out how MCYAF's professional therapeutic services help families thrive at [mcyaf.org](https://mcyaf.org).



# iMember 2.0 is here. Get started today!



Two months in, nearly 85 percent of California lodges have already begun to access their portals in iMember 2.0, the new membership platform—one of the highest adoption rates of any grand lodge jurisdiction on the system. Yet with so many new features just a finger-swipe away—and many more being prepped for launch this fall—there are still lots of questions left to be answered, starting with some of the most basic.

## How to Get to iMember 2.0

iMember 2.0 is designed to work on any mobile phone, tablet, or desktop or laptop computer with an internet connection. Simply visit [freemason.org](http://freemason.org) and click the “For Members” button in the upper-right-hand corner of the screen. If you haven’t logged on yet, you’ll need to create an account, so have your email address, membership number, and a unique password ready to go.

## You Can Download iMember 2.0 on Your Phone

Yes. Whether you have an iPhone or an Android phone, you can add a home screen shortcut to access iMember 2.0 quickly and easily. To install, use your web browser to visit the site, and select “Add to home screen.” The exact placement of the button will depend on your web browser (Safari, Chrome, or Firefox). See detailed instructions [here](#).

## More Features in the Works

- Digital Dues, Reminders and Payment Plans.
- Expanded Social Networks
- New Ways to Share Resources
- One-Stop Shop for Hall Associations
- Keeping Track of Attendance

You may have also noticed that our WLN20 Lodge App became obsolete and is no longer accessible.

## iMember 2.0 is available to all Masons in California!

For questions on iMember 2.0, contact Member Services at (415) 292-9180 or [memberservices@freemason.org](mailto:memberservices@freemason.org)







Register today to participate in the first-ever virtual **Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California**.

Held online over two days from October 10-11, the Saturday Business Session is open to all Master Masons in good standing, and Sunday's Public Ceremonies and Installation is open to all.

To register:

- Log in to iMember 2.0 ([freemason.org](http://freemason.org)) and select "My Portal".
- Click the "2020 Virtual Annual Communication" tile.
- Follow the links to register.

To register, you must be a Master Mason in good standing.

Celebrate the Fraternity's good work during this singularly challenging year and welcome a new Grand Master.

On Saturday morning, Master Masons will hear the Grand Oration, the Grand Master's Message and special video, and vote for the incoming Grand Lodge Officers for the 2020-21 fraternal year.

A special Spouses and Partners event will celebrate our dedication to and support of public education in California with special guests, the presentation of the Golden Apple Award, and more.

On Sunday's Public Ceremonies and Installation, Grand Master **John Trauner** will present his annual awards and give his farewell address. Witness the installation of the new Grand Lodge Officers and hear plans for our next fraternal year.

For questions, contact Member Services at (415) 292-9180 or [memberservices@freemason.org](mailto:memberservices@freemason.org)







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