

# WLN20 Trestle Board



## From the East

William Workman - Worshipful Master



## June: A Season of Light, Growth, and Masonic Renewal

Brethren,

As we close out a busy spring, we reflect on a successful May. Looking ahead to June, Washington Lodge No. 20 has an exciting lineup of events, including our annual family picnic, a historical milestone for Brother George Washington, and a special First Degree ceremony.

### May in Review

Thank you to all our officers for keeping things running smoothly during the hectic end-of-school season!

A special debt of gratitude goes to our Past Masters for their continued dedication to the lodge. It was a true honor to have them raise our newest Master Mason, **Anthony Ibarra**, on May 21st. Thank you to Worshipful Brothers **Alan Grundel**, **Richard Wilson**, **Eric Hixson**, **Joseph Dongo**, **David Cameron**, **Jesse Solis-Jaques**, **Jared Yoshiki**, **Mauro Lara**, **Matthew Mason**, and **Joseph Wallach** for your time and mentorship.

### Masonic Education Update:

We had a fantastic evening of education exploring the Declaration of Independence. A huge thank you to Wor. Russell Godt for delivering a powerful tribute to our Founding Fathers. It was great to share this evening with visiting brethren from Natoma Lodge #64, including their Master, Wor. **Pedro Sanchez**.

## Honoring Fathers and Mentors

Brethren, I encourage you to celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 21st. My own father recently celebrated his 91st birthday, and I consider myself fortunate to still have him in my life. Although age has slowed his step and he occasionally repeats a story or two, his words remain filled with wisdom and experience. Listening to him share memories from years gone by reminds me of the importance of preserving family history and passing those stories on to future generations.

Like many of us, I have often reflected on the sacrifices our parents made while raising a family. As a child, it was easy to overlook the effort required to balance work, household responsibilities, school activities, sports practices, Scouts, music lessons, and countless other commitments. Only later in life do we fully appreciate the dedication and perseverance that helped shape our character.

Freemasonry, too, places great value on lineage - not only through family, but through the transmission of moral and spiritual lessons from one generation to the next. We honor not only our biological fathers, but also the Masonic fathers, mentors, and elder Brethren who guided us when we first entered the Lodge as rough ashlar seeking light and improvement. Their counsel, example, and encouragement have helped shape many of us into the men and Masons we strive to be today.

I was reminded of this recently when a Brother who had not attended Lodge in many years returned and reconnected with a fellow Mason. During their conversation, he learned that his own father had been that Brother's mentor and guide within the Craft. Such stories serve as powerful reminders that the bonds of Freemasonry often extend across generations. Within our Lodge are many fathers and sons, and many Brethren who have raised families while remaining dedicated members of the Craft. These connections strengthen our Fraternity and enrich our shared experience.

The symbolic working tools of Freemasonry teach us valuable lessons about boundaries, discipline, and moral conduct. In much the same way, fathers help shape the character of their children through guidance, example, and steadfast support. Just as a Mason uses his tools to transform rough stone into something more refined and useful, a father helps shape a child's character through daily acts of love, patience, and instruction.

This Father's Day, let us honor not only the fathers who gave us life, but also those who helped shape our values, strengthen our character, and guide us along life's journey. Their influence continues to inspire us, and their example reminds us of the lasting impact one generation can have upon the next.

### Historical Fun Fact

250 years ago this June, **George Washington** reached his most defining historical milestone. On June 15, 1775, the Second Continental Congress unanimously appointed him Commander in Chief of the Continental Army, an assignment he officially accepted four days later on June 19. Time flies when you are dealing in Freedom!

### Upcoming June Events

#### Monthly Stated Meeting

- Date: Thursday, June 4th
- Dinner: 6:00 PM (Banquet Room)
- Meeting: 7:30 PM (Lodge Room)
- Dinner will be prepared by Brothers **Smokey Stover** and **Wally Clark**, together with Mr. **Robert Taylor**
- Location: 1123 J Street, Sacramento ([Map](#))

#### Annual Family Picnic

- Date: Saturday, June 13th
- Time: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Location: 1235 Grand River Dr, Sacramento (Richard Marriott Park - Group Site #2) ([Map](#))

#### First Degree Ceremony for Mr. Robert Taylor

- Date: Thursday, June 25th
- Time: 6:30 PM
- Location: 1123 J Street, Sacramento (Lodge Room) ([Virtual Tour](#))

## Historic Masonic Cemetery Tour

- Date: Saturday, May 27th
- Time: 10:00 AM
- Location: 2700 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento ([Map](#))

I am deeply honored to serve as Master of Washington Lodge No. 20 for the year of 2026. This year, I hope our Lodge can reconnect with members who have been away due to unforeseen circumstances. I invite you to join us for dinner, bring a guest, and stay for the meeting.

We have added some Masonic education, with orations delivered by a different Officer each month. I look forward to the continued harmony of our lodge and hope that brotherly love prevails, cementing the common band of friendship we share as brothers.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

**William "Bill" Workman**

Worshipful Master

Washington Lodge No. 20





### **Congratulations, Brother Anthony Ibarra!**

On Thursday, May 21, 2026, Washington Lodge No. 20 had the distinct honor of conferring the Sublime Degree of Master Mason upon **Brother Anthony Ibarra** during our Annual Past Masters' Night.

In a memorable display of Masonic tradition, the Degree was conducted by the Past Masters of our Lodge, who once again demonstrated the skill, dedication, and reverence that have distinguished their service through the years. Their participation made the evening especially meaningful, connecting Brother Ibarra's journey to generations of Masons who have labored before him.

The Brethren of Washington Lodge No. 20 extend their heartfelt congratulations to Brother Anthony Ibarra on this important achievement. We look forward to his continued involvement in the Lodge and are confident that he will contribute greatly to the future of our Fraternity.



## From the West

Brandon Jenkins - Senior Warden



June is upon us, Brothers.

The days will be longer until we reach the [Summer Solstice](#) on June 21st, then, almost imperceptibly, the days will begin to shorten. This event should serve to remind us that we should work while we can, as our days continually grow shorter as we travel towards our ultimate reward.

Recently, I was reminded in a very meaningful way that our plans for worthwhile work are contained within the Volume of Sacred Law, referred to as the Holy Bible in California Masonry, which is central to our meetings and ritual. Within its pages, as well as other holy books used by our brethren, are contained the words and instructions given from the mouth of the Great Architect to his craftsmen on Earth. As we follow these plans, our work can be completed correctly.

I am currently studying what is referred to as the Old Testament in the Holy Bible, and I was unexpectedly impressed by an account I read concerning an event that takes place in the book of Joshua. I think it has application for us as Masons who are striving to reflect through our work our faith in the Great Architect.

At the beginning of the book of Joshua, the Israelites had been wandering in the desert for almost 40 years by commandment of God, through the leadership of Moses.

Two generations have passed since Moses led the [Israelites](#) out of Egypt, and Moses has also recently been carried into heaven. God has granted that the Israelites can now obtain the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua.

As the Israelites prepared to enter the Promised Land, Joshua sent two spies into Jericho, the strongest city of Canaan, to gather intelligence concerning

the city. (Joshua 2:1) The spies entered Rahab the Harlot's house, which was built into the city wall. Rahab may be remembered in the Bible as a harlot living within the walls of Jericho, but Rahab's story is ultimately not one of shame.

Instead, we can view it as one of courage, redemption, and faith demonstrated through action.

When the king of Jericho learned of the presence of the spies and ordered that the men be surrendered, Rahab instead concealed the spies upon her rooftop beneath stalks of flax and directed the king's messengers elsewhere.

What makes this account so compelling is not merely that Rahab hid the spies, but why she did so. When the spies inquired of Rahab why she had protected them, Rahab confessed that she had heard of the mighty works of their God, the God of Israel, and believed that the land in which she resided was His. (Joshua 2:9-13)

Although she had not known of their religion, she knew that the God of Israel was true because of the works which the Israelites had accomplished following their freedom from Pharaoh. Her faith was not passive belief alone. She acted upon it at great personal risk.

In return for her faith in them and her work in protection, the Israelites instructed Rahab to place a scarlet cord in her window so that she and her household would be spared when Jericho inevitably fell. When the walls of the city finally collapsed, Rahab and her family alone were preserved because her faith had been proven by her deeds. (Joshua 6)

This principle - that true belief must manifest itself through action - should resonate deeply with every Freemason.

Freemasonry has never taught that morality is measured merely by words, professions, or outward appearances. Rather, the Craft reminds us that true virtue is demonstrated through action. A Mason is called to labor diligently in the pursuit of self-improvement while striving to make a positive difference in

the lives of others. Our teachings urge us not only to speak of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, but to embody these principles through our daily conduct, decisions, and interactions. In this way, we transform Masonic ideals from noble concepts into a living reality.

The story of Rahab reminds us that works matter.

It is easy to admire virtue in the abstract. It is far more difficult to act virtuously when doing so involves inconvenience, sacrifice, or personal risk. Rahab chose courage over fear, action over passivity, and faith over self-preservation. In doing so, she became remembered not for her former condition, but for the righteousness of her deeds.

Likewise, the Mason is not judged merely by what he claims to believe, but by the work he performs upon the spiritual temple of his own character.

Every lodge often speaks of labor. We refer to our meetings as work, we employ the tools of operative Masonry as symbols of moral instruction, and we are repeatedly reminded that no temple is erected without effort.

Yet it is possible to admire the symbolism of the Craft while neglecting the actual labor it requires.

A lodge does not become strong through titles, nor through ritual proficiency, nor through good intentions alone. It becomes strong when its members actively engage in the work of Masonry - mentoring younger brethren, supporting one another in times of hardship, practicing charity, seeking wisdom, and striving to improve themselves in both conduct and character.

Though Rahab came from humble and imperfect circumstances, she demonstrated faith, loyalty, courage, and moral conviction. Her actions transformed her legacy. In later generations, she would even be remembered among the ancestors of King David and, according to Christian tradition, within the lineage of Christ Himself. (Matthew 1:5)

Such examples should encourage every Mason. None of us is a perfect ashlar stone when we begin our journey, nor will our ashlars become perfect while we labor in mortality. We each come to the Craft with imperfections, weaknesses, and unfinished work. Yet through faithful labor, discipline, and sincere effort, we may gradually shape ourselves into better men.

The lesson of Rahab is therefore not merely one of faith, but of active faith — faith made visible through labor and deeds.

As Masons, may we remember that the principles we profess are meant to be lived. May we not simply admire the working tools, but take them up. May we not merely praise virtue, but practice it. And may our actions, like those of Rahab long ago, demonstrate the sincerity of the principles we claim to hold dear.





## From the South

Nicholas Johnston - Junior Warden



Greetings Brethren, Welcome to the month of June!

Those of us who love sunshine and long days are excited for the approach of midsummer on the twenty-first day of the month.

The summer solstice, of which midsummer is a colloquial term, marks the transition from Gemini to Cancer in the zodiac.

What makes the sign of Cancer particularly fascinating is that, within ancient and Neoplatonic cosmology, it was regarded as the “Gate of Men” - the celestial portal through which souls descended from the spiritual realms into incarnation upon the material plane. As the zodiac itself is understood as a great wheel, moving through times and seasons, years and cycles, it is fitting that the sign directly opposite Cancer is Capricorn, often associated with the soul’s ascent and return toward the divine.

Capricorn, under this cosmology, is termed the “Gate of Gods” and is the gate by which souls of the departed return to the spiritual realms above for eternity. An interesting coincidence here is that the patron saints of Masonry are Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist, whose feast days are June 24th and December 27th, respectively. Perhaps there is some connection to the rite of baptism and the concept of birth as understood in antiquity.

For Saint John the Evangelist, he is the only one of the twelve Apostles not to die a martyr’s death, instead dying of old age. In many oral (and likely apocryphal) traditions, he was spared from death by supernatural forces: he managed to drink poison unaffected, and survived being thrown into boiling oil. Perhaps one Saint John is a symbol of mastery over birth, and the other symbolizes a mastery over death.

I may be over-theorizing a bit, but part of the fun is speculating and discovering new connections along the way. Looking to the night sky this month, I hope you had the opportunity to see Jupiter beside the crescent moon on May 19th. If you enjoyed that celestial display, be sure to look up again on June 8th and 9th, when Venus and Jupiter will form a striking conjunction in the evening sky.

On the night of June 7th, the two planets will appear side by side. By June 8th, they will have switched positions, creating a dazzling spectacle that may appear almost like a “double planet” to the naked eye.

Then, on June 16th and 17th, another beautiful opportunity presents itself for those who may have missed May’s crescent moon alignment. June’s crescent moon will appear alongside Venus, Jupiter, Mercury, and the bright stars Castor and Pollux - a truly memorable sight for anyone willing to spend a few moments beneath the night sky.

One tool that really helps me is an app called **Skymap**, accessible at the link below. You can hold your smartphone up to the sky and see a star chart overlaid on what you are seeing with the naked eye:

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.google.android.stardroid&pcampaignid=web\\_share](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.google.android.stardroid&pcampaignid=web_share)

For Washington 20, we have some great events coming up in June. I hope to see you at the stated meeting on the 4th, and a first degree on the 25th.

## 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

### JUNE

#### (Masonic Homes Month)

- **04 Thursday 6:00 PM**
  - **Masonic Homes Celebration Dinner**
  - Banquet Room at 1123 J Street 95814
- **04 Thursday 7:30 PM**
  - **Monthly Stated Meeting**
  - LR1 at 1123 J Street 95814
- **11 Thursday**
  - **DARK**
- **13 Saturday 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**
  - **Annual Family BBQ Picnic**
  - Richard Marriott Park (1235 Grand River Dr, Sacramento) Group Site #2
- **18 Thursday**
  - **DARK**
- **25 Thursday 6:30 PM**
  - **First Degree: Mr. Robert Taylor**
  - LR1 at 1123 J Street 95814
- **27 Saturday 10:00 AM**
  - **Historic Masonic Cemetery Tour**
  - 2700 Riverside Blvd 95818, Sacramento

### JULY

#### (Support Our Veterans Month)

- **02 Thursday 6:00 PM**
  - **Independence Celebration Dinner**
  - Banquet Room at 1123 J Street 95814
- **02 Thursday 7:30 PM**
  - **Monthly Stated Meeting**
  - LR1 at 1123 J Street 95814
- **09 Thursday**
  - **DARK**
- **16 Thursday**
  - **DARK**
- **23 Thursday**
  - **DARK**
- **25 Saturday 10:00 AM**
  - **Fishing/Pancake Breakfast**
  - Location TBD
- **30 Thursday**
  - **DARK**

### JUNE

#### BIRTHDAYS

- 01 **Brian Schoenborn** (Master Mason)
- 01 **Joseph Mayo, IV** (Master Mason)
- 04 **James Lenau** (Master Mason)
- 07 **Richard Entrican** (Master Mason)
- 10 **Nico Montero** (Master Mason)
- 20 **David Thomas** (Master Mason)
- 22 **Ronald Speno** (Master Mason)
- 24 **Matthew Mason** (**Past Master**) (**Officer's Coach**)
- 25 **David Cameron** (**Past Master**)

#### MASTER MASON ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 **Kamyl Assè** (13 Years)
- 17 **George Jamison, Jr.** (**Past Master**) (44 Years)
- 18 **Christian Wheeler** (11 Years)
- 19 **John Lowrey** (36 Years)
- 20 **William Workman** (**Master**) (7 Years)
- 21 **Jeffrey Hardiman** (18 Years)
- 22 **Frank Werner** (26 Years)
- 23 **Richard Hixson** (**Past Master**) (21 Years)
- 24 **Steven Anders** (50 Years) (Golden Veteran)
- 24 **Brian Schoenborn** (16 Years)
- 25 **Devin Gray** (11 Years)
- 26 **Fred Bloom** (34 Years)
- 27 **Jared Dailey** (13 Years)
- 29 **Eric Hixson** (**Past Master**) (26 Years)

*Congratulations*



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