

January 2025

WLN20 Trestle Board



From the East

Joseph Wallach - Worshipful Master



It's a new year and, with it, a new Master of the Lodge.

I look back fondly on the many great times I've had in previous years under previous Masters and look forward to a year of fellowship, fun, and Degrees.

It will be a busy time as we grow as individuals and together as Masons.

As caretakers of our Lodge, I know we will carry on the traditions that make us proud to be Freemasons and the cornerstone of what makes Washington Lodge so special.

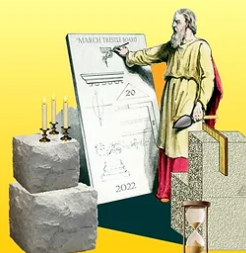
I look forward to seeing you all at our January Stated Meeting and dinner.



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From the West

William Workman - Senior Warden



The Masonic year of 2025 begins with the hope that we are all in good spirits and ready to face the challenges that this year will bring. It will likely bring joyous celebrations, sorrowful losses, new journeys and exuberant discoveries.

Just know that, as fraternal brothers, we will, as directed by one of the three principal tenets of Masonry, Truth, promote each others welfare and rejoice in each other's prosperity whithersoever dispersed around the globe (yes, even in Reno!)

Benjamin Franklin has this advice for the New Year:

“Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man.”

I hope that this prayer will help guide all of us in our own yet connected way that each of us can bring to the world around us and spread like wildfire across this beautiful land.

“O God, keep us ever thankful for the many blessings you have bestowed upon us: for food, for friends and for fellowship. Grant, too, that we may always carry into our lives the lessons taught to us in our work as Masons; and so, in some small way, make the world a little better. So mote it be.”

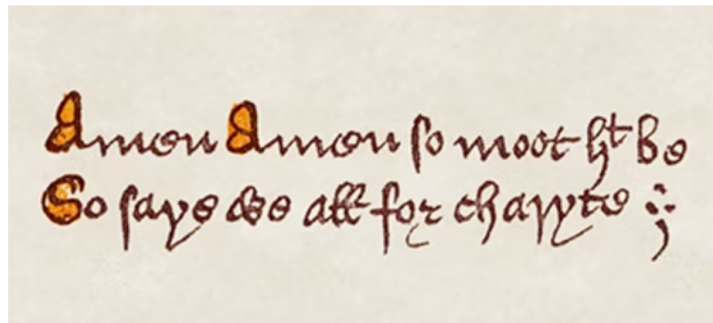
I was also hoping to add a little education for those that were curious about this: Why do Freemasons end their prayers with the phrase “So mote it be”? It is customary in contemporary English to end prayers with a hearty “Amen,” a word meaning “So be it.” It is a Latin word derived from the Hebrew word

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meaning “certainly.” Thus a congregation saying “Amen” is literally saying “So be it.” The word mote is an archaic verb that means “may” or “might,”

and traces back to Old English. The phrase “So mote it be” means “So may it be,” which is the same as “So be it.” Now that we’ve established the equivalence of “Amen” and “So mote it be,” the question remains, “Why do Masons end their prayers with ‘So mote it be’?”

The answer goes back to the Regius Poem of about 1390 AD, the oldest known Masonic document (now housed in the British Museum, London). It is one of the Old Charges or Gothic Constitution used by early Freemasons to regulate their trade. It has a legendary history, regulations to guide the Mason trade and rules of manners and moral conduct. The poem ends famously with this couplet:



Caption: A detail from a facsimile depicting the closing couplet of **The Regius Poem** (Masonic Book Club, 1970) Amen! Amen! So mote it be! So say we all for charity.

Thus, Freemasons today end their prayers the same way they did in 1390. The next time you’re in Lodge and say “So mote it be” after the Chaplain finishes a prayer, remember that you are continuing a 600-year-old Masonic tradition.



From the South

Brandon Jenkins - Junior Warden



As one year ends and another begins, we may often find ourselves reflecting on what has passed and what may soon occur.

At this time of the season, I frequently am drawn to memories of my family, especially those family members with whom I am no longer able to visit, due to either distance of time or space.

During these periods, I recurrently remember my great-grandmother, who has passed on to the celestial world, but with whom I spent a large amount of my formidable years. She always made this little boy feel special, especially during the holidays, and I miss her greatly during these winter months.

I am sure many of us have fond memories of family to warm us during these long, cold evenings, and we can also count ourselves blessed to be the fortunate few that have found the wisdom, strength, and beauty of brotherly love to strengthen and uphold us.

With the members of Washington Lodge No. 20, we have forged ties of relief and truth, and have become a new family of men and brothers. May we always be grateful to be counted among those found worthy to be joined together by this eternal bond.

Several of our brothers celebrate birthdays this month, including Brother **David Freeman** (Jan 1), Brother **Jonathon Miller** (Jan 15), and Brother **Mac Contreras** (Jan 18). Please be sure to wish these Brothers and all others with birthdays in January many happy returns.

Finally, I wish to express my deep appreciation for all of you who have entrusted me with serving as Junior Warden for the ensuing year. I will do my absolute best to live up to your confidence. If any brother has any suggestions for improvements I can facilitate with the responsibilities of this office, please do not hesitate to reach out.

I wish you all the best for this New Year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 02 **Monthly Stated Meeting Dinner** (Banquet Room) Thursday 06:00 PM
- 02 **Monthly Stated Meeting** (LR1) Thursday 07:30 PM
- 09 **Officers' Meeting** (Zoom) Thursday 07:00 PM
- 15 **Officers' School of Instruction** (LR3) Wednesday 07:00 PM
(First Degree, First Session)
- 16 **DARK** Thursday
- 23 **DARK** Thursday
- 30 **Officers Practice** (LR1) Thursday 07:00 PM
(Reception of the Inspector of the 414th Masonic District)

FEBRUARY

- 04 **Monthly Executive Committee Meeting** (Zoom) Tuesday 06:30 PM
- 06 **Monthly Stated Meeting Dinner** (Banquet Room) Thursday 06:00 PM
- 06 **Monthly Stated Meeting** (LR1) Thursday 07:30 PM
- 13 **Second Degree Practice** (LR1) Thursday 07:00 PM
- 19 **Officers' School of Instruction** (LR3) Wednesday 07:00 PM
(Second Degree, First Session) (Hosted by WLN20)
- 20 **Second Degree** (LR1) Thursday 07:00 PM
- 25 **Masonic Education (Further Light in Masonry)** Tuesday 07:00 PM
- 27 **DARK** Thursday

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.

JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

- 01 **David Freeman** (Master Mason)
- 01 **Scott Germer** (Master Mason)
- 01 **Anthony Ibarra** (Entered Apprentice)
- 07 **Kyle Campbell** (Master Mason)
- 08 **Frederick Hardiman (Past Master)**
- 12 **Steven Anders** (Master Mason)
- 14 **Derek Waterman** (Master Mason)
- 15 **Jonathon Miller** (FellowCraft)
- 17 **Sonny Stormes (Past Master)**
- 18 **Mac Contreras** (Master Mason)
- 23 **Jerry Livingston-Joy** (Master Mason)
- 26 **D. Edward Entrican (Past Master) (Treasurer Emeritus)**
- 31 **Cornell Tindall** (Entered Apprentice)

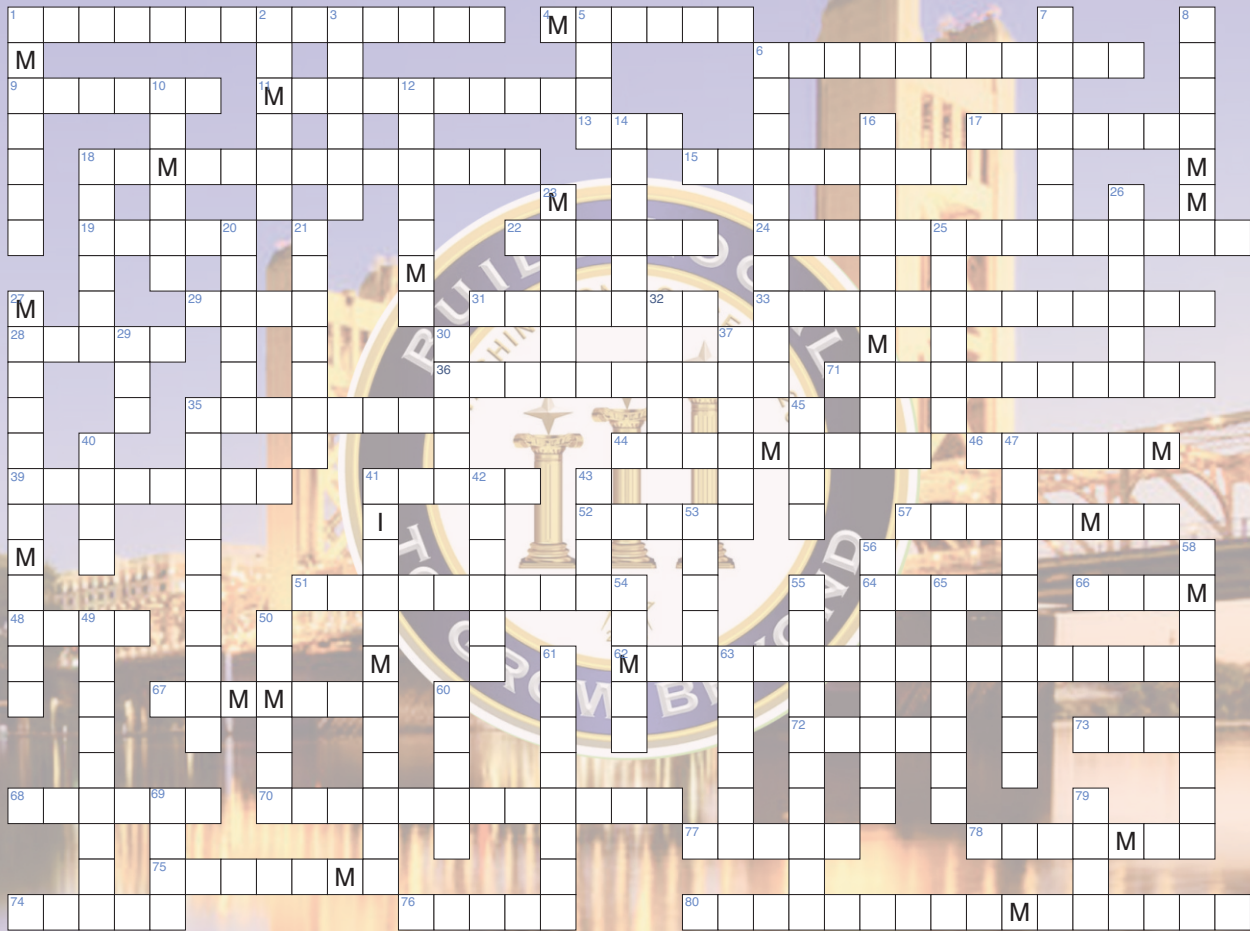
MASTER MASON ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 **Alejandro Reynoso** (10 Years)
- 19 **William Cameron** (12 Years)
- 22 **Morrison England, Jr.** (13 Years)
- 22 **Ian Solis-Jacques** (9 Years)
- 25 **Eric Hardiman** (27 Years)
- 25 **Wesley Jackson** (6 Years)
- 30 **Jonathan Brizuela** (10 Years)





To help pass the time and keep you engaged, we present to you this Masonic Crossword Puzzle. If you complete it and send it back to the Editor, we will send you a small Masonic memento.



ACROSS:

1. Status of a member whose dues are current (three words).
4. "___ good men better"
6. A group claiming to be Masonic but not recognized by a Grand Lodge.
9. Clean, refine, make pure.
11. Gold mine; theme of GM John Trauner.
13. Computer program, software. Download the iMember ___ today!
15. Time, ___, and perseverance will accomplish this crossword puzzle.
17. To bring to a successful conclusion, accomplish, attain.
18. The basic unit of Freemasonry, a gathering of masons under a Charter.
19. Ancient object, heirloom.
22. A term used to describe when a Mason has completed the Third Degree.
24. Progressive, unprecedented, nonconformist, new-fashioned.
28. What you safely deposit in a burial urn.
29. Enthusiasm; diligence; eagerness and great interest in pursuit of a goal.
31. Feast, festival, recess, vacation.
33. Insight, understanding, perception, awareness, cleverness, acuity.
35. Frailty, fragility, imperfection, Ritualistically associated with the left side.
36. A solemn ceremony that admits a non-Mason to the Order.
37. "___ or ___ not. There is no try." Master Yoda
39. Of a hidden nature, private. Masonic secrets, mysteries.
41. Opening made by a crack or crevice, a hollow between two parts.
44. Two of the ___ of a Lodge are Mosaic Pavement and Indented Tessel.
46. One of the Three Great Pillars of a Lodge.
48. The Blazing ___, one of the three Ornaments of a Lodge.
51. Masonic Grand Lodges that agree with each other's rules and customs.
52. A group of Freemasons that meet in a building or room.
57. Franklin. (1706 - 1790)
62. Our ___ Lodge has members of many different generations.
64. One who is not a Freemason, intruder.
66. The ___ of a Lodge is oblong, extending from East to West.
67. An order issued by the Master to appear as specified.
68. Diligent ___ was made, on and about it, but they found nothing.
70. The use of words capable of two interpretations, evasive, ambiguous.
71. You were ___ to the SW, who taught you how to wear your Apron.
72. Performed by the Senior Warden at the Opening of a Lodge.
73. A decree or command that creates something without effort. (Latin)
74. Whence came you? ___ did you come from?
75. Lofty, grand, or exalted in thought, expression, or manner.
76. Lambskin Apron, the ___ of a Mason.
77. Another word for Tiler.
78. Our first Most Excellent Grand Master.
80. The Officers will ___ and approach the East to receive their Jewels.

DOWN:

1. You learn to subdue your passions and ___ yourself in the Craft.
2. A building dedicated to God and a place of worship.
3. A written document issued by order of the Worshipful Master; summons.
5. A geometric ___ defines the total space taken up by a superface.
6. Strife, struggle, discord, disharmony.
7. The Tiler is usually stationed ___ the door.
8. A problem that seems to defy a satisfactory solution.
10. ___ members' support form the bedrock of a Mason's journey.
12. The method of God's government of any activity within the world. (Theology)
14. A term used to describe when a Mason has completed the second degree.
16. Sharp ___.
18. One of an order of angels who stand in the presence of God.
20. To come apart from, separate into distinct parts, as in "to ___ from the bone."
21. Sets free, releases, unfastens, unlatches, unbolts.
23. A hammer with two ends made of wood or ivory.
25. Exertion, work, activity, effort, endeavor.
26. Marked by or displaying integrity, upright, virtuous.
27. WLN20 Junior Past Master.
29. Before, prior, rather, as in "___, he will grant you admission."
30. FellowCrafts passed through a long ___ or porch on their way to the MC.
32. A table where the Holy Bible, the square, and the compass are placed
35. Worthy, honorable, respectable. The term has no religious implication.
37. A mental condition, not a specific number of years.
40. It is said that a ___ cannot become a Mason.
41. To draw a circular line by the compasses, symbolic of the boundary line.
42. The Scottish Rite is believed to have originated in this country around 1758.
43. The symbolic color of truth and fidelity in the first three Masonic Degrees.
45. "___, and ye shall find!"
47. A warning, order, direction, or instruction.
49. With the ___ on the part of the Master, you were willing to proceed.
50. Plain, unadorned, unembellished (As in Tuscan order of architecture)
53. The object of a prolonged endeavor, sometimes called "the holy ___."
54. A certificate that shows that a Mason is leaving one Lodge to join another.
55. A title used for the presiding officer of a Royal Arch Chapter.
56. A predicted sequence of events, situation, context.
58. A desire to equal or excel others in achievement without jealousy or envy.
60. Fortitude, bravery, courage, heroism.
61. Reputation, prominence, honor, status. (Hiram Abiff)
63. Covenant, pact, accord, alliance. (Solomon and Hiram of Tyre)
65. The symbolic duties of these are to assist the Master in governing his lodge.
69. "Such, however, was not the ___." Situation, position, circumstance.
79. Through Brotherly ___ we regard the whole human species as one family.