

December 2024

WLN20 Trestle Board



From the East

Matthew Mason - Worshipful Master



Well, my Brethren, this is my last missive to you from the East.

It has been my distinct honor to have been entrusted by you to guide the lodge in the past year. I am only one link in the long line of faithful Masters who have presided over this Lodge in our 172 years.

Now, I get to sit as a sideliner in the North (or maybe the South, we will see).

My largest personal challenge as Master this year was getting our esteemed Secretary, Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, his Hiram Award Ceremony. He does so much for the lodge, and it was my full desire for this to happen from day one.

If you don't know the story, I had the Hiram Award committee literally meet between our Installation and the after-ceremony cocktail party. We had a decision before we left the Temple on December 17th last year. And now, outside of this month's Stated Meeting, it was my last act...but we did it.

Congratulations, Worshipful, for all you have done!

So join me for our Brother Secretary's first meeting as a Hiram Award recipient. Dinner will be tamales from Vallejo's, so even our exalted Cordon Blue team can enjoy breaking bread with us.

It is a stated meeting dinner to enjoy with all of us together.

Speaking of Cordon Blue, Smokey, Pam, Wally, and Eric made a wonderful turkey dinner for us in November. I am so grateful for their contributions to this Lodge as a whole.

Join me at our Annual Installation of Officers on December 8th at 3:00 PM.

You can't go wrong celebrating good men with festivities, food, and merriment. I'm excited that our Senior Warden, Master-Elect, Brother **Joe Wallach**, will be taking the easternmost seat at this event.

I know he will do a great job leading our Lodge. I see this based on his successes with Ladies' Night, Festive Board, and other great things he has done.

I may be moving to the North of the Lodge, but definitely not going dark. So please join me on the sidelines of the lodge room to support our new Master in his year sitting in the East.

Finally, I must end not with me, but you.

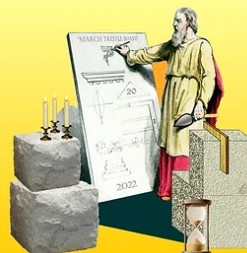
It is because of YOU that this year was successful. Your support has been very humbling; you have cooked meals, helped support our Brethren in need, kept our Temple open, made sure the funds were well supervised, communicated with prospects, organized events, and even the simple acts of showing up to Stated and Special Meetings.

To this, I end with my true feelings for the year: THANK YOU!

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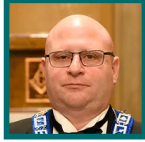
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From the West

Joseph Wallach - Senior Warden



December has come around again, and it's hard to believe 2024 is already at a close.

I find myself in a space of reflection.

I have thoughts of those we have lost, Brothers who were the double stitching in the fabric of Masonry and our Lodge.

I also recall the Fellowship and good times we've shared through our social events and practice of the Craft.

My mind also drifts back to my beginnings in Masonry and my journey that will see me as Master of the Lodge in 2025.

I look forward to seeing you all at this Stated Meeting Dinner and throughout next year as we travel together on that Masonic path.





From the South

William Workman - Junior Warden



Brothers,

As the end of the year approaches and a new year closely following, I look forward to the challenges ahead and the hope of good things to come.

I look back at this year and reflect on the challenges overcome, the joy in what has been, and the enlightenment that has occurred in each of us through another year of Masonry and the wondrous knowledge that we have gained, not only through the Craft but within ourselves and each other, both as teachers and students.

I am so fortunate to have the following quote from our first President and namesake of our Lodge ring wise and true,

"Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company." - George Washington

The traveling on the level of time is enriched by the quality of people that one meets along the path, and in the case of the gentlemen of Washington 20, that path is lit by shining examples of quality, sincerity, and humble genuineness.

The time of giving approaches. The spirit of giving that originated during this season on the day that the Magi brought gifts to the baby Jesus. The spirit of giving without the thought of getting.

The joy we see in others creates special happiness within us and lifts the spirit of our own sufferings and strifes that, for a time, can seem meaningless while we rediscover our lives' true value and meaning.

This joy is the spirit that I feel surrounds us in our lodge. We take time, the most precious gift that we have, to listen, engage, challenge, inspire, and promote for the benefit of each other's well-being.

This is part of what the symbolic Hourglass, the significant centerpiece at our most recent event celebrating the Hiram Award to our esteemed brother, Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**, represents.

We only have so many grains in the hourglass, so giving them to others is a great sacrifice, and simultaneously, it is the nourishment of our souls.

“When I am employed in serving others, I do not look upon myself as conferring favors, but as paying debts. I have received much kindness from men to whom I shall never have an opportunity of making the least direct returns.” - Benjamin Franklin

May you all feel the blessing and grace of the Great Architect of the Universe in this season and find you all in good spirits in our next gathering.





From the SECorner

Francisco Marques - Secretary

Brethren,

At the 11/07/2024 Stated Meeting, Washington 20 conducted the Annual Election of Officers.

The following Lodge members were elected to serve as Officers for the ensuing Masonic Year:

- Master-Elect: Brother **Joseph Wallach**
- Senior Warden-Elect: Brother **William Workman**
- Junior Warden-Elect: Brother **Brandon Jenkins**
- Treasurer (Re-Elected): Worshipful **Eric Hixson, PM**
- Secretary (Re-Elected): Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**

The following members were elected to serve as Delegates at the Annual Board Meeting of the Masonic Temple Association of Sacramento scheduled for Monday, March 17th, 2025:

- Brother **Joseph Wallach**
- Brother **William Workman**
- Brother **Brandon Jenkins**
- Brother **Kevin Hall**
- Brother **Nicholas Johnston**
- Brother **Maury Hicks**
- Worshipful **Francisco Marques, PM**

The following were elected to serve as Directors of the Masonic Lawn Association of Sacramento:

- Worshipful **David Cameron, PM**
- Brother **Kevin Hall**

After all the unanimous ballots were cast and approved by the Lodge, the Master-Elect, Brother **Joseph Wallach**, presented the roster of Appointed Officers for the 2024-2025 Masonic Year:

- Chaplain: Brother **Ramey Packer**
- Senior Deacon: Brother **Kevin Hall**
- Junior Deacon: Brother **Nicholas Johnston**
- Marshal: Brother **Christopher Hamilton**
- Senior Steward: Brother **Maury Hicks**
- Junior Steward: Brother **Carlos Brusel-Casals**
- Tiler: Brother **Martin Buff**
- Organist: Brother **James Dimmitt**

Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**, and Brothers **Nicholas Johnston** and **Kevin Hall** served as Tellers.

Congratulations to the new line of Officers and elected board members.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to serving our Lodge!

We welcome you with open arms and look forward to working alongside you in 2025.

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MOTION CARRIED

At the 11/07/2024 Stated Meeting, Washington Lodge No. 20 adopted a standing resolution allowing electronic access to the minutes of Stated and Special meetings.

Go to <https://www.wln20.org/minutes> to view the minutes.

Sign-up is required.

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HIRAM AWARD

Thank you all so much for sharing a beautiful and meaningful moment with me at the **Hiram Award Ceremony** on Saturday, November 23rd.

In my heart, I may doubt that I deserve the Hiram Award over other members of our Lodge, whom I hold in respect and reverence – but there is no question of my pleasure and pride in having it for myself.

To be a recipient of the Hiram Award is, indeed, a great honor.

I am so grateful to you for offering this recognition to Masons like me. I hope that this endorsement of my dedication to Freemasonry can inspire others in our Lodge and elsewhere.

I am humbled and appreciative.



Special Announcement

Please join us at our

Annual Installation of Officers

Where we will formally welcome our new leadership team for the ensuing
Masonic Year.

Sunday, December 8th at 3:00 PM

Followed by Reception

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Installing Team:

Worshipful **Russell Tomas, PM**
Installing Officer

Worshipful **Joseph Dongo, PM**
Master of Ceremonies

Worshipful **Luis Montero, PM**
Installing Chaplain

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Officers:

Brother **Joseph Wallach**
Master-Elect

Brother **William Workman**
Senior Warden-Elect

Brother **Brandon Jenkins**
Junior Warden-Elect

Reservations are required for the Reception

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 03 **Monthly Executive Committee Meeting** (Zoom) Tuesday 06:30 PM
- 05 **Monthly Stated Meeting Dinner** (Banquet Room) Thursday 06:00 PM
- 05 **Monthly Stated Meeting** (LR1) Thursday 07:30 PM
- 08 **Annual Installation of Officers** (LR1 + Ballroom) Sunday 03:00 PM
- 12 **TBD** Thursday
- 18 **Officers School of Instruction** (LR3) Wednesday 07:00 PM
(Topic: Stated Meeting - Opening and Business Session)
- 19 **TBD** Thursday
- 26 **TBD** Thursday
- 30 **Monthly Executive Committee Meeting** (Zoom) Monday 06:30 PM

JANUARY

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

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.

DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

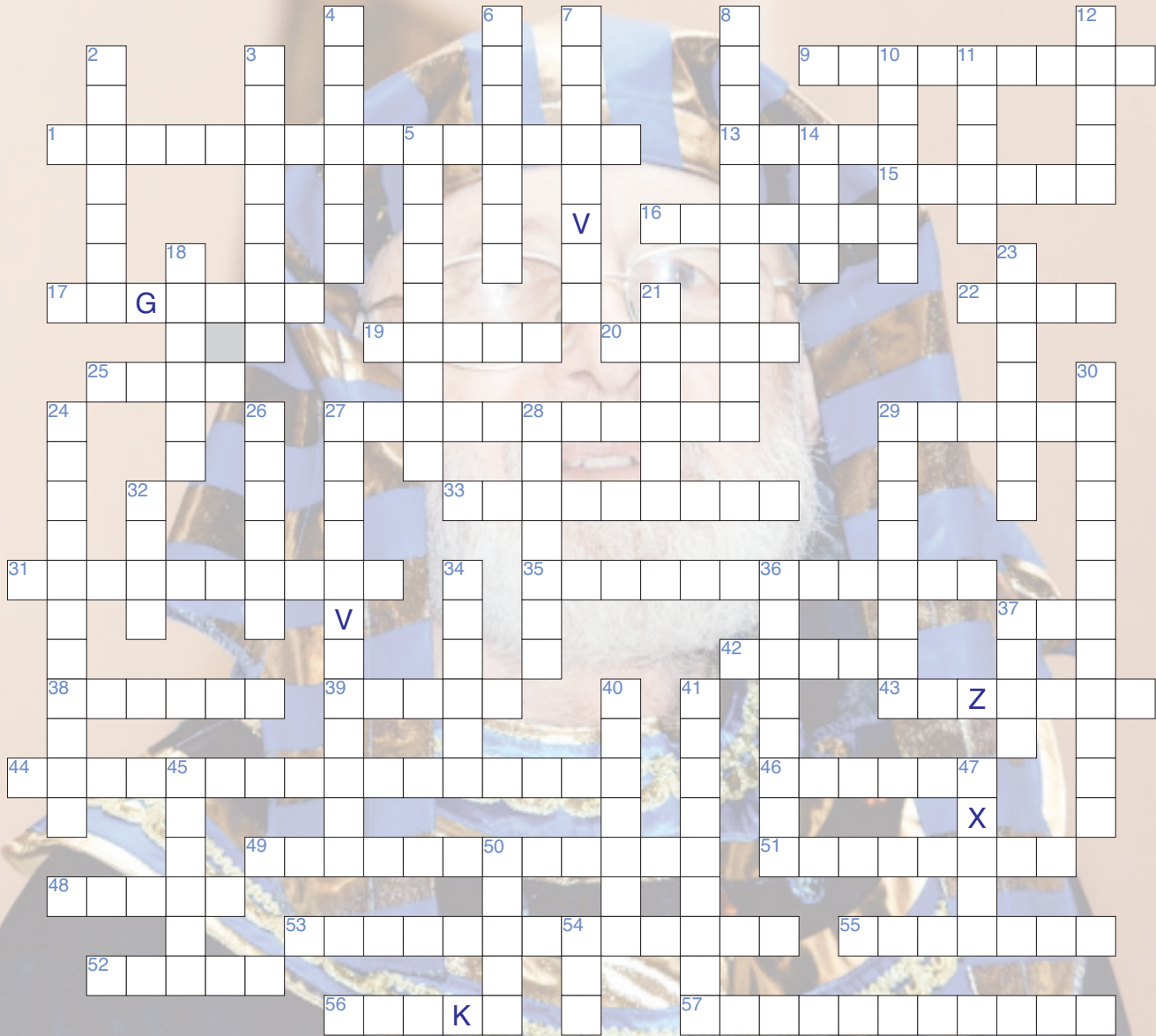
- 02 **Cyril Shah** (Master Mason)
- 03 **David Minke** (Master Mason)
- 04 **Joseph Barnes** (Master Mason)
- 07 **Dan Dailey (Past Master)**
- 10 **James Dimmitt (Organist)**
- 11 **Jason Sibbring** (Master Mason)
- 12 **Joseph Basham** (Master Mason)
- 12 **Edward Hardiman** (Master Mason)
- 13 **Gerald Van Wagner** (Master Mason)
- 17 **Morrison England** (Master Mason)
- 20 **Marty Buff (Tiler)**
- 21 **Michael Allen** (Master Mason)
- 21 **Stanley Sanders** (Master Mason)
- 24 **Floyd Tritt** (Master Mason)
- 25 **Donte Cuellar** (Master Mason)
- 25 **Stephen Michalski** (Master Mason)
- 30 **Eddie Haskins** (Master Mason)

MASTER MASON ANNIVERSARIES

- 04 **Joseph Basham** (14 Years)
- 10 **James Keehner** (58 Years)
- 10 **Tim Tyler** (26 Years)
- 14 **Andrew Wilson** (24 Years)
- 15 **Clinton Abbott** (25 Years)
- 15 **Melvin Pinsler** (73 Years)
- 15 **Branden Polupan** (2 Years)
- 17 **Joseph Dongo (Past Master)** (26 Years)
- 19 **Francisco Marques (Past Master)** (28 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. Here, the initiate begins erecting a spiritual temple in his heart
9. Freemasons are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere ____
13. Deputy Grand Master: ____ Worshipful
15. High-Twelve, Sun at Meridian ____
16. Cardinal Virtue, cement and support of civil society
17. Garments and accessories worn by Freemasons during ceremonies
19. A true Freemason will never ____, wrong or defraud
20. A certain friendly grip
22. Obligation
25. There is yet strength in ____ of the Tribe of Judah
27. Hewer on the mountains and in the quarries
29. Admonition that contains an epitome of a Freemason's duty
31. Horn of Plenty, Jewel of the Stewards
33. Depositing balls or cubes
35. Eye of Providence
37. Ruffians ____ in a cave near the place where they had committed a crime
38. ____ FellowCrafts appeared before Solomon and confessed their conspiracy
39. Masonic Initiation is often taken as one's ____ into the Masonic World
42. Golden ____, which is approximately 1.618
43. Freemason, co-founder of Apple: Steve ____
44. Freemason, US Army General, fought in both Great Wars (1880-1964)
46. Emblem of time, which cuts the brittle thread of life
48. Lodge No. 58, merged with Kit Carson 734 in 1990 and Tehama 3 in 2017
49. Legal separation of the thirteen colonies from Great Britain in 1776
51. Tribe birthplace of Hiram, one of the original Grand Masters
52. Organist's Craft
53. Circumambulation
55. Seeking ____ Light in Masonry
56. 2021 WLN20 Chaplain
57. Proficiency Test

DOWN:

2. A Non-Mason
3. Refers to the study and uses of written, spoken and visual language.
4. Operative Masons protect us from the inclemencies of the ____
5. Freemason, UK Prime Minister during the Second World War (1874-1965)
6. Washington Lodge No. 20 was granted this document on 5/5/1852
7. The Lodge Secretary ____ all monies from the Brethren
8. The Junior Warden calls the craft from labor to ____
10. Almighty ____ of the Universe, Creator of Heaven and Earth
11. Freemasons are linked together by an indissoluble ____ of sincere affection
12. Joppa, located on the Mediterranean ____, a 15-hour walk from Jerusalem
14. Entered Apprentices are invested with the ____ and word of that Degree
18. We all live under the ____ of Heaven
21. Freemason, composed The Magic Flute (1756-1791)
23. 2011 WLN20 Past Master
24. The Masonic Temple Association of Sacramento is a title-holding ____
26. 1983, 1993, 2003, 2015 WLN20 Past Master
27. Table Lodge
28. WLN20 Master-Elect
29. Symbolizes a Candidate's tie to the profane world
30. Introduces and accommodates Visiting Brethren
32. Freemason, singer, jazz pianist, and actor: Nat ____ Cole (1919-1965)
34. Rises in the East to open and govern his Lodge
36. 2007 WLN20 Past Master
37. You were taken by the right ____
40. 2013 WLN20 Past Master
41. Attribute often given to Freemasons; covert, taciturn
45. Designs on the trestleboard were crucial for the craft to pursue their ____
47. A candidate is ____ed, when he receives the Degree of Royal Arch Mason
50. Shriner
54. ____-Twelve, Midnight