

The Master Mason



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The Master's Message

We continued our virtual events in March with a Stated Meeting, attended Masonic Education, and several Fellowship events, including a very special showcase of the talents of our very own R\ W\ Randy Brill. What a fun event! Randy had us all scratching our heads there at the end. I am honored and humbled to be associated with such great and talented men and thank everyone who attended and contributed to these events to make them such a success.

Many brothers have also been attending Scottish Rite, York Rite, and Shrine meetings and visited other lodges virtually. Although we still cannot attend in person, our Masonic traditions, our Brotherhood still persists. There has been "talk" of being able to meet again in person mid-summer. Nothing official as of this writing, but when we hear the news, it will be shared!

Most Worshipful Arthur H. Weiss has proclaimed that April 2021 is Public Schools Month. In M\W\ Weiss's words, "As California Masonry celebrates the 101st anniversary of Public Schools Month, support for our schools, teachers, and students has never been more important. Our schools are facing all new challenges, and as a result, more of our students are at risk of falling behind. It is up to organizations like the Masons of California to help close gaps in funding, tech-



David G. Vassall, Master

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nology, and materials that our schools require in order to ensure that students have equal access to learning and a safe and healthy environment in which to grow. I call on California Masons to aid your local schools; tutor or mentor students in your community; organize lodge events to improve school grounds and to ensure that students, teachers, and administrators have the equipment they require; and donate to the California Masonic Foundation so that all kids in California have access to the support and materials they need to succeed in school and in life."

In April, we look forward to our virtual Stated Meeting on April 9th, continue our virtual fellowships and Masonic Education Series, and we continue planning our spring and summer events. Sometime this summer, we are looking forward to hosting our Masonic blood drive, starting support of the Veterans Village San Diego Oper-

ation Stand Down, and hopefully getting together for an outdoor event. More information to come.

We are doing well with our Let's Write the Future contributions. If each member contributed **just \$8** – that's just 2 cups of fancy coffee per month or less than the cost one movie ticket - we will **meet and exceed our goal and our obligation**.

Please consider this option and consider what your donation would support – the Raising a Reader Program and the Masonic Homes of CA. All donations can be made via secure PayPal links on our website or checks sent to our Lodge Secretary. My sincerest thanks to all who have already made donations!

The online Masonic Speaker Series continues in April, please keep an eye on the California Freemason website for details. I especially enjoyed "The Origins and Customs of the Festive Board" in March, what a tremendous presentation. In April, look forward to the "2021 International Conference on Freemasonry", see the California Freemason website to register and for more details. And be sure not to miss the launch of the *Spring Drinks Issue of the California Freemason Magazine* with an online Happy Hour with MW Art Weiss on Facebook <https://facebook.com/MasonsOfCalifornia> on Wednesday, April 7, at 5pm.

Zoom links for all Lodge events will be sent via separate emails to all. If you do not receive the lodge notifi-

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From the West

It is April and the Masons4Mitts season is here! Every year, during the Major League Baseball season, we work together with the Padres Foundation to bring a smile to underserved kids. We form teams with other lodges in San Diego and engage in a friendly competition to raise funds for these kids.

This is the **Masons4Mitts** program.

The funds are used to provide these children with their very own baseball mitt as they participate in the programs run by the Padres Foundation. For many of them, this will be the first baseball mitt they have ever owned.

We, as Masons, know the value of charity and the positive, lasting impression it can have. I encourage you to make a difference in a kid's life and practice charity by donating to this worthwhile program.

Please visit:

www.masons4mitts.org

Click on "Give a Mitt" and select the following options so our team can get the credit:

Region: San Diego

Team: Mid City Marauders

Your support is very much appreciated!

Take care and God bless!

Jonathan Robles
Senior Warden

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cation emails, please contact me, the secretary, or one of the pillars.

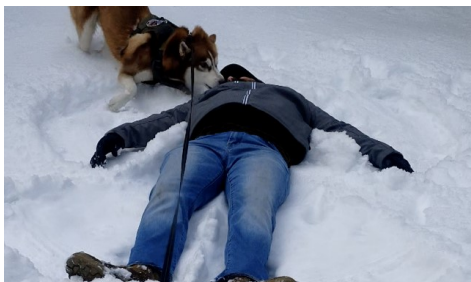
In closing, this month I contemplate this quote from Br. Samuel Clemens, "*Give every day the chance to become the most beautiful of your life.*" Each of us has endured difficult times, not just this past year. Each day we have the opportunity to live, love, contribute, and be better than the day before. Take that chance.

Together we will accomplish great things!

David Vassall
Master

From the South

The weather is beginning to warm up, transitioning from spring to summer, you cannot help but look for excuses to get outside and enjoy the perfect temperature. Some will prefer to exercise, get dirty in the garden, or take the motorcycle out (wink, wink). Whatever the reason, spring is an excellent time of the year to get out there, especially here in Southern California, and enjoy nature's complexity and diversity. Serene and I took my dog, Othie (a



two-year-old Siberian husky), up to Palomar Mountain to play in the

snow for the first time, and he absolutely could not get enough of it.

This experience reminded me how important it is to spend time outside. It is far too easy to get distracted and lose focus on things that are important to us. A study by Pew Research Center and Statista published last year said that nearly 81% of all Americans have cell phones, which means that more and more people have internet access, making us more connected than ever. That means we are bombarded with information daily, and it can be overwhelming. However, if we take the time to listen to the harmony and reconnect with nature, we can retune our spirit to the sound of her symphony. When we take the time to reconnect with nature, it is like we recharge our internal batteries and somehow return home thinking more clearly, feel more focused, and generally feel better.

On a different note, M.: W.: Wiess, declared the month of April Public School month. Since nearly our lodge's formation, our lodge has been instrumental and a vital asset in setting up and serving the San Diego Unified School District. Now more than ever, our education systems could utilize our assistance. If you have a creative idea or way you think the lodge could potentially assist our public schools, please let us (any of the officers) know so we can consider it. Good ideas can only be good once they have been proposed to others or put to action. Otherwise, they are just ideas, so share them with us.

Gerry Craft
Junior Warden

To Families, Wives/Widows and Caregivers

Should the person to whom this newsletter is addressed be ill or in some difficulty, please contact the Lodge Secretary at (619) 296-0660 or email him at: secretary@sandiego35.org

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Let The Sun Shine



Richard Bauerfeld
Edward Bayes
Don Heath
Ted Jarrard

Raul Luna
William Parker
Ken McMillen
Michael Thomason

Contact the Secretary for addresses and phone numbers.

Our infirmed brethren don't care what we know if they don't know we care.



San Diego Lodge #35 — Fellowship Meeting

Join us in our scheduled fellowship meetings! We have enjoyed each others' company and the meetings are always fun! Last meeting, our members and candidates enjoyed the entertainment provided by our own, R. W. Randy Brill, PM. Our socks were blown off by his series of magical illusions! Join us on our next Friday Fellowship.



April Birthdays

1 Matthew Arnold	6 Eugene Yee	17 Dale Martin	26 Charles Harris
Michael Stelmach	9 Victor Nicholas	18 Ramiro Sandoval - EA	28 Richard Carlson
3 Stephen Beck	11 Shane Brock	19 Carroll Rumpel, PM	29 John Crago III, PM
Karl Engstrom	15 Thomas Maloney	20 Christian Rogelin	Richard Smith
Daniel Wilson	17 Mario Posada	Edson Misener Jr.	
5 Kevin De Nino	Trevor Lady	24 Albert Bergen, PM	

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

From the Secretary

We are in process of updating the office computers. Unfortunately, neither were capable of updating to Windows 10. Worshipful Vassall and I shopped locally and found new Dell PC's at a great price that will allow updates and keep the office running efficiently for the next several years.

One GREAT news: I received a call over the weekend from LeeAnn Taylor. She is going much better and is currently in a rehabilitation center for hopefully a short time.

I am running this procedure one more time on how to log into iMember 2.0. If you have not yet enrolled in the online system, I strongly suggest you do so as soon as you can. Believe me, it will make your access to your own record very easy and allow you update your record, pay your dues and MOST IMPORTANTLY access and print your **dues card**.

Follow these steps:

1. Gather these items:
 - your Lodge Number (35)
 - current email
 - your MEMBER NUMBER (back of your dues card)
2. Click this link: https://member.freemason.org/membership_registration

If you have issues you can contact Grand Lodge at this email address: memberservices@freemason.org

The lodge office remains closed during the COVID restrictions but I can be reached by email at:
Secretary@SanDiego35.org

Again, I thank each of you for your patience and understanding as we continue to learn our Grand Lodge systems.

Yeah!! Spring time is here!

Richard Bullard, PM
Secretary

Spouse's Corner

Well, we are now in April and we have still not played that BINGO game! I think this stated meeting I will move on and find a better option for us.

I really have enjoyed all of our conversations even if we are still in "Brady Bunch" squares (stolen from Desiree Robles). Rumor has it that this month restrictions are going to start being lifted! If that is true then we will be able to see each other in person again soon! I really am looking forward to that!

Congratulations to my good friend Desiree for winning the ladies prize this month! Please let Dave and me know if you or your Mason do not receive the emails about upcoming lodge events or need to be added to the ladies and spouse mailing list.

Counting the days until we can see each other in person!

Amanda Brainerd
Madam of San Diego Lodge #35

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our Lodge's Masonic Outreach

Some of you may know that the local San Diego Union-Tribune has occasionally been running articles on *caregiving*. Caregiving is one of the most important tasks that a spouse, mate, or friend can have. If you find yourself getting in that position, start asking for assistance EARLY. Please do not wait until you become frustrated with the task.

There are many brothers that would be more than willing to just visit you — maybe spell you for an hour or two; let you go do your errands; let you fix a meal without interruption; and even get you some “alone” time.

As the San Diego Lodge No. 35 outreach contact, please call me. I will find you help. I have obtained a list of 6 companies located in San Diego County from the Outreach Headquarters in Covina. These companies have a good reputation. Also, a company listed in the newspaper, offers classes where you learn you are not alone. They teach you how to improve the care you are now providing.

“You can't pour from an empty cup. Take care of yourself first.”

Dick Fisher
Outreach Ambassador
(619) 482-8681

Masonic Education: A Mason's Journey to Jerusalem

San Diego Lodge No. 35, Al Bahr Shrine, and San Diego Scottish Rite are honored to host a night of Masonic Education - A Mason's Journey to Jerusalem, presented by Worshipful Narbeh Bagdasarian, PM. Come learn about King Solomon's Temple, the western wall and tunnels and their Masonic significance, King Solomon's burial, and Solomon's quarries and Freemasons' Hall. This is a must see event!

When: April 29, 2021 (**This month!!**)
Time: 07:00 PM (Pacific Time)

This will be done through the Zoom platform.

Please see the flyer on the next page.

A MASON'S JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

— PRESENTED BY—

WOR. NARBEH BAGDASARIAN

Educational
Event by
Zoom

**THURSDAY
APRIL 29, 2021
7:00 PM PST**

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- ▶ Where is King Solomon's Temple and what happened to it
- ▶ Western wall tunnels and their Masonic significance
- ▶ Where is King Solomon buried
- ▶ Solomon's quarries and the Freemason's Hall

**Free
and open
to all
Masons!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND
ZOOM LINKS**

**SANDIEGO35.ORG
ALBAHRSHRINE.ORG
SCOTTISHRITESANDIEGO.ORG**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Details on the Virtual Stated and Special Meetings:

San Diego Lodge No. 35 will hold virtual Stated and Special meetings in the following months. All meetings will be held using the software platform Zoom. Please reach out to a brother if you need assistance accessing the software.

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STATED MEETING and DINNER

APRIL 9, 2021

****BUSINESS ATTIRE****
(Suit and Tie for Officers)

Dinner at 6:00 pm

By Reservation - \$18.00

Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by
Noon - April 7, 2021

Entrees: Honey-Baked Ham & Lamb Chops
 Asparagus Salad, Scalloped Potatoes
 Creamed Spinach, Strawberry Shortcake

Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm

Dessert served following the Stated Meeting and the
 ladies' activity — TBD
 (approximately 8:45 pm).

Calendar Of Events

April 2021

Online activities only this month due to COVID-19.

2nd	Friday		Dark
5th	Monday		Dark
9th	Friday	7:00 pm	Virtual Stated Meeting — (Zoom)
10th	Saturday		2021 International Confer- ence on Freemasonry
12th	Monday	4:30 pm	Exec. Committee Meeting (Zoom)
16th	Friday		Zoom Fellowship Meeting
19th	Monday		Open
23rd	Friday		Open
26th	Monday		Open
29th	Thursday	7:00 pm	Masonic Education - A Ma- son's Journey to Jerusalem
30th	Friday		Zoom Fellowship Meeting

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