

The Master Mason



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The Master's Message

January started with a bang! We hosted our first virtual stated meeting of 2021, a virtual fellowship event, virtual officers meeting, and annual dinner. If you missed the stated meeting, you missed a good time - we all broke out into small "tables", ate dinner, and were able to catch up. We celebrated January birthdays and loved hearing our Bro. DeAndre Simmons sing the happy birthday song. The Masons then had their meeting in a separate room while the ladies, spouses, and applicants talked and played a game in their room -- Serene Hung even won the virtual door prize! If you missed the annual dinner, you really missed out. Worshipful Peter Newman was welcomed into the ranks of Past Masters in fine fashion -- pictures, stories, an 'ode to an Englishman', and fun gifts. Each time we meet online, we strive to improve our virtual presence, and do our best to keep our lodge family together.

Our Grand Master has proclaimed February 2021 as Masonic Widows Month. He encourages California Masons to redouble their efforts to connect with masonic widows in their communities. The COVID-19 virus has separated many elderly and widowed people from family and friends, increasing isolation and feelings of loneliness. It is more important than ever that California Masons reach out to these vulnerable members of our fraternal family to ensure that they are being taken care



David G. Vassall, Master
Together we will accomplish great things!

of -- and to remind them that they are not forgotten.

In February, we look forward to our virtual Stated Meeting on February 5th, another virtual fellowship, and we start our social and community campaigns, as best we can and are able. While we are out of lodge, we will work on our infrastructure -- communication, online, social and community campaigns, and self-improvement. Although we cannot perform degrees and ritual, I challenge everyone who has completed their 3rd degree but not their proficiency, to use this down time to get that proficiency memorized and ready for when we open back up.

We need to remember our lodge's obligation to Let's Write the Future. I am happy to contribute my \$18 stated meeting dinner costs plus \$2 for gas per month. At \$20 / month, that totals \$240 for the year. If we each donated half of that amount, or \$10 / month or

\$120 for the year, 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 secretary.

The online Masonic Speaker Series started off strong in January. If you have not had the opportunity to attend one of these events, I would highly recommend that you do. They are all free and open the public. See the California Freemason website for more details.

In February, we recognize and remember many observances including American Heart Month, Black History Month, and Canned Food Month along with Lincoln's Birthday, Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, Washington's Birthday, and Mardi Gras. Let's celebrate the diversity of our lodge family. Please stay safe and share your pictures, memories, or experiences of these events!

Zoom links for all lodge events will be sent via separate emails to all. If you do not receive the lodge notification emails, please contact me, the secretary, or one of the pillars.

Together we will accomplish great things!

David Vassall
Master

From the West

Normally, towards the end of January, we hold our lodge's Annual Diner, where we honor our outgoing master as we present him with all of his past master regalia. This year we held our first ever virtual Annual Dinner, without the dinner, as we honored and lightly roasted our outgoing 2020 master, Peter Newman. None of us were prepared for the pandemic and Worshipful Newman had an unexpected year as master. The Grand Lodge suspended all official lodge activities. Thankfully, he immediately recognized the importance of keeping us all connected and found creative ways to keep us engaged. He held virtual fellowship events and virtual masonic education lectures. He was (and still is) in the East in the Order of the Eastern Star and conducted similar virtual events to keep them connected.

Worshipful Peter, your efforts did not go unnoticed and are deeply appreciated. Our lodge is still here, we have our new officer's line, and I sincerely thank you for what you did in 2020. You were one of the first members I met in 2016 and the first brother to ask me to memorize a prayer because "it would be nice to know." Little did I know, you were reeling me into the officer's line with every line of ritual you and Worshipful Zeke would ask me to memorize (ha ha). Your leadership under extraordinarily circumstances will be remembered. Congratulations on entering the ranks of Past Master.

Jonathan Robles
Senior Warden

Box Scores (2020):

Initiated:	4
Passed:	4
Raised:	0
Affiliations:	0
Restorations:	0
Total Gains:	4
Withdrawals:	2
Deaths:	7
Suspensions:	6
Total Losses:	15
Total Membership: 441	
EA:	34
FC:	9
MM:	398
Dues Owed (2020): 50	
EA:	12
FC:	2
MM:	36
Dues Owed (2019): 7	
EA:	2
FC:	0
MM:	5

From the South

Bo I thel yew wut! Dat dur bruber Robbels shuur dhus maykes fur-ah tuff akk tu fawller-yup'un dun'dt e?

Sorry, must have fallen back into character from the annual dinner. For those of you who can't speak Kentuckian, I initially said,

"Boy I tell you what! That brother Robbles sure does make for a tough act to follow up on."

I couldn't agree with you more brother. But let us not forget that

Worshipful Newman will never be too far away should either of us need to borrow a knackered ole past master for good council.

On a more serious note, what a way to kick off the new year! We have already had two historical virtual events and working on coming up with others. If anyone has fun and innovative ideas that they want to bring to the table, please do not hesitate to give me a call and leave a message if I don't answer.

Before signing off for this month I wanted to gently remind those brothers who have not paid their dues for this year, to please do that soon. It saves the lodge quite a bit of money we could be using on other things.

After reading the Grand Master's theme for February encouraging members to connect and engage with our lodge's widows, it struck me: *"I wonder how Mrs. Janice Hardy is doing?"* I got to know Mrs. Hardy early on in my time as an officer in the lodge when she was telling me about her deceased husband's military career. I haven't heard from her in quite a while. I plan on connecting with her this month.

See everyone at our next meeting.

Together we will accomplish great things!

Y'all come on back now, y'hear?

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
Dick Fisher
Don Heath

Raul Luna
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.

TO THE CELESTIAL LODGE ABOVE

Name: Maurice Rodney Powell
Born: December 21, 1935
Raised: April 24, 1962
Died: January 27, 2021

Name: Dennis Michael McClary
Born: March 16, 1961
Raised: June 22, 1984
Died: January 28, 2021

Soft And Safe To Thee, My Brothers, Be Thy Resting Place

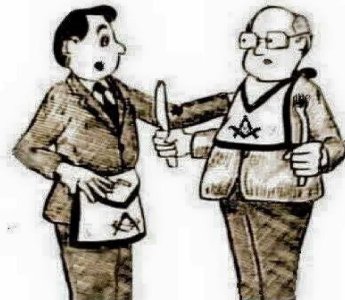
Spouse's Corner

Our first Stated Meeting was fun. I really enjoyed seeing everyone and look forward to our February Zoom meeting - we'll be trying the same format. Congratulations, Serene, on winning our monthly prize.

As we are still not allowed to meet in person, we will rely on Zoom for now to keep in touch. 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.

Until we see each other again,

Amanda Brainerd
 Madam of San Diego Lodge #35



**"DON'T GET ME WRONG BROTHER.
 I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE. JUST TRY
 NOT TO BE SO OBVIOUS AS TO
 WHY YOU ARE HERE"**

From acjohnson53 at <https://www.myfreemasonry.com>

February Birthdays

1 Joe Davis, PM	7 Gale MacDougall	18 Michael Weyel	25 Richard Dale
2 William Griffin	9 Thomas Crutcher	William Duty	26 Tom Englebright
Terry Wadding	10 Theodore Smith - EA	21 Richard Bullard, PM	David Jacobs
6 Wilbur Chancy	11 Ortega St. John	22 John Tenwolde	Evan McMullin
7 John Kirchner	Ralph Bryan	Karl Kail V	27 Roy Peich
Edward Chapin	17 Alexander Adams Jr.	23 Thomas Crellin Jr.	Joshua Wagoner
Francisco Gregorio	18 Franklin Gore, PM	24 Bernard Klapow	28 Andrew Lutz

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

From the Secretary

January was a month of learning in the lodge office. With directions, corrections, and guidance from Financial Services at Grand Lodge, I am beginning to understand our Intacct system. The task of entering dues payments made by so many of you through our first endeavor of on-line dues payments has been interesting! I thank each of you for your patience and understanding.

Worshipful Creason and I spend the last Monday of January in the office discussing our respective jobs for the lodge. We are working on some plans to make the lodge office more efficient in interfacing with iMember and Intacct. More to come in the weeks ahead.

Speaking of iMember, if you have not yet enrolled in the on-line system, I 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

Fraternally,

Richard Bullard, PM
Secretary

“Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.”

— Bro. Benjamin Franklin

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.

1. Virtual Stated Meeting Friday, February 5th at 6:45pm PST

Zoom Link for February Stated Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/94762621861?pwd=NE1iaWlINS9TOEN3MTNrWTV4YkorZz09>

Meeting ID: 947 6262 1861

Passcode: 376600

2. Virtual Fellowship Meeting with San Diego Lodge #35 Friday, February 12th at 7:00pm PST

Zoom Link for February Fellowship:

<https://zoom.us/j/96254017116?pwd=QmJZWjFTR29YT1RtK3NEbkVVakp4UT09>

Meeting ID: 962 5401 7116

Passcode: 032869

3. Virtual Fellowship Meeting with San Diego Lodge #35 Friday, February 26th at 7:00pm PST

Zoom Link for 2nd February Fellowship:

<https://zoom.us/j/96370369258?pwd=RGZpZGN4a0Y4SFNOMTFCaFV2ejMrQT09>

Meeting ID: 963 7036 9258

Passcode: 527241

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 shopping; get your hair done or cut; and also let you fix a meal without interruption.

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

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 Senior Steward.... Eric Fuller (Kelli).....
 Junior Steward Mohamad Yassin.....
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STATED MEETING and DINNER
FEBRUARY 5, 2021
****BUSINESS ATTIRE****
(Suit and Tie for Officers)

Dinner at 6:00 pm

By Reservation - \$18.00

Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by
Neon - February 3, 2021

Entrees: Shoulder of Mutton & Roasted Hare
 Asparagus a la Petit Poi, Sweetbreads
 Rhenish Cream and Custard, Cherry Pie

Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm

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

Calendar Of Events

February 2021

Online activities only this month due to COVID-19.

1st	Monday		Open
5th	Friday	7:00 pm	Virtual Stated Meeting — (Zoom)
8th	Monday	4:30 pm	Exec. Committee Meeting (Zoom)
12th	Friday	7:00 pm	Zoom Fellowship Meeting
15th	Monday		Holiday — Presidents' Day
19th	Friday		Open
22nd	Monday		Open
26th	Friday		Zoom Fellowship Meeting

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