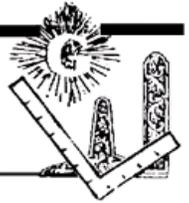


# The Master Mason



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## The Master's Message

We continued our virtual events in February with a Stated Meeting, several Fellowship events, attended Masonic Education, and hosted a canned food drive. I 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. The Executive Committee is working hard in these difficult times to continue to provide the Lodge experience and although we are hindered by our current situation, this only slows us down, it cannot stop us.

Most Worshipful Arthur H. Weiss has proclaimed that March 2021 is Masonic Youth Orders Month. The Masonic Youth Orders are one of the most important parts of our fraternal family; they represent the future of our organization and graduate to become leaders not only of Freemasonry but of our communities. Nearly every bethel, chapter, and assembly of these organizations benefits when Masons give back, whether as volunteers, donors, or as an audience. The benefits run both ways: What Masons give back to the youth orders, these impressive young people give back to us in energy and inspiration. This month show our youth that Masons live by the values we instill in them. Visit



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

Masons4Youth.org for information on ways you can help today.

This month, we look forward to our virtual Stated Meeting on March 5th, continue our virtual fellowships and Masonic Education Series, and we start planning our spring events. We are looking forward to continuing our support of Mama's Kitchen, hosting a blood drive, and hopefully getting together for an outdoor event in the coming months.

At our February Stated Meeting, Worshipful Greg Cherry from the CA Masonic Foundation thanked San Diego Lodge No. 35 and shared the importance of our continued support of the Let's Write the Future Campaign. I am contributing 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 Lodge Secretary. Thank you to all who have already made donations!

The online Masonic Speaker Series continues in March – if you have not had the opportunity to attend one of these events, I would highly recommend that you do. We have had some amazing presentations in January and February, all free and open the public. See the California Freemason website for more details.

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.

In closing, this month I contemplate this quote from Mother Teresa, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." Each of us, alone, can make an impact in the world, we cast our stones and create many ripples. Together, we can create waves.

*Together we will accomplish great things!*

David Vassall  
Master

## From the West

It is hard to believe that we have been out of the lodge for an entire year. Although I have been able to see many of you through our virtual meetings, I do miss our in-person lodge gatherings. I look forward to the day when we can physically meet in lodge. May that day come soon.

Speaking of virtual meetings, if you have not had the chance to attend, I encourage you to attend even if it is only for a few minutes just to say hi. The virtual meeting dates are included in this publication and the lodge also sends meeting reminders with the Zoom links so you can log in. If you are not receiving our virtual meeting emails, please contact the secretary or any of the pillars to get you added to the email list.

It's not like San Diego has bad weather, but it is about to get better with the arrival of spring. Daylight saving time starts on March 14<sup>th</sup> and the spring equinox happens March 20<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to the time change because I prefer the longer daylight.

My wife and I love to visit Borrego Springs for the annual wildflower bloom. It is a nice time to get away from the city and enjoy nature. It is also very grounding to be out there. The wildflowers are usually in full bloom in early March and only last about 2 weeks, so don't miss your chance.

Stay safe and God bless!

Jonathan Robles  
Senior Warden

***“The importance of improvement, setting an example, and shouldering responsibility for the future are our Masonic goals.***

***And where will it all end?***

***In brotherhood.***

***What we build today will endure. That is our hope and our faith.”***

– Stanley F. Maxwell

## From the South

Here we are again, another month down. As we close out February 2021, and look toward March and April 2021, we also look forward to the day when we can return to the lodge. I, too, am eager to get back to lodge and have some fellowship, do some degree work, and then eat ice cream and chat.

Did you know that, hypothetically, if each member we currently have was a Mason for at least 10 years we (the Lodge, all members combined) would collectively have around 37,843,200 hours of experience working as Masons. Let's put that experience to good use gentleman, and not just eating ice cream. The work we do at the Lodge to make good men better should not end just because we are not able to meet as we usually do.

I wanted to remind everyone to not lose sight of the work we do as Masons. In my opinion one of the best example of things Masonry does

well, that does not require meeting physically, is mentoring. A quick internet search using Google search defines mentoring as, *advising or training (someone, especially a younger colleague)*. Each of us are capable of mentoring, if not another young Mason, how about simply just a young man. After all, as Worshipful Vassal noted the Grand Master declared this month Youth Orders Month. Taking on a protégé and calling once or twice a month to help them develop and achieve their goals can have lasting and profound effects.

For those who were not at any of our meetings in February, you probably do not know that we had several (approximately 10-15) new prospective candidates attend these meetings; many of whom were returning for a follow-up visit. Events like fellowship meetings are excellent opportunities to engage with the future leaders and members of our lodge, engage with other members, and in general, socialize.

If there is something that you want/wanted to gain from Masonry when you joined, and have yet to achieve/accomplish it, please, brothers, reach out to me (or any of the other officers). Express your aspirations, what you would like to achieve, and if there is a way the lodge can help you see it through to materialization. I leave you with this:

***“The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled.”***  
—Plutarch

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](mailto: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.*

## Spouse's Corner

I can't believe we are already preparing for March's Stated Meeting. Hopefully, this month we will get to play our long-awaited BINGO game. These past couple of meetings I have enjoyed catching up with all of you even though we can't see each other in person. At least we have Zoom to stay connected.

Congratulations, Betty, on winning our monthly prize.

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



"I was built by a Freemason!"

From <https://www.anonymoustofevolution.com/2013/01/i-was-built-by-freemason.html>

## March Birthdays

1 Richard Allison	7 Alberto Bravo - EA	13 Martin Hunter	22 Hoj Desuli
Randall Brill, PM	James Mellos	Richard Rains	24 Gabriel Paramo
2 Frank Frye	Matt Milligan	14 David Lane	28 Michael Thomason
3 Robert Harris	8 Andrew Spears	Mark Remy	29 Enrique Corrales
John Goodloe, PM	Gerry Craft	15 John Villasenor	Christian Moran - EA
4 Edward Steinmetz	10 Marsman Agorrilla	17 Patrick Murphy, PM	30 Martin Nielsen
William Miklos, PM	David Watson	18 Patrice Roux	31 Hector Heredia - FC
5 James Massey - EA	11 Ronald Matheus	19 Martin Ruch	Theodore Mc Bain
Peneueta Solomuli	James Howes	Klaus Thiele	
6 Phillip Roland	13 Arthur Smart	21 Stig Svensson	

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## From the Secretary

Brother Creason and I continue to review and refine our skills on Intacct and iMember 2.0 in our time in the office. Dues payments are mostly up to date. We are reviewing the 40 members that have outstanding balances and will be in contact with the members on that list during the month. We are also asking Grand Lodge Financial Services to review that list.

Please log into iMember 2.0 and review your personal information to ensure it is up to date. 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](https://member.freemason.org/membership_registration)

If you have issues you can contact Grand Lodge at this email address: [memberservices@freemason.org](mailto:memberservices@freemason.org)

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

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

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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

## 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

## **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  
Time: 07:00 PM (Pacific Time)

This will be done through the Zoom platform.

Please contact the Lodge Secretary for your Zoom link.

**Please see the flyer on the next page.**

# A MASON'S TO JOURNEY 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.

### **1. Virtual Stated Meeting Friday, March 5th at 6:45pm PST**

Zoom Link for March Stated Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/99566060938?pwd=bWE4NkZJdTBkVW00ZlIISTTNqUnI5dz09>

Meeting ID: 995 6606 0938

Passcode: 445864

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

Zoom Link for March Fellowship:

<https://zoom.us/j/91460241447?pwd=TIE1Q21sdIVaM1gzckpwTk1sL0wrdz09>

Meeting ID: 914 6024 1447

Passcode: 982932

### **3. Masonic Education: Andrew Farleigh: The Origins and Customs of the Festive Board**

— Wednesday, March 24th at 12:00 Noon

Visit the Grand Lodge website shown below:- March 24

<https://freemason.org/speakerseries/>

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

Zoom Link for 2nd March Fellowship:

<https://zoom.us/j/94506232257?pwd=NEhNdGJNWU5kOU9vcHpYS2I5dnRCQT09>

Meeting ID: 945 0623 2257

Passcode: 075501

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 Junior Warden ..... Gerry Craft (Serene).....  
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 Assistant Secretary .....  
 Chaplain ..... Patrick Wohlrabe, PM (Barby).....  
 Senior Deacon..... Eddie Gonzalez .....  
 Junior Deacon ..... Chris Natwick (Eithne).....  
 Marshal..... Mark Doubleday, PM (Kim) .....  
 Senior Steward.... Eric Fuller (Kelli).....  
 Junior Steward .... Mohamad Yassin.....  
 Organist ..... Quan Gu (Celeste).....  
 Tiler ..... Chuck Makray (Carole) .....  
 Lodge Ambassador Richard A. Fisher (Connie).....  
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**STATED MEETING and DINNER  
 MARCH 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  
 Noon - March 3, 2021**

**Entrees: Corned Beef & Shepherd's Pie  
 Colcannon, Soda Bread  
 Fried Cabbage, Green Velvet Layer Cake**

**Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm**

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

# Calendar Of Events

## March 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
24th	Wednesday	12:00	GL Masonic Education
26th	Friday		Zoom Fellowship Meeting

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