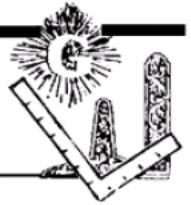


The Master Mason



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The Master's Message

Thank you for everyone that that attended our last Stated Meeting dinner and baby shower for the Schoonover family. We are excited for them as their due date is approaching! We might have to add coffee to the dinner so Brandon can stay awake for the meeting.

Last month we initiated Brother Christopher Sperry as the latest Entered Apprentice of our lodge. We had a great attendance at this degree with visiting brothers from other lodges. This month we are gearing up for 2nd degrees and perhaps even a 3rd degree.

We will have our official visit from our inspector, Worshipful Robert Reyes, at our March Stated Meeting. Your officers are busy practicing for this formality as we head into this meeting. We look forward to his visit and hope that you will be able to attend.

Last month, the lodge voted to donate \$5,000 to our Grand Lodge's Distressed Worthy Brothers Fund to help those affected by the fires in LA county. Thank you for your generous show of support for those brothers and widows that were affected by this tragic event!

We are currently working on contacting our brothers who are in arrears with their dues. Our Junior Warden, Paul Chouinard, is working on the list and has found some of the



Advance the Lodge with Purpose

Eric Fuller
Master

numbers and emails do not work. If you or if you know of any brother that might be in this situation, please contact Paul and help him resolve the issue. We will be sending suspension notices in April.

York Rite's Cryptic Council will be holding degrees at the Al Bahr Shrine on Saturday March 22nd at 9:00 am. If you are interested in joining the Cryptic Council, please contact me and I will point you in the right direction. I am currently the Illustrious Master of San Diego Cryptic Council # 23. If you want to one day join the Knights Templar Commandery #25, membership in the Royal Arch and Cryptic Council is a prerequisite.

Please don't forget our first social gathering, bowling, at the Mira Mesa Lanes this coming March 1st. Please see the details in this trestle board.

Lastly, my youngest son, Christopher, decided he wanted to climb San Gorgonio over the weekend so we ventured out into the snow and summited the tallest mountain in Southern California. We were fortunate not to encounter any in-

clement weather. I thought I brought my one-man tent but when I pulled it out at camp it turned out to be my hammock! Chris had a bivy sack to sleep in and I ended up just cowboy camping under the stars in my sleeping bag. I might be a little sore when I go to lodge. Hiking uphill for 9 miles in the snow is challenging! If I can be at lodge, so can you. See you then

Eric Fuller
Master

From The West

Greetings, brethren!

I want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the lodge for the incredible kindness and generosity shown to my family in last month's Stated Meeting / surprise baby shower. Thank you so much to the ladies who planned it. The baby shower gifts were truly thoughtful, and my wife and I are deeply touched by everyone's generosity and support. It is a blessing to be part of such a caring lodge, and we are grateful beyond words. From the very bottom of my heart, I want to say thank you all!

To our newly made Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, I want to again remind you that you are not alone on your Masonic journey. If you need any assistance with your proficiencies, I encourage you to

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reach out to me. Whether you have questions, need guidance, or just want to review your work, I am more than happy to assist you. The path of learning and growth in Masonry is a long one. Be diligent in your work but also make sure you enjoy the journey. If the work stagnates for whatever reason be sure to tap a Past Master or two, to get their insights on it and gain inspiration.

I hope to see you all at our upcoming meetings and degree nights. Let's continue strengthening the bonds of brotherhood that make San Diego Lodge No. 35 such a special place.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the lodge!

Brandon C. Schoonover
Senior Warden

From The South

Greetings from the South!

It is hard to believe that we are already in March. This month contains my second least favorite day of the year—Daylight Savings Time Spring Forward. Growing up in Arizona, we never changed our clocks, and I never understood the reasoning for Daylight Savings Time. And after thirty years in California, I still don't. But one thing I do understand is the challenge Junior Wardens face during this time of year: collecting lodge dues.

Each February and March, Junior Wardens reach out to brothers who have outstanding lodge dues owed

for at least three years. This year's contact list has 102 brothers: 25 Entered Apprentices, 4 Fellowcrafts, and 72 Master Masons. Unfortunately, this includes eight Past Masters.

There are other options for paying dues if the lump sum seems to catch you off guard. Through Grand Lodge, you can set up monthly payments that are automatically deducted from your checking or savings account. There is also the option of purchasing a Life Membership. So, if you know you are past due on your lodge dues and have not yet received a call from me, please reach out. My phone number is included in the Officer's list or email at . We can work something out with the Lodge Secretary to get you back into good standing. If we are unable to contact you, you will receive a letter from the lodge informing you of the next steps.

I hope that everyone who was able to attend last month's stated meeting enjoyed the meal from Brushfire Kitchen. This was the first time we ordered from this restaurant and I think the food was well prepared and the menu offered many good choices. I invite you to visit their online menus to see for yourself. If you have a good experience that you think others would enjoy, grab a catering menu and share it with me. I'm always open to suggestions for new restaurants to try. **RE-MINDER:** The cost of dinner is now \$25.00 per person. Reservations must be made with the Lodge Secretary no later than the **MONDAY BEFORE** stated meeting Friday. The amount of food ordered

will be based on that number.

Speaking of stated meeting dinner, March's meal will be St. Patrick's Day themed. If you have a favorite restaurant or caterer that makes a good corned beef or soda bread, let me know.

See you in lodge,

Paul Chouinard
Junior Warden

The Spirit of Masonry — by William Hutchinson (1843)

The various instruments which we of this profession make use of, are all emblematical or picturesque of the conduct of life we ought to persevere in.

The **RULE** directs us to observe punctually every gospel duty; to press forward in the right path, neither inclining to the right nor left hand, for the sake of any transient amusement or gratification whatsoever; it forbids us to give into the least inclination or propensity into the curve of life, and reminds us to beware of the least tendency to a circle, either in religion or morals! - not to mind (because they have seldom any other than selfish views) neither outs, or ins in politics; and to have in all our conduct eternity in view.

The **LINE** should make us pay the strictest attention to that line of duty which has been given us, or rather which was marked out to us, by our great Benefactor and Redeemer. It teaches us to avoid all kinds of dou-

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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 Bauersfeld
Michael Thomason

To add names to the list, please contact the Secretary. His number is listed in the last page.

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: Edward Randolph Collins
Born: May 19, 1934
Raised: November 15, 1996
Died: February 18, 2025

Name: Allen Charles Miller, Jr., PM
Born: June 21, 1934
Raised: February 10, 1984
Died: January 2, 2025

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

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ble-dealing, both in conversation and actions; it points out the direct but narrow path that leads to a glorious immortality; and that sincerity in our profession will be our only passport thither. This line, like Jacob's ladder, connects heaven and earth together; and, by laying hold of it, we climb up to that place where we shall change this short line of time for the never-ending circle of eternity.

The **PLUME-LINE** admonishes us to walk erect and upright in our Christian vocation; not to lean to a side, but to hold the scale of justice in equal poise; to observe the just medium between temperance and voluptuousness; to fathom the depth of our limited capacities, and to make our several passions and prejudices of education fall plumb in, or coincide with, our line of duty.

— to be continued

March Birthdays

1 Richard Allison	Matt Milligan	13 Richard Rains	24 Gabriel Paramo
Randall Brill, GM	8 Gerry Craft	Arthur Smart Jr.	25 Scott Gould
3 John Goodloe, PM	Andrew Spears	14 David Lane	28 Michael Thomason
Robert Harris	9 Raymond Flores	Mark Remy	29 Enrique Corrales
4 William Miklos III, PM	10 Marsman Agorrilla	15 John Villasenor	Christian Moran
Edward Steinmetz	David Watson	18 Patrice Roux	30 Martin Nielsen
5 James Massey	11 James Howes	19 Klaus Thiele	31 Hector Heredia
Peneueta Solomuli	Ronald Matheus	21 Emmanuel Estinvil	Theodore McBain
6 Phillip Roland	12 Paul Chouinard	Stig Svensson	
7 Alberto Bravo	13 Martin Hunter	22 Hoj Desuli	

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



First Degree for Brother Christopher Sperry

Lodge Bowling Night

Event: Bowling Night

Date: Saturday, March 1, 2025

Time: 4:00-6:00pm

Location: Mira Mesa Lanes

Attire: Casual

Food: Bowling alley food

Cost: \$16.00 per person (includes shoes)

Let's roll into some fun and fellowship! Join us for **Lodge Bowling Night** on March 1st at 4-6pm, at **Mira Mesa Lanes**, located at **8210 Mira Mesa Boulevard**.

This is a great chance to unwind, enjoy some friendly competition, and connect with your Masonic Family outside of lodge. Bring your best game, or just your best laugh, and let's make it a night to remember!

[RSVP to the Lodge Secretary by February 24, 2025](#) so we can reserve enough lanes. Family and friends are welcome!

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STATED MEETING and DINNER
MARCH 7, 2025
****BUSINESS ATTIRE****
(TUXEDOES FOR OFFICERS)

Dinner at 6:00 pm
 By Reservation - **\$25.00**
Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by
Noon - March 3, 2025

Entrees: Irish Cuisine
Food from Bekker's Catering

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 2025

3rd	Monday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
7th	Friday	6:00 pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		7:30 pm	Stated Meeting — Official Inspector's Visit
10th	Monday	6:00 pm	Executive Committee Mtg.
		6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
14th	Friday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
17th	Monday		Dark— St. Patrick's Day
21st	Friday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
24th	Monday	7:00 pm	2° Degree
		6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
26th	Wednesday	6:00 pm	District 921 OSI — Host is KAP Lodge #888
28th	Friday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
31st	Monday		TBD

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