



# The Master Mason



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## The Master's Message

Brethren,

May is already here and summer is about to heat up.

This month we are planning on passing Brother Christopher Sperry to the Fellowcraft degree. We have a couple of officers planning on qualifying early this year during this degree. Please plan to attend on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Some of our officers will be attending the Masonic Leadership retreat starting May 16<sup>th</sup> while others will be attending the York Rite Grand Sessions in San Ramon over the same weekend. Since I am the current High Priest of the San Diego Royal Arch Ch 61 and Illustrious Master of the San Diego Cryptic Council 23, I will be planning on personally attending the Grand Sessions.

For those interested in joining the Shrine Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> the Shrine is holding a ceremonial at the Shrine in Kearney Mesa. I just realized I have a part in the cast so I look forward to seeing you there.

This week W. Freeman and I found the perfect spot for our next social event. It will be a Potluck & BBQ at Mission Bay Park on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-2:00pm. Make sure you are receiving the Lodge 35 e-mails and updates for the coming reminders and details.



**Advance the  
Lodge with  
Purpose**

**Eric Fuller  
Master**

We are anticipating a couple of third degrees coming up soon so please plan on attending when you see them added to the calendar.

I hope that you are enjoying your spring as we look forward to the summer months approaching.

Please contact me if you have any questions, concerns or just wish to talk. We are here to serve.

## From The West

Greetings, brethren!

May's rolling in, and it's a great time to reflect on how this month vibes with our Masonic principles. At San Diego Lodge No. 35, we're all about brotherhood, charity, and personal growth, and May's spirit of renewal fits right in.

The springtime bloom reminds us of relief—just as nature gives life, we give back through acts of kindness, like **supporting our wonderful Masonic Charities** such as – yes here comes the plug –

## Masons4Mitts!!

Please, Please, Please.... When you have a moment and a spare nickel consider going on the website and contributing to our team "The Mid-City Marauders."

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Click 2025 San Diego Masons4Mitts

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Select **Mid-City Marauders**

Every dollar goes toward helping our youth receive brand new baseball gloves emblazoned with our Masons of California logo and of course the Square and Compass. Our team is down but not out! We are in fourth place right now but I have some ideas to catch up. Join our team!!! Give Big!!! And stay tuned. Most importantly though: GOOOOOO Padres!

Masonic Chuckle:

Why did the Mason bring a ladder to lodge?

Because he heard the Worshipful Master was raising the bar!

Let's make May a month of growth and connection. Got ideas for the lodge? Let the Master, the Junior Warden, or I know. See you soon!

Fraternally,  
Brandon C. Schoonover  
Senior Warden

See you in lodge.

Brandon C. Schoonover  
Senior Warden

## From The South

Greetings from the South,

“Know Thyself” is inscribed on the Tyler’s chair at the Scottish Rite’s House of the Temple in Washington D.C. It is part of a larger phrase “Know Thyself and Thou wilt know the mysteries of the Gods and the Universe” and dates from the 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C. From our first admission into the Lodge, we are advised to know ourselves. This lesson is not always taught in a direct manner. Instead, we find it in every description of our working tools, in every explanation of the square and compasses.

But how well do we know ourselves when we face life’s trials? Sometimes we experience a disconnect between the self that we believe we know, and the self that we become when facing those trials. In Masonry, we learn methods and tools that we endeavor to use while reconciling those two selves. Most important, though, we strive to use these tools to accomplish this reconciliation through a lifetime or work and practice.

As we move through each stage of life, if we learn what our own strengths, weaknesses, motivations, and desires can be, there is hope that we may achieve such reconciliations. Some of these we may readily accept and others we might deny. Likewise, we must be able to see and understand our own roles in the situations we find ourselves. It is even more important when decisions are made by others that impact us. We may

not agree the decisions but the better we know ourselves the easier these experiences are to accept.

As we travel through life, we will meet people of all types who are working on their own reconciliations. Many of them may be unaware of the work needed or have not been given the tools for the work. Some others might think their work is done. But are we ever truly done with our journey to know ourselves? I would say no, because we are never the exact same person from day to day, or moment to moment. Each time we are put in a situation where we learn something new, gain new insights, or face uncertainty, it changes who we are, how we know ourselves, and how we move through life.

This month, make some time to reflect and see how well your outward facing self and internal self match up. As masons, we are given many tools to assist us in making the two mirror each other. The work may be difficult and take some time but in the end, you will be pleased with the final outcome.

Be well,

Paul Chouinard  
Junior Warden

## From the Secretary’s Desk

Greetings Brethren,

A reminder that if you have not paid your dues for 2025, you are not in good standing in Masonry and you cannot visit any of the bodies, including San Diego Lodge No. 35. On April 23, we mailed certified letters to all 66 of our members that

are behind 2 years or more. They have until the June Stated Meeting to resolve their dues or face suspension. If you are among these Brothers and dues causes a hardship, please call the office and usually we can work something out.

Many of you are aware that I remarried in November and am living part-time in the Los Angeles area. This will be my last year as Secretary. If you are interested in being Secretary, contact me and we can talk. It is almost a full-time position, suitable for a retired person with experience in Lodge management.

We are going back to Ranch Catering starting with May 2<sup>nd</sup> Stated Meeting. This will take a load off of the Junior Warden and stewards. The dinners are still \$25.00 each and please don’t forget to make reservations. The Lodge communications have a reservation link in them, it’s easier for you and for us for planning the meals.

See you in lodge,

John Goodloe, PM  
Secretary

## The Spirit of Masonry

— by *William Hutchinson (1843)*  
(Continuation from last month’s trestle board)

From your MALLET and CHISEL, you may likewise know what advantages accrue from a proper education. The human and unpolished mind, like a diamond surrounded with a dense crust, discovers neither its sparkling nor different powers, till the rough external is smoothed off, and beauties, till then unknown, rise full to our view.

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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](mailto:secretary@sandiego35.org)

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**Let The Sun Shine**



**Richard Bauersfeld  
Michael Thomason  
Jean R. Luthi  
Jefferson Edmonds**

*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: Richard A. Dale  
Born: February 25, 1935  
Raised: January 29, 1969  
Died: October 24, 2024**

**Name: William P. Griffin  
Born: February 2, 1935  
Raised: July 20, 1993  
Died: April 7, 2025**

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

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Education gives, what a chisel does to the stone, not only an external polish and smoothness, but discovers all the inward beauties latent under the roughest surfaces. By education our minds are enlarged, and they not only range through the large fields of matter and space, but also learn with greater perspicuity - what is above all other knowledge - our real duty to God and man.

Your TROWEL will teach you that nothing is united together without proper cement: no strict union, nor external polish can be made without it. And, as the Trowel connects each stone together by a proper disposition of the cement, so charity, that bond of perfection and of all social union (which I earnestly recommend to you all), links separate minds and various interests together and, like the radii of a circle, that extend from the center to every part of the circumference, makes each member have a tender regard for the real welfare of the whole community. But as some members will be refractory in every society, your Hammer will likewise teach you how to use becoming discipline and correction towards such like offenders. If they will not submit to rule, you may strike off the excrescences of their swelling pride, till they sink into a modest deportment. Are they irregular in their practices? Your Hammer will instruct you to strike off each irregularity, and fit them to act a decent part on the stage of life. Do any affect things above their stations? Your Hammer will teach you to press them down to their proper level, that they may learn, in the school of discipline, that necessary knowledge - to be courteous. - *To Be Continued*

## May Birthdays

3 Gregory Galloway	15 Antonio Romano - PM	23 Esequiel Sanchez - PM	27 Mark Doubleday - PM
5 Sid Bandak	16 Abelardo Parra - PM	24 Michael George	Kenneth Hauner
Carey Hawkins	17 Khalid Cota - FC	Colin Vassall	29 Scott Corlett - EA
6 John Harris Jr.	18 Andre Gamrasni - EA	25 Rodney Hatley	29 Kenneth McMillen - PM
8 William Lopez	19 Mark Banuet	Chris Patton - FC	30 Brandon Gilbow
10 William Cafcules	Gary Creason - PM	James Prim	
12 Edwin Reed	21 Fredrick Gaston	Joshua Rawson	
13 Richards Bauersfeld	Kenneth Webb	27 Enoch Aggrey	

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Master..... Eric Fuller (Kelli).....  
 Senior Warden ..... Brandon Schoonover (Rhiannon)....  
 Junior Warden ..... Paul Chouinard (Carie).....  
 Treasurer..... Melvyn Stein, PGM (Betty).....  
 Secretary..... John Goodloe, PM (Diane).....  
 Assistant Secretary Richard Bullard, PM (Sharon).....  
 Chaplain ..... David Vassall, PM (Amanda).....  
 Senior Deacon..... Hector Heredia.....  
 Junior Deacon ..... Ray Flores.....  
 Marshal..... Matthew Hanafin.....  
 Senior Steward..... Randy Freeman, PM.....  
 Junior Steward ..... TBD.....  
 Organist..... Christian Moreno, PM.....  
 Tiler..... Chuck Makray.....  
 Lodge Ambassador Richard A. Fisher (Connie).....  
 Lodge Ambassador Jay Sener IV, PM (Cindy).....

**For your convenience...**

Inspector, 925th: Roberto Reyes, PM (Ressa).....  
 Officers' Coach: John Goodloe, PM (Diane).....  
 Head Candidates' Coach: TBD.....  
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**STATED MEETING and DINNER  
 MAY 2, 2025**

**\*\*BUSINESS ATTIRE\*\*  
 (TUXEDOS FOR OFFICERS)**

**Dinner at 6:00 pm  
 By Reservation - \$25.00  
 Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by  
 Noon - May 30, 2025**

**Entrees: Beef fajitas, Chicken enchiladas w/green  
 sauce, Corn and flour tortillas, Mexican ceasar sal-  
 ad, Spanish rice, Peruvian refried beans, Green  
 salsa and sour cream, Tres-Leches Cake  
 Food from Ranch Catering**

**Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm**  
 Dessert served following the Stated Meeting and the ladies' activi-  
 ty — TBD (approximately 8:45 pm).

# Calendar Of Events

## May 2025

2nd	Friday	6:00 pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		7:30 pm	Stated Meeting
5th	Monday		<b>Dark</b>
9th	Friday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
12th	Monday	5:30 pm	Executive Committee Mtg.
		7:00 pm	2nd Degree Conferral
16th	Friday		<b>Dark</b>
19th	Monday	6:30	Officers' Practice
23rd	Friday		<b>Dark</b>
26th	Monday		<b>Dark</b>
30th	Friday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice

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