



# The Master Mason



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## The Master's Message

The theme for this Stated Meeting is Western so bring your cowboy/cowgirl boots and hats, but leave your horses behind because we don't have a horse stall.

August was a really busy month. I know I keep saying we are busy every month, but August takes the prize! We initiated 6 candidates and begun doing step-up positions! Congratulations to Brother Dewitt Dudley on his 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Proficiency and to Brother Julio Vera on his 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Proficiency in the traditional form. Welcome Brother August Lewis on your affiliation with our lodge. And finally, congratulations to our newly obligated brothers: Anthony Gizzarelli, James Wohlscheid, William Crook, Raymond Flores, Chris Patton and Colin Vassall. Brethren, welcome to the fraternity.

I feel like every initiation is special. We as officers put a lot of time, work and dedication to learn these degrees for our candidates and brothers, but the unique thing about August is that 2 fathers got the to see their sons being initiated into their very own lodge. Brother Chuck Crook had the opportunity to see and participate in his son's (William Crook) initiation. I was out of town for that degree, but I imagine it was a special moment for both of them. Our last initiate of the month was Colin Vassall, Worshipful David Vassall's son. I am happy that I was able to witness Worshipful Vassall



**Jonathan Robles,  
Master**

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sitting in the East to initiate his son. Many of the brothers that participated in the initiation have known Colin since he was a kid... it truly was a special moment.

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, the Grand Master's Reception & Mason of the Year event will be held at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. I am pleased to announce that our Mason of the Year is our Junior Deacon, Eric Fuller! Please join us on September 10<sup>th</sup> to celebrate and congratulate our brother.

We are reaching the end of our Masons4Mitts fundraiser season. I encourage you to please send a donation to our team, the Mid-City Marauders. Please see more details toward the end of this publication. We will continue to sell Masons4Mitts t-shirts at our September Stated Meeting. The profits of the sales will be donated to this fundraiser. The fundraiser will conclude on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Most Worshipful Jeff Wilkins will present a check to the Padres Foundation right before the game at Petco Park on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in attending Mason's Night at Petco Park, please contact our lodge secretary to purchase your game tickets. This is a great time to wear those Masons4Mitts t-shirts.

September 17<sup>th</sup> will be our Fishing Trip Fundraising for Let's Write the Future Campaign. This is a half day fishing trip and the cost is \$100; the profits will be donated to the Let's Write the Future Campaign. The boat departs at 1pm and returns at 6pm. Please arrive early to find parking and check-in. If you would like to purchase your ticket, please contact me at:

[jonrobles146@gmail.com](mailto:jonrobles146@gmail.com)

God Bless!

Jonathan Robles  
Master

## From the West

Hello again everyone. I hope everyone is well, keeping safe, and staying healthy.

We officers have been putting in a substantial amount of work practicing for, and conferring, degrees. Importantly, we have also begun working in our step-up positions for the year. In fact, the entire officer line and officers' coach, over the last several months, have been working tirelessly to ensure that we continue providing the kind of ritual excellence that San Diego No. 35 is well

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known for. Each one of our installed officers have and continue to display an incredible sense of fidelity, dependability, and enthusiasm. When you see one of them, please take a second to thank them for what they are doing. I know when I reflect on the journey through the line, it is truly humbling knowing I am surrounded by such amazing men who I am certainly appreciative, honored, and humbled to call my brothers.

This month marks 21 years since the terrorist led attacks on September 11, 2001, and I wanted to share with everyone two public events to honor and remember the lives of those lost on that tragic day. The first is the San Diego Stair Climb held at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel; registration is \$90 for adults/\$80 for public safety and \$45 for kids, parking is \$11 to self-park, \$16 to valet, and convention center parking is \$15, and climber check-in begins at 7:00a.m. The second is a similar event at California State University San Marcos that is partnering with the Wounded Warriors Project to climb up a total of 2,071 steps, to represent the 2,071 steps that first responders climbed in their courageous efforts to save lives at the Twin Towers that day. To register for the event please go to the following website <https://alumniweb.csusm.edu>, then hover over "Engage" and select "Events". Select "Wounded Warrior Project 9/11 Stair Climb" and input your information (the details of the event are included on the webpage but for those curious it starts at 8:00a.m on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>).

I look forward to seeing everyone when I return from my motorcycle trip to Kentucky. Until then, stay safe, stay healthy, and be well.

*"Now, we have inscribed a new memory alongside those others. It's a memory of tragedy and shock, of loss and mourning. But not only of loss and mourning. It's also a memory of bravery and self-sacrifice, and the love that lays down its life for a friend—even a friend whose name it never knew."*

— George W. Bush

Gerry Craft  
Senior Warden

## From the South

Greetings From the South!

As I begin the last few months of my year as Junior Warden, I find myself reflecting, not only on my performance, but that of the Lodge in general. So far, it's been a good year, but there is still a lot of work to be done. The officers are stepping up now and I am being eased out, which is bittersweet for me. It's unfortunate that, because of the pandemic, most of these officers are not getting the full experience of moving up through the line. To their credit, they are working very hard and are eager to absorb any knowledge that is shared with them.

I want to acknowledge the dedication of the Senior Warden, Gerry Craft. He is still rough around the edges but he is going to do a great job as Master. I have watched Christian Moreno mature and become a very good ritualist. He has a

bright future in Masonry if he chooses. Eric Fuller has had to grow the fastest of all the officers and he has handled the responsibilities given him, extremely well.

The one facet of the Lodge that, I feel, needs improvement is its diversity, or lack thereof. In the 171-year history of San Diego Lodge #35, there have only been 6 men of color sit as Master. So, what does that mean? It means someone has noticed and is speaking to it. Our ritual often uses words like trust, fidelity, equity and yet our history does not reflect this, at least in one aspect, diversity. I am not accusing or blaming anyone. I am just using this vehicle to make the membership aware. The future of this lodge and Masonry, in general, needs to be more diverse if it is to survive. I am certain that I am not the only one to notice. There are some very talented young men in our lodge. All they need is encouragement and an opportunity to show their abilities. This is a very sensitive subject but I would be remiss in my duties as mentor and role model not to speak on their behalf. I consider myself fortunate and blessed to have been a Master of San Diego Lodge #35, the most prestigious lodge in San Diego County. To uphold that tradition and be a part of that proud history is what any man who aspires to be in the East wants... if given a chance.

Zeke Sanchez PM  
Junior Warden

*"The path to diversity begins with supporting, mentoring, and sponsoring diverse women and men to become leaders and entrepreneurs."* — Denise Morrison, former CEO of Campbell Soup Company

## 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



**Richard Bauerfeld  
Edward Bayes  
B. M. 'Chik' Hylton  
Raul Luna**

**Patrick Murphy  
Roberto Saucedo  
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.*



### The "Rite of Passage"

At the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Scottish Rite building, Worshipful Jonathan Robles and his lady, Desiree, joined Worshipful David Vassall, PM and artist, Chuck McPherson to unveil the **Rite of Passage**, a one-of-a-kind commemorative painting, done in watercolor, of the current Scottish Rite Masonic Center, our current home.

This painting will be auctioned off to benefit the California Masonic Foundation. Please see <http://riteofpassageauction.com> for more information

Chuck McPherson is a well-known, award-winning local artist who works in watercolor, acrylic, mixed media, and oil. You can check out his works at: <https://www.chuckmcphersonart.com/>

## September Birthdays

1 Thomas Fortney IV	11 John Matthews	19 Edgar Santiago - EA	24 Demetrios Hospidales
2 Johann Hauner	12 Melvyn Stein, PGM	21 Marc Bragg	Ethan Martin - FC
3 Warren Wellnitz	14 Christopher Nicolai	Gary Gilmore	25 Richard Metzger
4 Jackie Burelison	15 Ernest Shaffer	Luis Meza	27 Charles Albright
5 Clarence Bowen	16 William Powell	22 Evan DeVore	Allen Fisher, PM
6 James Bonner Jr.	Rene Von Der Ahe, PM	Nelson Jones	Roland Hauner
Jobert Mata	William Powell - EA	Stanley Kottle	Michael Shepherd
8 William Dodd	18 Howard Antle	Simon Mendoza	29 Billy Gage Jr.
Henry Pailles	John Licari - EA	Evan DeVore - EA	Kenneth La Mar
9 Warren Graves, PM	19 Edgar Santiago	23 Gregory Gates	30 Kurtis Smith - EA
11 Jose Barron	Roberto Saucedo	24 George Grauer	



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## San Diego Lodge #35

### Masons-4-Mitts — September 20, 2022!

Every baseball season, the Masons of California partner with Angels Baseball, Los Angeles Dodgers, San Diego Padres, and San Francisco Giants Major League Baseball (MLB) teams to bring the fun and teambuilding skills of baseball to more California kids. MLB foundations in each region are committed to serving the community and providing a positive outlet for children. Throughout the season, teams of Masonic lodges in each region face off in friendly competition to help the most kids they can, by purchasing baseball mitts for children who participate in programs through the MLB foundations. At the end of the campaign in the fall, our grand master will present a check to each of our four MLB partners.

San Diego Lodge #35 is part of the Mid City Marauders! Please help us raise funds for this worthy endeavor by clicking on the link below or by scanning the QR code on the right with your phone camera. Thank you very much!

<https://masonicfoundation.org/masons-4-mitts/mid-city-marauders/>



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Master..... Jonathan Robles (Desiree).....  
 Senior Warden ..... Gerry Craft (Serene).....  
 Junior Warden ..... Zeke Sanchez, PM (Sheree).....  
 Treasurer..... Gary M. Creason, PM (Mia).....  
 Secretary..... John Goodloe, PM.....  
 Assistant Secretary .....  
 Chaplain ..... Patrick Wohlrabe, PM (Barby).....  
 Senior Deacon..... Christian Moreno .....  
 Junior Deacon ..... Eric Fuller (Kelli).....  
 Marshal..... Brandon Schoonover (Rhannon).....  
 Senior Steward.... Paul Chouinard (Carrie).....  
 Junior Steward .... Mark Doubleday, PM (Kim).....  
 Organist..... Quan Gu (Celeste).....  
 Tiler ..... Chuck Makray (Carole).....  
 Lodge Ambassador Richard A. Fisher (Connie).....  
 Lodge Ambassador Jay Sener IV, PM (Cindy).....

**For your convenience...**

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**STATED MEETING and DINNER**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2022**

**\*\*BUSINESS CASUAL/WESTERN\*\***

**Dinner at 6:00 pm**

**By Reservation - \$17.00**

**Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by  
Noon - September 6, 2022**

**Entrees: Chicken Fried Steak & BBQ Chicken**  
 Potato Salad, Steamed Broccoli  
 Baked Potato, Cookies & Brownies

**Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm**

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

# Calendar Of Events

## September 2022

2nd	Friday		Dark
5th	Monday		Dark — Labor Day
9th	Friday	6:00 pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		7:30 pm	Stated Meeting
10th	Saturday	6:00 pm	Grand Master's Reception & Mason of the Year
12th	Monday	5:00 pm	Exec. Comm. Meeting
		6:30 pm	Officers' Practice - 3°
16th	Friday	6:00 pm	3° Conferral — Vera
17th	Saturday	1:00 pm	SD #35 Fishing Trip
19th	Monday	6:00 pm	Applicant Interview Dinner and Proficiency Night
20th	Tuesday	6:40 pm	Masons Night @ Petco Park (Masons4Mitts)
23rd	Friday	6:30 pm	Open
26th	Monday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice - 2°
30th	Friday		2° Conferral — Dudley

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