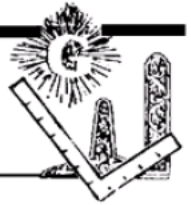


The Master Mason



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The Master's Message

I hope everyone had a safe Independence Day Weekend. I usually love to celebrate, be out and about, and finish off the night with the fireworks show. But this year, Desirée and I decided to relax, stay in, and do nothing! It has been such a busy year, especially as my wife is on the tail end of her master's program, we both needed to unplug and relax.

Our July Stated Meeting was festive, fun and I enjoyed seeing patriotic outfits. Our Senior Warden, Christian Moreno, was sporting a shiny patriotic vest that could not be outdone that night.

July ended up with three more brothers receiving degrees. Brother Simmons and brother Heredia, congratulations on being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Brother Rawson, congratulations on being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. Depending on how our balloting goes at our August Stated Meeting, we might have six initiations in August!

Every year, from spring to summer, many of you hear me talk about raising funds for Masons4Mitts. I am the Team Captain for our team, The Mid City Marauders. This year I am also working with two other co-captains Worshipful Dela Cruz from Amity No. 442 and Worshipful Sevier from Fidelity No. 10 (PHA). To help raise more funds, we have made Mid City Marauder t-shirts.



**Jonathan Robles,
Master**

Rebuilding with Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth

The proceeds of every t-shirt we sell will go to Masons4Mitts. I'll have t-shirts with me every time you see me in lodge, so if you want one let me know. They are \$30 each.

Since we are in the topic of charity, we also have another charity that we are committed to and that is the Let's Write the Future Campaign. Our Lodge made a 5-year commitment to raise funds for this charity. Unfortunately, two years into our commitment, COVID hit and with that came lower than expected contributions to that charity. This year, I am planning a fishing trip as a charitable event to raise funds. The plan is to charter a fishing boat (The Dolphin) just for us that can fit 50-60 people, the boat would depart from Fisherman's Landing around noon and return around 6pm. It's a great time to enjoy the ocean, catch some fish and socialize outside of the lodge. The cost is \$100 per person and the proceeds will be donated to the Let's Write the Future Campaign. I am looking to have this trip on September 17th,

the date is not yet locked in as I need to get a head count on who is interested so we can put down a deposit and lock in the date. If you would like to go and/or would like more information, please email me at jonrobles146@gmail.com. The sooner I get a head count the sooner I can book it and lock it in. I was informed that rock fish and bass are the main fish that are being caught this season.

I look forward to seeing you at the August Stated Meeting and making this half day fishing trip happen.

God Bless!

Jonathan Robles
Master

From the West

Here we are in August already. For me, time is absolutely whizzing by at a rapid speed. The first week of this month will end my 7-year academic journey to obtaining a master's degree. While I am personally excited for that day to get here, it is also a little scary. One may ask, "How can a combat-hardened former infantry Marine be scared to graduate?" While I could, and probably should say, "That is right, I am not afraid of anything!" If I did, I would be telling a huge lie because I am afraid of many things (i.e., failing, spiders, and past masters; okay, the first two were jokes, you caught me). Why am I afraid? Because

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graduating means I must end something so familiar to me and begin something totally new. New beginnings, things, places, and people often present new solutions and ways of doing things and often carry new problems.

Human beings learn at an incredible rate (well, most of us do anyway). Our ability to learn from new experiences is incredible. But it is solving those new problems, working with those new people, and learning about those new solutions that help us improve ourselves.

My point is this, being scared about something is part of the human experience, like hunger, exhaustion, and desire. It is sometimes helpful, and sometimes it is not. However, we cannot let fear of the way things have been in the past be the reasoning for why we are not allowing ourselves to propel into the future; I mean both as individuals and as a group. As Masons, we should be more in tune with this than most other people because of our emphasis on learning and appreciating the arts and sciences, our interconnectedness, and the philosophical and meta-philosophical nature of the world around us. All of which should comfort us to some degree when we are scared. More than anything, at least for me, I take comfort in knowing that there is a brother out there somewhere that I can call on when and if I am in need and who will be there to help. I don't have to be scared alone.

“Look not mournfully into the past, it comes not back again. Wisely improve the present, it is thine. Go

forth to meet the shadowy future without fear and with a manly heart.”

— Longfellow, H. W. (1901)

Gerry Craft
Senior Warden

From the South

Greetings From the South!

Today is July 16th and I am still energized by last night's third degree conferral for Brother Simmons. If you were not there, I regret to report that you missed a memorable evening. The lodge room was standing room only. The ritual performed by the officers of our lodge was excellent. The lecture with slides was moving. The atmosphere was electric.

Twenty five first-time visitors were introduced. Brothers from all over San Diego and Southern California came to this event, and they did not go away disappointed. There were some prominent absences but among the sideliners were several district inspectors, sitting masters and past masters, officers and coaches, and brothers from as far away as Pasadena, Burbank and Long Beach.

The room truly reflected what Masonry is: a mix of diverse people who are friends and brothers, all present to welcome our newest Master Mason, DeAndre Simmons. Most Worshipful Stein spoke of this being one of the most memorable degrees he had ever witnessed. That says a lot coming from a Past Grand Master and Mason for over 50 years.

I commend Worshipful Robles and the officers for a job well done. I congratulate Brother DeAndre Simmons on becoming a Master Mason and I thank all the brethren in attendance for making it an unforgettable evening.

Last night, I saw the future of Freemasonry and, folks, the future looks bright! Last night was an experience in brotherly love.

Zeke Sanchez PM
Junior Warden

From the Secretary

It is now the second half of the year and if you haven't paid your dues, now is the time to do so. Please go to the Grand Lodge website and check your dues status. At the same time, look over your profile and update it accordingly... especially your contact information. If you have any issues with this, please contact the office and we may be able to help you.

Change: Please make note that the deadline to make reservations for the Stated Meeting dinners is now Monday instead of Wednesday before the dinner. We need to do this so that we can give the caterer a good number for the meal, and in turn, allow them to purchase the food items in time.

Also, if you are in the permanent reservation list and are not able to make the dinner, please contact the office and let us know that you will NOT be able to attend the dinner.

John Goodloe, PM
Secretary

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
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.

Ladies' Corner Greetings Lovely Ladies of San Diego Lodge #35. It was fantastic to see so very many of you at our Star-Spangled Stated Meeting Dinner. Thank you, Betty, for helping beautify our stars and stripes forever table centerpieces. We had a blast! Please see some pictures on this publication that capture the great fun we all had.

Congratulations to those of you who were selected by Bethel's newly installed Junior Princess, Sophie, to win a "fabulous prize" for being the most patriotically dressed at your dinner table. Bunko was a huge success! I am happy to report that no tables were flipped, and more fabulous prizes were won by all.

I am happy to report that we continue to have many visitors along with their ladies attending dinner as well as more new members joining recently. Thank you all for continuing to help our visitors, new applicants, new members, and new ladies feel most welcome. To our new ladies, welcome once again and please reach out to me personally anytime if I may help orient you. On a side note, we are continuing our collection of FABULOUS PRIZES (thank you Sheryl for this inspiration) to be awarded to our after-dinner ladies' activity winners. If you would like to contribute, there is no need to buy anything. We are looking for fun prizes that are in the low to no-cost gifts categories such as white elephants, hand-me-downs, re-gifts, gag gifts, etc.

Please help keep our contact list up to date and kindly let me know if there is anyone who would like to be removed or if there is anyone who should be added to this SD 35 ladies email group.

Joyfully,
 Desirée Robles

August Birthdays

1 Thomas Black	6 Michael Randall	11 Steven Detsch	19 David Murray
Peter Mellos	Patrick Magosin	Randall Freeman, PM	23 William Simpson
Casey Miles	7 Leonard Hopkins	Lawrence Getz III	24 Harry Young
Eduardo Gonzalez Jr.	John Matkovich Jr.	12 Thomas Boggs	26 Richard Jayroe
Jonathan Robles	Timothy Short	16 Benjamin Astudillo II, PM	Jason Kandah
2 Charles Rubin - EA	9 Bobby Saylor	Jared Whittemore, PM	27 Timothy Pendley
3 Richard Sprague	Joseph Cardenas Jr.	17 Gerald Jones	29 Andrew Poincot
Jose De Luna, PM	10 James Harris	18 Erwin Harris	31 Keith Meeker
Leon Dame	Gerald Winstanley, PM	Alberto Castillo	
4 Michael Lancaster, PM	Dennis Brittain	19 Charles Behnke	
6 George Hotaling - EA	Richard Porter Jr.	James Whelpley	

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



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San Diego Lodge #35 Supports Masons-4-Mitts

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 founda-

tions 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/>



Give a mitt!



Scan me



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Masonry Under the Nazi Regime

During the Nazis' reign of terror in World War II, Masons & Masonry were also the target of Hitler's ire.

If you are interested in knowing more about **Masonry during the Nazi Regime**, please join us for a presentation on this very topic

This is open to all Masons, their friends and family

Date: **Wednesday, August 24, 2022**

Time: **7:00 PM**

Attire: **Business Casual**

Place: **Scottish Rite Masonic Center
1895 Camino del Rio South
San Diego, CA 92108**



The presentation will include events before and during World War II of the closing of Masonic Lodges, asset confiscation, Masonic imprisonment in concentration camps (and Lodges operating therein) and the story behind the "Forget Me Not" pin, which became a symbol of Masonic solidarity.

This presentation features Worshipful Narbeh Bagdasarian, PM, a member of Glendale Lodge No. 368 and our Grand Bible Bearer in 2019-2020.

Last year, Worshipful Bagdasarian presented (via Zoom) *A Mason's Journey To Jerusalem*, his photographic journey of the remains of King Solomon's Temple, caverns, and the Islamic shrine, Dome of the Rock.

San Diego Scottish Rite is sponsoring this event together with San Diego Lodge No. 35.

If you have any questions, please contact the office via phone or email.
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**STATED MEETING and DINNER
 AUGUST 5, 2022**

****BUSINESS CASUAL/HAWAIIAN****

**Dinner at 6:00 pm
 By Reservation - \$17.00**

**Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by
 Noon - August 1, 2022**

**Entrees: Kahlua Pork & Teriyaki Chicken
 Fruit Salad, Steamed Rice
 Oriental Stir Fry, Pineapple Upside-down 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

August 2022

1st	Monday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice - 1°
5th	Friday	6:00 pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		7:30 pm	Stated Meeting
8th	Monday	5:00 pm	Exec. Comm. Meeting
		6:30 pm	Officers' Practice - 1°
12th	Friday	6:00 pm	1° Conferral — Crook & Gizzarelli
15th	Monday	6:00 pm	Applicant Interview Dinner and Proficiency Night
19th	Friday	6:30 pm	1° Conferral — Flores & Patton
22nd	Monday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice - 1°
24th	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Masonic Education — Masonry Under the Nazis
26th	Friday		Dark — Gem Faire
29th	Monday	6:30 pm	1° Conferral — Vassall & Wohlscheid

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