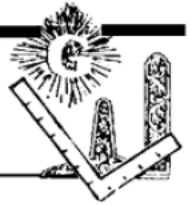


The Master Mason



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The Master's Message

Greetings Brethren,

This year is going by fast! Already more than half way through it!

In August we look forward to Hawaiian theme for our stated meeting dinner and attire as the heat picks up.

On July 21st Bro Cota and Bro Perez completed their 2nd degree proficiencies and we have our first 3rd degree for the year scheduled on August 8th for Bro Cota. We are working on scheduling Bro Perez later in August or in September. We also are scheduling two 1st degrees for our newly approved candidates.

Our Senior Warden is putting together his line for next year so if you are interested in joining the line please reach out to him at your earliest convenience.

For social events we are looking into going to the races in Del Mar in September and the Police museum in El Cajon later this year. Further detail will be provided once we nail down the details. Please check the lodge email for other events like the Annual Picnic/Blood Drive at East San Diego Lodge on August 2nd.

The Scottish Rite is holding a golf tournament on September 13th at Admiral Baker park. Check our lodge emails for details or contact



Advance the Lodge with Purpose

Eric Fuller
Master

the Scottish Rite if you would like to attend or sponsor a hole. This event is a fundraiser for the San Diego Scottish Rite Children's Language Center

MGM (Traveling Master Mason) is upon us. If you do not know what that is or would like to attend, please contact Bro Ricky Monge at Claude H. Morrison Lodge No 747. his phone # is 619-944-8057 and the events registration website is register.gurongmason.com. This is a big event spanning the weekend with a basketball and golf outing with a 3rd degree on Saturday. August 15th thru the 17th I believe.

We have been going over new lodge paraphernalia at our executive meetings and should have our decisions made over the next month or two once we can go over some samples on certain items like Aprons, etc.

Have a great August!

Eric Fuller
Master

From The West

Greetings, brethren! .

This past month, I reflected on the rich history of San Diego Lodge No. 35, as captured in the 1942 article "Lodge Has Colorful History of Pioneering, Progress" by Ruth Taunton, published in The San Diego Union-Tribune. The article vividly recounts the first, perhaps informal, meeting of our lodge "One night in June 1851", attended by the men who ultimately signed our petition for dispensation: William C. Ferrell, James W. Robinson (Same Robinson as Robinson House in Old Town), John Judson Ames (founder of the San Diego Herald, San Diego's first newspaper), William H. Moon, Daniel Barbee, W.H. Davis, John Cook, R.F. Raymond

It details the application for dispensation, Grand Lodge approval, our first election, and installation, painting a picture of our lodge's vital role in shaping San Diego through charity and civic leadership. It even talks about the fabled story of us founding the first public school in San Diego. Yet, between the lines, it also reveals the human struggles at that time—turmoil, disharmony, and even J.W. Robinson's struggles with ritual on installation night. Despite these challenges, our lodge

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persevered, a testament to the resilience of our brotherhood.

Looking forward, our lodge and the new Scottish Rite Temple stand as proud symbols of our enduring commitment to Freemasonry and San Diego. I urge all brethren, especially our officers, to reflect on this history and consider: What role will you play in our lodge's future?

I am thrilled for our upcoming officer step-ups, a cherished tradition that strengthens our lodge. My heartfelt gratitude goes to our officers for their diligent preparation for their new roles. Your dedication ensures our continued success.

Please visit our website calendar regularly and check your emails for updates on lodge events. Your participation is the heart of our brotherhood.

I eagerly await seeing you all in lodge soon.

Brandon C. Schoonover
Senior Warden

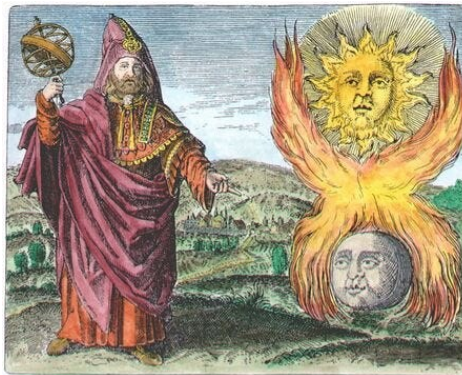
From The South

Greetings Brethren,

Webster's defines alchemy as science and philosophy of changing a base material (usually an ore) into a more precious one (usually gold). And when we think of an alchemist, we usually picture an older man wearing robes in room full of chemistry equipment. Alchemy seeks to change something mundane into something of great value. Masonry is a form of alchemy. We seek to "make good men better."

Thus, transmuting the man off the street into a more caring, more aware member of the community. When we take a wide overview look at the Blue Lodge, we see the transmutation of the individual starting as "poor blind candidate" to a Master Mason. From being led to a door to traveling in foreign countries to work, care for, and support others. If we expand our view further, we see alchemical processes referenced in most if not all the appendant bodies.

When we reflect on the explanation of our second working tool, the common gavel, we see in both of its uses it is taking something rough and changing it into a more useable, a more valuable product.



The tools of the second degree are reminders that we are still in the process of becoming a better man and that we must continue the path. With the presentation of the final tool, we see that we have moved to being focused on ourselves to being focused on our role in ensuring peace and harmony among all societies. This transmutation occurs wherever there is Masonry and wherever there are brothers who are willing to do the work.

Men of all ages were willing to do the work. And they changed their lives, families, and communities. Some even went on to impact the world. Fortunately, there are Brothers around the globe willing to do the work. The work to improve themselves, their communities, and maybe just maybe the whole of our civilization.

My Brothers, as we transmute ourselves from that base material to one of great value, let's learn from, teach, and care for each other. And by doing so, we create a better Lodge and a better community. See you in Lodge,

Paul Chouinard
Junior Warden

Freemasons Guide & Compendium

— by **Bernard E. Jones**

The Candidates Circumambulation

By his Circumambulation of the Lodge the Candidate is being ceremoniously but very effectively presented to the Brethren. This long word, from the latin, means 'walking all around,' and frequently is confused with the another word from the latin, 'perambulation,' which means 'walking through.'

Of all religious rites circumambulation is one of the most ancient, and made its mark upon popular

To Families, Wives/Widows and Caregivers

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secretary@sandiego35.org

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Let The Sun Shine

**Richard Bauersfeld
Michael Thomason
Jean R. Luthi
James Helt**



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.

custom probably thousands of years ago. Circumambulation always proceeded sunwise—that is, in the direction assumed to be taken by the sun. we use the term 'clockwise' to explain the same thing, and we speak of the contrary direction as being 'against the sun,' or 'counter clockwise,' while the Scots have their own curious word for it— 'withershins,' or 'widdershins.'

Thousands of years ago people became nervous of proceeding except in the sunwise direction. We read that when Plato, who lived in the 5th century B.C., gave a symposium—a dinner and drinking party— the greatest care was taken to pass the wine cups around from right to left, and even conversation and everything that took place in the entertainment was made to observe that same rule. The superstition was strongly held through the centuries and is often met today.

-To be continued

August Birthdays

1 Thomas	Black	7 John	Matkovich	17 Gerald	Jones
Eduardo	Gonzalez	Timothy	Short	18 Alberto	Castillo
Peter	Mellos	9 Joseph	Cardenas	19 Charles	Behnke
Casey	Miles	Bobby	Saylor	David	Murray
Jonathan	Robles PM	10 Dennis	Brittain	James	Whelpley
2 Charles	Rubin	Richard	Porter	23 William	Simpson
3 Leon	Dame	11 Steven	Detsch	24 Harry	Young
Jose	De Luna PM	Randall	Freeman PM	26 Richard	Jayroe
Richard	Sprague	Lawrence	Getz	Jason	Kandah
4 Michael	Lancaster PM	12 Thomas	Boggs	27 Timothy	Pendley
6 George	Hotaling	13 August	Lewis	29 Andrew	Poincot
Patrick	Magosin	16 Benjamin	Astudillo PM	Austin	Swank PM
Michael	Randall	Jared	Whittemore PM	31 Keith	Meeker

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STATED MEETING and DINNER

AUGUST 1ST, 2025

****HAWAIIAN ATTIRE****

(ALSO FOR OFFICERS)

Dinner at 6:00 pm

By Reservation - \$25.00

Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by

Noon - July 30th, 2025

**Entrees: Teriyaki Chicken, Kahlua Pork, Hawaiian
 Rice, Grilled summer squash, Orange Jicama sal-
 ad, Hawaiian Rolls,**

Dessert: Pineapple Upside-down 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

August 2025

1st	Friday	6:00pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		7:30pm	Stated Meeting
4th	Monday	6:30pm	Officers Practice 3°
8th	Friday	7:00pm	3° Conferral (Khalid Cota)
11th	Monday	5:30	Executive Meeting
		7:00pm	2° Proficiency
15th	Friday	6:30pm	Officers Practice 3°
18th	Monday	6:30pm	Officers Practice 3°
22nd	Friday	6:30pm	Officers Practice 3°
25th	Monday	6:30pm	Officers Practice 3°
29th	Friday	7:00pm	3° Conferral (Zach Perez)

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