

The Master Mason



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The Master's Message

I find it bittersweet to write this last of my Trestle Board articles. December marks an important milestone in the health and rejuvenation of our Lodge as we install our newly elected Officers – I am confident that the Lodge will be in good hands with Jonathan at the lead. A hearty congratulations to all of the newly elected and appointed officers.

This year was certainly one for the history books but after a *slow* start, we were able to hold Stated Meetings, practices, and degrees, welcome new members, hold our 1st Annual Masonic Blood Drive with East San Diego Lodge, attend a lodge picnic, welcome the Grand Master, hold various Fellowship nights, attend the Mason's Night at the Padres and support Masons 4 Mitts, continue our support of Dewey School and Let's Write the Future, and come back together as a family. I am especially grateful to Amanda for all of her support and good ideas this year, as well as putting up with all those late nights. My sincerest thank you to each of the Officers who served the Lodge this past year, your love and dedication to our Lodge and Fraternity are very duly noted and appreciated. And to Worshipful Robert Reyes and the members and officers of East San Diego Lodge No. 561 for their kind assistance, brotherhood, and friendship.

Due to the tireless efforts of Ill. John



David G. Vassall, Master

Together we will accomplish great things!

Schneidmiller, Ill. JoJo Quimpo, and countless others, the renovations at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center are mostly complete and we can resume our meetings at our home, therefore:

Let it be it known - The San Diego Lodge No. 35 December 2021 Stated Meeting will be in person at the Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108, on 12/3/2021 at 7:30pm.


Due to Covid restrictions and attendance requirements - please RSVP with the Lodge Secretary if you are planning to attend the Stated Meeting dinner, each and every event -- an RSVP is required if you are joining us for dinner. And, as noted in the Lodge emails, masks are required for all indoor events until further notice.

Mark your calendars:

The San Diego Lodge No. 35 171st

Annual Installation of Officers will be held on December 10, 2021 at 7pm at the Scottish Rite Center! Join us as we embark on a new Masonic year, attend an in-person installation, and welcome Jonathan and our new officers.

San Diego Lodge No. 35
F & AM



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and the 2022 Officers
invite you to attend the
171st Annual Installation of Officers
Friday, December 10th, 2021 at 7pm
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San Diego, CA 92108
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Details on all events, dinners, and meeting details are sent via separate emails to all. If you do not receive these emails, please contact me, the secretary, or any of the lodge officers for assistance.

Thank you for the opportunity to lead the lodge this past year. I look forward with great anticipation to what Jonathan and the 2022 Officers will accomplish. May God bless you all.

Together, especially, we will accomplish great things!

David Vassall
Master

From the West

December is here and this is my last article from the West. I want to thank the brethren who have put their trust in me to steer the ship for the ensuing year. Thank you for electing me Master of San Diego Lodge No. 35 for the year 2022. Congratulations to the elected and appointed officers! I look forward to working with all of you and strengthening our lodge as we emerge from the pandemic and go back to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, our home lodge.

It is time to rebuild! You don't need to be an officer to be involved with our lodge. Feel free to contact me or any officer to see how you can serve our lodge. To quote Worshipful David Vassall,

"Together we will accomplish great things."

I am also very honored, grateful and thankful to our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Jeff Wilkins for accepting to be our Installing Officer and to our very own Right Worshipful Randy Brill, Deputy Grand Master, who will be our Master of Ceremonies. We will be having our 2022 Installation of Officers on December 10, 2021 at 7pm. All are invited. Please RSVP with our secretary ASAP. This will be our first in-person installation since 2019, I hope to see many of you there.

And lastly, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of you. I pray that you all have a fun and safe time with your loved ones.

Happy New year and God Bless!

Jonathan Robles
Senior Warden

From the South

How is For December, I wanted to begin by sending a special thank you to all the brothers (you know who you are) who have shown up at the request of the lodge or one of its officers during the last several months. Thank you, Gentlemen!

Next, I wanted to congratulate our brother Senior Warden (Master-elect), Jonathan Robles, and Worshipful Zeke Sanchez for their election to Master and Junior Warden, respectively. I am looking forward to continuing to serve with Jonathan and learning from Worshipful Sanchez.

I would be remiss not to thank the lodge members for continuing my advancement in the officer's line and electing me to serve as Senior Warden. Your faith and confidence in my ability to continue leading the lodge are humbling.

Lastly, I think it is important to touch briefly on why we refer to the buildings we meet in as lodges and not facilities, offices, or some variation of the sort. The word lodge can mean many more things than just a structure (e.g., to get stuck, wedge, a large refuge for those hunting, and more). In Freemasonry, we uniquely identify the word to represent both the physical structure we choose to physically meet in and informally to the group of people who make up the group's member-

ship records that typically meets in a physical lodge. Our new Grand Master (Jeff Wilkins) used the symbolism of the beehive to represent the industrious nature of bees and how they continually better their hive, as a symbol of our California lodges, which is said to represent the industrious nature of the members of a lodge continually improving themselves and their hive; or in our case lodge.

Hopefully, everyone—all 430 something members—will make it to installation on December 10th.

I wish you all a relaxing Thanksgiving and, soon thereafter, Christmas.

I leave everyone with this quote from a well-known ancient Greek stoic philosopher Epictetus:

"If you devote your time to cultivating and training your reason, and to doing your duty to others, I call you industrious; for such work is alone worthy of man." (Epictetus; in Day, 1884)

Gerry Craft
Junior Warden

Spouse's Corner

Happy Holidays!!!

Well friends, I am coming to you for the final time. I want to thank all of you for supporting Dave and me this year. I think we can all admit this year has had some obstacles but we have faced it all together and come out on the other side. I am looking forward to seeing all of

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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 Bauerfeld
Edward Bayes
Don Heath
B. M. 'Chik' Hylton

Raul Luna
Ken McMillen
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.

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you at the December Stated Meeting on December 3rd and the Annual Installation of Officers on December 10th.

Until then be safe and happy holidays.

Check out page 7 for some memories of our year together!

Please let Dave and me know if you or your Mason do not receive the emails about upcoming lodge events or need to be added to the ladies and spouse mailing list.

God bless all of you!

Amanda Vassall
Madam of San Diego Lodge #35

Masonic Mirth by WB Greg O'Neal



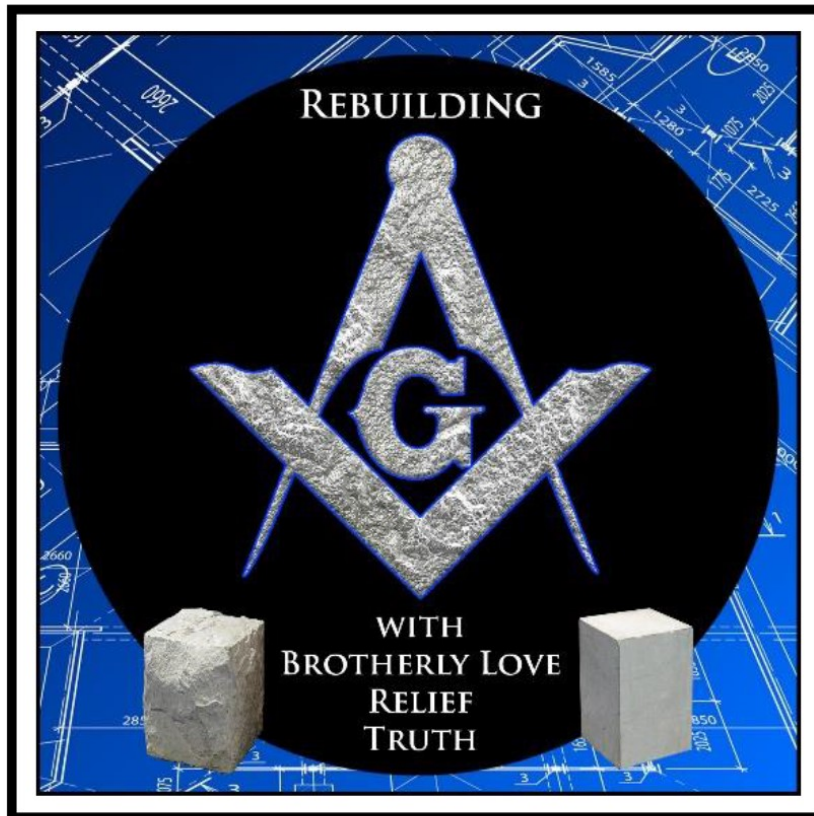
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December Birthdays

1 Billy Adames	9 Jack Boyles	19 Javier Molina	26 Paul Johnson
2 Paul Mc Mullen	11 Fernando Ramirez	20 Thomas Godby II	Paul-Michael Edwards
TJ Waggoner - EA	Kenneth Sisneros	21 James Welbaum III	27 Raymond Levesque
Andrew Stilwell - EA	14 John Balistrieri	22 Larry Barrick	Michael Dye
3 William Yeung	Duane Rankin	Stanley Miller - FC	28 Norman Owen
5 Karl Dunkle	15 Harvey Pearson	23 Michael Corey	29 Ryan Landers
Alexander Miller	Jason Harty	24 John Schneidmiller Jr.	Eric Abbott
Mohamad Yassin	16 Chad Watson - FC	William Makray Jr.	30 Carlton Whiting
6 Dennis Brown	Cameron Cresswell - EA	Barry Cahill	Peter Rutman
Mark Larson	18 John Mansfield	Adam Jaffe	31 Eric Gottshall
8 Mark Lockyer	Ryan Fenner	25 Gary Gordon	

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From the Secretary

“Over the river and through the woods, to Lodge Thirty Five we go! We all know the way to drive the hiway so down the I-8 corridor we go!” Yes!! We are back!! The Office is coming together nicely. Just a few more things to complete as of this writing. The ol’ safe returns the week after Thanksgiving; some shelving to complete and items put in their proper place. The lodge telephone is still not working but soon will be! I can’t wait for you all to see it at the December Stated Meeting.

Installation is December 10 in the Morrison Room. San Diego is doubly blessed this year in that both the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master are taking major roles in the Installation. This is one you will not want to miss!

You have probably already started receiving dues notices. We are again using Grand Lodge for billing and payments. Of course, you can always send your payment to the office. So again, I HIGHLY recommend you sign up for iMember 2.0 as soon as soon as possible. This will enable you to pay your dues, view your personal history and have access to your ELECTRONIC DUES CARD that you may download and even print. Please follow the included instructions. **No Dues Card will be mailed.** Email the office if you need assistance.

Follow these steps:

1. Gather these items:
 - your Lodge Number (35)
 - current email
 - your MEMBER NUMBER (back of your dues card)
2. Click this link: https://member.freemason.org/membership_registration

If you have any issues, you can contact Grand Lodge at this email address:
memberservices@freemason.org

Be well, be safe and take care of yourselves and families.

Richard Bullard, PM
Secretary

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Initiation of Entered Apprentices
Jake Domingo
David Anderson
November 19, 2021

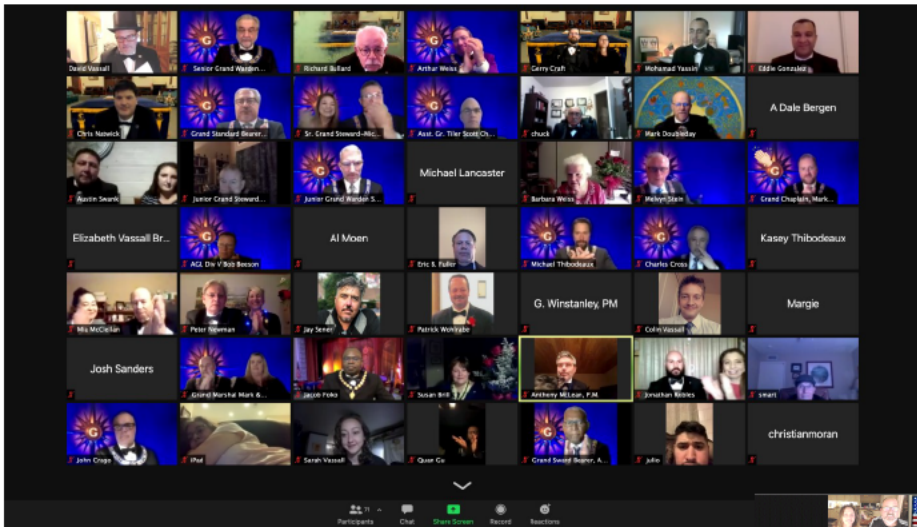
Philanthropic Committee Members Needed!

We are now accepting nominations/volunteers for a Master Mason at Large to sit on the Philanthropic Committee for 2022. Please send your application or nominations to the Secretary for this very important duty.

We are also accepting nominations/volunteers for a Past Master to sit on the Philanthropic Committee for 2022. Please send your application or nominations to the Secretary for this very important duty.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Some memories of 2021 — A year of highs and lows — San Diego #35 still stands **STRONG!**



Installation via Zoom



Peter & Katie Lodge #35 Annual Dinner 2021

Magic act by RW Randy Brill, PM



Blood Drive and BBQ at East San Diego Lodge #561



PICNIC



Line Dancing with the Ladies !!!

San Diego #35 Volunteers at a work day at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.



San Diego #35 office after the flood.



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2021 LODGE OFFICERS

Master..... David Vassall (Amanda).....
 Senior Warden Jonathan Robles (Desiree).....
 Junior Warden Gerry Craft (Serene).....
 Treasurer..... Gary M. Creason, PM (Mia).....
 Secretary..... Richard Bullard, PM (Sharon).....
 Assistant Secretary
 Chaplain Patrick Wohlrabe, PM (Barby).....
 Senior Deacon..... Eddie Gonzalez.....
 Junior Deacon Chris Natwick (Eithne).....
 Marshal..... Mark Doubleday, PM (Kim).....
 Senior Steward.... Eric Fuller (Kelli).....
 Junior Steward Mohamad Yassin.....
 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 DECEMBER 3, 2021

****BUSINESS ATTIRE****
(Tuxedos for Officers)
Face covering required for all

Dinner at 6:00 pm
By Reservation - \$15.00

Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by
Noon - December 1, 2021

Entrees: Tri-Tip & Tilapia
Peas & Carrots, Mashed Potatoes
Dinner Rolls, Apple Pie

Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm
 Dessert served following the Stated Meeting and the
 ladies' activity — TBD

Calendar Of Events

December 2021

3rd	Friday	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting — In Person @ Scottish Rite Center
6th	Monday		Open
10th	Friday	7:00 pm	Installation of Officers — In Person @ Scottish Rite Masonic Center
13th	Monday		Open
17th	Friday		Open
20th	Monday		Open
24th	Friday		Holiday — Day Before Christmas
25th	Saturday		Christmas Day
27th	Monday		Open
31st	Friday		Holiday — New Year's Eve

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