



The Master Mason



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The Master's Message

Greetings, Brethren!

To start, thank you to all who came to the Hiram Award ceremony on November 22nd, and congratulations again to our brother Mike George, you are an exemplary brother and most deserving of the honor.

As this is my final article for this masonic year, I feel compelled to express my gratitude.

To my officers: Thank you for your service this year, I count you all among my closest friends and I will never forget the wonderful times we have had. To our Junior Warden Brandon Schoonover: Thank you for the hard work and sacrifices you made this year for the lodge. With a family at home, you definitely have other places to be, but your steadfast dedication to our lodge does not go unnoticed, I look forward to seeing your masonic journey flourish. To Eric Fuller our Master Elect: I couldn't have asked for a better right-hand man, your clarity of mind and quick conviction of decisions aided me many times this year. I know with you at the helm our lodge will be in great hands.

To all members of our lodge: Thank you for your support, for reading, and for your trust in me to have led our lodge this year.

I am elated to say that I will continue to serve our lodge in a manner



**Reverence
and
Contemplation**
Christian Moreno
Master

most fitting, as our Organist (Guitarist, though I'll be brushing up on my organ skills). It will be a great pleasure to bring music back into the lodge.

I wish all my brothers and families of San Diego #35 the happiest of holidays, may your season be bright, and may the Grand Architect bless each of us.

I look forward to seeing you in lodge.

Christian Moreno
Master

From The West

Installation is here!

Kelli and I have been planning our year and are excited to get started with our busy schedule after the holidays in January. Except for an annual dinner planning meeting on December 16th we will go dark until January 6th so that we can relax and enjoy the remainder of the holiday season.

This coming year I hope and plan

to see more participation from our members at the practices. Practices are not only for the officers but for anyone interested in learning more about Masonry and anyone interested in joining the officers' line.

Practices helped me figure out many lessons that went right over my head for years. Just think of it. A third-degree brother can go to all of our practices. A second-degree brother can go to 1st and 2nds and a first-degree brother can go to 1st degree practices. We will be meeting for practices most Mondays and Fridays this year. Please join us and attend the practices.

This year we are going to Practice, Practice, Practice until which point we will be doing Degree, Degree, Degree and the practices fade to the background as degree momentum picks up and takes over. I remember back in the day that our lodge held more degrees than practices so they really didn't practice very much. They already knew the work from doing so many degrees.

For the longest time since COVID, I just wanted to get the lodge back on track. But now I realize Worshipful Christian has reconnected the tracks and lit the coals so now We must get this train's forward momentum going again.

I will end this note with a couple requests to help us build momentum.

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1) Please make the effort to join in on our weekly Monday and Friday practices.

2) Please reach out to our Senior Warden Brandon Schoonover after installation and offer to help coach candidates as they prepare for further degrees.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Eric Fuller
Senior Warden

From The South

Greetings Brethren,

As we approach the close of this year, I reflect on the many experiences that have shaped us officers in 2024. Last month, I had another opportunity to travel to Kyoto for work, and during my time there, I learned a Japanese phrase that resonated deeply with me:

Otsukaresama desu

In Japan, “*Otsukaresama desu*” is a common expression used to show appreciation for someone's hard work and effort. Translated directly it means "you look tired!".... Which confused me at first. For the life of me, I couldn't figure out why the security guards would say goodbye to everyone at night by saying "You look tired"....

But I later found out in context it actually translates to something like “You must be tired from your

hard work today, it shows” and it carries with it a deep sense of respect and recognition for the efforts one gave that day. I was struck by how this simple phrase captures fundamental principles that we, particularly as Masons share: the acknowledgment of the labor and commitment of our brothers, as well as the pride we share in the results of our collective efforts.

This phrase, though casual in its usage, embodies a spirit of camaraderie and appreciation, which immediately reminded me of our Masonic bond. As we work together throughout the year to support our Lodge and our community, we too must pause and recognize the dedication and work of those around us. Every member, no matter their role, contributes to the strength and success of our craft.

As your Junior Warden, I encourage each of you to reflect on the year gone by, to appreciate the work of our Lodge and our lodge officers, and to renew your commitment to our shared mission in the year to come. Let's carry forward the lesson I learned in Kyoto: the power of gratitude and the strength of working together.

May this holiday season bring you peace, joy, and fulfillment. And in the spirit of “*Otsukaresama desu*,” thank you for your continued hard work and dedication to our Lodge. I look forward to seeing what we can achieve together in the year ahead.

Brandon C. Schoonover
Junior Warden

Notice: Philanthropic Committee Elections in December

Elections for the Philanthropic Committee will be held in our December Stated Meeting. Brother Roberto Saucedo is wrapping up his two-year term, and we need to elect a replacement for him. This brother will serve for a period of two years. The Philanthropic Committee meets quarterly. If you are interested in joining this committee, please come prepared next month to present your case to the members of the lodge.

Announcement:

Our 174th Annual Dinner will be next month — January, 2025!

Please be on the lookout for details about this fun event where we will induct our current Master into the ranks of the Past Masters of our lodge.

It will also be an evening to reconnect with all our brethren!

Contributions of Articles to the Master Mason

Brethren, if you have any articles or topics that you want to contribute to the Master Mason for the benefit of our members or Masonry, in general, please send them to the lodge's office via email at:

lodge@sandiego35.org

or to the secretary at:

secretary@sandiego35.org

We will consider them for publication.

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:
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Let The Sun Shine



Richard Bauersfeld
Michael Thomason

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: Charles Edward Webb
Born: November 1, 1934
Raised: October 12, 1957
Died: August 22, 2024

Soft And Safe To Thee, My Brother, Be Thy Resting Place

Masonic Funerals: Many a member has expressed interest in having his lodge perform a Masonic funeral upon his death. This is your right as a Mason. A Masonic funeral is held at the request of a departed brother or his family. The service may be held in a chapel, home, church, synagogue or lodge room with committal at graveside, or the complete service can be performed at any of the aforementioned places without a separate committal. However, you should make your wishes known to your immediate family and/or your lodge secretary. The Masonic service may be held in conjunction with a religious service and/or other fraternal service. It is highly recommended that you: (1) put your wishes in writing, (2) give a copy to the person who will handle your affairs, and (3) place another copy with your will, insurance papers and other valuable documents so that your survivors can clearly comply with your expressed wishes. Our secretary can help you with this planning so please call our secretary now. — Taken from an article written by Felix A. Colon, PM, Glendale Lodge #368

December Birthdays

1 Billy Adames	11 Fernando Ramirez	20 Thomas Godby II	26 Paul Johnson
2 Paul McMullen	Kenneth Sisneros	21 James Welbaum III	27 Michael Dye
Alexander Miller	13 Christopher Arnold - EA	22 Larry Barrick	Raymond Levesque
Andrew Stilwell - EA	14 John Balistrieri	Stanley Miller - FC	28 Mark Lockyer
TJ Waggoner - EA	Duane Rankin	23 Michael Corey	Norman Owen
3 William Yeung	15 Jason Harty	24 Barry Cahill	29 Eric Abbott
5 Karl Dunkle	Harvey Pearson	Adam Jaffe	Ryan Landers
Mohamad Yassin	16 Cameron Cresswell - EA	William Makray, Jr.	30 Peter Rutman
6 Dennis Brown	Chad Watson - FC	John Schneidmiller, Jr.	Carlton Whiting
9 Jack Boyles	18 Ryan Fenner	25 Gary Gordon	31 Eric Gottshall
10 Anthony Gizzarelli - FC	19 Javier Molina	26 Paul-Michael Edwards	

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Congratulations to Mike George for receiving the Hiram Award for outstanding work for the benefit of San Diego Lodge #35 and to our Masonic Fraternity in general!

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 Senior Warden Eric Fuller (Kelli)
 Junior Warden Brandon Schoonover (Rhiannon).....
 Treasurer Gary M. Creason, PM (Mia)
 Secretary John Goodloe, PM.....
 Assistant Secretary Richard Bullard, PM (Sharon)
 Chaplain David Vassall, PM (Amanda)
 Senior Deacon..... Paul Chouinard (Carie).....
 Junior Deacon DeAndre Simmons
 Marshal..... Hector Heredia
 Senior Steward..... Matthew Hanafin.....
 Junior Steward Ray Flores
 Organist TBD.....
 Tiler..... Josh Rawson
 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 6, 2024
 BUSINESS ATTIRE
 (TUXEDOES FOR OFFICERS)**

Dinner at 6:00 pm
 By Reservation - **\$20.00**
**Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by
 Noon - December 2, 2024**

**Entrees: BBQ Chicken & Beef Ribs
 Food from Wood Ranch**

Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm
 Dessert served following the Stated Meeting and the
 ladies' activity — Cookie Exchange (approximately
 8:45 pm).

Calendar Of Events

December 2024

2nd	Monday	6:00 pm	Officers' Meeting
6th	Friday	6:00 pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		7:30 pm	Stated Meeting
9th	Monday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
13th	Friday	7:00 pm	Installation of Officers
16th	Monday		Officers' Meeting
15th	Friday		Dark
20th	Monday		Dark
23rd	Friday		Dark
27th	Monday		Dark
30th	Friday		Dark

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