

The Master Mason



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The Master's Message

Greetings Brethren,

Madame Kelli and I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. The year is gone by so fast. In November, we held a Hiram Award ceremony for brother Chuck Makray, past brother Abbott to the second-degree and held a golden veterans award ceremony for brother Keith Meeker looking back on the year.

We both hope you had a great year. December stated meeting will be my last meeting as master for the year. I sincerely hope that I served the Lodge well we look forward to Almost and his line of officers getting installed and excited for what next year brings.

Congratulations to aster Brandon Schoonover! We wish you all a merry Christmas happy holidays and a happy new year

See you in Lodge!

Eric Fuller
Master



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Lodge with
Purpose**

**Eric Fuller
Master**

feel a touch of sadness as this transition approaches. Wor. you have been a true Brother and a dear friend throughout our progressive journey through the line. The lodge might feel a little different without you there to offer that knowing smile and quiet counsel. So please come help out and sideline often!

From The West

My Dear Brethren of San Diego Lodge No. 35,

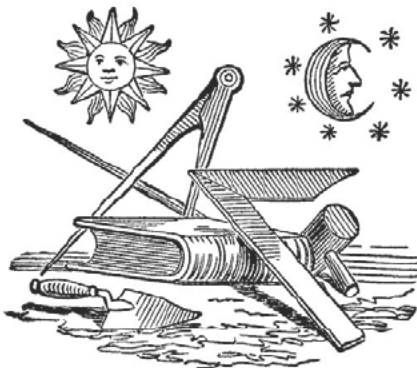
My heart is filled with profound gratitude. Last month, you saw fit to elect me Master for the coming year, and I remain deeply humbled by the trust and confidence you have placed in me. From the bottom of my heart—thank you. It is the greatest honor of my Masonic journey to serve this historic and beloved Lodge as your Master.

To Worshipful Fuller: thank you, again and again, for your exemplary leadership this past year. You have guided our Lodge with wisdom, grace, and an unwavering commitment to the Craft. Your steady hand, infectious enthusiasm, and genuine care for every Brother have left an indelible mark on San Diego Lodge No. 35. We are all better Masons because of your service, and I am personally grateful for your mentorship and friendship as we have traveled the line together these many years. Though I am of course excited, I cannot help but

Brethren, as we prepare to turn the page to a new Masonic year, I want to hear from you. Please share your ideas, your vision, your hopes for our Lodge in 2026. Whether it's new educational programs, community outreach, fellowship events, degree work, or simply ways we can better care for one another. Together, we will make this a memorable and meaningful year for San Diego No. 35.

To all our new incoming officers: Please, start now and prepare yourselves. We have a lot of Degree work in our near future. Please start preparing now for your new roles! Its going to come quick.

On a personal note, I am very much looking forward to the warmth of the holiday season with my family. There is nothing quite like gathering around the table with loved ones, reflecting on our blessings, and enjoying the light and joy this time of year brings. I am also unexpectedly headed to Japan for a brief trip. But make no mistake: I am counting the days until January, when we get to work together and get cranking on some exciting degrees/events.



Until then, may the blessings of this season be upon you and yours.
Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!

Fraternally,
Brandon Schoonover
Senior Warden



From The South

Greetings Brethren,

While not a religion, Freemasonry is a society that values moral development, charitable works, and the fellowship of its members. Throughout the year, Freemasons honor several holidays and observances that reflect their values and history.

One of the most significant holidays in Freemasonry is St. John the Baptist's Day, celebrated on June 24. St. John the Baptist is considered the patron saint of Freemasons, and his feast day marks the summer solstice. Historically, this day has been associated with the dedication of Masonic lodges and gatherings of members for fellowship and reflection.

St. John the Evangelist's Day is another important Masonic holiday, observed on December 27. St. John the Evangelist, known for his teachings of love and brotherhood, is also regarded as a patron of Freemasonry. This day falls during the winter solstice, symbolizing hope and the promise of renewal. While not a holiday in the traditional sense, the annual installation of lodge officers is a major event in the Masonic calendar. These ceremonies often take place at the end or beginning of the calendar year and are times for reflection, celebration, and rededication to the lodge's mission. Brothers and their families gather for formal ceremonies, banquets, and social events, reaffirming their commitment to the fraternity, to the Lodge, and its ideals.

Freemasonry's holidays offer the brethren a chance to come together, honor their shared history, and recommit to the values that define the organization. Whether celebrating the feast days of St. John, participating in annual installations, or observing local traditions, these events play a vital role in fostering unity and purpose within the fraternity.

Wishing all of San Diego Lodge 35 a happy and healthy holiday season!

See you in Lodge,

Paul Chouinard
Junior Warden

Freemasons Guide & Compendium

— by Bernard E. Jones

(Continuing from the November Edition of the SD.35 Master Mason)

The Candidates Circumambulation

In the mysteries and religions of all ages there has been the formal procession three times around a sacred place or object, and always sunwise—that is, with the devotees right side on the inner side of the procession. The romans of old closely observed the custom; indeed it was part of their ceremony of expiation and purification, and their word “lustratio” implies not only purification by sacrifice, but moving in a circular direction. The rite prevailed in ancient Britain in the days when the stones of Stonehenge were put in place, and were told that the old Welsh names for the cardinal points of the sky — the north being the left hand and the south the right— are evidence of the ancient Celtic practice of turning to the rising sun. Folklore contains numerous references to circle magic which is as-

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Let The Sun Shine



**Richard Bauersfeld
Michael Thomason
James Helt**

To add names to the list, please contact the Secretary. His number is listed in the last page.

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sumed to have been derived from ancient sun-worship.

It was inevitable that, in the course of time, the stately rite of circumambulation should be adopted by the Christian church. Everywhere the church still observes it. We have already quoted Durandus, wh described it as being practiced by the bishops as far back as the thirteenth century.

Whether, therefore, freemasonry took the rite from the religion of either ancient or medieval days, we recognize in the circumambulation of he candidate an element of most or of all the mysteries, stretching back, probably, to before the Dawn of civilization.

This concludes the section "The Circumambulation of the candidate". Next Month we will move on to a new section of The Freemasons Guide and Compendium.

December Birthdays

1	Billy	Adames	11	Kenneth	Sisneros	24	John	Schneidmiller Jr.
2	Paul	Mc Mullen	13	Christopher	Arnold EA		William	Makray Jr.
	TJ	Waggoner EA	14	John	Balistrieri		Barry	Cahill
	Andrew	Stilwell EA		Duane	Rankin		Adam	Jaffe
3	William	Yeung	15	Harvey	Pearson	25	Gary	Gordon
5	Karl	Dunkle	16	Chad	Watson FC		Richard	Payne
	Alexander	Miller	18	John	Mansfield		Christian	Richter EA
	Mohamad	Yassin		Ryan	Fenner		Christopher	Yeh EA
6	Dennis	Brown	19	Javier	Molina	27	Raymond	Levesque
	Mark	Larson	20	Thomas	Godby II		Michael	Dye
8	Mark	Lockyer	22	Larry	Barrick	28	Norman	Owen
9	Jack	Boyles		Stanley	Miller FC	29	Ryan	Landers
10	Anthony	Gizzarelli FC	23	Michael	Corey	30	Carlton	Whiting
11	Fernando	Ramirez		Bryan	Howell		Peter	Rutman
						31	Eric	Gottshall

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 Assistant Secretary Richard Bullard, PM (Sharon).....
 Chaplain David Vassall, PM (Amanda).....
 Senior Deacon..... Hector Heredia
 Junior Deacon Ray Flores
 Marshal..... Matthew Hanafin.....
 Senior Steward..... TBD.....
 Junior Steward..... Aaron Garofano (Neha).....
 Musician Christian Moreno, PM.....
 Tiler..... Chuck Makray.....
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 Lodge Ambassador Jay Sener IV, PM (Cindy).....

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STATED MEETING and DINNER

DECEMBER 5TH, 2025

**** ATTIRE: COAT & TIE ****

(TUXEDOS FOR OFFICERS)

Dinner (was at) at 6:00 pm

By Reservation - \$25.00

Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by

Noon – December 3rd, 2025

My sincerest apologies to the brethren, their families, and guests for this edition of the Master Mason being published and distributed late.

-Wor. Moreno.

Food from Ranch Catering

Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm

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

Calendar Of Events

December 2025

1st	Monday	-	DARK
5th	Friday	6:00pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		7:30pm	Stated Meeting
8th	Monday	5:30pm	Executive Meeting
		6:30pm	Officers Practice: Instalation
12th	Friday	7:00pm	Installation
15th	Monday	6:30pm	3° Proficiency (Aaron G.)
19th	Friday	-	DARK
22nd	Monday	-	DARK
26th	Friday	-	DARK
29th	Monday	-	DARK

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