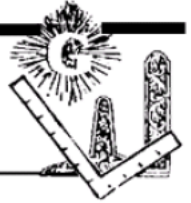


The Master Mason



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The Master's Message

My thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected by the fires recently. I grew up in the Palisades and found out the Marquez Elementary School that I attended burned down. Somehow the house I grew up in survived with just soot and paint peeling from the exterior walls but the neighbors' homes around it burned down. Since then, I loaded an app on my phone called Watch Duty and am surprised that every day I get notices of new fires springing up. A bit stressful I must say. There was a fire just yesterday near Ted Williams Parkway which was quickly put down thankfully.

We recently had several brothers come down ill and unfortunately had to postpone our first degree that was planned for the 24th of January. We are in the process of getting it back on the schedule. I hope you and your family are doing well.

We are currently working on gathering up the social media accounts for the lodge and planning get those back up and running in due time. There is an older page with over 200 followers that we currently do not have access to so we started a new Facebook page for public consumption at:

<https://www.facebook.com/SanDiegoLodge35FAAM>

However, if we can somehow regain access to the older Facebook page with over 200 followers, we will



Advance the Lodge with Purpose

Eric Fuller
Master

delete this new page and use that one. Only time will tell. Please visit the new page and like or follow it if you have a Facebook account.

We also have a Facebook private group viewable to group members only at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sandiego35>

with 140 group members which has been around for 13 years. Please join it if you have a Facebook account.

We have our first social outing for this year on March 1st for those that like to go bowling. Please check the lodge emails for more information.

Last month, we enjoyed roasting (lightly) Worshipful Christian Moreno, our newest Past Master! In honor of Worshipful Moreno, all the Past Masters in attendance made a grand entrance with long black hair, sunglasses and top hats dressed up as the guitarist Slash from Guns & Roses! (See pictures in this issue.) What an entrance! That was awesome! Thank you to all the Past Masters

that attended! If you have never been to an Annual Dinner before, I highly recommend going to our next to see me get roasted! Ha-ha!

(Note: Worshipful Moreno looks just like Slash when he wears the top hat... long hair and all.)

Please be safe out there and take care of yourselves and we look forward to seeing you in the lodge.

Eric Fuller
Master

From The West

Greetings, brethren! Happy February! February is a cold month, but rest assured, we are just getting warmed up for the year with all the exciting events and projects we are working on! I am excited about the momentum we are building up and hopeful that we can really start ramping up the fun this year!

For those entered apprentices and fellowcrafts who are ready to continue their Masonic journey, I encourage you to reach out to me directly. I am more than happy to set aside time to go over your work, answer any questions, and help guide you in your progress. Let's ensure that each of you has the support needed to advance and complete your journey within the Craft.

This month I am excited to learn

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more about the planets with Rhiley and Emmie. We are going to pick a cold dark night to point our telescope at the planets to try to learn something new about a planet or two. If you haven't looked up at the stars in a while I recommend you do. One of my favorite quotes about astronomy:

"Astronomy compels the soul to look upwards and leads us from this world to another." – Plato

As always, I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming lodge meetings and events. Together, we'll continue to build on the rich tradition of San Diego Lodge No. 35 and strengthen the bonds of our fraternity.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the lodge!

Brandon C. Schoonover
Senior Warden

From The South

Wow how time flies! For those who were able to attend, I hope you enjoyed the January Stated Meeting and the Annual Dinner in honor of Worshipful Christian Moreno. For those who could not make it, be sure to check out the Lodge's web page and Facebook page for some great pictures of your Past Masters and Past Grand Master.

In Masonry we focus a lot on time. Whether it is when we work with the tools in the first and second degrees and again in the third-degree lecture, time plays an im-

portant role. Time is a strange thing. When we want it, there is never enough, but when we want to move forward, it cannot pass fast enough—think back to the last time you sat in your dentist's chair or while waiting for the mechanic to get back to you with an estimate for that car repair you've been putting off. Time remains the same, but it is us and what we bring with us into a moment that changes.

As Masons we are taught to divide our time in hopes that we will be able to accomplish all that needs to be done. But all too often this does not happen. Chores, phone calls, emails get pushed to tomorrow or next week, or just forgotten altogether. And time keeps moving along, never changing, but also never stopping no matter how much we try to manage it.

I have been a Registered Nurse for 26 years. Twenty of those years was spent specializing in hospice care. It will always be the best nursing I've ever done for many reasons. I spent time with patients and their families navigating end of life questions, emotions, and challenges they did not know (or did not want to know) they would face. And of course, the nagging pain of trips not taken, books not read, or adventures left unexplored...there was always going to be another day, a more convenient time, a next time.

I read somewhere recently that one day you reach a point when you have more yesterdays than tomorrows. I paused when I read that. It made me think of things I've been putting off and people I've been meaning to contact. Then I won-

dered if I have been making wise use of my twenty-four-inch gauge and cable tow?

So that is my challenge to you: Ask yourself if you have been able to use your twenty-four-inch gauge? What condition is your cable tow in? Is it stretched so thin that it might snap and send you spinning off into the great unknown? And not just in your Masonic life, but what about your family life? Work life? Recreational life? And every other kind of life that we choose to fill up our time with? It's easy to forget the ancient Master's sentence, "No, I don't have the time."

As I sit in the South, I think of the time we have in Lodge. Whether it be in Stated Meetings, practices, education, or degrees, the time we have with each other is far too short and far too infrequent. We often rush out after a meeting or degree. Can I suggest help picking up the lodge or dining room? So many great conversations are had there. And if there is a brother who you have been thinking about or you've noticed hasn't been in Lodge, give them a call or a text. Meet up for lunch, or just a walk in the park. That might be the contact that you both need. Me? I'm always up for a bike ride.

Stay safe, stay healthy,

Paul Chouinard
Junior Warden

"We kill time. We save time. We lose time and we have all the time in the world. But no one can stop the march of time or slow it down. Let's use it wisely."

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 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.



February Birthdays

1 Joe Davis, PM	7 John Kirchner	18 Michael Weyel	25 Richard Dale
2 William Griffin	9 Thomas Crutcher	19 James Field	26 David Jacobs
Terry Wadding	10 Theodore Smith	21 Richard "Dick" Bullard, PM	Evan Mc Mullin
3 Jonathan Matthews	11 Ralph Bryan	22 Karl Kail V	27 Roy Peich
6 Wilbur Chancy	Ortega St. John	John Tenwolde	Joshua Wagoner
7 Edward Chapin	17 Alexander Adams, Jr.	23 Thomas Crellin, Jr.	28 Andrew Lutz
Francisco Gregorio	18 William Duty	24 Bernard Klapow	

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Lodge Bowling Night

Event: Bowling Night

Date: Saturday, March 1, 2025

Time: 4:00-6:00pm

Location: Mira Mesa Lanes

Attire: Casual

Food: Bowling alley food

Cost: \$16.00 per person (includes shoes)

Let's roll into some fun and fellowship! Join us for **Lodge Bowling Night** on March 1st at 4-6pm, at

Mira Mesa Lanes, located at **8210 Mira Mesa Boulevard**.

This is a great chance to unwind, enjoy some friendly competition, and connect with your Masonic Family outside of lodge. Bring your best game, or just your best laugh, and let's make it a night to remember!

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[RSVP to the Lodge Secretary by February 24, 2025](#) so we can reserve enough lanes. Family and friends are welcome!

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STATED MEETING and DINNER
FEBRUARY 7, 2025
****BUSINESS ATTIRE****
(TUXEDOES FOR OFFICERS)

Dinner at 6:00 pm
 By Reservation - **\$25.00**
Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by
Noon - February 3, 2025

Entrees: American Cuisine
Food from Brushfire Kitchen

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

Calendar Of Events

February 2025

3rd	Monday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
7th	Friday	6:00 pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		7:30 pm	Stated Meeting
10th	Monday	7:00 pm	1st Degree — Sperry
14th	Friday		Dark— Valentine's Day
17th	Monday		Dark— Presidents' Day
21st	Friday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
24th	Monday	6:00 pm	Executive Committee Mtg.
		6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
25th	Tuesday	6:00 pm	District 921 OSI — Host is Black Mountain Lodge #845
28th	Friday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
Mar 1st	Saturday	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Bowling Night — Mira Mesa Lanes

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