



The Master Mason



VOLUME C, Issue 1

January 2022

The Master's Message

Welcome to 2022! I hope everyone had a safe and fun Christmas and New Year. We had a great December as we moved back to the Scottish Rite building and had our first and last Stated Meeting of 2021 in our home lodge. I was very happy to see so many of you show up to our Installation of Officers. Thank you for your support and congratulations to our 2022 line! It was a great honor to be installed by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Jeff Wilkins and our very own R.: W.: Randy Brill (Deputy Grand Master). I am grateful to everyone that was there and to everyone that helped make this installation possible.

A special thanks to our Jr. Past Master, Wor. David Vassall. Yours was not a common year. Thank you for keeping us connected through Zoom, the gatherings that you help put together, and for finding us a temporary lodge while our lodge was out of commission. Thank you!

Please join us for our Annual Dinner, January 28th 2022 as we honor and celebrate our newest Past Master. Please make your reservations by January 21st 2022 to secretary@sandiego35.org

Our theme for 2022 is **Rebuilding with Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth**. With that in mind, I invite members and their ladies that are interested in getting more involved with our lodge in any capacity to



**Jonathan Robles,
Master**

Rebuilding with Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth

reach out to me or any of our officers. Aside from that, I am creating a new group, which I will announce at the January Stated Meeting Dinner and will be looking for volunteers to help and lead this new group. This will be a co-ed group that will focus on our members and families to create a more caring and welcoming environment to all. We will also have activities throughout the year that will include members, family, prospects and visitors. We are stronger together and to quote Worshipful Vassall's theme, *"Together we will accomplish great things"*.

I want to congratulate our Entered Apprentice, Paul Chouinard on a fantastic proficiency on the traditional lecture of the Entered Apprentice degree; a job well done, Brother. I would also like to congratulate our Junior Deacon, Eric Fuller on his Master Mason proficiency. Great job Brother!

God Bless!

Jonathan Robles
Master

From the West

It probably goes without saying that 2021 was a tough year for our lodge. We cannot tell what 2022 has in store for us. Undoubtedly, we will have a different set of problems to deal with, but hopefully not as tough as this past year.

The lodge's 171st Installation of Officers on December 10th, 2021 was a complete success. Our new worshipful master, Worshipful Robles, delivered a fantastic speech and the officers and installing team did a superb job. I am very much looking forward to serving alongside them and of course assisting Worshipful Robles however I can. With the beginning of a new master's year, that means another must come to an end. Worshipful Vassall, thank you, for leading us through these unprecedented and uncertain times. You dealt with a copious number of problems this past year, and you did so decisively and gracefully, something I am not sure that I or many other people could do as well as yourself.

In Worshipful Robles' speech, he asked us to think about the three principal tenets of our ancient craft, and to ask ourselves, what we are doing to live up to them. The time is ripe with opportunities to live up to some of those tenets during the holidays and when we begin a new Masonic year. What better time to do

(Continued on page 2)

(Continued from page 1)

something nice for a brother or neighbor, or maybe offer to provide respite for someone who is a caretaker for another family member. Regardless the act you choose, how you decide to answer the question posed by the master in his speech is up to you. There are endless ways with which I am sure many of you can answer that question already.

However, it is the last tenet that makes the most difference. "To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught." Doing those nice things because you feel obligated to do them or because it is simply the holidays, will take on a different meaning than I think is intended (and sometimes the obligatory nature will show). Conversely, when we do something with a truly altruistic motive, often is the meaning such that it cannot be expressed but instead it is felt. We feel good about doing it and chances are, so will others when they hear about it. These acts should transcend beyond just the holidays, and I believe, these (altruistic) acts are what set us apart from the rest of society and the spirit of the holiday season.

Keep an eye on the lodge calendar for the next degree, practice, or lodge sponsored event and if appropriate (as in you are a fellowcraft coming to a fellowcraft practice) come learn or discuss the degree with the officers. Ask us questions and/or present your ideas. Or maybe you have a community project you want to see through to fruition and want to learn more about our philanthropic fund.

As worshipful Robles asked in his

speech, I now ask you, "Are your actions working with or against the lodge? Are they to benefit you and your private ventures, or are they to benefit our great cause?" Think about our obligations, the charges, and working tools of each degree. Are you using them in your day-to-day life?

Gerry Craft
Senior Warden

From the South

Over the course of the last month or so, I have been asked, by many of you, the same or similar questions.

Are you nuts?

Why would you subject yourself to that again?

The answers are quite simple. Let me assure you that I am not crazy.

Why do it again? Because the Lodge called for help and I answered the call.

Why me? The more appropriate question is Why not me? Or better yet, Why not you?

You may not agree with what I am about to say, but it needs to be said. At this moment, I see a serious lack of leadership and volunteerism in our lodge. Many of you will agree with me and many of you won't. But very few people, compared to the total membership, are doing all the work. It is the people who are doing the work who will agree with me. There are many holes that need to be filled. Who is going to step forward and fill them? We have ap-

plicants that need to be initiated. They will need guidance and mentoring. We have EAs that need coaching and preparation to be passed to Fellowcraft. I don't know how many Fellowcrafts, if any, are waiting to be raised. There are committees that need to be filled. The list goes on and on. Now is not the time for serving up platitudes. We cannot rest on our laurels. I wear the title Past Master and that is exactly what it means. What I did or accomplished is in the past. That is why today, I wear the title Junior Warden. It is time to work and there is plenty of it to go around. Worshipful Robles has more work than any one man or officer can accomplish. He needs your help! His theme for the year is: Rebuilding with Brotherly love, Relief and Truth. That is my truth. What's yours?

Zeke Sanchez. PM
Junior Warden

From the Secretary

Happy 2022. Time has a way of marching on. Everything requires time. It is the one truly universal condition. All work takes place in time and uses up time. Yet most people take for granted this unique, irreplaceable and necessary resource. Nothing else, perhaps, distinguishes effective workers as much as their tender loving care of time. I thank you for your confidence in electing me as Secretary for another year. I will use the time given me to assist the Worshipful Master as he begins his journey leading the greatest Masonic Lodge in San Diego.

(Continued on page 3)

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.

(Continued from page 2)

Dues are due NOW. Thanks to all who have already met that obligation. If you have issues with the dues notice sent from Grand Lodge, please contact me at Secretary@SanDiego35.org.

I HIGHLY recommend you sign up for iMember 2.0 soon. 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. Check out the instructions below.

(Continued on page 4)

Masonic Mirth

by WB Greg O'Neal



Printed with permission. Cartoons by Worshipful Gregory O'Neal and art by Worshipful Adam Bayer of Corvallis Lodge #14, Corvallis, OR

January Birthdays

1 Bahnam Thomas	7 Michael Dainer	16 Jimmy Brown	23 Edward Bayes
Michael Linton	Quan Gu	Taylor Mc Fall - EA	24 Raul Luna, Sr.
2 William Hunt	Christian Moreno	17 Arthur Boyd Jr., PM	25 John Coffey
Dustin Rath	11 Jim Gale	18 Everett Whitbeck Jr. - EA	28 Fulgencio Quimpo, PM
3 William Prevatte	Ruben Gutierrez	21 Brandon Schoonover - FC	29 Jared Bitz
Kelly Ranasinghe, PM	13 Aliya Weise	22 Steven Garsson	30 Kevin Morris, PM
5 Nelson Murray	14 DeWitt Dudley - EA	Daniel Berman	31 Joselito Domingo - EA

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Above: Officers of San Diego Lodge No. 35 for the year 2022 with Most Worshipful Jeff Wilkins and Right Worshipful Randy Brill.

Below: Worshipful Robles together with the installing team of Most Worshipful Wilkins, Right Worshipful Brill, and Worshipful Thibodeaux.



(Continued from page 3)

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

San Diego Lodge No. 35, F. & A. M.
 1895 Camino del Rio South
 San Diego, CA 92108-3683

Non-Profit
 Organization
 U. S. Postage
 PAID
 San Diego, CA
 Permit No. 175

ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED



Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth

2022 LODGE OFFICERS

Master..... Jonathan Robles (Desiree).....
 Senior Warden Gerry Craft (Serene).....
 Junior Warden Zeke Sanchez, PM (Sheree).....
 Treasurer Gary M. Creason, PM (Mia).....
 Secretary Richard Bullard, PM (Sharon).....
 Assistant Secretary
 Chaplain Patrick Wohlrabe, PM (Barby).....
 Senior Deacon Christian Moreno.....
 Junior Deacon Eric Fuller (Kelli).....
 Marshal..... John Goodloe, PM.....
 Senior Steward.... TBD.....
 Junior Steward Mark Doubleday, PM (Kim).....
 Organist Quan Gu (Celeste).....
 Tiler Chuck Makray (Carole).....
 Lodge Ambassador Richard A. Fisher (Connie).....
 Lodge Ambassador Jay Sener IV, PM (Cindy).....

For your convenience...

Inspector, 925th: Richard Bullard, PM (Sharon).....
 Officers' Coach: David Vassall, PM (Amanda).....
 Head Candidates' Coach: Gerald Winstanley PM (Joy)...
 Junior PM: David Vassall, PM (Amanda).....
 Editor: JoJo Quimpo, PM (Jenny).....(619) 296-0660
 San Diego Lodge No. 35 Office(619) 296-0660
 San Diego Lodge No. 35 Office (Reservations).....(619) 296-4821

San Diego Lodge No. 35 Website: <http://www.sandiego35.org>
 San Diego Lodge No. 35 email: secretary@sandiego35.org

**STATED MEETING and DINNER
 JANUARY 7, 2022**

****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 - January 5, 2022**

**Entrees: Honey Baked Ham & Roast Turkey
 Spinach Salad, Scalloped Potatoes
 Green Beans, Marble Cake**

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

Calendar Of Events

January 2022

3rd	Monday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
7th	Friday	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting — In Per- son @ Scottish Rite Center
10th	Monday	5:30 pm	Exec. Comm. Meeting
		6:30 pm	2nd Degree Practice
14th	Friday	6:30 pm	Officers' & Ladies' Meeting
17th	Monday		Holiday — MLK Day
21st	Friday		Open
24th	Monday	6:30 pm	2nd Degree Practice
28th	Friday	6:00 pm	Annual Dinner
31st	Monday	6:00 pm	2nd Degree Conferral

Please check the web site for updates:
 WWW.SANDIEGO35.ORG

The Master Mason
 is published monthly by:

San Diego Lodge No. 35, F. & A. M.
 1895 Camino Del Rio South
 San Diego CA 92108-3683
secretary@sandiego35.org

Richard Bullard, PM

Secretary (619) 296-0660

Subscription price: NONE