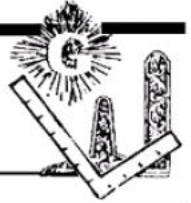




# The Master Mason



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## The Master's Message

Congratulations to our officers on their installation for this new year!

Kelli and I hope that you all enjoyed the holiday season and had time to visit with your families and loved ones.

Last year was a great year under the leadership and guidance of our Jr. Past Master, Worshipful Christian Moreno. We love you worshipful, great job! He got us up and running last year and this year we look forward to picking up the pace with our degrees.

Brother Matt Hanafin has been appointed as our prospect manager and is working with the individuals interested in joining our lodge. He is doing great work and we look forward to seeing more applications for membership come in as we move through the new year.

To support the candidates, we are looking for candidate's coaches to assist the candidates with learning the cyphers for their proficiencies. Anyone that can assist with this. Please contact me so we can keep you in mind as applicants come through.

We also want to extend an invitation to all Master Masons to come and join our 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree practices. All Fellowcrafts are invited to join our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree practices. All Entered Apprentices are invited



## Advance the Lodge with Purpose

Eric Fuller  
Master

to join our 1st degree practices.

Please join us for practices on our regular schedule of Mondays and Fridays. You can view our practice schedule online on our website on the home page. Just go to <https://sandiego35.org/> and scroll down to the Google calendar to review.

Our Annual Dinner is coming up on January 17<sup>th</sup> and we will lightly roast our newest and most junior Past Master. Please attend as this is sure to be fun! Please RSVP with the secretary.

We will plan on some social events throughout the year and will detail more information about them as we put them together.

Recently, I attended the lodge officers' installations of East San Diego Lodge #561, KAP #888, and Black Mountain Lodge #845. I enjoyed getting out to meet and greet brothers from other lodges. I want to thank our brothers who also attended these and other installations!

We are here to serve you so please let us know your thoughts. Your

feedback is very important to us.

Thank you for having the confidence in me to elect me to be Master of this lodge!

Eric Fuller  
Master

## From The West

Happy New Year! As we step into 2025, I'm excited about what lies ahead for San Diego Lodge No. 35. Looking back, 2024 was an incredible year. We, of course, had challenges throughout the year but I believe the work we have done has laid the foundation to strengthen the bonds that make our lodge special.

I am so excited to honor our newest Past Master, Worshipful Christian Moreno at our Annual Dinner on January 17<sup>th</sup>. I highly recommend your attendance as we are going to have some great food and a lot of fun! Make sure to RSVP!!!

This year, let's make it a point to get involved. Whether it's attending meetings, helping with degree work, or lending a hand in our lodge events, every effort matters. Your participation is what keeps our lodge vibrant and growing. If you've been thinking about stepping up or trying something new, now's the perfect time!

Also, if you are currently an En-

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tered Apprentice or Fellow Craft, and you feel like you have stalled out in your progression, please get in touch with me! Let us make a resolution to get to work and get it done this year!

Let's make 2025 a year to remember. Together, we can grow as Masons and as a community. Our newly installed Master has some great plans so I am really excited to see what we are in store for this year!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the lodge!

Brandon C. Schoonover  
Senior Warden

## From The South

Greetings, brethren!

We have started a new year at San Diego #35 and as such are full of new ideas, hopes, and expectations. The details to most of those are best left to the Pillars above me. However, I would like to encourage those in the San Diego area to make it a point to physically attend lodge this year if you have not already been doing so. You do not have to attend every month, but maybe try once a quarter and especially in November for elections! If you do attend on a regular basis, how about considering getting more involved? We have a number of committees and other things (like degree practices) that can always use help.

If you need a ride to lodge, please let us know. We can arrange for you to be picked up and brought to

dinner and whichever event is occurring.

The Junior Warden pillar oversees food and drink for Stated meetings and special events. If you have not been in Lodge for a while, you may not know that we do not use Ranch Catering anymore. So, if you know of a catering company that is reasonably priced, has quality food, and can feed 65 people or more on a Friday night, please let me know. And to my above comment, if you'd like to help out with food, the stewards and I would be more than happy to have you.

And even though I sit in the south, not all of the food this year will come from south of the border!

Paul Chouinard  
Junior Warden

## Announcement:

**Our 174th Annual Dinner will be on Friday, January 17th, 2025!**

**Location: Scottish Rite Center**  
**Time: 6:30 pm**  
**Food: Bow Legged BBQ**

Please join us in this fun and entertaining event when we induct our newest Past Master, Christian Moreno, into the ranks of the Past Masters of our lodge. It will be an evening to reconnect with all our brethren, have some food, enjoy some fellowship, and some good-natured fun as we honor (and lightly, roast) Worshipful Moreno.

**RSVP by Monday, January 13, 2025 to the Secretary...(619) 296-0660.**

## Table Decorations — Thank you!!

Every month during our Stated Meeting dinner, the First Lady of our lodge, together with some volunteers, come in early and decorate our dinner tables so that we can enjoy our fellowship in a beautiful setting. I am sure that this year will be no different.

Brethren, please don't forget to thank them for their work for our lodge!

**Thank you, very much, ladies!**

## A New Masonic Year

A lecture in one of our degrees says that Masonry is a "progressive" science. However, I have also seen it referred to as a "reflective" science. As we begin 2025, we should spend some time reflecting on the past year and renew our commitment to our principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. It is a time to look back on the past year's achievements and challenges, drawing lessons to guide the journey ahead.

As the year unfolds, we as Freemasons are reminded that each new day is a chance to build our "spiritual temple," refining our virtues and contributing positively to our lodge and communities. By embracing these timeless values, the New Year becomes not just a calendar milestone, but a meaningful step in the Masonic journey.

Happy New Year!!

## 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](mailto: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.*

## TO THE CELESTIAL LODGE ABOVE

**Name:** James Demetrios Mellos  
**Born:** March 7, 1931  
**Raised:** May 7, 1959  
**Died:** December 17, 2024

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

### Song for Mel and Betty Stein

In our last stated meeting dinner, we finally got to hear the song for Mel and Betty Stein. Written and performed by Worshipful Christian Moreno, the song was a tribute to both Mel and Betty and their tireless work and support of our lodge.



## January Birthdays

1 Bahnam Thomas	7 Michael Dainer	16 Jimmy Brown	23 Edward Bayes
Michael Linton	Quan Gu	Taylor Mc Fall	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.	28 Fulgencio Quimpo, PM
3 William Prevatte	Ruben Gutierrez	21 Brandon Schoonover	29 Jared Bitz
Kelly Ranasinghe, PM	13 Aliya Weise	22 Steven Garsson	30 Kevin Morris, PM
5 Nelson Murray	14 DeWitt Dudley	Daniel Berman	31 Joselito Domingo

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 Senior Warden ..... Brandon Schoonover (Rhiannon).....  
 Junior Warden ..... Paul Chouinard (Carie).....  
 Treasurer ..... Melvyn Stein, PGM (Betty).....  
 Secretary ..... John Goodloe, PM (Diane).....  
 Assistant Secretary Richard Bullard, PM (Sharon) .....  
 Chaplain ..... David Vassall, PM (Amanda) .....  
 Senior Deacon..... Hector Heredia .....  
 Junior Deacon ..... Ray Flores .....  
 Marshal..... Matthew Hanafin.....  
 Senior Steward..... Randy Freeman, PM .....  
 Junior Steward ..... Bob Astudillo, PM .....  
 Organist..... Christian Moreno, PM.....  
 Tiler..... Chuck Makray.....  
 Lodge Ambassador Richard A. Fisher (Connie).....  
 Lodge Ambassador Jay Sener IV, PM (Cindy).....

**For your convenience...**

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**STATED MEETING and DINNER**  
**JANUARY 10, 2025**  
**\*\*BUSINESS ATTIRE\*\***  
**(TUXEDOES FOR OFFICERS)**

**Dinner at 6:00 pm**  
 By Reservation - **\$20.00**  
**Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by**  
**Noon - January 6, 2025**

**Entrees: Mediterranean Theme**  
**Food from Luna Grill**

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

# Calendar Of Events

## January 2025

3rd	Friday		Dark
6th	Monday	6:00 pm	Officers' Organizational Meeting
10th	Friday	6:00 pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		7:30 pm	Stated Meeting
13th	Monday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
17th	Friday	6:30 pm	Annual Dinner
20th	Monday		Officers' Meeting
24th	Friday		1st Degree
27th	Monday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
28th	Wednesday		District OSI
31st	Friday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
Feb 3rd	Monday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice

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