

The Master Mason



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The Master's Message

I hope that we all enjoyed the month of June! On July 4th in addition to Al Bahr Shrine joining in on the Coronado Parade I hear that San Diego Commandery # 25 is going to march in the parade in full dress uniform! If your cable tow permits, don't miss this historic event!

The barbeque picnic at Mission Bay was fun and we appreciate all those that attended. W. Randy donated some fun games that were enjoyed by all. We had just enough meat for the grill and no one went home hungry. I personally want to thank all that attended. It was my pleasure working the grill. Thank you to Brother Paul for providing the basic food items for the picnic.

Some of our officers have been filling in chairs for other lodge's degrees. We appreciate this and thank the other lodges for reaching out to us for assistance.

Due to some calendar conflicts we rescheduled Brother Cota's third degree to August 8th. We have some new applicants starting their masonic journey as well so we will be scheduling some first degrees in the not so distant future.

Let us be an example to the world of Brother Love, Relief and Truth.

Eric Fuller
Master



From The West

Greetings, brethren!

I want to begin by offering my sincere thanks to each of you for the opportunity to represent San Diego Lodge No. 35 at the 2025 Officers Retreat in Palm Desert, CA (formerly known as the Masters and Wardens Retreat).

It was truly an honor to be there on behalf of our lodge, and I'm proud to report that we are held in high regard throughout the state. Several brothers from across California approached me with warm and enthusiastic comments about the reputation, history, and energy of our lodge—it was both humbling and inspiring.

As we continue to build momentum this year, I'd like to highlight an important area of focus: candidate coaching.

We are in the process of revitalizing our coaching program to ensure that our Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts receive the guidance and support they need on their Masonic

Advance the Lodge with Purpose

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Master

journey. If you are in either of those degrees and would like assistance or mentorship, please don't hesitate to reach out—we are here for you.

On a more personal note, I'm hoping to enjoy a hike or two this month and soak in some of the natural beauty that San Diego has to offer. Sometimes the beach or a good trail can be just what's needed to reflect and recharge.

See you in Lodge,

Brandon C. Schoonover
Senior Warden

From The South

Greetings from the South,

Many novels depict futuristic worlds. These worlds are often ruled by an Authoritarian, Totalitarian or other types of governments that severely limit the rights of the individual. As Masons we are charged to

“...by never proposing or countenancing any act which may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; by paying due obedience to the laws under whose protection you live; and by never losing sight of the allegiance due to your country...” (taken from the First-degree Charge).

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With this charge in mind, what would the role of Masonry be in societies such as Orwell's 1984, Huxley's Brave New World, Zamyatin's We, Jack London's The Iron Heel, or Sinclair Lewis' It Can't Happen Here?

Masonry survived the challenges of some governments. Many times, it was the scapegoat forcing brothers to hide their affiliation, or otherwise face consequences like being imprisoned, classified as political prisoners and even put to death. So how did Masonry survive? It survives because a Mason is first prepared in his heart. This preparation enables the Mason to embody the three principle tenets and four cardinal virtues of masonry.

The tenets and virtues guide us, as Masons, through the rough and rocky roads of our everyday lives. They guide us in the direction of what is right. This is not always the direction of popular opinion.

Those tenets and virtues also bind us together as Masons. We can travel anywhere, in the state, country, or world. If Masons are there, we can be assured that we will find men of shared values. And if, those dystopian novels do accurately predict what is to come, we as Masons will be able to find comfort in the knowledge that others are also guided by our tenets and virtues. Even if Masonry is forced to become an actual 'secret society.'

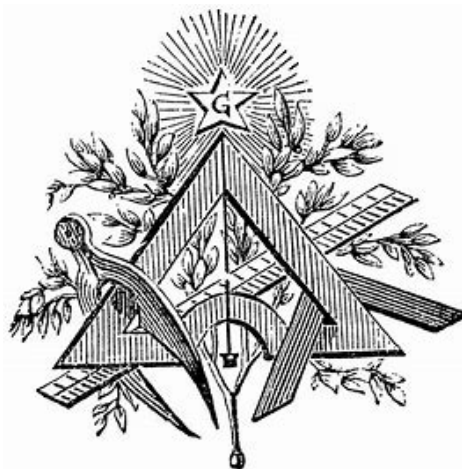
See you in Lodge!

Paul Chouinard
Junior Warden

The Meaning of Masonry — by *W.L. Wilmshurst*

The Form of the Lodge

This is officially described as "an oblong square" in length between East and West, in breadth between North and South, In depth from the surface of the earth to its centre, and even as high as the heavens."



This is interpretable as alluding to the human individual. Man himself is a Lodge. And just as the Masonic Lodge is "an assemblage of brothers and fellows met to expatiate upon the mysteries of the Craft," so individual man is a composite being made up of various properties and faculties assembled together in him with a view to their harmonious interaction and working out the purpose of life. It must always be remembered that everything in Masonry is figurative of Man and his human constitution and spiritual evolution. Accordingly the Masonic Lodge is sacramental of the individ-

ual Mason as he is when he seeks admission to a Lodge. A man's first entry into a Lodge is symbolical of his first entry upon the science of knowing himself.

His organism is symbolized by a four-square or four-sided building. This is in accordance with the very ancient philosophical doctrine that four is the arithmetical symbol of everything which has manifested or physical form.

-To Be Continued

From The Executive Committee

Brethren,

Our dinner reservations and our number of attendees did not align last month. While we very much appreciate the greater number of reservations being made, we must ask that you follow through with the communication. If you have made a reservation and must cancel, please let us know so that we can adjust accordingly.

Additionally, The lodge recently suspended a large number of members for non-payment of dues. Please double check that you are fully caught up and if needs be, contact the Secretaries Office to make arrangements. We do not enjoy suspending members, especially for something as avoidable as this, do not hesitate to get in touch with us for any of your concerns.

Thank you,

We look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

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
Jean R. Luthi
Jefferson Edmonds**

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.

Masonic Service for Worshipful A. Dale Bergen

Date: July 12, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Scottish Rite Center

Attire: Dark suit, White apron (provided), No name tag

Join us to honor his life and legacy, reflect and pay due homage to a well-traveled Brother on his final journey

Refreshments to follow.

July Birthdays

1	Bryan Howell	8	Nelson Jones PM	20	Raymond Levesque
	James Howes		Gerald Jones	23	Gordon Levinson
2	William Hunt	10	Karl Kail		August Lewis
	Martin Hunter		Ronald Keeler		John Licari
3	Wilburn Huntsinger	11	John Kirchner	25	Michael Linton
	John Huntsinger PM		Bernard Klapow PM		Mark Lockyer
	Robert Hutchinson		Kenneth La Mar	26	Allen Long
4	John Ishmael	12	Michael Lancaster	27	William Lopez
	Jermaine Jackson		Ryan Landers PM	28	Raul Luna
5	David Jacobs	14	David Lane	30	Jean Luthi
	Adam Jaffe	15	Mark Larson		Quintin Mabanta
6	Allen Jaffe	16	Ionut Lefter PM	31	James Macrae
	Richard Jayroe	19	Bruce Lemmert		William Maddox

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2025 LODGE OFFICERS

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 Senior Warden..... Brandon Schoonover (Rhannon).....
 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..... TBD.....
 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

JULY 11TH, 2025

****BUSINESS ATTIRE****

(TUXEDOES FOR OFFICERS)

Dinner at 6:00 pm

By Reservation - \$25.00

Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by

Noon - July 9th, 2025

Entrees: BBQ Ribs & Chicken

**Sides: Bobs Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Coleslaw,
 Rolls & Butter**

Dessert: Apple Cobbler

Food from Ranch Catering

Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm

**Dessert served following the Stated Meeting and the ladies' activi-
 ty — TBD (approximately 8:45 pm).**

Calendar Of Events

July 2025

4th	Friday	-	DARK
7th	Monday	-	DARK
11th	Friday	6:00pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		7:30pm	Stated Meeting
12th	Saturday	11:00am	Masonic Services
14th	Monday	6:00pm	Executive Meeting
		7:30pm	Officers Practice 3°
18th	Friday	6:30pm	Officers Practice 3°
21st	Monday	6:30pm	Officers Practice 3°
23rd	Wednesday	6:00pm	OSI
25th	Friday	6:00pm	Officers Practice 3°
28th	Monday	6:30pm	Officers Practice 3°

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