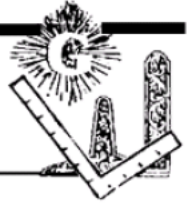


The Master Mason



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The Master's Message

I am excited to write this June article, not just because we are nearly half way through this year and headed towards summer, but because in just a few weeks, Amanda and I will be getting married - finally. I might miss a Friday Fellowship mid-month but I think everyone will forgive me.

We continued our virtual events in May with a Stated Meeting, attended online Masonic Education, several Fellowship events, and York Rite Grand Sessions - how lucky we are to be able to meet and learn remotely in these trying times. Good news, we were given the green light to start holding in-person lodge events again with specific limitations; the Executive Committee and I, along with the management of the Scottish Rite Center will be working hard to determine the best and safest way to resume in-person events. Please stay tuned and expect regular updates. How good it will be for Brethren to dwell together in unity again.

We organized and attended a Masonic "Picnic in the Park" at the end of May - what a fun day. If you were not able to attend, a good time was had by all. Masons from several lodges, candidates, Honored Ladies, friends and family were in attendance, shared food, fun, and fellowship.

I would like to congratulate our secretary, Richard W. Bullard, PM, for



David G. Vassall, Master

Together we will accomplish great things!

his successful, albeit difficult and unique year as Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of California. This past May, many of us attended the York Rite Grand Sessions online. We voted on legislation and welcomed and installed new leadership. During the Royal Arch Grand Sessions on May 22nd, Richard W. Bullard, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of California 2020-21, summarized his year and gave an impassioned speech about Royal Arch Masonry. Thank you MEGHP Dick for your year of York Rite leadership. We were also pleased to have EC Austin Swank, Grand Orator of Royal Arch Masons of California 2020-21, give this year's oration all the way from Texas. Many of our lodge members attend and serve in the York Rite and I thank all of them for all of their hard work and dedication to Masonry.

Most Worshipful Arthur H. Weiss has proclaimed that June 2021 is

Masonic Homes Month. In M.: W.: Weiss's words, "Since 1898, California Masons have fulfilled their obligation to care for fellow members and their families through their support of the Masonic Homes. This month, I call on Masons to support these important programs—and to make sure that all members are aware of the benefits they are entitled to as Masons and widows. Share the Masonic Assistance Line (888) 466-3642 with members in need; visit the Masonic Homes online to learn about the services being offered; and of course, make a gift to the Masonic Homes to ensure that this proud legacy endures into the future."

In June, we will continue our online events with our virtual Stated Meeting on June 4th, continue our virtual fellowships and Masonic Education Series, and we continue planning our spring and summer events. We are looking forward to hosting our Masonic blood drive and BBQ in cooperation with East San Diego Drive now scheduled for August 8th. The BBQ will be free but any donations will be earmarked for the Let's Write the Future Campaign and Masons 4 Mitts. Please put this date on your calendar - more details and a flyer to follow.

We are doing well with our **Let's Write the Future** contributions but we still have a long way to go. My sincerest thanks to all who have al-

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ready made generous donations! California Masons, together, are part of something that has a truly generational impact. The fruits of our Masonic labors will take years to bear, but the rewards are beyond anything we can imagine. Four years ago, our Lodge made a commitment to support this effort and our commitment we must meet. I therefore am requesting that you donate to the Let's Write the Future campaign today. Donations can be mailed directly to the Lodge in care of the Lodge Secretary or made online securely via PayPal links.

A special thank you to John Goodloe, PM who took our interested prospects under his wing again at our last Stated Meeting. Each one of them expressed their gratitude and thanks for the one-on-one and insightful conversations.

The online Masonic Speaker Series continues in June, please keep an eye on the California Freemason website for details. There are tremendous resources available on the Freemason.org website and I highly recommend, if you have not done so recently, check out the new pages and resources.

Zoom links for all lodge events will be sent via separate emails to all. If you do not receive the lodge notification emails, please contact me, the secretary, or one of the pillars.

In closing, this month I contemplate this quote, "*Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.*"

Each of us has light to share.

Together we will accomplish great things!

David Vassall
Master

From the West

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity"
-- 1 Corinthians 13:13

Every Mason should be familiar with this verse. At the very least, I am sure most of us have seen the Square and Compass often depicted with the words Faith, Hope, Charity. Why these three words? As Masons we are to believe in a Supreme Being; this is one of the requirements to be initiated into our fraternity. To believe in God is to have Faith. With Faith comes Hope; hope that we can improve ourselves; hope that we can make the world a better place; hope that we can bring light to those that are in darkness.

What is Charity? Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines it as: *1. generosity and helpfulness especially toward the needy or suffering. 2. an institution engaged in relief of the poor. 3. public provision for the relief of the needy.*

In California our Masonic fraternity is heavily involved in charity through our Masonic Homes, Distressed Worthy Brother Relief, Raising A Reader, and Masons4Mitts. In addition to those, San Diego Lodge #35 supports

Dewey Elementary and other non-profit organizations through our very own Philanthropic Fund (we are accepting applications, please contact our secretary or any of our pillars for more information).

So why these three words? They are important virtues to have as a Mason. I believe our Charity is our works, and our works are a result of our Faith and Hope. Of course, this is a very simple way of putting it and if you want to go deeper, I invite you to do your own research on Faith, Hope, Charity (also known as The Tree Graces and/or Theological Virtues).

Happy studies and God Bless!

Jonathan Robles
Senior Warden

From the South

Greetings brethren! I hope your summer is off to a good start and that you are enjoying the warm weather as much as I am. I am very excited about life slowly returning to normalcy and the possibility of being able to be together with all of you in person again. In the past year, I think we've all realized how important it is for our mental health to socialize or get out of the house and take a walk, and to also appreciate the little things like having coffee with a friend. As life returns to normal, I think it's important to go slowly and not become swept up in the whirlwind of work and responsibilities. We can remember the things that truly matter; Mason-

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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
Ted Jarrard

Raul Luna
William Parker
Ken McMillen
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.



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June Birthdays

1 Walter Sener IV, PM	7 Bulent Erol	18 John Coffin II	25 David Berman
Gregory Erickson	Patrik Chardain	Gregory Flores	John Ishmael
2 Donald Heath	9 Kenneth Miller	19 Larry Miller	Michael Thibodeaux, PM
3 Earl Meech Jr.	10 Charles Hill	Robert Soracco	28 William Snell Jr.
4 Earl Miller	11 Theodore Hauta II - EA	20 Ray DaSilva	29 Alfred Burris
Eric Fuller	12 David Mc Chesney	21 Allen Miller Jr., PM	Steven Sheldon
5 Aron Yelton - EA	13 Richard Bauersfeld	Michael Curry	William Swank
6 Wallace Hill	16 Samy Zaka, PM	24 Frederick Meyer	30 John Anderson
John Warner, PM	18 Michael Abdou	25 Stanley Elmore	

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

From the Secretary

Finally, May gray is over. Done! Kaput! Out of here! Just in time for June gloom. Oh well, summer is approaching. I continue learning the new iMember 2.0 and Intacct. Worshipful Creason and I spend our time in the office updating our financials and refining our membership rolls. We are reaching out to delinquent members and have also received a few calls from suspended members asking about reinstatement.

On a personal note, I completed my year as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California on May 22. It was a very interesting year to be sure. I remarked to my counterparts of the Grand Council and Grand Commandery we will go down in the annals as the only body heads to have never presided from behind a podium. I thank the Officers of San Diego Lodge No 35 and our members for their patience, understanding, and support.

We still are in the office one day per week. We are reviewing the office layout and how best to utilize it for our members and prospective applicants once the building reopens. We are also revisiting the application form and trying to make it easier for the applicants to complete.

With Summer almost here, that means Fall is on the way and that means Annual Communication in October. Grand Lodge is saying registration will be available in June. If you plan to go, I recommend you do so early as I am sure many Brothers throughout the state are as anxious as we are to attend.

Also, with Fall means dues notices. We will use Grand Lodge again this year for billing and payments. Of course, you can always send payment to the office. So again, I recommend you sign up for iMember 2.0 soon. Please follow the included instructions. Remember Dues Cards are located in iMember and are printable from the application. No Dues Card will be mailed. Call or email the office if you need assistance.

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

Richard Bullard, PM
Secretary

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ry teaches us that it is important to make time for our faith, families, and our country. Faith in God, love and support of family, duty to country; these are the things that helped us through this difficult time and will continue to help us through future challenges. During your day, remember those that were there to support you and give them a call or send a text message to say hi.

I encourage you to reflect on the things that matter to you and share it with others so that they may remember the important things in their lives. I leave you with one of my favorite quotes: *"He who learns must suffer. And even in our sleep, pain that cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart, and in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom to us by the awful grace of God."* Aeschylus

Gerry Craft
Junior Warden

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Lodge Picnic: May 29, 2021

Members from San Diego Lodge No. 35, Consuelo Lodge No. 325, and East San Diego Lodge No. 561, their friends, family, and prospects at Balboa Park enjoying some beautiful weather and well deserved fellowship.



Upcoming Events: Brethren, please be on the lookout for some of our upcoming events.

We will be having a **Masonic Blood Drive** in the very near future. The tentative date will be in August 8th. We hope to partner with East San Diego Lodge #561 in this event. More details will come soon.

Also we will be joining the **Veterans Village Operation Stand Down**. The date is still to be determined so stay tuned.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MARSHAL



Mark W. Doubleday

Mark moved to Southern California as a young boy in 1963 and lived in Imperial Beach until he graduated high school in 1977. Most of his life and career has been in the San Diego area where he worked and raised his two children, Melanie and Donald. Brother Doubleday lives with his lovely lady, Kim Golis in Poway.

Mark was employed in the plumbing and HVAC industries for most of his career and is a licensed C-20 HVAC contractor in the State of California. He is currently employed by the San Diego Community College District in the Facilities Maintenance Department as the Senior Planner Scheduler for mechanical, electrical and energy projects.

He has had a lifelong interest in history, religion and philosophy, and he has spent many years in personal studies of spiritual and esoteric philosophies and practices. His studies actually led him to the doors of Masonry. Mark has taught and lectured on masonry, history, spirituality and esoteric subjects for several masonic and non-masonic groups over the last several years. He is a member of the Church of Light and a teacher and mentor for the church and its philosophies and practices.

Mark joined San Diego Lodge #35 in 2005, joined the line of officers in 2006, and was installed as Master of the Lodge in 2010. Soon after his introduction to Masonry he joined several other concordant and appendant bodies including the Royal Arch and the Scottish Rite. He has spent much of his time in recent years in activities with the Scottish Rite and was honored by the Valley of San Diego with the Inspector General Honorary 33rd degree in 2017. Brother Doubleday continues to serve on several committees in the Valley of San Diego Scottish Rite including Director of the 4th Degree, Library Committee Chairman and the Robert Burns Dinner fund raiser committee.

He considers his membership and ability to participate in masonic activities and functions as one of the greatest gifts he has ever received.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Details on the Virtual Stated and Special Meetings:

San Diego Lodge No. 35 will hold virtual Stated and Special meetings in the following months. All meetings will be held using the software platform Zoom. Please reach out to a brother if you need assistance accessing the software.

1. **Virtual Stated Meeting** Friday, June 4th at 6:45pm PST

2. **Virtual Fellowship Meeting with San Diego Lodge #35** Friday, June 11th at 7:00pm PST

Zoom Link for June 11th Fellowship:

*Special Guest Speaker: John H. Crago III, PM
*Special Guest Topic: The History of San Diego Lodge No. 35

3. **Virtual Fellowship Meeting with San Diego Lodge #35** Friday, June 27th at 7:00pm PST

Spouse's Corner

We are now in June and officially half way through the year!

We just received news that Annual Communication will happen in-person this year! San Francisco here we come! I am really looking forward to seeing everyone for the traditional Lodge dinner and then Irish coffees at Buena Vista!

If you can believe it we actually played the long awaited Bingo game. It only took 5 months.

Please let Dave and me know if you or your Mason do not receive the emails about upcoming lodge events or need to be added to the ladies and spouse mailing list.

Counting the days until we can see each other in person!

Amanda Brainerd
Madam of San Diego Lodge #35

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**STATED MEETING and DINNER
 JUNE 4, 2021**

****BUSINESS ATTIRE**
 (Suit and Tie for Officers)**

Dinner at 6:00 pm

By Reservation - \$18.00

**Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by
 Noon June 2, 2021**

Entrees: Tomahawk Steaks & Pork Chops
 Caesar Salad, Garlic Mashed Potatoes
 Creamed Spinach, Wedding Cake

Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm

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

Calendar Of Events

June 2021

**Online activities only this month due to
 COVID-19.**

4th	Friday	7:00 pm	Virtual Stated Meeting — (Zoom)
7th	Monday	4:30 pm	Exec. Committee Meeting (Zoom)
11th	Friday		Zoom Fellowship Meeting
14th	Monday		Open
18th	Friday		Open
20th	Sunday		Father's Day
21st	Monday		Open
25th	Friday		Zoom Fellowship Meeting
28th	Monday		Open

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