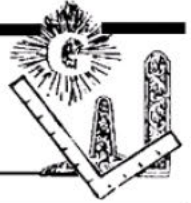




# The Master Mason



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## The Master's Message

Greetings Brethren! This year is *flying* by, it's hard to believe it is already June! The summer is approaching much faster than I would like, as I loath the heat, but with it comes some exciting events. As you read this, we may have already completed one or two of the four initiations we have coming up for Zach Perez 5/31, Christian Richter 6/3, Jeremy Paskowski 6/10, and Jermaine Jackson 6/28. To be initiated is the beginning of what can become a life-long journey, so let us start theirs with as much support as possible, each degree will start at 7:00pm, come on down and join us in bringing these candidates from darkness, to see the light by which we work.

Speaking of first degrees, all this preparation has reminded me of an interesting history to the explanation of our aprons. When I was initiated, I heard the phrase "more ancient than the golden fleece or roman eagle; more honorable than the star or garter" and, while I considered myself a student of history, I did not know completely what that meant. Sure, I knew of the Roman Eagle as a symbol of great antiquity, but I knew nothing of the Golden Fleece, nor the Star or Garter.

The Golden Fleece was a Catholic order of knighthood, founded by the Duke of Burgundy in 1430. I can think of at least one masonic artifact that competes with that age, the Regius Poem, considered to be among



**Reverence  
and  
Contemplation**  
Christian Moreno  
Master

the "Old Charges" and dating between 1290 and 1390 depending on the source. So, our fraternity is definitely older than the Golden Fleece, however the claim was about "the lambskin apron" and given the aprons well-travelled history through countless cultures of builders and mystics, it is clear that our humble white aprons do indeed outdate even one of the worlds mightiest empires and its winged symbol.

The Order of the Garter is a chivalric order founded in 1348 by King Edward III of England. It was and still is the most senior order of knighthood, outranked only by two more recent decorations, the Victoria Cross, and the George Cross. The Order of the Star was another chivalric order, born in imitation of the Order of the Garter. I will spare you the details but suffice it to say that these two orders didn't exactly sit on the same side of the fence at this point in history. It is no wonder then, why our ancient brethren choose to assert the honors of our badge over theirs. The Apron being a pure emblem of innocence, service, be-

nevolence, humility, and creation. May we each one of us strive to wear it with honor to the Fraternity.

I look forward to seeing you in lodge.

Christian Moreno  
Master

## From The West

June is here and the summer is coming! Kelli and I have enjoyed the cool spring weather but cannot wait till the coastal fog dissipates so we can get some more regular sunlight.

I was excited to see several of our members going through the Scottish Rite degrees over the last weekend! I have not been able to dig into the Scottish Rite yet. I plan on getting more involved over the next few years after I have completed my responsibilities in our lodge and the York Rite. I have my work cut out for me at the moment as I work on my qualifications for four separate chairs.

What excites me the most is that we are starting to get back on track after COVID and last year. We are working out the details and putting things together to build a cadence once more.

I am calling out to you as a member of San Diego Lodge #35. If you are reading this and are in town, then

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come to our practices, come to our meetings, participate and get involved!

It has been said that “*participation is the key to unlocking personal growth and success.*” This is so true with Masonry and our lodge.

Participate! There is no better time than now!

Eric Fuller  
Senior Warden

## Table Decorations — Thank you!!

Brethren, please don't forget to thank our ladies who make our Stated Meeting Dinners beautiful with their table decorations.

Every month, these ladies come in early and prepare our dinner tables so that we can enjoy our fellowship in a wonderful setting.

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

## Contributions of Articles to the Master Mason

Brethren, if you have any articles or topics that you want to contribute to the Master Mason for the benefit of our members or Masonry, in general, please send them to the lodge's office via email at:

*lodge@sandiego35.org*

or to the secretary at:

*secretary@sandiego35.org*

We will consider them for publication.

### A POEM – THOUGHTS OF A MASON'S WIFE

How many wives of Masons have ever given much thought?  
To the wonderful biblical lessons that Masonry has taught?  
Have you asked yourself this question, when you sit alone at night,  
While hubby is at Lodge: is my reasoning straight and right?  
I know the nights are lonely and long, but this question comes to me,  
“If my husband weren't a Mason, what kind of man would he be?”

I know nothing of their secret work, but this much I understand  
That the lessons taught in Masonry have made a better man.  
So, ask yourself this question, which has always come to me,  
“If my husband weren't a Mason, what kind of man would he be?”

They call us Masonic Widows; I've been one for many a year.  
I've spoken my piece on lonely nights, and berated hubby dear.  
But, then again, I regret my words, and with wisdom try to see,  
“If my husband weren't a Mason, what kind of man would he be?”

So, I try to be a patient wife, as alone I meditate,  
And see his point, as he leaves for Lodge, with these words,  
“I won't be late!”

Some say that men make Masonry, and this I understand,  
But, deep in my heart I still maintain, “That Masonry makes the man.”  
And as we journey the highway together, to the inner things of life,  
May their teachings go on forever.....

*Sincerely,  
A MASONS WIFE  
(Author Unknown)*

### 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**  
**Raul Luna**  
**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: Beverly Moore "Chik" Hylton, PM**  
**Born: November 23, 1932**  
**Raised: February 19, 1988**  
**Died: May 5, 2024**

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

### From The West

The past couple of months have been a period of deep reflection for me. Most notably, I was forced to step away from the line for a bit due to an unforeseen promotion at work and all the massive headaches it came with. Taking a step away allowed me some to time stabilize everything and to reflect on what the line means to me and what my dedication to the line means to the lodge. I am eternally grateful to the brothers who showed me love, talked some sense into me, and got me back into the line! I am also grateful to my fellow pillars (and officers) who covered for me in my absence and welcomed me back with open arms! I am happy to report that I am 100% back and I am more committed to the line than ever!

Before closing, let me remind you that we are in FULL SWING of the Masons4Mitts season. Our team MID-CITY MARAUDERS is in a very tight race for first place! So, jump online and Donate!! Let's go PADS!!!

Brandon C. Schoonover  
 Junior Warden

## June Birthdays

1 Gregory Erickson	7 Bulent Erol	18 Michael Abdou	25 David Berman
Walter Sener, IV, PM	9 Kenneth Miller	John Coffin, II	John Ishmael
3 Earl Meech, Jr.	10 Charles Hill	Gregory Flores	Michael Thibodeaux, PM
4 Eric Fuller	11 Theodore Hauta, II - EA	19 Larry Miller	26 James Wohlscheid
Earl Miller	12 David Mc Chesney	Robert Soracco	28 William Snell, Jr.
5 Bradley Yelton - EA	13 Richard Bauersfeld	20 Ray DaSilva	29 William Swank, PM
6 John Warner, PM	16 Samy Zaka, PM	21 Michael Curry	30 John Anderson
7 Patrik Rene	17 Kirk Wickline	Allen Miller, Jr., PM	

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## **Batter Up!** **For the 2024 Masons4Mitts Fundraiser** **Support the SD Padres Foundation Program**

For each \$20 donation a quality baseball glove is provided to a needy youth in the San Diego Padres Foundation program. This program is more than just baseball and softball. Kids and parents attend programs about leadership, teamwork, health, safety, finances and good citizenship. It benefits the entire community!

Support your lodge's participation in this great program.

Go to [www.masons4mitts.org](http://www.masons4mitts.org)

Click SD Padres Logo

Click Mid City Marauders

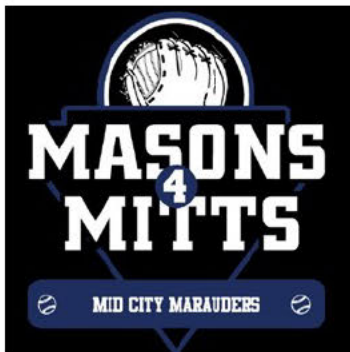
Click Give a Mitt

Click Donate

Contact Brandon Schoonover at

or Fidel Soriano at

if you have any questions.



## **San Diego Lodge #35 Supports Masons-4-Mitts**

Every baseball season, the Masons of California partner with San Diego Padres, Angels Baseball, Los Angeles Dodgers, and San Francisco Giants Major League Baseball (MLB) teams to bring the fun and teambuilding skills of baseball to more California kids. MLB foundations in each region are committed to serving the community and providing a positive outlet for children. Throughout the season, teams of Masonic lodges in each region face off in friendly competition to help the most kids they can, by purchasing baseball mitts for children who participate in programs through the MLB foundations. At the end of the campaign in the fall, our grand master will present a check to each of our four MLB partners. San Diego Lodge #35 is part of the Mid City Marauders! Please help us raise funds for this worthy endeavor.

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 Junior Deacon ..... DeAndre Simmons .....  
 Marshal..... Hector Heredia .....  
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 Junior Steward ..... Ray Flores .....  
 Organist ..... TBD.....  
 Tiler..... Josh Rawson .....  
 Lodge Ambassador Richard A. Fisher (Connie).....  
 Lodge Ambassador Jay Sener IV, PM (Cindy).....

**For your convenience...**

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**STATED MEETING and DINNER**  
**JUNE 7, 2024**  
**\*\*BUSINESS ATTIRE\*\***  
**(TUXEDO FOR OFFICERS)**

**Dinner at 6:00 pm**  
 By Reservation - **\$20.00**  
**Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by**  
**Noon - June 3, 2024**

**Entrees: Mediterranean-Themed Menu**  
**From Mediterranean Cafe**

**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 2024

3rd	Monday	7:00 pm	1° Conferral — Richter
7th	Friday	6:00 pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		7:30 pm	Stated Meeting
10th	Monday	7:00 pm	1° Conferral — Paskowski
14th	Friday		Dark
17th	Monday	6:30 pm	Social — TBD
21st	Friday		Masonic Education
22nd	Saturday	All day	Blood Drive — East San Diego Lodge #561
24th	Monday		Dark
28th	Friday	7:00 pm	1° Conferral — Jackson
29th	Saturday		Shooting Event — South Bay Rod & Gun Club in Dulzura, CA

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