



# The Master Mason



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## The Master's Message

Brethren,  
I hope everyone is enjoying the last days of Spring. It's starting to heat up in the inland valleys but on the coast we are still experiencing coastal fog in the mornings and evenings.

I just spent a six days on the Pacific Crest Trail with my youngest son Christopher hiking 100 miles. It was in the low 40's the first night and it rained on us and our bivouac sacks failed so our sleeping bags got soaked. After a brief panic session we decided to hike 14 miles to a white bridge at mile 24 over near boulder oaks campground. Under the bridge we found shelter from the rain on our second night and were able to make a fire and dry out all of our gear. Needless to say we slept very well that night knowing we were dry, sheltered from the rain and that the sun would come out after that for the rest of the trip. Once the sun came out the days got a lot warmer and we finished the trip at Warner Springs in 85 degree weather.

This week I had the opportunity to attend the York Rite Grand Sessions in San Ramon. At the business meeting we elected W. Bullard at the Grand Secretary and two of our brothers were appointed to chairs in the Grand line. W. Thibodeaux was appointed into the most junior progressive chair as the Grand Royal Arch Captain. W. Vassall was



## Advance the Lodge with Purpose

**Eric Fuller**  
Master

appointed Grand Master of the First Veil. After the elections I had the honor of going through the Chair degree for sitting High Priests. On the day following I went through the Chair degree for the Cryptic Council also. These degrees are like the Blue Lodge Past Master degree's but for the Royal Arch and Cryptic Councils. Attendance at the sessions was great and we were able to meet with a number of brothers from all over the state.

This weekend our other officers attended the Leadership retreat in Indian Wells and we look forward to hearing their stories and soak up what they learned at the retreat.

We have a potluck BBQ picnic scheduled for Sunday June 8th 10am - 2pm at the De Anza Cover Park in Mission Bay. There is a parking lot just off of N. Mission Bay Dr. on the north east side of the cove. There are some trees and picnic tables as well as a small playground right next to the parking lot near the shore. I will plan on showing up early to secure some shade and tables, setup our coal burning weber BBQ and will

have some coolers with ice. Please bring some food to BBQ and any drinks that you may prefer. I will bring some bags of coal and a tent to shade the food on the table, etc. I recommend bringing your own beach chairs so you can go sit under the shade trees if it gets too hot at the picnic tables.

See you in lodge,

**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 guid-

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ance and support they need on their Masonic 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

## **The Spirit of Masonry**

— by *William Hutchinson (1843)*

*(Continuation from last month's trestle board)*

Your Hammer will instruct you to strike off each irregularity, and fit them to act a decent part on the stage of life. Do any affect things above their stations? Your Hammer will teach you to press them down to their proper level, that they may learn, in the school of discipline, that necessary knowledge - to be courteous.

What the HAMMER is to the workman, that enlightened reason is to the passions in the human mind: it curbs ambition, that aspires to its own and neighbor's hurt: it depresses envy, moderates anger, checks every rising frailty, and encourages every good disposition of the soul from whence must arise that comely

order, that delightful self-complacency, "Which nothing earthly gives or can destroy, The soul's calm sunshine, and the heart-felt joy."

Thus, from our instruments may we all be instructed to raise a stately fabric of good works, upon the strong foundation of faith, that we may be fitted at last to inhabit that glorious house, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens!



## **From The South**

Greetings from the South, Masonry is a lot like cycling. Even though there can be only one rider to cross the finish line first, it was a team effort to get them across that line. A cycling team has its leader, climbers, sprinters, and domestiques. Likewise, in Masonry only one Brother sits in the East, but the success of that Brother (and the Lodge) depends on the help given by the rest of the line no matter what role or roles they play

The Officer Line is the most visible group in the Lodge and its roles are well defined and well known. Past Masters are sources of good counsel

and advice. In Lodge we also have veteran members who never went through the line to the East. These brothers are also valuable sources of counsel, advice, and recommendations. There are members who have spent their entire Masonic life in the same lodge and others that have spent time in many different lodges until they come to rest in one. All these individuals contribute to the culture and success of a Lodge. However, like any team, success requires the involvement of every member.

A Lodge needs active involvement. Does that mean every Mason should go through the line? Take on a leadership role? Seek election to an office? Simply put, no. But the act of showing up for Lodge, sitting and being part of our ceremonies is active involvement and generates success by connecting Masons to each other. The more members show up for Stated Meetings, social events, and degree conferral, the stronger and healthier the Lodge becomes. And like a sports team, there is a group of individuals who impact the success of any team. The spouses, significant others, and families; without their support, every team and every Lodge will fail.

This month, halfway through our Masonic year, let's reflect on all our Lodge team members, their roles, and be thankful for everyone. I hope to see you at Stated Meeting, in Lodge, and at our upcoming degrees.

See you in Lodge!

Paul Chouinard  
Junior Warden

## **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**  
**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.*

### TO THE CELESTIAL LODGE ABOVE

**Name: William Edward Prevatte**  
**Born: January 3, 1937**  
**Raised: April 10, 1992**  
**Died: April 16, 2025**

**Name: Albert Dale Bergen PM**  
**Born: April 4, 1933**  
**Raised: December 19, 1986**  
**Died: May 24, 2025**

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

### On Friendship

*— a selection from The Prophet,  
 by Khalil Gibran*

Your friend is your needs answered.  
 He is your field which you sow with love and reap with thanksgiving.  
 And he is your board and your fire-side. For you come to him with your hunger, and you seek him for peace.

When your friend speaks his mind you fear not the "nay" in your own mind, nor do you withhold the



"ay." And when he is silent your heart ceases not to listen to his heart; for without words, in friendship, all thoughts, all desires, all expectations are born and shared, with joy that is unacclaimed.

When you part from your friend, you grieve not; for that which you love most in him may be clearer in his absence, as the mountain to the climber is clearer from the plain. And let there be no purpose in friendship save the deepening of the spirit...for it is his to fill your need, but not your emptiness. And in the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter and sharing of pleasures. For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed.

## June Birthdays

1 Gregory Erickson  
 W. Jay Sener IV PM  
 3 Earl Meech Jr.  
 4 Eric Fuller  
 Earl Miller  
 6 John Warner PM  
 7 Patrik Chardain  
 Bulent Erol

9 Kenneth Miller  
 10 Charles Hill  
 11 Theodore Hautu II EA  
 12 David McChesney  
 16 Sammy Zaka PM  
 17 Kirk Wickline  
 18 Michael Abou  
 Gregory Flores

19 Larry Miller  
 Robert Soracco  
 20 Ray DaSilva  
 21 Michael Curry  
 25 David Berman  
 26 James Wohlscheid  
 28 William Snell Jr.  
 30 John Anderson



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Master..... Eric Fuller (Kelli).....  
 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...**

Inspector, 925th: Roberto Reyes, PM (Ressa).....  
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**STATED MEETING and DINNER**

**JUNE 13TH, 2025**

**\*\*BUSINESS ATTIRE\*\***

**(TUXEDOS FOR OFFICERS)**

**Dinner at 6:00 pm**

**By Reservation - \$25.00**

**Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by**

**Noon - June 11th, 2025**

**Entrees: Beef and Chicken Souvlaki, Lemony Rice  
 Pilaf, Grilled Carrot Slabs, Greek Salad, Pita Bread,  
 Lemon Crumb Cake.**

**Food from Ranch Catering**

**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 2025

2nd	Monday	6:30pm	Officers' Practice
6th	Friday	-	<b>DARK</b>
8th	Sunday	10:00am	
9th	Monday	5:30pm	Executive Meeting
		6:30pm	Officer Practice 3°
13th	Friday	6:00pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		7:30pm	Stated Meeting
16th	Monday	6:30pm	Officers Practice 3°
20th	Friday	6:30pm	Officers Practice 3°
23rd	Monday	-	Masons 4 Mitts
24th	Tuesday	6:00pm	OSI
27th	Friday	6:30pm	Officers Practice 3°
30th	Monday	6:30pm	Officers Practice 3°

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