



# The Master Mason



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## The Master's Message

We continued our virtual events in April with a Stated Meeting, attended Masonic Education, the International Conference on Freemasonry, and several Fellowship events. As thankful as I am to be able to hold and attend these online events during this pandemic, we have some good news. In mid-April, many of us attended a virtual Town Hall hosted by Grand Master Arthur H. Weiss where we were given the green light to resume in-person Masonic events – with specific limitations. The Executive Committee and I, along with the management of the Scottish Rite Center will be spending the next few weeks determining 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.

Most Worshipful Arthur H. Weiss has proclaimed that May 2021 is Public Awareness Month. In MW Weiss's words, "An important aim of the 2025 Fraternity Plan includes increasing awareness in our communities of the fraternity and the work that Masons all over California do in their towns. Raising awareness of the fraternity means countering negative assumptions about Masonry; talking openly with friends, family, and colleagues about what membership in Masonry means; and showing the world why our organization is and remains relevant today. I en-



**David G. Vassall, Master**  
*Together we will accomplish great things!*

courage all members and lodges to consider ways that they can raise awareness of Freemasonry in their community—through open houses, tabling opportunities, and simple conversations with friends and family. California Masons have much to be proud of. It's time we share that pride with more of the outside world."

In May, we will continue our online events with our virtual Stated Meeting on May 7th, continue our virtual fellowships and Masonic Education Series, and we continue planning our spring and summer events. Sometime this summer, we are looking forward to hosting our Masonic blood drive, starting support of the Veterans Village San Diego Operation Stand Down, and hopefully getting together for an outdoor event. More information to come.

We are doing well with our Let's Write the Future contributions but we still have a way to go. My sin-

cerest thanks to all who have already made generous donations! In the simplest terms, we are part of something that is generational. Illiteracy rates at young ages are directly related to calculating future crime and jail statistics. We are working together to solve a problem that affects us all - and bettering our communities, our state, our world. Better to resolve the cause than the effects. Is that not worth just a few dollars per month to be part of something this big? The fruits of our Masonic labors will take years to bear, but the rewards are beyond anything we can imagine. I therefore am asking that you consider donating to the Let's Write the Future campaign today. Donations can be mailed directly to the Lodge care of the Lodge Secretary or made online securely via PayPal links.

Even though we have been virtual for over a year now, we continue to see interested candidates in our Zoom meetings and look forward to continuing their journeys once Lodge opens for in-person events. A special thank you to Wor. John Goodloe who took the interested candidates under his wing at our last Stated Meeting. Each one of them expressed their gratitude and thanks for the one-on-one conversations.

The online Masonic Speaker Series continues in May, please keep an eye on the California Freemason website for details. I especially enjoyed "The International Conference

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## From the West

Last month, I promoted the **Mason4Mitts** program and listed instructions on how to make your donations. Unfortunately, our campaign has ran into some delays. We are hoping to launch it by the end of this month (May). Every year (around September) the Grand Master presents the sum of all these donations to the Padres Foundation at Petco Park. This is done before the first pitch, in front of thousands of people watching in person. Sadly, we were not able to do this last year but we are very hopeful that it will happen this year. This is a great opportunity to let the world know what WE as Masons do for our communities.

Most Worshipful Weiss has proclaimed May 2021 as Public Awareness Month. We are not a secret organization; be open with those around you about your involvement in Masonry and let them know what we do to help our communities. Proudly wear your Square & Compass ring (or other jewelry), your car emblems/sticker and/or clothing apparel. As our state opens up, so will our lodges. Soon we will be ready to confer degrees and initiate candidates. I am excited to finally see the light at the end of the tunnel. I am very much looking forward to seeing you all in person once again.

Stay cheerful, hopeful and charitable.

Till then, God bless!

Jonathan Robles  
Senior Warden

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on Freemasonry” in April. There were a number of extraordinary speakers and presentations. In May, look forward to Tony Harvey: “*Freemasonry and Scouting: Two Parallel Organizations.*” See the Grand Lodge website for more information and how to register.

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, “*God gives us gifts wrapped up as problems. The bigger the problem, the bigger the gift.*” As we begin to close one difficult chapter in our lives, we open a new one fraught with difficulty but together, our Masonic family will prevail.

*Together we will accomplish great things!*

David Vassall  
Master

## From the South

The once glimmer at the end of the proverbial tunnel, which will signal the end of COVID restrictions, is beginning to come into focus. Now, as the end of the tunnel becomes visible, one thing is for sure; things are not going to look as they did when we left them. With new guidance from the state of California, as both Worshipful Vassall and Brother Robles have already indicated,

Grand Master Weiss issued his guidance for returning to lodge. To that end, here are a few thoughts about getting back into lodge.

You do not have to be an officer to be involved with your lodge. There is likely something always being planned or worked with our lodge. In fact, I have a task available if anyone would like to volunteer. The task is simple: using your phone, call a few numbers and ask a few questions, then report that conversation back to me (if you are interested in helping, out give me a call). Another way to be involved is by attending our fellowship meetings. They are an excellent opportunity to interact and talk with several of us and importantly talk with the many new prospects we have. And of course, you are certainly welcomed to interact with us by, calling us, emailing us, or texting us. I am on summer break for the next couple of weeks, so please, feel free to contact me.

The point I am trying to make is this: You elected us to serve you in the lodge, and we fully intend to do just that. You will likely hear me say this again, but how can we improve something or address your concerns if we are not aware of them? Remember, we are here to serve you.

Gerry Craft  
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 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.*

## 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.

More info to follow in the future.

## Masonic Mirth WB Greg O'Neal



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# May Birthdays

3 Gregory Galloway	13 Mahmoud Kachfian	20 Wajeeh Berry	27 Mark Doubleday, PM
5 Carey Hawkins	Monte DeBel - EA	21 Kenneth Webb	Kenneth Hauner
Sid Bandak	15 Antonio Romano, PM	Jonathan Perrelli - EA	28 Joshua Sanders - FC
6 John Harris, Jr.	Tudor Sabie	Frederick Gaston	William Day
Sergio Garcia	16 Abelardo Parra, PM	23 Esequiel Sanchez, PM	29 Kenneth Mc Millen, PM
David Diaz	17 Paul Reeb, Jr.	24 Michael George	Scott Corlett - EA
8 Thomas Baransky	18 Andre Gamrasni - EA	25 James Prim	30 Brandon Gilbow
William Lopez	19 Edward Collins	Rodney Hatley	
10 William Cafcules	Mark Banuet	John Shewalter	
12 Edwin Reed	Gary Creason, PM	26 David Jacobson	

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## From the Secretary

I hope you are all well. The latest news on the COVID-19 front seems encouraging as more people are being vaccinated and the virus seems to be receding. Because of these facts, the Grand Master is now allowing our Lodges to meet, following some restrictive guidelines. He is following the state and county/city as he must. Worshipful Vassall is holding conversations with the Executive Committee and we are working through several scenarios in conjunction with San Diego Scottish Rite. As always, we thank you for your patience and understanding as we proceed.

Worshipful Creason and I continue in the office on Mondays to interface with Grand Lodge and Financial Services. We are going through the office and sorting items. Man-o-man, is there a lot of stuff there! The good part about this is when the city gives the go-ahead to the Scottish Rite's plan and our new building and offices are ready, we will have an easy move.

Once again, I am adding the iMember 2.0 registration information. If you have issues, please contact me at "[Secretary@sandiego35.org](mailto:Secretary@sandiego35.org)" or by contacting Member services ([memberservices@freemason.org](mailto:memberservices@freemason.org)).

If you have not yet enrolled in the online system, I strongly suggest you do so as soon as you can. Believe me, it will make your access to your own record very easy and allow you update your record, pay your dues and MOST IMPORTANTLY access and print your **dues card**.

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](https://member.freemason.org/membership_registration)

Richard Bullard, PM  
Secretary

## Spouse's Corner

We are now in May and almost half way through this year! Time is moving at rocket speed. We have the wonderful news that we will hopefully be opening up for in-person meetings sometime soon and the anticipation of being able to see all of you in person seems to be in the immediate future.

I will be sure to notify all of you as soon as protocols for in-person meetings have been established.

Congratulations to Sheryl Graff for winning the ladies prize in April!

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!

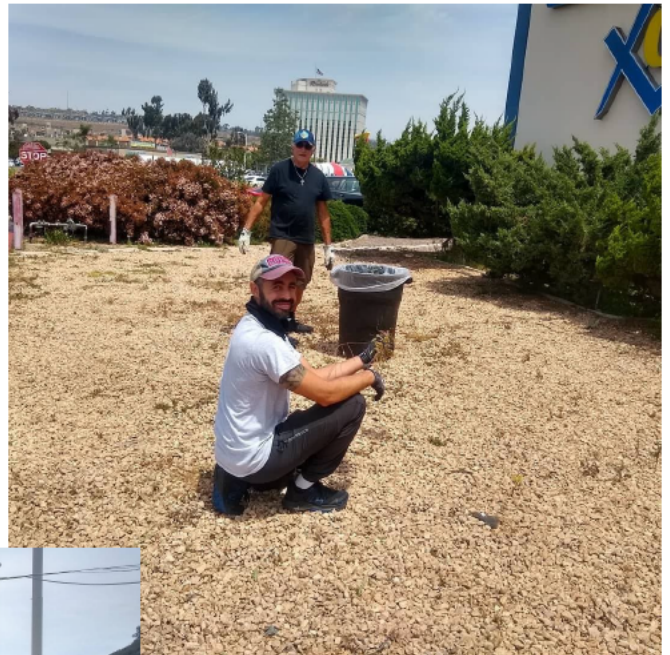
Amanda Brainerd  
Madam of San Diego Lodge #35

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**Lodge Cleanup** On May 1st, a crew of San Diego #35 members met at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center to help prepare the lodge for opening. They were able to cleanup the weeds (8 garbage bags full in 2.5 hours) that have sprung up in front of the building. Thanks to these brethren: David Vassall, Gerry Craft, Chris Natwick, Mohamad Yassin, Chuck Makray, and Gary Creason, PM.



BEFORE



DURING



AFTER

## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR SENIOR STEWARD



**Eric Bruce Fuller**

Eric Bruce Fuller was born in Anaheim, California in 1972. He moved to the Pacific Palisades at 4 years of age and to Solana Beach at 11 years and has lived in San Diego county ever since. He currently works at Eric B. Fuller, Inc. as an insurance agent and has been there for 19 years now. He recently opened an office in Del Mar, CA.

He has a few hobbies and interests including: running, hiking, camping, surfing, skateboarding, snowboarding, reading, cooking, mining cryptocurrency and star gazing.

He went to school at Torrey Pines High School in San Diego and graduated in 1990, after which he joined the Navy as a hospital corpsman for 4 years. After the navy he attending college at Mira Costa and then Cal State San Marcos studying Chinese History.

About his personal life: He met his wife, Kelli, in 1988 when he got a job at the Brigantine in Del Mar where she was a hostess. He proposed 9 years later and was married in October 1998 at the Village Church in Rancho Santa Fe, CA. They have three children: Stephanie 19, Fletcher 16, and Christopher 12. They love spending time together at the beach in Del Mar and hiking in the local mountains and deserts and High Sier-ras. Kelli is very supportive of Eric's roles in Freemasonry and looks forward to participating in more events as we open back up.

He joined San Diego Lodge No. 35 in 2005 and was raised by the late Fred Kleyn, PM in 2006. He joined the York Rite and is a current officer in the San Diego Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Cryptic Council and the Knights Templar Commandery. More recently, he joined the Scottish Rite Valley of San Diego, the Knights of St. Andrew, and the Al Bahr Shriners. At the Scottish Rite he helps greet at the door, bus tables and serve dinner and tile the meetings. He is a member of the Shriners Yacht Club, Clown Unit, sits on the Insurance Committee, and helps the Potentate's Purveyor cook meals for special events.

He misses meetings in person tremendously and looks forward to seeing everyone when we open back up.

# 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, May 7th at 6:45pm PST**

Zoom Link for May 7th Stated Meeting:

Contact the lodge secretary for zoom link!

**2. Virtual Fellowship Meeting with San Diego Lodge #35 Friday, May 14th at 7:00pm PST**

Zoom Link for May 14th Fellowship:

Contact the lodge secretary for zoom link!

**3. Virtual Fellowship Meeting with San Diego Lodge #35 Friday, May 28th at 7:00pm PST**

Zoom Link for May 28th Fellowship:

Contact the lodge secretary for zoom link!

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Master..... David Vassall (Amanda).....  
 Senior Warden ..... Jonathan Robles (Desiree).....  
 Junior Warden ..... Gerry Craft (Serene).....  
 Treasurer ..... Gary M. Creason, PM (Mia) .....  
 Secretary ..... Richard Bullard, PM (Sharon) .....  
 Assistant Secretary .....  
 Chaplain ..... Patrick Wohlrabe, PM (Barby).....  
 Senior Deacon..... Eddie Gonzalez .....  
 Junior Deacon ..... Chris Natwick (Eithne).....  
 Marshal..... Mark Doubleday, PM (Kim) .....  
 Senior Steward.... Eric Fuller (Kelli).....  
 Junior Steward .... Mohamad Yassin.....  
 Organist ..... Quan Gu (Celeste).....  
 Tiler ..... Chuck Makray (Carole) .....  
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**For your convenience...**

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**STATED MEETING and DINNER  
 MAY 7, 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 May 5, 2021**

**Entrees: Carne Asada & Carnitas**  
 Mexican Chopped Salad, Refried Beans  
 Guacamole, Pastel de Tres Leches

**Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm**

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

# Calendar Of Events

## May 2021

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

3rd	Monday		Dark
7th	Friday	7:00 pm	Virtual Stated Meeting — (Zoom)
10th	Monday	4:30 pm	Exec. Committee Meeting (Zoom)
14th	Friday		Zoom Fellowship Meeting
17th	Monday		Open
21st	Friday		Open
24th	Monday		Open
28th	Friday		Zoom Fellowship Meeting
31st	Monday		Open

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