



The Master Mason



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The Master's Message

October ended in a big way! We had our 173rd Annual Communication at Grand Lodge in San Francisco. We had 28 attendees at our traditional Lodge 35 dinner at Fior d'Italia (thank you Jenny Quimpo for putting this together). The food was delicious! We had an enjoyable time together and Brother Simmons gave us a taste of his talent. After the dinner, we headed to the Fairmont where Most Worshipful (Right Worshipful at the time) Randy Brill gave some heartfelt words followed by a toast.

Annual Communication closed with the installation of our 2022-2023 Grand Lodge Officers. Saturday was quite the blast for our Lodge Madam, my wife Desirée, along with the ladies of 35 and ladies from other lodges. What was originally a small group of ten ladies touring Chinatown on foot, turned into a huge group of ladies. The highlight of the day was the "Because Betty said so!" button pins. Those were a huge hit.

Most Worshipful Randall Brill was installed Grand Master of Masons of California! Worshipful John Crago was again installed Assistant Grand Lecturer of Division IX. Worshipful Michael Thibodeaux was installed Grand Marshal and Worshipful David Vassal was installed Senior Grand Steward. Congratulations to these brothers who are San Diego Lodge #35 Past Masters on their ac-



**Jonathan Robles,
Master**

Rebuilding with Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth

complishments. In addition, we have Worshipful Richard Bullard and Worshipful Jay Sener as District Inspectors... that is five Grand Lodge representatives from San Diego Lodge No. 35! Brethren, be proud of our brethren and be proud to be a member of San Diego Lodge No. 35.

In the month of October, Brothers Joseph Crook and DeWitt Dudley were passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. Congratulations brothers! I also want to congratulate our newest member, Brother Jean Luthi who was initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason. From January 2022 to October 2022, we have conferred 29 degrees; that is 29 degrees in 10 months! Considering everything that happened, that is a great accomplishment for our lodge and a tremendous momentum that I hope carries over to 2023. We really did *Rebuild our Lodge with Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth*.

The end of the year comes with less lodge days on the calendar as holidays and other events limit our availability to schedule events,

practices, and degrees. Brother Luthi was our last initiate for the rest of my year, as we now change our focus to 3rd degree practices to raise two more brothers before my term ends.

Speaking of terms ending, we will be having our election of officers for 2023 at our November Stated Meeting. Please come and participate in the selection of our 2023 leadership. EAs, FCs and MMs can attend but only Master Masons can vote.

I look forward to seeing you at our Stated Meeting and I pray all of you have a fantastic and safe Thanksgiving weekend and month.

God Bless!

Jonathan Robles
Master

From the West

So here we are in November, one more month and we are at the end of another year. It seems like this year has simply flown past.

There are still a few items of importance and things to close out before the end of the year. Please do not forget about the Toys-for-Tots donation bins found just outside of our lodge secretary's office. If you have never heard of this program or would simply like to learn more about it, please navigate your web-

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browser to this link or click on the link:

san-diego-ca.tovsfortots.org

The boxes will be picked up and get delivered on the weekend of Thanksgiving so have your donations in before then.

Also, I mentioned last month that we are having lodge shirts made again. If you would like to order either of the proposed shirts navigate your web-browser to:

asu.questionpro.com/Lodge-35-shirt-order.

You may also utilize this QR-code below. Simply scan it and click with your camera phone and it will take you to the order form.



Gerry Craft
Senior Warden

"A man might be the sole inhabitant of a lonely land where there was no brother, no Lodge, no Grand Lodge, no dues, and no Masonic work to do and yet carry Freemasonry in his heart. If there were two in that lonely land, Freemasonry could find a way to express itself, for Freemasonry is coin of the heart and therefore can only be paid to the heart." — Sir Knight Kerry A. Shirts

From the South

I do not know how I'm going to write this article because I'm writing about a man of color who doesn't want to be written about. That does not surprise me because great men usually avoid the spotlight and let their work speak for them. When I asked him if he would object if I wrote about him, he was adamant about not bringing attention to himself. I call that humility and that is also a trait great men possess. When pressed to explain he said, "Masonry doesn't work that way".

So how does it work? How does a man get recognized? How can Freemasonry diversify if the same outdated methods are still being used to select candidates for advancement. Unless it is brought to light, how can an organization move forward if it keeps repeating the same behaviors? (My answer is I don't know)

He does not talk about himself or flaunt his accomplishments. He goes about his business knowing that he falls under the category of having to work twice as hard to receive half the recognition. Still, he always does his best and puts his heart and soul into his work. His mark on the Lodge and Masonry is indelible. So how is this man going to get recognized if attention is not brought to him? I am certain that as you read this you are saying to yourself, "I know who that is."

There are many men like that but this one is special to me. Why? Because he gave me an opportunity to show of what I am capable. Actual-

ly, I just thought of another man deserving of this recognition. In my lifetime there have been very few men I have recognized for their helping me on my journey. There are even fewer men that I took the time or made the effort to tell them so. I am not letting this opportunity get away. I am choosing my words very carefully because he would rather remain anonymous, but I assure you he is very real and very deserving of recognition at the local and Grand Lodge level. I am writing this article because I feel compelled to write about him and men like him.

Masonry needs more men, willing to do the work, like him.

Zeke Sanchez PM
Junior Warden

Reflections on Thanksgiving

Two Freemasons were instrumental in making Thanksgiving Day a national holiday. George Washington proclaimed Thursday, November 26th as a "Day of Public Thanksgiving" following a recommendation by the Federal Congress in 1789. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt proclaimed the "2nd to last Thursday in November" to be recognized as an official national holiday in 1939. Congress followed suit and made the fourth Thursday of each November to be Thanksgiving Day and FDR signed it into law on December 26, 1941.

As Masons, we should remember to always give **THANKS** for our blessings and be thus **GIVING** of them to our brothers and fellowmen. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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
B. M. 'Chik' Hylton
Raul Luna

Patrick Murphy
Roberto Saucedo
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.



Randall Louis Brill

Grand Master of Masons in
California

Past Master of San Diego Lodge #35

33° Inspector General Honorary
Scottish Rite Valley of San Diego

San Diego Chapter #61
Royal Arch Masons
San Diego Council #23
Cryptic Masons
San Diego Commandery #25
Knights Templar
Al Bahr Shrine
Shriners International
Inkopah Council #86
Allied Masonic Degrees
San Diego Conclave
Red Cross of Constantine



November Birthdays

1 Joseph Faraguna	6 Gordon Levinson	20 Stephen Bassett	25 Joseph Artes
William Maddox	William Parker Jr.	John Hinck	Douglas Richardson
John Thomas III	Gordon Levinson - EA	Robert Hutchinson	26 William McDaniel, PM
Charles Webb	7 Kenneth Babione	Edward Struiksma	27 Paul Williamson - FC
2 Daniel Avelar III, PM	10 Patrick Wohlrabe, PM	Robert Hutchinson - EA	28 Mark Crosby, PM
Allen Long	11 John Orman	21 Trevor Ambrosini	Matthew Hanafin
James Macrae	13 Margarito Alvarado	Peter Buitenhek	Walter Myers Jr.
Paul Robison	14 Aaron Bullard	Allen Jaffe	DeAndre Simmons
3 Robert Eichelberger	James Mellos III	Gerald Salyer	30 Joseph Segal
5 Ronaldo Briones	16 Daniel Speece	23 Beverley Hylton, PM	
William McIntyre	17 Caesar Dispo	Eddie Raley	

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



"Rite of Passage" Auction is Live!

At the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Scottish Rite building, Worshipful Jonathan Robles and his lady, Desiree, joined Worshipful David Vassall, PM and artist, Chuck McPherson to unveil the **Rite of Passage**, a one-of-a-kind commemorative painting, done in watercolor, of the current Scottish Rite Masonic Center, our current home.

This painting is now being auctioned off to benefit the California Masonic Foundation. Please see <http://riteofpassageauction.com> for more information

Chuck McPherson is a well-known, award-winning local artist who works in watercolor, acrylic, mixed media, and oil. You can check out his works at: www.chuckmcpersonart.com



San Diego Lodge #35 Ladies in Chinatown

"Because Betty Said So!"

Some San Diego Lodge #35
Ladies at the Banquet



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**San Diego Lodge #35 Dinner
at Fior d'Italia**

San Diego Lodge No. 35, F. & A. M.
 1895 Camino del Rio South
 San Diego, CA 92108-3683

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 Senior Warden Gerry Craft (Serene).....
 Junior Warden Zeke Sanchez, PM (Sheree).....
 Treasurer..... Gary M. Creason, PM (Mia).....
 Secretary..... John Goodloe, PM.....
 Assistant Secretary.....
 Chaplain..... Patrick Wohlrabe, PM (Barby).....
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 Junior Deacon..... Eric Fuller (Kelli).....
 Marshal..... Brandon Schoonover (Rhannon).....
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 Junior Steward Mark Doubleday, PM (Kim).....
 Organist..... Quan Gu (Celeste).....
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 Lodge Ambassador Jay Sener IV, PM (Cindy).....

For your convenience...

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STATED MEETING and DINNER
NOVEMBER 4, 2022
****BUSINESS ATTIRE****
(TUXEDO FOR OFFICERS)

Dinner at 6:00 pm

By Reservation - \$17.00

Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by
Noon - October 31, 2022

Entrees: Roasted Turkey & Honey Baked Ham
 Caesar Salad, Stuffing w/ Gravy
 Buttered Corn, Pumpkin Pie

Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm

Dessert served following the Stated Meeting and the
 ladies' activity — TBD

Calendar Of Events

November 2022

4th	Friday	6:00 pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		7:30 pm	Stated Meeting — Elections
7th	Monday	5:00 pm	Exec. Comm. Meeting
		6:00 pm	Officers' Practice - 3°
11th	Friday		Dark — Veterans Day
14th	Monday	6:00 pm	Officers' Practice - 3°
18th	Friday	6:00 pm	Traitor Play - Scottish Rite
21st	Monday	5:30 pm	3° Conferral — Rawson
25th	Friday		Dark — Day after Thanks-giving
28th	Monday	5:30 pm	3° Conferral — Vassall

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