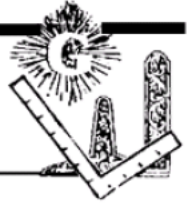




The Master Mason



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The Master's Message

Greetings, Brethren!

I will start by saying a sincere thank you to those brothers that came to Annual Communication, and those that came to the dinner on Friday night. I was delighted to see some familiar faces and some I hadn't seen in some time. It was an honor to pay for your wine, and I look forward to next year when our new Worshipful Master picks up the check.

On another note, I hope that among these articles of mine you have found at least a kernel of inspiration for introspection. At the start of this masonic year, in my first article, I gave you two words that served as my year's "slogan" or "theme"; these words are Reverence & Contemplation. Let us dive once more into the pool of our minds and briefly contemplate together.

Here we see that contemplation is often an active pursuit, it takes an intent to visualize or think on our symbols and ponder not only their meaning but how we use and apply them to ourselves.

Reverence on the other hand needs not an active mind to work. We may be reverent in all we do, with calmness, serenity, and a quiet mind, we may walk in grace with every step, and while initially it may take some active thinking to re-enforce the concept of reverence in your daily



**Reverence
and
Contemplation**
Christian Moreno
Master

life, it may eventually come as natural as breathing. How curious then that contemplation, a mental action, and reverence, a state of being, come hand in hand to aid in the accomplishment of our great work.

Circling back to that first article, I gave an example in the wise words of Meister Eckhardt "What we gain in contemplation, we should spend in love" and I must say brethren, after a year of contemplation as Master of this lodge, I have done my best to spend my wages in love, and that which I received in return was an echo of the same.

See you in lodge.

Christian Moreno
Master

"Let parents bequeath to their children not riches, but the spirit of reverence."
— Plato

"What we plant in the soil of contemplation, we shall reap in the harvest of action."
— Meister Eckhart

From The West

Elections are upon us. I am humbled to have made it this far and am even more so if you allow me to keep moving forward into the Oriental Chair in the East.

To me, joining the line at 35 was a huge step that was intimidating at first. As I began learning the lines and qualifying for the chairs, I realized that I can do this. My journey thus far has been very rewarding in respect to my self-confidence and ability to engage in my roles during the degrees and the management of the lodge.

No great or important undertaking comes easy. Often the endeavors that scare me the most are the most rewarding. I was never comfortable with public speaking. But now, after developing myself and going thru the motions of learning and applying that knowledge at degrees and stated meetings, my self-confidence has improved. Heck, If I can do this, there is so much more I can do outside the lodge in my life. The lessons I have learned in lodge have made an important impact on my life as a whole...with my lady, Kelli, my children, my extended family, my community, and my profession.

Joining the line and going thru step-ups has taught me to do the same in life outside of the lodge. Prepare in advance, pretend you're already do-

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ing it, and see yourself already in that chair or role. Fake it till you make it resonates with me right now. I believe that this truly helps us do anything we put our mind to in life. All it takes is time, patience and perseverance.

I want to take the time right now to congratulate our lodge officers for all the hard work they put into the lodge this year and enduring till the end. I want to thank and Congratulate our Worshipful Master Christian Moreno for a job very well done this year! From my perspective W. Moreno is the coolest Master of a lodge I have come across. Thank you Worshipful for your wonderful leadership this year!

Serving our lodge is an honor and privilege to me. I love this lodge and I love you, my brothers!

Lastly, I want to thank my lady, Kelli, for her unwavering love and support!

Eric Fuller
Senior Warden

From The South

As the crisp air of November settles in, we find ourselves reflecting on the many blessings and lessons we have encountered throughout the year.

This month is not only a time for giving thanks but also an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to the principles of Freemasonry and the bonds we share as brothers. As Most Worshipful Metroka has encouraged us to do all year:

let's continue to share the light of Freemasonry.

At the 175th Annual Communication, I had the honor of representing all of you, as Junior Warden of San Diego Lodge No. 35. First, I must mention the beauty of the Grand Lodge building. It left a lasting impression on me, standing as a testament to our rich history and enduring values. Its architectural features reflect both the elegance and strength of our ancient and honorable institution. Should the opportunity arise, I highly recommend that you visit this magnificent building.

Another significant impression I took away was the reputation and respect our lodge commands among brethren across the state. Each time I mentioned I was from San Diego Lodge No. 35, I was pleasantly surprised by the positive feedback about our lodge and all of you. It was heartening to hear how well-respected we are, and I was happy to extend many invitations for our brothers to visit us again.

It has truly been an honor to serve and support each of you as Junior Warden this year. As we move into the new year, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or suggestions.

Together, let's continue to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood and work towards our shared goals.

Wishing you all a warm and fulfilling November.

Brandon C. Schoonover
Junior Warden

Notice: Philanthropic Committee Elections in December

Elections for the Philanthropic Committee will be held in our December Stated Meeting. Brother Roberto Saucedo is wrapping up his two-year term, and we need to elect a replacement for him. This brother will serve for a period of two years. The Philanthropic Committee meets quarterly. If you are interested in joining this committee, please come prepared next month to present your case to the members of the lodge.

Please let the pillars of our lodge know of your intent.

Announcement: Patrick Wohlrabe, PM Masonic Funeral Services

We invite you to honor the memory of our beloved past master.

The military ceremony will take place on **Friday, November 8th at 10:30am** at Miramar National Cemetery. Please plan to arrive by **10:15am** to line up for the procession.

The Masonic ceremony will follow that night on **Friday, November 8th at 6:00pm** at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, with a reception to follow.

If you plan on attending, it is **important** to RSVP to: barby@wohlrabe.net

Space is limited at the reception.

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
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: Patrick William Wohlrabe, PM
Born: November 10, 1967
Raised: May 13, 2005
Died: September 30, 2024

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

Masonic Funerals: Many a member has expressed interest in having his lodge perform a Masonic funeral upon his death. This is your right as a Mason. A Masonic funeral is held at the request of a departed brother or his family. The service may be held in a chapel, home, church, synagogue or lodge room with committal at graveside, or the complete service can be performed at any of the aforementioned places without a separate committal. However, you should make your wishes known to your immediate family and/or your lodge secretary. The Masonic service may be held in conjunction with a religious service and/or other fraternal service. It is highly recommended that you: (1) put your wishes in writing, (2) give a copy to the person who will handle your affairs, and (3) place another copy with your will, insurance papers and other valuable documents so that your survivors can clearly comply with your expressed wishes. Our secretary can help you with this planning so please call our secretary now. — Taken from an article written by Felix A. Colon, PM, Glendale Lodge #368

November Birthdays

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations Mike George! John R. Heisner Award for Volunteerism & Leadership



The *John R. Heisner Award for Volunteerism & Leadership* is presented by the California Masonic Foundation at each Annual Communication to a member whose commitment, passion and hard work most reflects the ideals of MW John – and the fraternity at large. It is a surprise with a unique award created each year.

This year's awardee is our very own **Mike George!**

A note from Doug Ismail, President of the California Masonic Foundation.

"I first met brother Mike George in 2006 or maybe 2007. I still remember his energy, kind smile, generous nature and those sturdy "football player" hands – of course proudly bearing a masonic ring.

In the early days of the development of our Foundation's programs, we depended heavily upon local volunteers to help connect and develop relationships – particularly with our public schools. Mike was on the first Public Schools Advisory Counsel in San Diego – an area where we knew we could continue making a big difference in the lives of kids. Now retired, Mike was at the time a principal – and a lifelong educator and at San Diego Unified Schools. His passion for working with kids was evident from our very first meeting.

Over the years, Mike has helped organize interviews for 100s of high school seniors for our Investment in Success Scholarship program – and Chaired or Vice Chaired the San Diego Public Education Advisory Committee for longer than our records even show! He's also ensured that our Public Schools Celebrations in San Diego are always among the best in the state – often with more than 100 representatives of the community joining our members – where they learn little about what we as masons are doing to support our schools and kids. Mike is a wonderful representative of our Craft – who has always "answered the bell" when it came to helping us with our programs.

We are absolutely certain that without Mike's leadership, we would never be in the strong position we enjoy within San Diego's schools.

Mike is a 38-year member of San Diego No. 35, a Past Potentate of Al Bahr Shrine, and a great person. He and his wife Donna are here today. As a matter of fact, this is Mike's first Annual Communication – and we are honored to present him with this Award today.

Please join me in celebrating Brother Michael Joseph George – the recipient of the 2024 MW John R. Heisner Award for Leadership and Volunteerism."

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



San Diego Lodge #35 — at Grand Lodge

Members and their ladies at the Fior d'Italia celebrating the annual dinner at Grand Lodge...lots of fun and fellowship.

Below, the officers having the traditional lunch break at the Huntington Park during the Saturday sessions.



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 Junior Warden Brandon Schoonover (Rhiannon)....
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 Secretary John Goodloe, PM.....
 Assistant Secretary Richard Bullard, PM (Sharon)
 Chaplain David Vassall, PM (Amanda)
 Senior Deacon..... Paul Chouinard (Carie).....
 Junior Deacon DeAndre Simmons
 Marshal..... Hector Heredia
 Senior Steward..... Matthew Hanafin.....
 Junior Steward Ray Flores
 Organist..... TBD.....
 Tiler..... Josh Rawson
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 Lodge Ambassador Jay Sener IV, PM (Cindy).....

For your convenience...

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STATED MEETING and DINNER
NOVEMBER 1, 2024
****BUSINESS ATTIRE****
(TUXEDOS FOR OFFICERS)

Dinner at 6:00 pm
 By Reservation - **\$20.00**

Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by
Noon - October 28, 2024

Entrees: Tri-tip & Parmesan Crusted Chicken
Food from a BJ's Restaurant

Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm
 Dessert served following the Stated Meeting and the ladies' activity — Bingo (approximately 8:45 pm).

Calendar Of Events

November 2024

1st	Friday	6:00 pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		7:30 pm	Stated Meeting
4th	Monday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
8th	Friday	6:00 pm	Wohlraabe Masonic Service
11th	Monday		Dark — Veterans Day
15th	Friday		Open
18th	Monday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
22nd	Friday		Open
25th	Monday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
29th	Friday		Open

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