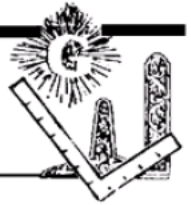


The Master Mason



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The Master's Message

It's hard to believe we are already in October. We are starting to see signs of Fall and little changes in the air, and all things considered, the year has been flying by. This month, many of us are heading to San Francisco to attend Grand Lodge sessions and participate in this very important annual Masonic event; vote on legislation, and witness the installation of next year's Grand Lodge officers. San Diego Lodge No. 35 is very proud and thankful to have several Grand Lodge Officers representing California Masonry in 2021— R.: W.: Randy Brill – Sr. Grand Warden, W.: Mike Thibodeaux – Grand Orator, and W.: John H. Crago, III – Assistant Grand Lecturer, Division IX.

We were busy in September – we held a western-themed Stated Meeting and dinner, held several officer practices, initiated new Brothers into the Fraternity, welcomed M.: W.: Arthur H. Weiss, Grand Master of Masons in California for an all-Masonic family get together, went to the Masons Night at the Padres, and continued our Zoom fellowships.

We remain thankful for the outstanding generosity of East San Diego Lodge No. 561 and Worshipful Robert Reyes who are lending us a Masonic hand while the repairs to the Scottish Rite Center are progressing. Our sincerest appreciation goes out to Worshipful JoJo Quimpo



David G. Vassall, Master

Together we will accomplish great things!

who has been *overseeing the work* at the Scottish Rite Center and working tirelessly to bring us home. I cannot imagine the enormity of that restoration project and would like to thank him for his efforts during this unprecedented time. We received our dispensation to temporarily hold meetings at East San Diego Lodge No. 561, therefore,

Let it be it known - The San Diego Lodge No. 35 October 2021 Stated Meeting will be in person at East San Diego Lodge No. 561, 7849 Tommy Dr, San Diego, CA 92119, on 10/1/2021 at 7:30pm.

Dinner and meeting details and other important notices are sent in separate lodge emails – if you do not receive these emails, contact any lodge officer for assistance.

Due to Covid restrictions and attendance requirements - Please RSVP with the Lodge Secretary if you are going to attend Stated

Meeting dinner, each and every event -- an RSVP is required if you are joining us for dinner. The theme for October's festivities is Hawaiian and the cost for dinner will be \$15.

As for **Let's Write the Future** – you all know by now that our Lodge agreed to five-year commitment and we are wrapping up year four. When we adopted the program, some easy math suggested that an \$8 per active member per month donation was absolutely achievable. Some of you give much more than that and I extend my sincerest appreciation for all of the generosity and dedication to this program. For those who have yet to contribute this year, there is still time to close out this year strong! Please consider that you are contributing to the betterment of California, to the improvement of the future of our whole country by combatting illiteracy.

Be on the lookout for our professionally commissioned painting of the Scottish Rite Center. This painting will commemorate this very important structure in her full glory, for us to remember and that so many of us have spent so many years of Masonic work. This painting will be auctioned off -- proceeds to benefit the Let's Write the Future campaign. Stay tuned for more details.

Zoom links for all Lodge events will be sent via separate emails to all. If

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you do not receive the lodge notification emails, please contact me, the secretary, or any of the lodge officers.

In closing, this month I contemplate this saying, *"A time with patience."* This year has been a stark reminder that time, patience, and perseverance will accomplish all things. We all have had to put many work, personal, and Masonic endeavors on pause or slow motion – stops, starts, and hurdles will not stop us, but as patience is a virtue, remember we all are working towards the same goals and as Aristotle reminds us, *"Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet."*

Together, especially, we will accomplish great things!

David Vassall
Master

From the West

September is gone and the *Masons4Mitts* season has come to an end. I want to thank everyone who donated to this great cause. Unfortunately, our team, the Mid City Marauders, came in last place, but San Diego County as a whole raised \$40,780! That is an impressive amount and a new record for us. I am sure the kids that received their very own baseball glove will be super excited and happy. Due to the Padres' COVID-19 health guidelines, we were not able to present the check on the field like we normally do, but I hope everyone still had a great time at the baseball game on Masons Night.

Congratulations to Brother Stilwell and Brother Chouinard who were recently initiated to our honorable fraternity. Things are starting to pick up; we had our first Stated Meeting Dinner (western themed), four new Entered Apprentices, a blood drive, and the Grand Master's Meet-and-Greet. It was great to have Most Worshipful Weiss and the Grand Line officers visit us here in San Diego. A big thanks again to East San Diego Lodge No. 561 for hosting the event.

Speaking of the Grand Master, this month is Annual Communications at the Grand Lodge of California in San Francisco. That means that we will have a new Grand Master (Jeff Wilkins) installed on October 10th as well as the new Grand Line. Our very own Past Master, Randy Brill will be installed as the Deputy Grand Master. It's been rough the past 20 months and we still have a lot of work to do here at our lodge, but knowing that we have a Past Master from our lodge positioned to be the Grand Master of California in 2023 reminds me that San Diego Lodge No. 35 is the standard of excellence and gives me hope for the future of our lodge.

Jonathan Robles
Senior Warden

Musings From the South

I joined Freemasonry, what seems like a lifetime ago, back in 2015 because I wanted to be part of something bigger within the community and to have the camaraderie and brotherhood that I felt in the Marine Corps; to feel valued and that someone had my back no mat-

ter what. I believe that what we have in San Diego Lodge #35 is something special, but I also feel that there is always room for improvement and inclusivity. If you feel disconnected or undervalued by the lodge and would like to be more involved, please reach out to us officers and let us know. What would you like to see happen differently? What ideas do you have to encourage your involvement and sense of belonging? What can the lodge do differently to let you know that you are valued? We want all brothers to feel fulfilled and that their being at the lodge is as important and necessary as we officers feel compelled to perform the duties we perform.

Our relationship to Freemasonry is in many regards like another: it needs honest dialogue between participants to learn, change, and grow. Our big difference from other relationships is our sincere commitments to each other and our obligations each one of us has in one way or the other taken at the altar. If you are not comfortable returning to lodge yet physically, for health and safety reasons we understand, but still you can get involved by coming to the virtual fellowship meetings or a practice to watch the preparation and work that goes into performing the degree from the side lines.

I leave this month with a quote from our wise brother, Mark Twain, who said, *"The universal brotherhood of man is our most precious possession."*

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Let The Sun Shine



Richard Bauerfeld
Edward Bayes
Don Heath
B. M. 'Chik' Hylton

Raul Luna
Ken McMillen
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.

Masonic Mirth by WB Greg O'Neal

The Secretary's Dream

*I fell asleep the other night,
 And while I had my snooze,
 I dreamed each member stepped
 right up
 And PROMPTLY paid his Dues!*

*But when I found it was a dream
 I nearly had a fit.
 It's up to you to make it true
 Please do,
 Please DO....Remit!!*



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October Birthdays

2 Jack Levitt, PGM	13 Daniel Kirkpatrick	17 Herschel Balkin	27 Michael Mussman - EA
Harry Mc Gahey Jr.	Aaron McFarland	Rodrigo Viesca - EA	29 Thomas Jarrard Jr., PM
3 Mark Suycott	14 Ronald Malone	19 Robin Felix	Wallace Owen Jr. - EA
5 Jeremy Baltushis	Eric Dodds - EA	22 Michael Chilcote	Jefferson Edmonds
Matthew Daniels - EA	15 Quintin Mabanta	23 Erik Holmgren	30 Charles Pavlovic
10 Eric Montgomery	Robert Cecchini	24 Bruce Lemmert	31 Ronald Mai
12 William Adam	Timothy Gressett	Jakob Ogdahl	Ionut Lefter, PM
James Helt	16 John Crook Jr.	25 John Bobbitt Jr.	

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

TO THE CELESTIAL LODGE ABOVE

Name: John Currey Thomas II
Born: December 4, 1935
Raised: October 23, 1981
Died: August 28, 2021

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

From the Secretary

While we are still not able to meet in our own lodge room, I can report that repairs on the venerable Scottish Rite Building are proceeding very well. Repairs on the Childhood Language Center are almost complete and Tina Burns and Sharon have completed the move-in from the pod in the parking lot! The offices are beautiful with new cabinets, paint and carpet. Finishing touches are almost completed in the Morrison Room too! The lodge offices are forming up beautifully. The Scottish Rite Valley of San Diego, headed by our very own John Schneidmiller, has been working full bore into getting us back into our lodge room and offices. WELL DONE!

The Lodge Office at Scottish Rite remains closed. The only thing we really don't have is the Lodge telephone so please don't call. However, if you need to contact the office for any questions please use this email address: Secretary@SanDiego35.org

October means dues notices. We will use Grand Lodge again this year for billing and payments. Of course, you can always send your payment to the office. So again, I HIGHLY recommend you sign up for iMember 2.0 as soon as soon as possible. This will enable you to pay your dues, view your personal history and have access to your ELECTRONIC DUES CARD that you may download and even print. Please follow the included instructions. **No Dues Card will be mailed.** Email the office if you need assistance.

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

If you have any issues, you can contact Grand Lodge at this email address:
memberservices@freemason.org

Be well, be safe and take care of yourselves and families.

Richard Bullard, PM
Secretary

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**The Grand Master's Visit to San Diego — Together with His Grand Officers
September 19, 2021 at East San Diego Lodge #561**

*All Lodges in San Diego County were represented.
It was an impressive event!*



“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity.”

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Line Dancing with the Rhinestone Grannies
— September 2021 Stated Meeting



**First Degree !!
September 17, 2021**

San Diego Lodge #35
welcomes our new Entered Apprentices:

*Paul Chouinard
and
Andrew Stillwell*



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Details on the Virtual Fellowship Meetings:

San Diego Lodge No. 35 will continue to hold virtual fellowship meetings in the following months until such time we are able to meet again in person. This will be done using the software platform Zoom. Please reach out to a brother if you need assistance accessing the software.

1. **Virtual Fellowship Meeting with San Diego Lodge #35** Monday, October 11th at 7:00pm PST

Zoom Link for October 11th Fellowship:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4224643111?pwd=TFI6MEJZUFh2T3BBbVNVaWg5SW95Zz09>

Meeting ID: 422 464 3111

Passcode: 9mAxm6

2. **Virtual Fellowship Meeting with San Diego Lodge #35** Monday, October 25th at 7:00pm PST

Zoom Link for October 25th Fellowship:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4224643111?pwd=TFI6MEJZUFh2T3BBbVNVaWg5SW95Zz09>

Meeting ID: 422 464 3111

Passcode: 9mAxm6

Stay tuned and check your emails.

NOTE:

The October Stated Meeting will be held in person at East San Diego Lodge #561.

The address is: *7849 Tommy Dr, San Diego, CA 92119*

The time is: *7:30pm*

The dinner time is: *6:00pm*

The attire is: *Hawaiian*

Spouse's Corner

I can't believe it's October already!

Last month we had a wonderful Stated Meeting Dinner. All of us together, the way it's supposed to be! We learned how to line dance and hopefully I will be able to put my new moves to good use! Thank you to Desiree and Betty for the amazing decorations.

This coming month, some of us will be going to San Francisco for Annual Communications, one of my favorite events of the year. I hope to see you all there! Please make sure to sign up and let Dave know if you will be joining for the traditional Lodge No. 35 dinner at Fior d'Italia in San Francisco.

Looking forward to our Hawaiian themed October dinner right around the corner - get out our best Hawaiian shirts. Please make sure to RSVP for dinner.

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.

Amanda Vassall

Madam of San Diego Lodge #35

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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)
 Lodge Ambassador Richard A. Fisher (Connie).....
 Lodge Ambassador Jay Sener IV, PM (Cindy).....

For your convenience...

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**STATED MEETING and DINNER
 OCTOBER 1, 2021**

****HAWAIIAN ATTIRE****
Face covering required for all

Dinner at 6:00 pm

By Reservation - \$15.00

**Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by
 Noon - September 29, 2021**

Entrees: Kahlua Pork & Teriyaki Chicken
 Hawaiian Macaroni Salad & Rolls
 Surprise Dessert

Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm

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

Calendar Of Events

October 2021

1st	Friday	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting — (In Person @ East San Diego Lodge #561)
4th	Monday	4:30 pm	Exec. Committee Meeting (Zoom)
8th-10th	Fri — Sun		Annual Communication in San Francisco
11th	Monday	7:00 pm	Zoom Fellowship Meeting
15th	Friday	6:00 pm	Officers' Practice @ East SD Lodge #561
18th	Monday		Open
22nd	Friday	7:00 pm	Officers' Practice @ East SD Lodge #561
25th	Monday		Zoom Fellowship Meeting
29th	Friday		Second Degree (TBD)

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