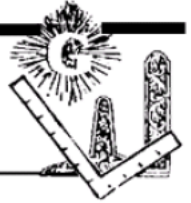


The Master Mason



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The Master's Message

Greetings, Brethren!

I would like to start with a sincere thank you to those that came to our September Stated Meeting. It warms my heart to see more and more brethren and their families coming to lodge. It seems like throughout this year there has been a steady incline in our attendance, and I'm sure I speak for many when I say it is rejuvenating and inspiring to witness San Diego Lodge #35 flourish once again.

October will be a busy month for Masonry, with Appendant and/or Concordant Body activities, our own second degree for our Brother Zach Perez, and Annual Communication to wrap up the month. It feels like the remainder of 2024 will fly by before we know it.

In closing I have a favor to ask of you. As our lodge grows, I encourage each of you to find the small ways in which you can assist. As we initiate new members, we increasingly need coaches and mentors to guide our new brothers through their degrees; to teach them what it means to be a member of San Diego Lodge #35, who better than you?

As always, I look forward to seeing you in lodge.

Christian Moreno
Master



**Reverence
and
Contemplation**
Christian Moreno
Master

From The West *What it means to practice.*

I want to invite all of our members to our weekly practices on Mondays and Fridays. Practices are where we learn our parts and in doing so actually begin to learn what it is that Masonry is teaching us. I didn't figure out some key major lessons until I actually started attending practices. Practice doesn't make perfect but it does make our comfort zones expand. When we practice the part, we become more comfortable with it and get better at it.

Every one of us can attend first degree practices. Fellowcrafts and up can attend first and second-degree practices and Master Masons can attend all three. If you want to learn more about the first three degrees of Masonry, then coming to practice will enable you to do so.

If you are interested in joining the officers' line then practice is where you want to be so we can see that you are interested and attending. Those that attend practice regularly are the same that are

thought of when there is an opening in the line.

There is no better place or way to learn the degrees than to attend practices.

If you are interested in joining in on our practices then please let me or any of the pillars know in advance and we can check the schedule and confirm with you that we will be practicing that night. You can also check the emails to membership on when practices are coming up.

We look forward to seeing you at practice, my brothers!

Eric Fuller
Senior Warden

From The South

Happy October! As we embrace the fall season, it's a great time to reflect on the values that bring us together as Masons.

Let's try to take a moment to pick up the phone and check in on one another. A simple message or phone call can really brighten someone's day.

I am excited to announce that our Masons4Mitts team came in second place this season! We really hit it out of the park this year and raised a grand total of \$11,290 for our team, the Mid-City Marauders. Ice those wallets this off season because next

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year we are going for 1st!

This month I am looking forward to apple picking and trick-or-treating with my girls.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge!

Brandon C. Schoonover
Junior Warden

Table Decorations — Thank you!!

Brethren, please don't forget to thank our ladies who make our Stated Meeting Dinners beautiful with their table decorations.

Every month, these ladies come in

early and prepare our dinner tables so that we can enjoy our fellowship in a wonderful setting.

Thank you, very much, ladies!

Contributions of Articles to the Master Mason

Brethren, if you have any articles or topics that you want to contribute to the Master Mason for the benefit of our members or Masonry, in general, please send them to the lodge's office via email at:

lodge@sandiego35.org

or to the secretary at:

secretary@sandiego35.org

We will consider them for publication.

The Purpose of Masonic Ritual

Ritual plays a foundational role in Freemasonry, serving as a vital tool for both teaching and bonding within the fraternity. At its core, Masonic ritual is designed to convey moral lessons and ethical principles through symbolic language and allegorical actions. By participating in these ceremonies, members are guided on a journey of self-reflection, personal growth, and a deeper understanding of virtues such as honesty, charity, and integrity.

Freemasonry uses ritual to impart timeless wisdom in a way that transcends ordinary instruction. The structured repetition of these cere-

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Entertainment for our September Stated Meeting Dinner was provided by our very own Worshipful Master, Christian Moreno. When asked, "What types of music he played?" His answer was, "Both of them — Country and Western." He was great!

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
James Helt**

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: Eddie Lee Raley
Born: November 23, 1941
Raised: May 19, 1964
Died: July 10, 2024**

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

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monies helps members internalize key Masonic values, encouraging them to apply these lessons in their everyday lives. For example, through symbolic degrees and initiation rites, Freemasons learn about the importance of brotherhood, self-improvement, and service to others.

Beyond the personal enrichment rituals offer, they also serve to unify members. The shared experience of participating in and witnessing these rituals fosters a deep sense of belonging and fraternity, connecting Freemasons across generations, cultures, and geographies. The rituals create a common language and a shared set of values that bind members together in pursuit of a common purpose: to become better men and contribute positively to society.

In essence, Masonic rituals serve both as a practical guide for personal development and as a means of preserving the unity and traditions of the organization. They offer a blend of philosophy, symbolism, and fellowship that distinguishes Freemasonry and helps sustain its mission of promoting moral and spiritual growth.

— *OpenAI*

October Birthdays

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

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 Junior Deacon DeAndre Simmons
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 Junior Steward Ray Flores
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 Tiler..... Josh Rawson
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STATED MEETING and DINNER
OCTOBER 4, 2024
****BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE****
(BUSINESS CASUAL FOR OFFICERS)

Dinner at 6:00 pm
 By Reservation - **\$20.00**
Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by
Noon - October 2, 2024

Entrees: Italian-Themed Menu
Food from a "fancy" 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

October 2024

4th	Friday	6:00 pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		7:30 pm	Stated Meeting
7th	Monday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
11th	Friday		Open
14th	Monday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
18th	Friday		Open
21st	Monday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
25th	Friday		Open
28th	Monday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice

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