



# The Master Mason



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## The Master's Message

Greetings Brethren,

As we enter the month of October 2025, the air carries a crisp reminder of the changing seasons, much like the transitions we navigate in our Masonic journey. The trestleboard for this month lays out the blueprint for our labors, emphasizing reflection, renewal, and the enduring principles of our craft. Let these comments serve as guidance from the East, drawing from the timeless symbols of Freemasonry to inspire our work.

October is a time of harvest, where the fruits of summer's toil are gathered. In our lodge, let us harvest the bonds of brotherhood that we have cultivated throughout the year. As Master Masons, we are reminded that the trestleboard is not merely a plan for stone and mortar but for the moral edifice we build within ourselves and our community. This month, focus on the square and compass: square your actions with integrity and circumscribe your desires with prudence.

In the spirit of the season, consider the symbolism of the setting sun—a metaphor for the completion of daily labors and preparation for rest. As H.:A.: trestleboard guided the builders of Solomon's Temple, so does our Fraternity guide us toward light. Let October be a month where we "square the lodge" in our



## Advance the Lodge with Purpose

**Eric Fuller**  
Master

personal lives: review your commitments, strengthen family ties, and extend the cement of brotherly love. Remember, the wages of a Mason are not in gold or silver but in the harmony we foster among one another.

Sympathy to any brethren or families experiencing loss; our lodge stands ready to provide support. May the Great Architect bless our endeavors.

Madame Kelli and I hope that you enjoyed the month of September. We enjoyed going to the race-track in Del Mar to see the last day of the horse races.

I'm writing this in advance so things may change. But if the month of September went as planned, we initiated Christopher Yeh, Kevin Terry and Nick Schwartz. Once we complete these three first degrees we will prepare for Brother Jay Abbott's second degree and Brother Chris Patton's third degree. See you in Lodge!

**Eric Fuller**  
Master

## From The West

Greetings Brethren!

October's here, and our lodge calendar is packed! Please check it out and try to hit as many events as you can. Your presence makes a huge difference, whether it's a meeting, degree, or social event. This month we are kicking off our first (hopefully of many):

### Prospect / EA&FC Candidate – Progress Night October 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm

If you are a prospect, an Entered Apprentice, or a Fellow Craft please make a serious effort to attend. This event is designed for you! The first hour will include light snacks to meet and get to know our prospects. After that we will break into groups to study our respective materials. If you are still in the degrees, you don't want to miss it.

Also, this being October and all... I'm pumped to represent our lodge at the Grand Lodge's Annual Communication. It's a privilege to bring our voice to the table. Let me know if there are any legislative issues you are particularly interested in and I'll share the highlights when I'm back.

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I know my three kids are totally stoked for Halloween—costumes and candy galore! Let's bring that same excitement to the lodge this month. See you in lodge!

Brandon C. Schoonover  
Senior Warden

## From The South

Greetings Brethren,

The world can be a very crazy place. Changes in the climate, the economy, and even the social and moral fabric of society are things we now face daily. Most would agree that it is becoming crazier. The frequency and rapidity of changes can leave us feeling very unsettled. Often, we find ourselves searching for a place to rest, a place where things are familiar. Masonry has been that refuge, that calm, familiar, consistent place where men can calm their worried minds. Since its beginnings, Masonry has created a place of brotherly love, relief, and truth for the brotherhood. Our degrees and rituals provide comfort and peace through consistency and common practice. In Lodge, we are at peace because we know those around us, because we have shared experiences through our time in Masonry. And that Masonry includes all brothers not because of titles, wealth, or fame but simply for being ourselves.

Not many, if any, other institutions or organizations offer this environment of unconditional respect and support. From the first admission into a Blue Lodge, the foundation

of these principles is laid. It is strengthened by each degree. And wherever we go after Blue Lodge, that safe, welcoming, supportive environment remains. So, remember that environment remains in your Blue Lodge, even if you don't visit very often or at all. And as this world becomes crazier, now might be the time to return to Lodge. As the commercial said, "We'll leave a light on for you." See you in Lodge!!!

Paul Chouinard  
Junior Warden

## **2025** **Annual** **Communication** **Announcement**

Brethren,

The 2025 Annual Communication will be held from Friday October 24th, to Sunday October 26th.

If you are interested in seeing the Installation of our new Grand Lodge Officers, a peak at our legislative process, or traveling with your brethren, this is a great opportunity.

While there will be events galore, There is a couple a couple traditions just for us. We will be having dinner on that Friday evening at Fior D'Italia, then a brief stroll will take us to the Buena Vista for Irish Coffees.

All interested parties must E-Mail Worshipful David Vassall to make a reservation.

## From the Secretary

Greetings Brethren,

At the Stated Meeting of September 5<sup>th</sup>, the Treasurer moved and was seconded that the dues of each member of this Lodge be changed from:

"The sum of \$110.00 plus Per Capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, with the total thus determined rounded up to the next higher whole multiple of \$1.00 per annum, payable in advance on the first day of January." To:

"The sum of \$130.00 plus the Per Capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, with the total thus determined rounded up to the next higher whole multiple of \$1.00 per annum, payable in advance on the first day of January."

The members of this Lodge were notified in writing that this amendment would be voted upon at the stated meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2025, and that said section was amended by the vote of 2/3s of the members present on that date. This amendment shall have no effect until approved by the Grand Master and if lodge increases its dues, the increase shall become effective upon the start of the fiscal year of the Lodge following the Grand Masters approval of the increase.

John Goodloe, PM  
Secretary

## 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 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.

### Prospect / EA & FC Candidate – Progress Night October 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Dress: Casual

Light Refreshments: Free Punch and Pie.

Agenda:

**6pm-7pm: Prospect Meet and Greet!** If you know any one interested in Freemasonry this is a great opportunity to introduce them to the Lodge. Brethren, this is a great time to get to know our prospects!

**7pm-9pm: EA and FC candidate coaching.** Officers and Coaches will break out into smaller groups of candidates to walk through the work and make progress, This is a perfect time to bring your questions!

**Officers & Mentors– please make every effort to attend.**

**If you are a MM and interested in becoming a Mentor please also attend!**

## October Birthdays

2	Harry	Mc Gahey Jr.	14	Ronald	Malone	19	Robin	Felix
3	Mark	Suycott		Eric	Dodds	22	Michael	Chilcote
5	Jeremy	Baltushis	15	Quintin	Mabanta	24	Bruce	Lemmert
	Matthew	Daniels		Robert	Cecchini		Jakob	Ogdahl
10	Eric	Montgomery		Timothy	Gressett	25	John	Bobbitt Jr.
12	James	Helt	16	John	Crook Jr.	29	Jefferson	Edmonds
	Francisco	Murillo	17	Herschel	Balkin	30	Charles	Pavlovic
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 Senior Warden ..... Brandon Schoonover (Rhannon).....  
 Junior Warden ..... Paul Chouinard (Carie).....  
 Treasurer..... Melvyn Stein, PGM (Betty).....  
 Secretary..... John Goodloe, PM (Diane).....  
 Assistant Secretary Richard Bullard, PM (Sharon) .....  
 Chaplain ..... David Vassall, PM (Amanda) .....  
 Senior Deacon..... Hector Heredia .....  
 Junior Deacon ..... Ray Flores .....  
 Marshal..... Matthew Hanafin.....  
 Senior Steward..... TBD.....  
 Junior Steward ..... Aaron Garofano (Neha).....  
 Organist..... Christian Moreno, PM.....  
 Tiler..... Chuck Makray.....  
 Lodge Ambassador Richard A. Fisher (Connie).....  
 Lodge Ambassador Jay Sener IV, PM (Cindy).....

**For your convenience...**

Inspector, 925th: Roberto Reyes, PM (Ressa) .....  
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**STATED MEETING and DINNER  
 OCTOBER 3RD, 2025**

**\*\*ATTIRE: COAT & TIE\*\*  
 (TUXEDOS FOR OFFICERS)**

**Dinner at 6:00 pm  
 By Reservation - \$25.00**

**Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by  
Noon – October 1st, 2025**

**Entrees: Meat Loaf & Chicken Marsala, Sweet  
 cream mashed potatoes, Glazed carrots, Wedge  
 salad, Rolls & butter  
 Dessert: Cheesecake**

**Food from Ranch Catering  
 Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm**

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

# Calendar Of Events

## October 2025

3rd	Friday	6:00 pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		7:30 pm	Stated Meeting
6th	Monday	5:30	Exec Meeting
		6:30	Proficiency Night
10th	Friday	6:30	Officers Practice
13th	Monday	-	DARK
17th	Friday	-	DARK
20th	Monday	6:30	Progress Night
24th	Friday	-	DARK: AnnComm 2025
27th	Monday	-	DARK
28th	Tuesday	6:00	OSI: Spreckels Lodge
31st	Friday	-	DARK

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