



# The Master Mason



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## The Master's Message

The summer months are here and we are getting back to holding in-person meetings. The officers have been practicing. We held our first in-person Stated Meeting of the year in August (with about 30 in attendance) and by the time this article publishes, will have welcomed several new brothers into our fraternity. 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 during our times of trouble and flood. The repairs to the Scottish Rite Center are progressing but we are still estimating several months before we can get back into the building. We received our dispensation to temporarily hold meetings at East San Diego Lodge No. 561 until the end of September, and will address a continuance if necessary. Therefore,

***Let it be it known - The San Diego Lodge No. 35 September 2021 Stated Meeting will be in person at East San Diego Lodge No. 561, 7849 Tommy Dr, San Diego, CA 92119, on 9/3/2021 at 7:30pm.***

We will be having dinner beforehand at this meeting and details and other important notices are sent in separate lodge emails – if you do not receive these emails, contact any lodge officer for assistance. Please RSVP with the Lodge Secretary if you are going to attend dinner. An RSVP is required for dinner.



**David G. Vassall, Master**  
*Together we will accomplish great things!*

In September, we are planning to continue our virtual lodge fellowship events, attend online Masonic education, and host inter-lodge and community events. Last month, we hosted our Masonic blood drive and BBQ in cooperation with East San Diego Lodge No. 561. We had Brothers from nine different lodges attend, were visited and entertained by the Shrine clowns, and Bro. John Locklar (Heartland Lodge 576) and Bro. Christian Moreno (San Diego Lodge 35) provided musical entertainment. We enjoyed food, fellowship, and approximately 30 pints of life saving blood were donated to the San Diego Blood bank. I am very proud of our San Diego **community** of Masons!

We are doing well with our **Let's Write the Future** contributions but we still have a way to go to fulfill our commitment this year. Worshipful Jay Sener, IV, PM and family graciously offered to match

any donations in the month of July up to a total maximum of \$1000 and the membership came through. At our August Stated Meeting, Worshipful John Goodloe, PM offered to match any donations above and beyond that. All told, and with donations received from the blood drive, we will have raised approximately \$2500 in the month of August. My sincerest appreciation for all of the generosity and dedication to this program -- let's stay strong and continue this momentum!

As you know, there are plans to build a new Scottish Rite building and the one we know now is not long for this world. A Brother is donating a new 18x24 professionally commissioned painting of the Scottish Rite Center to be auctioned off - the **silent auction** proceeds to benefit the Let's Write the Future campaign. 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. Stay tuned for more details.

Zoom links for all Lodge events will be sent via separate emails to all. If you do not receive the lodge notification emails, please contact me, the secretary, one of the pillars, or any lodge officer.

In closing, this month especially, I contemplate this quote. The source is anonymous.

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*“Speak in such a way that others will listen to you. Listen in such a way that others love to speak to you.”*

*Together, especially, we will accomplish great things!*

David Vassall  
Master

## From the West

August was a success! After being sideline for so long, we finally had our first degree in 18 months. I am so grateful for our officers that worked hard to pull this off. Thank you all for stepping up and putting on a great degree; for some of you, it was the first time putting on a degree, and for others, it was their first time in that chair. Keep up the great work officers!

Speaking of degrees, congratulations to our newly obligated brothers: DeWitt Dudley and Julio Vera. Welcome to our ancient and honorable fraternity. A big thank you to East San Diego Lodge #561 for offering us their lodge. These degrees would not be possible without their hospitality and support. I hope to see many of you on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are on target to have a fun Western Themed Stated Meeting Dinner with delicious BBQ.

Join us September 21<sup>st</sup> at Petco Park for Masons Night at the Padres as we close off the Masons4Mitts donation season. Please contact the lodge secretary for tickets. Our team (Mid-City Marauders) is currently in last place! Please help me

have a strong San Diego Lodge #35 representation for this year’s Masons4Mitts by donating to our team before the season ends. Let’s give it one more push and finish off strong.

Please visit: [masons4mitts.org](http://masons4mitts.org).

Click on “[Give a Mitt](#)” and select the following options so our team can get the credit:

Region: San Diego

Team: Mid-City Marauders

Any amount helps; every \$20 we collect buys 1 mitt for a kid in need.

Jonathan Robles  
Senior Warden

## From the South

Hi everyone! So here we are again in September with another month in the history books. I wanted to begin this month by apologizing to all those who attended the August stated meeting for my absence. Three days before the meeting, my son and I were notified that we had come into contact with someone who had COVID-19. As badly as he and I wanted to attend, we did not, fearing that we might spread the disease. He and I had a great time. Most importantly, after 5-days of strict mask-wearing and social distancing, we both tested negative of the disease and are healthy.

I know everyone is tired of hearing it but, it must be said, if you do not feel well or you think you may have come into contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, then please, my brothers, stay at home. Get well. We will see you

next time. I also wanted to thank all those in attendance for the two entered apprentice degrees we had on August 20th and congratulate our newly initiated brothers. There are more degrees planned, so be sure to check your email and calendars.

The degree of Entered Apprentice, as many of you know, it is a beautiful ceremony. We all do ourselves justice by reviewing its teachings. I enjoy the first degree because of its broad application, important guidance, and directives on behaving and utilizing time. Most importantly, the usefulness of its teaching, which we can apply in our day-to-day lives. There is a lot of information in the Entered Apprentice degree and a lot of teachings (e.g., being prudent, exercising temperance, subduing our passions, being good and true, waiting with patience, and so many others) as there should be, of course, because of the degree’s foundational nature. After all, it is the cornerstone of their masonic journey.

If you haven't seen the first degree in a while—again—check your calendars, watch your email, and come; either help out at our next officer's practice or enjoy the fellowship at the next degree night. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Gerry Craft  
Junior Warden

*“If a man is to shed the light of the sun upon other men, he must first of all have it within himself.”*  
— Romain Rolland

## 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 Bauerfeld**  
**Edward Bayes**  
**Don Heath**  
**B. M. 'Chik' Hylton**

**Raul Luna**  
**Ken McMillen**  
**John C. Thomas**  
**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.*

**Meet and Greet the Grand Master of Masons in California**

**Date:** Sunday, September 19th

**Where:** East San Diego Lodge #561  
 7849 Tommy Dr.  
 San Diego, CA 92119

**Time:** 12 PM to 4 PM

**Cost:** \$10.00 per person  
 (menu spaghetti, salad, etc.)

**RSVP:** By September 15, 2021  
[SDGrandMasterMeetandGreet@gmail.com](mailto:SDGrandMasterMeetandGreet@gmail.com)

*Masonic Mirth*

*by WB Greg O'Neal*



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## September Birthdays

1 Thomas Fortney IV	11 John Matthews	19 Edgar Santiago - EA	24 Ethan Martin - FC
2 Johann Hauner	Jose Barron	21 Gary Gilmore	25 Richard Metzger
3 Warren Wellnitz	12 Melvyn Stein, PGM	Marc Bragg	27 Allen Fisher, PM
4 Jackie Burelison	14 Christopher Nicolai	Luis Meza	Charles Albright
5 Clarence Bowen	15 Ernest Shaffer	22 Stanley Kottle	Roland Hauner
6 James Bonner Jr., PM	16 Rene Von Der Ahe, PM	Nelson Jones	Michael Shepherd
Jobert Mata	William Powell - EA	Simon Mendoza	29 Billy Gage Jr.
8 William Dodd	18 John Licari - EA	23 Gregory Gates	Kenneth La Mar
Henry Pailles	Howard Antle	24 George Grauer	30 Kurtis Smith - EA
9 Warren Graves, PM	19 Roberto Saucedo	Demetrios Hospidales	

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## From the Secretary

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity.” Finally! I am so pleased and happy the Lodge was able to meet in person for a Stated meeting in August (see picture below) then a few days later assemble to welcome new Entered Apprentices into our Brotherhood.

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 [Secretary@SanDiego35.org](mailto:Secretary@SanDiego35.org) to contact us.

Also, with fall means dues notices. We will use Grand Lodge again this year for billing and payments. Of course, you can always send payment to the office. So again, I recommend you sign up for iMember 2.0 soon. Please follow the included instructions. Remember Dues Cards are located in iMember and are printable from the application. No Dues Card will be mailed. Call or 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](https://member.freemason.org/membership_registration)

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

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

Richard Bullard, PM  
Secretary



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## Some Pictures From The Blood Drive and BBQ on August 8, 2021



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### First Degree !! August 20, 2021

San Diego Lodge #35  
welcomes our new  
Entered Apprentices:

*DeWitt Dudley*  
and  
*Julio Vera*

# 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, September 13th at 7:00pm PST**

Zoom Link for September 13th Fellowship:

**2. Virtual Fellowship Meeting with San Diego Lodge #35 Monday, September 27th at 7:00pm PST**

Zoom Link for September 27th Fellowship:

Stay tuned and check your emails.

### **NOTE:**

**The September 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:         Western**

## **Spouse's Corner**

This past month we were able to hold our first Stated meeting of 2021! The ladies and I went for a wonderful dinner at Casa de Pico while the gentlemen held their meeting at East San Diego Lodge No. 561. All went very well and we all had a great time!

For the month of September we will all be meeting at East San Diego Lodge No. 561. This month is western theme and there will be a dinner and for the ladies, hopefully DANCING! Grand Lodge is right around the corner so 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.

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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 Junior Warden ..... Gerry Craft (Serene).....  
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 Assistant Secretary .....  
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 Junior Deacon ..... Chris Natwick (Eithne).....  
 Marshal ..... Mark Doubleday, PM (Kim).....  
 Senior Steward.... Eric Fuller (Kelli).....  
 Junior Steward .... Mohamad Yassin.....  
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**STATED MEETING and DINNER  
 SEPTEMBER 3, 2021**

**\*\*WESTERN ATTIRE\*\***

**Face covering required for all**

**Dinner at 6:00 pm**

**By Reservation - \$10.00**

**Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by  
 Noon - September 1, 2021**

**Entrees: Some kind of BBQ (?)  
 Salad, Corn On The Cob  
 Apple Cobbler**

**Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm**

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

# Calendar Of Events

## September 2021

3rd	Friday	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting — (In Person @ East San Diego Lodge #561)
6th	Monday	4:30 pm	Exec. Committee Meeting (Zoom)
10th	Friday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice @ East SD Lodge #561
13th	Monday	7:00 pm	Zoom Fellowship Meeting
17th	Friday	6:00 pm	1st Degree (2x) @ East SD Lodge #561
19th	Sunday	12:00 pm	Grand Master Meet & Greet
20th	Monday		Open
24th	Friday	7:00 pm	Officers' Practice @ East SD Lodge #561
27th	Monday		Zoom Fellowship Meeting

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