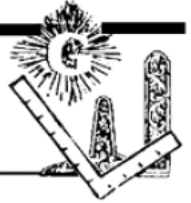




The Master Mason



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The Master's Message

I would like to thank everyone that attended our Masonic Education Night last August 30th. A special thanks goes to our past master, Worshipful Mark Doubleday, who gave an excellent presentation regarding the astrological connections inside the lodge room. After years of curiosity, it was delightful to have many questions answered, and many more posed.

Lately, I have been reading the Sufi works of Idries Shah. The two books I have of his are collections of parables ranging from a few sentences to a few pages. I won't pretend to understand them all, but I do find them to be great practices in contemplation. I will share a couple of my favorites with you here:

The Wisest Tiger

A man spent years of his life learning the language of tigers. Then he made careful inquiries, to find the wisest of all tigers, because the ones he spoke to were generally, to his mind, not very clever.

When he managed to see the Wisest Tiger, he decided to put a few questions. 'What is mud?' he asked.

'Mud', said the Wisest Tiger, 'coats your feet and tickles when it gets dry.'

'And what happens in bushes?'

'We use them for concealment.

Sometimes, too, they get in the way of one's whiskers.'

'What is man's greatest disability?'

'Having no claws.'



Reverence and Contemplation

Christian Moreno
Master

The man decided that tigers were uninteresting, and went on his way, rather crestfallen.

Soon afterwards a cheetah came up to the Tiger. 'What was that man doing, talking to you?' it asked.

'Oh, only some stupid fellow,' said the Wisest Tiger, 'who talked such trivia that I treated him like a simpleton.'

Last Day

A certain man believed that the last day for humanity would fall on a certain date, and that it should be met in an appropriate manner. He gathered around him all who would listen. When the day came, he led them to the top of a mountain. As soon as they had assembled on the summit, their combined weight caused a collapse of its fragile crust, and they were all hurtled into the depths of a volcano. It was indeed their last day.

I would love to hear what you have to think of these; feel free to reach out and let me know your interpretations.

Christian Moreno
Master

From The West

Greetings, Brethren!

This month I am thinking about the Shrine. It is the most fun I have experienced in Masonry.

My fun began when I joined the Clown Unit and started attending parades. Then I joined the Yacht Club, which Kelli and I love the most. The Nobles of the Shrine are amazing brothers and the bonding environment is incredible.

When I joined the Shrine, I only knew that Kelli's grandfather on her mom's side, Olaf Holm, was in Al Bahr. His blue lodge was Lemon Grove. When we attended our first dinner together, we saw one of her dad's uncles, Willis Fletcher, among the life members on the wall near the elevator. Kelli said, "Hey look. There's Wig!"

Since then, I have found out that Kelli's great grandfather, Col. Ed Fletcher, was also in Al Bahr Shrine. His son Wig and another son, Ferd Fletcher, were Al Bahr Shriners also.

On another note, I found four or five of his sons in the Scottish Rite classes of the forties among the flip charts that used to line the hall. And I found a pyramid shaped flag pole base on Engineer Road near the old volunteer fire station by Lake

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Cuyamaca that said "Fletcher's Scioto Camp". Kelli's mom, Carol, used to swim in the swimming pool on the property when she was a little girl.

Olaf, Carol's father was a Navy pilot and saved some sailors landing in the water at Pearl Harbor back in the day, and received a Bronze Star for his efforts. He landed in San Diego and lived the rest of his life here. Later in life, Carol literally ran into Steve, rear ending him while driving her car at Grossmont College. They connected and eventually married! When they went to their first Thanksgiving at the family cabin in Cuyamaca, Carol said that she used to swim in the old Scottish Rite swimming pool which was now the basement of the family cabin. There may be some confusion as to what body actually had the pool since it looks like it was a Scioto Camp the Fletchers sponsored back in the day.

I remember seeing Scioto Flyers in the Scottish Rite when I was first coming through and now it seems that the Sciotos from San Diego have merged in with Newport Sciotos and they now hold their meetings up there.

To wrap it up, I am humbled by the history I have stumbled into through my curiosity and thought now would be a good time to share it with you.

See you in the lodge my brothers!

Eric Fuller
Senior Warden

From The South

As September rolls in and fall starts to show its colors, let's take a moment to reflect on what this season means for us as Masons.

Autumn: Embracing Change

Fall is all about change—leaves turning and temperatures dropping. It's a great reminder for us to think about our own journey in Freemasonry. Just like the season, we're constantly growing and evolving, shedding old habits and embracing new lessons.

Falling Light: Shedding Illumination

Let's use this season to reflect on our Masonic teachings and continue lighting the way for ourselves and others.

Gathering Together: Strengthening Bonds

Fall is also a time for gathering and connecting with others. Let's take this opportunity to come together, strengthen our bonds, and support one another in our Masonic journey.

Back to School: New beginnings

Little Rhiley is already headed to back preschool. On one hand it is sad because I will miss her during that time we usually spend in between my meetings when I work from home. But on the other hand, I know she is working on building those core skills and foundations which are so essential for the pursuit of any higher knowledge. Someday, she will be off to college (at least I hope) and I will look back at this day as the foundation. Emmie still gets to hang out with me and watch princess songs on

YouTube in between my work meetings. So, I'll file that under Gathering Together as defined *supra*.

Looking forward to seeing you all and making the most of this season together!

Brandon C. Schoonover
Junior Warden
(with a little help from ChatGPT)

Jos. Shell Daylight Lodge #837 A Plea for Help

Joseph Shell Daylight Lodge #837 is in need of help in terms of its membership. The current master of that lodge, Worshipful Abel Parra, is a past master of San Diego Lodge #35. He has written to lodges in our area asking if there are any masons who are willing to join this daylight lodge.

If you know of any masons that are not attending their regular lodges due to having age related issues such as driving at night, too tired at the end of the day to attend their respective lodges, etc., this may be the right lodge for them. Let them know. This daylight lodge meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am.

If you are able to help, please contact the Master of this Daylight Lodge

It would be great if you or somebody you know will be able to enjoy lodge again by attending in the daytime. Feel free to let pass this information along.

Thank you, Brethren.

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: James Thomas Prim
Born: May 25, 1934
Raised: May 13, 1966
Died: March 10, 2024**

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

LAST CHANCE:

San Diego Lodge #35 Supports Masons-4-Mitts

Every baseball season, the Masons of California partner with San Diego Padres, Angels Baseball, Los Angeles Dodgers, and San Francisco Giants Major League Baseball (MLB) teams to bring the fun and teambuilding skills of baseball to more California kids. MLB foundations in each region are committed to serving the community and providing a positive outlet for children. Throughout the season, teams of Masonic lodges in each region face off in friendly competition to help the most kids they can, by purchasing baseball mitts for children who participate in programs through the MLB foundations. At the end of the campaign in the fall, our grand master will present a check to each of our four MLB partners. San Diego Lodge #35 is part of the Mid City Marauders! Please help us raise funds for this worthy endeavor. See the next page.

September Birthdays

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

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Click SD Padres Logo
Click Mid City Marauders
Click Give a Mitt
Click Donate



Batter Up! **For the 2024 Masons4Mitts Fundraiser** **Support the SD Padres Foundation Program**

For each \$20 donation a quality baseball glove is provided to a needy youth in the San Diego Padres Foundation program. This program is more than just baseball and softball. Kids and parents attend programs about leadership, teamwork, health, safety, finances and good citizenship. It benefits the entire community!

Support your lodge's participation in this great program.

Contact Brandon Schoonover
or Fidel Soriano
if you have any questions.



Masonic Education Forum with **W. Mark Doubleday, PM**

Brethren from San Diego County attended the Masonic Education Forum sponsored by San Diego Lodge #35. Our very own, Worshipful Mark Doubleday, PM, presented a talk on the *Astrological Symbology Within The Lodge*. It was a well-attended affair. Thank you, Worshipful Mark!



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Dewey Elementary School Donations!

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ZIPLOC BAGS (SMALL AND LARGE)
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BACKPACKS

PLEASE BRING CLASSROOM SUPPLIES TO THE JULY AND/OR AUGUST STATED MEETINGS. SUPPLIES WILL BE GIVEN TO TANYA MCMILLIAN, PRINCIPAL AT THE SEPTEMBER STATED MEETING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH.

San Diego Lodge #35
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 Junior Steward Ray Flores
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STATED MEETING and DINNER
SEPTEMBER 6, 2024
****WESTERN ATTIRE****
(WESTERN FOR OFFICERS)

Dinner at 6:00 pm
 By Reservation - **\$20.00**
Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by
Noon - September 4, 2024

Entrees: Western-Themed Menu
Food from Bowlegged B.B.Q.

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

Calendar Of Events

September 2024

2nd	Monday		Dark— Labor Day Holiday
6th	Friday	6:00 pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		7:30 pm	Stated Meeting
9th	Monday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
13th	Friday		Open
16th	Monday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
20th	Friday		Open
23rd	Monday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice
27th	Friday		Open
30th	Monday	6:30 pm	Officers' Practice

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