



The Master Mason



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The Master's Message

Greetings Brethren,

Madam Kelli and I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer!

By the time this goes to publication we will have raised two new master masons in August. Bro Cota and Bro Perez. We also visited Lux Lodge at the La Jolla Masonic building and assisted in their 3rd degree.

We just completed a 1st degree proficiency examination on Brother Abbott and will be scheduling his 2nd degree after we complete the first degrees we are scheduling for September and early October.

We have scheduled a lodge social at the Del Mar Race Track to see the horse races on September 7th. We will plan on meeting up at the Pad-dock where the horses enter the track at 1pm just prior to the first post at 1:30pm.

The Hiram Award for Bro. Chuck Makray has been rescheduled to November 3rd due to a scheduling conflict in the building.

I want to personally congratulate Wor. David Vassall for his upcoming appointment into the Grand Line at the Annual Communication in San Francisco as the Assistant Grand Tiler!

We are currently in Step up season



**Advance the
Lodge with
Purpose**

**Eric Fuller
Master**

so our officers are practicing for step up degree positions for the upcoming 1st and 2nd degrees.

If you are interested in becoming an officer in our lodge please contact Bro Schoonover as he is putting his line together for next year.

Lastly, if you have website and MailChimp experience we are looking for someone to take over the administration of these. Please contact me if you are interested.

This year is going by fast!

See you at the Lodge!

Eric Fuller
Master



From The West

Greetings Brethren! .

As we move into September, I find myself reflecting on the great work we've accomplished together this year and the exciting path that still lies ahead. This is always an important time for our Lodge, as officers prepare to "step up" into new chairs. It is truly inspiring to see the dedication and growth of our line, and I look forward to watching each Brother embrace new challenges and responsibilities in service to the Craft.

If you have ever considered joining the officer's line, I want to encourage you to reach out to Worshipful or myself. The experience of serving is both rewarding and transformative, and it offers a deeper connection to our Lodge, our traditions, our Ritual, and our shared journey as Masons. Please reach out to me if you feel the call to serve—you'll find no shortage of support and encouragement along the way.

I'd also like to bring your attention to one of our lodge's most inspiring and important community partnerships: **Dewey Elementary School.**

Our Lodge has supported this school for many years, and the needs remain as real as ever. I encourage you, Brethren, to reflect on our three principal tenets "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth" and consider bringing a little extra cash to this month's Stated

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Meeting to help us continue making a difference in the lives of these students. Small acts of generosity, such as dropping a little cash in that little jar, can create a great impact for them.

I am grateful for each of you, for your fellowship, and for the light you bring to our Lodge and community. Let us continue to labor diligently, support one another, and embody the principles of Masonry in everything we do.

Brandon C. Schoonover
Senior Warden



From The South
Greetings Brethren,

As Masons, we meet in a Lodge Room. But how much have we thought about the parts that make up that room? As Entered Apprentices, we learn that the room has form, supports, covering, furniture, ornaments lights and jewels. And as we continue our journey as Masons, we come to learn that the Lodge is full of meaning. When we walk into such a place, it should fill us with the same awe and inspiration as walking into a great cathedral or

viewing the power and majesty of nature. Joseph Fort Newton in his work Short Talks on Masonry (1928) says about the lodge:

“Outside, angry passion and bad ambition fill the earth with their cries. At the door of the Lodge, vice, hate, envy, and the evil that work such havoc, are left behind. Inside, the Faith that makes us men is taught by old and simple symbols, and the Moral Life becomes as real and vivid as it is lovely. Where, in all the world, is there such another shrine of peace and beauty where men of all ranks, creeds, and conditions are drawn together, as brothers of one mystic tie, dedicated and devoted to the best life!”

This utopian view of the Lodge probably never actually existed but it has always been hoped for. Masons are, after all, human. And as such, are fraught with all the insecurities, prejudices, and emotions that come with that existence. We are not perfect. We are adults and have been molded by our experiences. When we sit in Lodge as brothers, though, sharing this sacred space can cleanse those imperfections and bring to the surface a great feeling of belonging and safety.

But we are still those imperfect beings. Without intending to, many can bring with us differences, challenges, and struggles into the lodge that can cause a brother to rethink his attendance at meetings, degrees, and participation in events and activities. Many believe in energy fields, or chakras that surround our bodies.

Sometimes these fields interact without issue. Those interactions can be the basis for the growth of the individuals involved. But sometimes, the fields push against each other like when pushing two positive ends of a magnet together. Here is where coming to Lodge becomes so important. When we leave those energies outside of the Lodge, we can interact with our Brothers from a place neutrality. And slowly, over time, and with frequent Lodge visits those energies the once conflicted can become accepting of each other.

Sadly, many times those conflicts lead to one or both of the Brothers stopping regular attendance. To the individual it may seem the best option but there is no better place to work on conflict, in Lodge surrounded by Brothers who truly and deeply want the best for each other. There is a saying that has recently become popular “We do this not because it is easy, but because we thought it would be easy.” Masonry like life is not always easy. However, together all burdens are lessened. See you in Lodge!

Paul Chouinard
Junior Warden

From the Secretary
Greetings Brethren,

This is an announcement to notify you that we will be accepting nominations for the Member representative of our Philanthropic Committee at the September stated meeting. See you in Lodge

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

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.

It's a Girl! Lets Celebrate at our October Stated Meeting!

San Diego 35 has a new Master Mason, Khalid Cota. His lovely wife, Valentina, is expecting their first child in November!

No Matter your choice of gift, Lets try to include a story book to help raise a new reader. Diapers and gift cards are always welcome. The nursery colors are neutrals, Light Brown. Beige, Light Pink, Light Green, White etc.

Here is their gift registry:

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/valentina-assemat-november-2025-lagunaniguel/ZUFLIADPJVE9>

September Birthdays

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

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 Senior Warden Brandon Schoonover (Rhannon).....
 Junior Warden Paul Chouinard (Carie).....
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 Secretary John Goodloe, PM (Diane).....
 Assistant Secretary Richard Bullard, PM (Sharon).....
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 Junior Deacon Ray Flores
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 Senior Steward..... TBD.....
 Junior Steward..... TBD.....
 Organist..... Christian Moreno, PM.....
 Tiler..... Chuck Makray.....
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STATED MEETING and DINNER

SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2025

****WESTERN ATTIRE****

(ALSO FOR OFFICERS)

Dinner at 6:00 pm

By Reservation - \$25.00

Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by

Noon –September 3rd, 2025

**Entrees: Chicken Fried Steak, Mac & Cheese,
 Mashed Potatoes w/ Chicken Gravy, Green Beans,
 Green Salad**

Dessert: Peach Pie w/ Whipped Cream

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

September 2025

1st	Monday	-	DARK
5th	Friday	6:00pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		7:30pm	Stated Meeting
8th	Monday	5:30pm	Executive Meeting
		6:30pm	Officers Practice 1°
12th	Friday	6:30pm	Officers Practice 1°
15th	Monday	6:30pm	Officers Practice 1°
19th	Friday	6:30pm	Officers Practice 1°
22nd	Monday	7:00pm	1° Conferral Christopher Yeh
26th	Friday	6:30pm	Officers Practice 1°
29th	Monday	7:00pm	1° Conferral Kevin Terry
30th	Tuesday	6:00pm	OSI

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