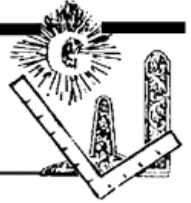


The Master Mason



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The Master's Message

On October 9, 1851, the San Diego Herald newspaper printed this notice:

"There will be a meeting of San Diego Lodge, F.&A.M., at the house of Col. A. Haraszthy, on Friday evening next 10th inst. At half past six o'clock. A full attendance [sic] is urged as business of importance is to be transacted. Per order of Worshipful Master."

As we traverse this unique year, let us all celebrate and reflect on our 169 years of Masonic fellowship and wish a very Happy Birthday to San Diego Lodge No. 35. Our masonic history is deeply intertwined with where we live. Many of our founding fathers were formative in San Diego's rich history and development.

In founding San Diego #35, our forebearers expressed a shared belief in the tenets of America's founding brothers, a determination to make a difference in the community, a commitment to their families, and a desire to study and understand the philosophy and ethical teachings of an institution whose foundation is timeless and limitless.

These 169 years have borne witness to an unbroken cord of Masonic and community service. Today, brothers of our lodge continue to live and advance the tenets of our founders while always looking ahead for new



**Peter Newman,
Master**
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Respect & Reflect

and formative ideas to advance Masonry.

For many of us, we entered the fraternity because we wanted to better our world and ourselves. We were attracted to a place that created the opportunity for like-minded people to gather, being of service to one another, to the fraternity, and to the many communities to which we belong. You are, by your efforts and contributions, making a profound difference in the world in which we live.

We may never know the relief we've granted someone by improving their end of life care or the care of a loved one. We may never know the impact we had on a child's life, because a book or baseball glove that would not have otherwise been available, was placed in the hands of a child.

This month the Grand Lodge will hold its first ever virtual Annual Communication between October 10th and 11th. For those who traditionally attend it will likely be a bitter sweet moment. We will miss the in-person fellowship and fes-

tivities. However, this year offers a unique opportunity for all those Masons and family members who have not attended in prior years to witness virtually the business and ceremonies of the Grand Lodge. If you would like to watch this year's installation please contact our Secretary or the lodge Pillars for details and assistance with registering for the events.

I wish you all a Happy Columbus Day and a wonderful Halloween. Stay safe, stay well, and know you are all in our prayers.

Peter Newman
Master

From the West

Living in San Diego, we don't usually experience the changing seasons like in other parts of the world, but I can feel summer coming to an end. The days and nights are starting to get cooler and shorter and all around me, I am reminded that we live in a world of constant, perhaps predictable change. As summer turns to fall, so winter follows and before we know it, the whole process repeats. Our kids enjoying vacation now focusing on school, birthdays, election years, the rising sun and the lunar phases; so many things around us are predictably cyclical.

Our lives have been drastically altered these past months by the intro-

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duction of a world-wide pandemic which has forced us all to make considerable alterations in the way we meet, work, educate, worship, and support our families and friends. Like any other great challenge or change, we will cycle through this and adapt to the changing world we live in. Adaptation takes time, and if you ask anyone, good planning, to succeed. It cannot happen overnight and often we learn more from our mistakes as we do our triumphs, but we strive to continually improve. As it is in our daily lives, care for loved ones, our working environment, and even in lodge, keep looking for ways to adapt and improve.

Please mark your calendars for the San Diego Lodge No. 35 Annual Installation of Officers, currently scheduled for the second week in December. The location and details of when, where, and how this event will be held are still being determined and specifics will be forthcoming.

Times and seasons, years and cycles. Albeit from home, I am proud to be a Mason.

Dave Vassall
Senior Warden

From the South

September 22nd marked the beginning of the Fall Equinox; it is hard to believe that we are now two months away from 2021. I am sure 2020 has had quite the impact on everyone and it definitely has had an impact on Masonry. It has been eight months since we had our last

Box Scores (2020):

Initiated:	4
Passed:	2
Raised:	0
Affiliations:	0
Restorations:	0
Total Gains:	4
Withdrawals:	3
Deaths:	7
Suspensions:	6
Total Losses:	16
Total Membership:	442
EA:	34
FC:	9
MM:	399
Dues Owed (2020):	65
EA:	16
FC:	4
MM:	45
Dues Owed (2019):	8
EA:	4
FC:	0
MM:	4

From the Secretary

Please be reminded that **IMember 2.0** is up and running. Using this platform, you may view and edit your contact information and keep abreast of masonic information at the local and state levels. Visit the Grand Lodge web site and check it out. If you have any questions or desire assistance, please email me at secretary@sandiego35.org. My cell phone number is list at the end of this publication.

Roberto Saucedo
Secretary

Stated Meeting and degree conferrals. Unfortunately, we had brothers that got stuck between degree conferrals and we had candidates that didn't get initiated. I hope that they continue to be patient. This, too, will pass.

The upside is that we are still here and we have over twenty guys interested in joining our lodge. This means we are going to be busy once we meet in person. In the mean time our officers are getting ready to qualify for their respective chairs for 2021 and we will be keeping our Officer's Coach and Inspector busy in the coming weeks.

Another great thing that happened this year is that my wife Desirée received a full ride scholarship to get her Master's Degree... college degree, that is, not Masonic degree... ha-ha. In a way this pandemic has been a blessing for her because she now has more time to dedicate herself to her studies. She's been getting top scores and I am very proud of her.

Another blessing is that we have spent more time together; normally I would be at the lodge 2-4 times a week due to my involvement with our various Masonic organizations. Even though we have our weekly virtual meetings, our extra time in person has been great.

Be hopeful, stay positive, and have faith.

God Bless!

Jonathan Robles
Junior Warden

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 Bauerfeld
Edward Bayes
Dick Fisher
Don Heath

Raul Luna
Ken McMillen
Dan Potsdam
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.

A member of a Lodge, who previously has gone to meetings regularly, stopped attending. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening and the Worshipful Master found his Brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the Brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited for the inevitable questions and possible mild admonishment.

The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable, but said nothing. In the still silence, they both contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs.

After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. His host watched in quiet contemplation. As the lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, then its fire was no more.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose his time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning logs around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host looked him in the eyes and said, "Thank you for your ardent summons, my Brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting.

WE LONG TO HAVE YOU ALL BACK IN LODGE TO MEET, GREET, AND FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER. WE CAN'T PHYSICALLY DO THAT NOW BUT WE CAN DO ALL THESE AT OUR ONLINE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS THIS MONTH. COME JOIN US! PLEASE SEE THE SCHEDULE AT THE BACK OF THE MASTER MASON.

October Birthdays

2 Jack Levitt, PGM	James Helt	16 John Crook Jr.	25 John Bobbitt Jr.
Harry Mc Gahey Jr.	13 Marshall Nash	17 Herschel Balkin	29 Thomas Jarrard Jr., PM
3 Mark Suycott	Daniel Kirkpatrick	19 Robin Felix	Jefferson Edmonds
5 Jeremy Baltushis	14 Ronald Malone	22 Michael Chilcote	30 Charles Pavlovic
9 Daniel Potsdam	15 Quintin Mabanta	23 Erik Holmgren	31 Ronald Mai
10 Eric Montgomery	Robert Cecchini	24 Bruce Lemmert	Ionut Lefter, PM
12 William Adam	Timothy Gressett	Jakob Ogdahl	

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 Senior Warden David Vassall (Amanda)
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 Secretary Roberto Saucedo (Mauricia)
 Assistant Secretary
 Chaplain Christian Moreno (Marianne)
 Senior Deacon Henry Pailles (Mary)
 Junior Deacon Gerry Craft (Serene)
 Marshal Eric Montgomery (Peggy)
 Senior Steward Chris Natwick (Eithne)
 Junior Steward Eddie Gonzales
 Organist Quan Gu (Celeste)
 Tiler Chuck Makray (Carole)
 Lodge Ambassador Richard Fisher (Connie)
 Lodge Ambassador Jay Sener IV, PM (Cindy)

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STATED MEETING and DINNER
OCTOBER 2, 2020

****BUSINESS ATTIRE****
(Tuxedos for Officers)

Dinner at 6:00 pm

By Reservation - \$17.00

Make or Cancel Reservation with Secretary by
Noon - September 30, 2020

Entrees: Meat Lasagna & Polish Sausage
 Garden Salad, Mashed Potatoes
 Zucchini & Squash, Banana Cream Pie

Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm

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

Calendar Of Events

October 2020

Online activities only this month due to COVID-19.

2nd	Friday	7:00 pm	Officers' Meeting — (Zoom)
5th	Monday	4:30 pm	Exec. Committee Meeting (Zoom)
		7:00 pm	Fellowship Meeting (Zoom)
9th	Friday		Open
10th —	Saturday —		Annual Communication (Virtual)
11th	Sunday		
12th	Monday		Dark
16th	Friday	7:00 pm	Officers' Meeting — (Zoom)
19th	Monday		Open
23rd	Friday		Dark
26th	Monday	7:00 pm	Fellowship Mtg — (Zoom)
30th	Friday		Open

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