

From the Master :

Brethren,
Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

This is my first message to you as Master for the coming year, and I wish to thank you for having elected me to serve as Master of East San Diego Lodge No. 561 for the year 2010. It is with great pleasure and anticipation that I look forward to fulfill my duties to you and the Lodge.

As you may know, the installation was carried out on Sunday December 13, 2009 commencing at 4 p.m. sharp by Most Worshipful Melvyn Stein, Past Grand Master, as



Installing Officer; Worshipful Gary Miller as Master of Ceremonies; and Worshipful David Haslim [also Inspector for our Masonic District 921] as Installing Chaplain. San Diego Commandery No. 25 presented the Flag of our Country. The following members were

- installed:
- Master:Abelardo Parra, P.M.
 - Senior Warden:.....Mike Zdravkovic, P.M.
 - Jr. Warden:Fermines Almazan
 - Treasurer:Will Hays, P.M.
 - Secretary:John Armstrong
 - Senior Deacon:.....Jack Samford
 - Junior Deacon:Thomas Lee
 - Chaplain:.....William "Trey" Faith
 - Senior Steward:.....Scott Hernandez
 - Junior Steward:Eduardo Hernandez
 - Tiler:Robert Voss

As you can see, we have made some progress in the line, but we still have a ways to go before we can relax and say that we have a good strong progression line.

There were approximately 80 persons at the installation, almost a full house; it went smoothly with the reception very well attended. There were approximately 6 Lodges represented at the installation.

The theme for the coming year will be Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, as was in 2008.

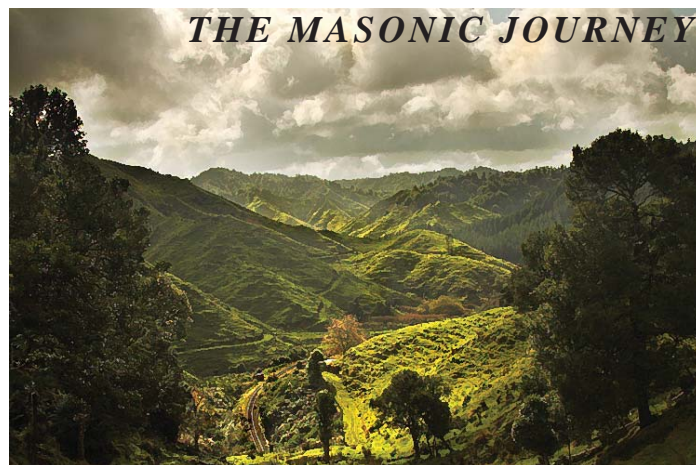
The schedule for the first part of January is: 1st degree practice on January 7th and Stated Meeting on



January 14th. Come to the Stated Meeting for the rest of the month schedule. Any updates or changes will be posted on the Web site as they occur. If you wish to be notified by e-mail, please let me know and I will do so.

We are looking forward to having a St. Valentine's Dinner/Dance on Saturday, February 13, 2010. Please plan to attend and invite your friends. These social activities are for your enjoyment more than for the Lodge.

Sincerely,
Abelardo Parra, P.M.
Master 2010



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EVENTS Calendar

January 2010	7 - 1° Officers Practice [7:00pm - 8:30pm] 14 - Stated Meeting Dinner [6:15pm - 7:15pm] 14 - Stated Meeting [7:30pm - 9:00pm] 18 - Hall Board Meeting [7:00pm - 9:00pm]	MENU (TENTATIVE) SLICED ROAST BEEF, MAHI-MAHI OR, RED SNAPPER, BABY RED POTATOES, ASPARAGUS TIPS, GARDEN VEGGIES, APPLE PIE, COFFEE [REG/DECAF], ICED TEA, ASSORTED ROLLS
February 2010	11 - Stated Meeting Dinner [6:15pm - 7:15pm] 11 - Stated Meeting [7:30pm - 9:00pm] 13 - St. Valentine's Dinner/Dance [7:30pm - 9:00pm]	MENU (TENTATIVE) CORNED BEEF, CABBAGE ROLLS, BABY RED POTATOES, STEAMED CAULIFLOWER CAESAR SALAD, BLACK FOREST CAKE, COFFEE [REG/DECAF], ICED TEA & PUNCH, ASSORTED BREADS, ICED TEA, ASSORTED ROLLS
March 2010	11 - Stated Meeting Dinner [6:15pm - 7:15pm] 11 - Stated Meeting [7:30pm - 9:00pm]	MENU (TENTATIVE) CORNED BEEF, CABBAGE ROLLS, BABY RED POTATOES, STEAMED CAULIFLOWER, CAESAR SALAD, BLACK FOREST CAKE, COFFE [REG/DECAF], ICED TEA & PUNCH, ASSORTED BREADS

MASONIC EDUCATION

A **CONCISE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY: (...Continued) Proven History - Pre 1700:** Anthony Sayer presided over this feast as Grand Master and Premier Grand Lodge took on the Coat of Arms first granted to the London Company of Freemasons in 1473. Interestingly, those founding lodges had a very small membership of 15 Freemasons each except for "Rummer & Grapes which had 70 members. In 1723 the Constitutions were written by Anderson whose father was PM of a lodge in Aberdeen. Clearly, our Scottish brethren had a lot to contribute towards the initial development of English Freemasonry.

Interestingly, it has been suggested that Premier Grand Lodge only came about as a result of the threat by the Scottish Jacobite revolt in 1715. Anti-Scottish sentiment in those days might have prompted nervous London Freemasons to disassociate themselves from their Scottish roots, hide their history and strategically create a governing body allied to the Hanoverian Crown. If so, little wonder that Freemasonry now prohibits discussion of religion and politics at meetings!

In 1730, masonic ritual having been learned parrot-fashion up until then was widely published for the first time in Prichard's exposure entitled *Masonry Dissected*. Ritual prior to that point followed a two-degree system and took the form of a combination of catechisms, some simplified symbolism and the Old Charges (see Jones and Hamer's *The Early Masonic Catechisms* edited by Henry Carr). Some historians (eg Murray Lyon) believe that this two-tier degree system was expanded when Desaguliers (Grand Master in 1719) wrote the *Third Degree* and grew again when Laurence Dermott (probably) introduced the *Fourth (ie Royal Arch) Degree* in 1752.

It seems reasonably clear that by this time (ie the period between 1690 and 1725), owing to a spate of exposures, that numerous current Masonic usages, customs and ritual were already in practice: The words "hele" and "conceal" and "points of fellowship" are both found in the *Edinburgh Register House Manuscript of 1696*; the *Square Compass and Bible* are mentioned together in the *Dumfries MS No. 4 of @ 1710*, a London newspaper in 1723 salaciously described the five Noble Orders of Architecture and Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, made its appearance in print in a pamphlet printed in London in 1724. The word Tyler probably came into usage around this time and is thought to be derived from the French *Tailleur*, ie one who cuts. (...**To Be Continued**)

This is a "NO MYTHS ALLOWED" section (FORUM). The topics covered in this forum are to facilitate a better understanding of the history, obligations and responsibilities of and for every Master Mason. If there's a Masonic Educational message you believe serves this intent, please submit the information, in writing, to the **ESD Trestleboard** for listing consideration.

Masonic Tid-Bits

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTED on July 16th that fourteen members of a Masonic lodge on the island of Fiji were arrested and detained overnight for “practicing sorcery.” According to various reports, eight Australians and a New Zealander were among those jailed after their meeting was raided by police, allegedly because they did not have the proper permits.

The New Zealand Herald quoted an unnamed police spokesman who said officers, acted on complaints from villagers of “strange goings-on” at the lodge. Fiji’s Prime Minister .~~ Frank Bainimarama ordered their release the next day. Police in the town of Lautoka seized Masonic paraphernalia, described in the papers as “wands, compasses and a skull.”



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- Jan., April, July, & Oct.
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