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| JANUARY 2012 | | | | | | |
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JANUARY EVENTS

- 1 New Years Day
- 3 Stated Meeting & Dinner.....6:30pm
- 10 Officers Practice - EA Degree7:00pm
- 15 Bethel 40 Installation – Silvergate Lodge.....2:00pm
- 17 Possible EA Degree7:00pm
- 24 Officers Practice – FC Degree.....7:00pm
- 30 District Officer’s School of Instruction6:30pm
- 31 Lodge night - Practice.....7:00pm

FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Greetings Brethren and Ladies:

A new year begins and I wish to thank everyone able to attend our Installation of Officers for 2012 for their support. I am humbled and honored to be able to serve as Master of this wonderful lodge for this year. Thanks to Wor. Steve Laurvick, PM, for a great 2011, and for all the work he did so well.

We have a strong Officers line for 2012 and are experiencing some good growth, and for the first time in a while, we have Brothers actually waiting to enter the line. With the energy of our new members, I am hoping we can continue that growth and even improve upon it.

We have some new programs that we hope to get started this year. The one I want to mention here is our intention to honor our departed Brother and Tiler, Sam Jones. As most of you know, Sam was a Marine’s Marine.

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- Master.....Dennis P. Stahr
- Sr. Warden“JR” Knight, PM
- Jr. WardenRyan A. Bacaoco
- Treasurer.....James J. Achenbach, PM
- Secretary.....Dimitter Lyakov, PM
- Asst. SecretaryGerald Lynn, PM
- ChaplainRonald J. Detzer, PM
- Sr. DeaconRobert Salini
- Jr. Deacon.....Mark Bacaoco
- MarshallRobert J. Scheeler
- Sr. Steward.....John Fitch
- Jr. Steward.....Steven “Tex” Perry
- TilerRobert Smith, PM
- Officer’s CoachRobert Smith, PM
- Inspector, 921st. Masonic District David A. Haslim, PM
- Trestleboard Editor Dick Covert, PM

He was a true hero, and his service has been honored in print in the book “Battlelines”, By LtCol. David B. Brown, USMC Ret., where a complete chapter entitled: “Gunny Jones”, is devoted to Bro. Sam.

We will be working on a “Sam Jones Memorial Award”. Wor. Bob Smith, PM, is heading up the committee and is very enthusiastic about the project. We hope to honor two of our service men/women who have been wounded in the service of our Country.

I thank you again and look forward to a good, fun and exciting year.

Also, please remember to keep up-to-date with our website. Find it, visit it often and bookmark it at:

<http://www.swhackett574.sandiegofreemason.com/>

Fraternally,

Dennis Stahr,
 Worshipful Master

My Brothers;

I am really looking forward to the upcoming year. We have been on a roll lately, with even more good things in the works. With Wor. Stahr leading the ship I have no doubt that together we will go far. Our Masonic Education program is getting even more exciting. Wor. Bro. Achenbach has been coming up with some much thought provoking topics. Bro. Briese has come up with a fun plan for taking Masonic teachings to the next level. Watch for Bro. David Watson to lecture more frequently. We are working on plans to hold a table lodge...

Our mentoring plan is working well. We've managed to get several Brothers through their degrees, and some of them are now becoming mentors. That's what it is all about, my Brother. Passing it on.

I am so glad I found S. W. Hackett Lodge. I feel privileged that you have included me into your family. May you be healthy, wealthy and wise. Oh, and may your feet bring you back home as often as possible.

See you in Lodge;

Fraternally,
JR Knight, PM
Senior Warden

**THE DUTIES, PRIVILEGES AND RESTRICTIONS
OF AN ENTERED APPRENTICE MASON**

As a man is initiated and becomes an Entered Apprentice Mason his status within the lodge and among his brothers has changed. He has been accepted for further training. His coach, like the Master Mason of old, is bound to teach him, by precept and example, what makes a good Mason.

His first duty is, of course, to be bound by his obligation to the lodge. The burdens and responsibilities are not yet his but he must be taught that with knowledge comes responsibility and he should prepare himself for it. As knowledge can only be gained by effort, so he must acquire the patience to persevere and the will to succeed. Each man who has gone before has trod the same difficult path and, in the learning, made himself a better man.

There are basic virtues explained in this Degree and set forth in the Monitor which should have been his practice before his application was made. We consider him doubly bound to observe the uses of the twenty-four gauge and the common gavel, to act always as though clothed in a lambskin apron, to reverently contemplate on the Great Architect who has blessed him, and to bear always in mind the Plumb, Square and Level and to view his own Masonic

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| Audit | JR Knight, PM |
| Budget, Fin. Inv. | Dennis Stahr, WM |
| Candidates. Coach..... | Kent Dau, PM |
| Charity | Dennis Stahr, WM |
| Communication..... | Bob Salini |
| Del. Dues..... | JR Knight, PM |
| Funeral | David Haslim, PM |
| Honored Ladies | Maebelle Haslim |
| Life Member | Jim Campbell, PM |
| Masonic Education..... | James Achenbach, PM |
| Masonic Youth..... | JR Knight, PM |
| Masonic Formation | Robert Smith, PM |
| Masonic Outreach | Ron Detzer, PM |
| Member Retention..... | Robert Salini |
| Public Schools..... | James Achenbach, PM |
| Social Media | Steve Laurvick, PM |
| Sam Jones Memorial Award | Robert Smith, PM |
| Mentoring & Member of Year Award .. | JR Knight, PM |
| Trestleboard | Dick Covert, PM |
| Website Master | Dennis Stahr, WM |
| GL Committeeman: Norm Hale, PM (Emeritus) Widows | |

EDITORS NOTE

Contributions to our Trestleboard are welcome and urgently solicited. Submissions should be of Masonic nature suitable for enjoyment of EA, FC and non Masons alike. We welcome items of general interest as well. Submissions should be directed to the editor at uglidedc@cox.net or by telephone at 760-751-3469. Deadline for February submittals is January 19, 2012. Fraternally, Dick Covert, PM

experience as a symbolic stone or Ashlar being formed to better fit into the structure of Masonry.

The Entered Apprentice is bound to his own lodge. He can only visit another lodge in the company of a Master Mason

from his own lodge and then only for meetings held on the First Degree. He can only withdraw from the lodge if a change of residence removes him from the jurisdiction. The greatest privilege extended him is that of being taught by one man, his Coach, who can best express Masonry's man-to-man friendship and brotherhood.

He cannot receive charity, nor can he vote in lodge, since he is not yet a member. He may still be rejected, after objection by a member, investigation and report to the lodge and a vote by the lodge to determine the validity of the objection. He may be tried, if charges of un-Masonic conduct are brought against him, and suspended or expelled as a result.

The Candidate is still a Candidate until he has advanced. His eagerness for advancement should never displace his eagerness for knowledge, and the long and seemingly tedious period of instruction in this Degree will take on a new meaning if out of it comes a broader grasp of the fundamentals of our institution.

FROM THE PILLAR OF BEAUTY

Brethren and ladies:

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who attended our annual Installation December 10, 2011. I am very grateful and honored to be elected by the Brethren of S. W. Hackett Lodge to serve as your Junior Warden. All of this could not have happened without the support of my Lodge Brethren who have taken the time out of their busy schedules to assist me in becoming qualified. But my special thanks go to my lovely and beautiful wife, who has supported me so much throughout my Masonic journey, and has stood by me every step of the way. Thank You!!

The start of a new year brings new beginnings and new challenges. As I look back on 2011, I am amazed how quickly the year passed. It feels like only yesterday that I was installed as Senior Steward during Wor. Steve Laurvick' year as Master. I especially want to congratulate all our new Master Masons raised in 2011, as well as those who immediately volunteered to become members of our Officers Line. Your contributions to our lodge will help tremendously as we continue to grow ourselves in Masonry. To all our Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts wishing to advance in their Degrees, do not hesitate to call us for any assistance we can provide to bring you closer to the sublime Degree of Master Mason.

As my first responsibility as Junior Warden, I will be coordinating the first Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft night of 2012. Date and time of this event will be announced in plenty of advance notice and will be posted in our monthly Trestleboard calendar. This night will be open to all Masons, who are always welcome.

Wherein it is written "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you"
Wishing you and those close to you a joyous Holiday Season and a New Year of happiness!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Ryan A. Bacaoco, JW

LADIES CORNER

What a fun and exciting month December, 2011 was. Santa stopped by after the Stated Meeting dinner, right on Schedule, and delighted the children with gifts and treats. Thank you David and Marty for making this special event possible. The Installation of Officers for S.W. Hackett Lodge went smoothly, thanks to all the Brothers and their ladies who worked hard to achieve a standard of excellence.

It was such a thrill to watch Wor. Bob Smith be installed as Tiler. Bob had just been released from a three-week hospital stay. My heartfelt thanks to Marty, Judy, Robin and Nancy for all their help with the Installation preparations.

JANUARY STATED MEETING DINNER MENU

Spinach Salad
Baron of Beef
Chicken Parmesan
Baby Red Potatoes
Green Beans Almandine
Assorted Hot & Cold Beverages
Assorted Rolls
Carrot Cake

STATED DINNER DETAILS

If you are on the standing reservations list be sure to inform our Bro. Secretary if you are not able to attend Stated Meeting dinner at least the Friday prior to Stated Meeting. Likewise, if you are not on the standing list, let the Secretary know you will be attending dinner. Dinner cost is \$15.00 each. Our Bro. Secretary can be reached at 619-295-4420.

Marty did a beautiful job with the table decorations; and Judy worked with me to make the boutonnieres. With their help it was "a piece of cake". Speaking of which, thanks also to Marty and Judy for serving the cake at the Installation reception. The very cake that will go down in infamy for its "atomic" frosting. However, everyone had a good laugh, blue tongues and all.

Not to go without a note of appreciation are Wor. Jim Achenbach, PM for coordinating the holiday feast and gift delivery for five less fortunate families from Sequoia Elementary; and all the members and ladies who contributed.

Missed by all is Margaret Jones. Thanks to Judy, we all signed a Christmas card to send her. I spoke with Margaret by phone. She also misses us, but is well and in the good hands of her loving family in Pennsylvania. I have her email, phone number and address, should anyone wish to contact her.

Some notable events in January, 2012 are: Bethel 40 Installation - Jan. 15th at 2:00 p.m. at Silver Gate-Three Stars Lodge.

Bro. Salini will be installed as Adjutant with the Shriners Legion of Honor - Jan. 21st at 11:30 a.m. And don't forget the Scottish Rite Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Scottish Rite Language Center, on Jan. 19th.

Hope you all have a happy holiday season. See you in January, Ingrid

TIMELY TID-BITS

Can a magnetic compass tell time? We know a wrist watch in the northern hemisphere can give us a direction during daylight hours by pointing the small hour hand at the sun and then dividing the angle between twelve and the small hour hand, which would give us the direction of south. The same may even be done with today's digital watches by drawing a facsimile of a watch face on the ground using the same procedure.

Time as we know it is based on the cycles of our planets relationship to our sun and is a human construct used to calculate cycles for predictions such as a sun dial which would give us what is called True Local Time for that point of north-south axis to that relationship. However our construct of time is based on what is called Standard Mean Time which at the equator would be 1000 miles wide, which sinks to zero at the poles, being one problem to overcome another is true north vs. magnetic, still another are political lines of division for convenience.

The geometry of the problem is involved and far from simple to achieve accuracy. But, if you wished to face north, from west to north are the AM hours and east to north are PM hours. Remember that at spring and fall, day and night hours are equal vs. winter – summer, for sunrise and sunset line. Try this with your children or grandkids as a fun learning experience. There are many things that can be learned with these simple experiments

Submitted by: Clint Black, PM

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

62 Years

Virgil Ogle, Jr. MM 1/2/50

53 Years

Edward Dangler MM 1/22/59

46 Years

Ted Ketterer, PM MM 1/25/66

44 Years

George Glavis, PM MM 1/24/68

43 Years

Frank Danner MM 1/27/69

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | George Speer |
| 2 | Donald Harding |
| 5 | Bill E. Smith |
| 11 | Michael Nolen |
| 14 | David Najera Brian Pallares |
| 16 | Ronald E. Hestand Robert E. Wilson, PM |
| 17 | Gerald Lynn, PM Anthony Thornburg |
| 21 | Lex Keen Grant Kramer Gary Parks, PM |
| 26 | Dale McLellan |
| 29 | Steven Laurvick, PM |
| 30 | George Sterling |
| 31 | Roger Parker, PM |