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FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Happy New Year, Brethren and Ladies,

Here we are starting all over again with January, and a New Line of Officers. I sincerely hope that you all had a great Holiday Season, as I did with the highlight being our Annual Installation of Officers. We had a great turnout at the event and aside from being a bit nervous, I think that all went very well. I have to thank all the Past Masters, Ladies, and Brethren that came out to support us, and the time and dedication from everyone that was present, and helped with the arrangements.

We got to work immediately after the installation with Degree practice, followed by Initiating our newest Member, Bro. Phiny Phiasivongsa, on the evening of December 16th, 2014. The officers were all in new positions and performed brilliantly. I am proud to have Phiny with us and hope that he progresses along quickly to become a Master Mason. As the new Master of S.W. Hackett, I am looking forward to working with the new line of officers, and with all the brethren of the Lodge, that we might have another really good year. This year I am planning for our Spelling Bee, Honored Ladies Lunch, Teacher of the Year, another great S.W. Hackett picnic, a Table Lodge in June, and possibly a trip to visit Santa Barbara's Historic Lodge in July. I always have an ear open for new ideas that we can do to keep our Lodge interesting. I'm very thankful for the great people that we have at SW Hackett, that continue to keep us on tract and doing great ritual.

During the 2015 Calendar year, I would like the officers to wear Tuxedos for Stated Meetings and Third Degree's, and dark suits for First and Second Degrees. This is a good time to remind all of our brethren to come on down to Lodge and share the fellowship with us.

Drive Safe and I hope to see everyone in lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bob Salini
 Master

2015 OFFICERS

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| Master | Robert Salini |
| Sr. Warden | John Fitch |
| Jr. Warden | Charles Caskey |
| Treasurer | Ryan Bacaoco, PM |
| Secretary | Dimiter Lyakov, PM |
| Chaplain | Ronald Detzer, PM |
| Sr. Deacon | Ben Bridges |
| Jr. Deacon | Dustin Capps |
| Marshall | Robert Scheeler |
| Sr. Steward | Robert Gale |
| Jr. Steward | David Casper |
| Tiler | Jim Achenbach, PM |
| Organist | JR Knight, PM |
| Officer's Coach: | Dennis Stahr, PM |

Inspector, 921st. Masonic District: William R. Stokes, PM

2015 COMMITTEES

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Audit..... | John Fitch |
| Budget & Finance | Bob Scheeler |
| Candidate Coaching | Clint Black, PM |
| Charity..... | Robert Salini |
| Communication..... | Robert Gale |
| Delinquent Dues | Dennis Stahr, PM |
| Funeral..... | David Haslim, PM |
| Honored Ladies | Maebelle Haslim |
| Life Membership | James Campbell, PM |
| Masonic Education | Jim Achenbach, PM |
| Masonic Formation | Jim Achenbach, PM |
| Masonic Outreach..... | Ron Detzer, PM |
| Member Retention | Ben Bridges |
| Public Schools | Jim Achenbach, PM |
| Social Media | Steve Laurvick, PM |
| Sunshine & Visit..... | Robert Salini |
| Masonic Youth | JR Knight, PM |
| Trestleboard..... | Ryan Bacaoco, PM |
| Website Master..... | Dennis Stahr, PM |



FROM THE PILLAR OF STRENGTH

Brethren,

In 2015, the Lodge is off to a bright start. Thanks are in order to Installing Officer Gerald Winstanley, and Master of Ceremonies Michael Allen for leading a well-attended and joyful event.

Taking brief look back at 2014, we initiated three brothers, raised four, and five were called from Labor.

Here is the current 2014 membership:

EA Count:	25
FC Count:	4
MM Count:	138
Total Memberships	167

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate my fellow officers in the Lodge for the effort which has been expended, by everyone, to master their respective positions, and advance into the New Year.

The result was apparent during the EA degree conferred upon our newest Brother, Augustus Phiny Phiasivongsa on December 16th.

Fraternally Yours,

John Fitch
Senior Warden



FROM THE PILLAR OF BEAUTY

Brethren,

I would like to thank all of the brethren for electing me to Junior Warden. I am very excited to be one of the pillars of the lodge. I would like to especially thank Bro. Bob Smith, PM; Bro. Dennis Stahr, PM; Bro. Bill Stokes, PM; Bro. Bob Salini, Master, and Bro. Ryan Bacaoco, PM for the time they have put in with me to practice and qualify. I learn something every month from all of the brethren. I wish you all a happy holidays and a happy new year. I leave you to read a paragraph I found that hit close to home for me, Enjoy!

I shall never forget my first thought as I made my initial entrance into the Masonic Lodge that conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on me, and followed with the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Stated Meeting & Dinner @ 6:30PM	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Degree Practice @ 6:00PM	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Degree Practice @ 6:00PM	21	22	23	24
25	26 OSI @ 6:30PM	27 Degree Practice @ 6:00PM	28	29	30	31

JANUARY EVENTS

- 6 Stated Meeting & Dinner..... 6:30pm
- 13 Degree Practice 6:00pm
- 20 Degree Practice 6:00pm
- 26 OSI Meeting..... 6:30pm
- 27 Degree Practice 6:00pm

JANUARY STATED DINNER MENU

- Roast Turkey & Roast Pork
- Red Potatoes & Green Bean Almondine
- Spinach Salad & Rolls
- Peach Cobbler
- Hot & Cold Beverages

Dinner cost is \$15 per person. Make your lodge reservations by calling the Lodge Secretary at 619-295-4420

“You can fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you can’t fool all of the people all of the time.” – Abraham Lincoln

I was immediately made to feel that I was surrounded by Brothers.

I felt there were no strangers present. This was one big family that seemed to have adopted me, and I, in turn, was elated to adopt them as my family.

My experience has shown that Masons are, for the most part, deeply religious men. I am proud to be a Mason and a part of an organization that is devoted to helping without question or embarrassment, widows, orphans, and those in need.

I am proud to be a Mason and to be a part of a Fraternity dedicated to the upholding of the Constitution of the United States of America and the Bill of Rights.

I am proud to be a Mason who believes in the freedom of mankind and the sanctity of human life.

I am proud to be a Mason who believes in the dignity of God's children and opposes hatred and bigotry, and stands for truth, justice, kindness, integrity, and righteousness for all.

I am proud to be a Mason and shall always be happy to number myself among those who uphold those cardinal principles and moral standards of life that are so needed if our organization is to continue on the high level that has been its character from its inception. May God grant it continued strength to go, to grow, and to glow so that I and all Masons can exclaim: "I am proud to be a Mason!"
-by Seymour Atlas

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Charles Caskey
Junior Warden

THE MASONIC SECRET

While Freemasonry is an organization that has rules, regulations, archives, and minutes, only the transmission of Masonic traditions, through the proper ritual forms and ancient ceremonies, can communicate the personal, philosophical, spiritual, ethical, and moral end – state which is the fundamental purpose of Freemasonry. An uninitiated, or “profane,” person, who somehow discovered all our Masonic ritual from having read their descriptions in books and on the Internet would still not be initiated in any way – for the personal, meaningful influence inherent in those sacred and properly conducted rites would in no way have been transmitted to him.

THE PRACTICE OF CIRCUMAMBULATION

Circumambulation means “to walk around” some central point or object. In Masonry, the act is performed in a clockwise manner, patterned after the movement of the sun as it is seen from the earth, moving from east to west. The candidate's journey around the altar also enable the assembled brethren to observe that he is properly prepared and qualified to the degree being worked on. Circumambulation is an ancient practice following the same idea as the labyrinth in Crete. It equates the path of initiation to that of a physical journey – filled with twists, turns, dead – ends, and pitfalls for the unwary. In another sense, it symbolically aligns the traveler to his proper relationship in the order of the universe by outlining the circumference or limits of his life

MASONIC FORMATION

Masonic Formation might be described as the process of fitting the rough ashlar of our imperfect selves in the perfect ashlar, fit for use in building the divine temple. It is the transformation brought about through the use of the Masonic symbols, rituals, experience, and teachings, all of which are calculated to assist us to live a better, richer, and more fulfilling life and also to promote a positive change within our social environment.

Essential in the traditional character of today's Freemasonry is its older historic rites and rituals are viewed as a necessary and perpetual aspect of a divinely maintained natural order. In this sense, Freemasonry is one of the last remaining institutions to preserve and practice these traditional forms. Understanding the terms initiation, rite, ritual, and tradition is essential to every Mason's spiritual as well as intellectual development

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EDITOR'S NOTE

If you have an article you would like to submit. Please submit your article to bacaoco@gmail.com before the 19th of every month. Thank you!

Ryan A. Bacaoco
Trestleboard Editor

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 George Speer
2 Donald Harding
5 Billy Smith
10 Robert Ashcraft
11 Robert Gale
Michael Nolen
12 Eric Straub
14 David Najera
16 Robert Wilson
17 Gerald Lynn
21 Grant Kramer
28 David Bautista
29 Steven Laurvick
Sean Greenberg
31 Roger Parker

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

62 Years
William Eade, 1/27/1953
56 Years
Edward Dangler,
1/22/1959
53 Years
Fred Lipscomb, 1/30/1962
49 Years
Theodore Ketterer,
1/25/1966
47 Years
George Glavis, 1/24/1968
33 Years
Roger Parker, 1/14/1982
Edward Deitzler, 1/26/1982
John Farrell, 1/28/1982
32 Years
George Speer, 1/25/1983
12 Years
Geordan Mitchell,
1/16/2003
8 Years
David Brant, 1/16/2007
1 Year
Mark Helton, 1/21/2014