



## S.W. Hackett Lodge# 574 F&AM

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### FROM THE EAST

Happy New Year, Brethren and Ladies,

As we begin another year, I would like to extend special thanks to the following people who made our 2016 Officers Installation and exceptional experience.

The Al Bahr Legion of Honor for presenting the Flag of our Country. The Installing Team of Officers, Wor. David Haslim PM, Wor. Michael Allen PM and Wor. Gerald Winstanley PM. Wor. Bob Salini PM, for an exceptional 2015 year. Officers Coach Wor. Dennis Stahr PM, and District Inspector Wor. Bill Stokes PM, for their tireless efforts in preparing this year's officers to advance.

Our website <http://freemason574.org> is updated with the new line of officers, including photos of the event.

We will open the year on Monday January 4<sup>th</sup> with a Solemn Memorial for a departed Brother. There will be a Masonic Ceremony in the Heald Room at 11:00 am, followed by a 1:30 pm Service at Miramar National Cemetery for William Rolland Smith, PM. Please attend if you can, to show his family our support.

At this months Stated Meeting, on January 5<sup>th</sup>, we will review and vote on the 2016 Budget, review both the Annual Lodge Plan and the Appointed Committee Chairman List for 2016.

Looking ahead in the Month, we are planning a Second Degree for Aleksei Sviridov. Please mark your Calendar for January 26<sup>th</sup>, and attend to support our newly initiated Brother.

For 2016, I would like the Officers to wear dark suits for Stated Meetings and tuxedos for all Degrees.

Stay safe and best wishes to all.

Fraternally yours,

John F Fitch, Master

### 2016 OFFICERS

Master .....	John Fitch
Sr. Warden .....	Charles Caskey
Jr. Warden .....	Ben Bridges
Treasurer.....	David Casper
Secretary.....	Dimiter Lyakov, PM
Chaplain .....	Steven Laurvick, PM
Sr. Deacon .....	Dustin Capps
Jr. Deacon.....	Robert Gale
Marshall.....	Robert Scheeler
Sr. Steward .....	Nicholas Baker
Jr. Steward .....	Phiny Phiasivongsa
Tiler .....	Jim Achenbach, PM
Officer's Coach: .....	Dennis Stahr, PM
Inspector, 921 <sup>st</sup> . Masonic District:	
.....	William R. Stokes, PM

### JANUARY EVENTS

4	Memorial for Wor. William R. Smith, PM	11:00 am
5	Stated Meeting & Dinner	6:30 pm
12	Second degree Practice	6:30 pm
19	Second degree Practice Floor Work	6:30 pm
26	Second Degree	6:30 pm

### JANUARY STATED DINNER MENU

Traditional Spinach Salad  
Roast Pork with Apple Stuffing  
Chicken Cacciatore  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans Almandine  
Assorted Breads and Rolls  
Carrot Cake

Dinner cost is \$15 per person. Make your lodge reservations with the Lodge Secretary at 619-295-4420 or email to: [hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com](mailto:hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com).



**FROM THE WEST**

Brethren and Ladies:

I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a happy New Years! I can't believe that it is already 2016. Thanks to all that could come and attend our installation of officers, especially the installing team of officers.

I congratulate Wor. Bob on finishing his year in the east, as well as congratulate Wor. John as we start his year. The year is already getting busy. Wor. John and I had to opportunity to visit Prince Hall installation of officers. It was a great experience and we look forward to visiting them for degree work as well in the New Year. So look for more information to come on that.

We all met to deliver food and gifts to families for Sequoia Elementary school. It is always an honor to be a part of that event. To give back is always a great experience.

If you haven't been to lodge lately come down. If you are very knowledgeable in the craft then come share that with the junior brothers or less informed. For the newer brothers come to get familiar with the brethren and the craft. We have had a decrease in attendance over the last few years, and we owe it to all our brothers and to SW Hackett to continue to work on bringing the Brothers back to the lodge. There is always something I learn from the Brothers, even when I thought it was something I already knew, and it helps me realize that I have so much more to learn.

Remember lodge night is Tuesday, every Tuesday. If you think of it that way you will always be active. Even if it's to just spend 10 min to talk to the brethren about how your week is going, it helps. I look forward to getting to know the new brethren and some of the old that I haven't met yet.

I would ask that everyone extend your prayers for the Gale family as they face this trying period.

Fraternally,

Bro. Chuck Caskey,  
Senior Warden

**EDITOR'S NOTE / CONTINUAL REQUEST**

If you have a working email address, please help your lodge save money by informing us so that we can begin emailing your Trestleboard and saving the postage. You can email me at: [masonic574@ifutures.com](mailto:masonic574@ifutures.com) and/or Wor. Dimiter, our Secretary, at: [Hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com](mailto:Hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com)

**2016 COMMITTEES**

- Audit..... Charles Caskey
- Budget & Finance ..... John Fitch, Master
- Candidate Coaching ..... Steve Laurvick, PM
- Charity..... John Fitch, Master
- Delinquent Dues ..... David Casper
- Funeral..... David Haslim, PM
- Honored Ladies..... Maebelle Haslim
- Life Membership ..... James Campbell, PM
- Masonic Education ..... Jim Achenbach, PM
- Calif. Annual Fund ..... Benjamin Bridges
- Masonic Outreach..... Dick Covert, PM
- Public Schools ..... Jim Achenbach, PM
- Social Media ..... Nicholas Baker
- Sunshine & Visit..... Robert Salini, PM
- Masonic Youth ..... Phiny Phiasivongsa
- Trestleboard..... Dennis Stahr, PM
- Website Master ..... Dennis Stahr, PM
- Lodge Furnishings ..... Dustin Capps



On December 12, 2015, our new Master, Wor. John Fitch and his wife Cathi show off the installation cake at the refreshments, after the installation of officers for 2016.

**EDITOR'S NOTE / REQUEST**

Please submit articles. Everyone is requested to submit articles for the Trestleboard, in fact, it is encouraged. Please email them to [info@freemason574.org](mailto:info@freemason574.org) on or before the 19<sup>th</sup> of every month. Thank you!

Dennis Stahr, PM, Trestleboard Editor



## FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren and Ladies:

As the year begins anew I find myself reflecting on a story that a brother from Pinal Lodge# 30 in Casa Grande Arizona shared with me regarding membership and increasing numbers.

Brother Nick had told, me of a conversation he had with brothers from several lodges regarding this very topic. One of the members brought up a particularly good point. He said that by being a just and upright man, and helping the distressed he had attracted many a good man to him. He was being a shining example of what a man and a Mason should be and nothing more.

In Masonry a good man is made better. That better man will attract those who are true of heart and ready to be made better themselves. However, the majority of the brothers were under the opinion that we should not be focused on attracting new members as much as we should be focused on improving our current ones, and proving to the world that Freemasonry has indeed made us better men.

So as the New Year begins ask yourself are you doing all you can to improve yourself and the lives of those around you?

Sincerely,  
Ben Bridges,  
Junior Warden



### **A PRAYER FOR A DEPARTED BROTHER**

*“SOFT AND SAFE TO THEE OUR BROTHER BE  
THY RESTING PLACE, BRIGHT AND  
GLORIOUS BE THY RISING FROM IT”*

**BROTHER WILLIAM ROLLAND SMITH**  
Chula Vista, CA

**Born: September 16, 1932**  
**Called from Labor: December 2, 2015**

**Initiated: April 10, 1964**  
**Passed: May 15, 1964**  
**Raised: June 19, 1964**

**Master of S.W. Hackett Lodge: 1982**  
**Received 50 Year Anniversary Award: October 7, 2014**

## MASONIC OUTREACH SERVICES

There are many facets of Masonic Outreach Services, but this article is to review information pertaining to Masonic Outreach Services (MOS) for "Masonic Senior Outreach." If a Mason or his family needs more help than the Lodge can provide, a call is warranted to Masonic Assistance at 1-888-466-3642. MOS for senior Masons, wives, widows and minor children are outlined as follows:

**Masonic Assistance Role:** Intake interview assesses primary concerns & collects data regarding the applicant's living situation, potential risks, and current needs. MOS then determines the type of services or support necessary, and presents options to the member applicant. MOS will provide resource information and initial application for either Masonic homes or Masonic Seniors Outreach services.

**On-going care plan:** Applicant/client may live in their own home or other facility. MOS will assist in attaining a modest lifestyle. In-home care services may be approved not to exceed 21 hours per week.

**Services Provided:**

1. Information and referrals for community contacts and personal professional guidance. Eligibility for these services do not require Masonic affiliation.
2. Case Management including: Assistance securing community resources. These services are need based, there is no time limit. MOS offers guidance and hands on assistance. Eligibility: Applicant must be a California Mason in good standing, his wife, widow or minor children.
3. Financial Case Management: MOS to provide a care manager. Applicant must meet financial criteria. Eligibility: Applicant must be a California Mason of 5 or more years in good standing, his wife, widow or minor children. Applicant must demonstrate financial need (no minimum or maximum established). Have no more than \$2,000 (single person) Or \$3,500 (couple) in liquid assets. Financial aid may not be used to pay off debt. This assistance is only available if the applicant is already receiving, and has exhausted, all community, state, federal and possible family support. This assistance does not apply to skilled nursing or 24 hour home care. Repayment of assistance is expected, if the applicant attains assets to do so.

SW Hackett MOS representative is:  
Dick Covert, PM

### ~ INTERESTING FRATERNAL TRIVIA ~

The letters of the English word **GOD** are the first three letters of Hebrew words for beauty, strength, and wisdom. **G** in Gomez, **O** in Oz, **D** in Dabar.

USA General Thomas Benton, also Grand Master of Iowa, ordered federal troops to protect Albert Pike's home and prevent the library from being burned, when his troops took Little Rock, Arkansas.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

1	George	Speer
2	Donald	Harding
3	Mark	Helton
10	Robert	Ashcraft
11	Robert	Gale
11	Michael	Nolen
12	Eric	Straub
14	David	Najera
15	Aleksei	Sviridov
17	Gerald	Lynn
21	Grant	Kramer
28	David	Bautista
29	Sean	Greenberg
29	Steven	Laurvick
31	Roger	Parker

**ECHOES FROM THE PAST - (10 + Years)**

<u>Brother</u>		<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>
William	Eade	1953	62
Edward	Dangler	1959	56
Fred	Lipscomb	1962	53
Theodore	Ketterer	1966	49
George	Glavis	1968	47
Edward	Deitzler	1982	33
John	Farrell	1982	33
Roger	Parker	1982	33
George	Speer	1983	32
Geordan	Mitchell	2003	12