



S.W. Hackett Lodge# 574 F&AM

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FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies:

First and foremost, thank you all for allowing me to once again serve as Master of SW Hackett and I thank the Brothers that have agreed to serve as officers for 2017. The installation with Most Worshipful John Heisner was fun and a real honor. I thank him very much for being our Installing Officer. Along with Most Worshipful Heisner, we were also honored to have our own Worshipful David Haslim, PM and Senior Grand Deacon as our Master of Ceremonies. Can't get better than that. I also thank, Worshipful Gerald Winstanley, PM, who was our installing Chaplain and who is a great friend.

I now occupy the East where our good Brother Charles Caskey was scheduled to be. He worked hard to be the Master and although the Navy had other plans for him this year, he will be back and will, at some time, occupy this chair.

A couple of things we have to address right away will be finding a Brother who can step into the position of Masonic Outreach Services representative. Another immediate goal is to see if a Brother will volunteer to do the work and become certified to conduct funerals. Currently only Wor. David Haslim, PM and Wor. John Gamache, PM are certified.

The picnic has already been scheduled for June 3rd and in our favorite spot, space "G". Also, Wor. "JR" Knight, PM, has scheduled the Table Lodge for Saturday, June 24th. Bro. Bob Gale is our entertainment chairman and is assisting in planning many more events that will be posted in the future.

I will work with the Brothers to bring new events in hope of stimulating more involvement of all the Brothers as well as the Ladies of the lodge. All-in-all, I look for a prosperous and fun year for everyone of SW Hackett Lodge.

In 2017, I look forward to, and will work for, a year of renewal and return. It is time for ALL our Brothers to return to the lodge and for our Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts to move up in their Masonic journey. Thank you.

Dennis Stahr, PM, Master

2017 OFFICERS

Master	Dennis Stahr, PM
Sr. Warden	Ben Bridges
Jr. Warden	Robert Salini, PM
Treasurer.....	David Casper
Secretary.....	Dimiter Lyakov, PM
Chaplain	Steven Laurvick, PM
Sr. Deacon	Nicholas Baker
Jr. Deacon.....	Stefan Werkstetter
Marshall.....	Robert Scheeler
Sr. Steward	Jason Bockerman
Jr. Steward	Robert Gale
Tiler	Jim Achenbach, PM
Officer's Coach:	Dennis Stahr, PM
Officer's Coach:	Robert Salini, PM
Inspector, 921 st . Masonic District:	Richard W. Bullard, PM

JANUARY EVENTS

3 Stated Dinner/Meeting	6:30 pm
10 3 rd degree practice	6:30 pm
17 3 rd degree	6:30 pm
24 Masonic Education - Brother Watson	6:30 pm
31 Practice receiving Inspector	6:30 pm

JANUARY STATED DINNER MENU

Spinach Salad with hard-boiled egg
Roast Pork - Chicken Marsala
Mashed potatoes - Gravy
Green Beans Almandine
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.

DUES FOR 2017 MUST BE IN BY JANUARY 1

It is important that you pay your dues by January 1 every year **to be in good standing**. Be sure to support your lodge and help us keep it strong and alive. When you pay your dues, SW Hackett receives only about two-thirds of it since the remainder must be paid to the Grand Lodge as per-capita. Even if you don't pay your dues, the lodge must pay that Grand Lodge per-capita every year with lodge money.



FROM THE WEST

Brethren and Ladies:

As the holiday season is in full force let us not forget those principal tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth. During this time of year there may be many who are struggling. It is our duty to reach out to them and show them the love we have for them. Strangers, yes even strangers need to be shown that they are important, for a stranger is nothing more than a friend you have yet to meet.

You may know of a friend who needs some help this season. Instead of the traditional gifts, try paying a bill or two. That gift will surely do more for them than any object. Remember to be truthful with those around you. Let those you care for know how you feel. Be willing to ask for assistance, and be willing to accept help that is provided. Together we can all enjoy this time of year and together we can make someone's life just a little bit better.

As always I look forward to seeing everyone in Lodge in the coming year. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays,

Ben Bridges
Senior Warden

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The location is atop of Nob Hill across the street and north-west of our Grand Lodge within an easy gaze of Grand Lodge's front porch. There stands the first brown stone built west of the Mississippi River who's pre-cut blocks were imported from Portland Connecticut and erected in 1886 by James Clair Flood (1825 - 1889) one of the Bonanza Silver Kings of the Comstock Load. He arrived in San Francisco in 1849 as a saloon operator and making shrewd investments in mines and stocks became very wealthy.

The earthquake and fire of 1906 saw the destruction of all the mansions on Nob Hill except the flood mansion which sustained fire damage and was sold to The Pacific Union Club a Gentlemen Club, membership is by invitation only. Whom some call a relic of the age of exclusion as it is said no women, no Democrats, and no reporters can ever be members. The known members list is that of who's who of movers and shakers in government and business of the time.

The North and south wings were added after the fire of 1906. the Mansions original cost of 15 million dollars with the bronze fence on only three sides now cost 70 thousand dollars and Mr. Flood hired a man to polish it every day, however that is no longer done. I've made some eight trips up to Grand Lodge and wondered on its story and am pleased to share this with you.

Submitted by Clint Black, PM

2017 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Audit	Benjamin Bridges
Budget & Finance	Robert Scheeler
Candidate Coaching	Steve Laurvick, PM
Charity	Dennis Stahr, Master
Delinquent Dues	Benjamin Bridges
Funeral	David Haslim, PM
Honored Ladies	Maebelle Haslim
Life Membership	James Campbell, PM
Member Retention	"JR" Knight, PM
Masonic Education	Jim Achenbach, PM
Calif. Annual Fund	Robert Salini, PM
Public Schools	Jim Achenbach, PM
Social Media	Nicholas Baker
Sunshine & Visit	John Fitch, PM
Trestleboard	Dennis Stahr, PM
Website Master	Dennis Stahr, PM

ALEJANDRO RODRIGUEZ, ENTERED APPRENTICE



On December 13th, Alejandro Rodriguez became a Brother of SW Hackett Lodge. He was obligated an Entered Apprentice by Brother Ben Bridges, Senior Warden.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER AND GIFT DISTRIBUTION

On December 22, SW Hackett continued its tradition of assisting families that, without help, would not have a good Christmas. Five families received all the food for a great dinner as well as new gifts for the kids. All thanks to the generosity of the Brethren and Ladies of the lodge.



THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAKE THE HOLIDAY SEASON BRIGHTER FOR THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THAN US!



FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren and Ladies,

November 2016, I was elected to the position of Junior Warden of S.W. Hackett Lodge for 2017. Having just completed going through the Officer's Chairs, I first ask my Lady Norma, what she would think if I re-entered the Line. She replied that she would support my decision, and that she enjoyed her time with our lodge and the Ladies. So I can tell you that as Hackett had the need for me stepping up, I am honored to serve our lodge in any way I can. I am looking forward to supporting Worshipful Stahr, and the Lodge, and hope that we can bring a few fun activities again this year.

Worshipful John Fitch, just completed a great year here at Hackett. This past year we completed our usual Meetings, Degree work, and enjoyed Bar-B-Ques, Ladies Lunch, and the annual holiday food drive.

In the up-coming year I will decline to go to the Wardens Retreat, seeing that we could save the money, and put it to use elsewhere. I do plan on Norma and I to attend the Grand Lodge Communications in October, and supporting all the activities that Worshipful Stahr puts on the Calendar. I sincerely hope that we all had a great Holiday Season, and I am looking forward to seeing all the Officers, newer Brothers, and "Old timers" here at Lodge as we need and love your support.

Be Safe this year and I hope to see everyone in Lodge in 2017.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Bob Salini, PM, Junior Warden

MASONIC EDUCATION ON JANUARY 24 AT 6:30 PM

**The mysteries of Nicola Tesla 2.0 and
The Secrets of Chinese Freemasonry**

Don't miss it! All Masons of every degree are welcome.

On Tuesday November 29th Bro. Dave Watson presented a lecture titled "The Mysteries of Nicola Tesla, Freemasonry & the Secret Destiny of The United States of America." There were over 30 Brothers in attendance representing Lodges from all over the county. The presentation generated a great deal of interest and received many compliments.

Brother Dave has been using Masonic *times & seasons, years & cycles* from the ritual to gain insight into how things may transpire between 2017 & 2027. China, and now Taiwan, are both constantly in the news. The President-Elect shocked the world when he accepted a phone call from the President of Taiwan only days after Bro. Dave's previous lecture. One could argue that Bro. Dave's previous lectures have contained a great deal of insight.

INSTALLATION OF 2017 OFFICERS

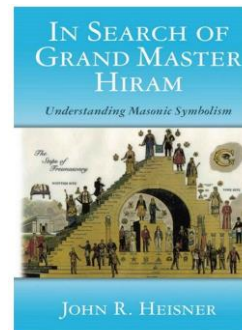
On December 10, the Grand Master of Masons in California, Most Worshipful John R. Heisner honored SW Hackett Lodge by being its Installing Officer for the installation of Officers. Our Installing Master of Ceremony was Worshipful David A. Haslim, Senior Grand Deacon and the installing Chaplain was Worshipful Gerald Winstanley, PM.



Most Worshipful Heisner presented SW Hackett Lodge with a beautiful gift as he gave us the Earth. It is a crystal globe, and the base displays the Grand Masters logo for 2017. Stop by the office and look at this wonderful gift.



He also presented the incoming Master with a signed copy of his recent book, "In Search of Grand Master Hiram". This book should be read by all Masons as it concerns "Understanding Masonic Symbolism". Please know that this book along with many other books written by our Grand Master can be purchased from Amazon.com.



OFFICER DRESS FOR 2017

I was asked to please put this in the Trestleboard so that all would be aware of the dress code for 2017. We will continue the dress code from last year. Dark suits for Stated Meetings and Tuxedos for ALL degrees.

Dennis Stahr, Master

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	Steven	Laurvick
29	Sean	Greenberg
31	Roger	Parker

ECHOES FROM THE PAST - (10 + Years)

<u>Brother</u>		<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>
William	Eade	1953	64
Edward	Dangler	1959	58
Fred	Lipscomb	1962	55
Theodore	Ketterer	1966	51
George	Glavis	1968	49
Roger	Parker	1982	35
Edward	Deitzler	1982	35
John	Farrell	1982	35
George	Speer	1983	34
Geordan	Mitchell	2003	14
David	Brant	2007	10