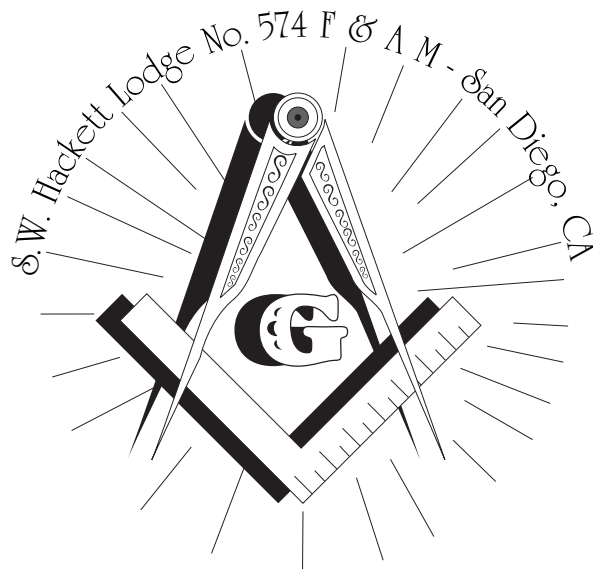


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FEBRUARY 2013



FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Brethren and Ladies:

Congratulations to Wor. Dennis Stahr who has been selected to receive the Hiram Award this year. I am very pleased with our HA Committee's unanimous selection. Dennis works very hard for our Lodge, aside from all of his hard work to make his year in the East a great success, he is also our assistant officers coach, spending many hours getting our officers line ready for advancement. Dennis is also responsible for keeping our lodges website up to date and filled with interesting content. These are just a couple of examples of how SWH benefits from Dennis's Brotherhood. His award will be presented at a dinner on Saturday, April 13, please mark your calendar and plan to attend.



gun club shootout. Robin and I would like to thank Bonnie Smith for the excellent table decorations at our January Stated Meeting Dinner, our

tables looked very festive. For the month of February we will pass Brothers Livingston, Greenberg, Amescua, and Manson to the degree of Fellowcraft and initiate Mrs. Cooper & Lanning into her craft. Please send the dates and times below.

Our Masonic Education Session this month will focus on the Circumambulation. The ritual of circumambulation, is familiar to all Masons. It is also a familiar rite to people all over the world in many different religious and spiritual traditions. It also can be a profound experience. Please make plans to join us and learn about the Masonic symbolism as well as how to integrate the lessons into your daily life.

At our January stated meeting I submitted my budget which passed, but did cause a bit of confusion. At our February stated meeting I would like to discuss a few

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FROM THE PILLAR OF STRENGTH

Brethren and Ladies,

As we move forward into February, I would like to welcome our newest members into our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity – Bro. Greenberg, Bro. Mullen, and Bro. Bridges. Thank you for letting me a part of your initiations and cannot wait to see you all be pass to the degree of Fellow Craft. If you all need any assistance with your memorization work, our Candidates Coach – Clint Black and other members of this lodge are here to help.



cially dedicated to you all for on February 14th is Valentine's Day. This is where I would like to give my love and appreciation to my wife, Nancy for being by my side throughout my masonic career during my years in the Lodge. I could have never gotten this far to being the Senior Warden without her continued support and patience. Thank you so much! I love you, my darling!

But did you know that the root of Valentine's Day goes back to ancient times, when people paid honor to the Roman God of Fertility on

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FROM PILLAR OF BEAUTY

Brethren and Ladies,

January 1st comes and a new year starts. With the New Year I always reflect on the past and clearing out the old, along with bringing in the new. I usually look into my garage and home to see what I am saving that I don't need any more. I clear the things that I no longer need to save and make room for something new. I never know what new things I will end up with at the end of the year, but I do make room. And as the New Year begins, I remove some of the clutter in my spiritual life and make room for new light and a sense of renewed spirit



for the New Year. We started our New Year with the Installation of new Officers, and new perspective to the offices to which they hold. And with a new Master of the lodge, also comes a new perspective on the operation of the lodge. Last year the Master did a great job of strengthening the lodge and taking care of all the business. This year I feel that JR will put his twist on the office and I think we all are looking forward to see what that twist brings us. Myself I think we will proceed with more Masonic education and

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FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 5 Stated Dinner & Meeting 6:30 & 7:15pm
- 12 2nd Degree - Livingston, Greenberg 6:30pm
- 19 Masonic Education 6:30pm
- 20 1st Degree - Cooper 6:30pm
- 22 SD Imperial Masters & Past Masters 7pm
- 23 Family Movies 12pm
- 26 2nd Degree - Amescua, Manson 6:30pm

| FEBRUARY 2013 | | | | | | |
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FEBRUARY STATED MEETING DINNER

Tossed Green Salad
 Baron of Beef & Roasted Chicken
 Wild Rice
 Zucchini & Squash
 Assorted Rolls
 Assorted Hot & Cold Beverages
 Iced Brownies

\$15.00

Please RSVP

expenses in depth, to get a consensus of the brothers, to hopefully form an official Lodge philosophy to help future Masters create their budget as well as to inform future Lodge leaders what's expected of them financially.

The expenses in question have to do with the Secretary and Wardens Retreats and Grand Lodge Communication. The confusion has to do with what percentage the Lodge should pay for the officers to attend these Communications.

Over the years the costs for these communications have increased but the amount paid by the Lodge has stayed the same or in the case of last year went down. As a result of the financial gap, I opted not to attend the last couple of years sessions to give the other officers my money so they would not be out of pocket. It is my opinion, that since these communications are of a benefit to the Lodge only and really don't benefit the brothers who attend personally, that these sessions should be paid for by the Lodge and not the brother himself.

Therefore my budget reflected the actual costs, rounded up, required to attend, rather than arbitrary dollar amounts reflecting either, what the Lodge paid in the past or an amount pulled from thin air. The questions for consideration will be: what percentage the Lodge should pay, if the Lodge should pay for the wives to attend, how do we pay for the amount agreed upon, i.e. pull from investments, increased dues, or some other plan TBD.

These are the expenses that will apply this year:

Secretaries & Treasurer Retreat Costs per attendee - early registered price \$225, room \$224 plus taxes, about \$40, self parking \$10, spouse lunch \$42, spouse dinner \$78, breakfasts are not included, if they eat at the hotel add another \$80 for the Brother and another \$80 for their spouse, they can go out for Breakfasts for about \$50 for both, gas about \$50. Bringing the Total to about \$830 on the high side and \$720 if they go out for breakfast.

Master & Wardens Retreat Costs per attendee - early registered price \$285, room \$222 plus taxes, about \$40, self parking \$TBD, spouse early registered price \$285, breakfasts are not included, if they eat at the

hotel add another \$80 for the Brother and another \$80 for their spouse, they can go out for Breakfasts for about \$50 for both, gas about \$50. Bringing the Total to about \$1,042 on the high side and \$932 if they go out for breakfast.

Grand Lodge Communication Costs per attendee - GL has not yet posted the room costs but they will be between \$700 to \$900 plus taxes, about \$80, self parking about \$120, they might be able to park at GL for free, but without "in and out" prevlegies, requiring cabs or public transporation costs, travel will run about \$250 each to fly so \$500 per couple or about \$250 for gas. As they are not locked into a hotel, they are usually on their own for meals. Meals in SF run roughly breakfasts 12-25 per, lunches 15-30 per and dinners 25 plus per. Obviouly these cost will only be going up every year.

I look forward to hearing all opinions on this matter as well as coming up with a plan to help with our future budgets.

Remember my Brothers Tuesday night is Lodge night see you there.

Magically and Fraternally,
JR Knight, PM
Worshipful Master



SW Hackett Lodge #574 Table Lodge June 18, 2013 TOASTING CANNON

Brethren, we are pre selling a 1-3/4 oz table lodge toasting cannon with our Lodge info and date for the price of not to exceed \$15.00 each. To place your order, please email your request and quantity by March 10 to magicalmason574@gmail.com. You can also call the office (619) 295-4420 and leave a message. The price listed will be the most they will cost, the more we order the less we will pay. I will send you a total at time of ordering, we will collect your money then. Also make your reservation for the table lodge dinner today.



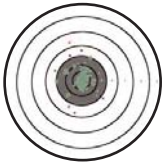
February Birthdays

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| 1 | JUAN M. THOMPSON | |
| 3 | ALEXANDER SHPIGEL | |
| 6 | SEAN D. MAC DADE | |
| 8 | RICHARD C. BERGSTROM | |
| 9 | BURMAN E. FAUCETT | |
| 9 | MARIO S. URBINO | |
| 20 | WILLIAM R. "JR" KNIGHT | |
| 26 | JOSEPH E. AMESCUA | |
| 26 | TRAVIS L. KING | |
| 28 | EDWARD K. JACKSON | |

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

| | Raised |
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| Leonard V. Kulhanjian | .02/24/59 |
| Ray E. Rapp, PM | .02/14/67 |
| Gerald R. Lynn, PM | .02/24/77 |
| Howard L. Mc Gill, PM | .02/27/79 |
| James C. Williams | .02/15/97 |
| Antonio D. Balat | .02/25/97 |
| Ivan L. English | .02/17/98 |
| John F. Fitch | .02/22/00 |
| Michael D. Martin | .02/26/01 |
| Mark T. Ingersoll | .02/08/05 |
| Anthony S. Thornburg | .02/22/05 |
| Robert L. Salini | .02/16/10 |

SWH SHOOT OUT



On Sunday, March 10 we will be going out East to practice our shooting skills. We will meet up for breakfast at a location TBD and convoy out to the firing location. You may bring your own weapon(s), but it is not required as we will have some there for you to use. Just chip in for Ammo. This is open to all Brothers and their Families. Anyone planning to attend please contact me so we can get a head count and get you the rest of the info.

JR 951-805-7318 or MagicalMason574@gmail.com

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February 14th and was known as the Feast of Lupercalia. The traditions of Valentine's Day are broad as many share this time to exchange cards and small gift, such as chocolates, jewelry, or have a romantic dinner. For others it is a day to fall in love where many couples become engaged or wed on Valentine's Day. Also with families, it can be a fun event where the kids and their par-

ents can be all involved in this wonderful tradition.

Another traditional holiday this month that my wife and I will be celebrating this year with her family is the Chinese New Year which is the largest and most festive celebration of the year. Chinese New Year is an annual celebration marking the start of the New Year according to the Chinese lunisolar calendar. Chinese New Year always falls in the months of January or February, and each Chinese new year is

represented by 1 of the 12 creatures of the Chinese Zodiac – 2013 is the year of the Snake which will begin on February 10th (Sunday) till February 12th (Tuesday). Chinese New Year is also known as the Spring Festival, and in pre-modern times it would signal to the farmers in China that they must begin preparation for the sowing of their fields.

“The Spring Festival was the product of an agrarian society. The people who were farmers would plant in spring, harvest in autumn, relax a little in summer and rest in winter. The seasons thus became a living cycle and the harvests were dependent on nature.” - Qi

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Spiritual light, whether it be from meditation sessions, or from Masonic history. It is great to be a part of this lodge in a time when there is so much enthusiasm among the members to become involved with the lodge and all of it's doings. As I write this article I

Dongye and Lu Xianwen.

So to my wife, her family and friends – I would a like wish you all a Happy New Year!, Xin Nian Kuai Le, 新年快乐

Also, we will be passing several our brothers to the degree of Fellow Craft this month. Please check the dates and times on our homepage at <http://www.swhackett574.sandiegofreemason.com/> in the Calendars section (located on the left-side of the page) for any further details.

Be Safe and Take Care!

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Ryan
Senior Warden



hope that some of the Brethren that haven't been to lodge recently will think about showing up and taking part in their lodge again.

Drive Safe and I hope to see everyone in lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Bro. Bob Salini
Junior Warden



2013 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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| Audit: | Ryan A. Bacaoco |
| Budg, Fin & Invest: | Robert J. Scheeler |
| Head Candidate Coach: | Clint Black, PM |
| Charity: | "JR" Knight, WM |
| Communication: | John Fitch |
| Delinquent Dues: | Ryan A. Bacaoco |
| Funeral: | David Haslim, PM |
| Honored Ladies: | Maebel Haslim |
| Life Membership: | Jim Campbell, PM |
| Masonic Education: | Jim Achenbach, PM |
| Masonic Formation: | Robert Smith, PM |
| Masonic Outreach: | Ron Detzer, PM |
| Mem Retent: | Robert Salini |
| Public Schools: | Jim Achenbach, PM |
| Social Media: | Steve Laurvick, PM |
| Sam Jones Mem.: | Robert Smith, PM |
| Sunshine Visitation: | Dennis Stahr, PM |
| Mentoring: | "JR" Knight, WM |
| Trestleboard Editor: | "JR" Knight, WM |
| Website Master: | Dennis Stahr, PM |
| Head Candidate's Coach: Kent Dau, PM (Emeritus) | |
| Grand Lodge Committeeman: Norm Hale, PM (Emeritus) Widows | |

S.W. HACKETT LODGE, #574 F&AM - 2013 OFFICERS

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| WORSHIPFUL MASTER | "JR" KNIGHT, PM |
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| JUNIOR WARDEN | ROBERT L. SALINI |
| TREASURER | JAMES J. ACHENBACH, PM |
| SECRETARY | DIMITER K. LYAKOV, PM |
| ASSISTANT SEC | GERALD R. LYNN, PM |
| CHAPLAIN | RONALD J. DETZER, PM |
| ASST. CHAPLAIN | STEVEN "TEX" PERRY |
| SENIOR DEACON | JOHN F. FITCH |
| JUNIOR DEACON | CHARLES I. "CHUCK" CASKEY |
| MARSHALL | ROBERT J. SCHEELER |
| SENIOR STEWARD | RICHARD J. DERFLINGER |
| JUNIOR STEWARD | CHRISTIAN D. ROWDEN |
| MUSICIAN | SCOTTIE D. McLAIN |
| TILER | ROBERT SMITH, PM |
| OFFICER COACH | ROBERT SMITH, PM |
| CAND. COACH | CLINT BLACK, PM |
| INSPECTOR 921st MASONIC DISTRICT | DAVID A. HASLIM, PM |