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FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Greeting's, Brethren and Ladies,

The New Year is off to a good start. The remodeling work at my home is near completion, and I have my office set up and back in working order. It seems like a small detail, however when all your files and stationary is packed away in the garage, it's impossible to get anything done. To complicate thing a little, in January I had Cataract Eye surgery, so now I'm looking at life through new lenses, and with maybe a new perspective.

We have been having our Tuesday evening degree practices, with Brother Dennis Stahr, PM leading the way, and I'm glad to see the officer's show up work on the ritual. Our candidates are working hard on their proficiencies, and we will schedule the next degree when ready.

Last year, as Senior Warden, I started on a drive to help get our lodge finances in order, by raising the annual dues. This isn't a popular thing to do among the brethren, however it is necessary. I think we now have our dues more in line with our lodge expenses. The next item is the cost of initiation. I believe we all enjoy bringing in new members to our lodge. We put in extra effort, and time to ensure that the candidate is properly taken care of and receives excellent degree ritual. As initiation costs rise, so the cost to the candidate should be passed, as it has been our custom.

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2015 OFFICERS

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

FEBRUARY EVENTS

3	Stated Meeting & Dinner.....	6:30pm
10	Degree Practice / Proficiencies.....	6:00pm
17	Degree Practice / Proficiencies.....	6:00pm
24	Degree Practice / Proficiencies.....	6:00pm

FEBRUARY STATED DINNER MENU

Baron of Beef & Roast Chicken
Wild Rice, Zucchini & Squash
Tossed Green Salad & Rolls
Spice Cake
Hot & Cold Beverages

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

I am not asking to have the candidate pay for refreshments, or dinners, only the cost of materials associated with the degrees.

In our candidate investigation, the question is asked “He has the means and will pay lodge dues and will share our responsibility for our brothers and our charitable causes”. I would hope our candidates are men of such means that they can afford the initiation costs associated with our fraternity. By all means, I am not trying to stop anyone from joining our lodge, or being able to pay their dues, but rather to help keep this lodge going.

Thank you for your attention on this issue. This is a good time to remind all of our brethren to come on down to Lodge and share the camaraderie, and fellowship with us.

Drive Safe and I hope to see everyone in lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bob Salini
Master



FROM THE PILLAR OF STRENGTH

Welcome to February, Ground Hog day is upon us again! Recall the Bill Murray 1993 comedy where he is trapped in a recurring time loop, and allow me to share some thoughts on the nature of time.

In January I was fortunate to travel by sea, to Hawaii and back, on an Ocean Liner with sufficient down time to observe the nature of the earth upon which we live by a different perspective. Seeing the curvature of the earth, as the clouds fall away past the horizon, and reading several books on the subject; I considered that the nature of time and space is parsed into three distinct degrees, if you will; Past, Present and Future, which are bounded by the speed of light, making the whole subject pertinent to our Craft. The short takeaway which I offer is to consider the Present Instance of time and the nature in which we exist. We are able to choose our acts in the Present, future that will eventually become out Past and if we do

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2015 COMMITTEES

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

Hello Brethren & Ladies,

A question was brought to my attention by one of our Brothers regarding an entry we make every month in our Lodge Trestleboard called “Echoes from the Past.” What does that mean? What criteria’s have to be met in order to be listed under this category? And who qualifies?

For those who do not know, the term “Echoes from the Past” is phrase we use in our Lodge Trestleboard to recognize those brothers who have received their 3rd degree, the date they became a Master Mason and the number of years they have accumulated after being raised. The Trestleboards we have going way back to the year, 2009 can be viewed on our lodge website at <http://www.swhackett574.sandiegofreemason.com/Trestleboard.htm>. So, in order to be listed under Echoes from the Past, the brother has to be a Master Mason, still living amongst us, and a member of our lodge. When a brother is called from Labor to that celestial lodge, above he is honored and remembered in lodge and in the Trestleboard, but no longer listed in the Echoes from the Past to avoid any confusion among the Brethren, family and friends.

If you have any articles or messages you would like to have posted on our Lodge Trestleboard, please have your article submitted to me by no later than 19th of every month by email at bacaoco@gmail.com.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Ryan A. Bacaoco, PM
Treasurer & Trestleboard Editor

so by the Four Cardinal Virtues, we increase our chances of experiencing a contented and productive future that will eventually become out Past. Bill Murray eventually figures out to befriend almost every one that he meets, and gets out of the time loop, at the instant when he kisses his female boss. So don't forget that February 14th is a Saturday this year, and to buy a Present.

Fraternally Yours,

John Fitch
Senior Warden



FROM THE PILLAR OF BEAUTY

Brethren and Ladies,

As we get into another month of 2015, I hope everyone's year is continuing to be a good one. This month I took some time to reflect on the plumb. I leave you with some education and a poem. Plumbum was the Latin for lead, and is used also of a scourge with a blob of lead tied to it, of a line with a lead ball at its end for testing perpendicularity. A plumb-line is accordingly a line, or cord, with a piece of lead at the bottom to pull it taut, used to test vertical walls with the line of gravity hence, by a simple expansion of reference, an emblem of uprightness. Up means up, right means straight, an upright man is one who stands straight up and down, doesn't bend or wobble, or has no crooks in him, like a good solid wall that won't cave under pressure.

THE PLUMB

*Build up your life like the temple old
With stones that are polished and true
Cement it with love, and adorn it with gold
As all master builders should do
Upon a foundation, well-chosen and strong
Build now for ages to come
Make use of the good, while rejecting the wrong
And test all your work with the plumb*
-by Neal A McCauley

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Chuck Caskey
Junior Warden

A MESSAGE FROM OUR WEBSITE MASTER

Where is my January Trestleboard? I know. Some of you did receive it, but several that I have heard from did not... including me. Not sure what happened, but since it was mailed just before Christmas, I am guessing that it was the holidays that messed up the deliveries. Hopefully you have received this one. There is an alternative for those of you who have internet access. Be sure to visit: <http://www.swhackett574.sandiegofreemason.com/>. On our website, there are Trestleboards dating back to February of 2009 and a list of all the news and activities since the time, when I took over the maintenance of the website.

Speaking of the SW Hackett website, it would be wonderful if some of you would submit some articles or personal experiences for me to post for all the Brothers and ladies to see. I would especially like to hear from some of our "remote" Brothers. We miss not having you able to be with us in lodge. I have spoken with many of you throughout the U.S., and it has always been a pleasure. We hate losing touch with you and a note or article from you would help us remember things like the "ding-a-ling lodge days. Easy to email me at: masonic574@ifutures.com. You are all remembered and asked about by the Brothers as they relate stories of the "good-old-days". Yes, times change and SW Hackett isn't the way it was 10 years ago, or even 5 years ago, but we still have a strong lodge of great Brothers, and you are still a part of that. Please let us here from you.

For those of you that are local and have not been able to make it to lodge, give it a try. Brother Robert Salini, Master, has been reaching out and at our Stated Meeting in January we had two of our Brothers that have been away for a while, return to the lodge and they were both very glad they did. SW Hackett really needs you all. It is always good to see a large group at the Stated Meetings, but especially important for all of us to be in lodge for degrees. Showing strong support for our Brothers as they progress is key. I think that a good turn-out for the degree encourages the Brother to advance to be a part of this great 91 year old lodge. Thank you and I hope to see you in lodge.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Dennis Stahr, PM

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Juan Thompson
3 Alexander Shpigel
6 Sean Mac Dade
8 Richard Bergstrom
9 Mario Urbino
10 William Eade
20 William R. Knight
25 Bryan Sumpter
26 Travis King
Joseph Amescua
28 Benjamin Bridges
Edward Jackson

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

56 YEARS

Leonard Kulhanjian, 2/24/1959

38 YEARS

Gerald Lynn, 2/24/1977

36 YEARS

Howard McGill, 2/27/1979

18 YEARS

James Williams, 2/15/1997
Antonio Balat, 2/25/1997

17 YEARS

Ivan English, 2/17/1998

15 YEARS

John Fitch, 2/22/2000

10 YEARS

Mark Ingersoll, 2/8/2005
Anthony Thornburg, 2/22/2005