



S.W. Hackett Lodge# 574 F&AM

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FROM THE EAST

Greetings from the East,

Welcome to February, the shortest month of this Leap Year. Ground Hog Day is the 2nd, which coincides with our Stated Meeting and Dinner. Lent begins early this year on Wednesday the 10th, and St. Valentine's Day is Sunday the 14th.

Last month Wor. Dave Haslim PM, conducted a well-attended Masonic Memorial Service for Wor. William R. Smith, PM, at the Scottish Rite Center. Our Stated Meeting was a lively time, with Committee assignments given, and the challenges and goals of the upcoming year discussed candidly. At the beginning of the meeting, Brother Sviridov completed his First Degree Proficiency, and his Second Degree is scheduled for the 26th of January. Check our website for updated information on this event www.freemason574.org.

On Saturday the 9th, Past Masters Salini, Stahr, Haslim, Achenbach and I had the pleasure of attending the Officers Installation of Amity Lodge in the Morrison Room. The 9th District Officers School of Instruction was conducted on the 25th by East San Diego Lodge, hosted by San Diego No. 35.

Our Secretary is hard at work, keeping together the affairs of the Lodge, and we wish him a relaxing and informative period of time during the Secretaries and Treasurers Retreat in Irvine, on the 26th-28th of February.

Looking ahead in the year, I have secured our regular place, Space "G" at Santee Lakes, on Saturday June 18th for our Annual Picnic and Barbeque, so be sure to mark your calendars.

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

FEBRUARY EVENTS

2 Stated Meeting & Dinner	6:30 pm
9 Second degree practice	6:30 pm
16 Second degree (tentative)	6:30 pm
23 Practice for Stated Meetings	6:30 pm

FEBRUARY STATED DINNER MENU

Spring mix salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette
Roast Beef Au Jus
Honey Dijon Chicken
Potatoes Au Gratin
Zucchini & Squash
Red velvet cake with Strawberry Ice Cream

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.



FROM THE WEST

Brethren and Ladies,

As we move into another month of 2016, I hope everyone's year is a good one and continues to be a good one. This year has already been a busy a Fellowcraft degree and more to come. My wife and I were blessed with a beautiful baby girl Caroline Fay Caskey, on Jan 14th 2016. She has definitely kept the Caskey house busy. So with the baby, work, and lodge, life is packed. I anxiously look forward to the upcoming lodge plans.

I've thought a lot about how to get the brethren back in lodge and have a more active lodge. I believe that we need to build with the base and work outward.

Possibly we need some further community involvement ideas and also recommendations for things that the brethren would like to see or be a part of. I think it would be good to get the brethren together outside of lodge as well as in it. I know most of the Brethren are a part of a number of other organizations within the fraternity, however I was always told by wise Brothers; "stay invested in your blue lodge".

So with that please email me, call or just stop me sometime and let's figure out ways to get the brethren re-involved within the lodge as well as get us all out in the community. We started with cook outs which were great and we should keep it up, so let's not stop there. I would like to begin new traditions at S W Hackett as well as keep the old ones. Please let the Wor. Master or I know of any ideas that you may have.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Bro. Chuck Caskey
Senior Warden

EDITOR'S 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 and/or Wor. Dimiter, our Secretary, at: Hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com

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 on or before the 19th of every month. Thank you!

Dennis Stahr, PM, Trestleboard Editor

2016 COMMITTEES

- Audit..... Charles Caskey
- Budget & Finance Robert Scheeler
- 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
- 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

www.freemason574.org - YOUR WEBSITE

Did you know that on your website at: freemason574.org, there is some interesting stuff? Probably not because if you have visited your website, you most likely didn't check out the Past Masters where you can see a picture of EVERY Past Master of SW Hackett. Or maybe you were wondering what happened at the lodge from 2009 to the present, but didn't think to check out the "News" and "Activities" sections on the website where all the events are shown. Don't you wonder what the officer's lines looked like from 1996 to present with only three missing years? Because you could see them under "Past Year's Officers" on.... Guess where..... Right! The SW Hackett website.

Oh, how about every Hiram Award Honoree all the way back to 1980. Maybe you want to see what was in the Trestleboards all the way back to February of 2009. Just click on the "Archived Trestleboards" link. And finally if you haven't visited the "Amazing stories and trivia items" you have missed so much! How about "The application for Masonic degrees of a war hero - Guess who. And a picture of the Masonic Apron of Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. And there is the Confederate Masons Cemetery in Ohio. Not to mention so many other interesting articles and trivia.

One last thing to do is click on the picture of Samuel Warren Hackett at the top of the main page if you are interested in reading a short biography of "O.T. Hackett".

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Dennis Stahr, PM
Webmaster



FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren; yet another month has passed. As we enter the month of love let us be reminded that it is brotherly love that bonds us all together as one.

As you are preparing your valentines to send to those you love, take a minute to think of about a brother you haven't seen in the lodge in a while. Take the time to think about a brother you haven't spoken with or haven't heard from. Take the time to reach out to him as a token of your affection.

As the turmoil in the world continues to churn remember that peace can be found within the body of the lodge, if for only a few hours a month. Also keep your lodge in mind as well. Dues are now past due. So if you haven't paid that would be a wonderful Valentines gift for the lodge. If you are unable to pay please contact the lodge secretary so that arrangements can be made. If you have changed your phone number or mailing address please let the secretary know as well.

I look forward to seeing some of you in the lodge in the coming year. Although our numbers continue to grow, our lodge just isn't the same without each and every one of you.

Fraternally,
Ben Bridges, Junior Warden

Going Above and Beyond!

Two of our Lodge members have volunteered to go above and beyond! After working with our Public Schools Partner to arrange for the annual deliveries we became aware of some additional needs students had in our community. Two young men, members of the NJROTC, were not going to be able to attend the NJROTC Ball this year. In fact they have never been able to because of financial hardships. After working hard all year they have not been able to take part in the fun and ceremonies at the end of the year because of their family's financial situation. Not this year! Brother David Casper stepped up and generously paid for the two tickets.

Another situation was brought to our attention where a student from a needy family was not going to be able to attend his Senior Prom. Bro. Devin Breise and his wife Ruth, immediately volunteered to not only pay for this young man's ticket but also contributed to the school staff's fund to help buy the young man a nice suit that would not only work for the Prom, but also for whatever wonderful things are in store for him.

I had a chance to meet with each of these young men and visit with them. They are some of the nicest, most respectful and intelligent young men you could ever hope to meet. Yes, their families are in challenging financial

Situations, but they are good people and hard workers. And because of the generosity of some of our members they are going to be able to enjoy some wonderful end-of-the-year activities!

And more good done by our Brethren and Ladies

By the time you read this article, your Lodge will have already worked some real magic in our community. For the 17th year in a row we will have blessed six needy families in our community with a complete holiday meal, a Target gift card and presents for all the children in the various families.

Seventeen years ago, and every year since, the members of our Lodge have volunteered at the November Stated Meeting to purchase the food and presents. The food includes everything needed for a family to have a complete Christmas dinner and the members also purchase age and gender appropriate gifts for the children, then wrap the presents and put the children's name on them. The Partnership in Education fund provides gift cards so that the family can secure some needed items that we don't provide.

On the weekend before December 25th volunteers from the Lodge meet to organize and then go to the homes of the families and personally deliver the meals and gifts. You may be able to imagine the faces on the parents and children when the deliveries are made. I can tell you from experience that it is heartwarming.

I'd like to share with you one of the situations that we'll be helping with this year. The mother of one of the families we're working with has cancer. She is in a stage of treatment that has her very sick and out of sorts. Even absent her health challenges, the family's financial situation would prevent a very Merry Christmas. Needless to say, this family is in a very tough place.

Our Lodge, with the help of our Partners at the school, has coordinated with this family's neighbors to help out! The neighbors will cook the food and bring it over on Christmas Eve. Obviously our generosity will not solve all of this particular family's problems but, for a time, they will enjoy a wonderful meal, open great presents and also have a gift card to go out and secure a few necessities. This family, along with five others, will enjoy some happiness because of the efforts and generosity of the Brethren and Ladies from S.W. Hackett Lodge #574.

If you did not take advantage of the opportunity to contribute to the Partnership in Education program when you paid your dues that's okay – it's never too late! Whenever you are able please mail a check to the Lodge made out to: **S.W. Hackett Lodge # 574....Memo: Partnership in Education**

Sincerely and Fraternaly, Bro. Jim Achenbach, PM
Partnership in Education Committee

SW Hackett Partnership In Education program

Assists six needy families during the holiday season,
Sponsors the Sequoia Elementary Annual Spelling Bee,
Hosts the Sequoia Elementary "Teacher of the Year"
Banquet and award ceremony and, assists with various needs and requests throughout the year.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

ECHOES FROM THE PAST - (10 + Years)

<u>Brother</u>		<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>
Leonard	Kulhanjian	1959	57
Gerald	Lynn	1977	39
Howard	Mc Gill	1979	37
Antonio	Balat	1997	19
James	Williams	1997	19
Ivan	English	1998	18
John	Fitch	2000	16
Mark	Ingersoll	2005	11
Anthony	Thornburg	2005	11