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FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies:

With all the installations of other lodges, the OSI and the raising of Brother Johnson to the degree of Master Mason, we have had an interesting and busy January. As you can see by the events scheduled for February, we will have another busy month and that's great. We will be welcoming, and officially receiving Worshipful Richard Bullard, PM and Inspector of the 921st Masonic District into the lodge at our Stated Meeting on the 7th. We anticipate one and possibly two Second Degrees on the 21st. We will also continue our Masonic Education events on the 28th.

In the Stated Meeting of January, I had asked for Brothers who might be interested in helping their lodge by becoming a Funeral Master and also becoming the Masonic Outreach Services (MOS) Representative. I was very pleased as Brother Michael Mc Cullock stepped up to say that he was interested in qualifying for Funeral Master. Then Wor. Ryan Bacaoco, PM, also contacted me and said that he would like to be the MOS representative. This means that SW Hackett Lodge will now have a new Funeral Master addition for the first time in many years, and an MOS representative for the first time in over two years.

Two other important notes. I earlier made reservations for the picnic in June. Then I found that one of our two great picnic grill masters, will be out of the State at that time, so I have changed the date of the SW Hackett picnic to July 15th. Please mark your calendars so that we can again have a great turnout and another good time of fellowship and fun.

Finally and another very important date to schedule. SW Hackett lodge is planning an official reception for our Grand Lodge Officer, Worshipful David A. Haslim, Senior Grand Deacon. The reception will be on Tuesday April 11 with dinner at 6:30 pm and the program to follow. It will be attended by our Grand Master, Most Worshipful John R. Heisner.

Thank you and I'll see you in lodge,
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

FEBRUARY EVENTS

7 Stated Dinner/Meeting	6:30 pm
14 2 nd degree practice	6:30 pm
20 OSI - Second degree, first section	6:00 pm
21 2 nd Degree	6:30 pm
28 Masonic Education	6:30 pm

FEBRUARY STATED DINNER MENU

Spring Mix/Strawberries
Seasoned Baron of Beef
Chicken Dijon with Honey Mustard
Au Gratin Potatoes
Steamed Squash & Zucchini w/lemon butter
Red Velvet Cake w/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.

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, PM, Master



FROM THE WEST

Hello again Brethren and families,

February is upon us. It is a month in which I like to take the time to celebrate everyone in my life. Not just the ones that I call friend, but the ones that annoy me, the ones that make me angry, the ones whose opinions differ than mine. Some people ask me why I would be thankful for an annoying person. My answer is because everyone we meet, regardless of our thoughts about them, needs us and we need them. It's part of what makes us human.

It is also part of what lead me to Masonry. I have a real good friend who is a Prince Hall Mason, and has been for longer than I have known him. We served in the Marine Corps together and traveled around the world. During these times he would always show kindness to everyone he met. There were times people would attack him for his religious beliefs, his height or a host of other things. Regardless, he always treated them with kindness and respect. I would ask him about it and he would just say "they are all my brothers and I treat them like so".

I never really knew what he meant by that until years later when I asked him about a book I saw on his desk at work. He told me about Masonry and its guiding principles, chiefly that of brotherly love. That conversation played over in my mind for years until, when the timing was right, I joined Masonry. It has given me a brotherhood I never thought I would find outside of the Marines. So for me February is a month to truly celebrate brotherly love. Reach out to a brother you haven't spoken with in a while. Bring them back down to the lodge and let's celebrate together.

Fraternally,
Ben Bridges, Senior Warden

Brethren and Ladies:

Where is your article?

This space and more is reserved for you and your submission of interest.

Worshipful Clint Black, PM is the only one who submits articles, and, per your comments, they are always interesting and informational.

Take a few moments of your time and help make your Trestleboard more interesting with your article.

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
Entertainment	Robert Gale
Sunshine & Visit	John Fitch, PM
Masonic Outreach	Ryan Bacaoco, PM
Trestleboard	Dennis Stahr, PM
Website Master	Dennis Stahr, PM

WORSHIPFUL ROBERT SALINI, PM HONORED



On the evening of January 4, 2017, Wor. Robert Salini, PM, was presented with the prestigious Pike Award at the Stated Meeting of the San Diego Valley of the Scottish Rite. This Award was presented in recognition of superior work done in 2016. Worshipful Bob also received this award in 2014.

We congratulate Worshipful Salini who is very active in SW Hackett lodge, but also very active in the Scottish Rite and the Shrine. He truly gives much of his time to the craft he loves.

BROTHER HORATIO JOHNSON, MASTER MASON



On January 17th, Brother Horatio Johnson became a Master Mason of SW Hackett Lodge. He was obligated a Master Mason by Wor. David Haslim, Senior Grand Deacon.



FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren and Ladies,

February is here and I thought I'd write a little on the numbers three, five, and seven. These three numbers have special meaning to Masons as we learn in our ritual, and Masonic reading.

Here is some food for thought that I've been reading about. The ancients were masters at reading the sky at night, as they had little other entertainment. They viewed the stars, and named the constellations, as they saw fit.

We start with the number three, and the constellation of Orion, which is easily found by the three stars of his belt, which are also known as the Three Kings. In the winter sky they appear around the Holiday of the Epiphany, when the Biblical Magi visited the baby Jesus. One Greek Myth recounts that Gaia's rage at Orion, who dared to say that he would kill every animal on the planet. Gaia tied to dispatch Orion with a scorpion, and this is why you never see the two constellations in the sky together.

The number Five is tied to the Cluster Hyades, which is the nearest open cluster to our solar system. Hyades appears in the constellation of Taurus. Viewed by the naked eye, we see five stars, and in Greek Mythology they were called the five daughters of Atlas.

The number Seven, refers to the Pleiades, or the Seven Sisters, which are found in the constellation of Taurus. This cluster has many meanings in different cultures throughout the world. In Hinduism, the Pleiades are known as Krittika, and are associated with the war god Kartikeya. As we read on all subjects, we find that some appear to be pertinent and some appear not.

This is a good time to remind our brethren that we haven't seen in lodge recently, that they are welcome to come spend some time here with us at lodge, either for Stated Meetings, Degree's, or Masonic Education.

Drive Safe and I hope to see everyone in lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Bob Salini, PM, Junior Warden

A POEM WORTH REPEATING

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock
Or do you simply stay at home and criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part to help the work along
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that "just belong"

Reprinted, word for word, from the January 1947
Trestleboard.

Wisdom, Strength and Beauty

Triads are groups of three ideas or objects. Triads appear in nature. To early man, the cosmos consisted of the sun, the moon, and the stars. He called the natural elements earth, wind, and fire. He knew he lived in a three-dimensional world.

Rhetoric is similarly infused with triads. Expert rhetoricians reveal much about the persuasive power of words and ideas. We remember the three things that abide which are faith, hope, and charity.

Triads appear in many ancient systems of thought. In numerology, triads are seen as the combination of odd (1) and even (2) that sums to three. Three becomes a symbol of perfection in many ancient cultures and mystic philosophies. Threes also appear very early in geography and in geometry. We can find any location on a plane by reference to three points.

Triads are also prominently employed in Lodges and Masonic writings. Threes appear prominently in the second degree where Fellow Crafts are reminded of the three degrees of Masonry and the three principal officers of the lodge. We learn that a Lodge is not singular. A Lodge is not dual. It is plural with a minimum of three.

Similarly, displaying of the three Greater Lights and the three lesser lights are central rituals for the opening and closing of the Lodge. As the furniture of the Lodge, they separately are symbols with meanings and lessons, but the fact that they are grouped into threes is not accidental.

The three pillars are named wisdom, strength, and beauty. They are said to help make Masons better men. Naturally, we could have added other virtues to the list: but the fact that there is but three draws your attention. The three Greater Lights parallel the three lesser lights and the three grand principles of Masonry are: brotherly love, relief and truth.

The three degrees emphasize three stages of life. Our youth and adolescence are emphasized in our training as Entered Apprentices; our manhood and useful work are keys to the Fellowcraft degree; and contemplating our own mortality is vividly illustrated in the Master Mason degree.

Submitted by Clint Black, PM

EDITOR'S NOTES / REQUESTS

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

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, Master
Trestleboard Editor

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

ECHOES FROM THE PAST - (10 + Years)

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>
Leonard Kulhanjian	1959	58
Gerald Lynn	1977	40
Howard Mc Gill	1979	38
James Williams	1997	20
Antonio Balat	1997	20
Ivan English	1998	19
John Fitch	2000	17
Mark Ingersoll	2005	12
Anthony Thornburg	2005	12