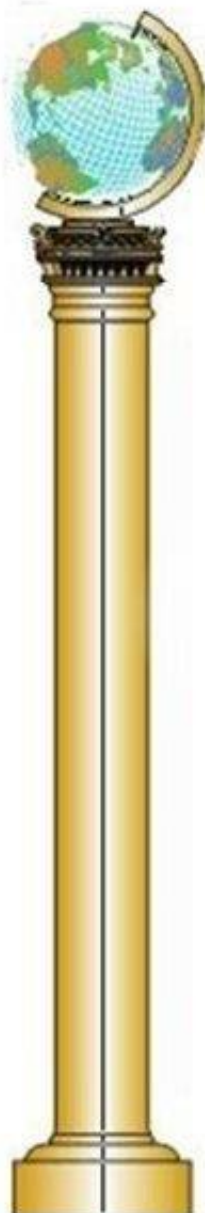




**S. W. Hackett Lodge No. 574**  
**Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California**  
Chartered October 11<sup>th</sup>, 1923



**99 Years of Masonry**  
**In service to God**  
**To all Brethren**  
**And to the Community**

Scottish Rite Center  
1895 Camino del Rio South  
San Diego, CA 92108-3863  
Telephone: 858-229-4480

Email: [hackettlodge@gmail.com](mailto:hackettlodge@gmail.com)

Web: [www.freemason574.org](http://www.freemason574.org)

***February 2022***



## FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies:

Some very good news for Hackett lodge, at the January stated meeting, we gained a Treasurer for the year. Worshipful Clint Black, PM was elected and installed as SW Hackett's Treasurer for 2022. We are all pretty happy to see him back in lodge and even better, in an officer position.

Even after an email requesting all the local Brothers to attend the dinner and stated meeting, it was a bit disappointing at the lack of a turnout. But, we keep moving and after announcing our needs at the Stated Meeting, I am thrilled to report that we had several good Brothers come forward to assume some positions that needed filling. Worshipful Chris Parker will be our Masonic Outreach Services representative. Then, Worshipful Clint Black volunteered to be our Candidate's Coach for the second degree. Worshipful Jim Achenbach and Worshipful Chris Parker will share the duties of Candidate's Coach for the first degree, and Brother Ben Pulido will be working with the third degree.

At the stated dinner, we once again had our new prospect William Harrington attend and we are hoping that he will soon apply for the degrees in our lodge. Interestingly we were surprised to find that our financial advisor Donalee even knows William. Speaking of Donalee, she had an excellent report for us on the lodge investments. She reported that we realized a gain of 18% for 2021, and that is even with the conservative attitude that we assume in our investments. Needless to say, we are all impressed with her performance. Thank you Donalee.

And even more good news: In mid-December, I received a phone call from Brother Chuck Caskey our Senior Warden in 2016. It was great to talk with him and he had some news that I think is great and I hope other will feel the same. He has been stationed in Jacksonville, FL for the past many years and was told he will be deploying for three years. He requested a few locations that he would like and on top of that list was San Diego. The Navy did us a good one I think as Brother Chuck told me that he is being sent to San Diego for those three years. He is very excited about coming to his home lodge and said he can't wait until he can be with all the Brothers he has missed so much. I believe he will be arriving here in May but I will keep you all posted and hope the Navy doesn't change their mind.

Remember that we are getting back to "Tuesday is Lodge night". Beginning on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January and each Tuesday after that, we will gather anywhere from 4:30 to 6:00pm. All Brothers, not just the officers, should try to make it from time-to-time. It is also a great time for you Officers that will be qualifying for a new position next year to get with Worshipful Bob Salini, the Officer's Coach.

See you in lodge.

Dennis Stahr, PM, Master



## FROM THE WEST



1909 Valentine's card



2022 Valentine's Card

# *Valentine's Day*

Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine is celebrated annually on February 14th. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

The Feast of Saint Valentine was established by Pope Gelasius I in AD 496 to be celebrated on February 14 in honor of Saint Valentine of Rome, who died on that date in AD 269. The day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries when notions of courtly love flourished, apparently by association with the "lovebirds" of early spring. In 18th-century England, it grew into an occasion in which couples expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards. In Italy, Saint Valentine's Keys are given to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart", as well as to children to ward off epilepsy (called Saint Valentine's Malady).

Please remember to honor your significant other this month. It just might be the first chance you've had in several years to slip away for a quiet romantic dinner.

Fraternally,

David Haslim, PM  
Senior Warden



## FROM THE SOUTH

# Freemason Symbols Aren't What You Think.

Freemasons have long communicated using visual symbols drawn from the tools of stonemasonry.

The “All-Seeing Eye,” or Eye of Providence, while not designed by Masons, has been used by the group to represent the omniscience of God.

The most well-known Freemason symbol, “The Square and Compasses,” depicts a builder’s square joined by a compass. The “G” at its center remains subject to dispute; some for example, believe the “G” in the symbol’s center represents geometry, a critical field to the first Freemasons, while others believe it represents God, the “Grand Architect of the Universe.” The Square and Compasses remains a popular symbol on Masonic rings.

Another, lesser-known Masonic symbol drawn from nature: the beehive. “Masons were originally working men who were supposed to be as busy as bees. “And the beehive symbolizes the industriousness of the lodge.”



Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Chris Parker, PM

Junior Warden

## 2022 OFFICERS

WM - Wor. Dennis Stahr

SW - Wor. David Haslim

JW - Wor. Chris Parker

Sec - Wor. Dimiter Lyakov

Chap - Wor. Bob Salini

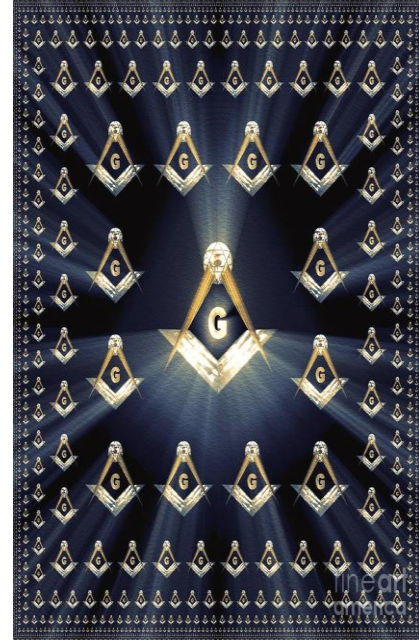
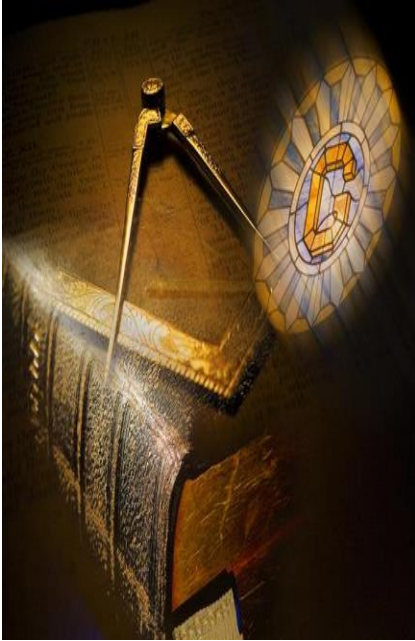
SD - Brother David Casper

JD - Brother Mark Helton

Marsh - Brother Benjamin Pulido

SS - Brother Vaughn Franklin

Tiler - Wor. Jim Achenbach



## Committee assignments - 2022

**Audit..... David Haslim, PM, Robert Salini, PM, Norman Chris Parker, PM**

**Member Retention..... Robert Salini, PM**

**Delinquent Dues.....Norman Chris Parker, PM, Ben Pulido**

**Budget & Finance..... Dimiter Lyakov, PM**

**Charity.....Dennis Stahr, PM, David Haslim, PM, Robert Salini, PM**

**Funeral..... David Haslim, PM**

**Honored Ladies..... Maebelle Haslim**

**Life Membership..... David Casper**

**Masonic Education\Public Schools..... Jim Achenbach, PM**

**Sunshine & Visit.....Norman Chris Parker, PM**

**Entertainment.....Robert Gale and Ben Pulido**

**Trestleboard..... Norman Chris Parker, PM**

The background of the page is a light-colored wooden surface. Scattered across the top and left sides are several roses in various colors, including pink, white, and red. In the center, there are two large, red, glittery hearts. The text is overlaid on this background.

## Ladies Corner

Dear Ladies,

It was such a joy to meet with you again after the January Stated Meeting dinner. There was a good turnout; and the presence of Job's Daughters representatives is always enjoyed. Jenny is not only the wife of one of SW Hackett's lodge brothers, but also the Bethel Guardian of Bethel 40. Jillian is the Grand Bethel Treasurer.

Thank you, Dimiter, for the great menu selection for the dinner. Since the Lodge was not yet opened, the Ladies were invited to attend the financial report given by Donalee, the financial planner for the lodge. Afterward, we Ladies had time to visit and play a brief game of word search. There was a modest, but fun prize for the Lady who found the most words in ten minutes. Please let me know if you would enjoy another contest again; and also if you have any suggestions.

Many thanks to the Ladies who made donations for bracelets to the Ladies Fund. I was so happy to display the new designs of nearly two years ago; and I have several on clearance.

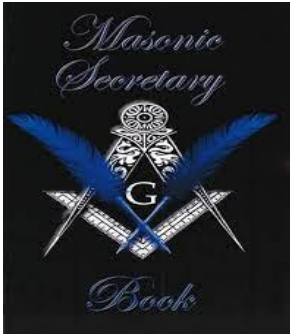
The San Diego/Imperial Past Masters Association Past Masters' night is scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Marty Haslim is working hard on the plans for the ladies gathering that night. At the February Stated Meeting dinner, let's work with Marty to assist her with any help she may want with the planning and decision for where to go for our night out.

Lastly, an early announcement regarding the Lodge picnic. The picnic has been scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>, in space L, at Santee Lakes. It will be pot luck.

Thanks again to the talented Finesse for having designed a beautiful backdrop for each month of the Ladies Corner.

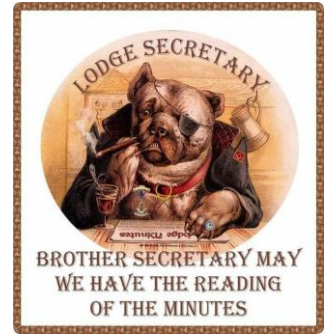
*Sincerely, Ingrid*

# FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



## IMPORTANT NOTE:

**The 2022 Annual Dues are**  
**\$124**



- BRING YOUR DUES CURRENT.
- If you haven't already, please pay your dues for 2022.

***Be a supporter of your great Lodge!***

Fraternally,  
Dimitar Lyakov, PM

## EDITOR'S CONTINUAL REQUEST

**We have been able to get our mailing costs down by using email for the delivery of the Trestleboard. It will be very helpful if we achieve more email deliveries.**

**Let us know if you have a working email address so that we can begin emailing your Trestleboard. This will help save the Lodge and money for postage.**

**You can email Worshipful Dimitar, our Lodge Secretary, at**  
[hackettlodge@gmail.com](mailto:hackettlodge@gmail.com)

## MASONIC BIRTHDAY ECHOES FROM THE PAST



<u><i>Names</i></u>	<u><i>Raised</i></u>	<u><i>Years</i></u>
Bruce C. Marx	2/20/1979	43
Eric R. Straub	2/18/2001	21
Allen S. Lawrence	2/26/2001	21
Anthony S. Thonburg	2/24/2004	18
Steven E. Laurvick, PM	2/18/2003	17

---

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

8	Richard C. Bergstrom
9	Pablo L. Markesis
10	William R. Eade, Jr.
20	William "JR" Knight, PM
26	Benjamin J. Bridges
26	Travis L. King
28	Edward K. Jackson

**Happy  
Birthday**





*menu*

**FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**STATED MEETING DINNER**

**SALAD**

Spring Mix with Raspberry Vinaigrette  
and Crumble Cheese Salad

**ENTREE**

Beef Stroganoff  
Chicken Alfredo  
with  
Fettuccine  
Peas and Carrots  
Bread Sticks

**DESSERT**

Red Velvet Cake

**BEVERAGE**

Iced Tea and Hot Coffee



▪ Dinner cost is \$15 per person ▪

Make your lodge reservations with the Lodge Secretary **no later than Tuesday, January 25th**  
at 619-295-4420 or email to [hackettlodge@gmail.com](mailto:hackettlodge@gmail.com)



# Special Announcements

Dear Brethren,

Below is a statement from the Grand Master concerning the recent surge in covid cases. As you can see, he has, for now, left the decision about holding live or virtual meetings up to the Masters of the lodges. Therefore, I have decided that SW Hackett lodge will continue with live meetings unless something changes between now and the February 1<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting.

S & F,  
Dennis Stahr. PM, Master

## **COVID-19 Update from Grand Master Jeffery M. Wilkins**

Dear Brethren,

Unfortunately, as we begin the new year, COVID-19 is again spreading rapidly across our state.

I want to remind all lodges to consult and follow all state, county, and city mandates and guidelines regarding in-person meetings. For example, California's statewide mask mandate requires that all people, whether vaccinated or not, wear masks at indoor meetings.

I understand that conditions vary from county to county. Different lodges may assess events this month differently. In some cases, lodge masters may reasonably determine that it is prudent to postpone their January stated meeting (in accordance with CMC Section 807.000) or other events this month. The California Masonic Code allows me to authorize virtual stated meetings and other emergency provisions only when a government authority prohibits the ability to hold in-person meetings. I'm not aware of any such prohibition in California. Therefore, I'm asking all lodge masters to use their best judgement when deciding whether to hold in-person meetings and events, and I'm asking all district inspectors to support the master's decision.

Thank you for your continuing dedication to the craft. I will update you again as soon as warranted. Until then, stay safe and best wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffery M. Wilkins", located below the text "Sincerely and fraternally,".

Jeffery M. Wilkins, Grand Master

□



# Special Announcements

Brethren,

You have 4 options available to pay your 2022 Dues:

**Please remember 2022 Dues are due  
by 31 December 2022**

\* **Pay Online** go to Make Payment iMember 2.0 link below

[https://member.freemason.org/users/sign\\_in](https://member.freemason.org/users/sign_in)

\* Make a **Check for \$124**

- Payable to: S. W. Hackett Lodge No. 574
- And mail to:

S. W. Hackett Lodge No. 574  
1895 Camino Del Rio South  
San Diego CA 92108-3683

\* Using your bank online, Pay Bill free of charge service order  
**E-check for \$124**

- Payable to: S. W. Hackett Lodge No. 574
- And mail to:

S. W. Hackett Lodge No. 574  
1895 Camino Del Rio South  
San Diego CA 92108-3683  
Tel. No. 619-295-4420

\* Using Lodge PayPal Account [hackettlodge@gmail.com](mailto:hackettlodge@gmail.com)

- Pay **\$130 (\$124 plus Transaction Fee)**



# Special Announcements

## FEBRUARY 2022 HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

- February 14<sup>th</sup>: Valentine's Day



## PLANNED LODGE ACTIVITIES

**\*subject to change, schedule TBA**

**Sequoia Elementary School SW Hackett Sponsored  
"Spelling Bee" "April"**

**Sequoia Elementary School Teacher of the Year Award  
"June 1, 2022"**

**Santee Lakes Master Sponsored Lodge Family Picnic  
"June 18, 2022" in Space "L"**

Yesterday's *Memories* are tomorrow's *Treasures*



At the January Stated Meeting dinner, Worshipful Norman Chris Parker was presented his Past Master's Certificate that is sent from the Grand Lodge as a way of recognizing the hard work and dedication of the Mason that is entrusted with the important duty of governing his lodge. Worshipful Dennis Stahr, Master of SW Hackett Lodge made the presentation and made sure that the lodge members were aware that Worshipful Parker was only the second SW Hackett lodge Master to serve two consecutive terms. The other was Worshipful Don Donahue who was the Master in 1923 and 1924 when SW Hackett lodge was formed.