

**TRESTLEBOARD**  
**S. W. Hackett Masonic Lodge No. 574, F&AM**  
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<u>MARCH 2014</u>						
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**MARCH EVENTS**

4	Stated Meeting & Dinner.....	6:30 pm
11	Officers Practice FC Degree.....	6:00 pm
18	FC Degree .....	6:30 pm
25	Hiram Award.....	6:30pm
31	OSI (MM 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Section, Standard close) .....	6:30 pm

**FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM**

Greetings Brethren & Ladies:

Spring is in the air! As we enter into the month of March, we have already raised three brothers to the sublime degree of master Mason. I would like to congratulate and welcome our newly raised Master Mason – Bro. Ben Bridges, who was raised on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. He received an excellent degree from the brethren of our lodge that did a magnificent job making his degree a memorable event. I especially want to thank Wor. Ken McMillan, PM, from Joseph Shell daylight Lodge 837, who provided the music and extend my thanks to all who participated in the degree.

I would also like to thank Wor. Jim Achenbach for another excellent Masonic Education he presented on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. The subject of Astronomy was very well attended by many Hackett brethren as well as brethren from other lodges.

Also it was announced in February that Wor. Dennis Stahr was selected as our Mason of the Year for 2014. Congratulations Wor. Dennis for your endless support and hard work getting our officers qualified in their stations, getting the Trestleboard printed and mailed every month and making sure our website is always up-to-date. Your invaluable service to our lodge and to

**2014 OFFICERS**

Lodge Office Telephone .....	619-295-4420
Master.....	Ryan Bacaoco
Sr. Warden.....	Robert Salini
Jr. Warden.....	John Fitch
Treasurer .....	James J. Achenbach, PM
Secretary .....	Dimiter Lyakov, PM
Chaplain.....	Dennis Stahr, PM
Sr. Deacon.....	Charles Caskey
Jr. Deacon.....	Nick Mullen
Marshall.....	Robert Scheeler
Sr. Steward.....	Nick Mullen
Jr. Steward.....	Aaron Thomas
Tiler .....	Robert Smith, PM
Officer's Coach. ....	Dennis Stahr
Inspector, 921 <sup>st</sup> . Masonic District.....	David A. Haslim, PM
Trestleboard Editor.....	Dick Covert, PM

the brethren has not gone unnoticed. This award is very well deserved, and my many thanks to the mason of the year committee for their hard work with making this selection.

During this month's Stated Meeting we will have a guest speaker, Bro. Elmer Vigilia from Silver Gate Three Stars 296, who will be talking to us about one of our youth groups, DeMolay.

Have a Safe and Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
 Ryan A. Bacaoco, Worshipful Master

**HIRAM AWARD**

Our brother Secretary, Dimiter Lyakov, PM has been selected to receive the Hiram Award this year. His award presentation will be held March 25, 2014, with dinner at 6:30pm. Presentation Ceremony will follow in the lodge room. Dinner cost is \$15.00 each; Reservations may be had by calling the lodge office at 619-295-4420. Come out and show your support for our Bro. Secretary on his receipt of this very important honor!!!

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**EDITOR'S NOTE**

Your items of Masonic Education and general interest are always welcome and earnestly requested. Just be sure to have them to me no later than March 20.. You may contact me by email at [uglidedc@gmail.com](mailto:uglidedc@gmail.com) or mail at 16436 Avenida Venusto "D", San Diego, CA 92128;

Fraternally, Dick Covert, PM Editor

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**FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK**

**PLEASE** If you are not on the permanent dinner reservation list, call at least two days prior to a Stated Meeting. We are always delighted to see you at Stated Meeting and dinner, but it can be difficult accommodating everyone who shows up without notice. Cost of dinner is \$15.00 each. Brethren on the permanent list should call if they are unable to attend dinner. Please remember also to keep us advised of address and telephone number changes. (619-295-4420)

Fraternally,  
Dimitar Lyakov PM Secretary

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**METROLOGY**

Ancient Metrology was described by one expert in his vision of it as not a science but a nightmare, and so it would seem at first glance. The study of ancient metrology from the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup>. Century has faded way into the background of study priorities.

In earlier times it was a topic of importance and lively debate in order to interpret and derive the architectural intentions of the ancient monuments, to understand travel distances described by classical writers, and, biblical descriptions from other sources. Alexander Thom put forth that ancient megalithic builders in the British Isles and Brittany France had a common unit of measure.

To this day his observations stand neither proven or disproved. In 1847 Augustus DeMorgan stated "There runs through all these national systems a certain resemblance in the measure of lengths; and, if a bundle of rods were made of foot rules, from every nation ancient and modern, there would not be a very unreasonable difference in the lengths of the sticks".

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**2014 COMMITTEES**

Audit.....	Bob Salini
Budget & Finance.....	Bob Scheeler
Candidate Coaching .....	Clint Black, PM
Charity.....	Ryan Bacaoco, WM
Communication .....	Charles Caskey
Delinquent Dues .....	Bob Salini
Funeral.....	David Haslim, PM
Honored Ladies .....	Maebelle Haslim
Life Membership .....	James Campbell, PM
Masonic Education .....	Jim Achenbach, PM
Masonic Formation .....	Bob Smith, PM
Member Retention.....	John Fitch
Public Schools.....	Jim Achenbach, PM
Social Media.....	Steve Laurvick, PM
Sunshine & Visitation .....	Dennis Stahr, PM
Mentoring .....	Bob Salini
Trestleboard.....	Dick Covert, PM
Website Master.....	Dennis Stahr, PM

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**CALLED FROM LABOR**

**BURMAN E. FAUCETT**

**BORN FEBRUARY 9, 1926**

**ENTERED INTO REST FEBRUARY 17, 2014**

**ENTERED MARCH 19, 1968**

**PASSED JUNE 18, 1968**

**RAISED AUGUST 31, 1968**

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**RAY E. RAPP, PM**

**BORN JUNE 29, 1914**

**ENTERED INTO REST JANUARY 30, 2014**

**ENTERED OCTOBER 6, 1966**

**PASSED NOVEMBER 22, 1966**

**RAISED FEBRUARY 14, 1967**

**MASTER 1975**

**HIRAM AWARD 1994**

**LIFE MEMBER 1983**

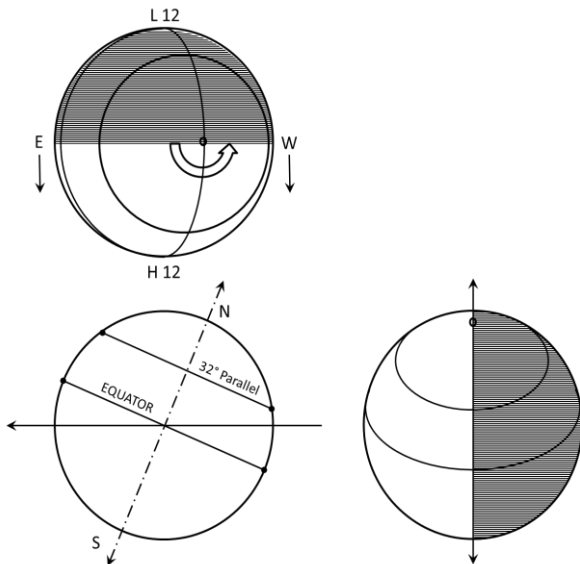
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**SOFT AND SAFE TO THEE OUR BROTHERS  
BE THY RESTING PLACE  
BRIGHT AND GLORIOUS BE THY RISING FROM IT.**

Greetings Brethren;

Welcome to the Month of March. February leaves us with the MM degree of Brother Benjamin Bridges completed. It was a wonderful event, as Lodge individuals collectively came together and performed the Rite.

Looking forward to March there are EA and FC degrees on the horizon. On the celestial calendar, March 20 will mark the Vernal Equinox. I have taken some time and searched the US Naval Observatory website to learn; and have found that what seems like a simple concept is a non-trivial phenomenon. The Equinox is defined as: "the precise time that the sun crosses the equator, making the day and night everywhere of equal length"<sup>1</sup>. In the case of San Diego, the actual day which will have exactly 12:00 hours of daylight this year is March 16. This is due primarily to three factors. The equinox is calculated based on the center of the geometric disk of the Sun; and daylight actually begins and ends when the edge of the disk appears and disappears above and below the horizon. Additionally, we actually see the edge of the Sun when it is below the horizon due to the refraction caused by the Earth's atmosphere. Adding to all of this, the elliptical orbit of the Earth about the Sun causes another perturbation known as the 'Equation of Time'. The appearance of the Sun actually runs faster and slower, than the clocks, throughout the calendar year; hence your sundial will only match your wristwatch on four days of the year.



"The Earth's axis of rotation (the straight line through the center of the Earth between the north and south poles) is not perpendicular to the plane of the Earth's orbit. The Earth's axis is tilted by about 23.4° from the direction perpendicular to the orbital plane. The orientation of the Earth's axis in space remains nearly constant even as the Earth revolves around the Sun. It always points in the general direction of the star Polaris."<sup>2</sup>

1. Webster's;
2. USNO

Brother John Fitch, JW

## MARCH STATED MEETING DINNER MENU

Pot Roast  
Lemon Herb Chicken  
Baby Red Potatoes  
Garden Vegetable Pasta  
California Mixed Vegetables  
Assorted Rolls  
Spiced Cake  
Assorted Hot & Cold Drinks  
Dinner cost is \$15 each.  
Reservations by calling our Bro. Secretary  
At 619-295-4420.

## LODGE HISTORY BOOKLET

Brethren:

In 1973 Wor. Jim Campbell was Master of S. W. Hackett Lodge. That was, of course, our 50<sup>th</sup> year as a constituted lodge of the Grand Lodge of California.

During that year, the lodge compiled and printed a 27 page booklet of lodge history. Some of you "old timers" may remember the book, and may even still have your copy. It is a great information source, not only for our current members, but also for our "young" masons recently initiated, passed or raised.

At the encouragement of Wor. Campbell, we had 35 of them printed as a start. These will be given to the "young" Masons referenced above for free, but since they cost \$2.00 per copy to print, if any of the members would like a copy, we offer them at our cost of \$2.00. You can stop by the office and see the book and how informative it is. Thanks.

Dennis Stahr, PM

## MORNING STAR

King Solomon's Temple faced East, toward the "Morning Star", or Venus. The Temple faced east apparently because of the importance of the Sun's symbolical association with the Divine. It is also true, because the "Shekinah", or presence of the Devine, was visible only in the East as a pre-dawn astronomical phenomenon. Astronomically, "Shekinah" represents the concurrence of Venus and Mercury, which is exceedingly rare and does not occur with mathematical precision.

Using state-of-the-art computer software, technicians have recently: dialed back" the time clock to learn what was present in the skies during certain notable events. Surprisingly, the "Shekinah" phenomenon was present on the dates attributed in history to the Exodus of the Jews from Egypt; at the building of King Solomon's Temple; and during the time attributed as the birth of Jesus.

Excerpted from "Meditations on Masonic Symbolism": by John R. Heisner, PM

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 6 Edward Dangler**
- 8 Patrick Comeaux**
- 10 Eric Kurzenberger**
- 14 Richard Beebe**
- 16 Jack Scheerer  
Ivan English**
- 19 Ronald Detzer, PM  
Joseph Pollard**
- 20 Jeffrey Payne  
Alfred Strickman  
Anthony Thornburg**
- 22 Clair Martin  
Robert Windle, PM**
- 27 Maurice Lowe**
- 31 Elias Uskokovic**

**ECHOES FROM THE PAST**

**48 Years**

**R. B. Miller MM 3/22/1966**