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FROM THE EAST

Greetings to All from the East,

Welcome to March where I myself am looking forward to a month, with Sundays of change and renewal. Daylight savings time begins again on Sunday the 13th. The length of day and night will be equal everywhere on the Vernal Equinox, which happens to coincide with Palm Sunday on the 20th. Passion Week follows, and Easter Sunday is on the 27th. For the Irish in all of us, celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Thursday the 17th.

In February, Brother John Czarnecki received his 50 Year Anniversary Pin from the Grand Lodge of California. Brother Czarnecki joined S.W. Hackett Lodge in 1965 and after retiring from the Navy as Senior Chief in 1972, continued working as Director of Food Services at the Universities of Connecticut and Florida, and retired from Albion College as Director of Dining and Hospitality Services in 1993. He currently resides in Traverse City, Michigan. Congratulations for 50 Years of Masonry in good standing.

This month at our Stated Meeting, on Tuesday the 1st, we will receive the Grand Master's Representative, Inspector, Wor. William Stokes, PM. Lodge Officers attire for this occasion will be Tuxedo.

We are looking forward to performing the Fellow Craft Degree for Brother Vaughn Franklin on the 8th. Lodge Officers attire for this occasion will also be Tuxedo. All available Brethren are requested to attend, and support Vaughn's next step in Masonry.

In April we are planning a social event day trip, on the Pacific Surfliner, to San Juan Capistrano. More information regarding the Date and Schedules will be forthcoming between now and the April Trestleboard and Stated Meeting. 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, 921st. Masonic District:
.....William R. Stokes, PM

MARCH EVENTS

- 1 Stated Dinner/Meeting (reception of Insp.) 6:30 pm
- 8 Second degree 6:30 pm
- 15 Proficiency and Qualifying work 6:30 pm
- 22 Proficiency and Qualifying work 6:30 pm
- 29 Proficiency and Qualifying work 6:30 pm

MARCH STATED DINNER MENU

- Spring Mix
- Roast Pork
- Lemon Herbed Chicken
- Rice Pilaf
- Buttered Corn
- Pineapple Upside-down Cake

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,

In the last year I started my paragraphs off with defining Masonic tools and their meaning, focusing on the plumb, square, and level which are also represented by the 3 pillars of the lodge. The plumb admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several stations before God and man, squaring our actions by the square of virtue and ever remembering that we are traveling upon the level of time, to "that undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveler returns. This month I would like to touch on The Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences. They include: Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic, Arithmetic, Geometry, Music, and Astronomy. Grammar is the science which teaches us to express our ideas in appropriate words, which we may afterward beautify and adorn by means of Rhetoric; while Logic instructs us how to think and reason with propriety, and to make language subordinate to thought. Arithmetic, which is the science of computing by numbers, is absolutely essential, not only to a thorough knowledge of all mathematical science, but also to a proper pursuit of our daily avocations. Geometry, or the application of Arithmetic to sensible quantities, is of all sciences the most important, since by it we are enabled to measure and survey the globe that we inhabit. Its principles extend to other spheres; and, occupied in the contemplation and measurement of the sun, moon, and heavenly bodies, constitute the science of Astronomy; and, lastly, when our minds are filled, and our thoughts enlarged, by the contemplation of all the wonders which these sciences open to our view, Music comes forward, to soften our hearts and cultivate our affections by its soothing influences. (<http://www.sacred-texts.com>).

We should always apply these, tools, arts, and sciences in life both inside the lodge and outside it. Let's use these to build on the lodge focusing on principals of the fraternity and brotherly love to what is already there within the lodge. I look forward to seeing everyone in lodge and leave you with a poem.

BUILDERS ALL

Surely some workman has built
the pillar as well as the spire;
The cross that the painter has gilded
was fashioned in somebody's fire.
Surely men dig in the ditches
preparing a place for the wall;
And someone has made with her
stitches the flag that shall fly over all.
Someone has blended the plaster,
and someone has carried the stone;
Neither the man nor the Master
ever has built alone.



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

Brother Aleksei Sviridov passed to Fellowcraft



Wor. John Fitch, Master congratulates Brother Aleksei on being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft with a fine degree on January 26, 2016.

Making a roof for the weather,
building a house for the King;
Only by working together
men have accomplished a thing.
All have a share in the beauty,
all have a part in the plan;
What does it matter what duty
falls to the lot of a man.
Each has a hand in the building,
no one has built alone;
Whether a cross he was gilding,
whether he carried the stone.
-Anonymous

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Bro. Chuck Caskey, Senior Warden



FROM THE SOUTH

Hello again brethren and ladies:

I can hardly believe it is March already. I can see that much happens in this month, and I don't think it has to do with sports. It's quite maddening to realize the year is flying by so quickly.

February brought the return of a few brothers to the Lodge that had been away for a while. I am happy to report that one of the brothers, an Entered Apprentice, is continuing on his Masonic journey. It is truly a time for celebration when our traveling brothers find their way home.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all of the brethren who still need to pay their dues to do so. The lodge relies on these funds to continue its mission.

And, for the officers I would like to remind you to make your contribution to the annual fund as well. Remember the Master's goal is to achieve 100% officer contribution. The amount you give doesn't have to be extraordinary. However, the more you can afford to give the more support our honorable fraternity can provide to brothers, their families, and others who may need it.

If you haven't already done so this year, reach out to a brother you haven't spoken with, or seen in a while. Remind them they are missed and invite them to attend lodge. After all, without the support of its members the lodge is just a building. We need each of you if we are to continue our mission of making the world a better place.

Finally, I will leave you with a quote from the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus."

Fraternally,
Ben Bridges,
Junior 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@irfutures.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

S W Hackett is Honored by a Visitor

At the Fellowcraft degree for Brother Sviridov on January 26, Brother Stefan Werkstetter of zur koeniglichen Kunst" Lodge #948 in Munich, Germany joined us. He and his family will be in San Diego for at least the next two years and we hope he will return often.



Wor. William Stokes, PM, Inspector of the 921st Masonic district on the left poses with Wor. John Fitch, Master and with Brother Werkstetter.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Did you know that a Fraternal Order was established in America by an Act of Congress in Oct. 1864 and very much reflected Masonic Rituals and beliefs? This Fraternal Order still exists today throughout the USA and Canada. In fact in California it has nine subordinate lodges with one being Loma Lodge #159 in National City on East Plaza Blvd. That Lodge was established in October of 1888.

The Knights of Pythias base their rituals around a play written in 1821 by John Banim, an Irish Poet. The play was produced in London and was about a Greek Legend of the friendship between Damon and Pythias and centered on the tyrant court of Dionysius of Syracuse.

A brief plot description is that Pythias was accused and convicted of plotting against Dionysius and sentenced to death. Pythias petitioned the king requesting a short parole that he might say his good byes to family and put his affairs in order which was deny as the king feared he would flee. Damon, his close friend, intervened and guaranteed Pythias' return or suffer his own death instead. As fate would have it, Pythias was delayed by pirates and at the last possible moment returned to save Damon and explain and apologize for his late return. Dionysius was so impressed of the friendship between the two that he gave pardons to both and wanted to become their friend, but was denied. Another reason was that the court wanted to test the two believers of Pythagorean's Schools teachings and feared they were fakes in their beliefs. MGM in 1962 made a film of the story of Damon and Pythias that can be viewed for free on the internet.

Submitted by,
Clint Black, PM

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

6	Edward	Dangler
7	Jordan	Helton
8	Patrick	Comeaux
10	Eric	Kurzenberger
16	Ivan	English
19	Ronald	Detzer
19	Joseph	Pollard
20	Alfred	Strickman
20	Jeffery	Payne
20	Anthony	Thornburg
22	Clair	Martin
22	Robert	Windle
27	Maurice	Lowe
31	Elias	Uskokovic

ECHOES FROM THE PAST - (10 + Years)

<u>Brother</u>		<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>
R.	Miller	1966	50
Dick	Covert	1974	42
Robert	Hickok	1977	39
Knox	Krug	1980	36
Daryl	Sandaker	1982	34
John	Mc Bride	1983	33
Ronald	Howard	1995	21
Dimiter	Lyakov	1995	21
Robert	Windle	2001	15
James	Garrett	2005	11