



S.W. Hackett Lodge# 574 F&AM

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FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies:

We had and are having another good month in February as we look forward to March. In February we had two Brothers passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. Brother Anthony Riordan and Brother Alejandro Rodriguez were passed on February 14th. I, and Brothers Riordan and Rodriguez, really thank the officers, and their wives or girlfriends that gave up their Valentine's Day to confer these second degrees. It was a fun and important evening.

Then on the 21st of February, Brother Jeremy Weber was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. All those involved did a great job, even having no time to practice since Brother Jeremy either had to be raised this month or, because of the Navy, he would have had to wait until May.

Worshipful "JR" Knight has worked on the upcoming "Warped Ruler Night". Many of you Brothers have received an email from him, inviting you to the event. This was meant to bring you all back to lodge for a fun evening of brotherhood and reviving the lodge experience. This is also a time for all you Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts to get into your lodge and see and hear from your Brothers why you should come back. There will be light snacks and then presentations by some of the "old-timers" as well as some of your newer Brothers explaining their experiences through their Masonic journey. Please plan to attend March 14th starting at 6:30 pm.

Also, be sure to check out the Masonic Education information on the website and plan to attend on the 21st at 6:30 pm.

The Ladies with the Brethren are working on a "day-trip" for all to have fun as we did last year at the Mission of San Juan Capistrano. At this time it appears that a trip to Catalina Island has some real interest, but if you have any suggestions, please contact me so that we can consider them. Thank you and I'll see you in lodge.

Dennis Stahr, Master
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2017 OFFICERS

Master	Dennis Stahr, PM
Sr. Warden	Ben Bridges
Jr. Warden	Robert Salini, PM
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Jr. Deacon.....	Stefan Werkstetter
Marshall.....	Robert Scheeler
Sr. Steward	Jason Bockerman
Jr. Steward	Robert Gale
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Officer's Coach:	Dennis Stahr, PM
Officer's Coach:	Robert Salini, PM
Inspector, 921 st . Masonic District:	Richard W. Bullard, PM

MARCH EVENTS

7 Stated Dinner/Meeting	6:30 pm
14 Warped Ruler Night	6:30 pm
20 OSI - Second degree, second section	6:00 pm
21 Masonic Education	6:30 pm
28 Past Master's Night	6:30 pm

MARCH STATED DINNER MENU

Spring Mix/Strawberries
Lemon Herbed Chicken
Pot Roast
Rice Pilaf
Buttered Sweet 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.

PAY YOUR DUES, SUPPORT YOUR LODGE!

If you haven't yet paid your dues for 2017, you are in arrears. To date, only about half of the Brothers have supported their lodge by paying their dues. Not only is there risk of suspension for non-payment, but your lodge cannot survive without your dues money. PLEASE DO YOUR PART.



FROM THE WEST

Greeting Brethren and families,

It seems March is upon us already. March is the beginning of new life and growth in many parts of the country. Daylight savings begins and the days continue to get longer.

For this month's submission I would like to provide you with some Masonic trivia I have come across lately. The first tidbit is that Joseph Smith, founder of the Church of Jesus Christ, received his first degree on March 15, 1842.

Continuing along the lines of famous Freemasons we come across Dr. Edward Jenner, for those who may not know, he was the person who discovered a vaccine for smallpox. What most don't know is that he was the Master of his Lodge in England at the time. It is Faith and Friendship Lodge #270 in Berkeley England which was founded in 1789 and is still in operation today.

As many Masons and non-Masons alike can likely tell you there have been several United States Presidents that were Masons. But did you know that all four Presidents of the Republic of Texas were Masons? Well now you do.

Have you ever heard of a "two and a half degree" Mason? Well on June 7, 1921, Mystic Lodge #21 of Red Bank, NJ conferred half of the MM degree on brother Lyman C. Van when the power went out. He didn't receive the rest of the degree for several weeks. This meant that for a time some may have referred to him as a two and a half degree Mason.

It is not secret among the Fraternity that Masonry inspired great leaders, so much so that the great state of Wyoming's Governors were all Masons from the first year in its statehood until 1951 with the exception of one person. That person was Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross. She was the 14th Governor of Wyoming from 1925 to 1927. She was also the wife of a Mason and a member of the Eastern Star and the first woman to be elected Governor of a state.

I will leave you with this: President Warren G. Harding was initiated on June 28, 1901 and did not complete the remainder of his degrees for 19 years. So for those who may feel you can't return and complete your degrees just know that if a President can, so can you. Bless you all and I look forward to seeing you all return to the Lodge.

Ben Bridges, Senior Warden
S.W. Hackett Lodge No. 574

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

2017 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Audit	Benjamin Bridges
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BROTHERS RIORDAN AND RODRIGUEZ ARE PASSED TO THE DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT



On February 14th, Brothers Anthony Riordan and Alejandro Rodriguez were passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. Brother Anthony was obligated by Worshipful "JR" Knight, PM, and Brother Alejandro was obligated by Brother Ben Bridges, Senior Warden. It was a good Valentine's Day.

BROTHER JEREMY WEBER, MASTER MASON



On February 21st, Brother Jeremy Weber became a Master Mason of SW Hackett Lodge. He was obligated a Master Mason in a great degree, by Wor. David Haslim, Senior Grand Deacon. Wor. Bob Salini gave a beautiful lecture and Wor. Haslim delivered a great charge.



FROM THE SOUTH

THE SQUARE

Brethren and Ladies,

As we enter into March, I thought I'd write a little on Speculative Masonry.

The term Operative and Speculative Masonry are found when reading about Freemasonry, and can be confusing. In a nutshell, operative masons are individuals who ply the trade of masonry, rock or brick work. Speculative Masons comprise the majority of the present-day Brotherhood, and are not the persons working in the trade.

In the late 1600's masonry had gone into decline, as the religion turned to Protestantism, and Catholic Cathedrals were not being built so often. By 1665, the British population was succumbing to the horror of the plague.

Speculative Masonry virtually came to a halt in the first years of the eighteenth century. Only a handful of lodges remained and their members disagreed on allowing non-tradesmen into the lodge. That changed in 1716 with the death of the Grand Master Christopher Wren. By the following year, the four lodges in London formed the Grand Lodge, which would definitely mark a shift from operative to speculative Masonry.

This created a more philosophical fraternity, one whose members sought to further their own education, and spirituality. As a result, a wide range of individuals from politicians, and artists, to explorers and aristocrats entered the craft. With this change, you can see that we have evolved and opened the fraternity to all walks of life, with the requirement of believing in a Supreme Being, and the betterment of Mankind.

Today, the fundamental symbols of Masonry are most commonly communicated in three degrees of ritual initiation in the Craft or Blue Lodge: Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason.

These rituals are presented within the confines of duly constituted lodges, and enacted almost entirely by memory. In most jurisdictions, once a degree has been received the member is expected to develop proficiency in the memorization of a prescribed series of questions and answers pertaining to the significant events of the ritual and their traditional explanations.

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 Fraternaly,
Bob Salini, PM,
Junior Warden

This is one of the most important and significant Symbols in Freemasonry. As such, it is proper that its true form should be preserved. French Freemasons have almost universally given it with one leg longer than the other, thus making it a carpenter's square American Freemasons, following the incorrect delineations of Brother Jeremy L. Cross, have, while generally preserving the equality of length in the legs, unnecessarily marked its surface with inches; thus making it an instrument for measuring length and breadth which it is not. It is simply the trying square of a stone-mason, and has a plain surface; the sides or legs embracing an angle of ninety degrees, and is intended only to test the accuracy of the sides of a stone.

In Freemasonry, the square is a symbol of morality. This is its general signification, and is applied in various ways: It presents itself to the neophyte as one of the Three Great Lights. To the Fellow Craft as one of his Working-tools. To the Master Mason as the official emblem of the Master of the Lodge.

Everywhere, however, it inculcates the same lesson of morality, of truthfulness, of honesty. So universally accepted is this symbolism that it has gone outside of the Order, and has been found in colloquial language communicating the same idea. To play upon the square is proverbial for to play honestly.

As a Masonic symbol, it is of very ancient date, and was familiar to the Operative Masons. In the year 1830, the architect, in rebuilding a very ancient bridge called Baal Bridge, near Limerick, in Ireland, found under the foundation-stone an old brass square, much eaten away, containing on its two surfaces the following inscription, I. WILL STRIVE TO LIVE WITH LOVE & CARE - UPON THE LEVEL - BY THE SQUARE, and the date 1517.

The square, as a symbol in Speculative Freemasonry, has therefore presented itself from the very beginning of the revival period. "God and the Square, religion and morality, must be present in every Lodge as governing principles.

In the public lecture of Brother Herbert A. Giles, Worshipful Master of Ionic Lodge, No. 1781 at Amoy, delivered in 1880 and entitled Freemasonry in China, says: From time immemorial we find the Square and Compasses used by Chinese Writers to symbolize precisely the same phases of moral conduct as in our system of Freemasonry. The earliest passage known to one which bears upon the subject is to be found in the Book of history embracing the period reaching from the twenty-fourth to the seventh century before Christ.

- From: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry -
Submitted by Clint Black, PM

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, Master, Trestleboard Editor

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>
Floyd	Covert	1974	43
Robert	Hickok	1977	40
Knox	Krug	1980	37
Daryl	Sandaker	1982	35
John	Mc Bride	1983	34
Dimiter	Lyakov	1995	22
Ronald	Howard	1995	22
Robert	Windle	2001	16
James	Garrett	2005	12
Samuel	Marinelli	2007	10