



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



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

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FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies:

March is upon us already. SW Hackett lodge is moving ahead as, in the February Stated Meeting, we had the reading of the application of Mr. Ethan Carswell to receive the degrees of Masonry in our lodge. He is welcoming the three Brothers that will visit and interview him and if all goes well, as I'm sure it will, the vote for him to receive the degrees in our lodge will come up at the March meeting and I look forward to another new Brother. I have been in touch with Ethan for about two years now as he had the desire to be made a Mason just as the nasty virus hit us. Finally, the time has come when his waiting is over and he looks forward to being a Mason as much as we look forward to welcoming him to SW Hackett lodge.

I also continue to be in touch with Mr. William Harrington, the young man that has joined us at our stated dinners a couple of times. He missed February because of a personal issue, but I'm hoping we can get him with us again and perhaps have him join our lodge.

Well, Worshipful Chris and Lady Finesse are packing to move. Heading for the beautiful state of Tennessee. We really hate to see those two great people leave us, but they are going to fulfill the dream of getting back to be near family and be in a location where they have some elbow room. They bought a super neat house and are anxious to become Tennesseans. We wish them the best of luck in the relocation but they know that they have to come back to visit their Brothers and ladies in San Diego.

I also want to report and am very grateful that Worshipful Jim Achenbach is going to be working with Brother Ben Pulido to begin planning some events for all and to work on ways to attract new Brothers and bring back those who have been gone way too long. Worshipful Clint Black did some research also and has presented me with some great ideas of events that all the Brothers and ladies can do. Things include the Miniature Museum that I know is great because we have been there. Also the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum in Campo is a museum and even offers train rides. Worshipful Clint found many things to do and I will be handing this research to Worshipful Jim so that he and Brother Ben may be able to put together some things of fun to help this year make up for the two years when we missed the opportunity to get together. I don't know if we can top the trip to the Mission or the ladies attending the play at the Old Globe, but we can try.

See you in lodge.

Dennis Stahr, PM, Master



FROM THE WEST

March 15 is well known as the “*ides of March*”. But why do we need to “beware” them? What’s so ominous about this otherwise normal day? And why has this mid-month point become a harbinger of ill fortune?

First, let’s talk calendars—ancient Roman calendars.

The *ides of March* is the 74th day in the Roman calendar, corresponding to 15 March. It was marked by several religious observances and was notable for the Romans as a deadline for settling debts. In 44 BC, it became notorious as the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar which made the Ides of March a turning point in Roman history.

Unlike today, the ancient Romans did not number each day of a month from the first to the last day. Instead, they counted back from three fixed points of the month:

- * The *nones* (nine days before the *ides*) was equivalent to the seventh day of March, May, July, and October, and the fifth day of the other months. Originally, the *nones* corresponded to the [first quarter](#) of the moon.
- * The *ides* were the fifteenth day of March, May, July, and October, and the thirteenth day of the other months. Originally the *ides* were supposed to be determined by the [full moon](#), reflecting the [lunar origin of the Roman calendar](#). In the earliest calendar, the *ides of March* would have been the first full moon of the new year.
- * The *kalends* (the first of the following month).

So, the Roman day of the month was reckoned by counting back the days (including the starting and ending days) before the *calends*, *nones*, and *ides*. March 2 was the Latin equivalent of “six days before the nones of March.” March 13 was the equivalent of “three days before the ides of March.” March 27 was the equivalent of “six days before the calends of April.”

How did the *ides of March* become superstitious?

The Roman general and statesman Julius Caesar was assassinated by conspiring senators, notably including Marcus Brutus, on March 15 in 44 BCE. His rule, and murder, effectively ended the Roman republic—and changed the course of history.

Shakespeare dramatized the assassination of Julius Caesar (and its aftermath) in his well-known tragedy. Early in the play, a [soothsayer](#) warns Caesar to “Beware the ides of March.” On this fateful day as he was stabbed, Shakespeare has the dying dictator say, in Latin, as he recognizes his one-time friend Brutus among the assassins: *Et tu, Brute?* (“You, too, Brutus?”)

Caesar probably never said these words. Nor was Shakespeare the first to make them up - though he certainly helped immortalize them, and the *ides of March*, in Western culture.

Fraternally,

David A. Haslim, PM
Senior Warden



FROM THE SOUTH

Yes, There Is a Freemason Handshake. Several, Actually.

Freemasons greet one another with a variety of handshakes, all based on one's rank within the organization. "There is a handshake for each degree: Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master, i.e., the first three degrees and also in the higher degrees,". "Each rite has its own handshakes, so there is quite a variety. They are used during Masonic ceremonies."

Yes, Famous Freemasons Are Everywhere.

Famous Freemasons can be found throughout history: [George Washington](#) first **President of the United States** was a [Master Mason](#), and [Benjamin Franklin](#) was a **founding member of the first Masonic Lodge in America.**

Presidents [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#) and [Gerald Ford](#) were Masons, as was **Prime Minister of Great Britain** [Winston Churchill](#). [Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart](#), [Davy Crockett](#), [Duke Ellington](#), [Nat King Cole](#), [Henry Ford](#), [Paul Robeson](#), and **astronaut** [Buzz Aldrin](#) were also Freemasons.

Fraternally,

Norman "Chris" Parker, P.M.

Junior Warden



Ladies Corner

Dear Ladies:

We had a low turnout for the stated dinner due to various health issues. I sincerely wish the ladies improved health and better days ahead; and I thank the ladies who did attend, for their dedication.

We now look forward to the next stated dinner on the 1st of March. If there will be a better attendance of the ladies, I will bring a display of some of my bracelet designs for the ladies fund. I have not had the opportunity to show them to you since the Covid shut-down. Going forward, if you would like to see what is available, I will text upon request, photos. Your donations to the ladies fund have made it possible to give a gift of cheer to five ladies this month.

It is with mixed feelings that we will bid a fond farewell to Chris and Finesse Parker at the end of March. They are relocating to Tennessee. We will truly miss the enthusiasm, innovation, and affection they have brought to the Hackett Lodge; but we are happy that they are able to follow their dream.

Sincerely, Ingrid





menu

MARCH 1ST
STATED MEETING DINNER

SALAD

Traditional Spinach Salad
with Hard Boiled Eggs

ENTREE

Corned Beef
Lemon Herbed Chicken
Rice Pilaf
Cabbage
Dinner Rolls

DESSERT

Pineapple Upside Down 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, February 22th**
at 619-295-4420 or email to hackettlodge@gmail.com

2022 OFFICERS

WM - Wor. Dennis Stahr

SW - Wor. David Haslim

JW - Wor. Chris Parker

Sec - Wor. Dimiter Lyakov

Chap - Wor. Bob Salini

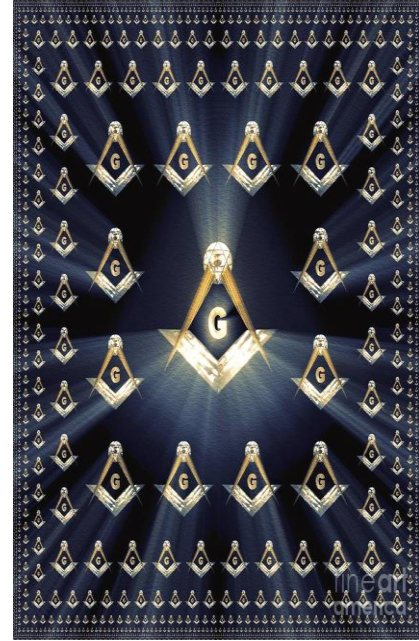
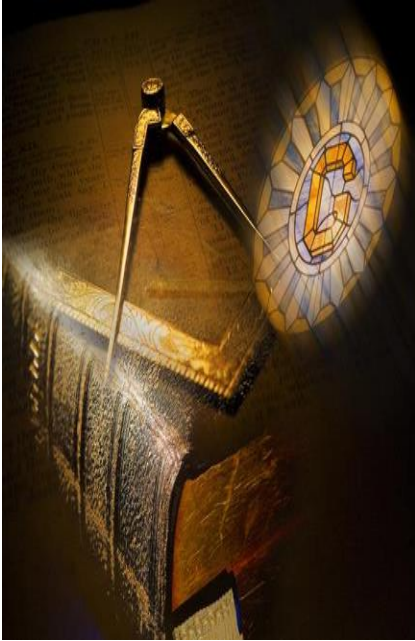
SD - Brother David Casper

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

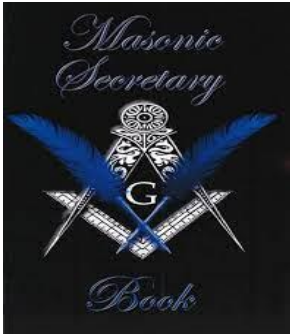
Masonic Education\Public Schools..... Jim Achenbach, PM

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

Entertainment.....Robert Gale and Ben Pulido

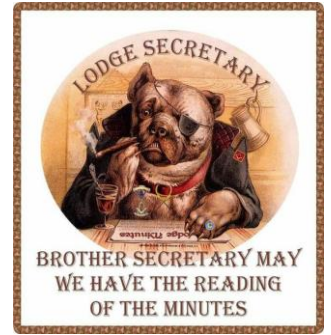
Trestleboard..... Norman Chris Parker, PM

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

MASONIC BIRTHDAY ECHOES FROM THE PAST



<u><i>Names</i></u>	<u><i>Raised</i></u>	<u><i>Years</i></u>
Alfred E. Strickman	3/11/1952	70
Otto L. Drum	3/9/1971	51
Clair P. Martin	3/8/1977	45
James J. Achenbach, PM	3/13/1997	25
Michael P. Nolen	3/18/2008	14

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

6	Edward Dangler
16	Ivan L. English
20	Alfred E. Strickman
20	Anthony S. Thornburg
22	Clair P. Martin
22	Robert L. Windle, PM
23	Richard A. Lattizzori





Special Announcements

Brethren,

You have 4 options available to pay your 2022 Dues:

**Please remember 2022 Dues were due
by 31 December 2021**

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

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

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



Special Announcements

§809.320. LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

A Lodge may adopt a standing resolution providing for a life membership plan, which shall forever exempt a member making the required payment into the plan from the payment of dues in the Lodge. The resolution may be adopted, amended or revoked at any Stated Meeting by a majority vote of the members present. Any such action must be presented, in writing, at a preceding Stated Meeting and written notice must be given to each Lodge member setting forth the text of the proposed action and the date of the Stated Meeting at which the vote is to be taken. The plan must provide that a life membership shall be granted upon payment of:

A. A sum of money which is equal to or greater than 22 times the Lodge's annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership; or

B. A sum of money equal to the Lodge's annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership multiplied by the factor indicated opposite the member's age in the following schedule:

Age 49 and under, a factor equal to or greater than 24 times annual dues;

50 to 54 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 20 times annual dues;

55 to 59 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 18 times annual dues;

60 to 64 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 16 times annual dues;

65 to 71 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 14 times annual dues;

Age 72 and over, a factor equal to or greater than 12 times annual dues.



Special Announcements

MARCH 2022 HOLIDAY OBERVANCES

- March 17th: St. Patrick'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 7, 2022"**

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