



S.W. Hackett Lodge# 574 F&AM

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FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren and Ladies,

In March we postponed the Fellow Craft Degree for Brother Vaughn Franklin due to a last minute work constraint. The rescheduled date is April 19th at 6:30. Lodge Officers attire for this occasion will be tuxedo or dark suit. All available Brethren are requested to attend, and support Vaughn's next step in Masonry.

We host the Officers School of Instruction on March 28th in the Heald Room. The 3rd Degree Second Section will be performed by Joseph L. Shell Lodge 837. Six (6) Officers Coaches will be scoring the event, as if doing ritual competition.

Our April Stated Meeting and Dinner is on the 5th and we are expecting to receive a financial report from our adviser before the business meeting begins. Lodge Officers attire for this event is dark suit.

The Annual Masters and Wardens retreat is in Irvine this month, on the 8th thru the 10th, and we are looking forward to our officers attending this Grand Lodge sponsored event.

Sunday the 17th is our day trip to San Juan Capistrano via the Pacific Surfliner. We have scheduled a docent guided tour of the Mission at 12:00, which will last one hour. The train arrival time is 10:48 (#769); choose your own departure station, and we all will see each other there. This is sure to be a relaxing and pleasurable, change of pace event.

Finally in April, on Wednesday the 20th at 6:00 is the 909/921 District visit to Jobs Daughters Bethel 40.

Looking forward to May, the Sequoia Elementary Spelling Bee is scheduled for Thursday the 26th. We are again privileged to be supporting Public Education in our community. All available Brethren and Ladies are requested to attend. 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, 921 st . Masonic District:	
.....	William R. Stokes, PM

APRIL EVENTS

5 Stated Dinner and Meeting	6:30 pm
8 -10 Master and Warden's retreat	
12 2 nd degree practice and qualifying	6:30 pm
17 San Juan Capistrano trip	Day trip
19 2 nd degree	6:30 pm
20 District visit to Jobs Daughters Bethel 40	6:00 pm
26 Proficiency and Qualifying work	6:30 pm

APRIL STATED DINNER MENU

Spring Mix
Chicken Marsala
Sirloin Tips Bourguignon
Mashed Potatoes
Peas & Pearl Onions
Peach Cobbler

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,

It is yet another month into the year. I want to take this opportunity to share some Masonic education with everyone that I found. It is from 1843 yet it is still so very true. I will split it up half this month and half next month. I also omitted the parts on the plumb, square, and level since I have recently talked about those. I hope everyone is doing well. Please send me any ideas you may have of upcoming events or for next year and beyond. Your input is always welcome and helps to strengthen our lodge.

LESSON FOR FREEMASONS OR, A SERIES OF MORAL OBSERVATIONS ON THE INSTRUMENTS OF MASONRY.

From "The Spirit of Masonry" – 1843
(<http://masoniceducation.com/article/?article=a-lesson-for-freemasons>)

The various instruments which we of this profession make use of, are all emblematical or picturesque of the conduct of life we ought to persevere in. The RULE directs us to observe punctually every gospel duty; to press forward in the right path, neither inclining to the right nor left hand, for the sake of any transient amusement or gratification whatsoever; it forbids us to give in to the least inclination or propensity into the curve of life, and reminds us to beware of the least tendency to a circle, either in religion or morals! - not to mind (because they have seldom any other than selfish views) neither outs, or ins in politics; and to have in all our conduct eternity in view.

The LINE should make us pay the strictest attention to that line of duty which has been given us, or rather which was marked out to us, by our great Benefactor and Redeemer. It teaches us to avoid all kinds of double-dealing, both in conversation and actions; it points out the direct but narrow path that leads to a glorious immortality; and that sincerity in our profession will be our only passport thither. This line, like Jacob's ladder, connects heaven and earth together; and, by laying hold of it, we climb up to that place where we shall change this short line of time for the never-ending circle of eternity.

The COMPASSES will inform us that we should in every station learn to live within proper bounds that we may, therefore, be enabled to contribute freely and cheerfully to the relief of the necessities and indulgencies of our fellow-creatures. Hence we shall rise to notice, live with honor, and make our exit in humble hopes of compassing what ought to be the main pursuit of the most aspiring genius, a crown of glory.



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

From your MALLET and CHISEL, you may likewise know what advantages accrue from a proper education. The human and unpolished mind, like a diamond surrounded with a dense crust, discovers neither its sparkling nor different powers, till the rough external is smoothed off, and beauties, till then unknown, rise full to our view. Education gives, what a chisel does to the stone, not only an external polish and smoothness, but discovers all the inward beauties latent under the roughest surfaces. By education our minds are enlarged, and they not only range through the large fields of matter and space, but also learn with greater perspicuity - what is above all other knowledge - our real duty to God and man.

I hope everyone is enjoying this Masonic Education, and I will continue it next month. I look forward to seeing everyone in lodge.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Chuck Caskey, Senior Warden

KOOROSH LODGE #4 2ND DEGREE

On Saturday, April 2, at noon, the Grand lodge of Iran in Exile, Koorosh Lodge #4, will confer a 2nd degree. The degree will be hosted by La Jolla lodge #518. The address is: 5655 La Jolla Blvd, La Jolla, CA 92037. If you would like to attend, please contact the Secretary at: questions@sandiegomasons.org, as reservations are required.

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



FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren and Ladies:

Hello again. April brings with it the beginning of spring, and the resurgence of life. Just as we can see the budding of new life and the reemergence of old, the Lodge is continuing to see the reemergence of some familiar faces.

As the month comes into focus continue to keep one another in your thoughts. Continue to reach out to your fellow brethren wither so ever dispersed. It is important that we continually remind one another that they are thought of and missed. For those who are close by and haven't been to Lodge in a while I encourage you to return for a visit. We would love to see your smiling faces and to shake your hand.

It is important for us all to meet and share in the common fellowship that only Freemasonry can provide. Brothers working together, can aid and assist each other in working towards the completion of their ashlar from rough to smooth. Where one brother falls short another can lift him up. Where one may step off the path it is the duty of the others to guide him back on.

We can accomplish more together than we can ever hope to accomplish apart. I truly understand that life gets busy and sometimes personal obligations must come before the lodge. If you can't make it on the first Tuesday for the stated meeting try to come for dinner, if not that keep an eye on the calendar of events here in the Trestleboard and try to attend one of the many events that are planned. Several brethren and their ladies are taking a coaster trip a few minutes north to San Juan Capistrano, to visit the mission and spend some time together. Also, there is the SW Hackett Lodge picnic in June at Santee lakes.

As you can see there are many opportunities for you and your family to come and visit with others in the fraternity. I hope to see you all soon.

Fraternally,
Ben Bridges, Junior Warden

Interesting Masonic Trivia

According to Solomon's Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M. in Savannah, Georgia, founded February 21, 1734 by the English Statesman, philanthropist and Freemason Brother James Edward Oglethorpe, it is the oldest Continuously Operating English Constituted Lodge of Freemasons in the Western Hemisphere. Solomon's Lodge has in its possession a 1733 John Baskett Bible which was actually signed and given to the Lodge, during its earliest days, by Oglethorpe the founder of the Colony of Georgia."

Where are all the members? (From the April 2009 TB)

Each man has his reasons for becoming a Mason. The three main reasons I hear when I ask the question are; the search for knowledge, being part of the oldest fraternity in the world and the philanthropic.

But once we are "made a Mason", what happens? Obviously not every Mason wishes to be an officer of the Lodge, but one would think there would be a desire to play a somewhat active role in helping his Lodge grow, thrive and even stand-out among other Lodges. Yet, sadly, the participation of our members is, in so many ways, missing. Our Lodge is not alone in this dilemma. Secretaries of other Lodges have cited the same situation, and although the membership is there, the involvement is not.

With the greatest respect for each Mason who joins the organization because of his love of, practice of, and belief in its tenets, I still personally feel that is important to also "be a part of it". One focus of our Grand Master, Kenneth Nagel is to "reconnect and re-engage all the brethren with the Blue Lodge". Also, along the same lines, our Master, Kyle Dau, has called for Tuesday night as a time to be considered "Lodge Night". He too would like to see more of the members to not only consider the Stated meeting night, but every Tuesday night as a time to come to Lodge. As he says, please come in, we will find something for you to do.

Those who have attended practice, from Entered Apprentices to long-time Master Masons, have learned something new and have seen how much fun the Lodge can be. Of course, having many members in Lodge on "Degree Nights" are important not only to the initiate, but also to any visitors that may be present to show him the kind of support that we as Masons are there to offer, and that we are proud and happy to welcome the new member or to see an existing member advance in the degrees.

If just half of our members would embrace the "Lodge Night" philosophy, our Lodge room would be full each Tuesday night. Of course, there are priorities. Family comes first, trying to earn a living, and many other considerations, but see if you can find a way to add a Tuesday night to your list of priorities. I always tell others that even if I had a bad day or week, just a couple of hours in the Lodge and I have a renewed sense of direction and a better attitude. Thanks for listening and I hope we'll see you in Lodge soon.

Interesting Masonic Trivia

In 1920, Gate City Lodge #522 in Kansas City MO met every day of the week except Sunday to confer a record 1,107 degrees, averaging 21 degrees a week - *History of Freemasonry in Missouri," Missouri Lodge of Research.*

The Commissioner of Patents In 1872 ruled that the Masonic Square and Compasses emblem could not be used in any trademark or trade name for commercial purposes. - *Alphonse Cerza, Masonic Service Association, 1934*

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2	Lee	Bounds
4	Anthony	Samaye
5	Fred	Lipscomb
5	Antonio	Balat
6	Augustus	Phiasivongsa
7	Kegan	Thomson
12	Bruce	Abel
12	Devin	Breise
18	William	Mathis
25	Robert	Hickok
28	Geordan	Mitchell

ECHOES FROM THE PAST - (10 + Years)

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>
Claude Woods	1958	58
Donald Harding	1973	43
Glenn James	1976	40
Douglas Campbell	1981	35
Edward Jackson	1983	33
David Mc Gill	1983	33
Kent Dau	1996	20
Rene Romero	2002	14
David Allan	2004	12
Peter Milovich	2004	12