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FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies:

We had a busy month of March and it's hard to believe that the year is one-fourth over already. On the 14th, Worshipful "JR" Knight presented the "Warped Ruler" night. It was an event to draw in some of those Brothers that have stayed away and the Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts that we are encouraging to go forward in their Masonic journey. The evening was a great success and I do hope that Wor. "JR" does more of these type programs. If you could not show up then you missed some great food prepared by "JR's" wife Robin, as well as a fun and interesting presentation by Brother David Watson. Then, speaking of Brother Watson, we had a great Masonic Education night on the 21st.

March 28th, was a fun and important evening also as we celebrated our annual Past Master's Night with the Master Mason raising of Brother Frederick "Ric" Nicastro. The Lodge Ladies also got together that evening for a dinner at Mimi's restaurant in Mission Valley.

We will have an even busier month in April. As you can see by the "April Events" section on the right. At our Stated Meeting, I am hoping that we have a special guest, but it is not yet final. Then on April 11th, a most important evening for sure, as we will hold the reception to honor Worshipful David A. Haslim, Senior Grand Deacon.

Then near month-end, we will raise Brothers Alejandro Rodriguez on the 18th and Anthony Riordan on the 25th.

Finally, I am very happy to announce that Worshipful "JR" Knight, PM was unanimously chosen as SW Hackett's Hiram Award Honoree for 2017, with the celebration scheduled for May 13th. Add to that, more good news, as Brother Stefan Werkstetter, Junior Deacon, was unanimously selected to represent Hackett Lodge as its Mason of the Year for 2017. I thank the committees for their work and their decisions.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Dennis Stahr, Master
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APRIL EVENTS

4 Stated Dinner/Meeting (Investment report)	6:30 pm
11 Wor. Haslim reception with Grand Master	6:30 pm
17 OSI - Third degree, first section	6:00 pm
18 Third degree - Rodriguez	6:30 pm
22 BBQ at Wor. Bob Salini's	11:30 am
25 Third degree - Riordan	6:30 pm

APRIL STATED DINNER MENU

Spring Mix/Strawberries
Chicken Marsala
Sirloin Tips Bourguignon
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
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.

PAY YOUR DUES, SUPPORT YOUR LODGE!

If you haven't yet paid your dues for 2017, you are in arrears. And you may receive your notice of possible Suspension for Non-Payment of dues soon. The suspensions will take place in June. To date, still only a little more than half of the Brothers have supported their lodge by paying their dues.

DO YOUR PART.

TWO FOUNDERS, ONE NAVY, PART ONE

Born the son of a Scottish gardener in Kirkcudbright Scotland on July 16, 1747 and named after his father John Paul of which he was the fifth child of seven. At age twelve he began his travel into American History, as he went to sea and became a quick study in the art of seafaring as during one voyage the Captain and First Mate died and under his command the ship was safely returned to port, enhancing his reputation.

In 1768 in the Virginia Colony an elder brother passed away and left his plantation to John Paul with the provision of inheritance he change his last name to Jones. With this event his future might have changed. It was on November 27, 1770 that he made application to Saint Bernard Masonic Lodge No. 3122 Kirkcudbright, Scotland. John Paul Jones assumed his brothers plantation at age 26 in 1773 and became familiar to Washington, Patrick Henry and Ben Franklin.

In 1775 John Hancock and the Naval Committee asked for input as to how to form a new Continental Navy of which he put his talents. He received the first Commission from the hand of John Hancock. Victories at sea and promotion were to follow along with the destruction of his plantation.

Congress in two resolutions adopted the flag and appointed Jones as Captain of the Ranger and he was so moved he wrote "That Flag and I are twins; Born the same hour from the same womb of destiny. We cannot be parted in life or death, so long as we can float, we shall float together. If we must sink, we shall go down as one." That flag received its first foreign power salute while under his command.

His war exploits at sea are legendary and our American heritage. In 1778 he was commissioned a Rear Admiral in the Russian Navy from Empress Catherine who distrusted Masonry and later discharged him. John Paul Jones passed away on July 18, 1792 at age 45 in Paris France and was buried with full Masonic Honors. Theodore Roosevelt a Masonic brother and President of the United States ordered his return and he was placed in a crypt in Annapolis Naval Academy Maryland. (Part to follow next month)

Submitted by Clint Black, PM

EDITOR'S REQUESTS

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

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

2017 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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WORSHIPFUL DAVID A. HASLIM SENIOR GRAND DEACON RECEPTION



Worshipful A. David Haslim and Lady Marty

On the evening of April 11th, a reception will be held to honor S.W. Hackett's own Worshipful David Haslim, Senior Grand Deacon. Most Worshipful John R. Heisner and Lady Margo, will attend as will other Grand Lodge Officers. The dinner and ceremony will be held in the Corinthian room at the Scottish Rite Center beginning at 5:30 pm for Social Hour. Then 6:30 pm is the dinner and 7:30 pm will be the ceremony. You have received an invitation by email, and made your reservation. Any late reservations can be accepted only until April 3rd, and must be submitted with a check.



FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren and Ladies,

As we enter into April, This month I thought I'd write a little on the Great Jewish Historian, Josephus. Josephus is talked about in our ritual from time to time and it dawned on me that some of us may wonder, who is this Man?

Titus Flavius Josephus was born with the name, Joseph ben Matiyahu, and was a first century Roman – Jewish, scholar, and historian. He was born in Jerusalem, then part of Judea, to a father of priestly decent, and a mother of Royal decent.

As a young adult, he fought against the Romans, during the First Jewish – Roman War, as head of the Jewish forces, in Galilee, until he surrendered in 67 Ceto Roman forces led by Vespasian. Josephus claimed prophecies that Vespasian would win and become Emperor of Rome, and in 69 BC Vespasian granted Josephus his freedom, and he took the family name Flavius. Josephus fully defected to Rome and became a Roman citizen, and advisor to Vespasian's son Titus.

Titus led the siege of Jerusalem, and eventually the destruction of the Second Temple, Herod's Temple. Josephus recorded history, emphasizing the first century BC, and the first Jewish war, including the siege of Masada. His most important works were The Jewish War, and Antiquities of the Jews. Antiquities recounts the history of the world from a Jewish perspective, and provides valuable insight to Jewish life before the first century.

This is a good time to remind our brethren that they are welcome to come spend some time here with us at lodge, either for Stated Meetings, Degree's, or Masonic Education.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Bob Salini, PM, Junior Warden

GET READY FOR A FUN SPRING AND SUMMER!

Brother Bob Gale, our entertainment chairman, has worked with Wor. Bob Salini, PM, JW, and have scheduled a couple of fun events. First, on April 22nd, there will be a BBQ at Wor. Bob's house. He tells me that in celebration of Cinco de Mayo, he will have tacos with chicken or beef and asks that each person bring a dish for themselves plus one. Email me at info@freemason574.org for full details on address and time. Then on July 15th we will hold our annual SW Hackett picnic at Santee Lakes as usual. This is always a fun and well attended event. Finally, to "top off" the summer on July 29th, Brother Bob Gale will hold a BBQ gathering at his house. If you have been to one of Bob's BBQs, then you know how great it is and you recognize that he has to be one of the best chefs ever! If you haven't been there, be sure to plan to be there this time. Because of about \$200 in meat, a donation will be requested. More details will follow as we approach the date.

**WORSHIPFUL WILLIAM "JR" KNIGHT,
HIRAM AWARD HONOREE FOR 2017**



On March 7th, The Master was informed that the Hiram Award committee had unanimously chosen Worshipful William "JR" Knight, twice Past Master, as the recipient of the Hiram Award for 2017. The date and time of the dinner and presentation of the award is set for Saturday May 13th at 6:30 pm. Congratulations Worshipful JR!

**BROTHER STEFAN WERKSTETTER,
SW HACKETT'S MASON OF THE YEAR FOR 2017**



On March 7th, The Master got the second dose of good news when he queried the committee and was informed that they too had reached a unanimous decision as Brother Stefan Werkstetter was chosen to represent SW Hackett lodge as its Mason of the Year for 2017. The award will be presented by the Grand Master at his reception on September 9th.

BROTHER FREDERICK "RIC" NICASTRO,



On March 28th, Past Master's Night, Brother Ric Nicastro became a Master Mason of SW Hackett Lodge. He was obligated a Master Mason by Wor. Michael Allen, PM, Wor. Bob Salini, PM, gave a beautiful lecture and Wor. Gerald Winstanley, PM, delivered a beautiful charge.

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
14	George	Brakeall
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	59
Donald Harding	1973	44
Glenn James	1976	41
Douglas Campbell	1981	36
David Mc Gill	1983	34
Edward Jackson	1983	34
Kent Dau	1996	21
Rene Romero	2002	15
David Allan	2004	13
Peter Milovich	2004	13