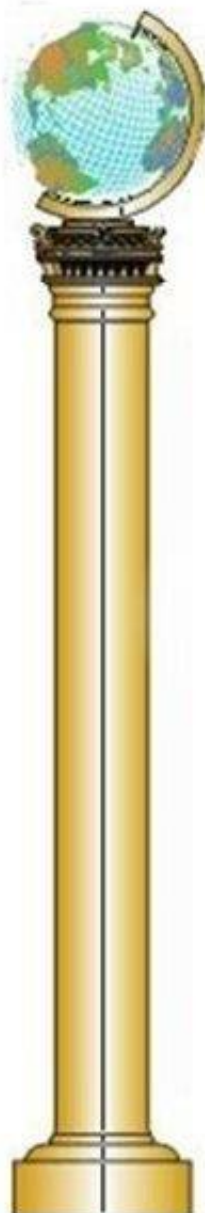




**S. W. Hackett Lodge No. 574**  
**Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California**  
Chartered October 11<sup>th</sup>, 1923



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

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***April 2022***



## FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies:

Okay, when you receive this there will only be a few days left in March and only a few days left to say good-bye to our dear friends Worshipful Chris and Finesse Parker. They will be heading out on April 1 and we all wish it was only an April fool's joke and that they were not really leaving.

That said, I have to say we had and are having a busy March in the lodge. At the Stated Meeting on March 1st, Worshipful Dick Covert, PM, became our Chaplain for the remainder of the year. We are all very pleased to have him back in lodge, and especially in the Chaplain's chair.

Also at the meeting, Mr. Ethan Carswell was unanimously elected to receive the degrees of Masonry in SW Hackett Lodge. We have been practicing for his degree. We practiced on the 8th and will do more on the 15th since it has been so long that we have had a degree and we want it to be a good one for Ethan who will become a Mason on March 22nd. I am hoping that many of our local Brothers will attend the degree that will be at 6:30pm on the 22nd. It would be so nice for our new Brother to see many of his lodge Brothers there to welcome him into this great fraternity. Please attend.

Remember another very important event. On Saturday March 19th SW Hackett Lodge will be honoring Worshipful Chris Parker with the Hiram Award. This is the first Hiram to be awarded by SW Hackett since 2018, and like that one, this one too is so well deserved.

I want to thank Worshipful Jim Achenbach for doing so much to help us contact our local members to say hi and see how they are doing and if they need any help. He put together a great program by assigning each of the officers six or seven of the local Brothers to call and talk with. I was assigned seven Brothers and have already contacted two and left messages for the others. The two I spoke with were so happy that they were contacted and thanked me for showing that the lodge hasn't forgotten them. I will continue my quest until I have spoken with each and every one. What a neat idea Brother Jim!

Worshipful Jim also presented some ideas for events that we can plan for the Brothers and ladies. He made that presentation in lodge but also at the stated dinner so that the ladies and guests could hear. Now it is up to all of us to follow through with the ideas and do the planning and get to the events.

Not to be forgotten and surely not the least, Brother Bob Gale was asking about a date or two for a Lodge BBQ. Brother Bob has been involved with some medical issues, and yet, he is ready for a BBQ. Those of us who have been to his BBQs know that he is the best barbequer there is. Those that haven't made it, I feel sorry for you because you missed great food and a fun time. Thank you Bob for also helping get the Brothers and ladies together socially.

Thank you all and I'll see you in lodge.

Dennis Stahr, PM, Master



## FROM THE WEST

A pioneering pilot, aeronautical engineer, and military leader, Brother James H. Doolittle served our nation in active duty for nearly 50 years. He is best known for his courageous raid in the Pacific Theater during the onset of World War II. Doolittle led a daring bombing effort over the Japanese mainland on April 18, 1942, marking the first American attack on the Japanese mainland.

This month is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that raid.

In 1940, Doolittle returned to the U.S. Army Air Corps with the rank of Major. Later, when the United States was drawn into World War II after the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor, General Henry H. “Hap” Arnold summoned Doolittle to lead a retaliatory raid on the Japanese mainland. At the time, Japan’s defensive perimeter in the Pacific was wide enough to seemingly make it invulnerable to conventional carrier-based attacks.

At the start of the war, Japan maintained control of a significant defensive perimeter in the Pacific, seemingly fortifying the empire against naval attacks and armed invasion. Doolittle’s task was top-secret: he would lead a raid of 16 specially modified B-25 bombers from the aircraft carrier USS Hornet, with targets in Tokyo, Kobe, Yokohama, Osaka, and Nagoya. Unfortunately, the Hornet was detected by the Japanese, forcing the mission to launch a day early and focus the attack exclusively on Tokyo alone, rather than all five cities.

Doolittle led his squadron into storms and anti-aircraft fire, reaching Tokyo and striking industrial facilities and a light cruiser. The “Doolittle Raiders”, as they came to be called, then continued toward China in an attempt to land in areas controlled by Chinese Nationalists. Sadly, all 16 planes ran out of fuel and crashed, killing three and causing eight to be captured by the Japanese.

Although nearly thwarted, the attack was a boost to American morale and a blow to the Japanese. While the human and industrial damage was minor, the Japanese responded to the Doolittle Raid by redistributing fighter groups to protect their cities better, opening a gap in their defenses. The U.S. military exploited this gap in their Pacific defense and won a decisive victory at the Battle of Midway in early June 1942.

Doolittle was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and was promoted two ranks to brigadier general for his role as the head of the mission. In 1985, President [Ronald Reagan](#) promoted Doolittle to a full four-star general. Gen. James H. Doolittle died on September 27, 1993, at the age of 96.

Brother Doolittle joined Freemasonry during his tenure in the Signal Corps Reserve. Although a resident of California, he was deployed in Louisiana when he sought to receive his Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason degrees. Both the Grand Lodges of California and Louisiana issued special dispensations to accommodate his military service. Doolittle received all three degrees and was raised a Master Mason on August 16th, 1918, in Lake Charles Lodge No. 16, Louisiana. Doolittle remained in the fraternity throughout his life and later became a [member](#) of Hollenbeck Lodge No. 319 in Los Angeles, California. He eventually became a Shriner and joined the Scottish Rite, [ultimately receiving the rank and decoration of Inspector General Honorary, 33°](#).

Please remember to fly your flag on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, in remembrance of the “Doolittle Raiders”, the daring raid they undertook, and its effect on the eventual outcome of the war.

Fraternally,  
David Haslim, PM  
Senior Warden



## FROM THE SOUTH

- **What's the difference between a Mason and Freemason?**

In the middle ages, the terms Masons and Freemasons were used to differentiate between the rank and file Masons, on the one hand, who were “rough masons,” “row masons,” setters and layers, and on the other hand, Freemasons, who were more skilled and better paid.

- **Who is the highest ranking Freemason?**

### Master Mason

The standard, widely accepted Masonic rite has three degrees. They are Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and the highest rank that anyone can earn, Master Mason.

- **How long does it take to be a Master Mason?**

It all depends on the Petitioning member, it can take a from only a few months to anywhere from two to three years to go from petitioning to Master Mason.

Fraternally,  
Chris Parker, PM  
Junior Warden



## EXCLUSIVE INVITATION

The Officers and Brethren of S. W. Hackett Lodge No. 574

cordially invite you to its

Hiram Award Recipient Presentation

Honoring Worshipful Brother

*Norman Chris Parker*

Saturday, 19 March 2022

6:00 p.m. \*Hosted Dinner in the Square & Compass Room  
followed by the Program in the Heald Lodge Room

Coat and Tie

Scottish Rite Masonic Center  
1895 Camino del Rio South  
San Diego, California 92108-3863 U.S.A.

RSVP no later than Tuesday, 8 March 2022  
to WB Dimiter Lyakov, PM at [hackettlodge@gmail.com](mailto:hackettlodge@gmail.com)

\*secret menu



## *Ladies Corner*

Dear Ladies:

There was a very good turnout for the March stated meeting. To our delight, the Gamaches were in town to visit; and the Gales were able to attend after having been absent for some time due to health concerns.

We ladies had such an enjoyable time visiting with each other, and catching up with Susie Gamache and Susie Gale.

As mentioned earlier in this publication, there will be a Hiram award ceremony for Wor. Chris Parker and dinner on Saturday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m. This event gives us another chance to bid a fond farewell to the Parkers.

Don't forget, the lodge picnic is on June 18 at Santee Lakes.

I wish you all good health and happiness.

*Sincerely, Ingrid*

## 2022 OFFICERS

WM - Wor. Dennis Stahr

SW - Wor. David Haslim

JW - Wor. Chris Parker

Sec - Wor. Dimiter Lyakov

Chap - Wor. Floyd Covert

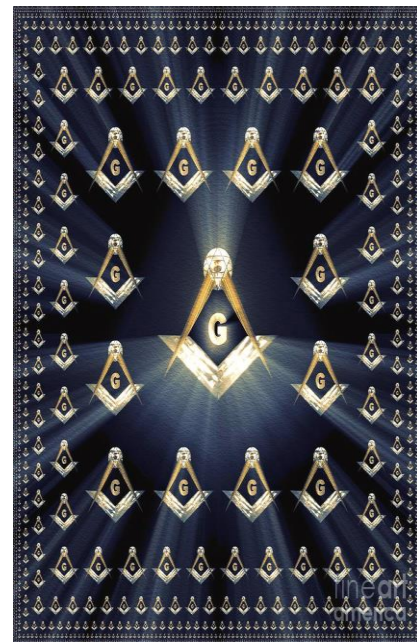
SD - Brother David Casper

JD - Brother Mark Helton

Marsh - Brother Benjamin Pulido

SS - Brother Vaughn Franklin

Tiler - Wor. Jim Achenbach



## Committee assignments - 2022

**Audit..... David Haslim, PM, Floyd Covert, PM, Norman Chris Parker, PM**

**Member Retention..... Floyd Covert, PM**

**Delinquent Dues.....Norman Chris Parker, PM, Ben Pulido**

**Budget & Finance..... Dimiter Lyakov, PM**

**Charity.....Dennis Stahr, PM, David Haslim, PM, Floyd Covert, PM**

**Funeral..... David Haslim, PM**

**Honored Ladies..... Maebelle Haslim**

**Life Membership..... David Casper**

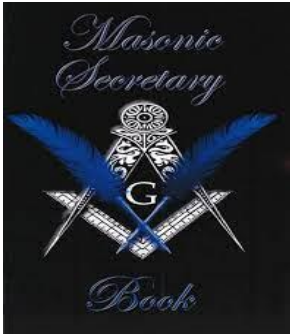
**Masonic Education\Public Schools..... Jim Achenbach, PM**

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

**Entertainment.....Robert Gale and Ben Pulido**

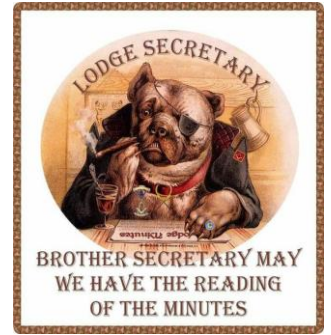
**Trestleboard..... Norman Chris Parker, PM**

# 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](mailto:hackettlodge@gmail.com)



# MASONIC BIRTHDAY ECHOES FROM THE PAST



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| <u><i>Names</i></u>  | <u><i>Raised</i></u> | <u><i>Years</i></u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Douglas R. Campbell  | 4/4/1981             | 41                  |
| David H. Mc Gill, PM | 4/12/1983            | 39                  |
| Glenn R. James       | 4/13/1976            | 46                  |
| Edward K. Jackson    | 4/14/1983            | 39                  |
| Alejandro R. Salas   | 4/25/2017            | 5                   |

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## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 5  | Fred S. Lipscomb         |
| 6  | Augustus P. Phiasivongsa |
| 12 | Bruce B. Abel            |
| 18 | William L. Mathis, PM    |
| 25 | Robert E. Hickok Jr.     |
| 28 | Geordan L. Mitchell      |

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A large, white, 3D-style text reading "Happy Birthday" is centered on a background of colorful confetti. The text has a slight shadow and is surrounded by a dense field of small, multi-colored paper pieces.



# Special Announcements

Brethren,

You have 4 options available to pay your 2022 Dues:

**Plases 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](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](mailto: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

## APRIL 2022 HOLIDAY OBERVANCES

- April 17<sup>th</sup>: Easter



## PLANNED LODGE ACTIVITIES

**\*subject to change, schedule TBA**

**Sequoia Elementary School Teacher of the Year Award  
"June 7, 2022"**

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