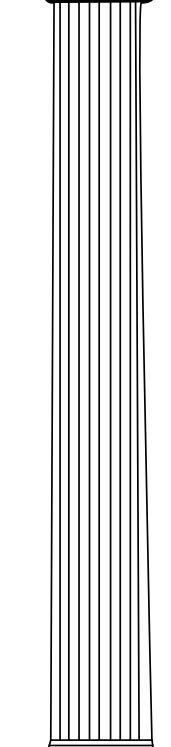
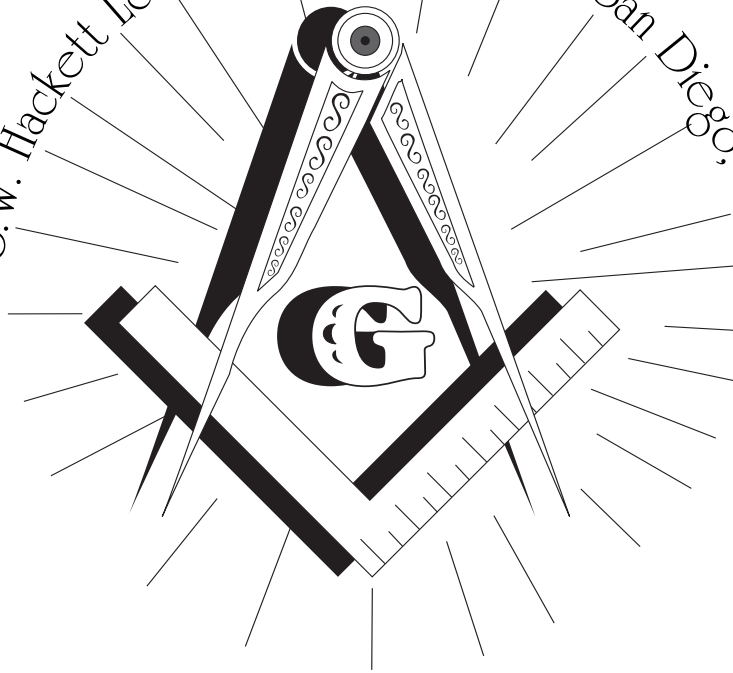
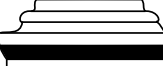
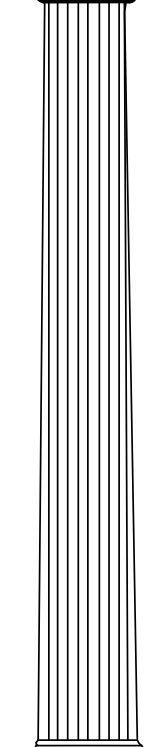


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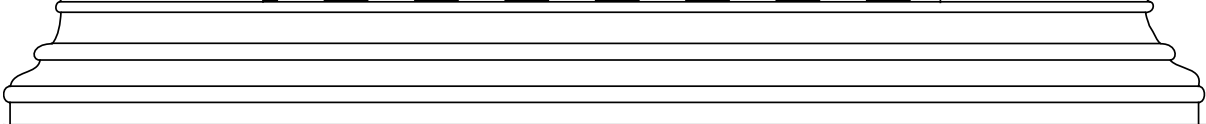
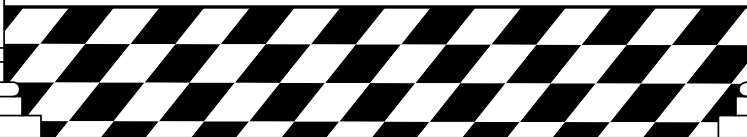
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FROM PILLAR OF WISDOM

Ladies and Brothers:

The Hiram Award is periodically given by a lodge to single out a worthy brother for his "numerous years of devoted service." An honor of the highest order, it is to be on a night set aside for the singular purpose of recognizing the recipient for his unselfish contributions of time, energy and talent on behalf of his lodge and community.

On behalf of SW Hackett Lodge No. 574 it is my distinct honor and pleasure to announce that in 2011 the Hiram Award will be delivered to Clint Black, PM, in lodge and to be followed by a dinner at Scottish Rite. The ceremony and dinner in honor are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday August 9th at 6:30PM. The Hiram Award ceremony will be in the lodge room following dinner. Dinner will be in the

Ionic/Doric. Tickets are \$15. Please call your reservations in to the lodge Secretary at 619-295-4420.

In May we have tentatively scheduled two 1st degrees to be conducted on the 17th. Officers practices are scheduled for 10th (1st degree), 24th (2nd degree), and the 31st will be for officer qualifications.

Looking forward to summer, our annual father's day weekend Lodge Camping trip at the Al Bahr Shrine camp is approaching and even if you do not plan on camping out Mount Laguna is quick 45 minute drive from San Diego and a beautiful drive.



2011 the Hiram Award recipient Clint Black, PM

Finally Grand Lodge granted permission to republish their Spotlight article featuring our Partnership in Education program.

It has been reposted in our lodge blog with a link to download the original article.

Go to the category "Lodge

News" at: <http://swhackett-lodge.sandiegofreemason.com>, in the lodge website look for a new link on the top and in the lodge activities section. If you prefer a hard

copy contact the lodge office and we will get you a copy.

Sincerely & Fraternally Yours,

Steve Laurvick
Worshipful Master



FROM PILLAR OF STRENGTH

Brethren:

I spoke with Worshipful Laurvick with an idea about combining our Tuesday practice nights with some Masonic education. He agreed to allow me to give it a try. I hope to have it in place starting in May, but I still have to contact a couple of the Brothers that I hope will be able to help us with this idea. Since we usually have three practice nights a month, I am hoping that from about 6:30 pm to about 7:00 or 7:15 pm on these evenings we will be able to combine some education and/or meditation prior to the practice sessions. These sessions will be for all Brothers, not just the officers. If you can attend, even if it is just for the sessions and wish to leave after that, that is okay. But, if you will stay for the practice, we can always find something for you to do to help us with the practice. We generally get to be with many of you only at the Stated Dinners and Meeting, so this is an opportunity for all of us to get together whenever you can make it. I am hoping that

one of the nights we will have a meditation session. Many of you have expressed how beneficial these sessions have been when you have attended them. Another evening we will have a presentation and discussion concerning the meaning behind the ritual that we all see and do, but are sometimes unaware of the real depth of this great work. Finally, we will, on another evening, delve into the esoteric side of Masonry. Many of you have also expressed the desire for more of this in the studies of your journey.

I hope this is an idea that will appeal to you and that you would plan to attend some, if not all, of the sessions. I would also sincerely appreciate your feedback on this new project, positive or negative. Please call me at: 858-538-6345 or email me at: masonic574@irfutures.com.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Dennis Stahr
Senior Warden



MAY EVENTS

- 3 Stated Dinner & Meeting . . . 6:30 & 7:30pm
- 10 1st Degree Practice 7:00pm
- 17 2 - 1st Degrees 7:00pm
- 24 2nd Degree 7:00pm
- 31 Officer Qualifications 7:00pm

MAY 2011						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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MAY STATED MEETING DINNER

- Caesar Salad
- Chicken Enchiladas & Tacos
- Spanish Rice
- Refried Beans
- Tortillas (Flour)
- Assorted Hot & Cold Beverages
- Assorted Jumbo Cookies



\$15.00



BROTHERS, DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR 2011 DUES



PONTERINGS

Most of our lives we concern ourselves with measurements of one sort or another and thought to share this in an abbreviated form. Question does cold exist was asked by the student. Answer it does not, it is but the absence of heat. Question by the student does Darkness exist, answer again was it does not, it is but the absence of light. Question does evil exist. Students answer was, evil does not exist unto itself. Evil is simply the

absence of God. it is like the darkness and cold. Evil is not like faith or love that exist just as light and heat do. Evil is the result of what happens when man does not have God's love in his heart. It is like the cold that comes when there is no heat or the darkness that comes when there is no light. The supposed argument some say took place between Albert Einstein and a professor.

Submitted by Clint Black, PM,



LIFE MEMBERSHIP

\$809.150. Life Membership Fund.

The original amounts paid for life memberships shall be forever kept and maintained as and for a separate and permanent Life Membership Fund. A Lodge may invest its Life Membership Fund as provided in Section 809.130 of this Code, if such investments are kept separate and apart from

all other Lodge assets. Only interest or dividends paid in cash on the Life Membership Fund shall be available for general Lodge use.

Next month we will publish updated amounts for those who might be considering life membership in our lodge, but these numbers will give you an idea what a good deal a life membership is.

Under age 49, 21 times annual dues; or	\$1,764
50 to 54 inclusive, 19 times annual dues; or	\$1,596
55 to 59 inclusive, 17 times annual dues; or	\$1,428
60 to 64 inclusive, 14 times annual dues; or	\$1,176
65 and over, 11 times annual dues or	\$924



FROM PILLAR OF BEAUTY

Brethren:


I didn't think I had anything to write about this month, and then I was reminded that I needed to remove the title "Worshipful" from the cover of all future trestleboards. Something I had already done and then forgot about. You will note that the offensive word is now gone. Which begs the question. Why? Although I can't find it, I'm told there's something about it in the CMC. Well, apparently some "non Masons" think we "Worship" men since we call our leaders, "Worshipful". So there you go, no more use of the word "Worshipful" in public.

I suspect the title "Master" will be next. I've heard from some, that we celebrate and promote slavery by our use of the title "Master". They point to the lack of African Americans in Masonry as evidence. As in accurate as there information is, I dare you to try to convince them otherwise. Some non Masons go so far as to claim we are all slaves to

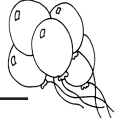
Masonry giving up our own wills, ideas, consciences, beliefs and even lives upon our initiations into the "craft", another term, by the way, some find offensive.

These people believe we are completely controlled by the "Masters" of our lodges and not just within the lodge room, but in every aspect of our lives. How to vote, how and what to worship, whom to befriend, whom to hire at our businesses, etc., are all things they say we do at the whims of our "Lodge Masters".


Awhile back we removed the word "Temple" from our Lodge buildings to prove to these same ignorant non Masons, that we are not a religion. I don't know of any minds that were changed by this gesture, they still insist Masonry is a religion. So really, the only thing we accomplished is giving up a bit of our identity. Well maybe it's not just our identity we are giving up, we are also giving "them" our power. Let's face it, every time we change something because someone doesn't like or understand it. The more




May Birthdays



14	ROBERT I. SMITH
15	R. ROBIN ROMERO
20	LEONARD V. KULHANJIAN
21	DIMITER K. LYAKOV
22	MICHAEL D. MARTIN
23	GARY L. JONES
25	RICHARD H. APPLESTILL
26	LUIZ C. DEORSOLA
26	GEORGE O. GLAVIS
27	ROBERT J. STRANGMAN
28	GEORDAN L. MITCHELL
29	CLAUDE C. WOODS



ECHOES FROM THE PAST



	Raised
MATTHEW N. BOTU	5/24/1949
BILL E. SMITH	5/13/1952
ALFRED E. STRICKMAN	5/20/1952
ROBERT E. HUTCHINSON	5/25/1960
CLAIR P. MARTIN	5/16/1978
BRUCE C. MARX	5/17/1979
CLINTON R. BLACK	5/19/1994
DAVID P. CASPER	5/30/1996
RICHARD H. APPLESTILL	5/8/1997
ERIC R. STRAUB	5/28/2001
BRYAN C. MANG	5/28/2003

they will find other reasons to hate Masonry, 'give them an inch' and they'll take the whole cow, you know.

We are constantly devolving Craft Masonry to appease our detractors. "Worshipful", "Temple", "Chamber of Reflection", "Table Lodges" Alter lights all once commonly found within Masonry are becoming scarce and even outlawed because some are squeamish, bothered or just simply ignorant.

Sometimes I wonder if our four fathers would even recognize us as brothers. They had Franklin, Washington, Madison, Revere, Jackson... We have Masonry for Dummies, and Idiots Guild to Masonry. They worked during the enlightenment trying to improve their minds and lives, we are working in the dark surrounded by ignorance and fear. Once upon a time Masons ran countries. Now it seems like we just run.

You only have to visit anti masonic websites to find what we'll loose next. Our use of, "So Mote It Be", proves we practice witchcraft? The stupidity is absolutely astounding and unfortunately endless.

Who really cares what non members think and say we do behind our closed doors. Seriously, what are we afraid or ashamed of. They say some crazy stuff about us; they insist we are puppets, and sheep blindly following even without realizing it. On TV and radio they say we kill babies, drink blood from real skulls, kill anyone who reveals our secrets and the list drones on. My personal favorite is their explanation of the symbolism of our Square and Compass emblem, good stuff. All things we know are not true, but they say it anyway. A few years ago my father, not a Mason, heard from a friend of his, also not a Mason, that his son drinks blood, my

dads reply; 'My son only eats well done steaks, I can't see him drinking blood'. His friend's mind was not changed. No matter what we do, we will not change their minds by changing ourselves, our speech, or our rituals. The fact is the more we change to look good to them, the more they point and say 'see it must be true, now they are just hiding it'.

My real concern is that their ignorance will continue to lead us astray, and I truly believe, we weaken Masonry with every bend!!!! I've also noticed that the more we side-

step, the more ignorance and intolerance we find among ourselves. Never forget, that although Masonry is all inclusive, it is most certainly not for everyone. I think trying to make it so, will in the end ruin Masonry for everyone.

Obviously these are just my own observations and opinions, mostly presented to give you something to think about, but also, to fill space. What do you think? I'd really love to hear.

Magically & Fraternally
JR Knight, PM
Junior Warden



EDITOR'S NOTES

Thanks to Kent Dau and Clint & Judy Black for helping me get the TB's mailed out.

Brothers, your items of Masonic Education and general interest are always welcome and earnestly requested. Just be sure to have them to me no

later than 20th of the month. You may contact me by email magicalmason1111@yahoo.com.

Fraternally
JR Knight, PM, Editor



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