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FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Greeting's, Brethren and Ladies,

April was a good month for us here at SW Hackett. On April 11th I hosted a fun, backyard Bar-B-Q where a number of our members and families got together and just had a great time. Brother Bob Gale was our "Grill Master" and everybody else brought dishes. The weather worked out just perfect for the occasion. On the 13th of the month, four us from Hackett lodge got together and made a lodge visit to Santa Maria Lodge #580 in Ramona for their monthly Stated Meeting where all of us were well received and we enjoyed being part of the meeting. April 29th was Masonic Information night and the room was pretty full with perspective candidates.

Looking forward to May. On May 2nd is our Honored Ladies Luncheon and all the members of Hackett are invited, so please attend if you can. Sunday, May 10th the Scottish Rite is having its annual Mother's Day Brunch, so make sure you make your reservations and bring your mom out to a great brunch. I announced at the April Stated Meeting that Steve Laurvick, PM is the 2015 recipient for the Hiram Award. The date for his award presentation and dinner is set for May 30th, so please call the Lodge to make your reservations for his very well – deserved award. JR Knight, PM is working hard to put together our Table Lodge in June and I'm sure he's run into a few challenges, but I'm hoping for the very best. I would like to remind all the Members in good standing with SW Hackett Lodge and their wives, to come to our Stated Meeting Dinner in May for a free dinner, compliments of one of our generous brothers. May's Stated Meeting falls on Tuesday – the 5th and the menu is Mexican food in honor of Cinco de Mayo.

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2015 OFFICERS

MasterRobert Salini
Sr. WardenJohn Fitch
Jr. WardenCharles Caskey
Treasurer.....Ryan Bacaoco, PM
Secretary.....Dimiter Lyakov, PM
ChaplainDennis Stahr, PM
Sr. DeaconBen Bridges
Jr. DeaconDustin Capps
Marshal.....Robert Scheeler
Sr. Steward.....Robert Gale
Jr. StewardDavid Casper
TilerJim Achenbach, PM
Organist.....JR Knight, PM

Officer's Coach: Dennis Stahr, PM
Inspector, 921st. Masonic District: William R. Stokes, PM

MAY EVENTS

5 Stated Meeting & Dinner.....6:30pm
12 Degree Practice / Proficiencies.....6:00pm
19 Degree Practice / Proficiencies.....6:00pm
26 Degree Practice / Proficiencies.....6:00pm

MAY STATED DINNER MENU

Chicken and Cheese Enchiladas Verde & Beef Tacos
Monterey Chile Rice
Refried Beans
Mexican Caesar Salad
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Dinner cost is \$15 per person. Make your lodge reservations by calling the Lodge Secretary at 619-295-4420

Please call the lodge for dinner reservations, so we can get a head count. The Hackett picnic is scheduled for Santee Lakes on Saturday, June 13th. So, mark your calendar for these upcoming events.

This is a good time to remind all of our brethren to come on down to the Lodge, share in the camaraderie, and fellowship with us.

Drive Safe and I hope to see everyone in lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bob Salini
Master



FROM THE PILLAR OF STRENGTH

May Greetings from the West.

As I prepare to qualify as Master for next year, I find reference to the “great Historian Josephus” in our ritual, and have also found a different reading, from my studies during the Lenten season this year, which gives a brief description of Josephus. Here is that piece, which I would like to share with you, from ‘The Little Black Book’, published by the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan.

“Flavius Josephus was a Jewish Historian and military general who was born around 37 A.D. into an aristocratic family of priests. Bright and well educated, he became a Pharisee.

In 64, he was asked to travel to Rome to plead for the release of Jewish priest imprisoned by the Emperor Nero. He became a favorite of Nero’s wife and secured the men’s release, but was also attracted to Rome’s rich court life. Josephus eventually returned to Jerusalem. He was hesitant to support the Jewish revolt in 66 A.D. until the Jewish insurgents appeared to be winning. Then he stepped forward and was named commander-in-chief of Galilee.

The Romans defeated the Jewish revolt, and Josephus was taken prisoner. When he was brought before the Roman General Vespasian, Josephus predicted that Vespasian would become emperor of Rome. When Vespasian did become emperor, he freed Josephus in 69 A.D. and adopted him.

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2015 COMMITTEES

Audit	John Fitch
Budget & Finance	Bob Scheeler
Candidate Coaching	Dick Covert, PM
Charity	Robert Salini
Communication	Robert Gale
Delinquent Dues	Dennis Stahr, PM
Funeral	David Haslim, PM
Honored Ladies	Maebelle Haslim
Life Membership	James Campbell, PM
Masonic Education	Jim Achenbach, PM
Masonic Formation	Jim Achenbach, PM
Masonic Outreach	Ron Detzer, PM
Member Retention	Ben Bridges
Public Schools	Jim Achenbach, PM
Social Media	Steve Laurvick, PM
Sunshine & Visit	Robert Salini
Masonic Youth	JR Knight, PM
Trestleboard	Ryan Bacaoco, PM
Website Master	Dennis Stahr, PM



***“SOFT AND SAFE TO THEE OUR BROTHER BE
THY RESTING PLACE, BRIGHT AND
GLORIOUS BE THY RISING FROM IT”***

BROTHER BILLY EDWARD SMITH
Waller, Texas



Born: January 5, 1923
Called from Labor: August 4, 2014



Initiated: March 11, 1952
Passed: April 15, 1952
Raised: May 13, 1952

Received 50 Year Anniversary Award: June 18, 2002

Candidate proficiency coaching is always available to brethren seeking advancement through the degrees of Masonry. The coaches assigned to assist brethren are as follows:

Entered Apprentice Degree: Steve Laurvick, PM at 619-787-7011
Fellow Craft Degree: Clint Black, PM at 858-538-3051
Master Mason Degree: Dick Covert, PM at 760-855-2406

The assigned coaches should be contacted to arrange a time and place to meet.

Submitted by Dick Covert, PM

After Jerusalem's destruction the following year, Josephus returned to Rome and became a Roman citizen.

Today Josephus is best known as an historian and writer, whose books include "History of the Jewish War" and "Antiquities of the Jews" (Jewish history from the creation to the revolt of 66 A.D, including the appearance of a man named Jesus).

Early Christians and Church fathers often referred to the writings of Josephus, who died around 101 A.D.

Stay safe and best wishes to all.

Fraternally yours,

Brother John F. Fitch
Senior Warden



FROM THE PILLAR OF BEAUTY

Brethren and Ladies,

I wanted to start with thanking Wor. Bob for the BBQ. A lot of people were able to take part. If you were not able to be there, I'll tell you it was a great time. Thanks to everyone involved, and I think I can say that we all look forward to doing it again soon. Summer is coming soon. I look to see us getting so things going as the year moves forward. So far we are looking at some gun shoots, BBQ's, table lodge, and picnic. We are open to ideas if anyone wants to see something new. I also wanted to look at some ideas for t-shirts in the near future. I will leave you with a poem.

THE WORKING TOOLS

*Go, work on mind and matter now,
A Master raised to power art thou,
Impress on each and all you can
Wise Heaven's eternal Temple-plan.
As on a trestle-board portray
The great Design, from day to day,
And build, in silence reverently,
The temple of Humanity.*
- By BRO. A. S. MAcBRIDE

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bro. Chuck Caskey
Junior Warden

MYSTERY OF TEMPLE HALL

If one were to visit Old Poway Park located at 14134 Midland Road one might come away after indulging themselves at the Hamburger factory and riding on its railroad they would have discovered Templar Hall and perhaps wonder about it's possible Masonic connection. Today this organization all but appears to have vanished from the American scene where it first organized itself in New York State in 1851 and spread though out the USA and the rest of the world in the 19th century. Today there are 2000 member in the USA and 700,000 worldwide. There is strong evidence that this organization spun off or was highly influenced by Masonry in the use of regalia, ritual and organization but was focused on Temperance of a Life Free of Drugs and Alcohol use. In recent years IOGT have dropped the word lodges, and the use of ritual and Title of Chief Master of the Lodge to President from three degrees to one called Justice

Submitted by Clint Black, PM

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Hello Brethren,

This month's issue will be my last subscription as your Lodge's Trestleboard Editor. It has been a real pleasure and honor serving as your lodge's Trestleboard editor for some part of 2014 & 2015. I have learned a lot of what it takes to create the Trestleboard for all of us to enjoy each and every month. But, with the school semester starting soon, I have decided to focus my attention with my education. Please forward your articles, to Dennis Stahr, PM who will be taking care of the Trestleboard for the rest of year. His email address at masonic574@irfutures.com.

S&F,

Ryan A. Bacaoco, PM

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 14 Robert Smith, PM
- 15 Rene Romero
- 20 Leonard Kulhanjian
- 21 Dimiter Lyakov, PM
- 23 Gary Jones
- 24 Jason Hicks
- 25 Richard Applestill
- 26 Jason Bockerman
- George Glavis
- Luis Deorsola
- 27 Robert Stangman
- 29 Claude Woods

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

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| | <u>66 YEARS</u> | <u>19 YEARS</u> |
| | Matthew Botu, 5/24/1949 | David Casper, 5/30/1996 |
| | <u>63 YEARS</u> | <u>18 YEARS</u> |
| | Billy Smith, 5/13/1952 | Richard Applestill, 5/8/1997 |
| | Alfred Strickman, 5/20/1952 | <u>14 YEARS</u> |
| | <u>55 YEARS</u> | Eric Straub, 5/28/2001 |
| | Robert Hutchinson, 5/25/1963 | |
| | <u>37 YEARS</u> | |
| | Clair Martin, 5/16/1978 | |
| | <u>36 YEARS</u> | |
| | Bruce Marx, 5/17/1979 | |
| | <u>21 YEARS</u> | |
| | Clinton Black, 5/19/1994 | |