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FROM THE EAST

May Greetings from the East Brethren and Ladies,

Our Stated Meeting Dinner is May 3rd this month, and there are two extra events planned this month. On Saturday the 21st at 12:00 we will hold our annual Honored Ladies Luncheon at Marie Calendars on Alvarado Road. Our annual Sequoia Elementary Spelling Bee is scheduled to begin at 6:00 on Thursday the 26th. All available Brethren and Ladies are requested to attend these events.

On April 19th we conferred the Fellow Craft Degree upon Brother Vaughn Franklin and we currently have two Applications for Degrees under review, with several Entered Apprentice and Fellow Crafts working to make their respective proficiencies.

On April 12th, along with 65 other local Masons, I attended the San Diego Public Schools recognition event at Chase Avenue Elementary School in El Cajon, CA. We received a tour of the School, and saw firsthand the Raising a Reader Program at work on the Kindergarten Classrooms. The culmination of the event was the presentation of a ceremonial check by our Grand Master to the School Principle, in support of a nonprofit organization named Reality Changers located in City Heights. This Organization's Programs help High Potential Low-Income Youth become First Generation College Students at the Nation's Top Colleges. Check it out here: <https://realitychangers.org/>

In April there were several other Lodge Events, which you will find recorded in this Trestleboard. Many thanks are deserved to our Trestleboard Editor, Dennis Stahr PM, for collecting and publishing all of this information for everyone's benefit. Stay safe and best wishes to all.

Fraternally yours,

John F. Fitch, Master

IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE

In the April issue of the Grand Lodge "Leader", SW Hackett Lodge got a very nice write up about our community involvement with our Partnership in Education program. It will be presented in the June Trestleboard..... Don't miss it.

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

MAY EVENTS

3	Stated Dinner and Meeting	6:30 pm
10	Proficiency and Qualifying work	6:30 pm
17	Proficiency and Qualifying work	6:30 pm
21	Honored Ladies Luncheon	Noon
24	Proficiency and Qualifying work	6:30 pm
26	Sequoia Spelling Bee	6:00 pm
31	Proficiency and Qualifying work	6:30 pm

MAY STATED DINNER MENU

Fiesta Salad,
Beef Fajitas, Chicken Enchiladas
Spanish Rice, Refried Beans
Vanilla Ice Cream with
Chocolate & Caramel Sauce

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.

HONORED LADIES LUNCHEON

Each year we honor the widows of our Brothers who have been called from labor. This important event will take place on May 21st, at noon at the Marie Calender's restaurant. The restaurant is located at 6950 Alvarado Road. We will need a count of those attending so please email to master_hackett574@freemason574.org to make your reservations. We'd like a good group. Please join us.



FROM THE WEST

Brethren and Ladies,

I will continue and finish the Masonic education article that I began in the April Trestleboard. I found the article not only informative but also inspiring and I hope you do also.

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

Your TROWEL will teach you that nothing is united together without proper cement: no strict union, nor external polish can be made without it. And, as the Trowel connects each stone together by a proper disposition of the cement, so charity, that bond of perfection and of all social union (which I earnestly recommend to you all), links separate minds and various interests together; and, like the radii of a circle, that extend from the center to every part of the circumference, makes each member have a tender regard for the real welfare of the whole community.

But as some members will be refractory in every society, your Hammer will likewise teach you how to use becoming discipline and correction towards such like offenders. If they will not submit to rule, you may strike off the excrescences of their swelling pride, till they sink into a modest deportment. Are they irregular in their practices? Your Hammer will instruct you to strike off each irregularity, and fit them to act a decent part on the stage of life. Do any affect things above their stations? Your Hammer will teach you to press them down to their proper level that they may learn, in the school of discipline, that necessary knowledge - to be courteous.

What the HAMMER is to the workman, that enlightened reason is to the passions in the human mind: it curbs ambition, that aspires to its own and neighbor's hurt: it depresses envy, moderates anger, checks every rising frailty, and encourages every good disposition of the soul; from whence must arise that comely order, that delightful self-complacency "Which nothing earthly gives or can destroy, The soul's calm sunshine, and the heart-felt joy."

Thus, from our instruments may we all be instructed to raise a stately fabric of good works, upon the strong foundation of faith, that we may be fitted at last to inhabit that glorious house, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens!

I hope everyone enjoyed the Masonic Education. Again, I look forward to seeing everyone in lodge.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Bro. Chuck Caskey, Senior Warden

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

A Special hello to a deserving worthy Brother Mason

Brother George Emmett Brakeall of Rock Hill, SC was born in Ohio on April 14, 1926. He was Raised a Master Mason in Oklahoma Altus Lodge #62 on August 2, 1962. He affiliated with SW Hackett Lodge on December 7, 1962. Then he was incorrectly shown as "suspended for non-payment of dues". This error was finally corrected after many years and he has therefore been restored as a Master Mason in Good Standing for 53 years. He has finally received his truly deserved 50 year pin. Brother George is also a Life Member of the Scottish Rite, and we congratulate him and wish him Happy 90th Birthday.

The Blazing Star; an Evolving Symbol

Hutchinson said "It is the first and most exalted object that demands our attention in the lodge" In the earliest Monitor, immediately after the revival of 1717 the Blazing Star is not mentioned but was introduced in the instructions of 1735 in the explanation of the Mosaic Pavement.

The lecture credited to Dunckerley the Blazing Star is said to represent the star which led Magi to Bethlehem. The Prestonion Lecture explains that awful period before the almighty delivered the two stone tablets of the Ten Commandments to his faithful servant Moses.

In the lecture taught by Webb and generally adopted in the U.S. is at first commemorative of the star that guided the Wise men by Devine Providence to Bethlehem. However to some to be objectionable as its application in Christian Religion the Baltimore Masonic Convention of 1843 omitted the reference to Bethlehem and retained the allusion to Devine Providence alone.

At various time the Blazing Star has it's meaning as Devine Providence, Star of Bethlehem, Prudence, Beauty and the Sun. The Blazing Star is not only a Masonic Symbol, but an ancient and historic one from early days. Man has always looked to the heavens for Guidance.

Submitted by
Clint Black, PM



FROM THE SOUTH

Hello Brethren and Ladies. This month brings with it Memorial Day, a day of remembrance and solemnity. I want to take the time to remember, and say thank you, to all of the brave men and women who sacrificed so much for this great country we live in.

As I was doing some reading on various Masonic scholars I came across an answer to a question that I myself have thought about many times in my times since joining the Fraternity. That question is what makes a man a Mason or when does a man become a Mason? That is a question that comes with many answers, some short and simple, others, such as illustrated below, is longer. The following is from an Ordained Baptist minister and a Freemason, the Very Reverend Newton. "WHEN IS A MAN A MASON? When he can look out over the rivers, the hills, and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, and yet have faith, hope, and courage which is the root of every virtue. When he knows that down in his heart every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolic, and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, to forgive, and to love his fellow man. When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows, yea, even in their sins knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds. When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them, and above all how to keep friends with himself. When he loves flowers, can hunt birds without a gun, and feels the thrill of an old forgotten joy when he hears the laugh of a little child. When he can be happy and high-minded amid the meaner drudgeries of life. When star-crowned trees and the glint of sunlight on flowing waters, subdue him like the thought of one much loved and long dead. When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response. When he finds good in every faith that helps any man to lay hold of divine things and sees majestic meanings in life, whatever the name of that faith may be. When he can look into a wayside puddle and see something beyond mud, and into the face of the most forlorn fellow mortal and see something beyond sin. When he knows how to pray, how to love, how to hope. When he has kept faith with himself, with his fellow man, and with his God; in his hand a sword for evil, in his heart a bit of a song -- glad to live, but not afraid to die! Such a man has found the only real secret of Masonry, and the one which it is trying to give to all the world.—Reverend Joseph Fort Newton, Raised on May 28, 1902 in Friendship Lodge No. 7 in Dixon, Illinois and from 1911-1913 was the Grand Chaplin for the Grand Lodge of Iowa. He has authored many masonic books, the best known being *The Builders*, published in 1914. I hope that his answer may help you formulate your own someday when someone asks you, what makes a man a Mason?

Fraternally,
Ben Bridges, Junior Warden

Theodore "Ted" Ketterer, 50 years a Mason

SW Hackett Brethren and ladies congratulate Worshipful Brother Ted Ketterer as he was presented with his 50 year pin and certificate on April 10th, 2016. Ted became a Master Mason on January 25, 1966. He was the Master of Samuel Warren Hackett Lodge in 1972 and after that, and for 13 total years, he was the Treasurer of the Lodge. In recognition of his dedication to his lodge and Masonry, he was honored with the Hiram Award on May 18, 1993.



Brother Vaughn Franklin is passed to Fellowcraft

On the evening of April 19, 2016, Brother Vaughn Franklin was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft.



SW Hackett Brethren and Ladies visit the Mission

On Sunday the 17th of April, a group of Brothers and Ladies took a nice train trip to San Juan Capistrano, CA to tour the Mission. We all had fun and all enjoyed the trip.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

ECHOES FROM THE PAST - (10 + Years)

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>
Matthew Botu	1949	67
Alfred Strickman	1952	64
Robert Hutchinson	1960	56
Clair Martin	1978	38
Bruce Marx	1979	37
Clinton Black	1994	22
David Casper	1996	20
Richard Applestill	1997	19
Eric Straub	2001	15
Jason Hicks	2006	10