



# S.W. Hackett Lodge# 574 F&AM

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**May 2018**



### FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies,

Hello all and I hope all is well with you. Sorry to say, but the day of our Stated Meeting, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, I couldn't get out of bed, due to back spasms, and I was taken to Emergency by ambulance. It was a real painful experience, and I'm glad it's over for now.

On Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup>, Brother Bob Scheeler was the well-deserved recipient of the Hiram Award, and it was a great and fun lodge event. You can read about it in this month's Trestleboard.

April 24<sup>th</sup> we will be passing Brother Jerry Aquino to the Fellowcraft degree, and with him the best of luck as he progresses in his Masonic journey. I will be taking a Mediterranean Cruise with my Lady Norma and Al Bahr Potentate, Oscar Canedo, and friends. It should be a lot of fun and picture taking, good food and wine, as we sail from Rome to Greece and back. This being the case, I will be preoccupied with my travels to spend much time on lodge business until I return in May. So I'd like to thank all of our Brethren and Ladies for their continued support of our Lodge.

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

Drive Safe and I hope to see everyone in lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Bro. Bob Salini, PM, Master

### LETTERS OF SUSPENSION

Sadly again this year, and as of the May Stated Meeting, several Brothers will be sent the letter of intent to suspend them for non-payment of dues. It is really a shame, but it is necessary or the lodge must pay the \$55 per capita to the Grand Lodge for each of the Brothers who have not paid their dues. This becomes a burden on the lodge funds and is an expense that the lodge should NOT have to pay. The dues can still be paid as the gavel for suspension will occur on June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Stated Meeting. Please support your lodge.

Dennis Stahr, PM, Delinquent dues committee.

### 2018 OFFICERS

Master .....Robert Salini, PM  
Sr. Warden.....William "JR" Knight, PM  
Jr. Warden .....John Fitch, PM  
Treasurer .....David Casper  
Secretary .....Dimitar Lyakov, PM  
Chaplain.....Benjamin Pulido  
Sr. Deacon.....Stefan Werkstetter  
Jr. Deacon .....Robert Gale  
Marshall .....Robert Scheeler  
Sr. Steward .....Mario Urbino  
Jr. Steward.....Horatio Johnson  
Tiler .....Jim Achenbach, PM  
Officer's Coach: .....Dennis Stahr, PM  
Officer's Coach: .....Robert Salini, PM  
Inspector, 921<sup>st</sup>. Masonic District: Richard W. Bullard, PM

### MAY EVENTS

1 Stated Dinner/Meeting	6:30 pm
8 Qualifying / Proficiencies	Starting at 4:30 pm
15 Masonic Education	6:30 pm
22 Qualifying / Proficiencies	Starting at 4:30 pm
23 Sequoia Spelling Bee	6:00 pm
26 Honored Ladies Luncheon	Noon
29 Qualifying / Proficiencies	Starting at 4:30 pm

### MAY STATED DINNER MENU

Fiesta Salad  
Beef Fajitas  
Chicken Enchiladas  
Spanish Rice  
Refried Beans  
Vanilla Ice Cream with 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](mailto:hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com).

### EDITOR'S REQUEST

Please submit articles. Everyone is requested to submit articles for the Trestleboard, in fact, it is encouraged. Please email them to [info@freemason574.org](mailto:info@freemason574.org) on or before the 19<sup>th</sup> of every month. Thank you!



**FROM THE WEST**

My Brother,

Brother Bob Scheeler's Hiram Award presentation was fun and Bob gave a fantastic acceptance speech. We finally got to meet his wife Cheryl. I don't know about you but I was starting to think she was made up. It turns out that not only is she real, but she's an absolute delight. Hopefully she will join us more often.

I hope you're enjoying our Masonic Education Lecture Series and if you have not yet availed yourself to these classes that you will make the time soon. Our May 15th will be presented by Wor. Bro. Mark Doubleday who will give a talk on The Ancient Feasts.

There was a bit of a mix up with our April lecture but it worked out for the best (as these things usually do). Our speaker had the wrong week, but we really needed to talk some things out among ourselves, so again a happy accident.

What we needed to work out is what we, as a Lodge, are going to do in the future and how we can get more participation. Currently we are really struggling for officers, and this is rapidly becoming an issue that we need to address. Sideline's are also in short supply. Sadly this gives some the idea that we need to start looking into merging with another lodge. Back in 2010 when merging was brought up, we banded together to (Save SW Hackett) and that movement was quite successful until the present. Eight years isn't a bad run from such a small boost but obviously we got complacent and didn't work as a team to keep it going.

Between the military sending our Brothers around the world and others moving out of the area, we find ourselves scrambling for qualified candidates for office. A couple of us Past Masters are willing to fill in but it's really not ideal for the health of a Lodge. I would be happy to step aside if someone else wanted to take the East next year but if that doesn't happen, I assure you that I will give you my all and work to make next year a successful year. After that we'll have to see. Worshipful Fitch just took a job about 4 hours North of SD. Brother Werkstetter is moving back to Germany. Brother Urbino spends most of his time in Mexico. Brother Johnson has been burning holes in the ocean, getting ready to deploy. Brother Bockerman has been deployed and I just learned that when he comes back he may be transferred back East, and Worshipful Parker is moving out of the area.

We'd already lost Brothers Caskey, Bridges, Capps, Baker, Mullen, Derflinger, Perry and Rowden to deployment or transfers. So the questions is what can we do to save SW Hackett and ensure its future? I can tell you from past experience that it's going to take all of us working together

**SEE "FROM THE WEST" CONTINUED** 

**BROTHER ROBERT J. SCHEELER,  
HIRAM AWARD HONOREE FOR 2018**



The Hiram Award ceremony for Brother Scheeler was an important and fun event. The presentation ceremony was held in the SW Hackett lodge room and the turnout was great. The Al Bahr Shrine Legion of Honor brought in the flag of our country. Wor. Dave Haslim, PM, Inspector at Large did his usual wonderful job as emcee for the event.

Wor. Richard Bullard, PM, Inspector of the 921<sup>st</sup> Masonic district gave the history and meaning of the Hiram Award and Wor. Bob Salini, PM, Master, was the guest speaker for Brother Scheeler. Brother Bob and his wife Cheryl were proud and honored at Bob's being chosen as the Hiram Honoree. Brother Scheeler's remarks were very well done and certainly sincere.

Again, if you haven't already, when you see Bob, be sure to congratulate him for his receiving this important and prestigious award.

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**FROM THE WEST (CONTINUED)**

to build our team back up and fill the holes until we can get a full line moving forward that can stay in SD long enough to complete their travel to though the Oriental Chair. I know we have the talent to do accomplish the task, now we just need to find out if we have the desire. I hope you will consider taking up the sword and fighting for your lodge. I know it seems like alot of work but it's really not and if a guy like me can do it anyone can. I can promise you two things, you will never regret working through the chairs and I will be there to help in any way I can. Please contact me if you are willing to help save our Lodge. Cheers My Brother.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
William "JR" Knight, PM, Senior Warden

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**EDITOR'S REQUEST**

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](mailto:masonic574@ifutures.com) and/or Wor. Dimiter, our Secretary, at: [Hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com](mailto:Hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com)



**FROM THE SOUTH**

Brethren:

I have occasion to begin working in Los Angeles County, at a Mojave Desert location, and will not be able to attend Tuesday Night Lodge Meetings in the near time future.

Having left the familiar confines of San Diego County, I have found interest in some of the history of how the State of California came into being in 1850; some of the Prominent Figures were Masonic Brothers: President James K. Polk, John C. Fremont and Christopher (Kit) Carson.

Here is a brief narrative: President Polk following an expansionist policy to acquire California and its harbors from Mexico commissioned Fremont, who selected Carson as a guide, to explore the Pacific Northwest, eventually leading a popular revolt and seizing control of Settlements beginning from Sonora to Los Angeles. Kit Carson was then sent East with a message to President Polk that California was under United States Control, when He encountered General Stephen W. Kearny traveling west from New Mexico in the Sonora Desert.

General Kearney sent the president's message East, with a detachment of his men, and continued West with Kit Carson as his guide. Upon encountering Mexican troops and being joined by the forces of Lieutenant Archibald H. Gillespie in the San Pasqual Valley, South of present day Escondido, they attacked and were repelled under siege to higher ground. Kit Carson was sent behind enemy lines to San Diego to request reinforcements which eventually dispersed the Mexican Forces.

Today the significance of these men's actions is commemorated locally by: "Kearny Mesa", "Gillespie Field" and "Kit Carson Park". The site of the battle is commemorated as San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park, a site on the National Register of Historic Places.

Fraternally yours,  
John Fitch PM, Junior Warden

**A POEM WORTH REPEATING: AGAIN**

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed,  
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?  
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock  
Or do you simply stay at home and criticize and knock?  
Do you take an active part to help the work along  
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that "just belong"

Reprinted, word for word, from the January 1947  
Trestleboard

**Get active again... Your lodge needs you!**

**2018 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

- Audit ..... "JR" Knight, PM
- Budget & Finance ..... Robert Scheeler
- Candidate Coaching ..... Clint Black, PM
- Charity ..... Robert Salini, Master
- Member Retention ..... John Fitch, PM
- Delinquent Dues ..... Dennis Stahr, PM
- Funeral ..... David Haslim, PM
- Honored Ladies ..... Maebelle Haslim
- Life Membership ..... James Campbell, PM
- Masonic Education ..... Jim Achenbach, PM
- Calif. Annual Fund ..... Robert Salini, PM
- Public Schools ..... Jim Achenbach, PM
- Entertainment ..... Robert Gale
- Sunshine & Visit ..... Dennis Stahr, PM
- Masonic Outreach ..... Ryan Bacaoco, PM
- Trestleboard ..... Dennis Stahr, PM
- Website Master ..... Dennis Stahr, PM

**THE MASONIC SQUARE & COMPASS...**



Very well known, but very poorly understood, even by scholars. What secrets does it hold? What mysteries does it enshrine?

The answer is, the Masonic Square & Compass relates a powerful ancient wisdom, now lost. It's the symbol of mankind, of you and me.

More specifically, it symbolizes both our *outside* and *inside*. But what exactly does that mean, our *outside* and *inside*? It means every human being is made up of two parts. There's the part we see when we look in the mirror each day. But there's also a part that we don't see. The part you see is your body, but the part you *don't* see is your soul. The Square symbolizes your body, the part you see. The Compass symbolizes your soul, the part you don't see.

When placed together, the Compass & Square is designed to teach us that we're more than just the body. Deep down underneath it all, we are an eternal soul. It's that simple, that powerful.

This is not an opinion, not a hope, not a religion. It's an eternal truth, a wisdom unchangeable. And it forms the basis of a profound Sacred Science, which once informed Freemasonry.

Brother Stefan Werkstetter, Senior Deacon, told me the following, and I also found it on several websites: "The reason we pick up the compass first is because the soul is everlasting and can survive on its own, but the square is picked up last since it is the body and cannot survive without the soul".

**Happy birthday to all the Ladies of the Lodge  
Whose birthday is in May**

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

20	Leonard	Kulhanjian
21	Dimiter	Lyakov
23	Gary	Jones
24	Jason	Hicks
26	George	Glavis
26	Luis	Deorsola
26	Jason	Bockerman

**ECHOES FROM THE PAST - (10 + Years)**

<u>Brother</u>		<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>
Matthew	Botu	1949	<b>68</b>
Alfred	Strickman	1952	<b>65</b>
Robert	Hutchinson	1960	<b>57</b>
Clair	Martin	1978	<b>39</b>
Bruce	Marx	1979	<b>38</b>
Clinton	Black	1994	<b>23</b>
David	Casper	1996	<b>21</b>
Eric	Straub	2001	<b>16</b>