

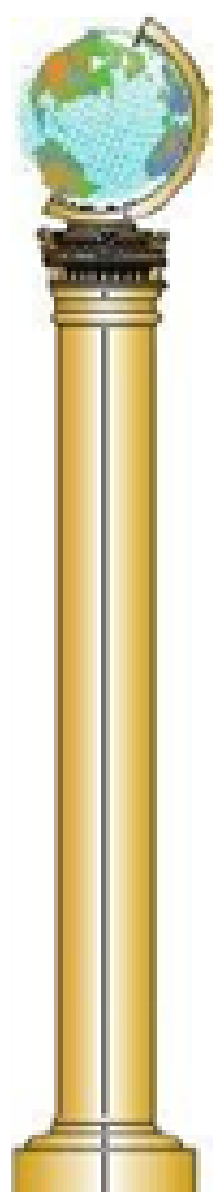
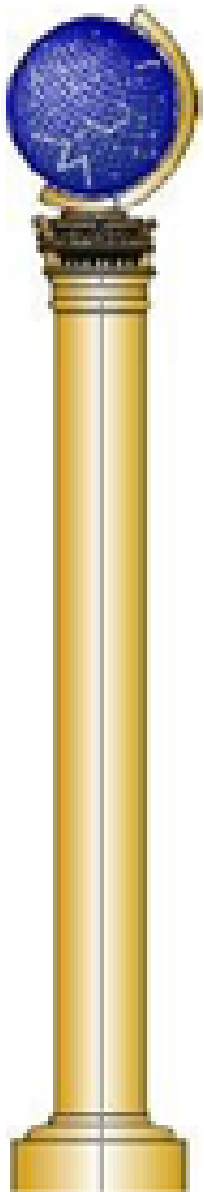
# TRESTLEBOARD



## Samuel Warren Hackett Lodge No. 574

Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California

Chartered October 11<sup>th</sup>, 1923



“Freemasonry is not about  
how good of a man you are ...  
... It's about how good of a man  
you want to be.” Robert Herd

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## MAY 2020



# FROM THE EAST

## WM Norman C. Parker

Dear Brethren,

As we continue to experience a different way of life during this pandemic, I trust you and your families are doing well and adjusting accordingly. It will be a while before we can meet again, for our May Stated Meeting is canceled. I will continue to update you on the progress of our Lodge business when new information becomes available. For your immediate reference, I have recapitulated communiqué regarding our Masonic activities and events in our Special Announcements slides of this month's Trestleboard. These include messages from the following:

- Grand Secretary, Allan L. Casalou
- Senior Grand Warden, Jeffrey Wilkins
- Grand Chaplain Bayani Rico
- Scottish Rite Masonic Center
- Masonic Homes of California

At the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Stated Meeting, it was announced that the Lodge office computer which our Lodge Secretary uses to maintain the Lodge files on was performing very poorly. It was determined that the time had come to get a new computer system for the Lodge. Brethren members present at the Stated Meeting voted and approved the purchase of a new computer for the Lodge. Kudos to our Officer's Coach, Worshipful Brother Dennis Stahr, Worshipful Brother David Haslim, and Worshipful Brother Dimiter Lyakov for their professional guidance and assistance in making this happen. The Lodge now has a full up-to-date computer system, as well as a new copier/scanner device, which will support our Lodge for many years to come.

Our Tiler, Worshipful Brother James Achenbach, continues to contact all the widows of the Lodge. I am pleased to relay that they are still doing well and will contact us should they need any assistance.

In addition, our Officer's Coach, Worshipful Brother Dennis Stahr, continues to engage with our Lodge Officers, offering support and guidance towards their respective qualifications.

I continue to connect with some of you via email and/or telephone, to check on your well-being. I have done the same with fellow Brethren of other Lodges and Masonic organizations that I am a member of. If you need any assistance, or know of anyone who needs assistance, please contact me or any of our Lodge Officers.

I want to take this opportunity to greet everyone for the upcoming May celebrations:

- An enjoyable Happy Cinco de Mayo,
- A very special Happy Mother's Day to all mothers,
- And let's all observe a moment of silence in remembering our Veterans who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Please take care and be safe. I look forward to being with you soon.

Respectfully yours,  
N. Chris Parker  
Worshipful Master

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## 2020 OFFICERS

Master	Norman "Chris" Parker
Sr. Warden	Nicholas Baker
Jr. Warden	
Treasurer	David Casper
Secretary	Dimiter Lyakov, PM
Chaplain	Robert Salini, PM
Sr. Deacon	Jeremy Weber
Jr. Deacon	Mark Helton
Marhsal	Robert Scheeler
Sr. Steward	Joseph Jordan
Jr. Steward	Benjamin Pulido
Tiler	Jim Achenbach, PM
Officer's Coach	Dennis Stahr, PM
Officer's Coach	Robert Salini, PM

### Inspector, 921st Masonic District

Richard W. Bullard, PM

## MAY EVENTS

**Canceled**

## JUNE EVENTS

**Subject to change**

02	Stated Dinner/Meeting/ Teacher of the Year Award	6:30 pm
09	Practice of Officer Qualifications	5:30 pm
16	Practice of Officer Qualifications	5:30 pm
23	Practice of Officer Qualifications	5:30 pm
29	OSI / TBA	6:00 pm
30	Practice of Officer Qualifications	5:30 pm

## JUNE 2 STATED MEETING DINNER

- Subject to change -

Tomato Basil Salad  
Meat Lasagna  
Tilapia  
Parsley Potatoes  
Zucchini Blend  
Breadsticks  
Tiramisu

Dinner cost is \$15 per person.

Make your lodge reservations with the Lodge Secretary  
**on Monday, June 1st** (when the SRC plans to be open)

at 619-295-4420 or email to:

[hackettlodge@gmail.com](mailto:hackettlodge@gmail.com)

## 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 Dimiter, our Lodge Secretary, at [hackettlodge@gmail.com](mailto:hackettlodge@gmail.com)

## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

- Reminder to use our main email address: [hackettlodge@gmail.com](mailto:hackettlodge@gmail.com)
- IMPORTANT NOTE: **The 2020 Annual Dues is \$118.**
  - BRING YOUR DUES CURRENT.
  - **If you haven't already, please pay your dues for 2020.** As of this time, we have 23 members who are not in good standing.

***Be a supporter of your great Lodge!***

Fraternally,  
Dimiter Lyakov, PM

## ECHOES FROM THE PAST

Name	Date Raised	No. of Years
Clinton R. Black	5/19/1994	26
David P. Casper	5/30/1996	24
Vaughn W. Franklin	5/23/2017	3
Robert t. Gale	5/13/2014	6
Robert E. Hutchinson	5/25/1960	60
Clair P. Martin	5/16/1978	42
Bruce C. Marx	5/17/1979	41
Eric R. Straub	5/28/2001	19
Alfred E. Stickman	5/20/1952	68

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## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Audit	Nicholas Baker
Audit	Robert Scheeler
Audit	Benjamin Pulido
Budget & Finance	Robert Scheeler
Charity	Chris Parker, WM
Charity	Nicholas Baker
Member Retention	David Casper
Delinquent Dues	David Casper
Funeral	David Haslim, PM
Honored Ladies	Maebelle Haslim
Life Membership	Joseph Jordan
Life Membership	David Casper
Masonic Education	Jim Achenbach, PM
Calif. Annual Fund	Robert Salini, PM
Public Schools	Jim Achenbach, PM
Entertainment	Benjamin Pulido
Sunshine & Visit	Jeremy Weber
Masonic Outreach	Chris Parker, WM
Trestleboard	Chris Parker, WM
Website	Dennis Stahr, PM

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

20	Leonard V. Kulhanjian
21	Dimiter K. Lyakov
26	Jason P. Bockerman
26	George O. Glavis



# Ladies' Corner

My Dear Ladies,

I hope this message reaches you in good health and spirit. It seems like a year has already passed since our Lodge's last Stated Meeting. I cannot wait till when the Scottish Rite Masonic Center will re-open its doors so we can see each other again and share what we've all done and learned during this pandemic.

As a reminder, I'd like to recap our table centerpiece decorations for the remainder of the year. And we will have our Planting Succulents activity whenever our next Stated Meeting Dinner will be scheduled.

<b>June</b>	Lisa Achenbach	<b>October</b>	Judy Black
<b>July</b>	Marty Haslim	<b>November</b>	Finesse Parker
<b>August</b>	Finesse Parker	<b>December</b>	from Nov. activity
<b>September</b>	Beverly Lynn		



*Once again, be safe and healthy and happy!  
Take care, and Advanced Happy Mother's Day to all mothers!*

*A mother is a person who can take the place of all others,  
but whose place no one else can take.*



*Sincerely, Finesse*

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **PLANNED LODGE ACTIVITIES**

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

**Teacher of the Year Award  
Visit to Covina Masonic Homes  
Family Picnic**

## **LADIES' ACTIVITIES**

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

**Planting Succulents  
Ribbon Lei Making  
Christmas Table Decorations**

## **May 2020 Holiday Observances**

- May 5<sup>th</sup>: Cinco de Mayo
- May 10<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day
- May 25<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Day



# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



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## **A Message about Masonic Meetings**

Dear lodge leaders,

I hope you and your family are safe and healthy and managing well through this current crisis.

The grand master and executive committee have been inspired by the number of virtual lodge gatherings happening on Zoom and other conferencing apps. These gatherings keep us connected and provide much needed socialization while we shelter in place. Some may think this is an opportunity to conduct regular lodge business while gather online. As lodge leaders, we need to be sure this doesn't happen.

As you prepare for the month of April, here are a few things to remember:

- The lodge will not have a stated meeting until further notice by the grand master
- A majority of the elected lodge officers may confer about, agree to, and direct the payment of essential bills and the distribution of charity
- No other lodge business may be transacted until the lodge has a stated meeting sometime in the future
- The payment of bills and distribution of charity will be ratified by the lodge at the next stated meeting

As a reminder, information about Masonic meetings and events as well as the relief effort underway [can be found here](#).

I wish you and your family continued good health and safety. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

Fraternally,

Allan L. Casalou  
Grand Secretary

CC: Inspectors, AGLs, Executive Committee

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



..... Make a **profound** difference .....

## **Message From Senior Grand Warden Jeffery Wilkins**

For many of us, this is the first month without a stated lodge meeting in years, even decades. Despite the challenges of being stuck indoors and away from our fellow members, we've seen inspiring examples of Masons finding creative ways to spend time with one another—and finding ways to help.

One of the most impactful—and simplest—ways to do that is by giving to the [Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund](#). As more and more people are put out of work, it's the role of our fraternity to help fellow members put the pieces back together and move forward. The fund is ready and available to connect those affected by COVID-19 with referrals to services, resources, and emergency funds.

If you or a lodge member is in need of Masonic relief, don't hesitate to reach out to **Masonic Outreach Services** at (888) 466-3642.

We know we're in the middle of difficult times. Now's the time to practice outside of the lodge the great and moral principles we are taught inside it. Let's start with the concept that with time, patience, and perseverance, we will accomplish all things.

—Jeffery Wilkins  
Senior Grand Warden



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..... Make a profound difference .....



## A Message from Grand Chaplain Bayani Rico

Greetings to all the brethren and all those in our wider Masonic community, especially those in our Masonic Homes. Thank you for finding time to join in our collective effort to stay connected as a family at this rather difficult time.

Undoubtedly, and in a variety of ways, we've all been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of the brethren have contracted the virus; some may have family members who had been infected. Those in the medical profession have been hard hit. We've been made aware of the deaths that have enveloped our global communities. The Grim Tyrant continues to make its unwelcomed visits. The government has now issued stay at home mandates, which most of us can relate to. While it's meant to flatten the curve, the excessive time we now have can breed anxiety and aggravate our fears, or even fortify our denial of the threat to the point that despair seeps in.

Some may wonder whether they'll still have their job when this is over. The leaders of our lodges are wondering about their schedules. Cancellations and disruptions of all sorts are pervasive. Young children are wondering when they will return to school. And, then there was that ridiculous panic buying of toilet paper!

The looming question before us now as we look ahead is, what does the future hold for us? Brethren, I believe that the lessons taught to us in Masonry can be applied to our discernment as to what lies ahead of us. There is hope! Agreed! But where does hope lie?

Most of you remember that part of the Charge when we were reminded that, "as a Mason, we are to regard the Sacred Volume as the great light in our profession" and we are further taught "to look up to Him, in every emergency, for comfort and support." In another instance, we hear these words: "When human strength and wisdom fail, we should ever remember that Divine Assistance is vouchsafed us through the medium of prayer." There lies our hope!

Brethren and Friends, I believe now is the best time to do just that. Let us pray.

Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe, the source of our well-being and cradle of our hope; you have walked with us at those times when despair and fear have weighed us down. We believe that You even carry us when our paths of comfort turn out to be rough and rugged roads. We beseech you now, good Lord, to keep us and our loved ones under the shadow of your mercy, most especially in this time of uncertainty and utter distress.

We lift up before you all our Brethren, withersoever dispersed, and for You to sustain and support them, their families and loved ones, amidst their anxiety, in their fear and in their disruptive isolation.

Lord God, just as we champion the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, may we be emboldened to love our neighbors and help all those who tend the sick and care for those in need.

Give us, we beseech You, strength to relieve them of their distresses and to assure them of Your love. Teach us to embrace the truth that only in You lies our hope.

All this we ask in your Most Holy Name. Amen.

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**MAY EVENTS ARE CANCELLED, BUILDING & OFFICES ARE CLOSED.**

Scottish Rite Masonic Center is closed & will hopefully reopen JUNE 1, 2020, or until further notice, depending on the situation of the pandemic at that time.

Thanks to the internet, we will be running the office from our homes. Stay safe.

Patricia "PJ" Corlett, Admin Assist, [patsy@sd-src.org](mailto:patsy@sd-src.org)

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# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Masonic Homes  
of California

Dear Master and Secretary,

It is my sincere hope that this letter finds you, your family and fellow Brothers well and healthy. Given the current health crisis we are experiencing, there is an understandable increase in anxiety and stress throughout our homes, lodges, and communities. Please know the skilled counselors at the Masonic Center for Youth and Families (MCYAF) are available to assist Masons and their families during these uncertain times.

We are available to provide support through Zoom, our secure telehealth platform, which is accessible through smartphones, tablets, or any computer equipped with a camera. Our staff of licensed counselors are available to provide one-on-one, couples, and family support, which can help to manage the stress and concerns we are currently experiencing. Please know that MCYAF services are an added benefit of your membership, and that the first 3 sessions would be provided free of charge.

Please do not hesitate to reach out for support and to ask any questions about our services. We wish you rest and health during the days and weeks to come.

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