

**TRESTLEBOARD**  
**S. W. Hackett Masonic Lodge No. 574, F&AM**  
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JUNE 2012

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THU</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
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**JUNE EVENTS**

5	Stated Meeting & Dinner.....	6:30pm
12	Officers Practice, EA Degree.....	7:00pm
16	Covina Masonic Home Visit .....	Noon
19	EA Degree (Possibly 3).....	7:00pm
24	Honored Ladies Luncheon .....	1:00pm
26	EA Proficiency Assistance .....	7:00pm

FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Brethren and Ladies:

I simply must start by once again congratulating Wor. Bob Smith on his receiving the prestigious Hiram Award. As I said in the May issue, Wor. Smith has been invaluable to our Lodge as Tiler and Officer's Coach, and to the Scottish Rite and Shrine for all the work he has done there. He is so dedicated and always willing to help anyone who needs him. His Medallion, Certificate and lapel pin were presented by Wor. David Haslim on May 15 with many in attendance. The speakers honoring Wor. Bro. Smith were Wor. Gerry Lynn and Wor. Clint Black. Many others expressed how much Wor. Smith had been of help to them as a friend, a mentor and an officer's coach. Wor. Bob delivered a beautiful, sincere and moving acceptance speech as he thanked the Brethren for this honor. I sincerely thank all who were able to attend.

I believe June will be a good month for the Lodge. We anticipate as many as three new initiations and an affiliation from a Brother relocated from South Dakota. There is also the possibility of another application or two being submitted this month.

2012 OFFICERS

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Master .....	Dennis P. Stahr
Sr. Warden.....	"JR" Knight, PM
Jr. Warden.....	Ryan A. Bacaoco
Treasurer .....	James J. Achenbach
Secretary .....	Dimitter Lyakov, PM
Asst. Secretary .....	Gerald Lynn, PM
Chaplain.....	Ronald J. Detzer, PM
Sr. Deacon.....	Robert Salini
Jr. Deacon .....	John Fitch
Marshall.....	Robert J. Scheeler
Sr. Steward .....	Steven "Tex" Perry
Jr. Steward.....	
Tiler .....	Robert Smith, PM
Officer's Coach.....	Robert Smith, PM
Inspector, 921 <sup>st</sup> . Masonic District .....	David A. Haslim, PM
Trestleboard Editor .....	Dick Covert, PM

We are planning a trip to the Annual Summer Festival at the Covina Masonic Home scheduled for June 16. I'm hoping you will consider joining us for this visitation. We will put together a group of carpools to accommodate the numbers. Call the Lodge at 619-295-4420 and leave a message if you will join us and your interest in a carpool.

Sunday, June 24 is the date of S. W. Hackett lodge Honored Ladies Luncheon at the Sizzler steak House in Mission Valley starting at 1:00pm. Join us in honoring these ladies and remembering their contributions to our lodge through their participation as wives of some of our departed Brethren. Call the lodge at 619-295-4420 for reservations.

Thanks to all for helping to keep S. W. Hackett lodge what it is today. Have a great June, and, if at all possible, join us in Lodge.

Keep up to date at  
<http://www.swhackett574.sandiegofreemason.com/>

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Dennis Stahr,

Worshipful Master

## FROM THE PILLAR OF STRENGTH

My Brothers:

So, many of my letters in the Trestleboard were not received well by some of my Brothers. That, along with having nothing to say, has kept me from writing. But my son, Anthony, has handed in his application and here I am again.

I always knew this day would come; after all he grew up in the lodge. He was born the night of my scheduled 2<sup>nd</sup>. Degree, although for obvious reasons, we moved it back a bit. He joined the Cub Scout pack and Boy Scout Troop my old lodge sponsored. He was there for the Job's Bethel and DeMolay startups by the same. Anthony was Master Councilor in his DeMolay Chapter, and has even been to Grand Lodge and the Covina Home.

Now that the time has come, I am so glad it is S. W. Hackett he has petitioned. I know that all lodges are basically the same, but from one who travels as much as possible, I assure this is a myth. S. W. Hackett balances traditional Masonic Education with interesting real life usages for the same. The sense of fraternity is unsurpassed. Most lodges I've visited can't even compare.

In *The Power of Myth*, Joseph Campbell talks about the importance of initiation. I really didn't get it till recently, but now find myself a bit jealous, having waited as long as I did. I now realize we, as a society, would be much better off if our young men were all initiated into a fraternity based on mutual respect, self control, enlightenment, open mindedness and honor.

I find it funny how Masonry's detractors, without any real knowledge or understanding, can find fault in those mythological traditions that make our initiations as important as they are. Unfortunately, even a good number of our own Brethren within the Craft; don't really get what is going on. Happily my Brothers of W. W. Hackett are keeping the lessons, and not just the words, alive in each of us that are willing to learn.

I guess that's my way of saying I am a very proud father to my son and Brother to you.

See you in Lodge, Brother.

Sincerely and fraternally,

"JR" Knight, PM  
Senior Warden

## 2012 COMMITTEES

Audit	"JR" Knight, PM
Budget, Fin. Inv.	Dennis Stahr, WM
Candidate's. Coach	Kent Dau, PM
Charity	Dennis Stahr, WM
Communication	John Fitch
Delinquent Dues	"JR" Knight, PM
Funeral	David Haslim, PM
Honored Ladies	Maebelle Haslim
Life Member	Jim Campbell, PM
Masonic Education	James Achenbach, PM
Masonic Youth	"JR" Knight, PM
Masonic Formation	Robert Smith, PM
Masonic Outreach	Ron Detzer, PM
Member Retention	Robert Salini
Public Schools	James Achenbach, PM
Social Media	Steve Laurvick, PM
Sam Jones Memorial Award	Robert Smith, PM
Mentoring & Member of Year Award	"JR" Knight, PM
Trestleboard	Dick Covert, PM
Website Master	Dennis Stahr, WM
GL Committeeman:	Norm Hale, PM (Emeritus) Widows

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## EDITORS NOTE

Contributions to our Trestleboard are welcome and urgently solicited. Submissions should be of Masonic nature suitable for enjoyment of EA, FC and non Masons alike. We welcome items of general interest as well. Submissions should be directed to the editor at [uglidedc@cox.net](mailto:uglidedc@cox.net) or by telephone at 760-751-3469. Deadline for June submittals is **June 23, 2012.**

Fraternally, Dick Covert, PM

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## FREEMASONRY DEFINED

A real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of Mankind by the uniform unrestricted rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment which the law might inflict, they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil in the next world.

A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine, except those written in his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the Universal Throne of God in gratitude for the blessing he has received and humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principle.

*Farmer's Almanac, 1823*

*From Solomon's Builders – Christopher Hodapp*

## FROM THE PILLAR OF BEAUTY

Brethren and Ladies:

Is there a proper way to wear your Masonic ring? Should the points of the extended compass be pointed toward you, or away from you?

After becoming a Master Mason and purchasing my ring for the very first time I have heard so many reasons why the points are toward me, or away from me. The first explanation given me is if the points of the compass are pointed toward me I am always remembering my obligations I took when I became a Freemason. On the other hand if the points pointed away from me it signified that I have the opportunity to initiate others into this Ancient and Honorable Fraternity.

After digging deeper into this subject, I came across an article which gave its own view of this subject. One example, the square is the symbol of earthly perfection, and the compass of heavenly perfection. When combined together the points of the compass pointing upward was a symbol of mans aspiration toward God, and the points pointing downward representing heavenly qualities coming from God to Earth.

It seems after reading and hearing both sides of this debate, I have come to the conclusion there is really no right or wrong way a Master Mason should wear his ring. What should be of greater importance is what the square and compass symbolizes to us as Freemasons, and the obligations we took becoming master Masons. Unless told otherwise by the Grand Lodge, how a Master Mason chooses to wear his ring should be a personal one as a member of his Blue Lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Ryan A. Bacaoco, JW  
Samuel Warren Hackett Lodge No. 574

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### JUNE STATED MEETING DINNER MENU

Tossed Green Salad  
Meatloaf  
Chicken Ala King  
Mashed Potatoes  
Baby Carrots  
Assorted Hot & Cold Beverages  
Assorted Rolls  
Iced Brownies

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### STATED DINNER DETAILS

If you are on the standing reservations list be sure to inform our Bro. Secretary if you are not able to attend Stated Meeting dinner at least the Friday prior to Stated Meeting. Likewise, if you are not on the standing list, let the Secretary know you will be attending dinner. Dinner cost is \$15.00 each. Our Bro. Secretary can be reached at 619-295-4420.

## HIRAM AWARD PRESENTATION



Worshipful Brother Robert Smith was presented with the Hiram Award by S. W. Hackett lodge 574 Tuesday, May 15, 2012. Wor. David Haslim, Inspector of the 921<sup>st</sup>. Masonic District (left) served as Master of Ceremonies and is pictured presenting the Hiram Award Certificate to Wor. Smith.

Wor. Brother Smith is a Past Master of S. W. Hackett Lodge and currently serves as its Tiler and Officers Coach. Wor. Bro. Smith is a 33<sup>rd</sup>. Degree member of the San Diego Scottish Rite and has served that body for many years.

Please extend your congratulations to Wor. Smith the next time you see him. WELL DESERVED!!

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Flattering as it may be to the human mind, and truly honorable as it is to receive from our fellow citizens testimonies of approbation for exertions to promote the public welfare, it is not less pleasing to know that the milder virtues of the heart are highly respected by a Society whose liberal principles must be founded in the immutable laws of truth and justice.

To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution, and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the Fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the great object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.

*George Washington*

## ECHOES FROM THE PAST

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

7 David Haslim, PM  
Christopher Adams

9 James Campbell, PM

11 Harold Simkin

12 Morgan Thompson

15 Joe Medeiros

17 Dennis Stahr, WM  
Stephen Hannum

18 Michael Allen, PM

24 Wallace Mauck

27 Jack Miller  
George Sorenson

28 Harold Robison

29 Ray Rapp, PM  
Dennis Campbell

30 Henry Marbott  
Richard Martin

### 67 Years

Harold C. Simkin MM June 7, 1945

### 53 Years

James A. Stanfield MM June 23, 1959

### 48 years

William R. Smith, PM MM June 19, 1964

### 43 Years

Grant H. Kramer MM June 10, 1969

### 39 Years

Gerald Winstanley, PM MM June 5, 1973