



S.W. Hackett Lodge# 574 F&AM

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FROM THE EAST

Greetings from the East,

Welcome to the beginning of summer. Our Stated Meeting this Month is on Tuesday the 7th, and the Summer Solstice is on Monday the 20th, St John's Day follows in the same week, on Friday the 24th. Flag Day is on Tuesday the 14th, and Father's Day is Sunday the 19th. Look to the west for the Crescent Moon at dusk on Monday the 6th, to mark the beginning of Ramadan.

In May, we elected Jeremy Weber to receive the degrees of Masonry in our Lodge, and the First Degree is scheduled for the last day of May, Tuesday the 31st. Stefan Werkstetter, from Germany, has elected to affiliate with our Lodge, and will officially become a Member at our next Stated Meeting. We have received one application for Lodge membership this month, and are currently investigating one other Applicant.

Congratulations to our Junior Steward Brother Phiny Phiasivongsa for graduating from SDSU with a Master's Degree in Education, with an additional Administrative Credential, on May 15th.

Our annual Honored Ladies Luncheon was held on Saturday the 21st. Thank you to Maebelle Haslim for organizing and conducting this revered event. In attendance were two other Ladies of Past Brothers from our Lodge, Adeline F. Sutton and Margaret K. Mayer.

On Saturday the 28th our Junior Deacon Brother Bob Gale and his wife Suzie hosted a Celebration of Life Barbeque for the Lodge, at their home in Serra Mesa.

Our Partnership in Education Program, organized by Jim Achenbach PM, Public Schools Committee Chairman, sponsored the annual Sequoia Elementary School Spelling Bee on Thursday May 26th. This event precedes another Partnership in Education event in June.

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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

JUNE EVENTS

7	Stated Dinner/Meeting (Teacher of year)	6:30 pm
14	Proficiency and Qualifying work	6:30 pm
18	Santee Lakes Lodge Picnic	11:30 am
21	Past Master's Night: dinner 6:30 pm, degree 7:30 pm	
27	Officer School of Instruction	6:30 pm
28	Proficiency and Qualifying work	6:30 pm

JUNE STATED DINNER MENU

Spring mix
Chicken parmesan
Baked red snapper
Rice pilaf
Peas & carrots
Pineapple upside down cake

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.

WHY PAY DUES?

Again this year, the lodge is paying thousands in per-capita to the Grand Lodge for those Masons(?) who do not pay their dues. To me, it is sad to call yourself a Mason, but not support your lodge.

Dennis Stahr, PM

FROM THE EAST CONTINUED

At our June Stated Meeting will be celebrating the Teacher of the Year Award for Sequoia Elementary. The Teacher of the Year is Debbie Harris. Principal Kissel will attend the dinner and we will also host Ms. Janice Roy who is a secretary at Sequoia Elementary. Ms. Roy has been selected as Classified Employee of the Year for the entire San Diego City School District! Please join us and demonstrate by your attendance that Masonry in general and our Lodge in particular, is 100% behind these efforts. On June 18th we will hold our annual Picnic and Barbeque at Santee Lakes from 11:00 to 3:30 at the regular place, Space "G". Sign up to bring a food item and other supplies at the Stated Meeting in June please.

Lastly in June, on Tuesday the 21st, will hold our annual Past Masters Night Dinner and confer the Third Degree of Masonry upon Brother Aleksei Sviridov.

You can RSVP and receive reminders to all of these events on the calendar portion of our new Lodge smart phone application. As Master, I encourage everyone to begin using this excellent new communication tool by clicking on the following link and following the prompts: <http://ourapp.link/sw-hackett-574>
Stay safe and best wishes to all.

Fraternally yours,
John F. Fitch, Master

SW HACKETT LODGE HONORED LADIES LUNCHEON

On Saturday May 21, S.W. Hackett lodge Brethren and Ladies again celebrated its Honored Ladies. In attendance were three of our honored ladies, Maebelle Haslim, who has done a wonderful job in organizing the event for the past many years, Margaret Mayer and Adeline Sutton. The Brothers and Ladies in attendance were the "usual suspects" that can always be counted on to be a part of the Hackett, Masonic events. The lunch was great and the gathering was enjoyed by all.



EDITOR'S CONTINUAL 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@irfutures.com and/or Wor. Dimiter, our Secretary, at: Hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com

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

Theodore "Ted" Ketterer, 50 years a Mason revisited

As you saw in the May Trestleboard, Worshipful Brother Ted Ketterer was presented with his 50 year pin and certificate on April 10th, 2016. However, this month we wanted to show the Brothers that visited Ted and let you know that we hope, that in the future, another visit can be planned.



SW HACKETT LODGE PICNIC

When: June 18th, come out and attend our Lodge Picnic at Santee Lakes. Plenty of things to do for all ages one to a hundred fishing, boating, water spray / play areas for kids, hiking, gabbing and eating.

Please volunteer and sign up at the June Stated Meeting to bring something on our list or call the lodge office most Tuesdays after five for info.

See you there with a hardy appetite for dogs & burgers, friends and families welcome to!



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FROM THE SOUTH

Hello again Brethren and Ladies.

June conjures a time of celebration, sun and picnics for many. This warm sunny time of year reminds me of the fraternal aspect of Freemasonry brings to mind a story that I read recently, published originally in the January 1977 issue of the *New Mexico Freemason*.

I don't know if the story was true or even who wrote it as the author was not mentioned. It did however remind me of the importance of living the values of Freemasonry in our everyday lives and the impact one seemingly insignificant deed can have on someone. The story will be presented in two parts due to the length and I hope everyone can gain a lesson as I did from this story.

"A Good Story"... A young man passed a pawnbroker's shop. The money lender was standing in front of his shop, and the young man noted that he was wearing a large and beautiful Masonic emblem.

After going on a whole block, apparently lost in thought, the young man turned back, stepped up to the pawnbroker, and addressed him: "I see you're wearing a Masonic emblem. I'm a Freemason too. It happens that I'm desperately in need of \$25 just now. I shall be able to repay it within ten days. You don't know me; but I wonder whether the fact that you are a Freemason and that I am a Freemason is sufficient to induce you to lend me the money on my personal note."

The pawnbroker mentally appraised the young man, who was clean-cut, neat and well-dressed. After a moment's thought, he agreed to make the loan on the strength of the young man being a Freemason. Within a few days the young man repaid the loan as agreed and that ended the transaction. About four months later the young man was in a Lodge receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree; he had not really been a Mason when he borrowed the \$25. After he had been admitted for the second section of the degree, the young man looked across the Lodge room and saw the pawnbroker from whom he had borrowed the \$25. His face turned crimson and he became nervous and jittery. He wondered whether he had been recognized by the pawnbroker. Apparently not, so he planned at the first opportunity to leave the Lodge room and avoid his benefactor. As soon as the Lodge was closed he moved quickly for the door.

I will continue the story in the July Trestleboard.

Ben Bridges,
Junior Warden

**SW Hackett article from the
Grand Lodge "Leader" (Edited for space)**

In San Diego Unified School District, a "partnership in education" program connects public schools to local businesses and organizations for support. S.W. Hackett Lodge No. 574 has been among these public partners since 1998, and for the past nine years members have been devoted to Sequoia Elementary School. In addition to answering one-off needs throughout the year, the lodge has established several annual events and activities. S.W. Hackett Lodge is by far our best partnership within the community," says Sequoia Elementary Principal Ryan Kissel. "They have helped many, many families over the years here." James Achenbach, past master and current chair of the lodge's Public Schools Committee, explains:

Dynamic support: The lodge's Public Schools Committee stays in regular contact with school administrators. We learn of the school's needs as they arise. We have provided backpacks with school supplies; renovated classrooms; erected a flagpole; donated funds to buy library books; provided musical instruments and supplies; and more.

Holiday deliveries: Every year, five or six families are identified that are struggling and require assistance for the holidays. The lodge provides everything they need for a holiday meal, a gift card for the family, and gifts for the children. At lodge, we announce all the food and gift items that are needed, and individual members sign up to provide them.

Spelling bee: We sponsor the Sequoia Elementary School spelling bee for fourth, fifth, and sixth graders. We provide cash prizes to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each grade. The teachers talk about these prizes year-round to motivate students. The principal takes a moment at the beginning of the event to thank our lodge.

Teacher of the Year dinner: Also each year the school selects a Teacher of the Year, and we honor them at our June stated meeting dinner. The teacher, principal, and their families are guests of honor. We provide the teacher with certificate and honorarium. Photos of the Master and Principal awarding these certificates are posted on our website.

Advice to other lodges: Many larger school districts already have a community partnership program in place. Start with the administration offices, and ask how your lodge can get involved. Try to avoid simply writing checks. To make the experience more meaningful for lodge members, work with the school to figure out opportunities for active participation. "S.W. Hackett Lodge models what it means to be good citizens for our students," says Principal Kissel. "They demonstrate to our kids, 'We care about you.' They stress the importance of obtaining a good education."

EDITOR'S NOTE / 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 on or before the 19th of every month. Thank you!

Dennis Stahr, PM, Trestleboard Editor

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

7	David	Haslim
9	James	Campbell
12	Morgan	Thompson
13	Dustin	Capps
16	Michael	Allen
17	Dennis	Stahr
17	Stephen	Hannum
26	Scottie	McLain
27	Jack	Miller
27	George	Sorensen
28	Harold	Robison
29	Dennis	Campbell
29	Aaron	Thomas
30	Henry	Marbott

ECHOES FROM THE PAST - (10 + Years)

<u>Brother</u>		<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>
Grant	Kramer	1969	47
Gerald	Winstanley	1973	43
Robert	Ashcraft	1979	37
David	Fox	1998	18
Luiz	Deorsola	2003	13
Benjamin	Pulido	2005	11