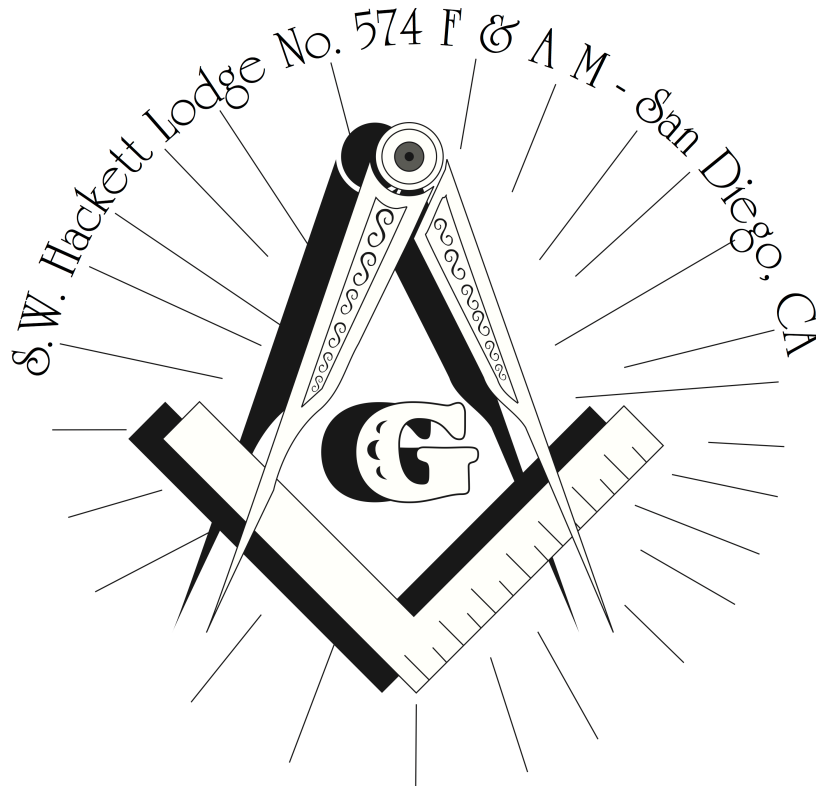


TRESTLEBOARD



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Worshipful Master**

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JUNE 2019

FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Brethren & Ladies,

We have another busy month ahead. Please do your best to make our Stated Meeting Dinner and Teacher of the Year Award on the 4th, then on the 17th we will be performing the 1st section of the 1st degree at the OSI, please come and support your brothers. I apologize for the late notice on the MasEd cancelation. I thought I would be able to send them from my phone but was not, thanks to Dennis for sending it out for me.

At our May Stated we passed the purchase of a SWH Lodge Carpet and we are currently finalizing the design and order. We are in the process of taking donations for the purchase. If you are interested in making a donation towards the purchase, please contact Wor. Mike Allen or myself.

We had a lot of stuff on our plate at the May stated



so I skipped the idea of the prize for reading the TB. I'd like to bring it up at the June Stated. Let me know what you kniht, Here is a reminder.

(It's been brought to my attention that no one reads our Trestle Boards, although to be fair, I do know that Worshipfuls Stahr and Winstanley do. Since I've always suspected this was the case, I usually write my remarks with these two brothers in mind. Not that anyone else isn't welcome to read my letters or that the info provided aren't relevant to their SWH Lodge participation, cause it is. It's also why I send out separate emails for those who do avoid the reading here. Perhaps we should start hiding a random word within the text that brothers can discover and enter for a change to win a free

stated meeting dinner. This could be a fun way, to not only get us to read the TBs but to see who is reading them. Maybe if in fact no one is reading this publication we can simply do away with it. Let me know what you kniht. We can vote on the idea at the June Stated Meeting.)

We still have a good number of Brothers who are behind on their dues,

hopefully you will get current soon.

Make sure you thank Chris for writing a long Masonic Education message and saving you from more of my thoughts.

We look forward to spending time with you on Tuesdays.

Magically and Fraternally,
JR Knight, PM
Master



JUNE CALENDAR

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| 2 | California Masonic Symposium | 9 am |
| 4 | Stated Dinner/Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| 4 | Dinner Teacher of the Year | 6:30 pm |
| 11 | 1st Practice | 6:30 pm |
| 17 | OSI - 1st Degree First Section - SWH | 6 pm |
| 18 | Masonic Education | 6:30 pm |
| 28 | 2nd Degree or Practice | 6:30 pm |

JULY CALENDAR

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| 2 | Stated Dinner/Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| 9 | Bro Pablo Markesis 2nd Degree | 6:30 pm |
| 15 | OSI | 6 pm |
| 16 | Masonic Education | 6:30 pm |
| 22 | San Diego Masonathon..... | |
| 23 | 3rd Degree or Practice | 6:30 pm |
| 30 | 3rd Degree or Practice | 6:30 pm |

2019 OFFICERS

Master
Sr. Warden
Jr. Warden
Treasurer
Secretary
Chaplain
Sr. Deacon
Jr. Deacon
Marshall
Sr. Steward
Jr. Steward
Tiler

William "JR" Knight, PM
Norman "Chris" Parker
Nicholas Baker
David Casper
Dimitar Lyakov, PM
Benjamin Pulido
Robert Gale
Jeremy Weber
Robert Scheeler
Jason Bockerman
Mark Helton
Jim Achenbach, PM
Dennis Stahr, PM
Robert Salini, PM
Richard W. Bullard, PM

Officer's Coach:

Officer's Coach:

Inspector, 921st. Masonic District:

JUNE 4 STATED MEETING DINNER

Colgslaw
Barbæue Ribz
Barbæue Chicken
Twice Baked Potatoes
Grilled Mixed Vegetables
Assorted Rolls
Dutch Apple

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.



FROM THE PILLAR OF STRENGTH

Brethren

This month, I would like to introduce another piece of Masonic Education for our new Masons by providing a brief explanation of some of our ancient and honorable customs. I hope this will enable us to be more comfortable in attending and participating in our Mother Lodge, and in our visits to other Lodges.



as have certain necessary qualifications are eligible for membership.

The first use of the Ballot is to decide whether in fact and truth a given petitioner possesses those qualifications.

Does a petitioner have, or does he not have, the necessary qualifications? This is the question to be decided by the ballot, and it is the only question to be decided. A man may be upright and honorable, a good citizen, a patriot, a loyal friend, and yet not possess the required qualifications. A black Cube is not therefore a mark of disgrace. It is not a judgment on a man's character or on his personality, but is purely a technical method for deciding whether he is fitted for a place in the fraternity.

For this same reason it is un-Masonic for any member of a Lodge to cast a black cube against a petitioner out of personal spite or private prejudice. When we cast a ballot we act in an official capacity as a spokesman, or sentinel, for the fraternity. We are, so to speak, a member of a jury, and it is therefore unjust for us to permit our exercise of that function to be warped by purely private feelings.

The Ballot should be 'unanimous'. The petition ought to be acceptable to every member of the Lodge. That is to say, when the question arises whether a given man should or should not be received into our fellowship, the fraternity itself receives first consideration. This is wise and just. The fraternity has not solicited him! He is soliciting it. It is for him to prove his fitness. Consequently, if a member

of a Lodge, not out of prejudice but out of positive and sure knowledge, is convinced that the petitioner would disturb the peace and harmony of the Lodge, it becomes a duty to exclude him. The good and welfare of the body of men already in membership takes precedence over the desires and ambitions of the petitioner.

The Ballot must be secret. It is a violation of the Grand Lodge Constitution for a member to tell how he voted, or to discuss a ballot in open Lodge, or to discuss the petitioner.

This law has two general purposes; for one thing it protects the peace and harmony of the Lodge; for another, it protects the petitioner. As a petitioner he stands in a confidential relationship to the Lodge; the facts he has given about himself are

The Ballot Box

The Ballot Box is freemasonry's sentinel. The Ballot box is filled with white balls and black cubes.

The Ballot Box gives decisive and practical expression of the principle of qualification. Freemasonry does not solicit members. Petitioners must come of their own choice and free will. Of all those who thus come only such



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

* Please notice the lodge new main e-mail address is: hackettlodge@gmail.com. The old one: Hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com does not work anymore.

* The request notices for 2019 Annual Dues of \$116 were mailed to the members of the lodge. **BRING YOUR DUES CURRENT.** Please pay your dues for this year and any past dues before January 1st to be in **GOOD STANDING**. Be a supporter of your great Lodge.

Fraternally,
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2019 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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| Audit | "JR" Knight, PM |
| Budget & Finance | Robert Scheeler |
| Candidate Coaching | Your Name Here |
| Charity | Chris Parker |
| Member Retention | Nicholas Baker |
| Delinquent Dues | David Casper |
| Funeral | David Haslim, PM |
| Honored Ladies | Maeblle 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 | Your Name Here |
| Trestleboard | "JR" Knight, PM |
| Website | Dennis Stahr, PM |

personal and private, and they must be kept sacred as such; the whole transaction is private between him and the Lodge, therefore nothing about it should go to the outside world. If he is rejected it is for purely Masonic reasons and these should no prejudice him in the eyes of his fellows outside the Craft.

Every member of the Lodge ought to vote if he is present when the Ballot is taken. This means that the Ballot Box is a duty rather than merely a privilege. Membership in the fraternity is an office that carries official duties - as much so as the occupation

of one of the chairs; and one of the chief of those official duties is to exercise a watchful care over the quality and fitness of prospective members. When a Mason became a member of the Craft he took an obligation to discharge the official duties incidental to membership, and for that reason it is as much his duty to cast an intelligent vote as it is for the Master to preside over the Lodge.

The Ballot is inviolable. Once it is taken "it is taken", and there is no appeal from its verdict. If a Master is convinced that some error was made while taking it he may order

another Ballot to be taken at once (as when a member declares that he has made a mistake), but when he has announced it to be completed and the Ballot closed, the transaction stands finished beyond recall.

The ballot is independent. This means that when in voting a member has exercised his best judgment in the performance of a duty, he is not answerable to any man, to the Lodge, or to Grand Lodge for his action, whether it was favorable to the candidate or unfavorable. This is the necessary corollary to the principle that voting is a duty; for no man can be held responsible for a duty unless he is

recognized to possess the power and the authority necessary to discharge that responsibility.

1. When Must The Ballot Box Be Used? On Petitions for degrees, on petition for affiliation, on petition for advancement.

2. What Is The Minimum Number Of White Balls And Black Cubes Required In The Ballot Box? 24 white balls and 7 black cubes

Remember my Worthy Brethren: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Respectfully,
Norman "Chris" Parker
Senior Warden



MASONIC EDUCATION

S.W.H. Lecture Series June 18,

Brother Alan Gatlin. will be presenting a gripping lecture on a subject to be determined. This lecture is open to all Masons and their friends. You wont want to miss these lectures. We will start at 6:30pm and go till about 8:30.

May Birthdays

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| 03 | John J. Elie |
| 07 | David A. Haslim |
| 09 | James W. Campbell |
| 12 | Morgan A. Thompson, Jr. |
| 13 | Dustin K. Capps |
| 16 | Michael J. Allen |
| 17 | Stephen B. Hannum |
| 17 | Dennis P. Stahr |
| 26 | Scottie D. McLain |
| 27 | George V. Sorensen |
| 28 | Harold E. Robison, II |
| 29 | Dennis M. Campbell |
| 30 | Henry W. Marbott |

EDITOR'S CONTINUAL REQUEST

We have been able to get our mailing costs down by using email for the delivery of the Trestleboard. That said; we would like to get to more of an email delivery to save the lodge even more money. This would be so helpful. Therefore....

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: MagicalMason574@gmail.com and/or Wor. Dimitre, our Secretary, at: hackettlodge@gmail.com.

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

Raised

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| Gerald Winstanley, PM | 06/05/1973 | 46 |
| Dennis M. Campbell | 06/29/1978 | 41 |
| Benjamin P. Pulido | 06/14/2005 | 14 |
| Devin W. Breise | 06/26/2007 | 12 |
| Paul B. Stephenson | 06/30/2009 | 10 |
| Dustin K. Capps | 06/25/2013 | 6 |
| Aleksei E. Sviridov | 06/21/2016 | 3 |