



## FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

#### Steve Laurvick, Master

Brethren & Ladies,

June was an outstanding month for SW Hackett Lodge. We enjoyed a delightful evening at our stated meeting dinner with guests from Sequoia Elementary School. Principal Ryan Kissel was introduced by our public schools liaison lim Achenbach, PM. Principal Kissel introduced Sequoia Elementary School kindergarten teacher Shelley Foster who I had the privilege of delivering a cash prize and plaque as Teacher of the Year on behalf of the lodge. Ms. Foster introduced her family and gave an eloquent address to the brothers and ladies in attendance.

Our annual lodge camping trip was spent over a relaxing Father's Day weekend at Mount Laguna Shrine Camp. Clint Black, PM and his lady Judy organized the event and put the kids to work on a scavenger hunt and made all the dads hand decorated baseball caps. It was proposed that next year we change the menu and have a chili cook off competition and spaghetti instead of hot dogs and hamburgers to go along with the potluck. WB Black also prepaid for the use of the Shrine Lodge building and asked that donations be made either to the SW Hackett Partnership in Education fund, the Grand Master's Oncology Nurse training program or to the victims of the Joplin tornado disaster. It come to about \$15 a head for the rental and any checks should be made out to SW Hackett Lodge with a designation of where you want the money to be sent, and given to the lodge secretary.

On the 22nd of June we enjoyed the spelling Bee con-

### ----- JULY & AUGUST EVENTS -

5 Stated Dinner & Meeting 6:30 & 7:15pm
10 E. S. D. Lodge Annual BBQ
12 Officers Practice
17 Honored Ladies Luncheon12:00pm
19 Officers Practice
20 S.R. Law Enforcement Night
26 Officers Practice
2 Stated Meeting - Hawaiian Shirt Night 7:30pm
13 All Masonic Picnic 10am - 3pm

Admiral Baker Field (Free Food and Drinks)

3 ..... Grand Master's Reception ...... 5:30pm Bob Salini, Mason of the Year Awards

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test at Sequoia and awarded prizes to the kids who made it to the final rounds.

Congratulations to our newly obligated brothers David Bautista and Vaughn Franklin (May 31st), and to brothers Bob Gale, Tex Perry, and Eric Kurtzenberger who were passed to the degree of Fellowcraft (June 28th). In attendance at the 2nd Degree ceremonies were Al Bahr Shrine Divan members led by Potentate George Acuna. The work of these brothers in tirelessly promoting and raising funds for the Shrine Hospitals which provide free care for uninsured children with burns, orthopedic problems and other medical problems is worthy of all emulation. This year they are reestablishing Shrine Circus events at the Lakeside Rodeo Grounds and

in Imperial Valley. Tickets will be available at the All Masonic Picnic or by contacting the Recorder Phil Johnson at the Shrine Center (Price TBD -).

Upcoming events in July include the Stated Meeting and dinner at 6:30 on July 5th, and the Honored Ladies Luncheon at the Sizzler -Murphy Canyon Road on July 17th at Noon (\$15 Please RSVP by July 13th with Chair Maebelle Haslim). It is important to call the lodge secretary and make reservations as many brothers and their families are off on vacation and we need a good head count for Ranch Catering. East San Diego Lodge has invited us to their

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Brethren and Ladies:

We had the pleasure of attending the Senior Warden Retreat near the end of May. As last year at the Junior Warden Retreat, many ideas and programs were presented by the Grand Lodge. The main focus was about developing ideas and programs that will involve and inform the public so that Masonry in general becomes more known in each community. It therefore makes good sense to me that one of the things that we do not do well is to inform the public of the many philanthropic things that SW

Hackett does. We have several programs, i.e. Teacher of the Year, Spelling Bee, Christmas donations, Decorating the Navel Hospital, etc., that we could be sure that San Diego is made aware of. This would certainly make the populous more informed and put Masonry, in general, in a very favorable light. It would also, obviously, increase interest in Masonry and could easily increase our fraternity of "good men".

Sincerely & Fraternally, Dennis Stahr Senior Warden



JULY STATED MEETING DINNER Caesar Salad BBQ Ribs & BBQ Chicken Twice Baked Potatoes Grilled Mixed Vegetables Assorted Rolls Assorted Hot & Cold Beverages Cobbler



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#### EAST

annual BBQ (\$12) on July 10th from 11am-3pm. Scottish Rite has its Childhood Language Clinic Spaghetti Dinner on Wed., July 13th (\$5 Call the clinic for reservations 619-291-2506 - For those who might not know it WB Achenbach is the director of this clinic which is by the SR Library. The CLC provides free treatment for children with speech impediments and other learning problems. The following Wednesday is the Scottish Rite Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award (\$15 & reservations required-619-293-4888).

Grand Lodge is sponsoring Summer History Classes around the state in July. Registration is required by the 1st and will be held at the SR Center on July 7, 14, and 21 from 6:30pm - 10:00pm. Subject matter is Freemasonry in the development of modern thought and will be conducted by two UCLA professors.

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we do have a stated meeting (Hawaiian Shirts no Jackets) at 7pm, but no dinner.

In August the All Masonic Picnic is the highlight with free food and drinks, a silent auction for the Childhood Learning Center, Horseshoe tournament and the largest annual turnout of brothers, ladies and their families in one place all year. The event is at Admiral Baker Field just Off of Interstate 15 above Qualcomm Stadium, will be on August 13th from 10am - 3pm and I am looking for volunteers to run the horseshoe tournament.

Looking forward to September we will be honoring Bob Salini as our Mason of the Year at the Grand Master's Reception, and Clint Black, PM as our Hiram Award Honoree. The Grand Master's Reception/Mason of the Year Dinner is on September 3rd with a 5:30pm social hour, reservations are a must Ticket price is \$30 pre-sale (by August 3rd), \$37 late or at the door. The Hiram Award will be presented on to Clint on September 27th (\$15 Dinner at 6:30pm in Ionic/Doric).

Thanks everyone for all of the hard work and good fellow-

ship as we pass the half way mark of 2011.



# FROM PILLAR OF BEAUTY

#### My Brother,

I'm finding myself in a bit of a dilemma. In mid June while practicing for the Fellow-Craft Degree, I found myself in a rather uncomfortable situation. When it was time to teach the candidate how to wear his apron, I was having a hard time reciting our ritual because, I know the work we are given is incorrect. You might think I'm nuts, but I have a hard time teaching a brother something I know is incorrect. I also have a hard time with everyone telling me, it doesn't matter, just do it. Because, if it doesn't matter if we instruct the craft wrong on the aprons, then why are we constantly correcting each other on the truly insignificant minutia. How many times over the years have we heard there's no a, and, at, that ... there. It's further, not his. It's his, not further. No, hold the square this way. Hold the rods like

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this. Stand here, not there. I could go on for pages, but you get the idea.

When we are first handed our apron we're told; it's the badge of a Mason. It's more ancient..., more honorable..., and that we should wear it with pleasure..., honor... and as a reminder.... Then when we go to learn how to wear this important icon of our Craft. We are told the craft is identified by how we wear it. In other words, we should be able to glance about a work site, a lodge room and immediately know who are the EA's, FC's and MM's. Oops. By the way, I've been in lodges that have three separate and distinct aprons looks and when they all get together it's kind of cool. Now as an EA it's all good, this instruction is correct. But the FC and MM. Come on, really! The first time I heard them I thought, what? Then A few years ago while traveling in a different state, I heard the correct way and thought, thank you, now that makes sense.

For those of you that think I'm wrong, try this simple test.

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When the instruction is correct there is a who, what, how, why, and when. They will also make perfect sense, without a, huh?. But when you run through ours, items are missing, and others, well they just don't make any sense. Not to mention, ours leave us unable of identifying each other by our aprons, Oops.

Again, I get that some don't want to think about these errors. Especially since It's obviously not easy to get GL to fix it's mistakes, otherwise someone smarter then me, would have taken care of this years ago.

Now to my dilemma. What do I do? Do I give the correct lesson and get in trouble, maybe cause a trial to see if I can convince GL to correct the ritual? Do I get another brother to do my job? Do I forget my principles and give my brother the wrong lesson? After all it doesn't really matter anyway. But if it doesn't matter, what does? And if it doesn't matter why am I driving an hour and a half each way and blowing thru a half a tank each week? Why do I spend so much of the precious little free time I have, working hard to learn it? And if this stuff really doesn't matter, why can't we wear our aprons outside of the lodge without special dispensation form Grand Lodge. What do you think Brother? For those of you who have not had the opportunity to hear the correct ritual, next time we're in lodge just ask or give me a call.

Magically & Fraternally JR Knight, PM Junior Warden



My Brothers,

This will be my last TB for the year. I really enjoy this work and look forward to doing it again in the future. I'm sorry that some, didn't like my work.

I would like to thank Brother **Dick Covert** for taking it back over. I will be happy to help you in any way you might need.

I would especially like to thank my brothers **Kent Dau** and **Clint Black** for helping me get the TB's printed up and mailed out. They spend quite a bit of time each month and they really deserve a pat on the back. As there will be no TB published in August, Dick will start producing them for September.

Brothers, your items of Masonic Education and general interest are always welcome and earnestly requested. Just be sure to have them to me no later than 20th of the month. You may contact me by email magicalmason574@gmail.com . I will be happy to forward it to Dick for the September TB.

Fraternally JR Knight, PM, Editor

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