



S.W. Hackett Lodge# 574 F&AM

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FROM THE EAST

Greetings from the East, Brethren,

Our Stated Meeting this month is on the day after Independence Day, July 5th. Attire is to be business casual please. On July 19th we will confer the First Degree of Masonry upon newly elected candidate Horatio Johnson. The attire for this event will be tuxedo or dark suit for the Officers please.

Looking back on June, we recognized our Partnership in Education Teacher of the Year Debbie Harris with a framed certificate and monetary prize. She is retiring this year, after 30 years of service, and was deeply appreciative of the recognition given to her by our Lodge. Thank you to Jim Achenbach PM for leading this successful relationship which we have with Sequoia Elementary School. Principle Mr. Ryan Kissel expressed deep thanks for everything we have done over the years.

Our annual barbeque/picnic on the 18th at Santee Lakes was a pleasant affair which took place just ahead of the recent heat wave. Homemade foods, burgers and kielbasa were shared by everyone in attendance. Special thanks to Clint Black, PM and Dick Covert, PM for again providing the grilled food, as well as the table service.

The annual Past Master Dinner was held on the 21st, followed by an exceptional Third Degree conferral upon Brother Aleksei Sviridov. Musical accompaniment by Organist Patrick Meager was remarkable. Special thanks to Dennis Stahr PM for organizing the event, and to Dave Haslim PM for fine tuning the ritual during the preceding weeks practice. JR Knight, PM, so often states that S.W. Hackett is the best Lodge, the reasoning was apparent to me on that evening.

The Mason of the Year Committee has selected Brother Bob Gale as this year's recipient. His unwavering word of doing what he commits to, and timely notice when trying circumstances require otherwise, are conspicuous of the character which this award recognizes.

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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

JULY EVENTS

5	Stated Dinner/Meeting	6:30 pm
12	1 st degree practice and Qualifying work	6:30 pm
19	1 st degree	6:30 pm
26	Proficiency and Qualifying work	6:30 pm

AUGUST EVENTS

Please remember... The Lodge is "dark" in August. On the first Tuesday, there will be NO dinner, but there will be a Stated Meeting as required. The meeting will begin at 7:30 pm and the dress will be very casual.

The officer's Coaches and other Brothers will be available each Tuesday, even in August, to help the officers prepare for qualifying and to assist the AE's and FC's with their proficiencies so they can advance.

JULY STATED DINNER MENU

- Caesar salad
- Barbecue chicken
- Barbecue beef
- Mashed potatoes
- Buttered corn
- Lemon 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.

FROM THE EAST (CONTINUED)

The Hiram Award Committee has selected Bob Salini, PM as the recipient this year. In addition to his past contributions to the Lodge, he has continued as the Junior Past Master to stay active in Lodge operations and has gladly chaired the Mason of the Year Committee, filled vacant chairs during meetings and degrees, and upon Brother Dustin Capps relocation to the East Coast, has agreed to serve as Sr. Deacon for the balance of 2016.

Looking ahead to the dark month of August, for a change to better food this year, the Stated Meeting Dinner will be at Buffalo Wild Wings instead of Hooters, followed by a brief business meeting to pay the bills. Attire is to be casual for this event please.

You can RSVP and receive reminders to all of our events on the calendar portion of our new Lodge smart phone application. I encourage you 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.

John F. Fitch, Master

WE ALL ENJOYED THE SW HACKETT PICNIC



The S.W. Hackett Picnic was again held at Santee Lakes Recreation area. We all gathered on June 18th and enjoyed kielbasa and hamburgers furnished and barbecued by Wor. Clint Black and Wor. Dick Covert. Everyone brought something to share with the others and it was a great time.

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

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@ifutures.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

IT'S THE 2016 PAST MASTER'S NIGHT



On June 21st, the Past Masters of SW Hackett lodge raised Brother Aleksei Sviridov to the sublime degree of Master Mason. It was, as usual, a fun and memorable evening as we remembered our Brother that was "called from labor" in the past year and then all our living "senior" Brothers were remembered and discussed, at the dinner.

JEREMY WEBER, SW HACKETT'S NEW BROTHER



We welcome Brother Weber. On May 31st, he became SW Hackett's newest Entered Apprentice. Jeremy is a Navy man and friend of Brother Chuck Caskey, our Senior Warden.



FROM THE SOUTH

Hello again Brethren and Ladies.

As promised the story from last month is continued below.

---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, but the pawnbroker had recognized the young man, headed him off and, to the young man's astonishment, approached him and greeted him with a smile and outstretched hand.

"Well, I see you weren't a Freemason after all when you borrowed that \$25," the pawnbroker commented. The blood rushed to the young man's face as he stammered, "No, I wasn't, but I wish you'd let me explain. I had always heard that Freemasons were charitable and ready to aid a Brother in distress. When I passed your shop that day I didn't need that \$25. I had plenty of money in my wallet, but when I saw the Masonic emblem you were wearing, I decided to find out whether the things I'd heard about Freemasonry were true.

You let me have the money on the strength of my being a Freemason, so I concluded that what I had heard about Masons was true, that they are charitable, that they do aid Brethren in distress. That made such a deep impression on me that I presented my petition to this Lodge and here I am. I trust that with this explanation you will forgive me for having lied to you."

The pawnbroker responded, "Don't let that worry you too much. I wasn't a Freemason when I let you have the money. I had no business wearing the Masonic emblem you saw. Another man had just borrowed some money on it, and it was so pretty that I put it on my lapel for a few minutes. I took it off the moment you left. I didn't want anyone else borrowing money on the strength of my being a Freemason. When you asked for that \$25, I remembered what I had heard about Masons that they were honest, upright, and cared for their obligations promptly. It seemed to me that \$25 wouldn't be too much to lose to learn if what I'd heard was really true, so I lent you the money and you repaid it exactly as you said you would. That convinced me that what I'd heard about Masons was true so I presented my petition to this Lodge. I was the candidate just ahead of you." From the January 1977 New Mexico Freemason

<http://www.masonicworld.com/education/files/artsep01/godstory.htm>

Ben Bridges,
Junior Warden

BROTHER BOB AND SUZANNE GALE'S BBQ



On May 28th, at the "Celebration of Life" gathering, the best BBQ'er in the West (or world), Brother Bob Gale cuts into the slab of New York steaks. Great thanks to Bob and Suzanne for hosting such a wonderful get together.

HACKETT LODGE HONORS TEACHER OF THE YEAR



This year, June 7th, SW Hackett Lodge honored Ms. Debbie Harris, Sequoia Elementary School's Teacher of the Year. Here she is presented with the certificate and monetary award by Wor. John Fitch, Master and Wor. Jim Achenbach, PM, Chairman of the SW Hackett Partnership in Education program.

THE 2016 SEQUOIA ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE



John Fitch, Master, poses with Principal Kissel and the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of the spelling bee of May 26th.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

**ECHOES FROM THE PAST - (10 +
Years)**

3 Knox Krug
5 Steve Cumming
7 George Arnell
12 Dick Covert
12 Christopher Littell
13 David Mc Gill
15 John Mc Bride
16 David Hull
16 Charles Caskey
19 David Allan
20 Frederick Nicastro
21 Benjamin Pulido
23 James Achenbach
23 Mark DeMaria
24 Ian Watson
27 Marc De Kervor

2 David Casper
5 Nicholas Baker
6 Mark Bacaoco
7 Kenneth Hilburn
9 John Czarnecki
9 Howard Mc Gill
10 Gerald Winstanley
11 Vaughn Franklin
24 Kyle Dau
24 Israel Napoles
25 Robert Salini
27 James Williams

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>
George Brakeall	1962	53
Buford Lane	1965	51
Stephen Hannum	1977	39
Alex Pina	1992	24
Ronald Detzer	1996	20
James Achenbach	1997	19