



S.W. Hackett Lodge# 574 F&AM

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FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies,

Hello all at SW Hackett. The year is in full swing. We just had our annual picnic at Santee Lakes, and it was well attended. Mr. Joe Jordan, came out and spent time with us at the picnic, as he is a prospective candidate for our lodge. We all enjoyed California sunshine, and good fellowship at the lakes.

Also, we had a great time with a first degree for who is now Brother Thomas Achenbach. Brother Tom was initiated on June 26th, and it was a very memorable event for all who took part. Tom is son of Jim Achenbach, PM, and taking in Masonic tradition, we had a great number of brother's attend and take part in the degree. The ritual work was at its best, with a fantastic lecture given by Brother Clint Black, PM, and Brother Haslim, PM, delivered the charge flawlessly.

Our Stated Meeting is July 3rd, and we are all looking forward to a 4th of July Holiday off from work. Later in July, Brother Bob Gale will be hosting a backyard Bar-B-Q, at his home, for all the brothers and families to get together and have some outstanding outdoor cooking. Bob is truly the Master of the grill. The month of August is dark, so there will be no work, other than our usual Stated Meeting, on the 7th.

We are looking forward to having Mr. Jordan join us at the July Stated Meeting and possibly turning in an application for degrees. We haven't heard much from Brother Jerry Aquino, as he is a Seaman and out on the open oceans somewhere. Brother Chris Parker, is with Black Mountain Lodge, and has applied for affiliation with Hackett. We will be welcoming him this Meeting.

I'd like to thank all of our Brethren and Ladies for their continued support of our Lodge.

This is a good time to remind all of our brethren to come on down to Lodge and share the fellowship with us. Drive Safe and I hope to see everyone in lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Bob Salini, PM, Master

2018 OFFICERS

Master	Robert Salini, PM
Sr. Warden.....	William "JR" Knight, PM
Jr. Warden	John Fitch, PM
Treasurer	David Casper
Secretary	Dimiter Lyakov, PM
Chaplain.....	Benjamin Pulido
Sr. Deacon.....	Stefan Werkstetter
Jr. Deacon	Robert Gale
Marshall	Robert Scheeler
Sr. Steward	Mario Urbino
Jr. Steward.....	Horatio Johnson
Tiler	Jim Achenbach, PM
Officer's Coach:	Dennis Stahr, PM
Officer's Coach:	Robert Salini, PM
Inspector, 921 st . Masonic District:	Richard W. Bullard, PM

JULY EVENTS

3 Stated Dinner/Meeting	6:30 pm
16 OSI - Hackett is the host	6:00 pm
17 Masonic Education	6:30 pm
28 Bro. Bob Gale BBQ	Noon

AUGUST EVENTS

7 Stated Meeting	7:30 pm
(meet for dinner 6:00pm Buffalo Wild Wings)	
(1640 Camino Del Rio N- Mission Valley Mall)	
21 Masonic Education	6:30 pm

JULY STATED DINNER MENU

Caesar Salad
Barbecue Chicken
Barbecue Beef
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Sweet 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.

NO DINNER IN AUGUST



FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings from the South Brethren,

I am still working in Los Angeles County and most likely this will continue for some time to come.

Fortunately, I am working four days a week, staying overnight only three nights, and back home for three days and four nights in San Diego County. It is both a pleasure and a personal challenge to do the type of work that I enjoy, and travel away from home at the same time.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article, and I hope that you are enjoying the challenges and rewards of your life, with those close to you, while still dividing your time to explore the pieces of the mysteries that are your personal passion and experience.

Here are some of my current odd recreations:

The variety of differential equation types, their solution methods and how they are used by mankind to understand and describe the behaviors of nature that surround us.

Special plane curves which take us beyond the point, line and circle. This area of study is intriguing to me in that there are six different systems of coordinate systems utilized to represent curves, each with its own advantages.

- Parametric
- Cartesian
- Polar
- Pedal
- Bipolar
- Intrinsic

Metallurgy and the forging, hardening and heat treatment of steels.

Exploration into the fundamentals tenants of the higher liberal arts of Philosophy and Theology.

- My hope is that by looking at these higher sciences, I might better be able to understand my basic challenges understanding the Trivium: Grammar, Logic and Rhetoric.

At any rate, I hope that this article gives you some inspiration to contemplate your own intellectual passions as we settle in for the long days of summer.

Remember to do what you can to help those in our society who have fallen and are struggling to get back up. Each of our individual acts of relief matter, and can be life changing to others.

Best regards,
John Fitch, PM, Junior Warden

2018 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Audit	“JR” Knight, PM
Budget & Finance	Robert Scheeler
Candidate Coaching	Clint Black, PM
Charity	Robert Salini, Master
Member Retention	John Fitch, PM
Delinquent Dues	Dennis Stahr, PM
Funeral	David Haslim, PM
Honored Ladies	Maebelle 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	Ryan Bacaoco, PM
Trestleboard	Dennis Stahr, PM
Website Master	Dennis Stahr, PM

THOMAS ACHENBACH IS A BROTHER



Brother Tom Achenbach was initiated an Entered Apprentice on June 26th. It was a very memorable event for all who took part as Brother Tom is the son of Worshipful Jim Achenbach, PM. Brother Jim was in the East for the degree and proudly initiated his son into our great Fraternity. Worshipful Clint Black, PM, gave a fantastic presentation of the lecture and Worshipful Dave Haslim, PM, delivered the charge flawlessly. Congratulations Brother Tom!

SW HACKETT CELEBRATES ITS 2018 PICNIC



On June 28th, SW Hackett Lodge again picnicked. It was at Santee Lakes as usual and was well attended. Fun was had by all. Already looking ahead to next year.

Masonic Traditions in Our Past and Our Future (Part I of III) by Paul M. Bessel (Taken in part)

Introduction

I believe we can place Masonic traditions -- what Freemasonry has been, what it is today, and what it can be in the future -- into 5 categories.

Learning

We do not know much about the origins of Freemasonry, as we know it today, in the 1600s and 1700s, and maybe that is good because it allows those interested in Masonic history to explore all sorts of threads of events in that era. We do have a pretty good idea that men who were interested in learning were among the leaders who founded and promoted Freemasonry in the early days, particularly the 1700s. Scientists, philosophers, members of the Royal Society, explored knowledge and sought to expand it. Benjamin Franklin was an archetype -- scientist, publisher, writer, explorer, statesman, philosopher, and at the same time a man who enjoyed having a good time, he was just the type of man who was intrigued by a fraternity of men who could meet in private and talk about the wonders of the world and humanity. What happened with this tradition of learning in Freemasonry? Today, are the great men of science and thought found among the members of Masonic lodges? No, and we generally no longer have stimulating discussions about educational topics at most of our meetings, do we?

What is likely to happen with this tradition in the future? Men who love to learn tend to associate with others who have similar feelings. Is it likely that those who would like to learn about the great philosophers of the world will want to sit and listen to minutes being read and bills being paid, and possibly hearing that ours is a great fraternity, or a great country, or see a program about our flag that is filled with misinformation? And let be clear -- this is not an elitist point. Men of all backgrounds and in all occupations are interested in broadening their knowledge, and Masonic meetings could be a wonderful place to accomplish this. But are we doing it now? Will we start doing it? If not, learning is a tradition that will die out in our Lodges. To some extent it already has in many places. Should it be allowed to continue to disappear, or is there something we want to do about this?

Social standing, or social interactions

Another Masonic tradition of long standing is social standing, or social interactions. It seems this is what drew George Washington to Freemasonry, and it worked for him. This tradition went further back than Washington. Shortly after the start of the premier Grand Lodge in 1717, Masonic leaders were able to attract the English nobility, even the Royal family, to join. Freemasonry became the mark of men of distinction, and thus something to be strived for.

This had both good and bad effects. It led to a degree of snobbery, and thus led to the Anti-masonic movement of the 1820s and 1830s that almost destroyed Freemasonry in the United States. The primary reason the American populace turned against Masons was that Freemasonry had come to represent the opposite of democracy. Masons

SW HACKETT AGAIN HONORS THE TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



On June 5th, SW Hackett Lodge, as every year honored the Sequoia Elementary School Teacher of the year. This year we were pleased that there was a tie and we got to recognize two very dedicated teachers. Principal Kissel here poses with the honorees, Jillana Lashmet and Claudia Wells along with Wor. Bob Salini, PM, Master, and Wor. Jim Achenbach, PM, Partnership in Education Chairman. It was again a good dinner and a fun ceremony.

were viewed as having too much control over politics and society, so average men and women worked hard to destroy this institution that they viewed as a threat to everything our country was supposed to stand for.

Esoteric

Another thread in the traditions of Freemasonry is esotericism, mysticism, magic or any similar word to describe this. Some Masons are fascinated by this type of subject. They see Freemasonry as a system for the transmittal of secret knowledge, or as Albert Pike said it, the goal of Freemasonry is to give us possession of the universal principle by which we may master the universe.

There are two levels to this. One is typified by those who may talk about King Solomon meeting with Hiram King of Tyre and Hiram Abif in the Sanctum Sanctorum of the Temple, not knowing that no one was permitted to meet there, or by those who see all sorts of proof that the Knights Templar consciously decided to become the Freemasons of today, or that Roslyn Chapel in Scotland has proof of all sorts of things, including the discovery of America long before Columbus.

There is another level to this tradition. There are some, and there have always been, who feel that reciting the words of the Masonic ritual is the most important thing that can be done, and that this is the key to the meaning of what Freemasonry is for. As Jeremy Ladd Cross, one of the originators and propagators of our ritual in the early 1800s said, he could not tell Masons anything other than the words of the ritual, and did not care to. He said he was just a great memorizer, and he could teach others to memorize the words. Those who believe in this Masonic tradition may or may not be right, and no one can prove it either way.

**Happy birthday to all the Ladies of the Lodge
whose birthday is in July or August**

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7	George	Arnell
12	Dick	Covert
12	Christopher	Littell
13	David	Mc Gill
15	John	Mc Bride
16	David	Hull
16	Charles	Caskey
16	Jeremy	Weber
20	Frederick	Nicastro
21	Benjamin	Pulido
23	James	Achenbach
23	Mark	DeMaria
24	Ian	Watson

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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
25	Robert	Salini

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

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>	
George	Brakeall	1962	56
Buford	Lane	1965	53
Stephen	Hannum	1977	41
Alex	Pina	1992	26
Ronald	Detzer	1996	22
James	Achenbach	1997	21