

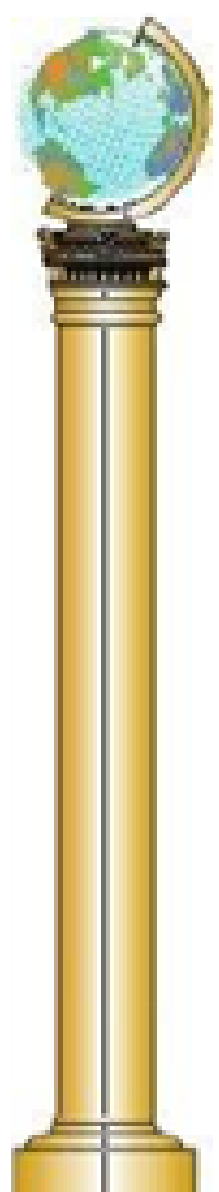
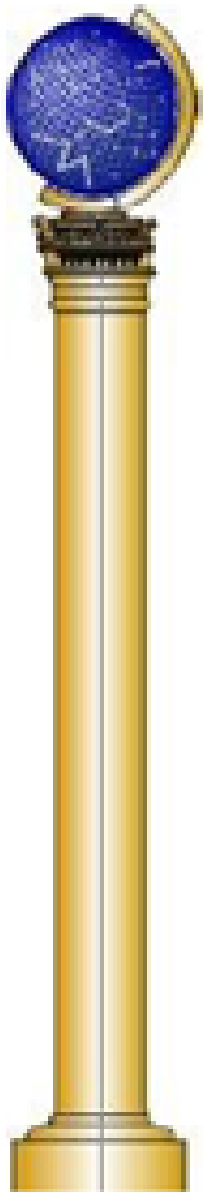
TRESTLE BOARD



Samuel Warren Hackett Lodge No. 574

Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California

Chartered October 11th, 1923



“Freemasonry is not about
how good of a man you are ...
... It's about how good of a man
you want to be.” Robert Herd

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JULY & AUGUST 2020



FROM THE EAST

WM Norman C. Parker

To our Masonic Family,

The month of July is looking more and more like we will not be opening our Lodge yet. The question of “when” has more than likely crossed our minds. I continue to keep apprised of guidance from our Grand Lodge, the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, and other Masonic Concordant Bodies as to when our meetings and activities will be reinstated. Recently, our Grand Master, Most Worshipful John E. Trauner, has relayed that the Grand Lodge is currently working to develop a checklist on how Lodges can re-open in a safe manner. This, of course, will come about once the Government and Health organizations give us approval to meet again. Based on that procedural template, I will work closely with our Lodge Officers on its implementation plan for our Lodge.

The Scottish Rite Building in Mission Valley continues to be closed at this time. It is currently scheduled to open on 1 July 2020, though I do not yet see any indication that it will happen.

As per our By-Laws, please remember that the month of August is “dark.” This means that, if the lodge is approved to re-open by then, we will only conduct our regular monthly business and then close. No other functions are permitted for the duration of that month.

Located in the Special Announcements section are the many options now available for our members to pay the Lodge dues. This information is very useful and very helpful. Thank you Worshipful Brother and Lodge Secretary, Dimiter Lyakov, for your input and assistance in providing this update.

For your perusal and immediate reference, I have included in the Special Announcements of this month’s Trestleboard the letters from [1] our Grand Master, Most Worshipful John E. Trauner, regarding the status of our Masonic and Concordant Body activities and events, [2] Grand Secretary, Allan L. Casalou, regarding the 2020 Per Capita Payment Timeline, [3] General Secretary Scottish Rite Valley of San Diego, JoJo Quimpo 33rd Degree, regarding the San Diego Scottish Rite Covid-19 Update, and [4] Greg Cherry, Director of Masonic Philanthropy, Southern California, regarding several Grand Lodge programs and projects.

I recommend that you contact any of our Lodge Officers if you know any of our brothers or sisters who may need assistance. Please leave us a message, and the Lodge will do its best to assist as much as it can.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a happy Fourth of July!

While events over the past several weeks have given us an additional challenge and uncertainty in our daily lives, let us continue to support one of our institution’s steadfast set of values where diversity inclusion is concerned, doing the right thing amidst discomfort and difficulty. Please continue to Stay Safe, Stay Well, and know you are always in our prayers.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Respectfully yours,
N. Chris Parker
Worshipful Master

2020 OFFICERS

Master	Norman "Chris" Parker
Sr. Warden	Nicholas Baker
Jr. Warden	
Treasurer	David Casper
Secretary	Dimiter Lyakov, PM
Chaplain	Robert Salini, PM
Sr. Deacon	Jeremy Weber
Jr. Deacon	Mark Helton
Marhsal	Robert Scheeler
Sr. Steward	Joseph Jordan
Jr. Steward	Benjamin Pulido
Tiler	Jim Achenbach, PM
Officer's Coach	Dennis Stahr, PM
Officer's Coach	Robert Salini, PM

Inspector, 921st Masonic District
Richard W. Bullard, PM

JULY EVENTS

Subject to change

07	Stated Dinner/Meeting	6:30 pm
14	Practice of Officer Qualifications	5:30 pm
21	Practice of Officer Qualifications	5:30 pm
27	OSI / 1 st Degree Second Section SW Hackett (Host)	6:00 pm
28	Practice of Officer Qualifications	5:30 pm

AUGUST EVENTS (DARK)

Subject to change

04	Stated Meeting	7:30 pm
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JULY 7 STATED MEETING DINNER AUGUST 4 STATED MEETING ONLY

- Subject to change -

*Macaroni Salad
Salisbury Steak
BBQ Chicken
Potato Salad
Buttered Corn
Assorted Rolls
Banana Cream Pie*

Dinner cost is \$15 per person.

Make your lodge reservations with the Lodge Secretary

on Monday, July 1st (if the SRC is open)

at 619-295-4420 or email to:

hackettlodge@gmail.com

EDITOR'S CONTINUAL REQUEST

We have been able to get our mailing costs down by using email for the delivery of the Trestleboard. It will be very helpful if we achieve more email deliveries.

Let us know if you have a working email address so that we can begin emailing your Trestleboard. This will help save the Lodge and money for postage.

You can email Worshipful Dimiter, our Lodge Secretary, at hackettlodge@gmail.com

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

- Reminder to use our main email address: hackettlodge@gmail.com
- IMPORTANT NOTE: **The 2020 Annual Dues is \$118.**
 - BRING YOUR DUES CURRENT.
 - **If you haven't already, please pay your dues for 2020.** As of this time, we have **17 members** who are not in good standing.

Be a supporter of your great Lodge!

Fraternally,
Dimiter Lyakov, PM

ECHOES FROM THE PAST JULY

Name	Date Raised	No. of Years
Buford E. Lane	7/27/1965	55
Stephen B. Hannum	7/12/1977	43
Alex Pina	7/28/1992	28
Ronald J. Detzer (PM)	7/30/1996	24
James J. Achenbach (PM)	7/26/1997	23
Michael P. Nolen	7/29/2008	12

2020

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Audit	Nicholas Baker
Audit	Robert Scheeler
Audit	Benjamin Pulido
Budget & Finance	Robert Scheeler
Charity	Chris Parker, WM
Charity	Nicholas Baker
Member Retention	David Casper
Delinquent Dues	David Casper
Funeral	David Haslim, PM
Honored Ladies	Maebelle Haslim
Life Membership	Joseph Jordan
Life Membership	David Casper
Masonic Education	Jim Achenbach, PM
Calif. Annual Fund	Robert Salini, PM
Public Schools	Jim Achenbach, PM
Entertainment	Benjamin Pulido
Sunshine & Visit	Jeremy Weber
Masonic Outreach	Chris Parker, WM
Trestleboard	Chris Parker, WM
Website	Dennis Stahr, PM

ECHOES FROM THE PAST AUGUST

Name	Date Raised	No. of Years
George E. Brakeall	8/2/1962	58





JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 | Knox E. Krug |
| 7 | George D. Arnell |
| 12 | Floyd R. Covert |
| 12 | Christopher T. Littell |
| 13 | David H. Mc Gill |
| 15 | John P. Mc Bride |
| 16 | Charles I. Caskey |
| 16 | Jeremy T. Weber |
| 20 | Frederick Nicastro |
| 21 | Benjamin P. Pulido |
| 23 | James J. Achenbach |
| 23 | Mark A. DeMari |
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 | David P. Casper |
| 3 | Norman C. Parker |
| 5 | Nicholas R. Baker |
| 6 | Mark A. Bacaoco |
| 7 | Kenneth E. Hilburn |
| 9 | John Czarnecki |
| 9 | Howard L. Mc Gill |
| 10 | Gerald Winstanley |
| 11 | Vaughn W. Franklin |
| 24 | Kyle B. Dau |
| 24 | William A. Knight |
| 25 | Rober L. Salini |
| 27 | James C. Williams |
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Ladies' Corner

Dearest Ladies,

We are going to have to wait a bit longer till we see each other again. In the meantime, we can continue to do whatever we can while at home, maybe work on things we deferred for some time. Or just continue to relax and adapt to the “new normal” in our daily lives.

Below is our table decorations schedule for the remainder of the year, subject to change.

September	<i>Beverly Lynn</i>	October	<i>Judy Black</i>	November	<i>Finesse Parker</i>	December	<i>from Nov. activity</i>
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As a reminder, our very own Lady Ingrid Stahr has several new bracelets. She has created so many different styles and is open to any inquiries for pictures and how to order.

Kindly note that every penny of your purchase goes to our “Ladies Fund.”

That fund will be used when we have someone in our Lodge who is in need, or perhaps as a donation at the Mason of the Year night, to the Grand Master for his projects in the name of S. W. Hackett Ladies.

The decision of what to do with said fund will be made by all Ladies of our Lodge. The fund to-date, because of the generosity of you Ladies and some “outside” interest, is at a nice \$260.

So, if you want bracelets for yourself or for gifts to someone special, and would like pictures, please call or text Lady Ingrid at (858) 208-8899.



*We will miss our gathering
to celebrate our Independence
so here's wishing you and your families
a meaningful, safe, and wonderful
Fourth of July!*

Take care always. ♥

Sincerely, Finesse

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLANNED LODGE ACTIVITIES

***subject to change, schedule TBA**

**Teacher of the Year Award
Visit to Covina Masonic Homes
Family Picnic**

LADIES' ACTIVITIES

***subject to change, schedule TBA**

**Planting Succulents
Ribbon Lei Making
Christmas Table Decorations**

July & August 2020 Holiday Observances

July 4th: Independence Day



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**My Brethren,
here are 3 options to pay your dues:**

* **Make a Check for \$118**

- Payable to: S. W. Hackett Lodge No 574
- And mail to:
1895 Camino Del Rio South
San Diego CA 92108-3683

* Using your bank online, Pay Bill free of charge service order **E-check for \$118**

- Payable to: S. W. Hackett Lodge No 574
- And mail to:
1895 Camino Del Rio South
San Diego CA 92108-3683
Tel. No. 619-295-4420

* Using Lodge PayPal Account hackettlodge@gmail.com

- Pay **\$125 (\$118 plus Transaction Fee)**

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Dear Brethren,

It's clear from the past week that the world is longing for higher ideals – more unity, harmony, and focus on the common good. Freemasons have been champions of these ideas for centuries. The principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth; of temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice have never been more vital. First, it is important for us to reflect on these values. And second, as modern Masons, it's our duty to display the best of these ideals in our daily lives; to be a good example for our families and neighbors. It's what called us to Masonry in the first place.

And being together is an important part of cementing our brotherhood and unity as Masons.

It's been some 80 days since we suspended Masonic meetings and events to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission among our members and communities and to adhere to subsequent state and local orders to stay at home. These orders are being updated to allow greater economic, medical, educational, and religious activities to safely resume. The California Department of Public Health recognizes that "meetings or other events that bring together persons from multiple households at the same time for a shared or group experience in a single room, space, or place . . . pose an especially great danger of transmission and spread of COVID-19." The state updated this guidance for religious and faith based organizations on May 25. However, social gatherings like ours are not yet permitted. I'm developing plans with the executive committee so that we are prepared to issue guidance for the safe resumption of Masonic meetings and events when the time is right.

When state and local government agree that activities like ours are permitted, we should be prepared to gradually resume our activities, avoiding those aspects of our practices that might not be best to undertake initially. Local Masonic leaders should think about a plan to address the safety of our activities. Each lodge will be expected to have a written plan in place before activities resume. We'll issue a template for lodge plans soon. In the meantime, look through state or county resources for re-opening guidelines. These guidelines tend to be similar across all sectors and we believe guidelines for our activities will be similar. [State guidelines can be found here.](#)

There isn't yet sufficient information to determine if the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge will be permitted to take place in October as planned. We hope more information will be available in the weeks ahead. We've made contingency plans if we're not able to conduct the Annual Communication in person. These plans are based on existing Masonic law and will allow us to conduct the essential business of the grand lodge, including the normal succession of leadership. We'll announce these plans once we're able to make a final decision about the Annual Communication.

Though we're not able to meet in person, we can continue to shine the light of Freemasonry in our lives. I continue to be awed by the generosity of Masons. The response to the Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund is incredible. We're helping over 120 brothers and their families who have been seriously impacted by the pandemic. If you know of a brother who needs help, please direct him to Masonic Assistance. And, I'm thrilled to report that our California Masonic Foundation has brought together some of our favorite community partners – Raising A Reader and the Major League Baseball foundations – to help children and families across the state. Next month, we'll distribute Super Summer Book Bags filled with learning resources to thousands of California families, addressing a growing educational challenge known as the "COVID-slide." Learn more about how you can help our communities through this important and vital effort on Masons4Mitts.org in the coming weeks.

Again, thank you for your dedication to our craft and our brethren. I've never been more proud to be a Mason as I am today.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John E. Trauner
Grand Master
Masons of California

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ALAN L. CASALOU
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2020 Per Capita Payment Timeline

Dear Bro. Norman,

I hope that this letter finds you and your loved ones well. During this time of economic uncertainty, your Grand Lodge leadership has been thinking through the best ways to support our lodges and hall associations. In the past month we have hosted a webinar for Hall Association Directors and Officers, a virtual Secretary's Association webinar, and launched a new online Masonic Leadership Course and a Masonic Speaker Series. I hope you have been able to take advantage of at least one of these opportunities. We are committed to finding ways to engage and support one another, even at a distance.

I know that many lodges are thinking about their 2020 per capita payments—and in particular how to process the remission of dues and suspension of members for non-payment of dues. In his recent message, the grand master clarified that elected lodge officers can remit the dues of members during this time, to be ratified at the next stated meeting. All these remissions, and any other membership information that is normally collected, must be submitted into iMember by June 30, 2020, as in previous years.

Auditing for remissions will take place in mid-July, and a preliminary per capita bill will be sent on August 1, 2020. If your lodge has already suspended all the members it intends to in 2020, you may pay that bill when you receive it.

The suspension of members for non-payment of dues is a matter which should be considered by the members of a lodge at a stated meeting. It is required that their names be read, such that if a member knows something about a member whom the lodge intends to suspend, the lodge can be made aware and take the appropriate action. To ensure that lodges have the most time to consider the suspension of members for nonpayment of dues, the deadline for entering suspended members into iMember has been extended to Sunday, September 13, 2020. If your lodge is not able to meet before then, it will need to pay per capita on those members.

To put this in perspective, in an average year, a lodge would normally suspend around three members for non-payment of dues and initiate or affiliate three members. As lodges cannot initiate or affiliate members at this time, the membership numbers, on average, should remain the same.

A final per capita bill will be sent on Monday, September 14, 2020, and is payable by Friday, October 9, 2020, the first day of the Annual Communication.

Below is a summary of the per capita timeline:

June 30, 2020: Deadline for all remissions and other membership data to be entered into iMember. (Same as in previous years.)

August 1, 2020: Preliminary per capita bill sent to all lodges based on June 30, 2020 data.

September 13, 2020: Deadline for all suspensions for non-payment of dues to be entered into iMember.

September 14, 2020: Final per capita bill sent to all lodges.

October 9, 2020: Per capita payment due. (Same as in previous years.)

If you believe that your lodge will have difficulty paying its 2020 per capita bill as a result of the current economic situation, please contact me directly so we can work to find a good path forward for your lodge.

If you have any questions, please contact our Member Services team at (415) 292-9180 or by email at memberservices@freemason.org.

Fraternally,


Alan L. Casalou
Grand Secretary

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

San Diego Scottish Rite Covid-19 Update

Brethren,

Well, it is the end of May and June is upon us. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to disrupt our daily lives. Even though the news is showing that businesses in San Diego are starting to open up, the Scottish Rite Masonic Center is still closed for any events, Masonic or otherwise. When we do open for business, we don't know, for sure, what that will look like. Please note that the MW John Trauner, Grand Master of California, has not changed his decree that no Masonic events be held until further notice. We want to make sure that we don't risk the health and well-being of our members and customers, as well as our employees.

Consequently, the Scottish Rite Masonic Center will continue to be closed for any events, Masonic or otherwise, through June 30, 2020.

The office will also be closed but we will continue to monitor the phones and emails coming in. We would like to open again on July, 2020 (first or second week) but this will depend on the current state of the pandemic. We continue to monitor the recommendations of the CDC, state and local governments, and the Grand Master.

Please note that the following Masonic events are cancelled:

Stated Meeting scheduled for June 3, 2020
Philippine Independence Day Dinner scheduled for June 6, 2020
All So-Cal Reunion in Long Beach scheduled for June 26-28, 2020
Law Enforcement Night scheduled for July 1, 2020
The 15th Degree Exemplification scheduled for July 29, 2020

Also, the Traitor Play will have to be rescheduled for next year.

We hope that you will keep yourself informed on how to remain healthy at all times during these trying times.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask me via email or voicemail.

Thank you for all that you do for Scottish Rite, Valley of San Diego!

Sincerely and fraternally,

JoJo Quimpo, 33°
General Secretary
Scottish Rite Valley of San Diego
(619) 293-4888

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several programs and projects that our Grand Lodge is actively pursuing

Elected Officers and members of SW Hackett No. 574:

I hope this message finds all of you well! I'd like to highlight several programs and projects that our Grand Lodge is actively pursuing. Feel free to share with the rest of your members in upcoming meetings:

- 1) First, I am proud to report on our charitable work during the quarantine. The Distressed Worthy Brother Relief fund has generated an unprecedented amount of Charity to help our brethren in need. Since March 23 rd. , our Foundation has received more than \$410,000 from more than 2,4000 gifts from members, lodges and individuals. This is the most successful annual fund appeal in our history, which underscores the urgency of the situation and the desire to help address the emergency needs of many members.
- 2) Masonic Outreach Services has distributed more than \$120,000 in cash grants to help brothers in distress due to the pandemic. We believe there will likely be a lot more need among our membership for this relief. As PGM and Chairman of the California Masonic Foundation John Heisner recently said, "our obligation as Masons is to care." One reason that our fraternity has been able to get this new assistance program up and running so quickly is because the Masonic Outreach Services structure was already in place. As of today, Masonic Assistance has received 120 calls, 45 applications have been reviewed and 44 of those have been approved. As with many MOS inquiries, there are many requests for information about community-based resources to which MOS refers applicants. Job placement and assistance are increasingly being requested right now. Please make sure that your members are clear about how to access relief. For assistance requests, please contact Masonic Outreach Services at (888) 466-3642. Our fraternity is here for us.
- 3) June is Masonic Homes Month and I'd like to share some information about our residents and staff. So far, no residents or staff at the Union City and Covina campuses have tested positive for the coronavirus. The Homes has more than 1,000 residents and staff, so our health record is outstanding. It demonstrates that we take our residents' health and safety very seriously. In honor of the Masonic Homes, several lodges posted tributes to all the good work our staff do on behalf of our members. Check it out: <https://californiafreemason.org/2020/05/07/covid-19-updates/>
- 4) You've likely been receiving emails from the Grand Lodge about our Online Masonic Leadership Courses taking place throughout June. Our Foundation has funded this opportunity, so it is absolutely free. Unlike our usual Leadership Retreat, these course are open to all Masons, not just Lodge Officers. You should encourage any member of your lodge to sign up for as many courses as he would like. Here is the link: <https://californiafreemason.org/2020/05/14/masonic-online-leadership-course/>

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Continuation of: Several programs and projects that our Grand Lodge is actively pursuing

Elected Officers and members of SW Hackett No. 574:

- 5) Another innovation that we have created during this year is the Masonic Speakers Series. These talks have been extremely popular with our members – and also with many percipients from other Masonic jurisdictions. <https://californiafreemason.org/2020/05/21/grand-lodgesponsored-virtual-events>
- 6) This final point is about an exciting new collaborator our Foundation has created. Raising A Reader's Super Summer Book Bag program is a new partnership with our four Major League Baseball partners that we facilitated. Given the disruptive school year, our Foundation has brought together two of our trusted community partners this summer to provide age-appropriate summer learning kits for Kindergarten and 1 st. graders. In late June/early July, we will distribute 6,500 kits to at-risk youth enrolled in our MLB community fund leagues, including the SD Padres. Our goal is to keep families engaged with top-rate learning materials for 5-weeks in July and August.
- 7) 1. SSBBs will supplement lost learning for the youngest learners ages 5-7, and 2. We are still helping kids be active and have a fun summer! The pandemic and subsequent quarantine have provided us with a rare opportunity to create an awesome summer enrichment experience for kids who are stuck at home, almost certainly without books to read. Raising a Reader will provide these Super Summer Book Bags with already approved funds committed by the California Masonic Foundation.
- 8) The Padres RBI program will handle distribution of the bags. Masons4Mitts Captains and our Public Schools Advisory Councils will help distribute the SSBBs in SD County. Look out for more information on that. Please note that this does NOT take the place of Masons4Mitts. Masons4Mitts is currently live and actively raising money to supply mitts for youth in our area To donate online and buy mitts for kids, go visit the M4M site at: <https://masons4mitts.org/>
- 9) Please share this information with your lodge, knowing that our Masonic values continue to resonate powerfully to help those most in need.

Thank you for all you do for our Craft, Worshipful. And let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Greg Cherry Director of Masonic Philanthropy, Southern California
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“Our Faith may be lost in sight, Hope ends in fruition, but Charity extends beyond the grave.”