



S. W. Hackett Lodge No. 574
Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California
Chartered October 11th, 1923



99 Years of Masonry
In service to God
To all Brethren
And to the Community

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July August 2022



FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies:

Hello all. June was a fun month as we get through one half of the year together. This year at the stated dinner, we honored three teachers. Since we could not meet in 2020 and 2021, we missed the opportunity to make our annual teacher presentation. For that reason our partner in education Sequoia Elementary School and Principal Ryan Kissel gave us the names of the three teachers that were chosen for those years as well as 2022. We honored Ms. Claudia Wells, a two-time honoree, as the 2020 teacher of the year. Then the presentation went to Ms. Melinda Kelly, Education Specialist as the 2021 teacher of the year. Last but certainly not least, the honor as teacher of the year for 2022 went to Ms. Autumn Miller, Speech-Language Pathologist. As each time we honor these dedicated educators, they were very appreciative and thankful for the recognition. A certificate of appreciation and thanks was also presented to Principal Ryan Kissel for his continued work with S.W. Hackett lodge in the Partnership in Education program.

The picnic on the 18th was a lot of fun and I think all who attended would agree. The weather was pretty much perfect and it made it that much more enjoyable. Our Grill Masters, Worshipfuls Clint Black and Dick Covert did their usual great job with the burgers and bratwurst. And with all the food that others brought, nobody went away hungry for sure.

Looking ahead to July, Brother Ethan Carswell may be ready to present his 2nd degree proficiency in the Stated Meeting on the 5th. If that happens, then we will be setting the date for his raising to Master Mason later that month. I am contemplating using his raising evening as the "Past Master's" night. However since we are a bit short on Past Masters, the same event will take place but I would name it the "Third Degree Celebration Night". It would be conducted the same as the previous Past Master's nights, but many of those taking part will not be Past Masters. There will be a dinner prior to the degree as usual with remembrance of those who have passed and even those who are still with us but are unable to attend lodge for some reason. So, the only thing that would change is the name of this important evening.

Speaking of those who are still members but unable to get to lodge for any reason, and those who are remote around the U.S., I would ask you to take the time to reach out and call one of these Brothers. They love hearing from somebody from their lodge and are always thankful that they are not forgotten. If you will do this and want a name or two, give me a call or email me and I will be happy to supply you with the names of a Brother that would be so happy to hear from us.

That is all I have for now. Stay happy and healthy
And be sure to attend the stated dinner and meeting.

Thank you all and I'll see you in lodge.

Dennis Stahr, PM, Master

Ladies Corner

Dear Ladies:

As the Master said, the Teachers of the Year evening at the Stated Dinner, went very well. It was nice to see these educators honored and to see the certificate of appreciation presented to Mr. Ryan Kissel, the Principal of Sequoia Elementary School.

The picnic was well attended. We had fine weather and fine food. Many thanks to the grill-master, Clint Black with the assistance of Dick Covert; and also to all that contributed to making this such a fun gathering.

My apologies for not sooner announcing that Maebelle Haslim celebrated her 90th birthday. We wish her many more and many blessings.

Looking forward to the Gale's bar-b-que on August 6th ; and wishing you safe vacation travels.

Sincerely, Ingrid



menu

JULY 5TH
STATED MEETING DINNER

SALAD

Tomato Basil

ENTREE

Barbecue Beef
Barbecue Chicken
Parsley Potatoes
Buttered Sweet Corn
Dinner Rolls

DESSERT

Lemon Cake

BEVERAGE

Iced Tea and Hot Coffee



▪ Dinner cost is \$15 per person ▪

Make your lodge reservations with the Lodge Secretary **no later than Tuesday, June 24th**

at 619-295-4420 or email to hackettlodge@gmail.com



JULY & AUGUST MASONIC BIRTHDAY ECHOES FROM THE PAST

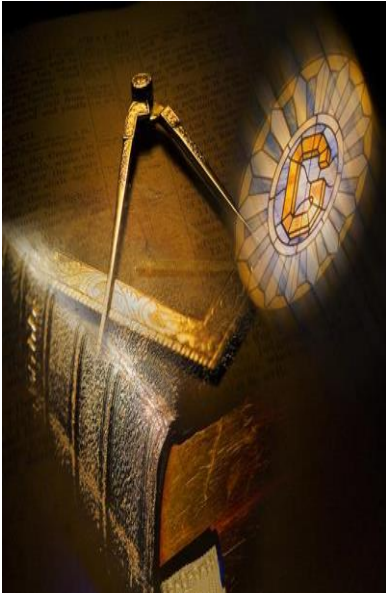
Morgan Thompson
 David Casper
 Michael Allen PM
 James Achenbach PM

JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Floyd	Covert	PM
George	Arnell	
Knox	Krug	
Frederick	Nicastro	
John	McBride	
David	Mc Gill	PM
Christopher	Littell	
James	Achenbach	PM
Benjamin	Pulido	
Mark	DeMaria	
Charles	Caskey	
Jeremy	Weber	
Gerald	Winstanley	PM
John	Czarnecki	
Howard	Mc Gill	PM
Kenneth	Hilburn	
Robert	Salini	PM
Kyle	Dau	PM
Norman	Parker	PM
David	Casper	
Vaughn	Franklin	
Nicholas	Baker	
William	Knight	



2022 OFFICERS



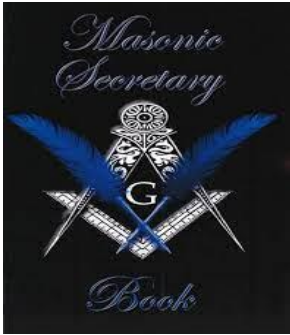
WM - Wor. Dennis Stahr
SW - Wor. David Haslim
JW - Vacant
Sec - Wor. Dimiter Lyakov
Chap - Wor. Bob Salini
SD - Brother David Casper
JD - Brother Mark Helton
Marsh - Brother Benjamin Pulido
SS - Brother Vaughn Franklin
Tiler - Wor. Jim Achenbach



Committee assignments - 2022

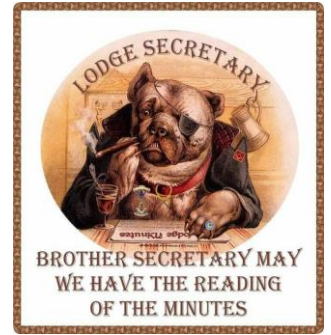
Audit..... David Haslim, PM
Member Retention..... Jim Achenbach, PM
Delinquent Dues..... Ben Pulido
Budget & Finance..... Dimiter Lyakov, PM
Charity..... Dennis Stahr, PM, David Haslim
Funeral..... David Haslim, PM
Honored Ladies..... Maebelle Haslim
Life Membership..... David Casper
Masonic Education\Public Schools..... Jim Achenbach, PM
Sunshine & Visit..... David Haslim, PM
Entertainment..... Robert Gale, Ben Pulido
Trestleboard..... Norman Chris Parker, PM

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



IMPORTANT NOTE:

The 2022 Annual Dues are
\$124



- BRING YOUR DUES CURRENT.
- If you haven't already, please pay your dues for 2022.

Be a supporter of your great Lodge!

Fraternally,
Dimiter Lyakov, PM

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



Special Announcements

July & Aug. 2022 HOLIDAY OBERVANCES

July 4th Independence Day



Independence Day is annually celebrated on July 4 and is often known as the Fourth of July. It is the anniversary of the publication of the declaration of independence from Great Britain in 1776. Patriotic displays and family events are organized throughout the United States.

PLANNED LODGE ACTIVITIES

***subject to change, schedule TBA**

The following are excerpts from the book:

In Search Of Grand Master Hiram

Written by Most Worshipful John R. Heisner, PGM
of Masons in California, 2017.

A Freemason is a man of the *age* of 18, or older, who professes a belief in one Supreme Being, and who has been voluntarily initiated into the Craft by a solemn symbolic ceremony performed by members in good standing of a Masonic lodge. The candidate initially proceeds in his Masonic journey as an Entered Apprentice exploring and absorbing the basic Masonic fundamentals.

Next, the candidate advances to the *second degree* as a Fellowcraft and commits himself to acquiring a broader understanding of the liberal arts and *sciences*. Finally, upon *advancing* to the third and sublime *degree* of Master Mason, *the candidate* is exposed to the valuable lessons about the distinction *between* mortality and immortality. He is also encouraged to investigate the reality about his own soul.

During his *Masonic* journey, *the candidate* for *professes* several vows of *fidelity and honor, the specifics of which relate exclusively to Freemasonry and are therefore* are kept "secret" from non-Masons — it is, in fact, one of the few "Masonic secrets" not revealed to the world at-large. The candidate commits himself to serving the Deity and his laws; promoting the welfare of all Masons, their widows and orphans; and working to make the world where he lives a better place.

History also teaches us that Masons have regularly labored in the protection of that freedom, while many religions have labored to perpetuate their institutions to the exclusion of others. Freemasonry does not sponsor any particular religion, while many religions persist in attempting to convince "non-believers" of their error. Yet, Masons are not irreligious. Freemasonry encourages each individual Mason to attend, serve and support the church and religion of his choice. Ironically, Freemasonry has far too often been condemned and falsely persecuted by some for promoting such free choice. Indeed, throughout history certain segments of society have violently attacked Masons as being heretical simply because Freemasonry as an institution does not and never will endorse any specific religious dogma to the exclusion of all others.

As a fraternity, we should fondly think about our Masonic predecessors who taught each of us that no man's particular view of God and theology, should be preferred over those of another.

The next time you are asked, "What is a Mason?" instead of offering the stock reply, "a member of a fraternal society dedicated to self-improvement and charitable works," remember that your Craft's greatest contribution to the formation of this country was the expression of the belief in one Supreme Being, who desires that each man inherit His blessings, and who asks that each person respond to His call freely, deliberately, and uniquely.

I treasure this book because it was presented to me by Most Worshipful Heisner in December of 2017 when he installed me as Master of S. W. Hackett Lodge.

~ Dennis Stahr, PM, Master. ~

DID YOU KNOW



How many Masonic Lodges are in California?

340 lodges

From the Middle Ages to California gold

Now headquartered in San Francisco, today the Grand Lodge of California has more than 63,000 members and about 340 lodges in the state, making it one of the largest Grand Lodges in the world.