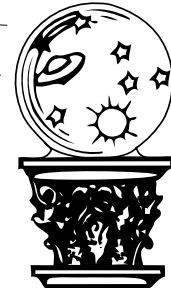


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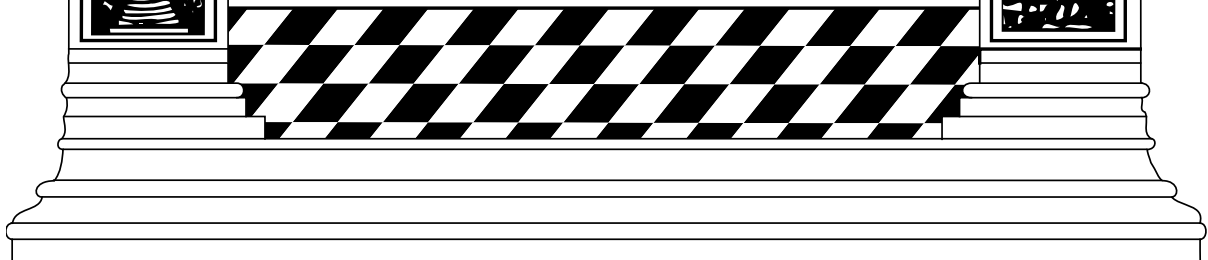
Consolidation?

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SEPTEMBER 2010



FROM PILLAR OF WISDOM

Fraternal Greetings, Brethren and friends; Welcome back! As fall approaches and the annual Grand Lodge meeting is upon us your officers and I look forward to the business of caring for your lodge. The resolutions Grand Lodge is considering for this year are interesting and your input is very important. In the coming months our lodge calendar is

full of activities and events. Your participation is very important. Please come out and support YOUR lodge in it's activities. If you have anything special that you would like the lodge to do, please do not hesitate to contact me. Remember, Tuesday is Lodge night.

Fraternally,
Kyle Dau, WM



FROM PILLAR OF STRENGTH

Ladies and Brethren,
California Masonic Code indicates that if a lodge is to enter into merger talks all of the members of the lodge must be notified in writing. Please be advised that SW Hackett Lodge No. 574 is exploring the possibility of a merger with East San Diego Lodge No. 561 located at 7849 Tommy Drive, San Diego, CA 92119.

As the result of falling membership, gaps in the line, and rapid loss of investment capital due to anemic finan-

cial markets it seems prudent to explore this option.

Any merger will require an approval by ballot of both lodges, as well as approval by California Grand Lodge. The regulations regarding these actions are specific, and do not make such an action easy.

We will post the section of the CMC as it relates to this issue to our website.

Sincerely &
Fraternally,
Steve Laurvick, SW



Reception for the Grand Master The Most Worshipful Kenneth G. Nagel

Just a reminder that our Masonic District is hosting the Grand Master's Reception this year. It will be held at the Scottish Rite Center on Friday, September 10, 2010. The social hour will begin at 6:30pm and the evening's ceremonies will begin at 7:00pm. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Please make reservations by Friday, September 3, 2010. Make checks payable to: San Diego/Imperial Past Masters

Association and mail to the Lodge office: S. W. Hackett Lodge No. 574, 1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108. Attire for men is business suit and dresses/pantsuits for the ladies. For more information,

Fraternally,
Dave Haslim, PM
Reception Chairman

FROM PILLAR OF BEAUTY

Good-bye S.W. Hackett Lodge ?

No membership participation, no real growth, feeble line and stock market concerns has brought about an "unthinkable" situation. The behest of two of the Brothers, and concern by others, has caused the formation of a committee to again explore the possibility of a consolidation with East San Diego Lodge. I can certainly understand the concern but being somewhat of a sentimental sort, I hate the thought of losing 87 years of history with the SW Hackett Lodge.

An initial meeting is planned with the Master and the committee of East San Diego very soon. Our planning group had a discussion and the feelings were definitely mixed. I don't think anyone wants to lose our Lodge, but we will have to move ahead to see if this is the best for each of our Lodges.

Once the committees have agreed on terms of the consolidation (if they do), the report of the terms will be sub-

mitted in writing at a Stated Meeting and the terms must be accepted by vote from a majority of the members present at the Stated Meeting.

Then, if the vote is in favor of consolidation, at least three-fourths of all the members of the Lodge must sign a consent form agreeing to the proposed terms of the consolidation. If it is deemed impracticable to obtain three-fourths of the signatures the Grand Master may approve the consolidation upon written consent of not less than a majority of the members.

So, now it is up to all of you! Whether "yea" or "nay" you had better make your voice heard. Some of you have been members for a long time and some for a short time, but either way, you are a part of SW Hackett and the final decision is in your hands.

Sincerely and
Fraternally,
Dennis Stahr, JW



EDITOR'S NOTES

I would like to thank Worshipful Dick Covert for his many years of dedication and service as our TB Editor. I very much hope, you enjoy your travels.

I would also like to thank Worshipfuls Kent Dau and Clint Black for their past service in helping Dick get the TB printed and mailed and especially for volunteering to help me with the same. I really appreciate your help 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 magicalmason1111@yahoo.com

I will do my best to Continue Dick's hard work in producing a TB we are proud of. I hope you like my work, and your comments, good or constructive are always welcome.

Fraternally
JR Knight, PM, Editor



**SEPT 7 - Stated Meeting - 7:30pm
Hawaiian Shirt Night**

MASONIC MAGIC

Consolidation?

My Brother,

As you now know, we have a committee looking into consolidating with another lodge.

My first question was why? Brother Stahr list the reasons on the reverse page. At this point I am completely open minded about the subject. However, my concern is that we, as a lodge, never met to discuss our problems and weigh our options.

I really feel that at some point in the very near future, we should hold a round table for this purpose. I say round table, instead of in lodge, because our energies will be much more focused huddled around a table as apposed to spread out around a large room. It is much easier to generate productive ideas in an informal relaxed environment, we might want to go so far as to have some kind of "bread breaking."

To be sure our lodge is in jeopardy and the only way it can be saved is for all of us to come together as one to fix our prob-

lems. As I contemplate consolidation, I'm not sure that it is the right tool for the job. We could just be exchanging our current problems for new ones. And let's face it our problems really aren't ground breaking.

The reality is that we have more going for us then against. We have a lodge of good men that truly care about each other. That's huge!! We don't have anyone causing dissension. It's true that our membership has left the lodge, but there must be a way to get them to come back. I have said it before, I like Hackett so much, that if I found out that everyone left because of me, I would walk away. So now we just need to find out what it will take get for our brothers to walk back in.

For myself. I easily work 15 hours a day, minimum, including weekends, from LA to SD. I am a husband, with all that comes with being a good partner. I'm a dad, doing my best to be a good one. I am DeMolay Chapter Dad in Hemet, about an hour N.E. from my house. I

am involved in the Invisible Lodge and publish their TB and website. I'm into Magic, History, Weaponology, I'm teaching myself to play the piano & guitar and I am a movie buff... I am involved in our Lodge, which is about an hour and a half from my home. I am relearning the ritual to help fill the line. Obviously I don't have much free time, but even if I show up to lodge every Tuesday we're really only talking about 10 hours a month, less my drive time, I still have 710 hours a month for what ever. I can do

this. If I'm not in line, then it's just Stated and any Degrees, what, maybe 5 hours and month, "too easy". How about you brother.

The money, if nothing changes with the market, and we continue to use our savings to support the lodge, we will run out in about 20 years. Not good.

So can you find the time to came down for a round table to help save your lodge? "I will!!!"

Magically & Fraternally
JR Knight, PM
Senior Deacon



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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 6 Labor Day
- 7 Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30pm
- 7 Stated Mtg **Hawaiian Shirt night** 7:30pm
- 10 . . . Grand Master's Reception 7:00pm
- 14 . . . 1st Degree Practice 7:30pm
- 19 . . . SW Hackett Lodge Picnic
- 21 . . . 1st Degree 7:30pm
- 24-26 Grand Lodge Communications
- 27 . . . Officer's School of Instruction 6:30pm
- 28 . . . Officers Practice 7:30pm
- 29 . . . SRLC Spaghetti Dinner 5:30pm - 6:30pm

September Birthdays

2	ADAM EVANS	
2	BUFORD LANE	
4	JOSEPH RITTGARN	
4	PATRICK MEAGHER	
10	JOHN GAMACHE	
12	DOUGLAS CAMPBELL	
15	MARK INGERSOLL	
16	ROBERT CARSTEN	
16	WILLIAM SMITH	
17	PETER MILOVICH	
20	THEODORE KETTERER	
22	JAMES GARRETT	
22	WAYNE JACKSON	
24	MILTON HUMPHREY	

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

ELBERT WILLIAMS	.9/24/1953
WILLIAM GREENLEES	.9/27/1955
JAMES SPRAGUE	.9/14/1978
CLARENCE SEYFFERTH III	.9/19/1978
GEORGE ARNELL	.9/22/1981
GARY JONES	.9/9/1999
WAYNE JACKSON	.9/25/2001
STEVEN LAURVICK	.9/23/2003
ANTHONY SAMAYE	.9/30/2004

Ladies Corner

Thanks to Suzie Gamache for the July Stated Meeting table decorations.

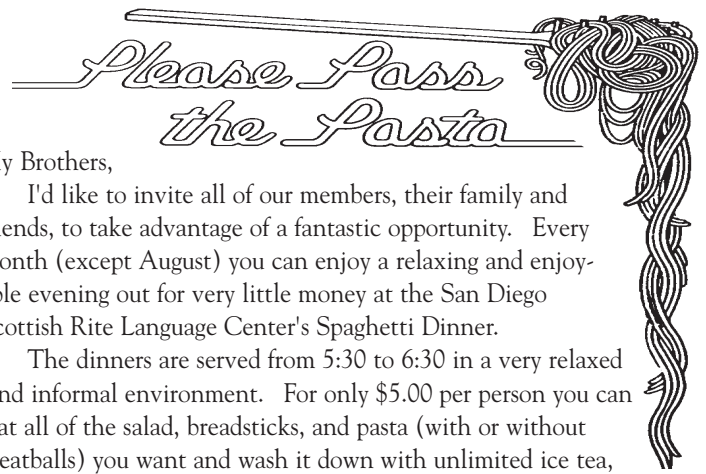
We had our annual Shrine Camp get together over the weekend of July 9 - 11. As usual, we had a terrific time. The weather was a bit on the warm side during the day, but perfect in the evenings. Thanks to Clint and Judy Black for working with the kids on their bird houses and the treasure hunt. Each of the kids received an award with Zack receiving the grand prize. A couple of groups took hikes to see some of the surrounding treasures the Laguna Mountains have to offer and all returned just in time for dinner. David Haslim and Clint Black did their magic with the hamburgers and hot dogs for dinner Saturday with all the extras brought by the rest of us in attendance. Sunday morning we all woke up to the aroma that Dave, Clint and Bob Salini cooking eggs, sausage and pancakes. After breakfast, Steve Larvick, John Gamache and Dave followed the moto of

"always leave it cleaner when you leave than it was when you arrived" by sweeping and mopping the lodge room. It was a terrific weekend for all those who attended. We are already working on next years.

I'd like to give Clint and Judy Black a special "Thank You" for doing all they did. It wouldn't have happened without the two of them.

This year, Maebelle Haslim organized a terrific luncheon for the Honored Ladies of our lodge on Sunday, July 18. We met at the Brigantine Restaurant in La Mesa, where the food, friends and conversation were excellent. Our Worshipful Master, Kyle Dau, presented each of our Ladies with roses, thanking them for being part of our lodge and the support each gave their Mason. Thank you to all who attended.

We look forward to seeing all of you back from summer vacations at our September Stated Dinner. Marty Haslim



My Brothers,

I'd like to invite all of our members, their family and friends, to take advantage of a fantastic opportunity. Every month (except August) you can enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable evening out for very little money at the San Diego Scottish Rite Language Center's Spaghetti Dinner.

The dinners are served from 5:30 to 6:30 in a very relaxed and informal environment. For only \$5.00 per person you can eat all of the salad, breadsticks, and pasta (with or without meatballs) you want and wash it down with unlimited ice tea, punch or coffee. Proceeds go directly to support the Language Center.

Reservations are a must. The next dates are: Sept. 29th & Oct. 20th. Reservations can be made by calling Regi at 619-291-2506.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Bro. Jim Achenbach

SEPTEMBER STATED MEETING DINNER - \$12⁰⁰

Spring Mix Salad
 Beef Stroganoff & Honey Dijon Chicken
 Rice Pilaf
 Grilled Mix Vegetables
 Assorted Rolls
 Assorted Hot & Cold Beverages
 Assorted Banquet Cakes

2010 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN	S.W. HACKETT LODGE, #574 F&AM - 2011 OFFICERS
Audit: Steve Laurvick, SW	(619) 295-4420 First Tuesday
Candidate Coach: Steve Laurvick, SW	WORSHIPFUL MASTER: STEVE E. LAURVICK
Charity: Kyle Dau, WM	SENIOR WARDEN: DENNIS P. STAHR
District Calendar: Steve Laurvick, SW	JUNIOR WARDEN: "JR" KNIGHT, PM
Fin & Invest: Gerald Lynn, PM	TREASURER: JAMES J. ACHENBACH, PM
Funeral: David Haslim, PM	SECRETARY: JOHN S. GAMACHE, PM
574 Ambass: Ron Detzer, PM	ASSISTANT SEC: GERALD R. LYNN, PM
574 Calendar: Dennis Stahr, JW	CHAPLAIN: RONALD J. DETZER, PM
574 Ladies: Marty Haslim	SENIOR DEACON: JAMES C. WILLIAMS
574 Picnic: John Gamache, PM	JUNIOR DEACON: ROBERT SALINI
Masonic Education: Jim Achenbach, PM	MARSHALL: ROBERT J. SCHEELER
Mas Formtn: Robert Smith, PM	SENIOR STEWARD: RYAN A. BACAOCO
Mason of Year: Robert Smith, PM	JUNIOR STEWARD: MICHAEL T. BRYANT
Mem Retent: Steve Laurvick, SW	ORGANIST: PATRICK C. MEAGHER
Public Schools: Jim Achenbach, PM	TILER: ROBERT SMITH, PM
Shrine Camp: Ron Detzer, PM	OFFICER COACH: ROBERT SMITH, PM
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Trestleboard Editor: "JR" Knight, PM	INSPECTOR 921st MASONIC DISTRICT
Widows: Maebel Hasli	WORSHIPFUL DAVID A. HASLIM, PM

CHAPTER 13 - CONSOLIDATION, DISSOLUTION AND SUSPENSION - 813.010. CONSOLIDATION.

- A. Two or more Lodges, located near each other, may consolidate into one Lodge upon such terms as may be agreed between the Lodges, provided they perform the following in consecutive order:
1. Adoption of a written resolution by each Lodge at a Stated Meeting to the effect that a consolidation is expedient and that a consolidation committee be formed to meet and arrange terms;
 2. Giving of notice in writing of the adoption of this resolution to all members of the Lodge without delay;
 3. Appointment by each Master of a consolidation committee;
 4. Agreement by the respective consolidation committees upon the terms of a consolidation;
 5. Reporting by the consolidation committees of the terms to their respective Lodges, in writing, at a Stated Meeting, and acceptance of the terms by a majority vote of those present; and
 6. Receipt of the signatures of at least three-fourths of the members of each Lodge on a consent form agreeing to the proposed terms of the consolidation. If the Grand Master finds it impracticable for a Lodge to secure the required number of written consents, he may approve the consolidation upon the written consent of not less than a majority of the members of each Lodge. At a Stated Meeting not earlier than the third Stated Meeting after adoption of the first resolution, the Master of each Lodge shall examine the consent forms of the members of his Lodge received to date, and if he finds the required number of valid signatures, he shall declare the consolidation to be approved by his Lodge. If a Master of a Lodge participating in the foregoing proceedings does not find the required number of valid signatures and if the Grand Master has not approved the consolidation as provided in the preceding paragraph, then the consolidation committees shall be dismissed and there shall be no consolidation without starting the foregoing proceedings again.

- B. When all of the foregoing proceedings are com-

pleted resulting in approval of the consolidation, they shall be entered upon the records of the existing Lodges. The written consents and a certificate of the proceedings and action taken by the Lodges must then be certified to the Grand Secretary by the respective Secretaries under the seals of their respective Lodges.

No consolidation shall go into effect until all the relative proceedings have been submitted to and approved by Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master during the intervals between the Annual Communications of Grand Lodge.

- C. A consolidated Lodge may bear:

1. The name and number of one of the Lodges comprising it, in which event it may retain the Charter and seal of that Lodge;
2. The name of one and the number of another of the Lodges;
3. A combination of the names of the Lodges and the number of one of the Lodges; or
4. An entirely new name (not similar to the name of an existing Lodge nor selected to honor a living person) and the number of one of the Lodges. If the consolidated Lodge does not bear the name and number of one of the Lodges comprising it, the consolidated Lodge shall obtain a new seal and shall either receive a new Charter without charge or have an endorsement of the authorization of the consolidation by Grand Lodge made upon the Charter of one of the component Lodges.

- D. The consolidated Lodge succeeds to all the funds and property of its constituents and is responsible for the debts of each Lodge. The pro rata portion of the dues paid in excess of the dues established by the consolidated Lodge shall be either refunded to each such member or, at his discretion, credited as dues paid in advance. The Past Masters and life members of each Lodge become such of the new Lodge.

[Source: Section 20010 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

MASONIC MAGIC

My Brother,

As we were wrapping up after Brother Watson's lecture at the last AE night; Dave asked me if there are really hidden mysteries in the Masonic Ritual, I quickly chuckled and said, "I find it all the time, Brother". But that was not my first thought, my first thought turned to a simple and benign deck of playing cards.

We pick up a deck of pasteboards and deal out hands for various kinds of poker games, canasta, solitaire, old maid... and never think, where did these come from. Now I'm not talking about brother Winzigs plant in Ohio. I'm looking quite a bit farther into the past. You probably already know that a deck is a calendar, but my question is; which came first, the game or the almanac? I say the almanac. It's too pat for it not to be. Pardon the pun.

First you need to understand that the tarot deck started out as just a book of magic. In ancient times magi were killed and their books burned. At some point they realized that if they turn their books into gambling games, their information would be safe. As for a standard deck of cards, I find it impossible to believe that they fit into a calendar perfectly by accident. What do you think?

Lets start with the two colors in a deck matching the two halves of the year; the summer

solstice and winter equinox. Not very convincing. How about the four suits representing the four seasons. I will concede that this might just be a coincidence. But, each suit has thirteen cards the number of weeks in a season. That's a pretty big coincidence. And what about the twelve face cards in a deck. Is it a coincidence that there are twelve months in a year or twelve signs of the zodiac. A deck has fifty two cards, the same as numbers of weeks in a year. Okay, that harder to dismiss. Now add up all the pips or spots in a deck. Like me, you will get three hundred and sixty four add one joker three hundred and sixty five, the number of days in a year. Now add the second joker and you have February twenty ninth. In it's totality, I'm convinced that the almanac came first. If it was otherwise, the odds of every part fitting a calendar are staggering. Lets face it, if any card was dropped a deck couldn't be used as a timetable.

For me it's the same for Masonic ritual, I've found too many hidden nugget's between the lines, to believe that they are just coincidences or my imagination.

Magically & Fraternally
JR Knight, PM
Senior Deacon



All are welcome, but especially those working on their proficiency and in need of or wanting a little extra help.

TRAVELING EA & FC PROGRAM

Calling all Master Masons!

We need your help! Section §804.860 of the California Masonic Code states: An Entered Apprentice may sit in the Lodge in which he has received the degree or degrees when open in a degree taken by him, while he conducts himself with due order and propriety. He may advance after satisfactorily passing a strict examination in a tiled Lodge. He may visit another Lodge working in a degree taken by him, with the con-

sent of the Master of his Lodge and the consent of the Master of the Lodge visited, if accompanied by a Master Mason who has sat with him in a tiled Lodge and vouches for him.

For our "Travelling EA Program to work, we needed Master Masons to accompany our EAs and FCs to other Lodges and Masonic activities. For more information on how you can help, please contact the Master or any Officer of the Lodge.

Thank You.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Your Lodge pays for dinners we reserve and do not use due to lack of information regarding your planned attendance at Stated Meeting Dinners. PLEASE, if you are on the dinner reservation list and cannot attend dinner, let me know at least the Friday prior to Stated Meeting so I can adjust the quantity of meals we need. Likewise, if

you are not on the reserved list, call and let me know you are coming so we have enough meals ordered. Check with our Bro. Treasurer Jim Achenbach, PM to learn if you are on the reserve list.

Fraternally,
John S. Gamache,
PM, Secretary



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OCTOBER EVENTS

- 5 Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30pm
- 5 Stated Meeting 7:30pm
- 11 . . . Columbus Day
- 12 . . . Officers Practice 7:30pm
- 19 . . . Officers Practice 7:30pm
- 26 . . . Officers Practice 7:30pm
- 31 . . . Halloween

NOTICE

For those Brethren working on their EA, FC or MM proficiencies, be aware that the Lodge library is open and manned on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

BROTHERS, DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR 2010 DUES