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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

3	GM Reception; Mason of Year (Bob Salini)	6:00pm
6	Stated Meeting & Dinner	6:30pm
13	Officers Practice, FC Degree	7:00pm
14	Masonic Information Night	
20	Fellowcraft Degree	7:00pm
21	SR Clinic Spaghetti Dinner, SRC	5:30pm
27	Hiram Award Clint Black, PM	6:30pm

FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Greetings Brethren.

I hope everyone took the time for rest and refreshment last month and is ready to get back into the swing of things as September and October calendars are filling up.

Saturday, Sept. 3 we welcome GM William Bray and his lady Linda, along with all of the Blue Lodges and any Mason of the Year recipients to a Reception at SRC. Come and support Div IX, your Lodge and our own Mason of the Year, Jr. Deacon Bob Salini. If you have not purchased your tickets in advance, you may still do so. Call myself or the Lodge office for details. Our Stated Mtg. falls on Sept. 6. If you haven’t made dinner reservations, call our Bro. Secretary.

EA Mark Bacaoco and FC Tex Perry have demonstrated their respective proficiencies. Mark will receive his FC Degree on Sept. 20 and Tex will be our MM Candidate at our Past Master’s Night in October.

If you have a prospective candidate the perfect opportunity to introduce him to Freemasonry comes on Sept. 14, when the Scottish Rite puts on its annual Masonic Information Night. A very nice dinner precedes the informative and entertaining presentation.

The ladies of prospective candidates are welcome as well. If you bring a candidate, your dinner is free also, as long as you call the SR office for reservations in advance.

Don’t forget the spaghetti dinner at SR on Sept. 21, headed up by our own J. Achenbach, PM.

I’ve saved the best for last. We will present the Hiram Award to PM Clint Black on Sept. 27, dinner at 6:30 and program starting at 7:15. Call the Lodge office for reservations. Clint requests you don your western duds for his big night. The Hiram Award is the highest honor that can be conferred on a Mason.

Fraternally, Steve Laurvick, WM

FROM THE PILLAR OF STRENGTH

Brethren and Ladies;
Wisdom, Strength and Beauty

Triads are groups of three ideas or objects. Triads appear in nature, politics and religion. To early man, the cosmos consisted of the sun, the moon and the stars. He called the natural elements earth, wind and fire. He knew he lived in a three dimensional world. In politics, the U S Constitution established three branches of government: legislative, executive and judicial.

Rhetoric is similarly infused with triads. Expert rhetoricians reveal much about the persuasive power of words and ideas. We remember the three things that abide: which are faith, hope and charity. From the French Revolution: equality, liberty and fraternity – a triad. Providing citizens with equality and liberty produces the ideal of fraternity.

Triads appear in many ancient systems of thought. In numerology, triads are seen as the combination of odd (1) and even (2) that sums to three. Three becomes a symbol of perfection in many ancient and mystic philosophies. Threes also appear very early in geography and in geometry. We can find any location on a plane by reference to three points.

Triads are also prominently employed in Lodges and Masonic writings. Threes appear prominently in the second degree where Fellowcrafts are reminded of the three degrees of Masonry and the three principal officers of the Lodge. We learn that a Lodge is not singular. A lodge is not dual. It is plural with a minimum of three.

Similarly, displaying of the three Greater Lights and the three lesser lights are central rituals for the opening and closing of the Lodge. As the furniture of the Lodge, they separately are symbols with meanings and lessons, but the fact that they are grouped into threes is not accidental.

The three pillars are named Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. They are said to help make Masons better men. Naturally, we could have added other virtues to the list: patience, fortitude, or peace making, but the fact that there is but three draws your attention. The three Greater Lights parallel the three lesser lights and the three grand principles of Masonry are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

The three degrees emphasize three stages of life. Our youth and adolescence are emphasized in our training as Entered Apprentices; our manhood and useful work are keys to the Fellowcraft degree; and contemplating our own mortality is vividly illustrated in the Master Mason degree.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Dennis Stahr, SW

2011 COMMITTEES

Audit	Dennis Stahr, SW
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Masonic Formtn	Robert Smith, PM
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Member Retent.....	Clint Black, PM
Public Schools.....	James Achenbach, PM
Shrine Camp.....	Clint Black, PM
Social Media	Jim Williams
Trestleboard	Dick Covert, PM
Website Master.....	Dennis Stahr
GL Committeeman:	Norm Hale, PM (Emeritus) Widows

FAREWELLS

Margaret Jones sister and brother-in-law (Jan and Lou List) spent most of July in San Diego helping Margaret pack up and move to the Pittsburgh area with them. Clint Black, PM spearheaded an effort to get a handful of brothers and their ladies to help in conducting a big garage sale. The event was a success and Margaret had some traveling money. Margaret, we will miss you. Stay in touch and let us know how you are doing.

Sometime in mid September our Senior Deacon Jim Williams will be leaving us to rejoin his family in Washington. Jim has been an energetic and dedicated officer in the S. W. Hackett line this year and we will sorely miss him. A big thanks is in order both for all the assistance he has given to the Lodge, to our newest members, and for the sacrifice he and his family has made for our country.

Brother Williams we salute you and wish you all the best in your travels.

GRAND MASTER RECEPTION

MASON OF THE YEAR

The Grand Master of Masons in California will be hosted at a reception September 3 (Saturday) at the San Diego Scottish Rite Memorial Center. GM William Bray and his lady Linda will be hosted by San Diego/Imperial County Past Masters Association. Reservations for dinner are required and may be had by mailing a check for \$30.00 each to Wor. Marv Ens at 600 Front Street #444, San Diego, CA 92101. Time is very short and this message may not get to you in time, if so, I apologize.

This event is held in conjunction with The Mason of The Year for Lodge selectees in San Diego and Imperial Counties. S. W. Hackett Mason of The Year is Bob Salini. Be sure to come out and support our Grand Master and Bob as well as all the selected Masons of the Year.

FREEMASONRY AND THE BIRTH OF MODERN SCIENCE

At the time of its formation, the Royal Society embodied a new philosophy and a new scientific attitude; and its prompt recognition by the restored monarchy of King Charles II, which gave it its Royal Charter in 1662, showed a new attitude on the part of the monarchy. For not only was the patronage of scientific research by the Stuart monarchy something new in itself; it was also, in this instance, politically surprising. H. R. Trevor-Roper

This Royal Charter, granted by King Charles II, established the beginning of formal scientific research and peer review of its results. The original members of the Royal Society were: The Right Reverend John Wilkins; Viscount William Brouncker; The Right Honourable Robert Boyle; Alexander Bruce, Earl of Kincardine; Sir Robert Moray; Sir Paul Neile; Dr. Jonathan Goddard; Dr. William Petty; Mr. William Ball; Mr. Laurence Rooke; Sir Christopher Wren; and Mr. Abraham Hill.

From these twelve men sprang the foundation for peer reviewed scientific research. Many of these men were members of the *Invisible College*, thought to be a significant forerunner to Freemasonry. Many of these men, and those future members of the Royal Society who followed, became Freemasons.

The book *Freemasonry and the Birth of Modern Science*, Bro. Robert Lomas, goes on to detail the rise of modern scientific research, and the involvement of prominent Freemasons. I recommend it highly. Dick Covert, PM

SEPTEMBER STATED MEETING DINNER MENU

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

STATED DINNER DETAILS

If you are on the standing reservations list be sure to inform our Bro. Secretary if you are not able to attend Stated Meeting dinner at least the Friday prior to Stated meeting. Likewise, if you are not on the standing list, let the Secretary know you will be attending dinner. Dinner cost is \$15.00 each. Our Bro. Secretary can be reached at 619-295-4420.

THE YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY

The component parts of the American York Rite are: The Symbolic (Blue) Lodges, the Chapters of the Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, and the Commanderies of Knights Templar.

The Degrees conferred in the Royal Arch Chapter are: Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Degree. The Anointed Order of High Priesthood is conferred on individuals who have been selected to preside over their Royal Arch Chapter.

Upon receiving the Royal Arch Degree one becomes eligible to join in Cryptic Masonry. The Degrees conferred in the Council of Royal and Select Masters (Cryptic Masonry) are Royal Master, Select Master and Super Excellent Master. Many Grand Councils confer the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree upon the Illustrious Masters of constituent Councils after they have been installed in that office.

Upon receiving the Royal Arch and Council Degrees one becomes eligible to join in the Commandery of Knights Templar. The Orders conferred by the Commandery are the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, the Order of Malta and the Order of the Temple. The Order of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests is an invitational organization with membership limitations. Members are selected on the basis of outstanding performance as a Commander of a Commandery of Knights Templar.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept 3 Ryan Bacaoco
Adam Evans
Steven Laurvick, WM

Sept 4 Joseph Rittgarn

Sept 10 John Gamache, PM

Sept 12 Douglas Campbell

Sept 15 Mark Ingersoll, PM

Sept 16 Robert Carsten, PM
William Smith, PM

Sept 17 Peter Milovich

Sept 20 Theodore Ketterer, PM

Sept 22 James Garrett
Wayne Jackson

Sept 24 Milton Humphrey

Sept 30 Alan Jordan

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

58 years Elbert A. Williams, MM 9-24-53

33 years James F. Sprague, MM 9-14-78

Clarence W. Seyfferth III, MM 9-19-78