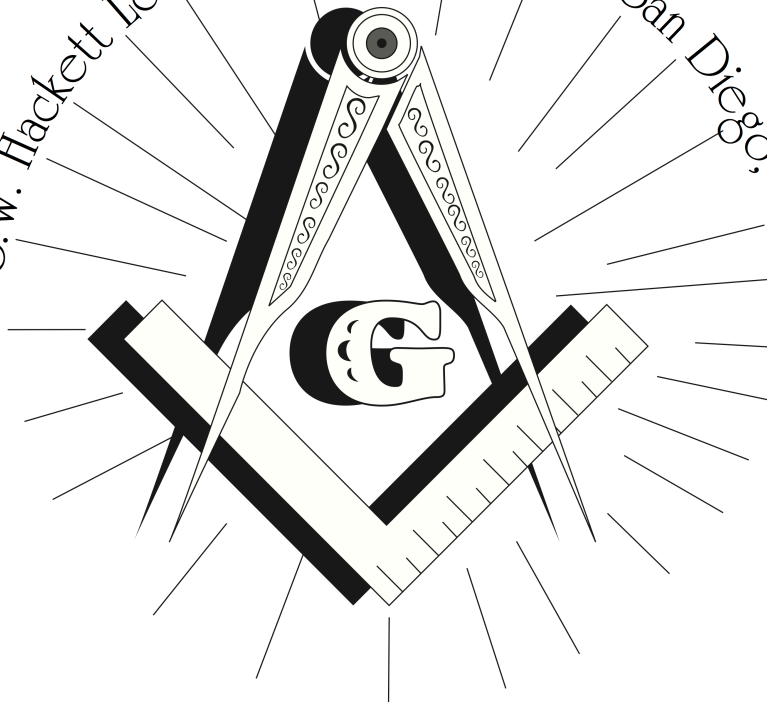


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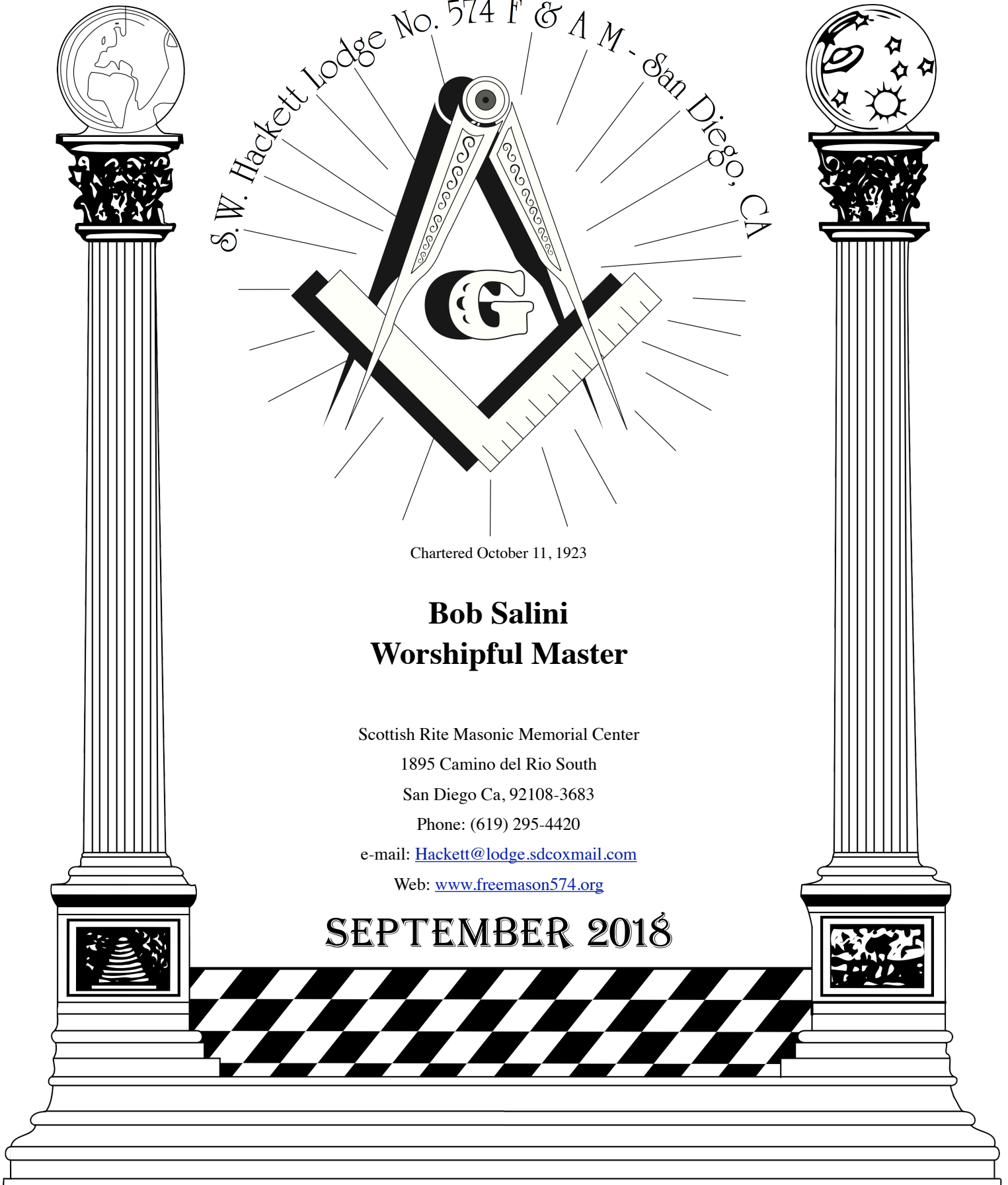
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FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Brethren & Ladies,

September is here, and I sincerely hope we've all enjoyed another active summer in San Diego. As I retired this year, I've been going to the beach and Norma and I just returned from Guadalupe Valley, where her Winery had its annual Vendimia, or harvest festival. It's a grand event, with maybe 2,000 attendee's, complete with Bull Fight's and Musicians, food and wine. What fun it was. Here at Hackett, we had our August Meeting, and read Mr. Joe Jordans application. Speaking with Tom Achenbach, he may be ready to present his proficiency, and schedule his second degree soon. Lets see what happens. Also, many of us have reserved dinner at the Mason of the Year /Grand Masters reception event, and I hope all that wanted to go did make



reservations. We do need to be thinking about reservations for this year's Grand Lodge Communication, as it is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for September 29th, as Norma and I will host a Hackett BBQ at our home in Serra Mesa. This will be a Saturday event, and the time is 12 noon. Bring a dish and let's have some fun.

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,
Bro. Bob Salini

more often. One of our biggest challenges has been filling the pedestal offices. For the last few years we've had Bros need to leave either on deployment or move out of the area just as they were moving up. We've found ourselves

struggling every year to fill the line, especially in the higher chairs. To say I'm concerned, well many of us regulars are. Sometimes it really feels like we're slipping away. I know we'll pull it together and

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2018 OFFICERS

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| Secretary | Dimiter Lyakov, PM |
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| 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, 921st. Masonic District: | Richard W. Bullard, PM |

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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| 4 | Stated Dinner/Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| 11 | Qualifying / Proficiencies | Starting at 4:30 pm |
| 18 | Masonic Education | 6:30 pm |
| 25 | Qualifying / Proficiencies | Starting at 4:30 pm |
| 29 | Hackett BBQ | Noon |

FROM THE PILLAR OF STRENGTH

My Brother,

Like many lodges these days SWH is having issues with participation. Don't get me wrong, we are still the best lodge, but even the best can have a dry spell. I think it might be time to take a good hard look at



what we'll need to do to entice bros to find their way to lodge. Make no mistake, many of our bros are in the military and have been deployed. For those of us that are in town, I would love to know what we need do to get you to join us

SEP 4th STATED MEETING DINNER

Fruit Salad
Teriyaki Chicken & Kahlua Pork
Hawaiian Rice
Oriental Stir Fry
Chocolate Cream Pie

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.

Strength Continued

I'm sure it will be soon but walking into an empty room is very disappointing to say the least. Especially as hard as we work to keep our lodge going. If you have any suggestions how we can increase our attendance please contact me anytime.

S.W.H. Lecture Series

On Sept. 18, Brother Lowell Mercer will be giving his lecture "Memory, Consciousness, and Physics". This will be a

multi part presentation and part 2 will be on Nov. 20. This lecture will be open to all. We will start at 6:30 and go till about 8:30. The Oct. 16 lecture will be presented by me and the subject will be on the hypnotic nature of the masonic ritual. My lecture will be open to Master Masons only.

We look forward to spending time with you on Tuesdays.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
JR Knight, PM
Senior Warden

Masonic Traditions in Our Past and Our Future

(Part II of III) by Paul M. Bessel (Taken in part)

Political, or Involvement in Society

A fourth tradition can be described as political, but in the best sense of the word. Even today, we proudly say that Freemasonry has always supported democracy, freedom, and individual rights. You will often hear some Masons say the reason Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, Franco, and Khomeini opposed Freemasonry is because they realized that our philosophy was opposed to all tyranny and that we would always fight for the rights of the people.

Is there evidence to support these statements? Ironically, while most Freemasons talk proudly of our support of democracy and freedom, the same ones argue most strongly that Freemasonry must not be involved in politics in any form. This is not talking about whether

anyone should vote for a certain person for President, but even such things as whether we should support freedom of speech and thought. It is easy for anyone to say he supports freedom of speech, but what does that mean? Freedom to say what we like to hear, freedom to say what the majority are willing to tolerate, or freedom to say anything, even to express thoughts that almost everyone hates? And what about the freedom of each person to express dislike of American policies, or even America itself, or the freedom of each Mason to express opposition to a Grand Master? Do Masons support that, or do we make it a Masonic offense? Do most Masons really support the freedom of each person to be different from the majority?

This idea of Masonry's role being to uplift society, and support democracy

MASONIC TRIVIA

In 1954 Martin's Station Lodge No. 188 of Virginia was opened 952 feet below the surface of Cumberland Mountain in Cudjo's Cave, which lies between Cumberland Gap, Tennessee and Middleboro, Kentucky. 345 Masons were present and a MM degree was conferred.

In Fascist Spain under Franco, it was a crime to be a Freemason. Masons convicted had to serve prison terms equal in years to the number of Masonic degrees possessed. Master Mason = 3 years.

Chicago, Illinois has three American Legion Posts whose memberships are entirely Masonic.

2018 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

- Audit "JR" Knight, PM
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- Charity Robert Salini, WM
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- Delinquent Dues Dennis Stahr, PM
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- Masonic Education Jim Achenbach, PM
- Calif. Annual Fund Robert Salini, PM
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- Masonic Outreach
- Trestleboard "JR" Knight, PM
- Website Dennis Stahr, PM

EDITOR'S CONTINUAL REQUEST

We have been able to get our mailing costs down by using email for the delivery of the Trestleboard. That said; we would like to get to more of an email delivery to save the lodge even more money. This would be so helpful. Therefore....

If you have a working email address, please help your lodge save money by informing us so that we can begin emailing your Trestleboard and saving the postage. You can email me at: MagicalMason574@gmail.com and/or Wor. Dimiter, our Secretary, at: Hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com.

and freedom, is not such a radical concept. In the early 1900s it appears to have been a dominant concept in American Freemasonry. Mainstream Masonic writers spoke about Freemasonry working for the good of society, bringing men of all races, religions, and backgrounds together and promoting world peace.

Roscoe Pound in the early 1900s said Masonry's goal is to insist on the universality of mankind and the transmission of a tradition of human solidarity. Joseph Fort Newton said Freemasonry is a form of public service and public mindedness, pointing out that we have a social duty to help our neighbors by work in our communities, to promote democracy by education for all, and to unite people in common service for mankind. H.L. Haywood said the great teachings of

Freemasonry are equality - the right of all people to use our own minds and abilities, liberty - the unhindered exercise of our nature and mind, and democracy - the right of people to govern themselves even if they sometimes make mistakes. We should improve the human condition through education, and use Freemasonry to help the human family live happily together. Should we look to this as a valid Masonic tradition now, and in the future?

Friendliness - Social and Charitable Activities

The fifth and final Masonic tradition to discuss can be called friendliness. It can be described as the idea that Masons help each other, especially brethren who are in need, and that we

enjoy each other's' company.

Most Masons probably look to our organization primarily as a place to meet friends. This is fine, but I sometimes ask such Masons why, if this is the case, do we open and close our meetings with ritual, and have degree work. If our goal is simply to meet with friends, we should just open our meeting, talk about who is ill and needs help, plan picnics and such, and then have refreshment together. I am not trying to be negative about this, for I fully realize how important these activities are to Free-masonry.

And we must remember that this tradition of friendliness, among ourselves and toward others, leads directly to what

Europeans see as the best thing about American Freemasonry -- our charity work. Masonic leaders often boast that we give more than \$2,000,000 each day to charity, and that we have blood drives, support lots of charities, and help to prevent drug abuse. But again, if this is what Freemasonry is all about, why do we have ritual and Masonic education?

What does this tell us for the future of Freemasonry? Do we think lots of men will join Masonic lodges if we say this is a place where you can find new friends, good friends, and also work for charity? The answer may be "yes," but if this is the primary purpose of Masonry, we have to consider the fact that there are other organizations that appear to be better at this function than us.

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

Raised

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| James Sprague | | 9/14/1978 | .. | 39 |
| Clarence Seyfferth | | 9/19/1978 | .. | 39 |
| George Arnell | | 9/22/1981 | .. | 36 |
| Gary Jones | ..... | 9/9/1999 | .. | 18 |
| Steven Laurvick | ..... | 9/23/2003 | .. | 14 |
| Anthony Samaye | ..... | 9/30/2004 | .. | 13 |
| Richard Derflinger | ..... | 9/18/2012 | ... | 5 |
| Scottie McLain | ..... | 9/25/2012 | ... | 5 |
| Jason Bockerman | ..... | 9/24/2013 | ... | 4 |
| Augustus Phiasivongsa | ... | 9/15/2015 | ... | 2 |
| Nicholas Baker | | 9/22/2015 | ... | 2 |

September Birthdays

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| 2 | | Richard Derflinger |
| 2 | | Buford Lane |
| 4 | | Patrick Meagher |
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| 10 | | John Gamache |
| 11 | | John Manson |
| 12 | | Douglas Campbell |
| 16 | | Robert Carsten |
| 16 | | William Smith |
| 17 | ..... | Peter Milovich |
| 22 | ..... | James Garrett |
| 22 | ..... | Mark Ingersoll |
| 30 | ..... | Alan Jordan |