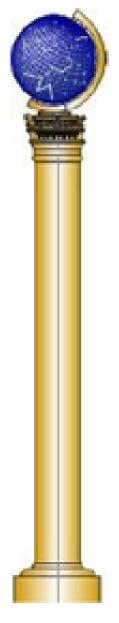
# TRESTLEBOARD



## 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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## **SEPTEMBER 2020**





# **FROM THE EAST** WM Norman C. Parker

To our Masonic Families,

I hope this letter finds each and every one of you and your families doing well and in good health.

It's now September and after another month of prohibiting any Masonic gatherings, the Lodge home located in the San Diego Scottish Rite Masonic Center will remain closed for the month of August or until a time it is allowed to reopen by the powers that be, namely, the state, county, and local governments. In addition, our Grand Master has emphasized that his directive from last March, prohibiting any Masonic gatherings of any kind in California, remains in effect until further notice from him. The stay-at-home orders from the Government and Health organizations are still in full effect as well for the time being.

As this pandemic situation continues, our Lodge Officers are persistent to function at best during modified operations by meeting all of our Lodge obligations, including the submittal of required Grand Lodge reports. The Grand Lodge Per Capita is soon forthcoming for all its members. I am pleased to inform you that our Lodge is financially in good shape and will meet its per capita obligations due to the Grand Lodge in the latter part of this year.

I find the need to share with you a very important update on the well-being of one of our Worshipful Brothers, Bill Karbosky, Past Master of Samuel Warren Hackett in 1978. The following report was received: Worshipful Bill has been ill for a while and has now been relocated to a new hospice care facility in Poway. It is reported that he is not eating well and is weakening but has family visit him. While Worshipful Brother Bill Karbosky demitted from S. W. Hackett Lodge some years ago and joined Consuelo Lodge in Escondido, he has always supported this Lodge and attended many of our different functions. A very Good guy, committed and devoted to our fraternal mission! Please remember our Worshipful Brother Bill Karbosky and his family in your prayers.

For your perusal and reference, I have posted communique received from the Grand Lodge and our 921<sup>st</sup> Masonic District Inspector, Worshipful Brother Dick Bullard, in the Special Announcements section. If you have any concerns or questions relating to our Lodge or said communique, please send your message via the Lodge website email address so we can best assist you with your query.

I would also like to wish everyone this September a Happy Labor Day holiday!

Until we see each other again, continue to watch out for one another, read the monthly bulletin or visit our website for the latest news.

Stay safe, stay well, and know your families are always in our prayers.

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

### SEPTEMBER EVENTS

#### Subject to change

- 01 Stated Dinner/Meeting/ 6:30 pm
- 08 Practice of Officer Qualifications 5:30 pm
- 15 Practice of Officer Qualifications 5:30 pm
- 22 Practice of Officer Qualifications 5:30 pm
- 28 OSI / Open Topic 6:00 pm SW Hackett (Host)
- 29 Practice of Officer Qualifications 5:30 pm

### OCTOBER EVENTS

#### Subject to change

06	Stated Dinner/Meeting/	6:30 pm
13	Practice of Officer Qualifications	5:30 pm
20	Practice of Officer Qualifications	5:30 pm
26	OSI/Election Pro. Flag Escort	6:00 pm
27	Practice of Officer Qualifications	5:30 pm

#### SEPTEMBER 1 STATED MEETING DINNER

- Subject to change -

spring Mix with Strawberries Salad Beef Stroganoff Chicken Parmesan Herbed Butter Noodles Grilled Mix Vegetables Breadsticks Lemon Cake

Dinner cost is \$15 per person. Make your lodge reservations with the Lodge Secretary **on Monday, August 25th** (if the SRC is open)

> at 619-295-4420 or email to: <u>hackettlodge@gmail.com</u>

## 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 <u>hackettlodge@gmail.com</u>

### FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

- Reminder to use our main email address: <u>hackettlodge@gmail.com</u>
- 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 15 members who are not in good standing.

#### Be a supporter of your great Lodge!

Fraternally, Dimiter Lyakov, PM

### ECHOES FROM THE PAST

Name	Date Raised	No. of Years
Clarence W. Seyfferth III	9/19/1978	42
George D. Arnell	9/22/1981	39
Steven E. Lauvick (PM)	9/23/2003	17
Jason P. Bockerman	9/24/2013	7
Nicholas Robert Baker	9/22/2015	5
Augustus P. Phiasivongsa	9/15/2015	5



### 2020 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Audit Audit Audit **Budget & Finance** Charity Charity Member Retention Delinquent Dues Funeral Honored Ladies Life Membership Life Membership Masonic Education Calif. Annual Fund Public Schools Entertainment Sunshine & Visit Masonic Outreach Trestleboard Website

Nicholas Baker Robert Scheeler Benjamin Pulido Robert Scheeler Chris Parker, WM Nicholas Baker David Casper David Casper David Haslim, PM Maebelle Haslim Joseph Jordan David Casper Jim Achenbach, PM Robert Salini, PM Jim Achenbach, PM Benjamin Pulido Jeremy Weber Chris Parker, WM Chris Parker, WM Dennis Stahr, PM

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Buford E. Lane
4	Patrick C. Meagher
10	John S. Gamache (PM)
12	Douglas R. Campbell
16	Robert A. Carsten (PM)
17	Peter G. Milovich

22 Mark Thomas Ingersoll



Ladies' Corner

#### Dearest Ladies,

With the recent developments of the pandemic situation we are faced with, we continue to limit our activities to only those considered essential. While I have mixed emotions on how we are having to live each day, I remain hopeful that we will see each other again sometime soon and continue with our projects.

Speaking of projects, Lady Ingrid Stahr continues to work on her lovely bracelets, including her new designs. These are definitely wonderful for personal use and/or as gifts to someone special and our loved ones for birthdays or for the upcoming holidays. Of worthy note is each penny of your purchase will go to our "Ladies Fund." This fund will be used when we have someone in our Lodge who is in need, or perhaps as a donation to the Grand Master for his projects in the name of S. W. Hackett Ladies.

#### Please contact Lady Ingrid at cell # (858) 208-8899

for additional information, photos, and how-to-order details.

Just in case... below is our table decorations schedule for the remainder of the year, subject to change.

October Judy Black November Finesse Parker December from Nov. activity	October	Judy Black	November	Finesse Parker	December	from Nov. activity
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If you have any stories or projects to share, or suggestions on what we can feasibly do as a group during this pandemic before we are able to go back to our Lodge, please text me at (858) 699-4211. We'd love to hear from you!

Take care always. 🎔

Sincerely, Finesse



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GRAND MASTER JOHN E. TRAUNER

#### Brethren,

The 2019-2020 Masonic year has been drastically different than all of us expected. Through this pandemic we have had to experience Freemasonry from a distance, learn to connect with our brothers digitally, and lead through an unprecedented time in our lives. And yet, our Masonic fellowship has not been stronger – we have made new ways of working our norm, shown recordbreaking generosity, and I would argue, flexed our Masonic muscle more than in normal years.

In light of this ongoing pandemic and the related restrictions, I am announcing that our 2020 Annual Communication will be a virtual event, taking place on the same weekend in October as was originally planned. We hope you will all make time to join us for a first-class virtual event that allows us to do the important business of our grand lodge, recognize the good work California Masons have accomplished this year, and transition our leadership, all while following laws and practices to keep our members healthy.

To facilitate a virtual Annual Communication, I will make at least two Grand Master's Decisions, which I will publish in due time. Due to the virtual nature of the event, we will open Grand Lodge without any Masonic Communication or other ritual -- the Grand Master may simply verify the presence of a quorum, declare the Annual Communication open and proceed with the Saturday agenda below. We will keep our business to a minimum. All legislation submitted this year will be considered at the 2021 Annual Communication.

We will require advance registration for our business sessions, and we hope to see California Master Masons from far and wide attend. Many of the usual reports and presentations will be available as videos on demand. As in the past, the Sunday session will be open to our entire Masonic Family and the public.

Details on how to participate will follow, with registration beginning in the second week of September. Please read the agenda below and join me and my fellow officers in October.

#### Continued on next page:

## virtual Annual Communication

Annual Communication October 10-11, 2020

Saturday, October 10, 2020

Business session 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Welcome by the Grand Master Invocation by the Grand Chaplain Registration report and orientation to technology Grand Master's Message and Video Trial Review Committee Report 2020-2021 Budget Proposal 2021-2022 Per Capita Proposal Election of Officers Benediction Adjournment

Sunday October 11, 2020

Public ceremonies 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

Welcome Invocation Grand Master's Youth Support Award Grand Master's Mason of the Year Award Grand Master's Lifetime Achievement Award Farewell remarks

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM

Break

Installation of Officers 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Grand Lodge Officer Installation Grand Master's Message Benediction Adjournment

Please know that the Grand Lodge is considering how lodges might proceed this year as well. While this announcement is bittersweet for me personally, I look forward to seeing you all online, and to when we can meet in person again.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John E. Trauner Grand Master Grand Lodge of F&AM of California

### Grand Lodge in regards to Per Capita assessments

#### Worshipful Sir:

I am forwarding an email from Grand Lodge in regards to Per Capita assessments for each Lodge in the 921. Please contact me as soon as possible if you have questions appertaining to this email.

Hope you and your Lodge members are well. Richard W. Bullard Inspector District 921 district921@division9freemason.org

Below please find the draft annual per capita assessment for lodges in your district, which takes into account all remissions and additions to your lodge as of June 30, 2020. The grand master extended the period for the lodge to consider suspension of brothers for non-payment of dues until September 13, 2020. If a lodge does not intend to suspend any members, it may pay this bill at this time. Dist. ID: 921

Lodge Name and No.	Amount

S.W. Hackett No.574 \$4823.00

If a lodge intends to suspend members for non-payment of dues, a final bill will be sent on September 14, 2020, reflecting the final membership numbers. Please note that suspensions of a Mason for non-payment of dues must take place at a stated meeting.

The California Masonic Code authorizes the lodge to pay the amount owed to the grand lodge without any vote or approval of the lodge. An itemized copy of the per capita assessment has been sent to the master, secretary, assistant secretary (if applicable), treasurer of each lodge in your district.

If a lodge is experiencing financial troubles due to COVID-19, and does not believe that it will be able to pay its annual per capita assessment, please contact the grand secretary at acasalou@freemason.org.

The final per capita payment from your lodge is due by October 1, 2020.

Sincerely,

Member Services Department

Grand Lodge of California

## **Officer's Qualifying**

Worshipful Sirs,

As we move into the Season of Officer Progression, Elections and Installations I would like to make sure that each Lodge is working in a similar fashion.

While the COVID -19 lock down continues to restrict us gathering in person, the method for officer qualification has NOT changed. The Appointed Officer Coach, that the Inspector appointed, remains the sole person that verifies the qualifying candidate has the Ritual for his office memorized and ready to be "qualified" by the District Inspector. Once the Officer Coach is satisfied with the candidates ability to deliver the ritual to the Inspector, the Inspector needs to be contacted to set up a meeting. Again, this is the NORMAL Procedure. What Has changed is that we cannot meet at the Scottish Rite in our own Lodge Rooms due to the State Imposed restrictions.

The Grand Master has stated there is no reason a one on one meeting cannot be achieved in some one's home or suitable place to allow a qualification to be completed.

1. Officer's Coach and the candidate must meet in person in a proper place. i.e. at a home etc. to be coached and readied to meet with the Inspector

2. Then the Officer's Coach or the candidate can contact the Inspector to arrange a time and place to meet.

3. Electronic meeting methods ARE NOT allowed for RITUAL Qualification.

#### Elections:

Nothing has been promulgated to date concerning Election of Officers. I would expect to see something soon from the Grand Master.

#### Installations:

Nothing has been promulgated yet concerning Installations. As you are all aware, the Lodge MUST be Opened Prior to Installation on that day, then called to refreshment. The Installation is an open ceremony as NO Ritual is included in that Ceremony. Once Installation is completed, the Lodge must be properly Closed. I imagine the Grand Master will also provide us a method soon.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Fraternally,

Richard W. Bullard Inspector District 921 district921@division9freemason.org 619-993-4840

# Brethren, We have 3 options available 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 <u>hackettlodge@gmail.com</u>
• Pay \$125 (\$118 plus Transaction Fee)

### §809.320. LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

A Lodge may adopt a standing resolution providing for a life membership plan, which shall forever exempt a member making the required payment into the plan from the payment of dues in the Lodge. The resolution may be adopted, amended or revoked at any Stated Meeting by a majority vote of the members present. Any such action must be presented, in writing, at a preceding Stated Meeting and written notice must be given to each Lodge member setting forth the text of the proposed action and the date of the Stated Meeting at which the vote is to be taken. The plan must provide that a life membership shall be granted upon payment of:

A. A sum of money which is equal to or greater than 22 times the Lodge's annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership; or

B. A sum of money equal to the Lodge's annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership multiplied by the factor indicated opposite the member's age in the following schedule:

Age 49 and under, a factor equal to or greater than 24 times annual dues;

50 to 54 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 20 times annual dues;

55 to 59 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 18 times annual dues;

60 to 64 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 16 times annual dues;

65 to 71 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 14 times annual dues; and

Age 72 and over, a factor equal to or greater than 12 times annual dues.

The resolution shall take effect only upon its approval by the Grand Master.

The Secretary shall send to each life member at his last known address, annually, a Life Membership Dues Card for the next calendar year.

A life membership is an executed contract. A life member has no interest in the Lodge's Life Membership Fund, except in the case of a rescission of his life membership with his consent and the consent of the Lodge or as elsewhere provided in this Code.

Upon the rescission of a life membership with the consent of the Lodge and the life member, the life member shall be paid an amount in cash equal to the lesser of the original sum of money paid to purchase his life membership or his share of the fair market value of the Life Membership Fund at the time of the rescission, as determined by the Grand Treasurer. In making this determination, the Grand Treasurer shall compute the interest of each living life member in the Lodge's Life Membership Fund at the and the interest of the Lodge in it, on a just and equitable basis.

The Grand Secretary shall provide the form of contract to be used by the Lodge when a life membership is purchased (other than as a memorial). Such contract must be signed by the member for whom the life membership is being purchased, the Lodge Master and the Lodge Secretary, affixed with the seal of the Lodge. The original shall be kept as part of the member's permanent membership record. A copy of the signed contract shall be provided to the member.

A life member who has been suspended or expelled and who shall thereafter become restored or elected to membership in a Lodge in which a life membership was once held shall also be restored as a life member of that Lodge.

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

<u>September 2020 Holiday</u> <u>Observances</u>

September 7<sup>th</sup>: Labor Day

