



S.W. Hackett Lodge# 574 F&AM

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FROM THE EAST

Greetings from the East Brethren,

Our Stated Meeting this month is on the first day of November, the day after Halloween. Attire is to be business suit for Officers please. Daylight savings time ends on Sunday the 6th, Election Day is Tuesday the 8th and Veterans Day is Friday of that same week, on the 11th. Thanksgiving falls on the 24th this year.

Looking back to October, during our Stated Meeting, Budget & Finance Committee Chairman Bro. Bob Scheeler gave a thorough explanation of the Lodge actions taken since the unfortunate mortal departure of our previous financial adviser, and friend, Marty Estrada. In short form, we have retained the services of Donalee Gonzales, CFP, who will introduce herself to the Lodge at the November Stated Meeting.

Bro. Horatio Johnson gave his EA proficiency at the October Stated Meeting, and was advanced to the Second Degree of Masonry on October 18th. We elected candidate Anthony Riordan to receive the Degrees of Masonry in our Lodge, and his first Degree is scheduled for November 15th.

On the 24th of October are performing the "Presentation of the Flag" and "Officers Election" rituals for the 921st & 909th Masonic District Officers School of Instruction. A fond thank you is in order to outgoing inspector Wor. Bill Stokes PM, who has been a friend to our Lodge during his time as the District 921st Inspector.

On the 28th, 29th & 30th of October, many Brethren from our Lodge will be in attendance at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of California, when our own David Haslim PM will be appointed Grand Senior Deacon of California.

Looking forward to November, you will find the announcement for election of 2017 Lodge Officers within this issue of the Trestleboard. We will have a First Degree on the 15th and Bro. Dave Watson will present an Esoteric Lecture of his latest work on the 29th.

Stay safe and best wishes to all.

John F. Fitch, Master

2016 OFFICERS

Master	John Fitch
Sr. Warden	Charles Caskey
Jr. Warden	Ben Bridges
Treasurer.....	David Casper
Secretary.....	Dimiter Lyakov, PM
Chaplain	Steven Laurvick, PM
Sr. Deacon	Robert Salini, PM
Jr. Deacon.....	Robert Gale
Marshall.....	Robert Scheeler
Sr. Steward	Nicholas Baker
Jr. Steward	Phiny Phiasivongsa
Tiler	Jim Achenbach, PM
Officer's Coach:	Dennis Stahr, PM
Inspector, 921 st . Masonic District:	Richard W. Bullard, PM

NOVEMBER EVENTS

1 Stated Dinner/Meeting/Election of Officers	6:30 pm
8 First degree practice	6:30 pm
15 First degree	6:30 pm
22 Proficiency and Qualifying work	6:30 pm
29 Masonic Education - David Watson	6:30 pm

NOVEMBER STATED DINNER MENU

Green bean casserole
Oven roast turkey - Stuffing
Honey baked ham
Mashed potatoes - Gravy
Pumpkin pie & whipped cream

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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2017 MASONIC YEAR

At our November Stated Meeting on Tuesday November 1st, we will hold the annual election of officers to serve SW Hackett Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year. Although all Masons are encouraged to attend the Stated Meeting and the election, the Brethren are reminded that they must be a Master Mason of SW Hackett Lodge, in good standing (current with 2016 dues) to vote in the election of officers.



FROM THE WEST

Brethren and Ladies:

It is with true regret that I must announce that I have requested not to be nominated for election to serve as Master of SW Hackett Lodge for 2017. This is the best lodge, and I have, of course, worked, learned and studied very hard to advance through the officer's chairs to the position of Master. I looked forward to it also because I want to follow in my father's footsteps as he was the Master of Martin Mc Clanahan Masonic Lodge #384, in Bossier, Louisiana in 2012. But, that goal is not lost, just a bit delayed.

Although I believed that I would be in San Diego for the major part of 2017, the Navy has other plans. As this is being written, I am not sure I will even be in San Diego for long. The ship, and its crew, will be heading for dry-dock for several months for repairs and it appears that it will be anywhere but here. Then in February of next year, I will be informed of my next duty station. It could be San Diego, or not. Even if it is here, there will be a period during 2017 that I will have to deploy for a few months. Because of all this, I have not had an opportunity to put in the time it takes to study for and qualify for all the necessary requirements to advance. This also contributed to my request to step back from the officer's chairs for now.

I thank all my Brothers and Ladies for their help and support, and I fully intend to continue in lodge and to attend at every opportunity as long as I am here in San Diego. In February of 2017, when the determination is made as to my next duty station, I will be better able to make plans and commitments.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Brother Charles Caskey, Senior Warden

BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW THIS

The famous Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor was designed by a Frenchman, Frederick A. Bartholdi, a Freemason. The Grand Lodge of New York laid the cornerstone with Masonic ceremonies on August 5, 1885.

On his famous solo flight over the Atlantic in 1927 Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, a Mason, wore the square and compasses on his jacket as a good luck emblem.

Leroy Gordon Cooper, Jr., famous astronaut, on his 22 orbit flight carried a Masonic coin in his pocket as well as a blue Masonic flag which he later presented to his mother lodge, Carbondale No. 82, Carbondale, Colorado.

At one time Golden Rule Lodge No. 5 of Stanstead, Canada, occupied a lodge room which was bisected by the boundary between Canada and the United States. It had entrances from the Vermont and Canadian sides; the membership of the lodge consisted of men from both sides of the border.

2016 COMMITTEES

Audit	Charles Caskey
Budget & Finance.....	Robert Scheeler
Candidate Coaching.....	Steve Laurvick, PM
Charity	John Fitch, Master
Delinquent Dues.....	David Casper
Funeral	David Haslim, PM
Honored Ladies	Maebelle Haslim
Life Membership.....	James Campbell, PM
Masonic Education.....	Jim Achenbach, PM
Calif. Annual Fund.....	Benjamin Bridges
Public Schools.....	Jim Achenbach, PM
Social Media.....	Nicholas Baker
Sunshine & Visit	Robert Salini, PM
Masonic Youth	Phiny Phiasivongsa
Trestleboard	Dennis Stahr, PM
Website Master	Dennis Stahr, PM

WORSHIPFUL DAVID HASLIM, PM

We are very pleased to announce that SW Hackett's own Worshipful David Haslim, PM, was appointed by Right Worshipful John Heisner, to be installed and serve as the Senior Grand Deacon during Most Worshipful Heisner's year as the Grand Master of Masons in California for 2017. Worshipful Haslim has a strong Masonic history with Hackett Lodge. He became a Mason when his Father was Master of the lodge in 1974. Wor. David served Hackett Lodge as its Master in 1980 and in 1998. He was honored by his Brothers with the Hiram Award in 2000. He was the Officer's Coach of the lodge for a few years, and also an inspector of the 921st Masonic District for nine years. Along with his duties as Senior Grand Deacon, he will retain his position as Inspector At Large for Division Nine. He was appointed to that position in October of 2014. Our sincere congratulations to Worshipful Haslim on this important appointment and we wish him a great year with the Grand Lodge.

BROTHER HORATIO JOHNSON IS PASSED TO THE DEGREE OF FELLOWCRAFT



On October 18th, 2016, Brother Horatio Johnson was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. He was obligated by Wor. "JR" Knight, PM, who was in the East for the first half of the degree. Wor. Robert Salini, PM, presented a flawless Middle Chamber lecture. Wor. Dennis Stahr, PM, was in the East for the second section and gave a perfect lecture. Wor. John Fitch, Master, delivered the charge



FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren and Ladies,

October proved to be another great month for the Lodge. We held a 2nd degree and as usual we had refreshments afterwards and everyone congratulated our newly obligated brother.

As I was sitting trying to think of something meaningful to say along with the congratulations, I found myself thinking about what I had learned that night. It was then I realized that during the lectures I found myself examining my past, not just looking back, but looking back and viewing those experiences through the lens of Masonry.

I realized that the journey in Masonry is not straight forward, it often times takes you into the past where there are many powerful lessons to still be learned. Don't let the past hold you back. Examine, learn and move forward. There is a Fraternity of Brothers waiting to see the Man you have become and help you to become even better.

Brother Ben Bridges, Junior Warden

WISDOM, STRENGTH AND BEAUTY

Triads are groups of three ideas or objects. Triads appear in nature. To early man, the cosmos consisted of the sun, the moon, and the stars. He called the natural elements earth, wind, and fire. Rhetoric is similarly infused with triads. We remember the three things that abide which are faith, hope, and charity.

Triads are prominently employed in Lodges and Masonic writings. Threes appear prominently in the second degree where Fellow Crafts 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: 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.

MASONIC ACTIVITY, WHAT IS NEEDED? TAKEN FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN'S RETREAT OF 2010

Since young men are the leading area of growth for Masonry, what are they looking for and what will keep them interested in coming back to Lodge and getting more involved?

The study done by American Meeting Association showed that these young men are here to learn. They want fewer and more powerful sessions. They want the ability to express their opinions without fear of rejection. The same study showed that this is true for most of the generations included in the study.

It stated years ago, that much of our young men growth could be attributed to Dan Brown and his books, the Lost Symbol, The Da Vinci Code, etc. His books, especially the Lost Symbol, stirred the curiosity of the younger generations.

They are searching for more and deeper knowledge and believe that our venerable institution can enlighten them and give them direction. The conclusion in our surveys was obvious, if we wish to continue and thrive as the greatest fraternity, we have to offer, to these "new" generations of Masons, the things they are searching for.

Our ritual Lodge work is, in itself, inspirational and meaningful. Much can be learned from the openings, the obligations and the lectures, but what is also important is the deeper meaning and mysteries behind even that ritual and those lectures. Many Brothers never explore, question or even understand that those mysteries exist, and have found that Masonry is Stated Meetings and charity.

I believe that by educating the Brothers on these and even more of the ancient mysteries, they will thirst for more and will increase their involvement in the fraternity.

FREEMASONRY DEFINED

Freemasonry is the science by which morality is taught through the visible symbols and instructive traditions associated with the erection of King Solomon's Temple some 3,000 years ago. Like every science and permanent institution, Freemasonry is built on certain conceded principles. These include a belief in the one living and true God, a revelation of His will, the resurrection of the body, and the immortality of the soul. Masonry is an institution accepting men of all faiths and supportive of every religion believing in one God. It denies to no man his particular theological or secular beliefs, but rather complements those beliefs. Without an expressed belief in these principles, no man can ever become a Freemason. Acceptance of the Fatherhood of God is the very foundation of the Masonic Institution. From the Fatherhood of God logically flows the Brotherhood of Man

EDITOR'S NOTE / REQUEST

Please submit articles. Everyone is requested to submit articles for the Trestleboard, in fact, it is encouraged. Please email them to info@freemason574.org on or before the 19th of every month. Thank you!

Dennis Stahr, PM, Trestleboard Editor

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

7	Stephen	Allen
9	Ronald	Howard
14	William	Stanfield
14	John	Fitch
15	Bruce	Marx
15	Clarence	Seyfferth
15	Paul	Stephenson
15	Nicholas	Mullen
16	David	Brant
18	Otto	Drum
20	Glenn	James
24	Alex	Pina
26	Kent	Dau
26	Andrew	Young
29	Matthew	Botu
30	Daryl	Sandaker

ECHOES FROM THE PAST - (10 + Years)

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>
David Hull	1951	65
Robert Carsten	1960	56
Richard Bergstrom	1961	55
James Campbell	1968	48
Patrick Comeaux	1978	38
Henry Marbott	1983	33
William Mathis	1984	32
Bruce Abel	1986	30
Iain Mack	1991	25
John Gamache	1991	25
Morgan Thompson	1995	21
Patrick Meagher	1996	20
Joseph Rittgarn	2000	16
Stephen Allen	2001	15
Robert Scheeler	2003	13
David Najera	2006	10
Dennis Stahr	2006	10