

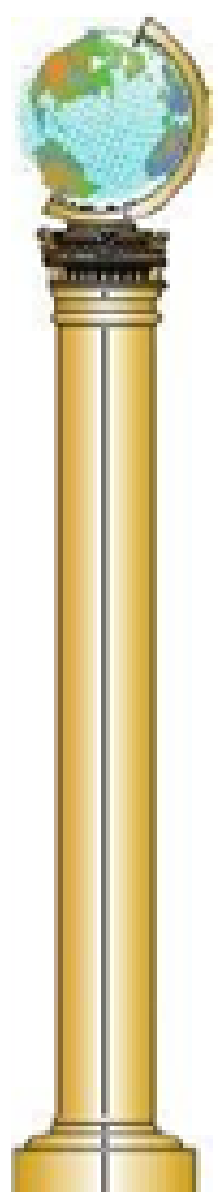
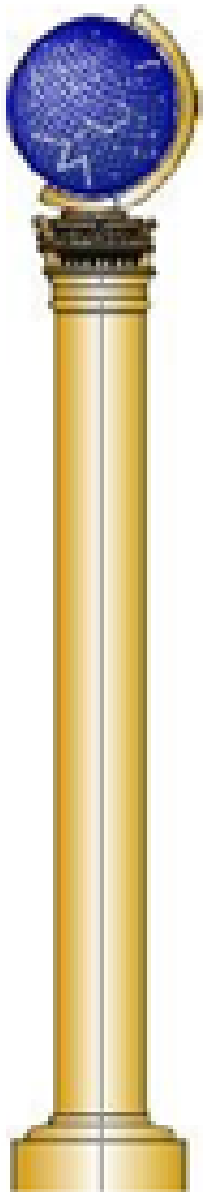
# TRESTLE BOARD



## Samuel Warren Hackett Lodge No. 574

Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California

Chartered October 11<sup>th</sup>, 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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**NOVEMBER 2020**



# FROM THE EAST

## WM Norman C. Parker

To our Masonic Family,

Greetings!! I hope that we are all staying healthy and safe during this year amidst this pandemic. Due to the threat of spreading the virus to the vulnerable populations and in adherence to social distancing, Most Worshipful John Trauner, the Grand Master of Masons of the State of California, cancelled all Masonic in-person meetings. Although the rates of infection in some areas appear to be leveling or declining, it is predicted that a resurgence can occur in the fall and winter months. With all the uncertainties of the situation, this year's 171st Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of California Sessions took place virtually.

During the 171st Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of California, the following were accomplished: Two (2) Grand Master Recommendations were passed, and Elections and Installations of Grand Officers were held virtually for the first time in the history of California.

Virtual Masonic meetings and virtual gatherings of Masons are now the wave of the future, the "new normal." Zoom, Goto Meeting, and other similar platforms are now available and can be utilized to reach out to our members.

The Scottish Rite Building in Mission Valley continues to be closed at this time. It is currently unknown when it will reopen. There have been some developments that will, in the future, affect all the lodges residing in the current Scottish Rite Building located in Mission Valley. If you have an opportunity, check out the San Diego Scottish Rite website and look at the new prospective building which is proposed to replace the current one.

I still look forward to when this pandemic will be exterminated, sooner than later, so we can meet again and resume our work as Masons.

To all the Veterans out there, here is wishing you a Happy Veteran's Day with deep gratitude for your dedication to our country and preserving my and all our cherished freedom.

And to each of you, your families, and loved ones -- a very Happy Thanksgiving Day, one where we are reminded to be thankful for all our blessings.

Stay safe, stay well, and know you are all in our prayers.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Respectfully yours,

N. Chris Parker  
Worshipful Master

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## 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

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

### Subject to change

03	Stated Dinner/Meeting/	6:30 pm
10	Practice of Officer Qualifications	5:30 pm
17	Practice of Officer Qualifications	5:30 pm
24	Practice of Officer Qualifications	5:30 pm
30	OSI / Elected Officers	6:00 pm

## DECEMBER EVENTS

### Subject to change

01	Stated Dinner/Meeting/	6:30 pm
08	Practice of Officer Qualifications	5:30 pm
15	DARK	
22	DARK	
29	DARK	

## NOVEMBER 3 STATED MEETING DINNER

### - Subject to change -

Garden Salad  
Honey Baked Ham  
Roast Turkey  
Mash Potatoes  
Baby Carrots  
Hawaiian Rolls  
Apple Pie

Dinner cost is \$15 per person.

Make your lodge reservations with the Lodge Secretary

**on Monday, October 26th** (if the SRC is open)

at 619-295-4420 or email to:

[hackettlodge@gmail.com](mailto:hackettlodge@gmail.com)

## 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 [hackettlodge@gmail.com](mailto:hackettlodge@gmail.com)

## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

- Reminder to use our main email address: [hackettlodge@gmail.com](mailto:hackettlodge@gmail.com)
- 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
Robert A. Carsten (PM)	11/28/1960	60
Richard C. Bergstrom	11/9/1961	59
James W. Campbell (PM)	11/26/1968	52
William L. Mathis (PM)	11/13/1984	36
Bruce B. Able	11/11/1986	34
John S. Gamache	11/26/1991	29
Morgan A. Thompson	11/28/1995	25
Patrick C. Meagher	11/26/1996	24
Stephen L. Allen	11/27/2001	19
Robert J. Scheeler	11/24/2003	17
Dennis P. Stahr (PM)	11/28/2006	14
Eric C. Kurzenberger	11/15/2011	9
Mark A. Bacaoco	11/22/2011	9
Charles I. Caskey	11/13/2012	8
Mario S. Urbino	11/27/2012	8

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## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Audit	Nicholas Baker
Audit	Robert Scheeler
Audit	Benjamin Pulido
Budget & Finance	Robert Scheeler
Charity	Chris Parker, WM
Charity	Nicholas Baker
Member Retention	David Casper
Delinquent Dues	David Casper
Funeral	David Haslim, PM
Honored Ladies	Maebelle Haslim
Life Membership	Joseph Jordan
Life Membership	David Casper
Masonic Education	Jim Achenbach, PM
Calif. Annual Fund	Robert Salini, PM
Public Schools	Jim Achenbach, PM
Entertainment	Benjamin Pulido
Sunshine & Visit	Jeremy Weber
Masonic Outreach	Chris Parker, WM
Trestleboard	Chris Parker, WM
Website	Dennis Stahr, PM

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

7	Stephen L. Allen
8	Jerry Jeremiah P. Aquino
9	Ronald J. Howard
14	John F. Fitch (PM)
14	William F. Stanfield
15	Bruce C. Marx
15	Clerence W. Seyfferth III
15	Paul B. Stephenson
16	David A. Brant
18	Otto L. Drum
20	Glenn R. James
24	Alex Pina
30	Daryl B. Sandaker

# Ladies' Corner

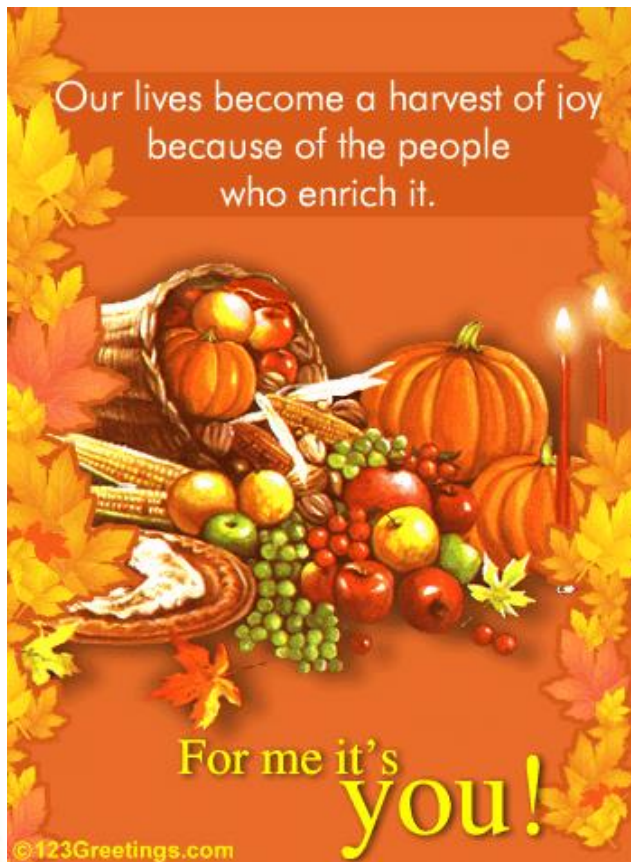
Dearest Ladies,

We continue to wait till authorities determine when it will be safe for us to meet in person and when the Scottish Rite will be open to accommodate our meetings and gatherings. How I miss you all!

With the upcoming holidays, please contact Lady Ingrid Stahr to place any orders of her unique bracelets which are definitely a wonderful gift idea.

As a reminder, each penny of your purchase will go to our "Ladies Fund" for use 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.

For additional information, Lady Ingrid may be reached at her cell # (858) 208-8899.



I wish each one of you  
and your families a  
bountiful and blessed  
Thanksgiving!

Take care and be safe!

*Sincerely, Finesse*

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



GRAND LODGE  
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS  
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SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109-2284  
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October 11, 2020

To: All Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Lodge Officers,  
Inspectors, Committeemen and Lodges

Brethren:

Herewith for your information are the results, in summary form, of the actions taken at the 171<sup>st</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of California:

## GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation No. 1: Conduct of Certain Lodge Business During Emergencies	YES	711	96%	<b>PASSED</b>
	NO	29	4%	
Recommendation No. 2: Deferral of legislation to the 172 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication	YES	726	97%	<b>PASSED</b>
	NO	21	3%	

In addition to the above, the following actions were also taken:

In accordance with California Masonic Code §407.050, the Grand Lodge adopted the budget for 2020-2021 as proposed by the Deputy Grand Master. The background check fee was set at \$30.00.

The per capita assessment for the fiscal year November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2022, as proposed by the Senior Grand Warden, was adopted and fixed at \$55.25.

Total registration for the 171<sup>st</sup> Annual Communication was 1,886 with 290 of 332 chartered lodges represented. (The number of chartered lodges includes five lodges under dispensation, one historic lodge, four research lodges, and Grand Master's Lodge.)

The elected and appointed officers of the Grand Lodge duly installed for the Grand Lodge year commencing on October 11, 2020 are:

## ELECTED OFFICERS

Arthur H. Weiss ..... Grand Master  
Jeffery M. Wilkins ..... Deputy Grand Master  
Randall L. Brill ..... Senior Grand Warden  
G. Sean Metroka ..... Junior Grand Warden  
Arthur L. Salazar Jr. .... Grand Treasurer  
Allan L. Casalou ..... Grand Secretary  
Ricky L. Lawler ..... Grand Lecturer

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## APPOINTED OFFICERS

Mark J. McNee .....	Grand Chaplain
Gary R. Quintrell .....	Assistant Grand Lecturer Division I
D. Mike Edwards .....	Assistant Grand Lecturer Division II
Antonio G. Cimarra Jr. ....	Assistant Grand Lecturer Division III
Jairo J. Gomez Jr. ....	Assistant Grand Lecturer Division IV
Robert G. Beeson III .....	Assistant Grand Lecturer Division V
Charles P. Cross .....	Assistant Grand Lecturer Division VI
Elvan D. Moen .....	Assistant Grand Lecturer Division VII
Victor M. Ropac Jr. ....	Assistant Grand Lecturer Division VIII
John H. Crago III .....	Assistant Grand Lecturer Division IX
Michael D. Thibodeaux .....	Grand Orator
Jordan T. Yelinek .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
Mark E. Pressey .....	Grand Marshal
Paul B. Bazerkanian .....	Grand Standard Bearer
Alberto L. Casanova Jr. ....	Grand Sword Bearer
Frank R. Young .....	Grand Bible Bearer
Mark A. Nielsen .....	Senior Grand Deacon
David A. Forsyth. ....	Junior Grand Deacon
Micheal A. Padilla .....	Senior Grand Steward
Thomas L. Pryor Jr. ....	Junior Grand Steward
Andrew L. Rieland .....	Grand Pursuivant
Stephen R. Miller .....	Grand Organist
Vinz O. Tolentino .....	Grand Tiler
Jonathan S. Davis .....	Assistant Grand Organist
Scotty J. Christian .....	Assistant Grand Tiler

The 172<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication will commence at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 8, 2021, in the City and County of San Francisco.

Sincerely and fraternally,



ALLAN L. CASALOU  
Grand Secretary

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Grand Master Trauner's Recommendation No. 1

### Conduct of Certain Lodge Business During Emergencies

On March 18, 2020, I issued a decision limiting Masonic events during the current COVID-19 gathering restrictions. Because lodges could not hold stated meetings during this period to approve payment of its bills, I authorized the payment of all essential Lodge bills whose payment could not reasonably be deferred, once approved by a majority of the elected Lodge officers, subject to ratification of their action at the Lodge's next Stated Meeting. Rather than submit this decision for approval, I am submitting it as a recommendation, requesting that you add to our law this power to appropriate lodge funds to pay essential bills during an emergency.

It is also my view that we should add to our law procedures by which lodges may hold virtual stated and special meetings during an emergency. If this recommendation is adopted, the Grand Master could authorize lodges to meet electronically during an emergency, without the Lodge opening and closing ceremonies in the Ritual and without any other esoteric or secret portion of the Ritual. All lodge business could be conducted as now authorized in our law other than receiving investigating committee reports, balloting, examining a candidate in the Candidate's Lecture of any degree or conferring of degrees. In declaring such an emergency and authorizing virtual meetings, the Grand Master could make provision for voting if a written ballot is requested on any matter, for notice to the Lodge members of the date, time and means of electronic access to the meeting, for tiling such a meeting and for any other requirements which he may deem appropriate.

If you adopt this recommendation, the following changes will be made to the Code. Section 807.000 of the Code would be amended to read as marked:

#### **§807.000. STATED MEETINGS.**

A Lodge shall hold a Stated Meeting for the transaction of business once in each calendar month, on the date and at the time established in its Bylaws. The foregoing notwithstanding, Lodges whose Bylaws provide for meetings fixed by the phase of the moon shall hold a Stated Meeting for the transaction of business once in each lunar month, and Mountain Range Lodge No. 18, Harmony Lodge No. 164, Truckee Lodge No. 200, Big Bear Lodge No. 617 and Rim of the World Lodge No. 711 shall only be required to hold a Stated Meeting for the transaction of business once in each of 10 calendar months during the year, as it may provide in its Bylaws.

A Lodge may be opened for a Stated Meeting prior to the time fixed in its Bylaws. However, no business shall be transacted prior to such time.

The Inspector or Grand Master may grant a dispensation to change the date of a Stated Meeting, as provided Section 405.060 of this Code.



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In the event that the Master of a Lodge determines that inclement weather, including but not limited to ice, snow, and flood conditions, or non-weather related unsafe conditions, including but not limited to flood, fire, earthquake, civil disturbance and the like, existing on the day established in the Bylaws of the Lodge for its Stated Meeting, makes it hazardous for members of the Lodge to attend the meeting, he may, with the concurrence and consent of the Inspector of the district to which the Lodge is assigned, move the Stated Meeting to another date, time and/or safe and secure location within the same calendar month. The Master shall notify, to the extent possible, all members of the Lodge residing within fifty miles of the meeting place of the Lodge of the date of the postponed Stated Meeting.

Should a Stated Meeting be postponed, the business transacted at the postponed Stated Meeting shall be limited to the reading of the minutes of the last Stated and subsequent Special Meetings, action thereon, payment of the invoices of the Lodge, and such other business of an important nature as determined by the Master to require immediate consideration. No other new business shall be considered.

If the Grand Master determines that assembling the required number of persons for holding a Stated Meeting is prohibited by competent local, state or national authority, the power of the Lodge to appropriate money to pay essential lodge bills whose payment cannot reasonably be deferred may be exercised by a majority of the elected officers of the Lodge, subject to ratification of their action at the next Stated Meeting of the Lodge. In addition, the Grand Master may authorize the Lodge to hold a Stated Meeting through the use of conference telephone, electronic video screen communication or electronic transmission so long as each member of the Lodge participating in the meeting can communicate with all of the other members concurrently and each member participating is provided the means of participating in all matters before the meeting, including, without limitation, the capacity to propose, or to interpose an objection to, a specific action to be taken by the Lodge. Such meetings shall be held without the Lodge opening and closing ceremonies in the Ritual and without any other esoteric or secret portion of the Ritual. The following business may not be conducted at any such meeting: reports of investigating committees, balloting, examining a candidate in the Candidate's Lecture of any degree or conferring of degrees. The Grand Master may make provision for voting if a written ballot is requested on any matter, for notice to the Lodge members of the date, time and means of electronic access to the meeting, for tiling such a meeting and for any other requirements which he may deem appropriate.

Section 807.010 of the Code would be amended to read as marked:

## **§807.010. SPECIAL MEETINGS.**

Except as provided in Section 807.020 of this Code, a Lodge may hold such Special Meetings in addition to its Stated Meeting on such dates and at such times as it determines or the Master shall direct. No Special Meeting shall be held on the same day as a Stated Meeting. A postponed Stated Meeting shall not be considered to be a Special Meeting.

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Only the following business may be conducted at a Special Meeting:

- A. Collections or appropriations for charity;
- B. Examining a candidate in the Candidate's Lecture of any degree;
- C. Conferring of degrees;
- D. Funeral service;
- E. Installation;
- F. Electing a representative to the Annual or a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge; or
- G. After dispensation from the Grand Master:
  - 1. Balloting for and conferring the degrees upon an applicant without reference to a committee, or
  - 2. Receiving and acting upon the application of a rejected applicant within less than 12 months after the date of his rejection.

If the Grand Master determines that assembling the required number of persons for holding a Special Meeting is prohibited by competent local, state or national authority, the Grand Master may authorize the Lodge to hold a Special Meeting through the use of conference telephone, electronic video screen communication or electronic transmission so long as each member of the Lodge participating in the meeting can communicate with all of the other members concurrently and each member participating is provided the means of participating in all matters before the meeting, including, without limitation, the capacity to propose, or to interpose an objection to, a specific action to be taken by the Lodge. Such meetings shall be held without the Lodge opening and closing ceremonies in the Ritual and without any other esoteric or secret portion of the Ritual. The following business may not be conducted at any such meeting: balloting, examining a candidate in the Candidate's Lecture of any degree or conferring of degrees. The Grand Master may make provision for voting if a written ballot is requested on any matter, for notice to the Lodge members of the date, time and means of electronic access to the meeting, for tiling such a meeting and for any other requirements which he may deem appropriate.

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Masons  
of California

## Grand Master Trauner's Recommendation No. 2

### Deferral of Legislation to the 172<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication

As the COVID-19 pandemic continued into August, it became clear that we could not hold the traditional Annual Communication this year. Our easiest alternative would have been to conduct the business of the Grand Lodge using CMC §403.095, which provides:

If assembling the required number of persons for holding an Annual Communication is prohibited by competent state or national authority, the power of Grand Lodge to appropriate money, assess its Constituent Lodges, approve acts of its Constituent Lodges and review trial records may be exercised by a majority of the elected officers of Grand Lodge. The elective officers of Grand Lodge shall continue in their respective offices until the Annual Communication following rescission of the prohibition.

While the Masons in 1950 wisely added this provision to our law, it has never been used. Your Grand Lodge leadership also asked, with so many lodges and other Masonic groups taking advantage of virtual meeting software, why shouldn't the Grand Lodge of California? My Decision No. 2 summarizes the actions taken to plan and hold this virtual session.

Because this Annual Communication is being held virtually, something we have never tried before, I was concerned about conducting anything other than the most routine business. Your leadership decided to limit what we are doing today to those items which the elected officers could have done under CMC §403.095, your consideration of my recommendation to allow lodges to have virtual stated and special meetings and the election and installation of the Grand Lodge Officers. To limit what we are doing today to these items, the voting members of Grand Lodge must defer to the 2021 Annual Communication the consideration of the carryover legislation from 2019 and the consideration of the resolutions submitted this year. I cannot do that. It can only be done with your consent.

Thus, if you adopt this recommendation, you will have given that consent. The consideration of the carryover legislation from the 170th Annual Communication and the consideration of Resolutions 20-01 through 20-04 at this 171<sup>st</sup> Annual Communication will be deferred to the 172<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication.

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## 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 [hackettlodge@gmail.com](mailto:hackettlodge@gmail.com)

- Pay **\$125 (\$118 plus Transaction Fee)**

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **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**

## **November 2020 Holiday Observances**

- November 11<sup>th</sup>: Veterans Day
- November 26<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving

