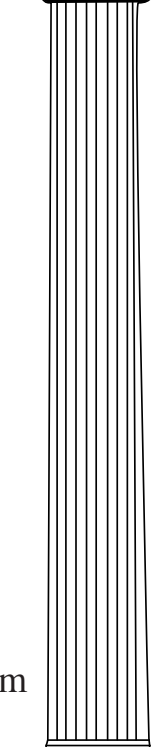
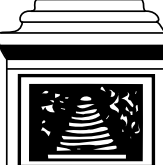
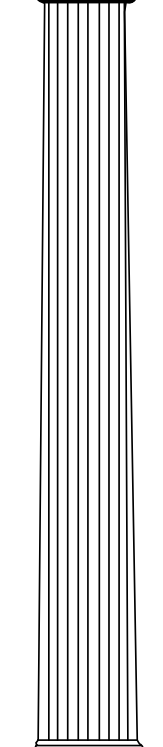


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S. W. Hackett Lodge No. 574 F & A M - San Diego, CA



Chartered October 11, 1923

*William R. "JR" Knight*  
*Worshipful Master*

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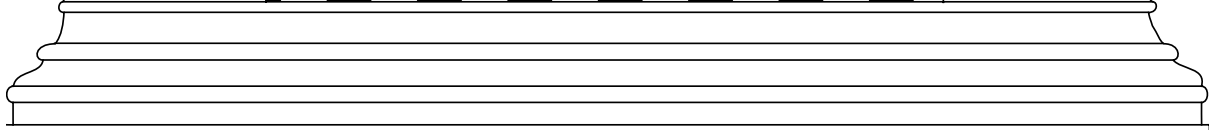
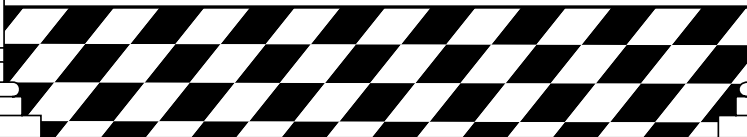
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**DECEMBER 2013**



# FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Brethren & Ladies,



My deepest thanks to all of you for a great year, I really enjoyed every minute. The year flew by so fast it's hard to believe the it's over.

Before I get started, Robin and I would like to thank Susie Gamache for the dressing our tables at the November Stated Meeting Dinner. Thanks also, in advance, to Marty Haslim for the no doubt excellent holiday decorations at our December Stated Dinner.

Welcome to our newest Master Mason, Brother Aaron Thomas. We have only one more Third Degree to confer this year. On December 17 we will Raise Bro Cumming to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Please take the time to help us welcome this worthy brother.

This year we were very busy. To recap, we received 7 applications, held 11 First Degrees, 11 Second Degrees, and 7 Third Degrees including

Bro Cumming. We raised our glasses at our first Table Lodge. Formed a Shooting Club. We presented Sgt Shane Cole and Cpl

Steven Barraclough with the Sam Jones Memorial Award. All of this while still giving extra time to Masonic Education. Not to bad brethren, thanks for all your help.

Thanks to you, I had the honor to receive several visiting Brothers. Worshipful Brother John Harris, PM of Faith & Friendship Lodge No. 7326 of London England. Brother Christopher Bailey of Bedford Lodge No. 104 in Bedford, Nova Scotia. Brother Patrick Johnson of the Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 in Alexandria, Virginia. Worshipful Brother Mihai Florin Radulescu, Master of The Honorable Lodge Bruderkette zur Starke und Schonheit, of Saarbrucken, Germany. Wor. Radulescu lives only about an hour and a half from where I was born and as a Doctor,

he sometimes works in the now public, then military hospital that I was born in. Worshipful Brother Robert H. Siegel, Past Master of Southern California Lodge

No. 529, in Playa del Rey, California. Brother Michele Trancossi, Secretary of "Giuseppe Mazzini" n. 493

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# FROM PILLAR OF BEAUTY

Brethren & Ladies,



This Year is about over now. We're into fall, but it's starting to feel like winter already with the rain and cooler temperatures. This past week I drove to the desert near Ocotillo Wells and the Wild Flowers are all gone. The Sun was out, with scattered clouds across the sky. And crossing over the mountains through Julian it was grey and looked like rain. I'm hoping that its not going to be a real wet year coming, as I work out doors and its always a chore to work in the rain or windy weather. Things here at S.W. Hackett are looking great for the up

coming year with Installation just around the corner. I plan on attending a few installations for other lodges and hope that some of our Bretheren can do so also. I'm looking forward to serving as Senior Warden and learning all that I can to help with the lodge. Merry Christmas to all and a festive New Year.

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  
Junior Warden



## DECEMBER EVENTS

- 3 ..... Stated Dinner & Meeting - Elections ..... 6:30 & 7:15pm
- 7 ..... Installation ..... 12pm
- 10 ..... 3rd Degree Practice ..... 6:30pm
- 17 ..... 3rd Degree (Cumming) ..... 6:30pm
- 24 ..... DARK ..... 6:30pm



Rumor has it that we might have a super secret special guest join us at our Stated Mtg Dinner.

DECEMBER 2013						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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DECEMBER STATED MEETING DINNER

Caesar Salad  
Prime Rib & Roasted Chicken  
Baby Red Potatoes  
Green Beans Almondine  
Mini Croissants  
Assorted Hot & Cold Beverages  
Carrot Cake

\$15.00

Please R&VD

Or. Parma, Italy. V. W. Bro. Tim Mayner of Millennium Lodge #2000, and Aurora Borealis Lodge # 201 Grand Registry of Alberta, Canada. It's always interesting sharing Masonic ritual with Brothers from other countries and learning their ways.

I was also able to welcome Worsh. Ray Gray Master of Gustavus A. Thompson Lodge #79, along with many of his Brothers as well as Brothers from Fidelity Lodge #10 both of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California. We also made several visitations to their lodges to watch their degrees. If you have not taken the time, please make it a point to soon, they do not disappoint.

There are several things that drew me to SW Hackett, but it's focus on Masonic Education was for sure the biggest attraction. This year we brought Masons together from several lodges in the area by putting Masonic

Education front and center. Thanks again to Worshipful Jim Achenbach and Brother Devin Breise for putting together some very well planned and presented Masonic Education programs. Those visiting Brothers are looking forward to future sessions.

I've been told that I owe the Lodge an explanation as to why I replaced our Tiler. Although I'm not sure any good will come from it, at least this might stop speculation. Here is what I will say. First, this was not a whim, I thought about it for quite a while. Second, I have nothing but respect for Worshipful Smith and this was not an easy decision nor did it give me pleasure. In fact I've spent the last few months hoping things would just blow over, but they did not. I was also mindful of the fact, that not only could this decision potentially cause me issues, but might reflect negatively on the Brother I put into fill the chair. I would like to thank Brother Jason Bockerman for agreeing to fill the position for the term. Bro Bockerman is being


transferred to Japan and will be leaving us very soon. Jason has been a good addition to SWH as well as Masonry as a whole. I am extremely proud to call him Brother. Lastly, if you've heard that myself or Jason have made a negative comment about you, or any


Brother, I assure you it is not true. I have visited many lodges over the last 20 years and I assure you SW Hackett is the best. A "Lodge" is not a building, it's the Brothers and their relationship to each other. The relationship between the Brothers of SW Hackett's has impressed me

I'm not one to reprint something found, I prefer original thoughts, but having said that, I submit this poem for your consideration. It's popular among the thoughtful Magician's I know. Although the author is unknown, I suspect he wore a square and compass.

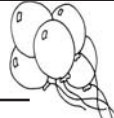
## THE CAREFUL BUILDER




I saw them tearing a building down  
 a gang of men, in my hometown.  
 With a heave, and a ho, and a 'yes, yes!' yell  
 They swung a beam, and a sidewall fell.  
 I said to the foreman, "Are these men skilled?  
 Like the ones you'd use if you had to build?"  
 He laughed and said, "Oh, no! Indeed!  
 The most common labor's all I need.  
 Because I can destroy, in a day or two,  
 what it takes a builder ten years to do."  
 And I thought to myself, as I went my way  
 Which of these roles am I willing to play?  
 Am I one, who's tearing down,  
 as I carelessly make my way around?  
 Or am I one who builds with care?  
 So my family, my community,  
 is just a little better, because I was there.




### December Birthdays



06	.....	DAVID E. FOX
07	.....	JERRY B. JENNINGS
07	.....	IVAN C. MITCHELL, JR.
09	.....	R. B. MILLER
12	.....	IAN K. MACK
14	.....	CLINTON R. BLACK
16	.....	SAMUEL L. MARINELLI, JR.
17	.....	ROBERT J. SCHEELER
24	.....	LUIS M. GALLEGOS
27	.....	EDWARD L. DEITZLER
28	.....	JAMES M. MC CULLOCK
30	.....	ROD J. GULLO



### ECHOES FROM THE PAST



		Raised
Francis Minton	.....	12/08/1941
Maurice K. Lowe	.....	12/09/1954
Arthur W. Hannum	.....	12/11/1962
John Czarnecki	.....	12/02/1965
William F. Stanfield	.....	12/09/1969
Christian D. Rowden	.....	12/11/2012

from my very first visit and I would never do anything to disturb those relations. As for the comments attributed to Jason, I know this brother well and his is squared away lover of our craft. I promise you that no negative comments came from him. We might all do well by not looking for things to get upset about.

Which leads me into a bit of Masonic Education. We all, separately, interpret the ritual we were handed differently, some of us take it as written, some dive in deep, some take it laterally, some see the lessons as metaphors. There are bits that we skim over and don't pay much attention to, that we might consider may have been included as part of a lesson. I would suggest that the line having to do with tools of iron in the house, may be more important than we first give it credit for.

Please consider the idea that words can also be tools, and harsh words can be considered tools of iron. Therefore Harsh words might be better left out in the quarry and not brought in the house (Lodge).

As much as Harsh words are a detriment to the health of a lodge, it also does no one any good if you are walking around with a chip on your shoulder looking for reasons to be upset with brothers. I had a couple of close calls, chest pains, years ago that taught me a lesson that you might find helpful. I no longer get stressed out, nor do I let things get to me. Instead I choose to find everything amusing and laugh things off that at one time would have made me angry. In fact, I have been joking lately about the end of my term coming soon. Apparently some of you thought I was

being serious and couldn't wait to get out of the chair. Although, I never aspired to the East, I took it gladly. The fact is, I am proud of the work we've done this year and would not have missed it for the world. I was only defecting the situation I've previously mentioned. My deepest thanks for allowing

me to serve you this year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope you all have a safe Holiday Season. Remember my Brother Tuesday night is Lodge night, see you there.

Magically and Fraternally,  
JR Knight, PM  
Worshipful Master



## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life memberships provide a way for Brethren to reduce their overall cost of membership over the term of their lifetime, eliminating the requirement to ever pay annual dues in the future and pro-

vide an endowment to the Lodge upon their passing. For your information, following are the current costs of a Lifetime Membership.

Jim Campbell, PM  
Life Membership Committee

2014 Life Membership Fees:	
Age 49 and under; 21 times annual dues:	\$1816.50
50 to 54 inclusive, 19 times annual dues; or	\$1643.50
55 to 59 inclusive, 17 times annual dues; or	\$1470.50
60 to 64 inclusive, 14 times annual dues; or	\$1211.00
65 and over, 11 times annual dues or	\$ 951.50

**Current Annual Dues + Grand Lodge per capita = \$86.50.**  
**(If annual dues increase in the future, life memberships Increase accordingly.)**

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<b>JUNIOR DEACON</b>	CHARLES I. "CHUCK" CASKEY
<b>MARSHALL</b>	ROBERT J. SCHEELER
<b>SENIOR STEWARD</b>	RICHARD J. DERFLINGER
<b>JUNIOR STEWARD</b>	CHRISTIAN D. ROWDEN
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