



S.W. Hackett Lodge# 574 F&AM

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FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Greetings Brethren and Ladies,

We have finally reached the month of December and my year as Master is nearing its completion. As I reflect back during my time while sitting in the Oriental Chair, I am so grateful and honored to be surrounded by members of our lodge whom I am proud to call my brothers and to the ladies of our lodge who were the essential backbone to making sure our monthly Stated Dinner setups was always prepared, on – time and ready for us and for our guests. I thank you all for the tremendous support you all have given me and will always remember this experience and the good times we shared as I become SW Hackett Lodge's newest, Past Master.

On November's Stated Meeting, we held our annual elections of officers and would like to congratulate our newly elected officers for 2015 who will be serving our lodge for the ensuing masonic year. I am very excited to see what the New Year will bring and hope that you will continue to support our lodge and our new elected master, Bro. Bob Salini as you all have done for me in 2014. We have a lot to look forward to and hope that you all will join us at the Installation of Officers for 2015 on December 6th at 11am.

At this month's Stated Meeting on December 2nd, we will be re-introducing an old custom called, "Move-up Night". So please stop by and join us in fellowship and brotherly love as we see our newly elected officer's move up in their respective chairs.

Thank You and Best Wishes for the Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Ryan A. Bacaoco
Master

2014 OFFICERS

Master.....Ryan Bacaoco
Sr. Warden.....Robert Salini
Jr. WardenJohn Fitch
TreasurerJames J. Achenbach.PM
SecretaryDimitar Lyakov, PM
Chaplain.....Dennis Stahr, PM
Sr. Deacon.....Charles Caskey
Jr. DeaconBen Bridges
MarshallRobert Scheeler
Sr. Steward.....Mario Urbino
Jr. Steward.....Aaron Thomas
Tiler.....Robert Smith, PM
Officer's Coach:Dennis Stahr, PM
Inspector, 921st. Masonic District: William R. Stokes, PM
Trestleboard Editor:Ryan Bacaoco

DECEMBER STATED DINNER MENU

Sirloin Tips Bourguignon & Chicken Ala King
Baked Potatoes & Baby Carrots
Toss Green Salad & Small Croissants
Pineapple Upside – down Cake
Hot & Cold Drinks

Dinner cost is \$15 per person
Make your lodge reservations by calling the Lodge
Secretary at 619-295-4420

DECEMBER EVENTS

2 Stated Meeting & Dinner.....6:30pm
5 Installation Practice.....6:00pm
6 2015 Lodge Installation of Officers.....11:00am
8 Degree Practice6:00pm
15 Degree Practice6:00pm
22 Degree Practice6:00pm
29 Degree Practice6:00pm



FROM THE PILLAR OF STRENGTH

Brethren and Ladies,

October was a busy month for me. With the trip to Grand Lodge, and also Norma and I joined the Al Bahr Shrine on a trip to Ireland, which was fantastic. The countryside and cities were so picturesque and green. We attended a medieval feast in a Castle, toured the Guinness Brewery, and sampled Irish whiskey at Tullimore Distillery, along with seeing the Cliffs of Moher, and the Grand Lodge of Ireland, where we observed a Second Degree and stated meeting. The trip is forever imprinted on my memory.

With elections in November, I'm very proud to serve as Master for the ensuing Masonic year of 2015. It's an Honor that I am looking forward to and hope that I will be able to carry on the great Hackett tradition's as all Masters before me have. For some time now I've been working on 2015 calendar, which things seem to change every time I try to print it out, but I'm sure that I will get it soon. We have a full line of Officers to be installed in December, and I would like to see a good turn out from our brethren here at S.W. Hackett for the Installation of Officers on Saturday December 6th, 11am. The officers need to show up at 9am for pictures and other preliminaries.

The officers held a meeting on Tuesday, November 18th at 6pm to discuss the upcoming year's duties and events. This meeting was at the Scottish Rite Center's Heald room where we usually meet. The practice for Installation will be on Friday December 5th at 6pm and all officers, coaches and the inspector should attend to rehearse the Installation.

In the upcoming year, as Master I would like to see all of our Officers dressed in either a Black Tuxedo, or a dark suit for Stated Meetings, and Third Degrees. It looks like 2015 will start out a little busy with Degree work already scheduled, so let's get together and meet the challenge before us.

Drive Safe and I hope to see everyone in lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bob Salini
Senior Warden

2014 COMMITTEES

Audit	Bob Salini
Budget & Finance	Bob Scheeler
Candidate Coaching	Clint Black, PM
Charity	Ryan Bacaoco
Communication.....	Charles Caskey
Delinquent Dues	Bob Salini
Funeral	David Haslim, PM
Honored Ladies	Maebelle Haslim
Life Membership	James Campbell, PM
Masonic Education	Jim Achenbach, PM
Masonic Formation	Bob Smith, PM
Masonic Outreach	Ron Detzer, PM
Member Retention.....	John Fitch
Public Schools	Jim Achenbach, PM
Social Media	Steve Laurvick, PM
Sunshine & Visit	Dennis Stahr, PM
Mentoring.....	Bob Salini
Trestleboard	Ryan Bacaoco
Website Master.....	Dennis Stahr, PM

Brethren and Ladies,

Our Partnership in Education program with Sequoia Elementary continues to thrive. We have hosted the teacher of the year and the principal at our June Stated Meeting Dinner and enjoyed their presentations. We have sponsored another Spelling Bee and some of our members have enjoyed participating in the event at the school. In December we will again deliver food and presents to needy families that have been identified by the school's staff. Unfortunately there is a great deal of need out there.

Working for the school district I witness first-hand situations that are dire, but at the same time ones that can be uplifting and motivating! For example at Henry High School, a site usually associated with upper middle class families, there are families who are in need of very basic things. Usually this is a situation where the students are "bussed in" from other neighborhoods, but not always.

One situation exists where, due to very problematic a circumstance with the family, a student has been "emancipated." This student works hard at school and at various jobs to make ends meet and is independent with no parental support. This student is an incredible person with a cheery disposition despite the circumstances. Some of the staff pulls together to help out, but there is always room to do more to make this child's situation better.

If you have not contributed to the Partnership in Education program please consider doing so. All of the things we do are worthwhile and wonderful. If you have contributed but are in a position to do more, then please feel free to contact me and learn how you can make a significant difference.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

James J. Achenbach, PM
Chairman, Public Schools Committee
Cell: 619-993-9711



FROM THE PILLAR OF BEAUTY

Brethren,

Another Turkey Day gone by and we find ourselves wrapping up the year, putting aside a time for reflection and family.

Looking back on the year, I carry forward several experiences afforded to me during my time as Junior Warden of the Lodge.

A visit to the Masonic Homes in Covina has shown the importance of Masonic Outreach Services available for all of us, as we eventually will all enter into our own final period of dotage.

The Masters and Wardens retreat, as well as the Mason of the Year Banquet, and Grand Lodge Communication opened my view of a greater organization.

Thank you, to Bro. Dennis Stahr, PM for his tireless efforts as Officers Coach and a congratulations to Bro. Ryan Bacaoco, Master for successfully governing his Lodge throughout the Year.

Lastly, a warm welcome to the real Bob Salini in the East!

Fraternally yours,

John Fitch
Junior Warden

FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES

The origins of the Four Cardinal Virtues, one source states is the Latin root word "Cardo", meaning "a hinge" Old Roman writers applied "Cardinal" meaning "the most important", to the four points of the Compass east, west, north and south and to the winds blowing from those directions. It has been suggested the Cardinal Virtues (that is, the most important virtues) were associated by the philosophers of ancient Greece well over 2000 years ago and handed down through the ages in the group of four. They have been found in the book of the Apocrypha, The Wisdom of Solomon: "Wisdom teaches temperance and prudence, justice and fortitude, which are such things as men can have nothing more profitable in life." In the following degree it is said "to the Greeks therefore and not to the Romans we owe...."

Arguably that the first Craft Symbol of the Virtues were printed on a linen handkerchief of 1769 showing tassels at the four corners. It has been suggested that the Cardinal Virtues have been regarded as corner stones upon the four walls of the temple were raised.

During the Middle-Ages, they were considered as the four walls of the Temple.

Symbols and their meanings can offer interesting research and each Virtue has its own displayed in many different ways most of this article taken from www.masoniclibrary.org

Submitted by,
Clint Black, PM



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Brethren,

At our last Stated Meeting on November 04, 2014 we voted to increase the lodge annual dues from \$50 to \$65.

With the Grand Lodge Per Capita of \$39.50, and rounding to the nearest dollar, this brings the total to \$105. The dues change was approved by the Grand Master of California and will immediately take effect beginning on January 1, 2015 for the ensuing masonic year.

Dues request for 2015 has already been mailed out to all lodge members. Any unpaid balances have to be paid by January 1, 2015 in order to be in "Good Standing". If a Mason has not paid his dues during a 12 month period or has an overdue balance from preceding years he can be subject to "Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues". Keep in mind when a member is delinquent with paying his dues the lodge does not receive any financial support but pays the Per Capita charge (\$39.50 in 2015) to the Grand Lodge for those members who are delinquent or has failed to make any payments.

As a reminder, here are some options you can use for paying your annual dues. One is by writing a check and mailing it back to us using the returned envelope, provided. Another is using the online banking system called Bill Pay with setting up your payment by E-check and addressing it to S.W. Hackett Lodge No. 574, 1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego CA 92108-3683, Tel. 619-295-4420. And lastly, you can stop by the lodge office to make your payment in – person paying with cash or by check.

Any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the lodge office at 619-295-4420.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Dimiter K. Lyakov, PM
Secretary

EDITOR'S NOTE

If you have an article you would like to submit. Please submit your article to bacaoco@gmail.com before the 19th of every month. Thank you!

Bro. Ryan A. Bacaoco
Trestleboard Editor

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6 David Fox
- 7 Jerry Jennings
Ivan Mitchell
- 9 R. B. Miller
- 12 Ian Mack
- 14 Clint Black
- 16 Samuel Marinelli
- 17 Robert Scheeler
- 24 Luis Gallegos
- 27 Edward Deitzler
- 28 James McCulloch
- 30 Rod Gullo

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

73 Years

Francis Minton, 12/8/1941

60 Years

Maurice Lowe, 12/9/1954

49 Years

John Czarnecki, 12/2/1965

45 Years

William Stanfield, 12/9/1969