



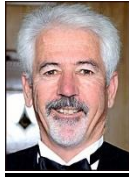
## S.W. Hackett Lodge# 574 F&AM

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### FROM THE EAST

Greetings, Brethren and Ladies,

We have now completed 2015, and my term as Master of S.W. Hackett Lodge. I must tell all of our brethren that it has been an honor to serve this lodge since becoming an officer, and as the Master this year. I came to realize that the lodge is run by a group of members, headed by the Master. Without the cooperation and help from the brothers, our lodge wouldn't operate at all. So for all the help and cooperation that I have received from you, it has been a fun and challenging year that I wouldn't trade for any of my years. We had two great backyard barbeques hosted by me and Bro. Bob Gale; a table lodge by Wor. Jr Knight with his wife and Jim Achenbach's wife. We initiated four brothers and passed and raised two. We enjoyed another picnic at Santee Lakes and the honored ladies luncheon. Thank you all for another good year at S.W. Hackett.

Here at SW Hackett, in November we had our election of officers, initiated Brother Alex Sviridov. We are finishing our officer qualifying, and readying ourselves for the Installation of officers. This in itself is a lot to take on at this time of year with busy schedules and holiday parties to attend. Master elect, Brother John Fitch will be presenting a fifty year pin to a Brother also this month.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday. I cooked turkey, and enjoyed the company of family. So this concludes my term, and again, I have to give a special thanks to all the brothers who have gone above and beyond to support our lodge this year, and the Ladies that have support their Men and also worked so hard to help the lodge. And last but not least a very special thank you to my lady and love, Norma, who has supported me in all my Masonic endeavors. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good year to come.

This is a good time to remind all of our brethren to come on down to Lodge and share the camaraderie, and fellowship with us. Drive Safe and I hope to see everyone in lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Bob Salini, Master

### 2015 OFFICERS

Master .....	Robert Salini
Sr. Warden ...	John Fitch
Jr. Warden ...	Charles Caskey
Secretary .....	Dimiter Lyakov, PM
Chaplain .....	Dennis Stahr, PM
Sr. Deacon ...	Ben Bridges
Jr. Deacon ....	Dustin Capps
Marshall.....	Robert Scheeler
Sr. Steward...	Robert Gale
Jr. Steward ...	David Casper
Tiler.....	Jim Achenbach, PM
Organist.....	JR Knight, PM
Officer's Coach: .....	Dennis Stahr, PM
Inspector, 921 <sup>st</sup> . Masonic District:	William R. Stokes, PM

### DECEMBER EVENTS

1 Dinner - Stated Meeting ( <i>Move-up night</i> )	6:30 pm
8 Installation Practice	6:30 pm
12 Installation	Noon
15 Proficiency assistance	6:30 pm
20 Christmas assist deliveries ( <i>Al Bahr Shrine</i> )	Noon
22 Merry Christmas	6:30 pm
28 Happy New Year	6:30 pm

**Special notice:** Be sure to attend our December Stated Dinner so that you can get involved in the wonderful Christmas assistance program that helps six families in need have a nice Christmas.

### DECEMBER STATED DINNER MENU

Tossed green Salad  
Honey Baked Ham  
Sliced Roast Beef au jus  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Buttered Corn  
Apple Pie with Vanilla Ice 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](mailto:hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com).



**FROM THE WEST**

December Greetings from the West,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Members of our Lodge who have helped me progress to the point of being elected to serve as Master of S.W. Hackett Lodge for 2016. This past week I retrieved from the bookshelf, my signed copy of the "Monitor" which I received upon my initiation in September, 1999. I see familiar names of some of the Stalwarts of our Lodge who have endured to this point. Wor. Clint Black was the Master and Wor. Dimiter Lyakov was Senior Warden. David Casper, Wor. David Haslim, Wor. John Gamache were present, as well at the two gentlemen who I first met at the Del Mar Fair, manning the Masonic Booth in the Infield of the racetrack; the persons whom I asked if I could become a Mason, Wor. William Mathis and Wor. Michael Allen.

This past month I have attended the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual World Conference of Regular Free and Accepted Masons in San Francisco. On display, in resplendent unity, was the mutual recognition of Three Grand Lodges in the Jurisdiction of California. The Grand Lodge of California, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California, and the Grand Lodge of Iran in exile, together they shared the stage as Cohosts of this International Event.

As an Observer, here are some of my notes from the presenters of North and South America, Western and Eastern Europe, Israel and Africa. It is a picture, with many facets, that I offer to elucidate, in your own mind, the current place of our Lodge, and to ask what realized kinetic future is in store from its potential.

Globalization of the world is here; electronic technology is interconnecting everything that we do as a civilized world. It's similar to advances in the past which changed the way we live. Think of the epic changes like the Gutenberg printing press, steam locomotion of ships, industry and trains, the harnessing of electricity and the invention of automobiles, aircraft and spacecraft.

At the same time of this progress, a contrary World of Disorder is expanding against the World of Order. There are mass migrations of people trying to escape the tyrannies of evil from the collapse of governments in North Africa, Syria and Central America. It's not your imagination, it's really happening; the evil acts of violence are no longer only in faraway places. Look to Paris, where the recent attacks have spilled over into Western Europe.

Where does Masonry have anything to do with all of this? We look to the past, and see great leaders, Washington, Lafayette, Roosevelt and Churchill et al, what about now? Masonic membership roles in the Western World have been in decline since the 1950s, and efforts to stop the decline have proven to be futile. In the Developing world, Masonry

is on the increase, and is challenged by a promulgation of non-regular factions which tend to make up their own ideas, leading to a casting of falsehoods upon the Craft.

The answer to the question lies ahead, it's the under 25 generation. They embrace the new technologies as tools. However the human factor in these technologies is their weakest link. The dictatorship of materialism and religion is blocking the universal moral principles which give us our freedoms from passions, vices and profanities.

The humanitarian cause of Masonry is not to change the world, but to teach the cardinal virtues of morality, in and out of the lodge, to an ends of improving man's ongoing struggles for Liberty which in turn, manifests itself as the Universal Standard of Freedom for all of Mankind.

Fraternally yours,

Brother John F. Fitch  
Senior Warden

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**FROM OUR JUNIOR WARDEN ELECT**

Hello brethren. I want to thank each one of you for electing me to serve as the Junior Warden for the ensuing year. I am looking forward to a fun and challenging time. I know that from time to time the refreshments after the degrees can seem to become boring. I will do my best to find alternatives when they are available. If any brother has ideas for items they would like to see please let me know. If at all possible I will make it happen. Thank you again. I hope you and your families have a blessed holiday season.

Brother Ben Bridges,  
Senior Deacon

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**2015 COMMITTEES**

Audit	John Fitch
Budget & Finance	Bob Scheeler
Candidate Coaching	Dick Covert, PM
Charity	Robert Salini
Communication	Robert Gale
Delinquent Dues	Dennis Stahr, PM
Funeral	David Haslim, PM
Honored Ladies	Maebelle Haslim
Life Membership	James Campbell, PM
Masonic Education	Jim Achenbach, PM
Masonic Formation	Jim Achenbach, PM
Masonic Outreach	Dick Covert, PM
Member Retention	Ben Bridges
Public Schools	Jim Achenbach, PM
Social Media	Steve Laurvick, PM
Sunshine & Visit	Robert Salini
Masonic Youth	JR Knight, PM
Trestleboard	Dennis Stahr, PM
Website Master	Dennis Stahr, PM



### **FROM THE SOUTH**

Brethren and Ladies,

I can't believe where the year has gone. I would like to thank the brethren for electing me to Senior Warden. It is an honor.

I look back and it seems like yesterday that I was Junior Deacon. I have had a challenging year with work and trying to balance time at the lodge. Plus not being able to be here when the Navy calls me to do my job. It has been hard to keep up with qualifications. However, with the help and patients of the brethren we will make it happen. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as S. W. Hackett's Junior Warden.

I usually find a poem or short story to fit the time or reflect how I am feeling at the time. I'm not really sure where or why I started it. So, with that being said, for the last time as Junior Warden I leave you with a poem.

#### **GIFT**

- To your enemy, forgiveness.
- To an opponent, tolerance.
- To a friend, your heart.
- To a customer, service.
- To all men, charity.
- To every child, a good example.
- To yourself, respect.

*~Author Unknown~*

Fraternally,

Brother Chuck Caskey,  
Junior Warden

### **At Christmas:**

#### **Let Every Day Be Christmas**

*~Norman W. Brooks~*

Christmas is forever, not for just one day,  
for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away  
like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.  
The good you do for others is good you do yourself

#### **EDITOR'S SPECIAL NOTE / REMINDER**

If you have a working email address, please help your lodge save money by informing us so that we can begin emailing your Trestleboard and saving the postage. You can email me at: [masonic574@ifutures.com](mailto:masonic574@ifutures.com) and/or Wor. Dimiter, our Secretary, at: [Hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com](mailto:Hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com).

On the evening of November 10, 2015, SW Hackett Lodge was pleased to welcome its newest Entered Apprentice. Brother Aleksei Sviridov was obligated an Entered Apprentice by Brother John Fitch, Master Elect. Worshipful Clint Black, PM, gave a great first degree lecture and Brother Fitch delivered a perfect charge.



#### **S.W. Hackett Lodge #574, LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES**

January thru December 2016: (Dues + per-capita \$109)

- Age 49 and under, 21 times annual dues = \$2,289
- 50 to 54 inclusive, 19 times annual dues = \$2,071
- 55 to 59 inclusive, 17 times annual dues = \$1,853
- 60 to 64 inclusive, 14 times annual dues = \$1,526
- 65 and over, 11 times annual dues = \$1,199

However, as a bit of a savings, if you decide to join the life membership group, then do so by the end of December 2015 and your fees will be:

Through December 2015: (Dues + per-capita \$105)

- Age 49 and under, 21 times annual dues = \$2,205
- 50 to 54 inclusive, 19 times annual dues = \$1,995
- 55 to 59 inclusive, 17 times annual dues = \$1,785
- 60 to 64 inclusive, 14 times annual dues = \$1,470
- 65 and over, 11 times annual dues = \$1,155

James W. Campbell, PM  
Life Membership Committee

#### **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](mailto:info@freemason574.org) on or before the 19<sup>th</sup> of every month. Thank you!

Dennis Stahr, PM  
Trestleboard Editor

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

6 David Fox  
7 Jerry Jennings  
7 Ivan Mitchell  
12 Iain Mack  
14 Clinton Black  
16 Samuel Marinelli  
17 Robert Scheeler  
24 Luis Gallegos  
27 Edward Deitzler  
28 James Mc Cullock  
30 Rod Gullo

**ECHOES FROM THE PAST - (10 + Years)**

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>
Maurice Lowe	1954	61
John Czarnecki	1965	50
William Stanfield	1969	46