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FROM THE EAST

Greetings from the East Brethren,

I would like to express gratitude, as my term as Master of the Lodge comes to a close, for being afforded the opportunity to hold the position of leadership in our Lodge. I have learned that success is dependent upon the strength of the supporting members of an organization. Thank you to all of the Officers of the Lodge for their excellent efforts this year.

Special thanks to the following Past Masters for helping to keep thing running smoothly: Secretary Dimiter Lyakov for reminding me when and what needed to be done, Dennis Stahr for keeping ownership of the Trestleboard, Bob Salini for providing requested counsel, and Clint Black for providing perspective on tradition.

Here are some of the Holidays in December: Pearl Harbor Day is on Thursday the 7th, Mohammed's Birthday is Sunday the 11th, the Winter Solstice is on Wednesday the 21st, Hanukkah starts on Saturday the 24th, and Christmas follows on that Sunday. St. John the Evangelist Day is on Tuesday the 27th, and New Year's Eve is on the following Saturday.

Mark your December calendar for these Lodge events: Our Stated Meeting is on Tuesday the 6th. The 2017 Installation of Officers Ceremony, conducted by the California Grand Master John Heisner, is on Saturday the 10th at 12:00. A First Degree Initiation is scheduled for Tuesday the 13th at 18:30. And our annual Sequoia Elementary holiday dinner delivery is on Thursday the 22nd at 11:30.

Thank you again for the privilege to serve as Master for 2016, and I look forward to supporting and encouraging those officers who will follow me to occupy the Station in the East, into and beyond a bright 2017.

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

DECEMBER EVENTS

6 Stated Dinner/Move up night	6:30 pm
10 Installation of Officers by the Grand Master	12:00 pm
13 1 st degree	6:30 pm
20 Dark for the Christmas holiday - enjoy the family	
22 Christmas dinner and gift deliveries	11:30 am
25 Celebration of Christ's birthday	
27 Happy New Year - See you on January 3 rd 2017	

DECEMBER STATED DINNER MENU

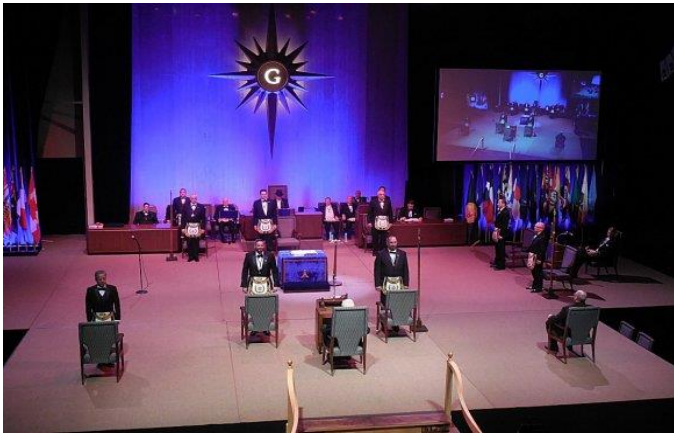
Spring mix salad - With sliced strawberries
Roast pork
Roast beef
Au gratin potatoes
Grilled vegetables
Dessert - To be determined.

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.

SW HACKETT LODGE, INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The annual Installation of Officers for the 2017 Masonic Year will be held at Noon, December 10, 2011. Officers to be installed and their ladies should be at the lodge at 10:00 am for pictures and preparation. Installation will be followed by a light lunch in the Doric/Ionic rooms.

GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATIONS 2016



As of the time of this picture, Most Worshipful John R. Heisner is in the Grand Master's chair. Worshipful David Haslim is standing in his position as Senior Grand Deacon, on the far left near the east.



SW Hackett's own, Worshipful David A. Haslim, PM, standing as the Senior Grand Deacon. We all join in congratulating him and are very proud to see him as part of our Grand Lodge for 2016-2017. Worshipful David has been a big part of our lodge and a very big part of many of us Brothers as we progressed on or our Masonic journeys. He has been our Master, our mentor, our officer's Coach, our inspector and more importantly, our friend.

We join in wishing him the best as a Grand Lodge Officer.



The lovely and proud Lady Marti poses with her Senior Grand Deacon husband.

Marti's support for her husband and the lodge is very well known. She is always ready to help with any task asked of her and she accepts the job with a sincere smile. We are very fortunate to have her as part of SW Hackett.

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

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER AND GIFT DISTRIBUTION

Immediately following our December Stated Meeting dinner, we will ask for volunteers for food and gift items to support our annual distribution of food and gifts to five families from Sequoia Elementary School. Actual distribution will occur Thursday, December 22. Members volunteering to bring gifts will need to gift wrap and identify the names of the children to whom the gifts are intended and bring them to the Scottish Rite parking lot at 11:30 am. Those members donating food items will likewise need to deliver them to the Scottish Rite parking lot at the same time.

These Partnership in Education events have become the signature events for our charitable work. We will also need volunteers with vehicles large enough to make the deliveries.

HELP US MAKE THE HOLIDAY SEASON BRIGHTER FOR THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THAN US!

ANTHONY RIORDAN, ENTERED APPRENTICE

On November 15th, 2016, Mr. Anthony Riordan became a Brother as he was initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason.



Brother Riordan was obligated by Brother Benjamin Bridges, Senior Warden Elect. Wor. John Fitch, Master, gave the lecture and Wor. David Haslim, PM delivered the charge.



FROM THE SOUTH

Hello again Brethren,

First of I would like to say that I am honored to have been elected to serve as your Senior Warden for the upcoming year. We are in a season of Thanksgiving and joy and merriment. I am thankful for the Lodge and the many wonderful brothers in it and their beautiful families. I am thankful that no matter what is happening in the world I know that I have a place where everyone still gets along.

I am thankful for the brethren who have been away and have recently returned to the lodge. I am thankful for the opportunity given to me to obligate a newest brother, Brother Anthony Reardon. I am very thankful for his patience and perseverance in seeking and gaining admission into the lodge. It speaks to his character and to the true desire he has to be a part of our wonderful Fraternity. I am hoping to obligate another man into our fold on December the 13th, a few days after our installation ceremony on the 10th. Come on out to both events. Let's show the candidate what light Masonry truly has to offer.

Fraternally yours,
Ben Bridges, Senior Warden elect

EXOTERIC AND ESOTERIC

Might be best described as two different approaches to our understanding of existence for an individual. Possible examples to consider are: What is science to religion, the body to the soul or the ocean to the atmosphere.

The Exoteric approach to existence is that of the hard science of provable facts by observation and repeatability of proof. By the Exoteric approach to the mysteries and hardships which have faced mankind have led to revolution of knowledge, growth, progress and expansion in life expectancy and on balance a greater understanding of that which surrounds us.

The Esoteric approach however does not concern itself with the what, but seeks the how and why behind the what. It is perhaps a quest to understand that which maybe hidden from the view of science such as the concepts of good and evil. The ancients distinguish the two as the eye is to the heart representing two aspects.

The eye to the outer world of how the mind perceives a fact, and the heart to the inner world of how the mind perceives a truth.

A Mason's duty to himself would be to prosecute both aspects but not to the detriment of the other. To be all that you can be, and seek that inner peace of understanding of your eye and heart combined.

Submitted by Clint Black, PM

BONNIE SMITH

We are sad to announce that on Tuesday October 25th Bonnie Smith, the loving wife of Wor. Robert Smith, PM, passed away. Bonnie was a great support of the lodge and was always smiling and friendly. She will truly be missed and we offer our sincere condolences to Wor. Brother Bob.



Bonnie and Wor. Bob at the 2014 installation of officers.

S.W. Hackett Lodge attends a cornerstone ceremony.



Coronado Lodge #441 sponsored the dedication of the cornerstone ceremony for the John D. Spreckels Center and Bowling Green assisted living center. The ceremony was held by the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of California and was presided over by the Most Worshipful John R. Heisner, Grand Master of Masons in California.

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

EDITOR'S CONTINUAL REQUEST

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@irfutures.com and/or Wor. Dimiter, our Secretary, at: Hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

ECHOES FROM THE PAST - (10 + Years)

<u>Brother</u>		<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>
Maurice	Lowe	1954	62
John	Czarnecki	1965	51
William	Stanfield	1969	47