



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

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### FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies:

First and foremost, I wish to congratulate our newly elected officers for 2018. Worshipful Robert Salini, PM, will serve as our Worshipful Master and I know he will have a great year and that the Lodge will be in very good hands. Worshipful JR Knight, PM, was elected as Senior Warden and Worshipful John Fitch, PM, will be our Junior Warden. With these three Brothers as Pillars of our Lodge, I believe we can all be confident that SW Hackett will continue to move forward. Brother David Casper will be continuing as Treasurer and, thank goodness, Worshipful Dimiter Lyakov, PM, will continue as Secretary. Thank you too to all the appointed officers that have committed to help strengthen the lodge in 2018.

I also want to thank all the Brethren and Ladies for their support for me during this year in the East. I think we had a fun and prosperous year with the great reception for Worshipful Dave Haslim as the Senior Grand Deacon for 2017, eleven degrees, three BBQs and a picnic. We also had the theater trip for the Lodge Ladies, our Honored Ladies luncheon, a Table Lodge in the tradition of the 300 years of Freemasonry and the Hornblower Dinner Cruise by invitation from San Diego Commandery #25.

I will continue serving the Lodge as I have since 2008. At this point, I will continue as the webmaster, the Trestleboard editor and, as I have a passion for the ritual of Masonry, I was again fortunate to be selected to continue as Officer's Coach. I truly thank you all very much and am so grateful to have been able to serve you again as Master of this great Lodge.

Merry Christmas, have a great December and a tremendous 2018. For the coming year, make a New Year's resolution to come to lodge for Stated Dinners, Meetings and for degrees. It is only one or two Tuesday nights a month, and well worth your time. Come back for the fellowship and to help strengthen your lodge.

Remember to keep up-to-date with our website. Find it, bookmark it and visit it often at: [www.freemason574.org](http://www.freemason574.org)

Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
Dennis Stahr, Master

### 2017 OFFICERS

|  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| Master .....                                     | Dennis Stahr, PM       |
| Sr. Warden .....                                 | Ben Bridges            |
| Jr. Warden .....                                 | Robert Salini, PM      |
| Treasurer.....                                   | David Casper           |
| Secretary.....                                   | Dimiter Lyakov, PM     |
| Chaplain.....                                    | Steven Laurvick, PM    |
| Sr. Deacon .....                                 | Nicholas Baker         |
| Jr. Deacon.....                                  | Stefan Werkstetter     |
| Marshall.....                                    | Robert Scheeler        |
| Sr. Steward .....                                | Jason Bockerman        |
| Jr. Steward .....                                | Robert Gale            |
| Tiler .....                                      | Jim Achenbach, PM      |
| Officer's Coach: .....                           | Dennis Stahr, PM       |
| Officer's Coach: .....                           | Robert Salini, PM      |
| Inspector, 921 <sup>st</sup> . Masonic District: | Richard W. Bullard, PM |

### DECEMBER EVENTS

|  |          |
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| 5 Stated Dinner/Meeting                        | 6:30 pm  |
| 7 Installation practice - Shell room           | 6:30 pm  |
| 9 Installation of Officers for 2018            | Noon     |
| 12 Enjoy your holidays                         |          |
| 19 Last minute gift shopping                   |          |
| 23 Christmas gifts - Meet at the Shrine Temple | 11:30 am |
| 26 Relaxing after a wonderful Christmas        |          |

### DECEMBER STATED DINNER MENU

Spring Mix with Strawberries  
Roast Pork - Roast Beef  
Au Gratin Potatoes  
Grilled Vegetables  
Apple Pie

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).

### BRING YOUR DUES CURRENT

**Please pay your dues for this year and  
Any past dues to be in good standing  
And be a supporter of your great Lodge**



**FROM THE SOUTH**

Brethren and Ladies,

WOW it's November and into December! Since I accepted a new position with my company, I've been very busy with details lasting into the evening. As I plan for 2018, I sincerely hope that I will be able to serve our lodge well, and will do all I can to make it another good and event filled year.

I'd like to thank the Brethren for coming out in November and participating in our election of officers. The line is what we had planned for and the elections went well. Soon I will be taking the reins of S.W. Hackett and steering us into a new year. I am counting on our members and Officers to help me with this job, as they all have in the past. I know we all have it in us for another fun year. I am very proud to again serve our lodge as Master in 2018, and I thank the brethren for electing me again. For some time now I've been working on the 2018 calendar, which seem to change every time I try to print it out, but I'm confident that it will come together.

We have nearly 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 their Installation. It will be on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>, at Noon. The officers need to show up at 9am for pictures and other preliminaries. The practice for Installation will be on Thursday Dec.7, at 6:30pm. This practice NEEDS ALL OFFICERS in attendance, as well as, the outgoing Master, and the Inspector. 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 2018 will begin with one or two second degrees, as we just initiated two new brothers. This is a good time to remind all of our brethren to come down to Lodge and share the fellowship with us. Drive Safe and I hope to see everyone in lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Bob Salini, PM, Master Elect

**DUES ARE DUE!**

Brethren: Please remember that it is very important that your dues for 2018 are paid by the end of December or you will not be in Good Standing. You can send a check or go online and instruct your bank to issue and send a check in the amount of \$114 to SW Hackett Lodge No.574 1895 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108. Look for an envelope from the lodge with the Square and Compass on the outside. Then support your lodge and remain in good standing by paying your dues promptly.

Those of you who have forgotten to pay your dues for 2017, it is extremely important that you also pay those back dues to remain in good standing.

**2017 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Audit              | Benjamin Bridges     |
| Budget & Finance   | Robert Scheeler      |
| Candidate Coaching | Steve Laurvick, PM   |
| Charity            | Dennis Stahr, Master |
| Delinquent Dues    | Benjamin Bridges     |
| Funeral            | David Haslim, PM     |
| Honored Ladies     | Maebelle Haslim      |
| Life Membership    | James Campbell, PM   |
| Member Retention   | "JR" Knight, PM      |
| Masonic Education  | Jim Achenbach, PM    |
| Calif. Annual Fund | Robert Salini, PM    |
| Public Schools     | Jim Achenbach, PM    |
| Entertainment      | Robert Gale          |
| Sunshine & Visit   | John Fitch, PM       |
| Masonic Outreach   | Ryan Bacaoco, PM     |
| Trestleboard       | Dennis Stahr, PM     |
| Website Master     | Dennis Stahr, PM     |

**SIR JOSEPH BANKS**

English naturalist, Mason and member of the Royal Society. He was born in Argyle Street, London, on the 13th of February 1743. His father, William Banks, was the son of a successful Lincolnshire doctor, who became sheriff of his county, and represented Peterborough in parliament; and Joseph was brought up as the son of a rich man.

In 1760 he went to Oxford, where he showed a decided taste for natural science and was the means of introducing botanical lectures into the university. In 1764 he came into possession of the ample fortune left by his father, and in 1766 he made his first scientific expedition to Newfoundland and Labrador, bringing back a rich collection of plants and insects. Shortly after his return, Captain Cook was sent by the government to observe the transit of Venus in the Pacific Ocean, and Banks, through the influence of his friend Lord Sandwich, obtained leave to join the expedition in the "Endeavour", which was fitted out at his own expense.

The voyage occupied three years and many hardships had to be undergone; but the rich harvest of discovery was more than adequate compensation. Banks was equally anxious to join Cook's second expedition and expended large sums in engaging assistants and furnishing the necessary equipment. He employed the assistants and materials he had collected in a voyage to Iceland in 1772.

In 1778 Banks succeeded Sir John Pringle as president of the Royal Society, of which he had been a fellow from 1766, and held the office until his death. In 1781 he was made a baronet; in 1795 he received the order of the Bath; and in 1797 he was admitted to the Privy Council. He died at Isleworth, London on the 19th of June 1820.

As president of the Royal Society he did much to raise the state of science in Britain, and was at the same time most assiduous and successful in cultivating friendly relations with scientific men of all nations. It was, however, objected to him that from his own predilections he was inclined to overlook and depreciate the labors of the mathematical and physical sections of the Royal Society and that he exercised his authority somewhat despotically. He bequeathed his collections of books and botanical specimens to the British Museum.

## THE BURDEN OF BEING WONDERFUL

When my family and I moved from Germany to San Diego in December 2015, I started looking at the local lodges to find a new masonic home. I contacted a few lodges, but without success. Then, at the end of January 2016, I reached out to S.W. Hackett Lodge #574 and got a reply in less than 24 hours, including an invitation to the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> degree.

Two days later. I went to the meeting, both nervous and excited, as this was my first meeting in a U.S. lodge ever.

Among other things, freemasonry in Germany emphasizes the “universal masonic chain of brotherhood”, which means that we will welcome any brother of a regular lodge worldwide, to make him feel home when travelling in distant countries.

I was overwhelmed with the kindness, anticipation and candor of the brethren of S.W Hackett Lodge when I first met them. Coming from a different Grand lodge on a different continent, I was curious what the California ritual would look like. The traditional examination of a first time visitor revealed some general variations already, but also allowed me to recognize universal parts of the masonic ritual. The meeting was impressive – the whole ritual was memorized, and not read from a book like in my Germany mother lodge. Excited about this performance, I came back on a regular basis.

After a couple of weeks, WB Dennis asked me if I wanted to act as Junior Steward in a degree. This was a great opportunity to intensify my understanding of the masonic ritual. Learning by doing is more efficient than learning by watching. After a couple of months, S.W. Hackett became my new masonic home and I affiliated in mid-2016. I got encouraged to grow further, first as Junior Deacon, and soon as Senior Deacon, which would not have been possible without the continuous support and motivation of WB Dennis and the officers.

WB JR tends to say that S.W. Hackett lodge is the best lodge ever – I can completely confirm this. The officers create the fertile soil on which this wonderful lodge grows and prospers. It is up to our new brethren to recognize and embrace this opportunity to both work on their own and the lodge’s growth. Masonry offers a toolbox to create wonderful things, and it’s up to us to use these tools.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Stefan Werkstetter, Junior Deacon,  
Appointed Senior Deacon

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### EDITOR’S 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!

## BROTHER JERRY AQUINO, ENTERED APPRENTICE



SW Hackett has gained another Brother. On November 14, Mr. Jerry Aquino became a Masonic Brother. Brother Jerry was obligated by Worshipful Bob Salini, PM. He is a Merchant Marine and travels very often. We will all be working with him to help him move forward with his degrees. We congratulate and welcome our new Brother.

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### 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 existed where, due to very problematic circumstance with the family, a student had been “emancipated.” This student worked hard at school and at various jobs to make ends meet and was independent with no parental support. This student is an incredible person with a cheery disposition despite the circumstances. Some of the staff pulled together to help out, but there is always room to do more to make these situations 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 Fraternaly,  
James J. Achenbach, PM  
Chairman, Public Schools Committee  
Cell: 619-993-9711

**Happy birthday to all the Ladies of the Lodge  
Whose birthday is in December**

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

|    |           |            |
|----|-----------|------------|
| 7  | Ivan      | Mitchell   |
| 13 | Alejandro | Rodriguez  |
| 14 | Clinton   | Black      |
| 16 | Samuel    | Marinelli  |
| 17 | Robert    | Scheeler   |
| 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          | 63           |
| John           | Czarnecki | 1965          | 52           |
| William        | Stanfield | 1969          | 48           |