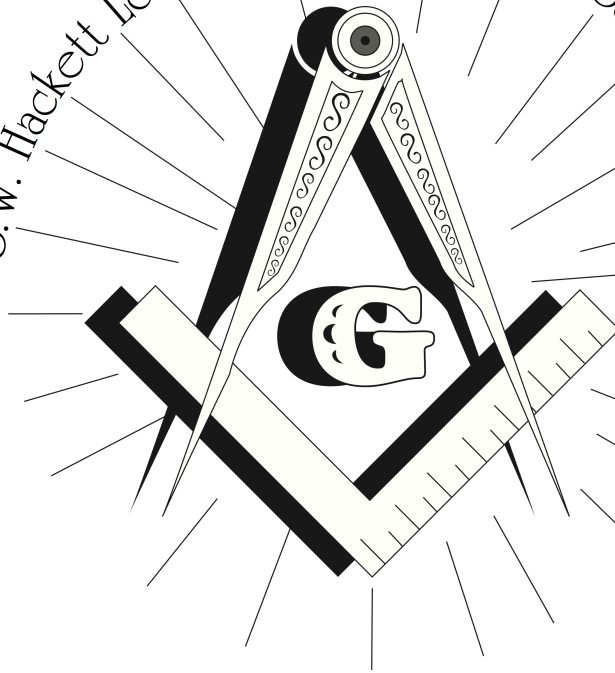


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S. W. Hackett Lodge No. 574 F & A M - San Diego, CA



Chartered October 11, 1923

**WM "JR" Knight
Worshipful Master**

The Magic of Masonry

Scottish Rite Masonic Memorial Center

1895 Camino del Rio South

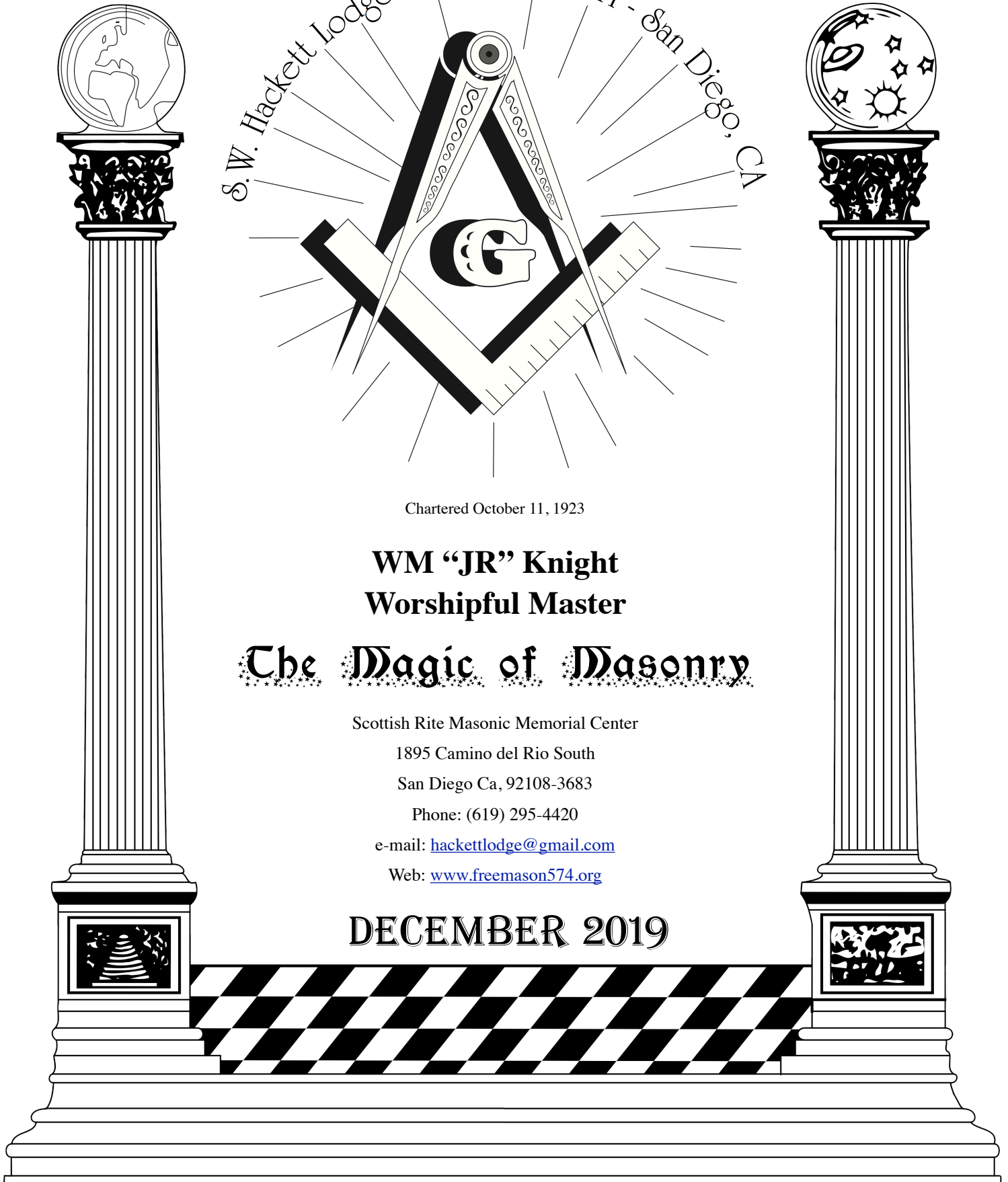
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DECEMBER 2019



FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Brethren & Ladies,

Well, that was fun. I really want to thank my brothers for allowing me to sit the East once again.

Although my work required me to be gone quite a bit during the last two months, I still did my best to get the work of our lodge taken care of, as I did throughout the year. Although it's been a lot of work, I've really enjoyed this year and it was an honor to serve, my brothers. I'm really looking forward to Brother Chris taking the helm and seeing which direction he takes us. Please make a point to come down on December 7th to support Chris and his new line.

One minor change for next year will be in Masonic Education. We are moving our gatherings from the third to the second Tuesday of each month. Please add



these dates to your calendar, we hold these sessions for you.

Worshipful Stahr has been working hard to get our brothers who are behind in their dues, caught up. He was successful with a few but thirteen brothers were sent suspension letters. These suspensions will be finalized after the first of the year.

I think this is the first year that SWH will not have a full line installed. In past years we've had a brother or two who could not make the installation but this year we actually have holes including in the South. Hopefully, this situation will correct itself soon and brothers will step up to take a chair. Our lodge is too special to have this problem. If you are interested in taking a chair we are here to help you with the work.

On Saturday the 21st, we will be delivering the holiday food to the six needy families please see Worshipful Achenbach's letter on the next page for particulars.

Well that's about it for me I hope you have a Merry Christmas, Happy

Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, and Happy Festivus or whatever you may or not be into and for sure have a fantastic 2020. See you in Lodge My Brothers.

Magically and Fraternally,
JR Knight, PM
Master



SW Hackett Lodge
Holiday Food Delivery
December 21 at 11am

Al Bahr
Shrine
Parking Lot
5440 Kearny Mesa Rd
San Diego, CA 92111



2019 OFFICERS

Master	William "JR" Knight, PM
Sr. Warden	Norman "Chris" Parker
Jr. Warden	Nicholas Baker
Treasurer	David Casper
Secretary	Dimiter Lyakov, PM
Chaplain	Benjamin Pulido
Sr. Deacon	Robert Gale
Jr. Deacon	Jeremy Weber
Marshall	Robert Scheeler
Sr. Steward	Jason Bockerman
Jr. Steward	Mark Helton
Tiler	Jim Achenbach, PM
Officer's Coach:	Dennis Stahr, PM
Officer's Coach:	Robert Salini, PM
Inspector, 921st. Masonic District:	Richard W. Bullard, PM

DECEMBER SUMMONS

3	Stated Dinner/Meeting	6:00 pm
7	Officers Photos	10 am
7	Installation of Officers	Noon
21	Holiday Food Delivery	11am

STATED MEETING DINNER

DEC 3 2019 AT 6:00PM

Spring Mix with Strawberries

Roast Pork

Roast Beef

Au Gratin Potatoes

Grilled Vegetables

Apple Pie

Make your lodge reservations with the Lodge Secretary at 619-295-4420 or email to: hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com.

S.W. Hackett Lodge # 574

Memo: Partnership in Education

Dear Brethren and Ladies,

Every year since our Partnership in Education program was created - for over 20 years now, the members and ladies of our Lodge have volunteered at the November Stated Meeting to purchase the food and presents for six needy families in our community that have been selected by the school's staff. These families enjoy a complete holiday meal, a Target gift card and presents for all the children in the selected families.

The food includes everything needed for a family to have a complete Christmas or Holiday dinner. The gifts, which are from each child's wish-list, are wrapped and have the children's names on them. The Partnership in Education fund provides the gift cards so that the family can secure some needed items that we don't provide.

On the weekend before December 25th volunteers from the Lodge meet to organize and then go to the homes of the families and personally deliver the meals and gifts. You can imagine

the faces on the parents and children when the deliveries are made. I can tell you from experience that it is a heartwarming experience.

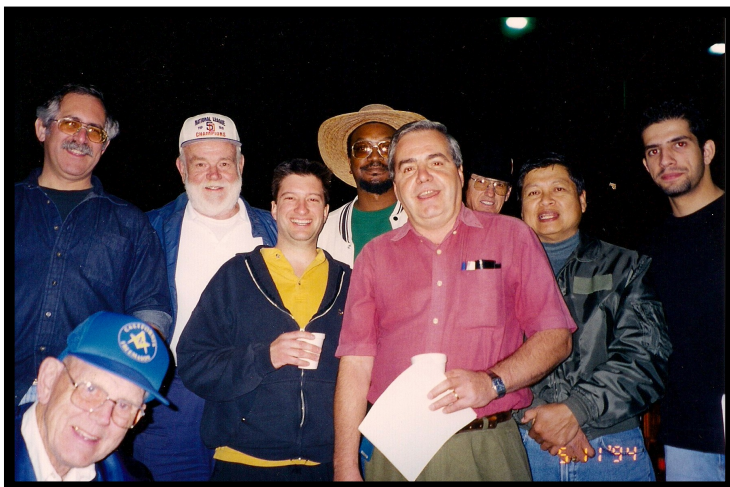
I'd like to share with you one of the situations that we'll be helping with this year. The dad in one family has been hospitalized after having had a heart attack and he won't be able to work until after the holidays. The mom's work is very slow right now, so needless to say, this family is in a very tough place.


Our efforts will not solve all of this particular family's problems but, for a time, they will enjoy a wonderful meal, open great presents, and be able to use a

gift card to go out and secure a few necessities. This family, along with five others, will enjoy some happiness because of the efforts and generosity of the Brethren and Ladies of S.W. Hackett Lodge #574.

If you are interested in participating during this year, please attend the December Stated Meeting Dinner - there are still volunteer opportunities. If you're interested in participating with the delivery on December 21st at 11:00, please let us know (jimmyachenbach@gmail.com); we can use another driver and two navigators.


If you did not take



 **FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK**

- * Please notice the lodge new main e-mail address is: hackettlodge@gmail.com. The old one: Hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com does not work anymore.
- * The request notices for 2019 Annual Dues of \$116 were mailed to the members of the lodge. **BRING YOUR DUES CURRENT.** Please pay your dues for this year and any past dues before January 1st to be in **GOOD STANDING.** Be a supporter of your great Lodge.

Fraternally,
Dimiter



2019 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	
Audit	Chris Parker
Budget & Finance	Robert Scheeler
Candidate Coaching	Your Name Here
Charity	"JR" Knight, PM
Member Retention	Nicholas Baker
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	Robert Salini, PM
Public Schools	Jim Achenbach, PM
Entertainment	Robert Gale
Sunshine & Visit	Dennis Stahr, PM
Masonic Outreach	Your Name Here
Trestleboard	"JR" Knight, PM
Website	Dennis Stahr, PM

advantage of the opportunity to contribute to the Partnership in Education program when you paid your dues that's okay – it's never too late! Whenever you are

able please mail a check to the Lodge made out to:

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Bro. Jim Achenbach, PM
Chair, Public Schools Com.



How to define tolerance.

Reprinted for Feb 2009

To be tolerant is to learn to respect the opinions of others though they may diverge from ones own belief system. The human family is diverse. The principles guiding value systems in each society is different. And while one may not agree with some aspect of another persons interpretation of morality or justice, to be tolerant would require one to work at accepting and understanding it. Thus tolerance is the acceptance of something an individual disagrees with. Hence tolerance is so highly regarded in Freemasonry for it is vital to its existence. Acceptance of others' spiritual beliefs and traditions without being required to share them is the cornerstone of our fraternity. Tolerance is the highest of Masonic moral dictates. In one of the earliest

Masonic texts (the Ahiman Rezon, or the Book of Constitutions of the Ancient Grand Lodge of England written in 1756 by Laurence Dermott) the first charge does not mention tolerance but defines it: "...In ancient times, the Christian Masons were charged to comply with the Christian Usages of each country where they traveled or worked; being found in all nations, even of divers religions. They are generally charged to adhere to that Religion in which all Men agree (leaving each brother to his own particular opinion): that is, to be good Men and true, Men of Honour and Honesty, by whatever Names, Religions, or Persuasions they may be distinguished for they all agree in the three great Articles of Noah, enough to preserve the Cement of the Lodge. Thus masonry is the

center of their Union, and the Happy Means of consillating Persons that otherwise may have remained at a perpetual Distance." We are taught in Freemasonry to understand that each brother is different but equal. We are also charged to "Love your God with all of your heart, and all of your soul and all of your mind and all of your strength. And love your neighbor as yourself." In contemplating tolerance as an actuality one would logically adhere several attributes to achieving tolerant behavior. An ability to forgive others, sympathize with their particular circumstances, and the patience to reflect upon differences rather than react would seem mandatory to effecting a tolerant attitude. If put into effect in everyday life, tolerance of others beliefs and respect for their equal right to believe something we may not agree with will translate into a higher form of personal existence. The spread of this practice among individuals of all cultures can only lead to a higher degree of mutual respect among nations and a more peaceful world. To this rationale crystal clarity one need only look at the antithesis of the idea of tolerance.

Certain names spring to mind – Hitler, Stalin, Pol Pot and other infamous authoritarian figures of the 20th Century come to mine. Ideologies also emerge – the Ku Klux Klan, Skin Heads, Nazis and radical Islamic Militants.

An Austrian brother visited our lodge a couple of years ago and presented the Master with a pin. The pin had the representation of a forget-me-not flower on it. The brother explained that it was symbolic of Austrian Freemasonry for he said the first thing Hitler did to consolidate his power was to detain and murder prominent Freemasons in Germany and Austria. Hitler could not allow Freemasonry to exist because the Nazi philosophy was entirely based on the inequality of human species and intolerance of those races deemed inferior. Thus the forget-me-not is a symbol of remembrance on the pin. It is to remind us of the danger of allowing intolerance into our own lives and society as well as the need to regularly incorporate tolerance into our hearts and minds.

Who embraces intolerance?

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Steven Laurvick PM

December Birthdays

- 07Jerry B. Jennings
- 13Alejandro R. Salas
- 14Clinton R. Black
- 16Samuel L. Marinelli, Jr.
- 17Robert J. Scheeler
- 17Stefan Werkstetter
- 24Luis M. Gallegos
- 27Edward L. Deitzler
- 28James M. Mc Cullock

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

Raised

- John Czarnecki 12/02/1965 54
- Maurice K. Lowe 12/09/1954 65
- William F. Stanfield 12/09/1969 50