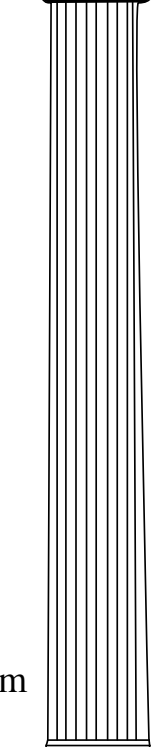
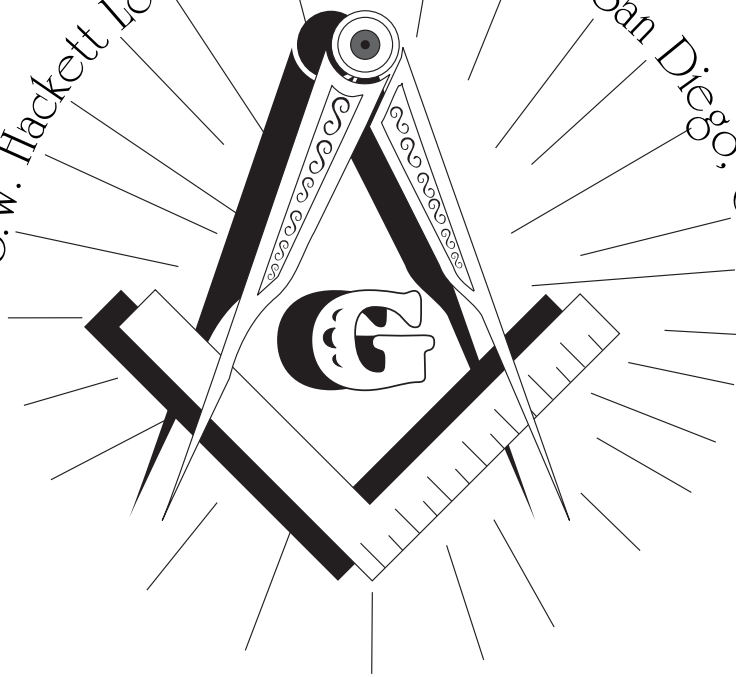
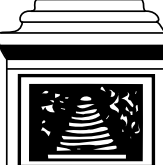
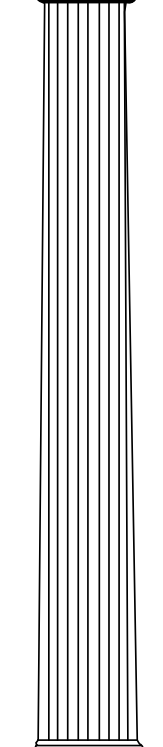


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S. W. Hackett Lodge No. 574 F & A M - San Diego, CA



Chartered October 11, 1923

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*Worshipful Master*

Scottish Rite Masonic Memorial Center

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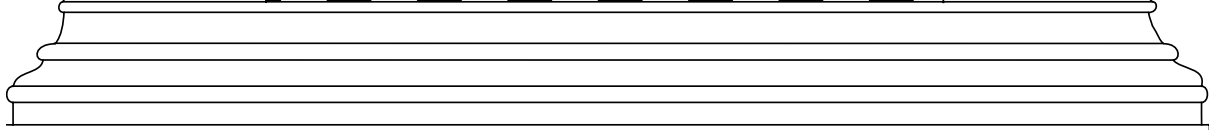
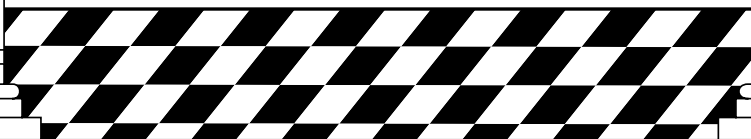
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**JANUARY 2013**



# FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Brethren and Ladies:



Wow, what a great job our new line did at their first stated meeting. They've obviously been working hard.

We recently held an officers meeting at which we came to a consensus on some basic operating procedures that we plan to enact over the next year.

First and foremost are Hard Start Times for our Stated Meetings and Degrees. Per our Bylaws our Stated Mtgs are at 7:30pm, we are setting the times for 1st and 2nd Degrees to start promptly at 6pm, and all 3rd Degrees at 6:30pm. Please note that it is our intention to start these meetings at the exact time specified, even if I am still on the way, our SW will gavel on time. Please note, we would rather you join us late, rather than missing out seeing and spending time with you, so please join us when you can. You will be welcomed with open arms, anytime you arrive.

The second SOP will be to limit the number of degrees to no more than two per evening. We feel this will allow more time for socializing after degrees as well as fulfilling our responsibilities to the business of the Lodge. I know that

we have many candidates and brothers that will be waiting for advancement but with the new rules governing our Stated Mtgs these brothers will still be engaged, so hopefully they will understand.

The next SOP will be to hold Masonic Education on the 3rd Tuesday of each Month. These sessions are open to all Brothers and their guests. Freemasonry is rich in symbols. And while we can certainly fill a lifetime with study of Masonic theory, in this series of meetings, we will explore the idea that these symbols are not intended as mere intellectual puzzles. Under the tutelage of Wor. Achenbach and Bro. Breise, we will treat these symbols as sign posts; pointing the way towards practices we can incorporate into our daily life, practices that have the potential to transform our lives and our understanding and realization of the "True Word." Please plan to join us on this journey into further light in Masonry.

Lastly, several of our brothers and ladies are growing weary of the low quality of food at our stated dinners,

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## JANUARY EVENTS

- 5 ..... Installation ..... 11am
- 8 ..... Stated Dinner & Meeting ..... 6:30 & 7:30pm
- 15 ..... Masonic Education & 1st Degree - Greenberg ..... 6pm
- 22 ..... 1st Degree - Lanning , ..... 6pm
- 29 ..... 1st Degree - Bridge, Mullen ..... 6pm

JANUARY 2013						
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# FROM THE PILLAR OF STRENGTH

Brethren and Ladies:



I hope you all had a wonderful and joyous holiday season, last year. Now, that 2013 is here, I am excited to be moving forward in the lodge as the Senior Warden. Being an officer in our lodge has been a great experience and as I reflect back on the hard work that we did together to make this lodge what it is now. I am so proud and honored to be sharing these moments with you all.

What does being a lodge officer mean to me? Well, it means a variety of things. First, it gives me the opportunity to become more familiar in our rituals by attending our weekly, bi-weekly or monthly lodge practices and going to the District Officer's

School of Instruction (a.k.a OSI). The more times that I attend practice or be a part of the OSI function, I find it to be a very valuable and beneficial learning experience for me and others when

we have a degree. Because, the Officer's coach at our lodge practice and the District Inspector's at the OSI teaches us important rituals and procedures that can help us make degree work less confusing and complicated when that day, arrives. And they are also there to answer any questions that we may have rather than assuming what we may think is the right way of doing the work. Secondly, I would have to say is the camaraderie that we were all seeking

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# FROM PILLAR OF BEAUTY

Brethren and Ladies,



In November, I was honored to have been elected to serve as Junior Warden for the ensuing masonic year. Now I am looking forward to the challenges of what 2013 brings us. It's an honor to be able to serve the lodge as one of the Pillars, and I hope that I can live up to the expectations of all the brethren. As you all remember, Bro. Bacacao did a stellar job as Jr. Warden , and I hope to complete 2013 with as much dedication as he put into it.

As a Senior Deacon I thoroughly enjoyed conducting the

candidates, and introducing visiting brethren. We had a very busy year with all of the Degree's that we completed. Also it's great to initiate all the new brothers and have them here at our stated meetings.

I am looking forward to attending my first Wardens and Masters Retreat in Huntington Beach, and to the Annual Communication in San Francisco.

In 2012 we here at Hackett accomplished so much with all of the degree work, the increase in membership, the reworking of our

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JANUARY STATED MEETING DINNER

Spinach Salad  
Roast Turkey & Roast Pork  
Baby Red Potatoes  
Green Beans Almondine  
Assorted Rolls  
Assorted Hot & Cold Beverages  
Carrot Cake

\$15.00

Please RSVP

as a result, we working with Ranch to get them to increase their quality, as well as looking into alternatives. I will keep you posted on our progress.

Other items discussed involved budgeting and awards and I will be presenting this

information at the proper times.

I hope you are all as excited about these changes as we are, or at least, you will keep an open mind to them. We look forward to spending time with you on Tuesdays.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
JR Knight, PM  
Worshipful Master



why I wanted to become a Mason, after separating from the military that was one of the big parts of my life that was missing. Being amongst my fellow Airman while serving as Active duty in the United States Air Force, exchanging ideas about how we can become a better group and assisting other Airman in our group during times of need, whether it is on – the – job or at home. But most of all, we treated each other like family. And lastly why I enjoy being an officer in the lodge is the responsibility. Making that year-long commitment and promising myself and to the Brethren of my lodge that I will try and attend all Masonic functions and become an active member of my lodge and to the community that we serve. Nothing makes me more excited knowing that I can give back to my lodge by being part of a candidate's degree, attending an elementary spelling bee contest that

our lodge sponsors or during the holiday seasons when we hold a food drive to show our support for those families who have landed on hard times. But, you may also ask yourself – "That is a lot of work for something we are not getting paid for!" Yes, that is true. But, I volunteer my time not because of the pay - It is because I enjoy doing it! My willingness to give back to the Brethren of this lodge who has given to me so much when I was also going through my degrees to becoming a Master Mason is my special way of saying, "Thank you!"

I would also like to thank all the appointed officers of this lodge who volunteered to serve this year. You have made a very important step in your masonic career and looking forward to working with you all and having a spectacular time this year!

Sincerely & Fraternally,  
Ryan A. Bacaoco  
Senior Warden



# MYSTERY MASON

Brethren an Ladies:

On the evening of Brother Mario's 3rd Degree, I overheard a senior brother telling Wor. William Knight to stop ending his Trestle Board letters with Magically, stating that some of the brothers don't understand why he would use that salutation and that it really doesn't belong.

Since I too wondered about this tag line, I asked Wor. Knight about it and thought you might also like to know the meaning and origin.

The "interview" started with a chuckle "JR" as he prefers to be called, saying his first thought was, "I can't believe, this perplexes them, rather than my writing to 'My Brother', instead of "Brethren and Ladies." JR told me he started writing to "My Brother" originally because he was convinced that no one, or at most, only one brother reads the Trestleboards. As the years went by he started choosing one brother a month and writing to that specific Bro. "Sometimes I change bro in mid letter, but they've all been written to specific Bros. Over the years I've been wondering if this was offending anyone, he is relieved that apparently no one cares about that".

But now to the offending line, "Magically and Fraternally". JR - "First of all I should

probably mention that contrary to popular belief, I am not into ceremonial magik. I am pretty sure this misunderstanding is the cause of some being uneasy about what is perceived as the "esoteric" side of Masonry. I do understand why they would make this mistake about me and magik, but never the less, they are mistaken".

What JR is, is completely open minded. He further stated: "I was fortunate enough to grow up without an organized religious affiliation, leaving me to draw my own opinions. I also spent my later teens and early twenties in the company of my girls friend's mother, who was a Metaphysical Minister and student of Manly P. Hall. She taught me many spiritual and mind expanding things. I should probably add, to prevent further controversies, that to this day I have never tried any drugs, nor have I ever been intoxicated. Anyway, I suspect that the lack of a spiritually ridged upbringing, along with flouting over people resuscitating my five year old drowned body, made it possible for me to be able to not be afraid of the unusual or controversial".

"To be clear, I openly talk about changing traffic lights to green. This is not because I am into sorcery but rather, I went through a period of time, when I kept having to replace my brakes. Then one day I was driving three

## January Birthdays

1	GEORGE H. SPEER	
2	DONALD C. HARDING	
5	BILL E. SMITH	
11	ROBERT T. GALE	
11	MICHAEL P. NOLEN	
12	ERIC R. STRAUB	
14	DAVID D. NAJERA	
16	RONALD E. HESTAND	
16	ROBERT E. WILSON PM	
17	ANTHONY S. THORNBURG	
17	GERALD R. LYNN PM	
21	GARY G. PARKS PM	
21	GRANT H. KRAMER	
28	DAVID M. BAUTISTA	
29	STEVEN E. LAURVICK	
31	ROGER R. PARKER PM	

## ECHOES FROM THE PAST

	Raised
EDWARD DANGLER	.1/22/59
FRED S. LIPSCOMB	.1/30/62
THEODORE KETTERER PM	.1/25/66
GEORGE O. GLAVIS PM	.1/24/68
GARY G. PARKS PM	.1/22/79
ROGER R. PARKER PM	.1/14/82
EDWARD L. DEITZLER PM	.1/26/82
JOHN M. FARRELL PM	.1/28/82
GEORGE H. SPEER	.1/25/83
GEORDAN L. MITCHELL	.1/16/03
DAVID A. BRANT	.1/16/07

brothers to an officers education workshop in San Bernardino and every light was red. What's the odds right. Well, after they stopped laughing, one of the bros told me to start asking for green. Now to be honest, I was as skeptical as the next guy, but being open minded, the fact that it doesn't cost a dime and with more than a bit of prodding from the other bros, I gave it a try. Well sure enough, it worked. Since that day I have employed this simple and free trick often. Now, not all, but most, well over 90%, of the lights I come to are green".

JR continued: "I do have an affinity toward Magic though and I am a proud Member, Director, and 1st VP of the The Invisible Lodge International, a group of Master Masons that are also Magicians. Since my tenure on the board, we have expanded membership to Masonic Clowns, Eastern Star and Amaranth as well as our youth orders. We meet at magic conventions and there really is nothing untoward about them, although they are a pretty tricky bunch".

JR has always been interested in Magic and when he heard about this group of Masons he

had to join. He says the thing you need to know about Magic is that it truly makes you think. Most see a magician with a deck of cards and assume they are a trick deck, but a magician knows different. Most see a rubber band and wrap it around something, a magician looks at the same rubber band and sees a miracle in the raw. He says, in fact, "I struggle every night in lodge, not to make something happen".

But this is not the magic JR is referring to. The Masonic Magic that is his salutation, has do with the Magic that cements us into one sacred band of brothers.

JR continued sincerely: "Speculative Masonry was born from the fact that in earlier times, free thinking men that dared to share their thoughts and ideas were tortured and killed. Our fraternity gave these brothers a safe haven to expand their minds and chat with like minded men, without fear of ridicule or exposure. To me the idea that men of every country, sect and opinion, can come together as brothers and freely share in an experience of searching for light, must be "Magical". The

fact that two enemies on the field of battle having only our ancient craft in common, could end up helping each other to the point that one would be inspired to help the other under a threat of treason, can only be the result of some 'Magical Force'".

"Also, for the most part, we have all been drawn to the craft for various reasons and under different circumstances. We come from different places with different political ideas, religious beliefs and with a wide range of ages and experiences. Yet somehow we all gather with mutual respect and tolerance. In my mind, this is 'Magical'!"

When I arrive at work to find my Brother Mason & Boss deep in thought, he always stops his work and joins me on the five points. I assure you that every time this quick exchange of ener-

gy occurs between any two Masons it changes your mood and uplifts the spirit. I know I feel better for it, for the rest of the day. Try it some time and you will surely feel a bit of "Magic" emerge from within".

I believe that it was never JR's intention to offend, but simply to point to the obvious "Magical Energy" that connects us all, both within and outside of the craft. Masons are just fortunate enough to be able to experience it without fear or judgment.

Well, there you have it, for what it's worth. I am glad I took the time to ask the question. I feel better and enlightened for his answer.

So, with the understanding of this new "light", I too will now say....

Magically & Fraternally,  
Brother - Mr. E. Mason

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finances, our annual Christmas food drive and anything else I missed, its been a great year. Hopefully everyone had a wonderful Holiday season and all are ready for another fun

filled Masonic year.

Be Safe this year and I hope to see everyone in lodge in 2013.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Bro. Bob Salini  
Junior Warden



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Delinquent Dues: .....	Ryan A. Bacaoco
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Mem Retent: .....	Robert Salini
Public Schools: .....	Jim Achenbach, PM
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<b>JUNIOR DEACON</b>	CHARLES I. "CHUCK" CASKEY
<b>MARSHALL</b>	ROBERT J. SCHEELER
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