

**TRESTLEBOARD**  
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<u>JANUARY 2014</u>						
<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THU</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
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JANUARY EVENTS

- 1 NEW YEARS DAY
- 7 Stated Meeting & Dinner .....6:30 pm
- 14 Degree Practice/Proficiency .....6:00 pm
- 21 MM Degree: Mark Helton.....6:00 pm
- 27 OSI.....6:30 pm
- 28 Degree Practice/Proficiency .....6:00 pm

FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Brethren & Ladies:

I hope you all had a joyous holiday season with your families, loved ones and friends. I would like to thank Wor. Jim Achenbach for again coordinating the food and gift drive on December 21<sup>st</sup>., which is part of our Partnership in education program to assist families unable to celebrate the Holiday Season due to financial hardship or other personal issues. I have participated in this event for the last couple of years and just seeing the joy on those family faces when we do our part in their time of need is very heartwarming and makes me proud to be a Mason and to be part of such a wonderful lodge.

As we start off the New Year, I would like to thank everyone in attendance at our annual Installation of Officers for 2014. I am very grateful to be serving as your Master for the ensuing Masonic year and wish to express my sincere thanks to the Officers of our Lodge for their continued support and commitment in wanting to make this year a success.

Our focus for 2014 as I stated during our Installation will be working on improving our ritual. I strongly believe that ritual is of great importance not only to us but to our visitors attending our degrees or Stated Meetings. And, most importantly to our Candidates who have joined our Lodge to

See, firsthand, what Masonry has to offer them are entitled to strong, dedicated and professional ritual as they are being initiated, passed and raised. If no degrees are scheduled during a particular month, we will practice our ritual. We will continue to have Masonic Education presentations during our Stated Meetings, as well as the months when we have no degrees. Jim Achenbach, PM will continue as our leader of this program. We look forward to the topics he has in store for us. December 17<sup>th</sup> we raised Bro. Steve Cumming to the sublime degree of Master Mason and heard Bro. Jason Bockerman give his MM Proficiency. Congratulations to both.

During our January stated Meeting we will have presentations from one of our recently passed Fellowcraft on the seven liberal arts and sciences. Hopefully this sort of participation by our EA and FC brothers will demonstrate to them that they too are playing a vital part in promoting our lodge and Masonry.

We plan a Lodge Picnic in June and a Table Lodge in July with lots of other exciting events to come.

Remember. Tuesday night is Lodge night. We hope to see you there!

Wor. Ryan A. Bacaoco, Master

**FROM THE PILLAR OF STRENGTH**

Brethren and Ladies;

What a stellar year we had in 2013. Wor. JR Knight led us through so many degrees and activities throughout the year, and all the brethren came together to make it successful. As we enter into the New Year, our newly installed Master Ryan Bacaoco has made a point to get back to basics. This is a great way to start a year, and as I think about what this means to me personally, there is a lot involved.

One thing that comes to mind is being “duly and truly prepared”. This refers to being divested of all mineral and metallic objects on or about your person and being properly dressed, or clad, so as to emphasize our concern with a man’s internal qualifications, rather than his worldly wealth, honors, and position in society. By undergoing the rites of preparation, the candidate signifies the sincerity of his intentions. Being duly and truly prepared also refers to the state of a man’s heart and soul as he seeks admission into our order. “Seek and you shall find. Ask and it shall be given unto you. Knock and it shall be opened unto you. are not idle words in Freemasonry. We interview our candidates so to determine “what are their intentions”. “What is his real interest in Masonry”? Is this new applicant a man with his mind and soul in the right place? I believe it is an important step in the process, to get to know our candidate before we accept into our honorable lodge.

On another note the New Year brings anew position for me, Senior Warden, which I will do my best to carry out in a diligent manner. As Sr. Warden it is my duty to assist the Master in performing his duties, and to discharge those duties which ancient usage has assigned to me. During the absence of the Master, I will be charged with the powers and duties of the Master. I am looking forward to another great year here at S. W. Hackett Lodge.

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

Sincerely, Robert Salini, Senior Warden

**EDITOR’S NOTE**

Your items of Masonic Education and general interest are always welcome and earnestly requested. Just be sure to have them to me no later than February 20... You may contact me by mail at 16436 Avenida Venusto “D”, San Diego, CA 92129; eMail ugliedec@gmail.com

Fraternally, Dick Covert, PM Editor

**FROM THE SECRETARY’S DESK**

**PLEASE** If you are not on the permanent dinner reservation list, call at least two days prior to a Stated Meeting. We are always delighted to see you at Stated Meeting and dinner, but it can be difficult accommodating everyone who shows up without notice. Cost of dinner is \$15.00 each. Brethren on the permanent list should call if they are unable to attend dinner. Please remember also to keep us advised of address and telephone number changes. (619-295-4420)

Fraternally,  
Dimitry Lyakov PM Secretary



**OUR ARMED FORCES**

In these stressful times for our Military men and women, it is appropriate that we remember and pray for all members of our Armed Forces who are away from their families and friends in whatever part of the world they may be. Several of our own members are presently serving in our Armed Forces and are now, have been or will be in harms way during their service. They guard us, defend our way of life and serve to protect democracy in our Country and around the world. They are what stand between us and the terrorists and despots of the world who would rob us of our freedom. They are all volunteers and without them we, and the rest of the world, could not continue. We owe them a debt of gratitude we can never repay. Let us remember them in our prayers and thank God they are ours. Let us support them in every way we can.

**2014 COMMITTEES**

Audit.....	Bob Salini
Budget & Finance.....	Bob Scheeler
Candidate Coaching .....	Clint Black, PM
Charity.....	Ryan Bacaoco, WM
Communication .....	Charles Caskey
Delinquent Dues .....	Bob Salini
Funeral.....	David Haslim, PM
Honored Ladies .....	Maebelle Haslim
Life Membership .....	James Campbell, PM
Masonic Education .....	Jim Achenbach, PM
Masonic Formation .....	Bob Smith, PM
Masonic Outreach .....	Ron Detzer, PM
Memb Retention .....	John Fitch
Public Schools .....	Jim Achenbach, PM
Social Media.....	Steve Laurvick, PM
Sam Jones Memorial .....	Nick Mullen
Sunshine & Visit .....	Dennis Stahr, PM
Mentoring .....	Bob Salini
Trestleboard.....	Dick Covert, PM
Website Master.....	Dennis Stahr, PM



## FROM THE PILLAR OF BEAUTY

Happy New Year Brethren. As we close the past year, and open a new, we take pause to reflect upon the significance of the events from the preceding year. It causes oneself to wonder at the passing of time, and the cyclical nature of our lives. During the ascending phases of our lives, priorities and preoccupations dissolve and emerge anew. As we move forward, the measure of our lives is to be set by our own selves; it is the content of the actions we choose to undertake. Look back, take measure and strike out again.

Here I share with you some of the articles which I have collected in the preceding year during lodge; and now carry forward into the New Year.

From the educational sessions of Bro. Devon Briese on meditation the Importance of allotting to oneself time of reflective connection to the universe that exists just outside of our conscious existence.

During the visit and lecture of Wor. Timothy Hogan on Alchemy and Cabbala, I learned of certain geometric patterns inscribed in the Cathedrals of Europe. This inspired me to search out and study the scarcely publicized science of Cymatics. It is demonstrated by the formation of distinct geometric patterns, caused by vibrational excitation of granular particles, on flat metallic membranes. In a book by Hans Jenny, translated from German, the phenomenon is described as a sum of parts. The vibrational energy, the particles and the patterns exist only together. Take away the energy and the form falls away. The form, in essence, is the face of the energy revealed.

Finally, on a trip to Southeastern Arizona I visited Karchner Caverns State Park with my wife Cathleen. The Caverns are expertly preserved, and are an example of a living cave. Formations of calcite ribbons and straws formed in darkness over a period of 100,000 years. Stalactites and stalagmites of all sizes, in a cathedral like chamber, evoke the recognition of divine creation. With waterborne molecular structure they are living stones that illuminate pale green throughout when exposed to ultraviolet light. Formed drop by drop, hidden from the world above, in complete darkness.

And so we go my brothers, brick by brick, stone by stone. Look up ahead; it is the measure of our lives.

Sincerely,  
John Fitch, Junior Warden Elect.

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## JANUARY STATED MEETING DINNER MENU

Spring Mix Salad  
Baked Mahi Mahi  
Chicken Cacciatore  
Potatoes Au Gratin  
Green Beans Almandine  
Assorted Rolls  
Assorted Hot and Cold Drinks  
Carrot Cake  
Dinner cost is \$15 each.  
Reservations by calling our Bro. Secretary  
at 619-295-4420.

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## LODGE HISTORY BOOKLET

Brethren:

In 1973 Wor. Jim Campbell was Master of S. W. Hackett Lodge. That was, of course, our 50<sup>th</sup> year as a constituted lodge of the Grand Lodge of California.

During that year, the lodge compiled and printed a 27 page booklet of lodge history. Some of you "old timers" may remember the book, and may even still have your copy. It is a great information source, not only for our current members, but also for our "young" masons recently initiated, passed or raised.

At the encouragement of Wor. Campbell, we had 35 of them printed as a start. These will be given to the "young" Masons referenced above for free, but since they cost \$2.00 per copy to print, if any of the members would like a copy, we offer them at our cost of \$2.00. You can stop by the office and see the book and how informative it is. Thanks.

Dennis Stahr, PM

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## 2014 PILLARS

Worshipful Master, RYAN BACAOCO (CENTER)  
Senior Warden, ROBERT SALINI (LEFT)  
Junior Warden, JOHN FITCH (RIGHT)