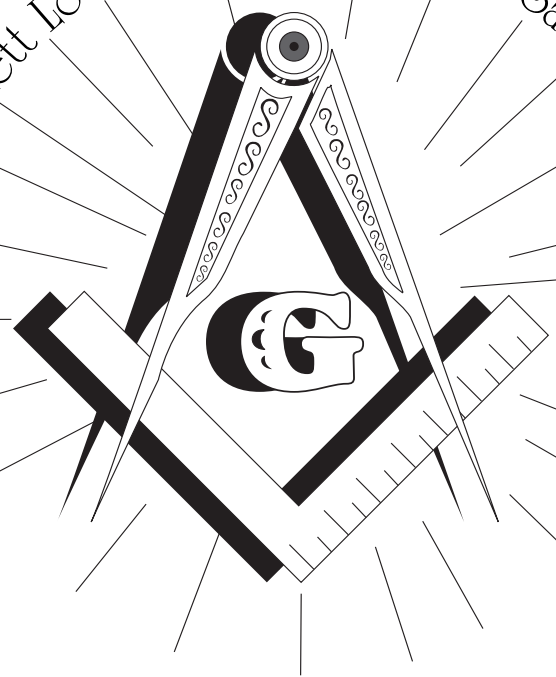


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S. W. Hackett Lodge No. 574 F & A M - San Diego, CA



Chartered October 11, 1923

Worshipful Master
Steve E. Laurvick

Scottish Rite Masonic Memorial Center

1895 Camino del Rio South

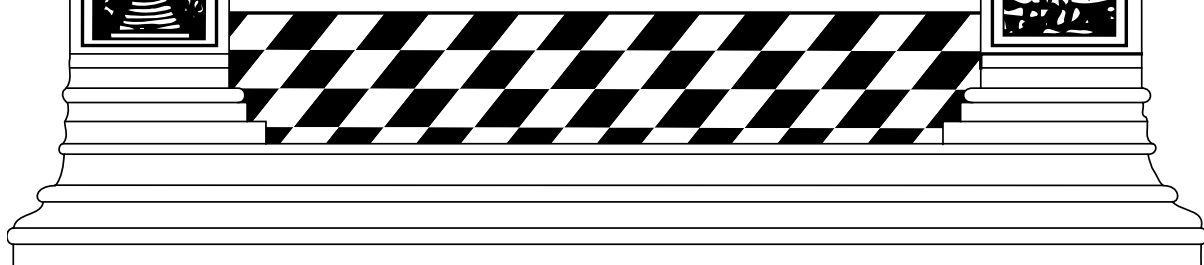
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FROM PILLAR OF WISDOM

Ladies and Brethren

In January Odes Aldo Martini, PM was called from labor just a few days shy of his 92nd birthday. Bro. Martini's contributions to SW Hackett Lodge were many, and he lived a storied life. His funeral service was held in Rancho Penesquitos and was well attended by family friends and brothers and ladies from our lodge. His son Lance delivered a moving eulogy that sketched Odes' many talents and life experiences. Bro. Martini said that as a child he listened to his fathers many stories and thought they were fairy tales, but that as he grew older and heard the same stories from the people who were in them, he realized they were fact and not fiction. Diving with Jacques Cousteau, flying under bridges, hunting with the Shah of Iran and other recollections of Odes most of us were lucky enough to hear once or twice were retold. Lance also recalled watching the movie The Godfather with his father and said Odes were name the real life characters he grew up with on the streets of New York, and how they died. By trade Odes was a metalworker and gunsmith of great renown. Ultimately this led to ballistics work and expert witness work in solving criminal cases in San Diego.

In case you are not aware of it already, the rods in our lodge were crafted by Odes in his workshop, and he donated a block of wood from the oldest commissioned battleship in the United States, the Constitution, which hangs on the wall of the lodge office. Dennis Stahr has posted images from Brother Martini's life on the lodge website (<http://www.calodges.org/no574/news.htm>) be sure to have a look.

Of note this month our stated meeting and dinner fall on the 1st of the February. We should be hearing some committee reports of interest and please remember to call your reservations into the lodge office at. Our annual Spelling B will be held Thursday, February 17 at 5:30PM at Sequoia Elementary School. The lodge annually contributes prize money to the winners. Thanks to Jim Achenbach, PM for making the arrangements once again. We will likely be conducting a candidate on the 15th and practice for our Inspector's annual visit at the March stated meeting.

Sincerely and Fraternally

Steve Laurvick
Worshipful Master



FROM PILLAR OF BEAUTY

Brethren and Ladies:

First, I want to thank the members of the Save SW Hackett Lodge Committee. They have given much of their time to work on this project, and each and every one of them has contributed to the important mission of figuring out where we are and more importantly, where we're going. These Brothers are: Bob

Salini, Bob Smith, Clint Black, Dave Casper, Dennis Stahr, Dimiter Lyakov, Eli Uskokovic, Jim Garrett, Jim Williams, Kent Dau, Mike Allen, Ryan Bacaoco.

An abbreviated version of their report is on the next page. Please take a look and let any of us know, if you have

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FROM PILLAR OF STRENGTH

Brethren and Ladies:

In the coming months you should be contacted by the communications committee. This committee has been formed to ensure that all the information we have on our Brothers and families is correct and up-to-date. Over the years, we have, sadly, lost contact with several of you and miss seeing you in lodge as well as not even knowing if you would need some assistance in getting to the lodge, or if you are receiving the Trestleboard. We ask that you help us get up-to-date and be more responsive to you and all the brothers. That said, we would even ask you to take the time to call or email any updates on your own. It would be very helpful if your address, phone number or email address has changed, or maybe you didn't

have an email address and now you do. If you would like to assist us in this project, please contact me at

For you Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, we also want to assist you in progressing in your Masonic journey. We know that in some ways we were a bit deficient in helping you and with the Grand Lodge "Mentor" program, we believe that we can make it easier for you to progress and to be able to be a real part of your lodge.

Thank you for your help with this project and we hope to see you in lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Dennis Stahr,
Senior Warden



FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 1 Stated Dinner & Meeting . . . 6:30 & 7:30pm
- 8 1st Degree Practice 7:00pm
- 15 Tentative 1st Degree 7:15pm
- 17 Spelling B (Sequoia E School) 5:30pm
- 22 3rd Degree/Escort Inspector Practice . . . 7:00pm

FEBRUARY 2011						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	1	2	3	4	5

FEBRUARY STATED MEETING DINNER

Tossed Green Salad
 Roast Pork & Honey Dijon Chicken
 Au Gratin Potatoes
 Zucchini & Squash
 Assorted Rolls
 Assorted Hot & Cold Beverages
 Cherry Pie

\$15.00



CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE

Brethren:

This is only an initial report for the purpose of updating you as to our progress and must still be agreed upon by both Lodge's consolidation committees. After the committees joint agreement upon said terms a written Resolution must be presented to each Lodge at their Stated Meeting. A majority vote, approving the resolution, at the Stated Meeting will cause written consent forms to be transmitted to each of the Lodge's respective Brother's for their signatures approving or refusing to approve the Resolution. Following the third Stated Meeting after approving the Resolution, the Master of each Lodge must certify the signatures its member's consents. A seventy-five percent (75%) vote for approval for consolidation is required from each Lodge. See CMC Chapter 13,

Section 813.010.

The following are the INITIAL agreed upon terms of our respective Lodges' joint consolidation committees. **New Officer Line:** WM - SWH, SW - SWH, JW - ESD, Sec - ESD, Tr - ESD, SD - SWH, JD - ESD, SS - ESD, JS - SWH, Chpn - SWH, Tlr - ESD, Mshl - ESD

Names of Lodge: San Diego Square and Compass Lodge
Stated Meeting: First Tuesday of month.

Financial administration: 3 Trustees (2 from ESD, 1 from SWH)

Hall Association: 3 new Directors (2 ESD, 1 SWH) Sitting Master to determine manner of dress for meetings and degrees.

Sincerely and Fraternally

Ron Detzer, PM
Committee Chairman



SAVE SWH LODGE CMTE REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

Brethren:

The first time our committee met was to identify our problems and come up with solutions to fix them. We came together again with the idea of firming up our plan to get our Lodge back on track.

We were all in agreement that we need to attract like minded men, while not losing what makes Hackett Special. We need to start with our current brothers to either get them raised or get them back into lodge. We feel that by activating the Grand Lodge's Candidate Mentoring Program we can accomplish both of these goals. By combining our missing brothers with our EA's & FC's we can get both sets of brothers working together and participating in their lodge.

Our next mission is membership acquisition. The goal is to get our Lodge name out to the public. And these are the ideas we would like to move forward with: Advertising in local newspapers, Our Lodge on facebook page, Participating in local Parades, Participating in Street Fairs, Masonic Info Nights, Masonic speakers by offering to speak for public functions, Going to

various restaurants before Stated meetings, in Tuxedos, people will ask about us, this creates a buzz and I have personal experience in seeing results from this interaction.

With respect to our Finances, it is important to note that, things are not as bleak as they seem. Remember we Masons are taught, in the 2nd degree, that everything runs in cycles.

We first looked into our expenses and noticed that we might be able to save some money, in even small amounts it adds up. Some of the things we have considered and are working on are:

Looking into an alternative Lodge rental. If this were to occur, we may save as much as two to three hundred dollars a month which would be significant.

Changing stated meeting dinners to either a restaurants or bringing in dinners.

We are considering emailing the Trestle board how much we money we will save depends on how many participate.

What we really must do is increase our income. To that end, we have 28 EA & FC



EDITOR'S NOTES


Thanks to Kent Dau and Clint & Judy Black for helping me get the TB's mailed out.

Brothers, 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 20th of the month.

You may contact me by email magicalmason1111@yahoo.com


Fraternally
JR Knight, PM, Editor






February Birthdays

3	NORMAN E. HALE
6	SEAN D. MAC DADE
8	RICHARD C. BERGSTROM
9	BURMAN E. FAUCETT
12	EARL L. GRANLOW
20	WM R. "JR" KNIGHT
28	EDWARD K. JACKSON



ECHOES FROM THE PAST



Raised

ANTONIO D. BALAT	2/25/97
IVAN L. ENGLISH	2/17/98
MARK T. INGERSOLL	2/8/05
GERALD R. LYNN	2/24/77
JEFFERY L. McDONALD	2/28/72
HOWARD L. MCGILL	2/27/79
RAY E. RAPP	2/14/67
ROBERT L. SALINI	2/16/10
ANTHONY S. THORNBURG	2/22/05
JOHN F FITCH.	2/22/00

Brothers that we must help get to Master Mason. We are already making strides in increasing our membership, as evidenced by the following fact: Although by no means a "stellar" year, according to the Grand Lodge roster, in 2010, we saw our largest increase in membership since at least 1941, with 9 initiations, advances or affiliations, and we are already on track to beat that number by far, beginning with a possible six new initiations and one affiliation that could take place within the first quarter of this year.

Financially, in 2008, we lost a good deal of money in our investment portfolio; several brothers, have reported that they have gained back, in just the last year, anywhere from 7 to 25 percent of what they had personally lost in their portfolios. While others are gaining back their losses, we continue to lose, or at best are making less than 1% this is just not acceptable. And, this is happening while the stock market has recovered over 36 percent

since the low in March of 2009. We believe that SW Hackett Lodge is still very viable and stronger that it may appear in some cases. With this belief and with energy from our members to accomplish some of the above work, we know that Hackett can thrive well into the future.

Sincerely and Fraternally
JR Knight, PM
Committee Chairman

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any additional ideas that we can do, to help get SWH back on track.

In our report you will note that we are not recommending raising dues at this point. You will also note that we can save some dollars if we start using technology to our advantage. One way we can accomplish this, is emailing lodge correspondence and Trestleboards rather than printing them out and snail mailing them. If you are willing to cooperate with this request. Please email me

and I will compile a list for the Master and Secretary.

We also need Brothers to volunteer to Mentor EAs & FC's. I have mentored about 30 brothers myself and I can tell you from personal experience

that you wont be sorry. If you are interested please let Dennis or I know ASAP, thanks.

Magically & Fraternally
JR Knight, PM
Junior Warden



PONTERINGS

The following for most will be somewhat familiar. "Invictus" by William E. Henley (1849-1903)

"Out of the night that covers me, black as the pit from pole to pole, I thank whatever god may be for my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance I have not winced nor cried aloud. Under the bludgeoning of chance my head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears looms but the horror of the shade, and yet the menace of the years finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how straight the gate, how charged with punishment the scroll, I am the master of my fate:

I am the captain of my soul."

After the amputation of a foot, he also being ill for a long stretch of his life and during a two year stay in an infirmary wrote "Invictus" Latin for "Unconquerable" Robert Louis Stevenson character of Long John Silver is said to have been based on him.

Submitted by Clint Black, PM,

BROTHERS, DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR 2011 DUES

2010 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

- Audit: Steve Laurvick, SW
- Candidate Coach: Steve Laurvick, SW
- Charity: Kyle Dau, WM
- District Calendar: Steve Laurvick, SW
- Fin & Invest: Gerald Lynn, PM
- Funeral: David Haslim, PM
- 574 Ambass: Ron Detzer, PM
- 574 Calendar: Dennis Stahr, JW
- 574 Ladies: Marty Haslim
- 574 Picnic: John Gamache, PM
- Masonic Education: Jim Achenbach, PM
- Mas Formtn: Robert Smith, PM
- Mason of Year: Robert Smith, PM
- Mem Retent: Steve Laurvick, SW
- Public Schools: Jim Achenbach, PM
- Shrine Camp: Ron Detzer, PM
- Traveling EA: Dennis Stahr, JW
- Trestleboard Editor: "JR" Knight, PM
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- CAND. COACH:** KENT DAU, PM

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