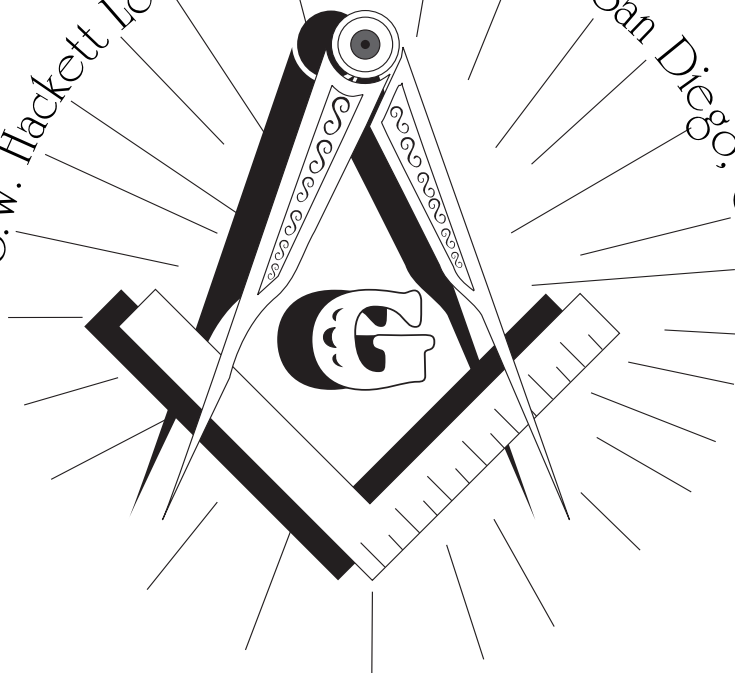


# TRESTLEBOARD

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

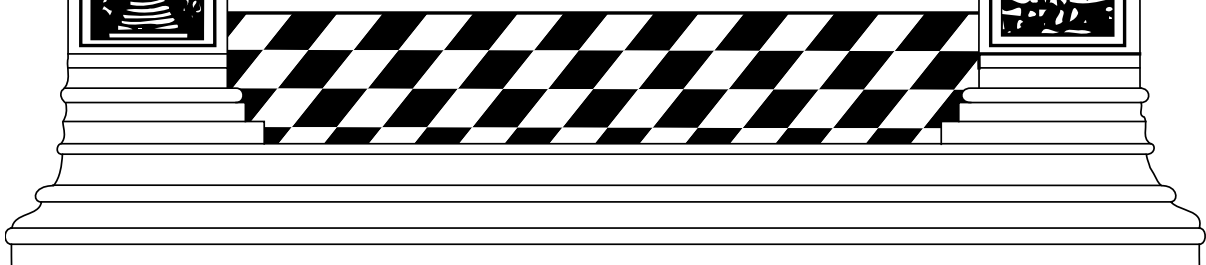
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**APRIL 2011**



# FROM PILLAR OF WISDOM

Ladies and Brothers

The officers of SW Hackett Lodge are working hard to improve themselves, their lodge and their community.

I would like to thank our line officers and PMs for helping to build a solid foundation on which to build our membership and improve relations and relationships with our existing roster. Sr. Warden Dennis Stahr and Officer Coach Bob Smith have been tireless in working with our line officers in helping to get them qualified. Brother Stahr's enthusiasm for the craft spreads to those he comes in contact with. Jr. Warden JR Knight has taken over the Trestle Board duties despite a difficult schedule that takes him frequently away from home. Secretary Gamache diligently handles the day-to-day tasks of the office and keeps us on a steady course.

Kudos also to Treasurer Achenbach, Candidates Coach Dau, and Hackett Camping Trip Chairman Black for their efforts. As liaison to Public Schools Jim has been setting up our events for Sequoia elementary, Kent has kept our candidates steadily progressing and Clint has set up the Shrine Camp accommodations on schedule.

At the beginning of the year a couple of committees were created in an effort to improve communications and create an internet presence to

make it easier for existing brothers to access information, as well as prospective members to find us. Jr. Deacon Bob Salini, Marshall Bob Scheeler and Sr. Steward Ryan Bacaoco have been diligently contacting brothers and widows on the lodge roster in an effort to update the lodge roster, identify any potential issues (shut ins, hardship, etc.) and also to learn if they have an email address and would like to receive the Trestle Board in digital format. Suffice to say the results from this committee have been positive. As a side benefit EAs and FCs have been identified who wish to take part in the mentoring program which your pillars are instituting now. I would ask that we get our outstanding corps of Past Masters involved in this program.

Senior Deacon Jim Williams and I have been setting up a social networking system and after some beta testing it is now ready for prime time. If you are actively on the internet we have added a lodge blog to supplement our lodge website. The blog, website, Division IX website and the Grand Lodge website have all been integrated into an SW Hackett Lodge Facebook Fan Page. In other words if one uses Facebook they can "Fan Up" and have access to everything in one place. Brother Stahr

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# FROM PILLAR OF STRENGTH

Brethren and Ladies:

The following is taken from an email sent to the Brethren after the March Stated Meeting, but for the benefit of those Brothers and interested Ladies who may not have been made aware of the recent developments, I am reprinting the context for this Trestleboard:

We received the news in the Stated Meeting that the consolidation attempt with East San Diego Lodge has failed. I do not know the specifics, but understand that agreement could not be reached on some issues.

The "Save SW Hackett" committee was formed in good faith and with good intentions, and came up with several viable ideas. Thanks to all the members of the group as each person contributed ideas.

Brothers, this does not mean the end of the committee, but just the beginning. We have much work to do. The ideas and suggestions were not meant to be words, but also backed by our actions.

We must now move to accomplish some, if not all, of the ideas that came from our work. In the coming days and weeks, I suggest that we meet again, and respectfully ask all the Lodge Brothers, who can

find the time, to join us in getting the details worked out in the various points that were presented, and perhaps add new ideas, so that we can continue to move ahead with strengthening SW Hackett.

As we work out the details and finalize how to attack each issue, we will welcome suggestions, then present them to Wor. Laurvick for his suggestions and acceptance. We will then ask for volunteers to assist us with the institution of the plan.

We do have a nice start to the year with new Brothers coming in and existing Brothers moving ahead with their degrees. We are getting younger men with new enthusiasm and most of them have asked how they too can get involved in their lodge. Also, through the great work of the communications committee, we have already identified, now, three EAs that would appreciate mentoring, and I'm sure we will find more of them too. We have the mentoring manuals from the Grand Lodge and I have already had three Brothers approach me to ask about how they can be a mentor.

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## APRIL EVENTS

- 5 . . . . . Stated Dinner & Meeting . . . 6:30 & 7:30pm
- 12 . . . . Line Officer Practice . . . . . 7:00pm
- 19 . . . . Line Officer Practice . . . . . 7:00pm
- 26 . . . . Line Officer Practice . . . . . 7:00pm

### APRIL STATED MEETING DINNER

- Spring Mix Salad
- Honey Baked Ham & BBQ Chicken
- Scallop Potatoes
- Asparagus Tips
- Assorted Rolls
- Assorted Hot & Cold Beverages
- Pineapple Upside Down Cake

\$15.00

### APRIL 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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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	29	30

has been diligent in keeping the Lodge Website up to date, Brother Williams in posting events to both a lodge calendar and the Div. IX website calendar of events, and the "Wall" feed posts all additions on a daily basis. (I will put the links to these individual sites and pages at the bottom of this article.)

Masonic education at the stated meeting will be conducted by Ill. Ed Collins. A disaster assistance network is being organized and Ed will be outlining the program.

**Notes from Grand Lodge:**

1. Earthquake Masonic Relief efforts have been directed to: Grand Lodge of California Office of Philanthropy Attn: Denise Avila 1111 California St San Francisco, CA 94108

You may choose how your relief money is divided between New Zealand and Japan or choose one or the other.

2. April is public schools month and Jr. Grand Warden John Cooper will be showcasing William Taft Middle School on April 1st.

3. By Your Side is the program for Grand Master Bray and also his Lady Linda this year. They wish to improve the chances of survival for cancer victims in California by helping to increase the number of oncology nurses in this state. A donation box has been created and will be available at all lodge functions.

"Faith, Hope, Charity these three, but the greatest of these is charity."

Sincerely & Fraternaly  
Steve Laurvick  
Worshipful Master



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- <http://sandiegofreemason.com/?cat=5>
- <http://www.calodges.org/no574>
- <http://swhackettlodge.sandiegofreemason.com>
- <http://www.facebook.com/page/s/SW-Hackett-Lodge-No-574-of-San-Diego-California/198140260201298>

PS Brothers there have been some who have expressed misgivings about going on the internet with lodge functions,

with the Trestle Board transition to a new format, and with publishing an electronic version of the Trestle Board on the lodge website. Please keep an open mind and recognize that young adults use new tools like Facebook and Youtube to get their information. This is a fact and not working to incorporate our lodge news and events within these communication methods will in effect make us invisible to those who might be seeking out what our craft has to offer. Further if we are not using the communications methods of potential candidates, they are very likely would select another lodge who does. Also bear in mind that new software is being used to

create the Trestle Board. It has a much different look and feel but we do wish to keep the flavor of the previous version. If you have suggestions for improvement please write down specifically how you think we can make it better and drop them off at the lodge or email them to me at: [swhackett574@gmail.com](mailto:swhackett574@gmail.com)

Again, we thank you all and will be asking for your help to strengthen SW Hackett.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
Dennis Stahr  
Senior Warden



# PONTERINGS

Geometry the first and noblest of sciences and the bases upon which the super structure of Freemasonry is erected. But why the first of Sciences? A research team of John Hopkins University led by Professors Barbara Landau, Dick and Lydia Todd for the first time have linked genes to our ability to navigate within our surrounding world. Human adults, toddlers, fish, birds and four legged alike and perhaps much more routinely are cognizant of their surroundings and know where they are in

space. This was determined by locating the lack of a gene in people who suffer from Williams Syndrome which handicaps their ability to visualize the geometry of their surroundings. So it would seem geometry is hard wired into the vast majority of us, but it still remains that desire to know and understand are the real tools which enables all improvement weather speculative or operative.

Submitted by Clint Black, PM,

## ECHOES FROM THE PAST

	Raised
MILTON M. HUMPHREY	4/22/54
WILLARD W. MEYER	4/17/56
CLAUDE C. WOODS	4/29/58
DONALD C HARDING	4/24/73
DONALD C. DIBLER	4/18/78
DOUGLAS R. CAMPBELL	4/4/81
DAVID H. MCGILL	4/12/83
EDWARD K. JACKSON	4/14/83
KENT B. DAU	4/25/96
R. ROBIN ROMERO	4/23/02
DAVID M. ALLAN	4/15/04
PETER G. MILOVICH	4/20/04
JAMES M. McCULLOCK	4/29/08

## April Birthdays

4	ANTHONY O. SAMAYE
5	ANTONIO D. BALAT
5	FRED S. LIPSCOMB
7	KEGAN D. THOMSON
12	BRUCE B. ABLE
12	DEVIN W. BREISE
17	K. BRIAN WATERMAN
18	WILLIAM L. MATHIS
25	ROBERT E. HICKOK JR

# FROM PILLAR OF BEAUTY

Brethren and Ladies:

I would like to start by apologizing for my absence, when I took this chair I didn't know I would be out of town for this much time. I've tried to get down to SD a couple times, only to find myself sitting in traffic, the last time, I got 12 miles in about 2 hours. Anyway, this job will wrap up soon and I

look forward to returning to labor with my brothers.

Speaking of labor; it is my understanding that some are not happy with the new look of the TB. Please email me your suggestions of samples and I will do my best to incorporate your ideas. See you soon.

Magically & Fraternally  
JR Knight, PM  
Junior Warden



# PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH

Every April, the Masons of California and communities throughout the state celebrate Public Schools Month. Together, we make a special effort to support

local schools.

Join Junior Grand Warden John Cooper and the San Diego Unified School District to kick off Public Schools Month 2011:

**Friday, April 1 - 9-11 AM, Reception following  
Hosted by Mike George, Principal**

**William H. Taft Middle School**

**9191 Gramercy Drive • San Diego, CA 92123**

**Please come for school tours available 9-9:40 AM**

**Help us keep public education in the minds of our communities!**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY RAISED MASTER MASONS:

Eric MacDonald (March 22)

Alex Spigel (March 29).

Brothers may your travels bring you to lodge on a regular basis.



# LIFE MEMBERSHIP

\$809.150. Life Membership Fund.

The original amounts paid for life memberships shall be forever kept and maintained as and for a separate and permanent Life Membership Fund. A Lodge may invest its Life Membership Fund as provided in Section 809.130 of this Code, if such investments are kept separate and apart from

all other Lodge assets. Only interest or dividends paid in cash on the Life Membership Fund shall be available for general Lodge use.

Next month we will publish updated amounts for those who might be considering life membership in our lodge, but these numbers will give you an idea what a good deal a life membership is.

Under age 49, 21 times annual dues; or	\$1,764
50 to 54 inclusive, 19 times annual dues; or	\$1,596
55 to 59 inclusive, 17 times annual dues; or	\$1,428
60 to 64 inclusive, 14 times annual dues; or	\$1,176
65 and over, 11 times annual dues or	\$924

## BROTHERS, DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR 2011 DUES

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