



## S.W. Hackett Lodge# 574 F&AM

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### FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Greeting's, Brethren and Ladies,

Here we are in April, and the lodge is doing well. It's still a bit of a slow start this year as many years start this way. In March I visited La Mesa Lodge for their Stated Meeting, and in attendance were four brothers from the Tijuana lodge. They announced that they would be having a second degree, at La Mesa Lodge on April 9<sup>th</sup>, and that the degree would be presented in the Mexican tradition. This sparked interest in me, and maybe some of the brethren here at Hackett would like to attend. I do plan on attending and hope that some of us might go and attend this event as I've never seen a Mexican degree performed.

Moving forward I spoke with Ranch Catering, and they are working with me to improve our dinner quality, that we have had complaints about. After talking, the lead woman, Kathy, has assured me that our meals will improve and that we can count on a good meal at our stated meeting dinners. And on the subject of dinner, I would like to invite all the Members in good standing of SW Hackett Lodge and their wives, to come to Stated Meeting dinner in May for a free dinner, compliments by one of our generous brother's. May Stated Meeting falls on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup>, and I believe the menu should be Mexican food in honor of Cinco de Mayo. Please call the lodge for dinner reservations, as to get a head count. Don't forget that Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> I will be hosting the Hackett Bar-B-Q at my home. This type of event will be a potluck so please bring a dish if you can. I will be providing burgers, chicken, potato salad, and sodas, so fill in the blanks as to bring a dish. The Honored Ladies Luncheon is to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. Maebelle Haslim is making the arrangements.

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### 2015 OFFICERS

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| Master .....  | Robert Salini         |
| Sr. Warden.....                                     | John Fitch            |
| Jr. Warden .....                                    | Charles Caskey        |
| Treasurer .....                                     | Ryan Bacaoco, PM      |
| Secretary .....                                     | Dimiter Lyakov, PM    |
| Chaplain.....                                       | Dennis Stahr, PM      |
| Sr. Deacon.....                                     | Ben Bridges           |
| Jr. Deacon .....                                    | Dustin Capps          |
| Marshall .....                                      | Robert Scheeler       |
| Sr. Steward.....                                    | Robert Gale           |
| Jr. Steward.....                                    | David Casper          |
| Tiler.....  | Jim Achenbach, PM     |
| Organist.....                                       | JR Knight, PM         |
| Officer's Coach: .....                              | Dennis Stahr, PM      |
| Inspector, 921 <sup>st</sup> . Masonic District: .. | William R. Stokes, PM |

### APRIL EVENTS

|    |                                 |        |
|----|---------------------------------|--------|
| 7  | Stated Meeting & Dinner         | 6:30pm |
| 14 | Degree Practice / Proficiencies | 6:00pm |
| 21 | Degree Practice / Proficiencies | 6:00pm |
| 28 | Degree Practice / Proficiencies | 6:00pm |

### APRIL STATED DINNER MENU

Teriyaki Chicken Breast with Grilled Pineapple  
Sweet Cream Mashed Potatoes  
Steamed Broccoli  
Hawaiian Cole Slaw  
Island Sweet Bread  
Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Dinner cost is \$15 per person. Make your lodge reservations by calling the Lodge Secretary at 619-295-4420

The Hackett picnic is scheduled for Santee Lakes on Saturday, June 13th and J.R. Knight, PM is working on the Table Lodge to be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. So mark your calendar for the upcoming events.

Drive Safe and I hope to see everyone in lodge.  
Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bob Salini  
Master



**FROM THE PILLAR OF STRENGTH**

April Greetings from the West, Brethren.

On March 23<sup>rd</sup> we hosted the OSI, with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, 2<sup>nd</sup> Section work performed by Joseph L. Shell Lodge No. 837.

During the March Stated meeting, I read a Resolution for a Change in Application for Degree fees, from the existing \$219 to \$300. In this Month's Stated Meeting, there will be discussion and the opportunity for Lodge Members to vote on this Matter.

Here are some of the upcoming Lodge Sponsored Events:

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| Barbeque at Bob Salini's House | Saturday April 11                         | Sierra Mesa.                              |
| Honored Ladies Luncheon        | Saturday May 2                            | Marie Calendar's, Alvarado Road           |
| Lodge Barbecue                 | Saturday June 13                          | Santee Lakes, same spot as last year.     |
| Table Lodge                    | Tuesday June 23 <sup>rd</sup> (tentative) | Green Dragon Tavern, Carlsbad (tentative) |

Stay safe and best wishes to all.

Fraternally Yours,

John Fitch  
Senior Warden

**MASONIC HISTORY**

*From www.mastermason.com/bridgeportlodge181*

In Hammer v. State, 173 Indiana, 199 (1909), the Supreme Court ruled that it was a criminal offense to wear the emblem of any society or organization of which one is not a member. The court based its decision on the fact that the membership in such societies is the result of fitness and selection and that the wearing of such emblems by non-members is a deceit and false pretense.

**2015 COMMITTEES**

- Audit..... John Fitch
- Budget & Finance ..... Bob Scheeler
- Candidate Coaching ..... Clint Black, PM
- Charity ..... Robert Salini
- Communication..... Robert Gale
- Delinquent Dues ..... Dennis Stahr, PM
- Funeral ..... David Haslim, PM
- Honored Ladies ..... Maebelle Haslim
- Life Membership ..... James Campbell, PM
- Masonic Education ..... Jim Achenbach, PM
- Masonic Formation ..... Jim Achenbach, PM
- Masonic Outreach ..... Ron Detzer, PM
- Member Retention ..... Ben Bridges
- Public Schools ..... Jim Achenbach, PM
- Social Media ..... Steve Laurvick, PM
- Sunshine & Visit ..... Robert Salini
- Masonic Youth ..... JR Knight, PM
- Trestleboard ..... Ryan Bacaoco, PM
- Website Master..... Dennis Stahr, PM

**RUDYARD KIPLING AND THE CRAFT**

*From www.mastermason.com/bridgeportlodge181*

Rudyard Kipling, the famous English author, was born in India of English parents. He was educated in England but returned to India in 1880. He was initiated in Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, Lahore, Punjab, India in 1886. A special dispensation was necessary as he was only twenty years and six months at the time. When he took the degrees, there were four Holy Books upon the alter representing the dominant religions in the area. Upon his raising he was immediately elected secretary; and he prepared the minutes of that meeting himself.

Many years later he wrote: "I was secretary for some years of Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, E. C., Lahore, which included Brethren of at least four creeds. I was entered by a member of Brahma Somaj, a Hindu; passed by a Mohammedan; and raised by an Englishman. Our Tyler was an Indian Jew. We met, of course on the level, and the only difference anyone would notice was that at the banquets, some of the Brethren, who were debarred by caste from eating food not ceremonially prepared, sat over empty plates."

## THE LAMB SKIN APRON

Author unknown

It is not ornamental; the cost is not great,  
There are other things far more useful, yet truly I state,  
Tho of all my possessions, there's none can compare,  
With that white leather apron, which all Masons wear.  
As a young lad I wondered just what it all meant,  
When Dad hustled around, and so much time was spent,  
On shaving and dressing and looking just right,  
Until Mother would say:" it's the Mason's tonight."  
And some winter nights she said:" what makes you go,  
Way up there tonight thru the sleet and the snow,  
You see the same things every month of the year."  
Then Dad would reply:" yes, I know that my dear.  
Forty years I have seen the same things, it is true.  
And although they are old, they always seem new,  
For the hands that I clasp, and the friends that I greet,  
Seem a little bit closer each time that we meet."  
Years later I stood at that very same door,  
With good men and true who had entered before,  
I knelt at the altar, and there I was taught  
That virtue and honor can never be bought.  
That the spotless white lambskin all Masons revere,  
If worthily worn grows more precious each year,  
That service to others brings blessings untold,  
That man may be poor tho surrounded by gold.  
I learned that true brotherhood flourishes there,  
That enmities fade' neath the compass and square,  
That wealth and position are thrust aside,  
As there on the level men meet and abide.  
So, Honor the lambskin, may it always remain  
Forever unblemished, and free from all stain,  
And when we are called to the Great Father's love,  
May we all take our place in that Grand Lodge above

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## FREEMASONS AND THE MAYO CLINIC

*From [www.mastermason.com/bridgeportlodge181](http://www.mastermason.com/bridgeportlodge181)*

Dr. Charles H. Mayo, one of the founders of the famous Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, was a Mason. His son Charles W., who also was a Mason, became governor of the Clinic, which began in the Masonic Temple building in Rochester. The Grand Lodge on Minnesota for years has maintained a representative at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester to assist Masons planning to come there and to make their stay pleasant.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMITTEE MESSAGE

Brethren & Ladies,

On June 18<sup>th</sup> S.W. Hackett Lodge #574 will be sponsoring the Sequoia Elementary School Spelling Bee as part of our "Partnership in Education Program." It is important to help those in need, but it is also important to inspire academic excellence. We do both every year! The entire 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade student body focuses for many weeks on preparing for the contest, and our Lodge provides the motivation. While the children look at it as a contest to try and win some money, teachers appreciate the excitement and enthusiasm the children demonstrate while not only improving their spelling skills, but also their study skills, learning new and different strategies for memorization, overcoming the fear of public speaking and so much more.

And we don't just write a check and receive a "thank you" note a few weeks later. Every year the front row is reserved for our members and ladies and we fill that row with representatives of our Lodge! Our Lodge is acknowledged before and after the competition and the Master of our Lodge presents the checks to the various 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place recipients of each grade level. It is always a valuable and enjoyable experience for everyone. To view pictures and accounts of these activities, including pictures and thank you cards written by parents, please visit our webpage. We have the finest website out there. I often visit other Lodges websites, both here and around the country and world, and we have the best, most current website I am aware of. Thank you Webmaster Dennis Stahr, PM!

S&F,

Jim Achenbach, PM

Chairman of the Public Schools Committee



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## EDITOR'S NOTE

If you have an article you would like to submit. Please submit your article to [bacaoco@gmail.com](mailto:bacaoco@gmail.com) before the 19<sup>th</sup> of every month. Thank you!

Ryan A. Bacaoco  
Trestleboard Editor

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Anthony Samaye
- 5 Fred Lipscomb  
Antonio Balat
- 6 Augustus Phiasivongsa
- 7 Kegan Thomson
- 12 Bruce Abel  
Devin Briese
- 18 William Mathis, PM
- 25 Robert Hickok
- 28 Geordan Mitchell

**ECHOES FROM THE PAST**

**57 YEARS**

Claude Woods,  
4/29/1958

**42 YEARS**

Donald Harding,  
4/24/1973

**39 YEARS**

Glenn James,  
4/13/1976

**34 YEARS**

Douglas Campbell,  
4/4/1981

**32 YEARS**

Edward Jackson,  
4/14/1983

David McGill, PM  
4/12/1983

**19 YEARS**

Kent Dau, PM  
4/25/1996

**13 YEARS**

Rene Romero,  
4/23/2002

**11 YEARS**

David Allan,  
4/15/2004

Peter Milovich,  
4/20/2004