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FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Greetings Brethren and Ladies,

As the year begins to dwindle down, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our lodge officers and Past Masters who have made this year a wonderful experience. Your hard work and dedication to our lodge has not gone, unnoticed. With the degrees, we have performed this year; you all have done a magnificent job with making sure our candidates, who were there to be initiated, passed or raised had a memorable experience in which they will never forget. I am so proud to have served as the Master for 2014 and will continue being there for you all in future years to come. So let us all end this year, strong and be that beacon of light for those wishing to join our fraternity.

I would like to congratulate, one of our newest members to our lodge – Bro. Ian Watson who was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on July 29th and I would also like to congratulate Bro. Dennis P. Star, PM who received his Mason of the year award on August 30th. Thank you, Bro. Dennis for all your hard work and dedication you have done for our lodge. This award is very well – deserved.

Remember, my brothers lodge night is every Tuesday!
Hope to see you all there! Take Care and God Bless!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Ryan A. Bacaoco
Master

2014 OFFICERS

Master	Ryan Bacaoco
Sr. Warden	Robert Salini
Jr. Warden	John Fitch
Treasurer	James J. Achenbach.PM
Secretary	Dimiter Lyakov, PM
Chaplain	Dennis Stahr, PM
Sr. Deacon	Charles Caskey
Jr. Deacon	Ben Bridges
Marshall	Robert Scheeler
Sr. Steward	Mario Urbino
Jr. Steward	Aaron Thomas
Tiler	Robert Smith, PM
Officer's Coach	Dennis Stahr, PM
Inspector, 921 st . Masonic District..	David A. Haslim, PM
Trestleboard Editor	Ryan Bacaoco

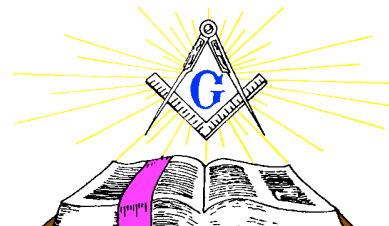
SEPTEMBER STATED DINNER MENU

BBQ Ribs & Meat Lasagna
Potatoes Au Gratin
Buttered Corn
Tossed Green Salad
Assorted Rolls
Chocolate Cake
Assorted Hot & Cold Drinks

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

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

2	Stated Meeting & Dinner.....	6:30pm
9	Degree Practice.....	6:00pm
16	Degree Practice.....	6:00pm
23	Degree Practice.....	6:00pm
30	Masonic Education.....	6:00pm





FROM THE PILLAR OF STRENGTH

Brethren and Ladies,

As the summer moves right along, this month I thought I would share a little from The Plumblin newsletter. The Plumblin is a quarterly publishing from the Scottish Rite Research Society. As I read the summer volume I liked what was written by Albert Pike, so please let me share. He reinforces the association of struggle and virtue by comparing life to school, and this point is made.

“Life is a school. The world is neither prison nor penitentiary, nor a palace of ease, not an amphitheater for games and spectacles; but a place of instruction, and discipline. Life is given for moral and spiritual training; and the entire course of the great school of life is an education for virtue, happiness, and a future existence.”

It should be noted that Pike is referring to all men, rich or poor, and that as we travel through our lives, it is important to realize our lessons and the direction that we travel, and see to it that we are securing a place in the future world to, whose bourn, no traveler returns.

This is a good time to remind all of our brethren to come on down to Lodge and share the fellowship with us.

Drive Safe and I hope to see everyone in lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bob Salini

Senior Warden

2014 COMMITTEES

Audit	Bob Salini
Budget & Finance	Bob Scheeler
Candidate Coaching	Clint Black, PM
Charity	Ryan Bacaoco
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
Member Retention	John Fitch
Public Schools	Jim Achenbach, PM
Social Media	Steve Laurvick, PM
Sunshine & Visit	Dennis Stahr, PM
Mentoring	Bob Salini
Trestleboard	Ryan Bacaoco
Website Master	Dennis Stahr, PM

William R. Smith, PM to Receive the Golden Veterans Award

On Tuesday, September 2nd, S. W. Hackett Lodge will be honored to bestow upon Wor. William R. Smith, PM the Golden Veterans Award. Since this is Stated Meeting night, the presentation will be in the Lodge Room after dinner. Details of Wor. Smith’s life and his Masonic career will be revealed during the presentation ceremony. Please come out to join all of us in congratulating Wor. Smith in celebrating 50 years of Masonry.

Fraternaly,
David Haslim, PM

William K. Karbosky, PM to Receive the Hiram Award

On Sunday, September 21st at 2:00pm, Wor. William K. Karbosky, PM, a Past Master of S. W. Hackett Lodge No. 574 in 1978, will receive the prestigious Hiram Award from Consuelo Lodge No. 325, of which he was also Master in 2002. The Lodge address is 1331 So. Escondido Blvd, Escondido. Please plan to join us in celebrating this honor and sharing this recognition with Wor. Bill and Marilouise.

Fraternaly,
David Haslim, PM



FROM THE PILLAR OF BEAUTY

As we turn the symbolic corner from August to September, on the 22nd the Autumnal Equinox arrives, making again the day and night everywhere of equal length. The constellation Orion with its signature three star belt, and drawn bow, is now rising in the predawn hours to remind us of the coming winter. While we continue our annual revolution around the Sun, Orion will rise earlier and earlier, until we will see it in the East during the early evening hours of November. The world and heavens roll on, apparently completely unaffected by the concerns of man.

As we see events of conflict throughout the summer, both abroad and in our own country, this year let us not forget 9/11/2001. We are reminded of the eternal struggle which mankind seems destined to self-inflict upon itself. We divide and classify ourselves, and then judge others on the basis of our perceptions of their character, compared to our own self classification and identity.

The paradox of societal progression, by way of individual self-sufficiency and acquisition of wealth, raises the tide of prosperity for all that partake. But inevitably, the weak and the poor are left behind, as Job was to Satan. Then enters the sinister force which all men are capable of fomenting, or meekly tolerating what others do; judging those who are different, preying upon the weak or less empowered, and then removing the basic human rights of dignity and life, in the name of self-preservation and advancement. It is a tale repeated again and again throughout history, usually in the form of a cult of personality. To make the world work for 100% of humanity seems forever, to be the ever elusive quest and also the eternal struggle of mankind.

Take heart my friends, those who do not deny or lose their faith in God are restored, as also was Job.

Paraphrasing from the farewell speech of President George W. Bush to the Nation in 2009:

“If America does not stand for the oppressed in the World, no one will”.

God Bless America, and all the Ships at Sea.

See you in Lodge my Brothers.
Fraternally yours,

John Fitch
Junior Warden

Festivals of the Saints John

Every year on June 24th, we observe the festival of the summer sun and on December 27th, we observe the festival of the winter sun. The June festival remembers John the Baptist and the December festival pays tribute to John the Evangelist.

The Festivals of the Saints John endures the names of Christian Saints, but long ago, before the Christian era, they had other names. Freemasonry adopted these festivals and the Christian names, but has taken away Christian ideology, and made their observance universal for all men of all beliefs.

St. John's the Baptist's Day, June 24th, marks the summer solstice, when nature attains its uttermost light, life and joy. St. John's the Evangelist's, December 27th, symbolizes the turn of the sun's outermost journey, which is symbolic for the attainment of wisdom, the rewards of a well-spent life, and goodwill toward men. The Catholic Church observes the birth of the Baptist as a sacred event. Interestingly, they have no such tribute for the birth of any of the other Saints.

