



S.W. Hackett Lodge# 574 F&AM

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FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Greetings Brethren and Ladies,

My year as Master has been a real honor and privilege. Sitting in the east and representing SW Hackett Lodge# 574 for 2014 will be an experience that I will never forget and will forever cherish. At October's, Stated Dinner & Meeting, it was announced that Bro. David Haslim, PM will no longer be our inspector for the 921st Masonic District taking his place will be Bro. Bill Stokes, PM who comes to us from La Mesa Lodge# 407. Bro. Haslim has been a great mentor to all of us as well as a member of this lodge and a wonderful friend whose presence will be greatly missed at our OSI meetings. We wish Bro. Haslim the very best in his future masonic endeavors.

At November's Stated Meeting, we will hold our annual elections, so please join us as we elect our officers for ensuing Masonic Year, 2015. SW Hackett's Master for 2015 will be Bro. Robert L. Salini, who joined the fraternity in July 2009 and since joining freemasonry, Bro Bob has been an active member of our Lodge by working his way through the chairs, first as our Junior Deacon and each chair up to Senior Warden. He has been an active member with the Scottish Rite's – "Knights of St. Andrew" and with the lighting crew. He also plays an active role with the Al Bahr Shrine as a member of the Legion of Honor. As his career, he has worked for the local utility company – San Diego Gas & Electric, for more than 20 years as a High Voltage Technician, and while working with SDG&E served 4 years in the United States Marine Corp reserves. Bro. Bob's vast experience and dedication to our craft will be very beneficial to our lodge. We are very excited and looking forward to the opportunities that next year will bring!

Dress Appearance for November's Stated Meeting will be Tuxedos for all lodge officers, if you do not have a Tuxedo; a dark suit will do.

Remember, my brothers, lodge nights are every Tuesday!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Ryan A. Bacaoco
Master

2014 OFFICERS

Master Ryan Bacaoco
Sr. Warden..... Robert Salini
Jr. Warden John Fitch
Treasurer James 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, 921st. Masonic District: .William R. Stokes, PM
Trestleboard Editor Ryan Bacaoco

NOVEMBER STATED DINNER MENU

Roast Turkey & Baron of Beef
Stuffing & Grilled Vegetables
Spring Mix Salad
Assorted Rolls
Assorted Cookies & Brownies
Assorted Hot & Cold Drinks

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

NOVEMBER EVENTS

4 Stated Meeting & Dinner.....6:30pm
11 1st Degree Practice.....6:00pm
18 1st Degree (Mr. Austin Eigelbach).....6:30pm
25 Degree Practice.....6:30pm



FROM THE PILLAR OF STRENGTH

Brethren and Ladies,

In October, the Master and Wardens took the trip to San Francisco to the 2014 Grand Lodge Communications. Norma and I arrived on Friday, and checked in to the Holiday Inn, and after the beginning ceremonies, we all went out to an Italian dinner to top off the day's activities. Saturday was a full days' worth of legislation taken care of, and the evening started with the Grand Master's banquet at the Hilton, Union Square. Sorry but I had to leave in the morning on Sunday to catch my flight home. It was very interesting to hear all the resolutions and carry overs from last year.

Hopefully we can get a good number of our members to come to the November Stated Meeting as it's the Election of Officers. This is a very important activity that is so necessary to keeping the lodge running. I will be running for Master of S.W. Hackett for the upcoming year, 2015, and hope to see a good turnout for this event. The Installation of Officers will be on December 6th at 11am. Tuesday November 18th the lodge officers and members will get together to discuss some of the details and responsibilities for the year. I would like to have a rehearsal for installation on Tuesday, November 25th at the lodge. Please come out and support all of the upcoming events as we really need it. Thank all of you for your support past, present and always.

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

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bob Salini
Senior Warden

CALLED FROM LABOR

Brother Arthur Wilson Hannum, PM
Born: October 1, 1930
Entered into rest: October 15, 2014
Initiated: January 16, 1962
Passed: July 24, 1962
Raised: December 11, 1962
Master, SW Hackett Lodge: 1967

**SOFT AND SAFE TO THEE OUR BROTHER BE
THY RESTING PLACE...**

BRIGHT AND GLORIOUS BE THY RISING FROM IT.

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

SW HACKETT LODGE – DUES INCREASE NOTICE

Brethren,

It has been 7 years since we last raised our Dues here at SW Hackett. Last year our annual expenses were \$21,000 and our income from our trust fund, was a 7% draw from the fund, which was \$12,000. Our dues from the dues paying members at 96 members, totaled \$4,800.

The Grand Lodge of California has a simple formula to figure what our dues should be set at. This formula is as follows, Expenses, minus investment withdrawals, divided by the number of dues paying members equals (a-b)/c = (\$22,000 - \$9,900) / 96 is equal to \$126 per person per year annual dues. This calculated number is very high for our members to be burdened with. However I propose that we raise our dues about 20%, from \$86.50 to \$102. The California average dues in 2013 were \$102. We are looking at a raise to be enforced in 2015. This will help to keep the Lodge solvent as costs have risen over the past 7 years since our last increase. The money's we extract from our trust funds should only be taken at a rate of approximately 4 – 5 %. In this proposal I used 4.5% to be drawn from the trust fund. We have been withdrawing at a higher rate, up to 7% to keep the lodge afloat, which is unsustainable.

We need to act on this issue so that we can keep SW Hackett the Great Lodge it is. We do need to send our Officers to the retreats and schools intended by Grand Lodge for the purpose of operating the Lodge. We don't have extravagant expenses, but rather very common and modest operating costs. Let's please get together on this issue to do the right thing for SW Hackett.

-- Please see "2015 Dues Resolution" on next page --

THE CUP OF BROTHERLY LOVE

On September 7, 1929, after rising his son, Brother Norman B. Hickox, Master of Events Lodge No. 524, Illinois, formally presented a beautiful silver cup to the lodge. He also presented a book of travel and a specially prepared carrying case. The cup was to be sent on a journey, traveling always from West to East by land, sea or air, and always in the custody of a Master Mason.

On November 19, 1929, the book and cup were taken to Ashlar Lodge No. 308 in Chicago to start the journey. The book recorded the places and circumstances of each visit of the cup.

On the journey the cup was received by more than 150 host lodges. It touched places all over the world. On May 24, 1958, a homecoming celebration was held at Evans Lodge to commemorate the return of the cup to the lodge. The Cup of Brotherly Love, an illustrated account of this odyssey, was published by the Masonic Service Association in 1959.

LODGE IN TWO COUNTRIES

At one time Golden Rule Lodge No. 5 of Stanstead, Canada, occupied a lodge room which was bisected by the boundary between Canada and the United States. It had entrances from the Vermont and Canadian sides; the membership of the lodge consisted of men from both sides of the border.

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY AND FREEMASONRY

The famous Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor was designed by a Frenchman, Frederick A. Bartholdi, a Freemason. The Grand Lodge of New York laid the cornerstone with masonic ceremonies on August 5, 1885.

FREEMASONS AND THE MAYO CLINIC

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.

STEPHEN GIRARD'S FUNERAL CAUSES TROUBLE

Stephen Girard, a wealthy merchant of Philadelphia, died on February 26, 1831. His will left a fortune to many worthy causes. There was a report that when he was near death, he had requested his sister to secure a Roman Catholic priest. This was construed as a desire to become reconciled with the church; but when the priest arrived, Girard was dead. On the strength of this report permission was given to admit the body into the German Roman Catholic Church building. 400 Masons assembled at the Masonic Hall, by invitation of the Grand Lodge, and marched to the church to attend the funeral. They did not wear their aprons in order to avoid criticism. The clergy, left in a body and refused to perform any service. The Masons took charge and buried the remains of Stephen Girard in the vault he had designated. When Girard College was built under the terms of his will, the body was re-interred in a marble tomb on the grounds of the school.

2015 Dues Resolution

I Robert Salini, Senior Warden, respectfully submit the following resolution for the Brethren herein assembled. This resolution is being read this evening at S.W. Hackett's October 7, 2014 Stated Meeting. All Brethren of S.W. Hackett will be notified of this impending resolution in the November Trestleboard. All S.W. Hackett Brethren will have the opportunity discuss the merits of this resolution and **vote on this resolution at S.W. Hackett's November 4, 2014 Stated Meeting at 7:30 P.M.** which will be held in the Heald room at the San Diego Scottish Rite Center located at 1895 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, California 92108.

Whereas the cost of rent, supplies, and other discretionary expense items subject to inflation are expected to increase by 2%-3% and,

Whereas the California Grand Lodge continually raises its Per Capita assessment each and every year, and,

Whereas the membership dues income from actual paying billable members last year's lags the cost of California Grand Lodge per Capita assessment increase, and ,

Therefore, Be It Resolved that Article III, Section 2 of the by-laws of this lodge be changed to read as follows:

Article III, Alternative Section 2: The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be the sum of \$65.00 plus per capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, with the totals thus determined rounded up to the next highest whole multiple of \$1, per annum, payable in advance on the first day of January.

The above resolution, if adopted and approved by Grand Lodge, will have the effect of raising the Lodge dues from the current \$86.50 per year to \$102.00 for 2015. The dues would automatically increase each year by the amount of the per capita increase approved by Grand Lodge.

Submitted,
Robert Salini, SW
October 7, 2014

EDITOR'S NOTE

If you have an article you would like to submit. Please submit your article to bacaoco@gmail.com before the 19th of every month. Thank you!

Bro. Ryan A. Bacaoco
Trestleboard Editor

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

7 Stephen Allen
9 Ronald Howard
14 David Garcia
John Fitch
15 Bruce Marx
Clarence Seyfferth
Paul Stephenson
Nicholas Mullen
16 David Brent
18 Otto Drum
20 Glenn James
24 Alex Pina
26 Kent Dau
Andrew Young
29 Matthew Botu
30 Daryl Sandaker
Steven Perry

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

<u>67 Years</u>	<u>31 Years</u>	<u>18 Years</u>
Joe Medeiros, 11/22/1947	Henry Marbott, 11/15/1983	Patrick Meagher, 11/26/1996
Robert Wilson, 11/22/1947	<u>30 Years</u> William Mathis, 11/13/1984	<u>14 Years</u> Joseph Rittgarn, 11/21/2000
<u>63 Years</u> David Hull, 11/27/1951	<u>28 Years</u> Bruce Abel, 11/11/1986	<u>13 Years</u> Stephen Allen, 11/27/2001
<u>54 Years</u> Robert Carsten, 11/28/1960	<u>23 Years</u> Ian Mack, 11/16/1991	<u>11 Years</u> Robert Scheeler, 11/24/2003
<u>53 Years</u> Richard Bergstrom, 11/9/1961	<u>19 Years</u> John Gamache, 11/26/1991	
<u>46 Years</u> James Campbell, 11/26/1968	Morgan Thompson, 11/28/1995	
<u>36 Years</u> Patrick Comeaux, 11/30/1978		