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FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies,

We did it! We completed our Installation and moved on into January. The installation was great as everybody took their parts and with the installing team, we installed a full line of officers. The event was well attended, as Most Worshipful John R. Heisner, his wife Margo, Illustrious Marv Ens, and many others joined us. My lady Norma did a great job of flowers and all the details to keep our guest's happy. As most of you know, in December SW Hackett, sponsored six families in need of holiday help with gifts and Christmas dinner. On December 23, we met at the Shrine center and made the deliveries. I'm very proud of our members for being so generous with the not so lucky neighbors, and helping out during these times. As we move into the new year, I will post our events in the Trestleboard, each month. First, we will be working on member retention as this has become a point of concern. Bro. Bob Gale is again our entertainment committee chair, and if you have ideas for our activities, please be sure to talk to Bob and work on your idea. I am planning a trip to Guthrie Oklahoma to receive the 29 upper degrees of Free Masonry. This is an invitation for any brother that is not a 32 degree, to be able to take the 4th thru the 32 degrees, all done over the weekend of April 6,7, & 8, 2018. Details for this event will be posted in the near future. We will be calling on the help of our lodge brothers over the course of this year, to help organize, and work on the up-coming events. Wor. JR Knight is already working on Masonic Education for the coming months, and he has had some Great guest speakers present for us recently. I believe he has many more for this year too. Toward the end of 2017, we initiated two new members, Bro. Aquino, & Bro. Elie. We will be working on their progress, but this proves to be a challenge as Bro. Aquino is a merchant marine, and often out to Sea, and Bro. Elie is on a flight crew at MCAS Miramar, and has a tough schedule.

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,
Bro. Bob Salini, Master

2018 OFFICERS

Master Robert Salini, PM
Sr. Warden..... William "JR" Knight, PM
Jr. Warden John Fitch, PM
Treasurer David Casper
Secretary Dimiter Lyakov, PM
Chaplain..... Benjamin Pulido
Sr. Deacon..... Stefan Werkstetter
Jr. Deacon Robert Gale
Marshall Robert Scheeler
Sr. Steward Mario Urbino
Jr. Steward..... Horatio Johnson
Tiler Jim Achenbach, PM
Officer's Coach: Dennis Stahr, PM
Officer's Coach: Robert Salini, PM
Inspector, 921st. Masonic District: Richard W. Bullard, PM

JANUARY EVENTS

2 Stated Dinner/Meeting	6:30 pm
9 Proficiency / Officer practice	from 4:30 pm
16 Proficiency / Officer practice	from 4:30 pm
23 Masonic Education	6:30 pm
30 Proficiency / Officer practice	from 4:30 pm

JANUARY STATED DINNER MENU

Spinach Salad with hard-boiled egg
Roast Pork - Chicken Marsala
Mashed potatoes - Gravy
Green Beans Almandine
Carrot cake

Dinner cost is \$15 per person. Make your lodge reservations with the Lodge Secretary at 619-295-4420 or email to: hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com.

OFFICER DRESS FOR 2017

I am putting this in the Trestleboard so that all will be aware of the dress code for 2018. The Master has stated that for ALL Stated Meetings and Third degrees, Tuxedos will be required. For first and second degrees, dark suits are acceptable.



FROM THE WEST

My Brother,

As good as this past year was, I am really looking forward to our upcoming year. We will be continuing our regular Masonic Education sessions on the 4th Tuesday of the month. We will have a few different speakers, with a wide variety of interests that will tackle many fascinating topics. I really hope you will take advantage of these learning experiences. If you have an interest that you would like to share with the rest of us please let me know and we will add you to our speakers list. If you have a topic that you are struggling with, that you would like to have us explore as a group, let me know and we will work it into our series.

I'm sure you know how I feel about our lodge since I've been very upfront with my love and respect for all of my brothers here at SW Hackett. I do wonder sometimes though, if you really understand that you are a big part of what makes our lodge the best that Masonry has to offer. Every week I look forward to going to lodge and the few times I've been unable to attend have been very disappointing for me. The reason I look forward to getting to lodge is the opportunity that I might get to spend time with you.

All too often these days as we rush though our lives bouncing from place to place, from work to home, from interest to interest and we forget to assess what makes us happy... For me it's learning new things. Last year we held a Warped Ruler Program. The idea behind the WRP was to better understand time management and the importance of not wasting any of the precious time we are given. For me that means being in the moment...

When I'm at work my focus is there. When I'm with Robin, family and or friends that's where my focus is and when I'm at Lodge or, learning a new subject I pour myself into that experience. For me the biggest part of that experience is spending time with and learning from my Brothers including you. I'm very much looking forward to seeing you in lodge my brother.

Magically and Fraternally,
JR Knight, PM, Senior Warden

A PRAYER FOR A DEPARTED BROTHER

Theodore Ketterer

Fallbrook, California

Born: September 20, 1924

Called from Labor: December 10, 2017

Initiated June 27, 1965,

Passed September 20, 1965

Raised January 25, 1966

Served as SW Hackett Master in 1972

Hiram Award presented May 18, 1993

50 Year Anniversary Award April 10, 2016

2018 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Audit	“JR” Knight, PM
Budget & Finance.....	Robert Scheeler
Candidate Coaching.....	Clint Black, PM
Charity.....	Robert Salini, Master
Member Retention.....	John Fitch, PM
Delinquent Dues.....	Dennis Stahr, PM
Funeral	David Haslim, PM
Honored Ladies	Maebelle Haslim
Life Membership.....	James Campbell, PM
Masonic Education.....	Jim Achenbach, PM
Calif. Annual Fund.....	Robert Salini, PM
Public Schools.....	Jim Achenbach, PM
Entertainment.....	Robert Gale
Sunshine & Visit.....	Dennis Stahr, PM
Masonic Outreach	Ryan Bacaoco, PM
Trestleboard	Dennis Stahr, PM
Website Master	Dennis Stahr, PM

INSTALLATION OF 2018 OFFICERS

On December 9, SW Hackett Lodge held its 95th annual installation of Officers. Our Installing Officer for the installation was Worshipful Dave Haslim, PM, and Inspector at Large of Division IX. Our Installing Master of Ceremony was Worshipful Michael Allen, PM, and the installing Chaplain was Worshipful Gerald Winstanley, PM.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER AND GIFT DISTRIBUTION

On December 23rd, SW Hackett continued its tradition of assisting families who, without help, would not have a good Christmas. Six families received all the food for a great dinner as well as new gifts for the kids. All thanks to the generosity of the Brethren and Ladies of SW Hackett lodge.





FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

As we pass through the Winter Solstice, I reflect a recent appreciation gained on the significance of this annual phenomenon.

Imagine yourself a primitive, living at a time long ago; before Calendars, Clocks and Watches. With no sense of how time worked, the phases of the moon and seasons would be an ever-changing linear undulation of birth, growth, decline and death. It would just happen, and you wouldn't know why. Changes would happen, and you would have to just adapt, or else you might not survive.

Presuming that you found a location to settle, with enough abundance to sustain yourself, eventually you might notice that the position of the sunrise and sunset on the horizon changed, and repeated, in a predicable cycle. If you were exceptionally observant, a realization would occur that the changing length of the days and nights coincided with the position of the sun.

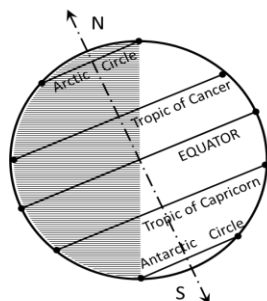
By marking the bearing of these locations, with stones on the ground, you could begin to significantly count the number of lunar cycles and days in this precession. Understanding and tracking these cycles is a huge intellectual accomplishment, which allows for planning and action of growth, to the benefit of oneself and those around you.

Today, we are left with famous ancient stone structures, along with simple stone rings, that marked the solstices and equinoxes which these days pass by without much notice. These markings are intrinsic to our existence, and found ubiquitously around the world. In our local area, these types of sites are known to have existed at Cowles Mountain. Still to this day, Ancient Observatories are preserved at undisclosed locations around San Diego County.

Fraternally yours,
John Fitch, PM, Junior Warden

References:

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Winter Solstice Figure

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was twenty-eight years of age when, in the autumn of 1784, he joined a Masonic Lodge. As a pianist, Wolfgang had been an infant prodigy, exhibited by his father throughout Europe, but he was now a recognized and admired composer living in Vienna. The year of his initiation his first great opera, The Marriage of Figaro, had been produced in Paris. This was, before the days of copyright law and the earnings of genius were meager.

During the eighteenth century, Freemasonry in Vienna had a political as well as a benevolent side. It counted as its members many highly placed politicians and ecclesiastics. It was hated by the Catholic Church and certain despotic political authorities who deemed it dangerous, both to religion and the well-being of the state. The Emperor Joseph II (1780-90) was favorably inclined to the Fraternity, although the clergy did their best to get the Lodges suppressed.

Such was the Masonic milieu when Wolfgang Mozart became a Master Mason. He must have been greatly moved and inspired by his experience. Almost immediately he composed his Freemason's Funeral Music and his music for the opening and closing of a Lodge.

His last great opera, The Magic Flute, opened in Vienna on the evening of September 30, 1791. Mozart conducted the first two performances, when he was overtaken by illness. He lingered on while the opera had an unprecedented run of more than one hundred consecutive performances. It is said that in his sick bed, watch in hand, he would follow in imagination the performance of The Magic Flute in the theatre. He died after its 67th performance.

The Magic Flute makes no mention of Freemasonry as such, but it has always been accepted as a Masonic opera. Musicians assert that even the music has much Craft significance, beginning in the overture with its three solemn chords in the brass.

In keeping with the fashion of the time, the plot is half-serious, half-comic, a fantasy of magic and mystery laid in a never-never land called Egypt. It depicts the ancient mysteries and presents much Craft symbolism. To the Viennese of that day, The Queen of the, Night was clearly the unfriendly Empress Maria Theresa; the good Sarasto was Ignas von Born, an eminent scientist and Masonic leader; the hero Tamino was the good Emperor Joseph and the heroine Pamina, the Austrian people themselves.

The opera has remained popular through the years and is included in the present repertoire of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

DUES FOR 2018 MUST BE IN BY JANUARY 1

It is important that you pay your dues by January 1 every year **to be in good standing**. Be sure to support your lodge and help us keep it strong and alive. When you pay your dues, SW Hackett receives only about two-thirds of it since the remainder must be paid to the Grand Lodge as per-capita. Even if you don't pay your dues, the lodge must pay that Grand Lodge per-capita every year with lodge money.

**Happy birthday to all the Ladies of the Lodge
Whose birthday is in January**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	George	Speer
2	Donald	Harding
3	Mark	Helton
11	Robert	Gale
11	Michael	Nolen
12	Eric	Straub
15	Aleksei	Sviridov
17	Gerald	Lynn
28	David	Bautista
29	Steven	Laurvick
29	Sean	Greenberg
31	Roger	Parker

ECHOES FROM THE PAST - (10 + Years)

<u>Brother</u>		<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>
William	Eade	1953	65
Edward	Dangler	1959	59
Fred	Lipscomb	1962	56
George	Glavis	1968	50
Roger	Parker	1982	36
Edward	Deitzler	1982	36
John	Farrell	1982	36
George	Speer	1983	35
Geordan	Mitchell	2003	15
David	Brant	2007	11