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FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies,

Hello everyone. Sorry I was sick with the flu and missed the February Stated Meeting. Jr. Knight, PM, was able to fill in and hold the meeting for us, and all worked out well in the end. Worshipful Inspector Dick Bullard was to be received at this meeting, but he did postpone it until March.

Friday February 23 at 6:00 pm, is the San Diego, & Imperial County's Past Master's night, and we usually have a good number of Past masters from SW Hackett attending this event, which is held here at the Scottish Rite Center. As the Men go to the meeting, our ladies we be meeting for dinner at Mimi's Café here in Mission Valley, also at 6:00 pm.

This month on the 27th, our own Senior Deacon, Stefan, will be presenting the Masonic Ed. He is lecturing on Freemasonry in Germany, and I'm sure that we will enjoy discussing the differences between the lodges here and there. We are happy that Bro. Stefan has really become active since he affiliated with us.

I wanted to mention the upcoming trip to Guthrie Oklahoma in April. This is a trip for Scottish Rite Masons, and all are welcome to come and enjoy the Degrees. The Scottish Rite of Guthrie Oklahoma is presenting the 29 degree's from the 4th degree to the 32nd degree. This event takes place on April 6, 7, and 8 in Guthrie, OK. Interested Masons should be making plans now. This is a very full weekend as the degree's start at 7am Friday, and finishes Sunday at 430pm. Interested Brothers should call and make travel & hotel plans as soon as possible, as the fares will be rising.

I am still working on the Hackett calendar, and we will publish what we can as it comes out. Also Inspector Bullard has informed us that the Mason of The Year event, which is in September, will be the job of his district, the 921st. He will be dividing the job amongst his lodges. It will be an honor to serve in this event and I am looking forward to it. Masonic Ed, has been changes to the 3rd Tuesday instead of the 4th due to scheduling conflicts. 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 Fraternally, Bro. Bob Salini, Master

2018 OFFICERS

MasterRobert Salini, PM
Sr. Warden.....William "JR" Knight, PM
Jr. WardenJohn 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
TilerJim Achenbach, PM
Officer's Coach: Dennis Stahr, PM
Officer's Coach:Robert Salini, PM
Inspector, 921st. Masonic District: Richard W. Bullard, PM

MARCH EVENTS

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| 6 Stated Dinner/Meeting - Inspector visit | 6:30 pm |
| 13 Proficiency / Officer practice | from 4:30 pm |
| 19 Officer School of Instruction | 6:00 pm |
| 20 Proficiency / Officer practice | from 4:30 pm |
| 27 Masonic Education | 6:30 pm |

MARCH STATED DINNER MENU

Spring Mix/Strawberries
Lemon Herbed Chicken
Pork Roast
Rice Pilaf
Buttered Sweet Corn
Pineapple Upside-down 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.

EDITOR'S REQUEST

Please submit articles. Everyone is requested to submit articles for the Trestleboard, in fact, it is encouraged. Please email them to info@freemason574.org on or before the 19th of every month. Thank you!



FROM THE WEST

My Brother,

There's a myth in our fraternity that you have to be a PM to receive the Hiram Award, but I can assure you that this is just not the case, although it does seem that way since most of our Hiram's are also PMs. Here is the official explanation of the award: The Hiram Award is the single highest honor a California Mason may receive. It cannot be sought or applied for, but is awarded at the request of the individual's Lodge, and bestowed by the Grand Lodge of California.

The Hiram Award is an award presented to a Master Mason who has served the Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity with devotion over and above the ordinary. It is the highest honor (other than being Master of the Lodge) that can be bestowed on a member of a Masonic Lodge. The Hiram Award is not given for service as Master or any elected or appointed office or committee. The recipient is recognized by his brethren in Masonry for his service to the fraternity, because of his efforts to support one or more Masons, a Lodge or Lodges, a District, the Grand Lodge or the fraternity as a whole. It is a singular distinction, and indicates the esteem, respect and admiration of the members.

This year we will celebrate the award being given to our Worthy Brother Robert Scheeler who was unanimously selected to receive our Lodge's Hiram Award. It is well deserved and long overdue.

I wanted to announce that due to some scheduling conflicts future Masonic Education Classes will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The March 20th Masonic Ed will be presented by JR Knight, and will be on the subject of Geometry. If you find Geometry a struggle this class will bust the myth and simplify the subject.

Last night I went to pick up a Valentine card for Robin and on the way, I was remembering past cards. Many years ago I went to a Hallmark Store for the first card I ever got her and when I walk into the store one card out of hundreds quickly caught my attention. I still looked through all the rest and as I put back the last one, I went back and picked up the very first one. It was the best. Since then, I've noticed that every card I've ever bought was always the first card I picked. They were always the best and most appropriate. Last night while driving, I wondered if perhaps they are all really pretty much the same. So as I reached for the card that caught my eye, I decided to grab the one next to it instead. It was a complete miss, nothing about it fit. When I picked up the one that spoke to me, it was perfect.

I recounted this story to illustrate an idea I've been thinking about for a while. Some people may read this story and think it's about buying greeting cards. Others may think it's about going with your first thought or your gut. While others may pick up on the other thing I was thinking about while I was writing it, a hidden metaphor so to speak. Any of the

three would be technically correct, but none by themselves would have a complete picture of my thoughts. If you only look at things literally you miss out on a broader lesson. Now I know this story is a waste of paper and your time but the hidden lesson may still serve you well.

Often we see this played out on a daily basis in real life. We see or hear people ignorantly and incorrectly recounting many events, be they about the happenings in their lives or day-to-day news and political events. They are either purposely ignoring the facts or perhaps they are just incapable of analyzing and thinking through the way the situation is presenting itself. I don't know which, but I do know that they are missing the point and it is up to all to pay closer attention

Some tend to also do this with our ritual. Many read it and take it at face value "literally". They lose out on the bigger picture, the hidden mysteries if you will. Sadly many brothers are quick to discourage newer Brothers from digging deeper. It's therefore up to the rest of us to make sure that those who come into the craft in search of the higher meaning or hidden mysteries are encouraged to pay closer attention and dig for answers.

**BROTHER ROBERT J. SCHEELER,
HIRAM AWARD HONOREE FOR 2018**



The Master was informed that the Hiram Award committee had unanimously chosen Brother Robert J. Scheeler, Marshal, as the recipient of the Hiram Award for 2018. Brother Scheeler was raised on November 24th, 2003 in Pearl Harbor Lodge, Honolulu Hawaii. He affiliated with Samuel Warren Hackett Lodge on November 1st of 2005. He has been the Marshal of SW Hackett for the past seven years including 2018. Also, since 2012, Brother Bob is the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee. He is very strong with his ritual and never refuses to help in any way he can. When you see Bob, be sure to congratulate him for his selection to receive this important award. The date and time of the dinner and presentation of the award will be announced. Congratulations Brother Bob!

As Wor. JR explained, receiving the Hiram Award is a very prestigious honor. The real warmth and pleasure of being chosen for this special honor is most satisfying, because it comes directly from the Brethren and friends he has accumulated within his community. Each dedicated Brother who is selected for this honor deserves individual recognition for his special contribution and/or numerous years of devoted service.

THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG
AND THE MASONIC GENERALS - PART I

The Battle of Gettysburg, which took place from July 1 through July 3, 1863, is the most famous, most bloody, and in many ways the most significant battle of the U.S. Civil War from 1861 to 1865. Robert E. Lee took his Confederate Army of Northern Virginia on a controversial invasion of the Northern States in an effort to alleviate Virginia from having armies continue to fight there, and also in an effort to bring the Union Army of the Potomac out of its fortifications, to a climactic battle that could end the war and result in independence for the Confederate States of America.

Abraham Lincoln understood the significance of Lee's invasion of Pennsylvania, and he appointed Union Major General George G. Meade to lead the United States army, with orders to prevent any attack on Washington, D.C., or Baltimore, Maryland. General Meade led his army into northern Maryland, while General Lee split his army into different parts with missions leading to the hoped-for capture of Harrisburg, the capital of Pennsylvania, with other missions to follow. However, Lee did not realize that Meade's army was as close as it was, until June 28. Then, he issued orders for the parts of his army to regroup at Cashtown or Gettysburg.

In the meantime, some of Lee's army was camped near Gettysburg, and some of Meade's army was in Gettysburg. They clashed briefly on June 30, and again in much larger numbers on July 1. Both sides threw in reinforcements, until the July 1 battle became a very large battle, very hard fought by both sides. At the end of the day the force of overwhelming numbers resulted in a Confederate victory for that day. The Union army regrouped on the hills and ridge south of Gettysburg, in a very strong position, under the leadership of Major General, and Brother, Winfield Scott Hancock, one of the most widely admired generals of the Civil War.

On July 2, General Lee attempted to defeat the Union army by attacking both ends of it, in another extremely hard-fought day with thousands of casualties. One of the most significant events of that day was the defense of a hill called Little Round Top by a Maine regiment commanded by Colonel (later Major General), and Brother, Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain. When his men ran out of ammunition, knowing that if he gave up his position the entire battle might be lost, he ordered a bayonet charge that might have been suicidal. Instead, he won a highly-praised victory, plus a Medal of Honor, and fame that resulted in his being later be elected Governor of Maine four times.

~ PART II ~
AND THE AMAZING ENDING,
NEXT MONTH

2018 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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| 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 |

WORSHIPFUL BOB SALINI, COMMANDER OF
THE AL BAHR SHRINE LEGION OF HONOR



On January 27th, 2018, Worshipful Robert Salini, PM, Master of SW Hackett Lodge for 2018 has also been installed this day as the 2018 Commander of the Al Bahr Shrine Legion of Honor. As a very busy Mason, Brother Salini is also an active member of the Scottish Rite. Congratulations Brother Salini.

WORDS FROM A WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Affection allied with devotion to each other, to our special lodge duty to each other and to our lodge; this with determination to succeed will bring us to our destiny. Our aim is to be in second place to none! Dedication to excellence must be in everything; our bearing, our clothing, our shoes and, it goes without saying, our Ritual. Our continuing support for our schools and accepting any responsibility which may come our way, with the grace and appropriate urgency as the circumstances show us will be strong.

The accepting and the practicing of all the challenges, shown above will carry us to greater heights. Remember the above encouragement of love for each and to achieve character, reputation and pure greatness for our lodge.

Submitted by Him

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 8 | Patrick | Comeaux |
| 10 | Eric | Kurzenberger |
| 16 | Ivan | English |
| 19 | Ronald | Detzer |
| 19 | Joseph | Pollard |
| 20 | Alfred | Strickman |
| 20 | Jeffery | Payne |
| 20 | Anthony | Thornburg |
| 22 | Clair | Martin |
| 22 | Robert | Windle |
| 27 | Maurice | Lowe |

ECHOES FROM THE PAST - (10 + Years)

| <u>Brother</u> | | <u>Raised</u> | <u>Years</u> |
|----------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|
| R. | Miller | 1966 | 51 |
| Floyd | Covert | 1974 | 43 |
| Robert | Hickok | 1977 | 40 |
| Knox | Krug | 1980 | 37 |
| Daryl | Sandaker | 1982 | 35 |
| John | Mc Bride | 1983 | 34 |
| Dimiter | Lyakov | 1995 | 22 |
| Ronald | Howard | 1995 | 22 |
| Robert | Windle | 2001 | 16 |
| James | Garrett | 2005 | 12 |
| Samuel | Marinelli | 2007 | 10 |