



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

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**FROM THE EAST**

Brethren and Ladies:

Well, it was a good June. With no degrees, we had time to just meet tell stories and jokes and just relax a bit.

At the Stated Dinner, we celebrated Sequoia Elementary School's Teach of the Year. This year's recipient was Ms. Shelly Foster. She is the first "double-winner" having been named Teacher of the Year back in 2011.

We hosted another Masonic Education with Brother Watson. It was again well attended and we look forward to the presentation on the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month.

We have received two applications that were read in the Stated Meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>. One of the applications is for affiliation and is from Worshipful Richard "Dick" Lattizzori. He is a Past Master of what was Unity Lodge and is now Globe Unity Lodge in Dalton MA. The other application is from Mr. Jerry Aquino, a Merchant Mariner. We will be voting on their applications at the July Stated Meeting. We also have another candidate who is anxious to submit his application before the July Stated Meeting so that it can be "read" in lodge at that meeting.

Worshipful Dave Haslim and Marty as well as Worshipful Jim Achenbach are off on the Grand Master's trip to Ireland, Scotland and then on to the Grand Lodge of England to celebrate the 300 years of organized Masonry on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June. They left on the 12<sup>th</sup> and will return on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Keep in mind that there is NO Stated Dinner in August. There will be the required Stated Meeting and I am calling the dress for the meeting to be totally casual! As long as you have some cloths on, I don't care what they are.... Be creative and be Hawaiian, cowboy, surfer or whatever. Should be fun to see the variety.

Also, email me with suggestions where you would like to meet for dinner before the August meeting. I need ideas.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Dennis Stahr, Master

## 2017 OFFICERS

Master .....	Dennis Stahr, PM
Sr. Warden .....	Ben Bridges
Jr. Warden .....	Robert Salini, PM
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Chaplain.....	Steven Laurvick, PM
Sr. Deacon .....	Nicholas Baker
Jr. Deacon.....	Stefan Werkstetter
Marshall.....	Robert Scheeler
Sr. Steward .....	Jason Bockerman
Jr. Steward.....	Robert Gale
Tiler .....	Jim Achenbach, PM
Officer's Coach: .....	Dennis Stahr, PM
Officer's Coach: .....	Robert Salini, PM
Inspector, 921 <sup>st</sup> . Masonic District:	Richard W. Bullard, PM

## JULY EVENTS

11 Stated Dinner/Meeting	6:30 pm
15 Picnic at Santee Lakes space G	Noon
17 OSI - SW Hackett is the Host	6:30 pm
18 Proficiency / Qualifying	6:30 pm
25 Masonic Education with Bro. Watson	6:30 pm
29 Bro. Bob Gale BBQ	Noon

## AUGUST EVENTS

1 Stated Meeting (meet for dinner 6:00pm?)	7:30 pm
29 Masonic Education with Bro. Watson	6:30 pm

## JULY STATED DINNER MENU

Caesar Salad  
Barbecue Chicken  
Barbecue Beef  
Mashed Potatoes  
Buttered Sweet Corn  
Lemon 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](mailto:hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com).



**FROM THE WEST**

Greeting Brethren and families,

Hello again Brethren and family. It seems the summer is officially upon us. Bright skies and red faces will abound as many people get outside to enjoy the beautiful weather.

I would like to ask, as I do most months, that while you are out and about enjoying the weather that you take the time to come and visit your lodge. It is after all yours. There is always something to do and if you are looking for a "reason to come down", well come down and we'll find something for you.

There are plenty of long term and short term items that need to be taken care of all of the time. From the quite involved to the barely much to do. No matter how small or how large the job they are all vitally important to ensuring the success of your lodge. We have quite a number of new brothers as well as brothers who have returned and continued on with their degrees. Why not add you name to that list? Smiling faces and beautiful places are what you'll see.

It's like winning the lottery, just without the heartache that often follows. I've called many of you in the recent months and sent some emails. Most messages went unanswered. I just want to let you know that if you are reading this article and you have not paid your dues this year please contact our brother the secretary and do so. If you are in legitimate need of help reach out to the charity committee so that we may help you. That is what we as Masons are known for. That is what we do. If you need assistance in getting to the lodge either for meetings, dinners, or any events please reach out to your brethren and let us know. We can help because, this is also what we do.

Be sure to take the time to enjoy the good things in your life and be sure to share those good things with others. Remember that we are all traveling to the same ultimate destination. Why not enjoy the ride with a friend, better yet a brother. I hope everyone enjoys the summer season and I look forward to seeing many of you in lodge in the near future.

Fraternally,  
Ben Bridges,  
Senior Warden

**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](mailto:info@freemason574.org) on or before the 19<sup>th</sup> of every month. Thank you!

**2017 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

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

**SW HACKETT LODGE PICNIC**

When: July 15<sup>th</sup>, come out and attend our Lodge Picnic at Santee Lakes. Plenty of things to do for all ages one to a hundred, fishing, boating, water spray / play areas for kids, hiking, gabbing and eating.

Please volunteer and sign up at the July Stated Meeting to bring something on our list or call the lodge office most Tuesdays after five for info.

See you there with a hardy appetite for dogs & burgers, friends and families welcome to!



**9310 Fanita Parkway Santee, CA 92071 - Space G**

**ANOTHER GREAT GALE BBQ**

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, be sure to be at the Gale BBQ. Bring a side for you + 1. Because of the meat that is furnished, please know that a donation of five or ten dollars per person to help with the cost is requested and appreciated. The address is: 4680 Mount Armet Drive.





**FROM THE SOUTH**

Brethren and Ladies,

As we enter into July and August, I wanted to give a little on the deeper thoughts in Masonry, Religion, Philosophy, and Mythology.

Religion in the broadest sense is a system of thoughts that denies man's ability to apprehend truth by the senses. Philosophy is a series of questions and answers to fundamental questions of human life.

A religious philosophy is one that answers questions of man's place in the universe. Albert Pike asserts that the general fields of religion and philosophy are a moral code and search for ultimate meaning, and that Masonry is essentially a religious philosophy.

It is important to understand that Masonry teaches divine origins of moral code to be found universally, or nearly so, in the worlds cultures. Thus in Masonry one faith is never given priority over another. A Mason's religion is his own business.

But practice of morality is rightly subject to review and judgement by the Brethren. Symbolism is an ancient tool for instruction and particularly suited to inquiries to religion, and philosophy. Symbols may clothe instruction. Ideas taught cannot always be expressed readily in language. Freemasonry has its symbols that if studied, can reveal some of the philosophies, and thoughts of many a great mind. Myths seek to answer questions specific from the very profound to the mundane, which have man pondering his world, and the good Mason takes the time to read and research his world, seeking answers.

As we travel through our Masonic journey, we all should take the time to study our craft, and to learn the morals and philosophies taught for our benefit. This is a good time to remind our brethren that they are welcome to come spend some time here with us at lodge, either for Stated Meetings, Degree's, or Masonic Education.

Drive Safe and I hope to see everyone in lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Bro. Bob Salini  
Junior Warden  
SW Hackett Lodge# 574 F&AM

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**EDITOR'S CONTINUAL REQUEST**

If you have a working email address, please help your lodge save money by informing us so that we can begin emailing your Trestleboard and saving the postage. You can email me at: [masonic574@irfutures.com](mailto:masonic574@irfutures.com) and/or Wor. Dimiter, our Secretary, at: [Hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com](mailto:Hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com)

**AN ABBREVIATED HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY**

Freemasonry originated many many years ago when ancient stone masons met to share and protect the secrets of their trade. The creation of lodges, on the other hand, only came to existence during the Middle Ages, as Freemasonry has continued to grow and develop throughout the years.

1390:

The oldest Masonic text known today, "The Halliwell Manuscript" or "Regius Poem" is said to have been written somewhere between 1390 and the beginning of the 15th century. This text begins with a history of the Craft, starting with Euclid's invention of geometry in ancient Egypt. The text, written in poetic form, is also the earliest Masonic manuscript containing charges. The introduction of the manuscript is in fact followed by a section containing rules of conduct for a Master Mason, thus giving us an insight of the moral behavior expected by Masons at the time.

1646:

The first documented initiation of an English Freemason. Elias Ashmole, a chemist and antiquarian, recorded the proceedings of his initiation in his diary, where he used to write notes about his life with the intention of writing an autobiography. His entry is important because it is the first evidence known of the making of a speculative Mason, and the first one to be recorded in writing. Elias Ashmole is not the first speculative Mason in history, but he is the first one who recorded the proceedings of his initiation in writing (or at least his is the first record that was ever found), and he even took down the names of the other Masons that were present during his initiation. This gives us the first insight of initiations in speculative Freemasonry.

1717:

This year marks the formation of the first Grand Lodge in the world and the start of lodges being governed by Grand Lodges. The first Grand Lodge was formed in London on the 24th June, 1717. It is today known as the United Grand Lodge of England and governs more than 8,000 lodges. The Grand Lodge of England is one of the three home Grand Lodges together with the Grand Lodge of Ireland, founded in 1725, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, founded in 1736. These three home Grand Lodges are known to have started taking Freemasonry overseas to other countries.

1723:

In this year an important Freemasonic writing was published: James Anderson's Constitutions. Anderson's Constitutions began with a short history of Freemasonry (which, however, is widely considered fictitious), followed by a set of general rules of conduct for a Freemason; i.e. the charges. These were followed by Payne's Regulations which dictated rules on how lodges should be governed, which every Grand Master should follow. The final section contains songs which would be used in rituals. Anderson's Constitutions were reprinted by Benjamin Franklin in 1734, the same year in which he was elected Grand Master of the Lodge of Pennsylvania. He was also responsible for the printing of the first article about Freemasonry in North America, which he had published in 'The Pennsylvania Gazette' four years earlier, in December 1730.

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

7 George Arnell  
12 Dick Covert  
12 Christopher Littell  
13 David Mc Gill  
15 John Mc Bride  
16 David Hull  
16 Charles Caskey  
16 Jeremy Weber  
20 Frederick Nicastro  
21 Benjamin Pulido  
23 James Achenbach  
23 Mark DeMaria  
24 Ian Watson

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

2 David Casper  
5 Nicholas Baker  
6 Mark Bacaoco  
7 Kenneth Hilburn  
9 John Czarnecki  
9 Howard Mc Gill  
10 Gerald Winstanley  
11 Vaughn Franklin  
24 Kyle Dau  
25 Robert Salini  
27 James Williams

**ECHOES FROM THE PAST - (10 +  
Years)**

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>	
George Brakeall	1962	55	
Buford Lane	1965	52	
Stephen Hannum	1977	40	
Alex Pina	1992	25	
Ronald Detzer	1996	21	
James Achenbach	1997	20	