



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

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**FROM THE EAST**

Brethren and Ladies:

Already it doesn't seem right. Brother Ben is in Boise and it is strange not seeing him in lodge. I was going to ask him if he wanted to write an article for the Trestleboard since he is, after all, still the Senior Warden, but then I know he has to be very busy with his new job and just plain getting settled in to his Idaho life. Brother Ben, you are missed.

Want to let everyone know that our Senior Warden of last year, Brother Chuck Caskey is still deployed and has asked me to tell everybody how he misses the Brothers, Ladies and the lodge. He said as soon as he can get back to San Diego, he will be stopping in. Here is the good news.... Brother Chuck was promoted to Chief! Congratulations Brother.

On the 9<sup>th</sup>, we had a great time honoring Brother Stefan as our Mason of the Year at the Grand Master's reception. There were over 550 people in attendance and as always it was a good event and I thank all who joined us.

We didn't get a chance to hold the first degree that we had tentatively planned because Mr. Elie's schedule as a member of the flight crew at MCAS Miramar made it difficult to get the time off. His degree by the way has been move to the 10<sup>th</sup> of October. The officers that will be a part of the degree are reminded that we will hold practice on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September since the Stated Dinner and Meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October and, with the degree on the 10<sup>th</sup>, there would be no other time to practice. All Brothers, please mark your calendars and come to the degree. We would certainly like to see a good attendance to welcome this new Brother.

Even though I am writing this before the Laurvick smokout at Bro. Bob Gales, I know it will be as fun as all our get togethers and if will be a good way to close out the summer and welcome the fall.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Dennis Stahr, Master

## 2017 OFFICERS

- Master .....Dennis Stahr, PM
- Sr. Warden .....Ben Bridges
- Jr. Warden .....Robert Salini, PM
- Treasurer.....David Casper
- Secretary.....Dimiter Lyakov, PM
- 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

## OCTOBER EVENTS

- 3 Stated Dinner/Meeting 6:30 pm
- 10 First Degree 6:30 pm
- 13 - 15 Grand Lodge Communications
- 16 OSI - Flag, Stated Meetings, Elections 6:00 pm
- 17 Qualifying / Proficiency 6:30 pm
- 24 Masonic Education with Bro. Watson 6:30 pm
- 31 Halloween - - **Boo!**

## OCTOBER STATED DINNER MENU

- Spinach Salad w/hard-boiled egg
- Chicken Cacciatore
- Baked Cod
- Rice Pilaf
- California Blend
- Tiramisu 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).

## 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!

## LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD

Hello Brethren,

Hope you all had a good summer. I have a question for you...Think back to when you first thought of becoming a Mason, what was it that enticed you about the fraternity? Was it the meaning of the secrets, the symbols, and the beauty behind the stories?

Well guess what, there all still there just waiting for you. Many of you need to search within yourselves and get back to those wonderful feelings and emotions you first experienced when you became Masons. In other words we sure miss seeing you in the Lodge.

Yesterday speaking with Worshipful Stahr and couple of the brothers we were discussing why our attendance is so low? We all know that the degrees are fun and we are very good putting them on. If you want more involvement on a degree, just say so, let someone know: "Hey I want to participate!"

What is it that prevents you from spending a couple of hours on Tuesdays to keep our Lodge going, think.... we need your input. Somehow we all know if we just apply a small effort we can make a change for the better. Imagine having two or three degrees per month, which would be great. Other Lodges are doing it, why not us???

It was a shame learning that over twenty brothers were suspended for non-payment of dues, and just because they have not attended the Lodge for some time. Don't let this happen to you. Come to the Lodge and be part of the fellowship. Make a difference it's not difficult and can be fun.

I'm sure we all know worthy friends, neighbors and acquaintances that we can invite to come visit our Lodge. If each of us would reach out to three or four people we know and extend an invitation it would make all the difference in the world. Come on my Brothers, get behind this, help your Lodge become more successful.

The last thing we want to see and happen is that for a lack of attendance we would have to merge with another Lodge, please don't let this happen my Brothers, we hold the simple solution in our hands.

Blessings,

Fraternally yours,  
Mario Urbino, Master Mason

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## 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

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## GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION AND MASON OF THE YEAR



On September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at the Grand Master's Reception and Mason of the Year Award ceremony, Brother Stefan Werkstetter was honored as SW Hackett's Mason of the year. Most Worshipful John Heisner, Grand Master, presented the awards to all the Masons of the year for 2017.

Brother Stefan Werkstetter came to San Diego from Germany. He affiliated with SW Hackett Lodge in June of 2016, and immediately asked what he could do to help the lodge. He assisted in the Senior Seward position. Then, he was asked if he would be installed as Junior Deacon for 2017. There was no hesitation as Brother Stefan accepted at once.

He continues his enthusiasm for SW Hackett and the fraternity as he works to finish qualifying to be installed in the Senior Deacon's chair in 2018. He is, no doubt, a good Mason and Brother in his home lodge and shows that also in his adopted Lodge. We all congratulate Brother Stefan on this honor and wish his company would station him here permanently.



**FROM THE SOUTH**

Brethren and Ladies,

October marks the change of Seasons into fall, where we begin the close of this year and plan preparations for 2018.

Last month I wrote about the line of officers that I hope we will be able to install in December, and also that I have high hopes of bringing back to lodge some of our members that haven't had a chance to come to lodge for some time now.

In 2017, Worshipful Dennis brought us many events, big and small, which were a lot of fun to attend and take part in. In the ensuing year I hope to carry the torch and continue to build upon his great leadership. With the fantastic job that Bro. Watson did on Masonic Education, I will be contacting him to see the possibility of continuing his program.

We will continue to have Family BBQ's and our annual Picnic at Santee Lakes. I am open to suggestions from our members as to bringing on events for us to do, such as the evening at the Theater that Susie Gale organized, or another train trip, and so forth. We will be concentrating on our membership, as in 2017 we were sorry to report that we had to suspend some of our brothers, and hopefully if we can get them back in lodge, we hope not to suspend any more.

Yes the times and Seasons are changing, and so is our Lodge. To this point we have been able to remain strong on all facets, and hopefully we will be able to continue to stand tall as the days and Seasons come upon us. 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, Masonic Education or just to enjoy the fellowship.

We still meet on Tuesday evenings, here in Mission Valley at the Scottish Rite Center, and we ALL are looking forward to seeing you soon, and hoping that you will spend some time with us in the very near future. Drive Safe and I hope to see everyone in lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bro. Bob Salini, PM, Junior Warden,  
SW Hackett Lodge# 574 F&AM

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**STEVE LAURVICK SMOKE-OUT  
PRESENTED AT BOB GALE'S.**



September 30<sup>th</sup> will bring yet another salute to the summer that we just don't want to let go. It will be fun time for the lodge Brothers, Ladies, friends and families as Worshipful Steve Laurvick sponsors the Laurvick Smoke-out presented at Brother Bob Gale's. As usual, I know the food will be great as Bob always does a super job.

**WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU BACK!**

To those good Brothers who were suspended for non-payment of dues at the September Stated Meeting. Your lack of payment may have been a terrible oversight and it can be corrected as stated below. The suspensions were necessary since each year that you did not pay, the Lodge had to pay the per-capita to the Grand Lodge in your stead. Over the past two to three years, this amount has exceeded \$3,000 of lodge money. The suspensions put an end to this requirement.

As you were told in the letter, this suspension will also cause your suspension in any other Masonic Organizations in which you may have membership, such as the Scottish Rite, Shrine, York Rite etc.

If you should decide that you would again like to be a Mason in Good Standing in the greatest fraternity in the world, your membership can be automatically restored by paying to the Lodge the dues now owing plus the current year dues at that time. However, for automatic restoration (without approval by the Lodge needed) your payment must be made within two years from the date of suspension September 5, 2017.

If you should wish to restore your membership after September 5, 2019, any such application must be made in this Lodge and will require an investigation and vote of approval by the members at a Stated Meeting, together with your check for dues now owing and for current dues at that time.

Also, please understand that once you have been restored to good standing by paying your back dues, you must continue to support your lodge by staying current by paying your annual dues by January first of each year. Not maintaining your good standing could once again be cause for suspension for non-payment of dues.

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

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

1	John	Farrell
2	James	Sprague
13	Horatio	Johnson
20	David	Willer
22	Eric	McDonald
23	Robert	Hutchinson

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

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>
George Sorensen	1954	63
Kenneth Hilburn	1968	49
Otto Drum	1971	46
David Haslim	1974	43
Robert Smith	1990	27
William Knight	1993	24
Joseph Pollard	1995	22
Kyle Dau	1995	22
Michael Allen	1996	21