

TRESTLEBOARD
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<u>MAY 2012</u>						
<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THU</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
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MAY EVENTS

1	Stated Meeting & Dinner.....	6:30pm
8	Officers Practice.....	7:00pm
14	District Officers School of Instruction.....	6:30pm
15	Hiram Award, Wor. Bob Smith.....	6:30pm
22	Officers Practice - Proficiencies.....	7:00pm
28	Memorial Day (Observed)	
29	Officers Practice – 1 st . Degree.....	7:00pm

FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Greetings Brethren and Ladies:

Spring is here and the weather is warming here in paradise. April saw the Scottish Rite Masonic Information Night. That was an interesting experience and very informative. We were joined by Rick, his fiancé and Scottie. They were at the Stated meeting Dinner with us on April 3, and then came to the Information Night. They enjoyed the presentation also, and as a result, have both applied for the Degrees of Masonry in our Lodge.

We will also be reading the application of Wor. “JR” Knight’s son, Anthony for the Degrees. Anthony is a member of DeMolay and has been Master councilor on two occasions. We are very happy to have three such enthusiastic men apply to join us. In addition to our new applicants, we also have a petition for affiliation with our lodge from a Brother from South Dakota. He was introduced to us by Bro. Mark Bacaoco. Thank you Bro. for helping your Lodge.

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Master.....	Dennis P. Stahr
Sr. Warden.....	“JR” Knight, PM
Jr. Warden.....	Ryan A. Bacaoco
Treasurer.....	James J. Achenbach
Secretary.....	Dimiter Lyakov, PM
Asst. Secretary.....	Gerald Lynn, PM
Chaplain.....	Ronald J. Detzer, PM
Sr. Deacon.....	Robert Salini
Jr. Deacon.....	John Fitch
Marshall.....	Robert J. Scheeler
Sr. Steward.....	Steven “Tex” Perry
Jr. Steward.....	
Tiler.....	Robert Smith, PM
Officer’s Coach.....	Robert Smith, PM
Inspector, 921 st . Masonic District ...	David A. Haslim, PM
Trestleboard Editor.....	Dick Covert, PM

Job’s Daughters Bethel 40 Masonic Appreciation Night and dessert auction was April 18. As last year it was lots of fun and they did raise some money even though the turn-out was quite disappointing. This night was to honor us as Masons and hopefully next year will see a greater turn-out. The Bethel daughters put on a very nice tribute.

Moving into May remember Tuesday, May 15, we will pay tribute to Wor. Bro. Bob Smith with the Hiram Award. Wor. Smith has contributed so much to our Lodge, He is a Past Master, our Tiler and our Officers Coach We wouldn’t have such a competent Officer line without his tireless assistance. Please make plans to attend and show your support for Wor. Smith.

A side note to Bro. Geordan in Vashon,WA: Thanks for the nice letter and smile, and I have my fingers crossed that your boat will come home.

Also, please remember to keep up to date with our website. Find it, visit often and bookmark it at: <http://www.swhackett574.sandiegofreemason.com/>

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Dennis Stahr,
Worshipful Master

PHILOSOPHY OF MASONRY

This expression opens an immense field for the intelligent Mason to explore, and one so rich in materials that it can never be exhausted. The Philosophy of Masonry involves the history of its origin, an inquiry into the ideas that lie at its base, an investigation of its peculiar forms, an analytical study of its several degrees, and a development of the ideas which are illustrated by its ritualistic emblems, myths and allegories, and which speak through its sublime system of symbols. Freemasonry has arrived at a period when the prosperity of the Order demands a deeper insight into its character and teachings.

Not knowing in what ideas the system had its birth, what truths were symbolized by the rites, what notions were intended to be illustrated by its symbols, members are not able to rise to a true appreciation of its sublime spirit and profound significance. The superior intelligence and culture of the present age demands more than this. The questioning spirit of the times demands a reason for this or that; it cannot rest in a dead form, an outward sign.

Masons should acquaint themselves with the philosophy of Masonry, seek and find the *sense* of its rites, study its symbols until they see them all aglow with infinite and eternal truths. "Symbols are the speech of God," and through them Eternity looks into Time and the Infinite holds communion with the finite, the divine with the human – through them the mysterious currents of life from the over- world stream into our human world of prosaic reality, and light it up with a living glory. There is that latent in Freemasonry which makes it exactly the institution most needed in this time and age. But to be an effective agent in elevating and advancing man to a more perfect condition, the *sense* of its must be better understood by Masons, its philosophy must be studied, and its grand and ancient symbols must be made to speak their immortal meanings as of old. In other words, Freemasonry must be idealized.

Lifted from "A Dictionary of Freemasonry", Robert Macoy

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

- You can tell a Steward, just by the way he walks;
- You can tell a Deacon, just by the way he talks;
- You can tell a Warden, just by the way he holds his head and such;
- You can tell a Master, but you can't tell him very darn much!

~Anon~

2012 COMMITTEES

Audit	"JR" Knight, PM
Budget, Fin. Inv.....	Dennis Stahr, WM
Candidate's Coach	Kent Dau, PM
Charity.....	Dennis Stahr, WM
Communication	John Fitch
Del. Dues.....	"JR" Knight, PM
Funeral	David Haslim, PM
Honored Ladies	Maebelle Haslim
Life Member	Jim Campbell, PM
Masonic Education.....	James Achenbach, PM
Masonic Youth.....	"JR" Knight, PM
Masonic Formation	Robert Smith, PM
Masonic Outreach	Ron Detzer, PM
Member Retention.....	Robert Salini
Public Schools.....	James Achenbach, PM
Social Media	Steve Laurvick, PM
Sam Jones Memorial Award	Robert Smith, PM
Mentor of the Year Award	"JR" Knight, PM
Trestleboard	Dick Covert, PM
Website Master.....	Dennis Stahr, WM
GL Committeeman:	Norm Hale, PM (Emeritus) Widows

EDITORS NOTE

Contributions to our Trestleboard are welcome and urgently solicited. Submissions should be of Masonic nature suitable for enjoyment of EA, FC and non Masons alike.

We welcome items of general interest as well. Submissions should be directed to the editor at uglidedc@cox.net or by telephone at 760-751-3469. Deadline for June submittals is **May 19, 2012.**

Fraternally, Dick Covert, PM

RIGHT SIDE (and Left Side)

The ancients held that the right side possessed some peculiar excellence above the left, and hence the Latin words "*dexter*" right, and "*sinister*" left, also conveys the sense of lucky, or good, and unlucky, or evil.

The right side has always been considered the place of honor, and the Scriptures abound in passages illustrative of this idea – as in Matt. xxv, 33-4 "And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on his left. Then shall the king say to those on his right hand, 'Come ye blessed of my Father,'" etc.

From "A Dictionary of Freemasonry", Robert Macoy

FROM THE PILLAR OF BEAUTY

Brethren and Ladies:

One of the great benefits of being a California Mason (his wife, widow or orphans) in good standing, even if living out of state, is that all are entitled to Masonic support services. These include Masonic Family Outreach and Masonic Senior Outreach programs.

The differences between the two are as follows:

Masonic Family Outreach program is available to all California Masons whether they be an Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft or Master Mason of any age and their families. The program assists with any family issue, such as the impact of divorce, the stresses of a special needs child, death of a spouse or child, and other issues,

Masonic Senior Outreach program is available to all California Masons at the age of 60 or more. (also to Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft or Master Mason), and to their wife or widow.

Other member and widow benefits that are available are the monthly Lodge Trestleboard, inclusion in the Lodge phone tree and mailings, bimonthly California Freemason magazine, access to the Member Center on freemason.org (members only) and Masonic funeral service (members only at the request of a family).

For general information contact Grand Lodge at 415-292-9180 or via the internet at memberservices@freemason.org. Wor. Ron Detzer is S. W. Hackett Masonic Outreach Service committeeman and is available also.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Ryan A. Bacaoco, JW

BREAD UPON THE WATERS

I took a brother by the hand; I spoke a word of cheer;
It gave him strength, renewed his hope, and helped to banish fear.
How passing strange is life, my friend,
For as the years sped by
I, too, was faced with dark despair
And life held but a sigh,
My friend now took me by the hand,
And whispered words of cheer – The same soul lifting words
I spoke to him another year.
T'was then I knew the bread I cast,
As in the Scriptures told,
Upon the waters had returned
To bless me now, two fold!

~Anon~
From masonicword.com

MAY STATED MEETING DINNER MENU

Caesar Salad
Tacos
Chicken Enchiladas
Spanish Rice
Refried Beans
Assorted Hot & Cold Beverages
Flour Tortillas
Assorted Banquet Cakes

STATED DINNER DETAILS

If you are on the standing reservations list be sure to inform our Bro. Secretary if you are not able to attend Stated Meeting dinner at least the Friday prior to Stated Meeting. Likewise, if you are not on the standing list, let the Secretary know you will be attending dinner. Dinner cost is \$15.00 each. Our Bro. Secretary can be reached at 619-295-4420.

GENIE'S PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

A few of us attended the funeral of Eugenia Granlow the morning of April 23rd. Genie was very involved with Eastern Star and was the wife of Bro. Earl Granlow, who also recently passed. At the funeral, Genie's daughter and sons told how she loved to bake and that her peanut butter cookies were the best ever. They even had everyone take a sample on the way out of the service. They really are good, and here is her recipe they shared with us.

1 cup soft shortening
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup brown sugar
2 eggs, well beaten
1 cup peanut butter
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt

Cream together the sugar, brown sugar and shortening. Add eggs, peanut butter and vanilla. Combine flour, baking soda and salt to creamed mixture. Chill the dough in the refrigerator (very important). Then place on greased cookie sheet. Flatten with a fork dipped in sugar and bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until done at 350 degrees.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

14 Robert Smith, PM
15 Robin Romero
20 Leonard Kulhanjian
21 Dimiter Lyakov, PM
22 Michael Martin
23 Gary Jones
25 Richard Applestill
26 Luiz Deorsola
26 George Glavis, PM
27 Robert Strangman
28 Geordan Mitchell
29 Claude Woods

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

63 Years

Matthew Botu MM 5-24-1949

60 Years

Bill E. Smith MM 5-13-1952

60 Years

Alfred Strickman MM 3-20-1952

52 Years

Robert Hutchinson MM 5-25-1960