

PACIFIC MASONIC LODGE # 325, A.F.M.



THE TRESTLEBOARD

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NEW OFFICERS AND INCREASING WORKLOAD

Pacific Lodge is pleased to announce that ALL but one of our current officers are NON Past Masters. Don't get me wrong, we still have a LOT of PM's helping out and leading the way, but our Lodge is blessed with NEW BLOOD.

We raised 2 candidates in December and another 2 in January. There are currently three (3) petitions out on investigations. Brothers, the Lodge is GROWING!

Attendance is up at both our Regular Communications and Degree work. We have gotten a large number of visitors from other Lodges as well.

2006 saw 13 candidates,

many of whom were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason and even sitting in chairs

We have gotten off to a fast start this year as well, but there is something missing. Could it be YOU?

Brothers, we would love to have each and every member back at the Lodge. If you feel "rusty" about the work, we can get you through it and refresh your memory. I can promise you won't be embarrassed. If you need a ride to the Lodge, CALL us and we will come get you and take you home. YOU are the life blood of Pacific Lodge. We need you and would love to have you join us if you can. COME ON OUT.

All Brothers are welcome. Please be prepared to show a valid dues card or have a Brother vouch for you. This is not done to embarrass anyone, but rather to ensure that all who pass are duly qualified....

Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge A.F.M. of South Carolina.



OFFICERS FOR 2007

- *Fred Garren, W.M.*
- *Patrick Brown, S.W.*
- *Del Collins, J.W.*
- *Jim Jaco, Treas.*
- *Bosie Martin, P.M. Sec.*
- *Vardie Corley, S.D.*
- *Bill Yandle, J.D.*
- *Richard Prudence, Stew.*
- *Glenn Gates, Stew.*
- *Brian Gambrell, Chap.*
- *Tommy Hill, Tyler*

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COLUMBIA LODGE 326 MERGES WITH PACIFIC

OK, so this may be "old news" to some of you, but it bears repeating.

In July, Columbia Lodge consolidated with Pacific. While we kept our name and number, we have gained many gifted brothers we can now call members

of Pacific.

We wasted no time in putting them to work. W. Bro. Ray Shumpert and W. Bro. Malcolm Rentz have stepped up to the plate and helped in the lectures and charges. Thank you Brothers and again, it's GREAT

to have you with us.

Are you a member of the former Columbia Lodge? Can you join us? Please come if you can. We will do our best to make you feel at home at your "new" Lodge.



The Celestial Lodge Above where the Supreme Grand Master Presides. Well done, good and faithful servants...

SAYING GOODBYE TO OLD FRIENDS

Perhaps the "white book" says it best. We forget that we are born to die. Just when we think we are in the meridian of life, death comes along. Death. We will all face it sooner or later. Masonry is supposed to help us prepare for it. We live our lives in a manner that will show our fellow man that we are, indeed, ready to return to the dust from whence we came. That being said, I must take a moment to reflect on

Brothers who have left this earthly plane to work in the temple, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

In 2006 we said goodbye to Worshipful Brother Ed Gunter, Brother James Roof, Brother Harold Castine, Brother James "Jimmy" Bozeman and Brother Claude Norman from Pacific.

We also said farewell to Rite Worshipful Brother Billy Mack, PDDGM from

Boyleston Lodge. Good men and true, one and all. We will miss them. We do miss them. But rather than saying goodbye, I prefer to say see you later my Brothers. God willing, we will see you in the not too distant future.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of these Brothers. Keep strong in your FAITH and remember the good times. Until we meet again....

THE BRITISH ARE COMING

Once again, our friends from the U.K. are coming over to join us for Grand Lodge in April.

Tentative plans are to spend a few days in Myrtle Beach with W. Bro. Charles Schofield, Grand Persuivant. We MAY journey to D.C. and visit the George Washington National Masonic Memorial.

Please note that W. Bro. Edward Neeley and W. Bro. Bosie Martin are co-chairmen of the local committee for Grand Lodge this year. While this is quite an honor, it will involve work and we may be calling on YOU to help out. More information will be forthcoming.

We want to show our Brothers from the U.K. the

same courtesy and hospitality they extended to us on our visit over. Once again, we may call on you to help us out in this effort as well.

Our hopes are to put on a DEMONSTRATION of the MM Degree while they are here.

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WE ARE EXPECTING SOME 10-12 BROTHERS FROM THE U.K. TO JOIN US FOR GRAND LODGE AND TO VISIT PACIFIC 325. COME MEET YOUR BROTHERS!



GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND

WHAT'S KEEPING YOU AWAY?

Yes, that is a personal question. I know in today's busy world our schedules sometimes prevent us from attending Lodge. We are not to let our family or our occupations suffer for attending.

I would like to invite you to come back to YOUR Lodge. We are young, growing and need support (and help if you

can)... While I briefly touched on being "rusty" earlier, I am hoping to conduct a "RUSTY NAIL DEGREE" for all those who feel their skills and work may not permit them to enter the body of a Masonic Lodge.

I assure you, as long as you are in good standing (current dues paying mason) we WILL

get you in and can make you feel comfortable.

Again, feel free to call me if you have questions or need assistance in getting to the Lodge for ANY reason. We would love to see you!

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Pacific 325

THE CONCEPT OF AN E-MASON

Have you visited the Lodge web site lately? We try to keep it up to date with information on work in our Lodge and area Lodges. There are links to the Grand Lodge and other Lodges both across the state AND in the United Kingdom.

My first experience as an E-Mason started about 10 years ago. I was constructing my very first website and I really needed some help. As you might guess, I got it without

looking very far.

I dedicated my site to a young man (5 years old) who was the son of a friend of mine. This young lad had leukemia and was being treated in Tennessee.

The boy's father told me that all the young lad wanted during his treatments were cards and letters. An appeal was made and BOY did the Craft respond.

Campbell was flooded with

thousands cards, letters, paintings, and all sorts of items from all over the world and let him know that people he never knew were thinking about him and praying for him.

I wish I could say he made a miraculous recovery, but the Great Architect of the Universe saw fit to call him to be with Him. This experience got me "back" active in Masonry and led to meeting new friends around the globe.



E-Mason Lapel Pin

STORY TO BE CONTINUED

FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

Charity. It is sometimes said that it begins at home. Well, Masons know that and home seems to be wherever we can do good work.

Pacific Lodge has been active in contributing to the Multiple Sclerosis Society as part of the Square and Compass Club of the Midlands. We offer flu shots for members of the community who may not be

to get them otherwise.

Whether it is the Childhood Language Disorder Clinic of the Scottish Rite, The Knight Templar Eye Foundation of the York Rite, The Shriners Hospitals for burned and crippled children, Masons are there to help. Masonry contributes over \$ 3 MILLION dollars a day to charities. A lesson we are taught early and

a lesson we never forget. Helping after a devastating hurricane by sending water and food or sending contributions to the V.A. Hospital through the Masonic Service Association, we will continue the basic tenet of Masonry. It is more blessed to give than to receive. We will NOT forget this valuable lesson.

"MASONRY CONTRIBUTES OVER \$ 3 MILLION A DAY TO VARIOUS CHARITIES"

PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP

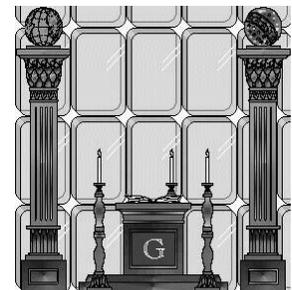
If you have gotten a letter with your dues card, you will notice I have been sending out subtle hints about the Perpetual Life Membership Program which was adopted by Pacific Lodge several years ago.

This worthwhile program enables you to PURCHASE a life membership based on your age and annual dues of

the Lodge. This is based on a formula enacted by the Grand Lodge.

Brothers, as of February 6, we were up to 15 Perpetual Life Members with two pending. If you would like information on this program, please call or write and we can give you both details and an application.

This is a way for you to pay over a period of three years and NEVER have to worry about paying dues again. You will never have to worry about a dues increase. AND the proceeds will continue to benefit Pacific Lodge even after the member dies. Look into it, it just might be right for YOU.



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MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

February 20—Fellow Craft Degree

March 6—Regular Communication, Eat 6:45, Meet 7:30

March 13—Entered Apprentice (*)

March 27—Master Mason Degree (*)

April 3—Regular Communication, Eat 6:45, Meet 7:30

April 17—Fellow Craft Degree (*)

April 24—Master Mason Degree Demonstration
(pending Dispensation)

April 25-26—Grand Lodge at Jamil Temple

May 1—Regular Communication, Eat 6:45, Meet 7:30

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

Any questions, please call

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or

W. Bro. Fred Garren, W.M. at 803-518-6277

(*) Denotes tentative Special Communication

ALL SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS DEPEND ON THE BALLOT BOX...

BRITISH, CONTINUED...

I first met W. Brother Steve Wilson on the Level at the airport in Edinburgh (or was it Glasgow) Scotland. He was with his wife, Elaine and I was with my wife, Liz.

We all had so much in common, it was incredible.

Here we were, having only communicated via e-mail prior to heading to the U.K. (I DID have my letter of introduction from the Grand Lodge) but I didn't even know WHO I was looking for.

I suppose the reception on the Wilson's part was about the same. They had no idea of what to expect. It was

going just fine until I tried to get in to the "wrong" side of their car. Yes, you ARE in the United Kingdom and most things are in reverse. They even drive on the wrong side of the road!!!

I have never felt more at home or at ease with anyone more that I did with Steve and Elaine. We attended his Installation at Lodge St. John Muthill 192 in Scotland and later attended an installation in a Lodge in Luton (down in England, just outside of London)...

It was in those Lodges I met friends that would become just what they were,

BROTHERS. It was more like family than family. I had never been treated nicer or shown more hospitality that that which was extended by Steve, Elaine and Steve's parents when we made it south to Luton.

I hope you will be able to meet some of the greatest guys you will ever meet when they arrive in April. If you have any questions about what we will be doing or what you can do to help., please let me know by calling or dropping me an e-mail.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Bosie Martin, P.M., Sec.



S.C. Brothers in Scotland



English Brothers in Luton