



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



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TREMENDOUS UPCOMING EVENTS

My Brothers, by now you have gotten your notice (probably electronically and via U.S. Mail) of the proposed consolidation of Forest Acres Lodge # 410 with Pacific. This is an incredible opportunity to strengthen Masonry. While we never like to see a Lodge fade, it gives us hope when it becomes reborn as part of a new and even stronger partner. This was evidenced by the consolidation of Columbia Lodge # 326 just a couple of years ago.

The other item that we will address at the Regular Communication is the by-laws change to increase our dues from \$ 35 to \$ 40 a year to cover per-capita increases by the Grand

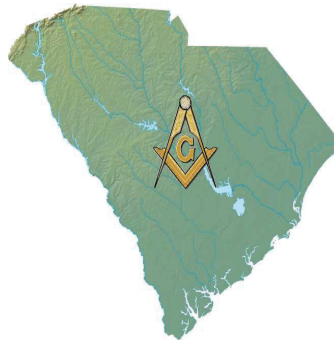
Lodge. The verbiage states that should the Grand Lodge ever increase the per-capita again, we will increase our dues accordingly.

I have looked around the state and see dues ranging from \$ 60 to \$ 80 a year and I know we are one of the least expensive Lodges in South Carolina. Personally, there is not much I would not pay to remain a member of this wonderful fraternity.

The final item up for consideration at the October Business Meeting is the annual "Ed Gunter Mason of the Year Award" proposed by our Worshipful Master. This is a fitting tribute to a Brother gone on and an honor for a worthy Brother in the Lodge.

All Brothers are welcome at Pacific. 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.



THE ED GUNTER AWARD PROPOSAL

As I touched on above, the final proposal for consideration of change in by-laws is for the sitting Worshipful Master to be allowed to name a worthy Brother as "Mason of the Year" from Pacific and to present him with the "Ed Gunter Award" aptly named for the

late Worshipful Bro. Edward Gunter.

W. Bro. Ed was THE example of what a Mason should be. True to his God, true to his family and true to his Lodge. W. Bro. Ed was the embodiment of all of these elements. He

never met a stranger and always had a kind word to say about anyone he met.

I can think of no finer tribute to our departed Brother than to put his name on this annual award. We miss our Brother, but he will always be with us in Spirit!

OFFICERS FOR 2008

- Fred Garren, P.M., W.M.
- Brian Gambrell, S.W.
- Bill Yandle, J.W.
- Jim Jaco, Treas.
- Bosie Martin, P.M. Sec.
- Del Collins, S.D.
- Richard Prudence, J.D.
- David Dowden, Stew.
- Michael Hershberger, Stew.
- Wayne Whitworth, Chap.
- Jan Barkan, Tyler

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**Brother Richard Prudence
Pacific's Jr. Deacon**

OFFICER SPOTLIGHT - RICHARD PRUDENCE

Our Junior Deacon, Brother Richard Prudence needs to be recognized for all of the work he has done around the Lodge lately. Using his skills as a handyman, he has not only fixed the roof on the front of the Lodge and added a gutter, Bro. Richard also took it upon himself to replace the ceiling in the "Ladies" rest room in the hallway.

We appreciate everything you do for us Bro. Richard. Many times work goes unseen

and perhaps unnoticed. We want to tell you that WE notice all of the work you have done and we do appreciate it.

Bro. Richard was also instrumental in getting the fans hung in the Lodge room, saving the Lodge a good deal of money on our electric bills. I believe Bro. Richard constructed the braces which hold the fans in place. Thanks, Brother.

Richard owns his own com-

pany, Round Tuit, LLC (I hope he will correct me if I am wrong) and is very handy with any type of construction work. If you find yourself in need, I can't think of a better person to put to the task. You may have to be patient, as he has several "clients" around the area, including Pacific 325.

Thanks again Bro. Richard. Here's to a job well done and a belated "thank you" from all of us in the Lodge.



M.W. Bro. Gerald L. Carver,
Grand Master of Masons, SC

GRAND MASTER TO VISIT CAYCE LODGE

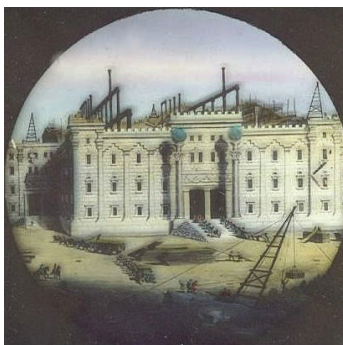
Our Most Worshipful Brother Jerald L. "Jerry" Carver will be making an official visit to Cayce Lodge # 384 on Monday, October 6. Please come out and welcome our Grand Master as he pays a visit to our Deputy Grand Master's Lodge, Right Worshipful Brother Barry A. Rickman. I can tell you from past experience, the food AND fellowship will be out of this world. I expect an update from our Grand Master on the State of the Craft and will announce any upcoming events for the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. Please come out and meet YOUR Grand Master as well as his party. Let's show our support of our Grand Master and Grand Lodge. I would like to fill the Lodge up with Pacific members!! Come join us if you can!

MASONIC EDUCATION - LABOR

It is one of the most beautiful features of the Masonic Institution, that it teaches not only the necessity, but the nobility of labor. From the time of opening to that of closing, a Lodge is said to be at labor. This is but one of the numerous instances in which the terms of Operative Masonry are symbolically applied to Speculative; for, as the Operative Masons were engaged in the building of material edifices, so Free and Accepted Masons are supposed to be employed in the erection of a superstructure of virtue and morality upon the foundation of the Masonic principles which they were taught at their admission into the Order.

When the Lodge is engaged in reading petitions, hearing reports, debating financial matters, etc., it is said to be occupied in business; but when it is engaged in the form and ceremony of initiation into any of the Degrees, it is said to be at work. Initiation is Masonic labor.

As Freemasons, we labor in our Lodge to make ourselves a perfect building, without blemish, working hopefully for the consummation, when the house of our earthly tabernacle shall be finished, when the Lost Word of Divine Truth shall at last be discovered, and when we shall be found by our own efforts at perfection to have done Gods' service. Prov. 10:16 - 2 Chr. 5:9



LABOR at the building of
King Solomon's Temple

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MORE MASONIC EDUCATION: MUSIC

While we do not use music in Lodges as many of our friends overseas do, it is a vital part of our Fraternity:

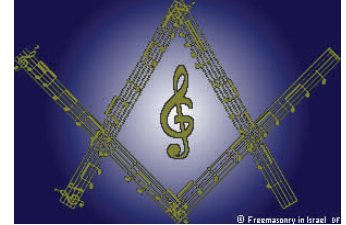
One of the seven liberal arts and sciences, whose beauties are inculcated in the Fellow Craft's Degree. Music is recommended to the attention of Freemasons, because as the "concord of sweet sounds" elevates the generous sentiments of the soul, so should the concord of good feeling reign among the Brethren, that by the union of friendship and brotherly love the boisterous passions may be lulled and harmony exist throughout the Craft. The Fellow Craft lecture explains *Music* as that elevated science which affects

the passions by sound. There are few who have not felt its charms, and acknowledged its expressions to be intelligible to the heart. It is a language of delightful sensations, far more eloquent than words; it breathes to the ear the clearest intimations; it touches and gently agitates the agreeable and sublime passions; it wraps us in melancholy, and elevates us in joy; it dissolves and inflames; it melts us in tenderness, and excites us to war. This science is truly congenial to the nature of man; for by its powerful charms the most discordant passions may be harmonized and brought into perfect unison; but it never sounds with such seraphic harmony as

when employed in singing hymns of gratitude to the Creator of the universe.

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One of the offices in many Lodges throughout the world is the position of "Organist" of the Lodge. While this tradition has faded here in South Carolina, there are some Lodges which do use "Very Masonic" music within various ceremonies and at the appropriate times. Many of the classic composers, including Bro. Mozart, have written pieces specifically for the Craft. I encourage you to listen for them and enjoy them. Perhaps you will hear some at an upcoming meeting at Pacific...



Sweet sounds that soothe the soul and part of the Second Degree Lecture...



FAMOUS MASONS - BRO. ROBERT BURNS (MASONIC ASSOCIATION)

Robert Burns was initiated into Lodge St David Tarbolton on 4 July 1781, when he was 22. He was passed and raised on 1 October 1781. Later his lodge became dormant and Burns joined Lodge St James Tarbolton Kilwinning number 135. The location of the Temple where he was made a Freemason is unknown but on 30 June 1784 the meeting place of the lodge became the "Manson Inn" in Tarbolton and one month later, 27 July 1784 Burns became *Depute Master* which he held until 1788, often honoured with supreme command.

Although regularly meeting in Tarbolton, the "Burns Lodge" also removed itself to hold meetings in Mauchline. During 1784 he was heavily involved in Lodge business, attending all nine meetings, passing and raising brethren and generally running the Lodge. Similarly in 1785 he was equally involved as Depute Master where he again attended all nine lodge meetings amongst other duties of the Lodge. During 1785 he initiated, and passed his brother Gilbert being raised on 1 March 1788. He must have been a very popular and well respected Depute Master, as the minutes show that there were more lodge meetings well attended during the Burns period than at any other time. At a meeting of Lodge St. Andrew in Edinburgh in 1787, in the presence of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Scotland, Burns was toasted by the Grand Master, Francis Chateris. When he was received into Edinburgh Lodges his occupation was recorded as a "poet". In early 1787, he was feted by the Edinburgh Masonic fraternity. The Edinburgh period of Burns life was fateful as further editions the Kilmarnock edition were sponsored by the Edinburgh Freemasons, ensuring that his name spread around Scotland and subsequently to England and abroad.



Bro. Robert Burns
Regarded as the
NATIONAL POET
OF SCOTLAND



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SECRETARY & WEBMASTER

MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

October 3 - Inspirational Meeting at Scottish Rite, 6:30

October 7 - Regular Communication

October 14 - Entered Apprentice Degree *

October 25 - Master Mason Degree * - Saturday Degree put on by
Past Masters. Eat at 8 am, Work at 9 am (see below)

November 2 - Regular Communication

November 21 - Ladies' Night and Service Award Notice featuring
M.W. Bro. Jack A. Marler, Past Grand Master, Grand Treasurer as
our Guest Speaker

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

Any questions, please call

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

(*) Denotes tentative Special Communication

ALL SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS DEPEND ON THE BALLOT BOX AND
THE CANDIDATES...

Unless otherwise noted: We eat at 6:45pm and Work at 7:30 pm

PAST MASTERS TO CONFER SAT. MM DEGREE

My Brothers, a tradition in many other Lodges is about to come to life at Pacific in the coming months.

The Past Masters of Pacific has conferred the first two degrees on a in August and September. The Third and Sublime Degree of a Master Mason will be conferred on Saturday, Oct. 25.

W. Bro. Paul Martin has been in charge of this task and is brining all of the parts together and will attempt to do this in full regalia, thanks to Ft. Jackson Lodge's generous donation. We hope to have enough rust off of our roles to make it worth your effort to attend.

There may be a part or two left to fill, so if you are a Past Master of Pacific (OR Columbia) I would urge you to contact W. Bro. Paul and let him know of your interest and whether or not you might be able to participate.

As I have mentioned in earlier editions of this publication, this is a very exciting time for Pacific. We are growing by leaps and bounds and the newly raised Brethren are not only coming back to the Lodge, but actually taking an active part. I'm so very proud of the new Brothers AND their coaches.

We Raised one candidate in September and we look for-

ward to our newest Brother on the 25th. We will serve breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and the work will begin at 9:00 a.m. We will finish up as soon as possible as many Brother will need to get over to the Scottish Rite where they will be conducting a one-day "fast class."

This is a tremendous time in the life of Pacific Lodge and we hope you will be able to join us. As for our candidate, he has been studying with Bro. Bill Yandle and I feel certain he will be ready to complete this part of his Masonic Journey. Well done, my Brothers and I hope to see you on the 25th!



Support YOUR Lodge



Knock and it shall be opened
unto you.

Matthew 7:7, Luke 11:9