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### IS IT AUTUMN OR IS IT FALL?

Granted, it feels more like summer most days. The heat is still with us as I write this. We are expecting a cool front or two within the next few days and that will be most welcomed!!

Now to the question at hand, is it Autumn or is it Fall. Many people use the words interchangeably, but here is a thought: If you call the season Autumn, you are an OPTIMIST, but if you consider it Fall, you may be a PESSIMIST. Autumn brings with it the thought of transformation and the change of seasons itself. It makes one think of the beauty of the changing colors of the leaves on the trees. Fall, on the other hand, simply makes one think of having to rake the

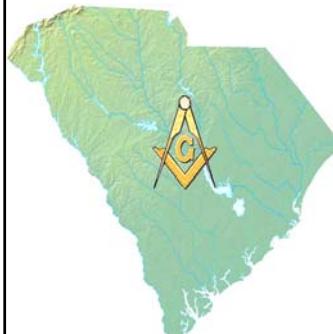
leaves that will, most definitely, fall upon your yard.

So which are you? Are you an Optimist or a Pessimist? Do you consider your glass half empty or half full? The choice is yours and there is NO wrong answer. Once again it depends on how we handle life and how we view our world.

I would encourage all of you to change your thoughts from FALL to AUTUMN and to view your glass as half full. We are blessed and we have so much to be thankful for. We all have our trials in life that make us wonder, but believe me, God is watching over us and will bring us through anything! May God Bless you all. Hope to see you soon!

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....

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of the  
Grand Lodge A.F.M. of  
South Carolina.**



### A FINAL TRIBUTE LEFT UNDONE

We were saddened to learn of the death of Worshipful Brother Bobby Donahue. While we all knew he had been ill for many months, we always mourn the loss of a Brother.

We were never contacted by the family to ask for Masonic Rites, but it may have been that the family may not have known that not only was this available, but it

is absolutely done at no charge. Evidently, there is a common misconception that the "Rites" cost money. Most of us know that not to be true, but we need to make sure the families of our members know this as well.

It would seem hard to imagine that a man who had devoted so much of his life to Masonry would not want Masonic Rites, but who

knows? The family has to deal with so much during these difficult times, we don't want to add to their burden.

Nonetheless, we had a good presence at W. Bro. Bobby's service and eight Brothers acted as ACTIVE pall-bearers, a request we didn't get until we arrived for the service. Farewell, Brother Bobby. God Bless.

### OFFICERS FOR 2009

- *Brian Gambrell, W.M.*
- *David Dowden, S.W.*
- *Vardie Corley, J.W.*
- *Jim Jaco, Treas.*
- *Bosie Martin, P.M. Sec.*
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- *Lindsay Bacon, Stew.*
- *James Glyn Smith, Chap.*
- *Michael Hershberger, Tiler*

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR  
DUES CARD—2009???**

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - W. BRO. J.P. BARWICK



**W. Bro. J.P. Barwick  
and M.W. Bro. Ron**

At a recent meeting in September, Most Worshipful Brother Ron Mitchum had the pleasure of presenting Worshipful Brother J.P. Barwick with his 50-year certificate and pin for his 50+ years of continuous service to the Craft.

Worshipful Bro. J.P. was a member and Past Master of Shandon Lodge before becoming one of the founding members, and later Past

Master, of Forest Acres Lodge.

The State of South Carolina was fortunate to have him working with what was then simply known as "The Highway Department" for over 30 years. This Department has splintered into what is now known as the Department of Transportation and Department of Public Safety.

Today, Pacific Lodge is fortunate

to have him as a member of OUR Lodge by virtue of the consolidation of Forest Acres Lodge back in January of this year.

In the photo at left, W. Bro. J.P. is receiving his 50 year pin and certificate which was presented by Most Worshipful Brother Ron Mitchum, Past Grand Master.

We are proud to have you with us at Pacific, Worshipful!



**Bro. Harpo in  
A Night at the Opera (1935)**

## FAMOUS MASONS: BRO. "HARPO" MARX

Arthur Adolph "Harpo" Marx (November 23, 1888 – September 28, 1964), born Adolph Arthur Marx, was the second-born of the Marx Brothers and a unique comic performer whose style was influenced by clown and pantomime traditions. He was well known by his trademarks: he wore a curly reddish wig, he never talked during performances (although he often blew a horn or whistled to communicate), he frequently used props (such as a walking stick with a built-in bulb horn), and he played

the harp.

His non-speaking in his early films was occasionally referenced by the other Marx Brothers, who were careful to imply that his character's not speaking was a choice rather than a disability. They would make joking reference to this part of his act. For example, in *Animal Crackers* his character was ironically dubbed "The Professor". In *The Cocoanuts*, this exchange occurred:

Groucho: Who is this?

Chico: At's-a my partner, but he no speak.

Groucho: Oh, that's your silent partner!

In later films Harpo was put into situations where he would repeatedly attempt to convey a vital message to another person, but only did so through nonverbal means. These scenes reinforced the idea that the character was unable to speak.

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## Masonic Education: FREEMASONRY AND BROTHERHOOD



Light from The Masonic Service Assn.

The fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons has members from every ethnic group and every continent in the world. Brotherhood is a primary teaching of Masonry--that each person must be judged as an individual, on his own merits, and that such factors as race, national origin, religious creed, social status, or wealth are incidental to the person's character.

Freemasonry was brought to North America in the 1700s, a time when racial attitudes were very different from today. Since a petition for membership in Masonry does not ask a peti-

tioner's race, statistics on ethnic breakdowns are not kept by any Grand Lodge.

Collecting such information is considered as inappropriate as collecting information about a Brother's financial standing.

A lodge is not permitted to accept or exclude a candidate on the basis of his race or national origin.

To petition for membership, the petitioner must be "a man of legal age, good reputation, and possess a belief in God."

While election to membership in the fraternity is a matter for

the local lodge to decide, the qualifications for membership are standard, and all Masons are required to observe them.

This information was summarized from the Masonic Services Association of North America. More information can be found online at:

<http://www.msana.com/>

Fraternally,  
Bro. Bosie

## FROM THE EAST - BRIAN GAMBRELL, W.M.

The position of the Worshipful Master is symbolizes the attribute of Wisdom and is emblematical of wise King Solomon. King Solomon is well considered to be the wisest person who ever lived. The Bible tells us that King Solomon prayed for wisdom to know "good and evil" and was richly blessed for his prayer. The Book of Proverbs is only one illustration of King Solomon's wisdom in matters large and small. King Solomon's wisdom was legendary even in his own lifetime. People, even kings and queens, traveled long distances to receive wisdom at the feet of King Solomon.

However, the Bible tells us even King Solomon, the recipient of such wonderful gifts by God, fell into sin. 1 Kings 11 details that King Solomon married hundreds of foreign wives who enticed him into the sin of

idolatry. To please his foreign wives, King Solomon built temples and altars to these foreign gods and began worshiping them. God warned King Solomon twice but King Solomon persisted in his sin. God then punished the nation of Israel by tearing in two different kingdoms (Israel and Judah) after King Solomon's death. The nation of Israel remained divided and ultimately conquered over the next 800 years until a brief period of unity prior to being conquered by the Roman Empire.

All Worshipful Masters attempt to emulate King Solomon to seek the guidance of that same Supreme Architect to wisely govern his Lodge. The invisible plane in the Lodge exists to demonstrate to all that the source of all wisdom is Holy Bible. As the new Masonic year rapidly approaches, please pray

for guidance for the new Worshipful Master that he may make wise decisions on behalf of our Lodge.

Our Lodge is increasingly at a crossroad. In the coming year, important decisions as to building maintenance and improvements will need to be made. We are in the final stages of completing the merger with Forest Acres and making final dispositions of its property and possessions. The next Worshipful Master and officers will need wisdom to make wise decisions for our Lodge's future. Be thoughtful as we begin to enter the period of nominations and elections that we select the right leadership for our Lodge's future.

*Bro. Brian*



GOD BLESS  
AMERICA

## BE PREPARED - THE BOY SCOUT MOTTO

Are you prepared? Although I was a Boy Scout, I was not. For what, you might ask. In the event you lose your wallet and your identification, money and many things meaningful to you. Granted, they CAN be replaced, but it is a headache to piece your life back together if you are not prepared. I am offering a few suggestions to help you should you ever find yourself in this situation:

- 1) KNOW what is in your wallet. Make copies of everything in your wallet if you can, especially your credit card numbers AND the contact information to

- call in the event they are lost or stolen.
- 2) CONTACT your financial institutions IMMEDIATELY. This is your bank, credit card companies, etc. Also, contact one of the three major credit reporting companies to place a "FREEZE" on your account so that nothing can be changed or applied for in your name for 60 days.
- 3) FILE a police report. Go to the jurisdiction you LAST remember seeing your wallet. Be ready to tell them EVERYTHING that was in your wallet (take the copies).

- 4) Remember things like your health card, your Masonic Dues Card, your membership cards to other organizations. Try to have a copy of them and contact them as soon as possible.
- 5) Contact the Department of Motor Vehicles ASAP and get a replacement driver's license. Make sure you have your vehicle registration and proof of insurance as well!

I hope and pray this never happens to you, but if it does, I hope that you ARE PREPARED. Take care and God Bless.

Bro. Bosie



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BOSIE MARTIN, P.M.,  
SECRETARY & WEBMASTER

**MASONS IN ACTION**

**MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER**

### SETTING THE WORK

**October 6 - Regular Communication - 7:30**

**October 13 - Rusty Nail Degree - 7:30**

**November 3 - Regular Communication - 7:30**

**November 20 - Annual Ladies Night - 6:30**

**VISIT OTHER LODGES !**

**JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!**

**Any questions, please call**

**W. Bro. Bosie Martin, Secretary at 803-960-9136**

**or**

**Bro. Brian Gambrell, W.M. at 803-743-6568**

**(\*) Denotes tentative Special Communication**

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

**We eat at 6:45 and Meet at 7:30**

### RUSTY NAIL DEGREE OCTOBER 13

While I covered this last month, I want to remind EVERYONE that October 13 we will confer the RUSTY NAIL DEGREE for ANY Master Mason in GOOD STANDING to refresh them with the words, grips, etc. of the various degrees.

Dispensation for this event was granted by M.W. Bro. Barry A. Rickman and we appreciate his support. I would URGE each and every Brother, whether active or not, to come out and join in the fellowship with our "Rusty" Brothers and help them recall the steps they went through to get to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. We have ALL trav-

elled the same road and sometimes need to be reminded of what we may have forgotten...

I honestly believe that many Brothers, while current in their dues, may be reluctant to attend Lodge for fear of "not knowing or remembering the work..."

That is what this is all about: To make everyone comfortable and to HELP REFRESH YOUR MEMORY. We want you to feel WELCOME in YOUR Lodge or in any Lodge you wish to visit. You should not hesitate to attend a Lodge because you are unsure of being able to "work

your way" in.

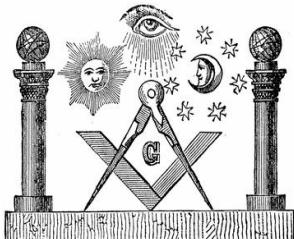
The only thing required to attend this event is a CURRENT Dues Card or to have a Brother vouch for you. The Dues card can be a 2008 card (valid until 10/31) 2009 or 2010 card. Of course, a LIFE membership card is welcome as well.

One of my favorite pastimes is to visit other Lodges and meet new friends. Bring a Brother who hasn't been to the Lodge in a long time!

Come join us as we welcome back Brothers who may be rusty. I can assure you that you will enjoy yourself and you will make some new friends and get reacquainted with some old ones. Ya'll Come!



**Are YOU rusty?**



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