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RUSTY NAIL A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

Our thanks again go to M.W. Barry A. Rickman, our Grand Master for granting us Dispensation to confer the Rusty Nail Degree. It was a GREAT success. We had some 52 Brothers present, about of dozen or so considered themselves to be “rusty” and participated in the ceremony to refresh their memories.

It was great seeing at least three Brothers who had recently reinstated. They were coming to get the light that had dimmed over time. They came and got the instruction and were most appreciative. There were several great questions asked as well, including one from a Brother who has been invited to Virginia to Raise his son to the

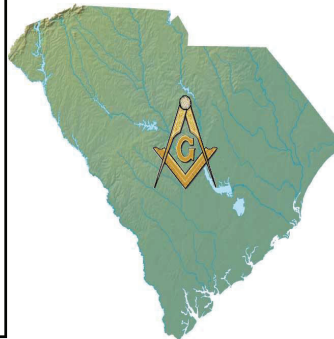
Sublime Degree next month. He may not have known what to do. We showed him what to expect and how to do it.

I hope to see more of these throughout the state. Judging by our attendance and the enthusiasm that these Brothers had, I have no doubt that most of the Brothers will not only be back in THEIR Lodge, but will back to visit Pacific where they have found a new “home away from home.”

Remember Brothers, you must make sure the member is current, but there is no reason to embarrass them or put them on the spot. Enjoy the FELLOWSHIP!! Welcome back to the Fraternity.

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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OFFICERS FOR 2009

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

PLEASE CHECK YOUR DUES CARD—2009???

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LADIES NIGHT - NOVEMBER 20

Mark your calendar my Brothers. It's time once again for the annual ladies night and awards presentation at Pacific Lodge. This will be held on Friday, November 20th at the Lodge. As usual, we will have some light entertainment, a fine meal and BINGO for everyone with lots of prizes to get away.

Do you know someone who may

enjoy this? Do you know someone who may have had a loved one who was active in Masonry or perhaps are no longer with us? I would urge you to get them to join you and us as we remember the members who have attained their milestones (25, 40 and 50 year pins and certificates) and we will honor the Ladies of the Lodge. This is a special night for both groups. Also, a reminder

that the second annual Ed Gunter Mason of the Year Award will be presented as well. Come join us and enjoy an evening of honoring those so very special to us.

We look forward to seeing you. We will meet at the Lodge at 6:30. The entertainment will begin at 7:00 with the meal and Bingo to follow at 7:30. Ya'll come join us!

OFFICER SPOTLIGHT - BRO. JIM JACO, TREASURER



Bro. Jim Jaco
A DRIVING FORCE

You know, he'll probably get angry when he sees this. He NEVER wants any credit, but you have to understand Bro. Jim Jaco to know where he's coming from.

I've written about Bro. Jim a time or two in this publication, but I really want to tell you about the MAN behind the smile, our Treasurer.

Bro. Jim can be found in the Olympia Community most days

taking care of those less fortunate than himself. He learned his lessons of life early and never forgot where he came from. You see, Jim Jaco IS the living example of what it means to be a Mason. Jim is the perfect example of the Golden Rule in action. He can be found tending to those who may have missed a meal, those needing flu shots or those who need taxes done. He can even be found leading a community battle against city

hall. Don't tell Jim Jaco you can't fight City Hall.

Always a piece of candy for the children, a smile and a kind word for everyone he meets. Jim was presented with the Humanitarian of the Year Award by the local Sertoma Club, presented annually to those who contribute to the community. Thanks, Bro. Jim for all you do. Our world is a better place because of people like YOU.

FAMOUS MASONS: BRO. JAMES "JIM" BOWIE

James "Jim" Bowie (April 10, 1796 – March 6, 1836), a 19th-century American pioneer and soldier, played a prominent role in the Texas Revolution, culminating in his death at the Battle of the Alamo. Countless stories of him as a fighter and frontiersman, both real and fictitious, have made him a legendary figure in Texas history.

Born in Kentucky, Bowie spent most of his life in Louisiana, where he was raised and later worked as a land speculator. His rise to fame began in

1827 on reports of the Sandbar Fight. What began as a duel between two other men deteriorated into a melee in which Bowie, having been shot and stabbed, killed the sheriff of Rapides Parish with a large knife. This, and other stories of Bowie's prowess with the knife, led to the widespread popularity of the Bowie knife.

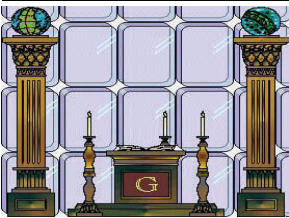
Bowie's reputation was cemented by his role in the Texas Revolution. After moving to Texas in 1830, Bowie became a Mexican citizen and married the

daughter of the vice governor of the province. His fame in Texas grew following his failed expedition to find the lost San Saba mine, where his small party repelled an attack by a large Indian raiding party. At the outbreak of the Texas Revolution, Bowie joined the Texas militia, leading forces at the Battle of Concepción and the Grass Fight. In January 1836, he arrived at the Alamo, where he commanded the volunteer forces until an illness left him bedridden. Bowie died with the

other Alamo defenders on March 6. Despite conflicting accounts of the manner of his death, the "most popular, and probably the most accurate" accounts maintain that he died in his bed after emptying his pistols into several Mexican soldiers.

According to the George Washington Memorial, Bro. Bowie was a member of L'Humble Chaumiere Lodge No. 19 Opelousas, Louisiana. Source.: gwmemorial.org/texas.php © Wikipedia

Masonic Education: OBLIGATION - OATH



Before any candidate for the mysteries, symbols, tenets, and secrets of Freemasonry can be admitted to a Lodge he is required to make a solemn oath by which he pledges secrecy and assumes the obligation of

faithfully conforming his life to the teachings of the Order. There is nothing profane or immoral in the obligations assumed, nor is there the slightest elements of levity in the procedure. Hence this oath can not be regarded as the slightest perversion of Holy Scripture or in any sense objectionable or sinful. Neither is the objection sometimes given that the oath is administered before the secrets are made known reasonable or just. Certainly an obligation,

covenant, and promise, exacted previous to the divulging of the specialties of an Order wholly characterized by benevolent intent is not only free of reasonable objection, but fair and honorable. The oath of a Mason is administered with solemn rites symbolizing and emphasizing the profound and meaningful character of the obligations being assumed. While these rites are peculiar to Masonry, they are no different in their import and meaning from ceremonies and

rites common in administering oaths in other spheres of human relations. The Masonic oath is attended with the imprecation of certain penalties in the event of violation. There can be no oath without the elements of both attestation and execration. All these explanations apply to the oaths required of Masons in each succeeding step of advancement in the Masonic Order.

Ex. 22:11 - Deut. 6:13 - Josh. 14:6-9 - Gen. 14:21-24

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SECRETARY'S CORNER - MORE LIGHT

Our Worshipful Master has had his hands full with legal matters (no, not his, he is an attorney and he's been working hard for his client)... As such I thought I would insert a bit more light from Phoenix Masonry.org. I hope you enjoy. The title is:

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

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I hope that W. Bro. Brian will be back next month with some wisdom of his own. I hope he doesn't labor TOO hard in the vineyards of the legal profession. Hope to see you real soon, Worshipful. Take care and may the fruits of your labor bode well in your efforts. To all of the Brethren, may God Bless you and Keep you; and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Fraternally,

Bro. Bosie



GOD BLESS
AMERICA

GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

Where do I begin this month? We have done much to help our fellow man in donating to various charities. We assist a widow monthly to help her try to make ends meet. We give blood, we contribute to food banks, we offer flu shots, we sponsor other fraternal organizations by offering them our building. But what can WE do to give back to our community? What small part can we play as individuals to make a difference in our community and our world.

I can tell you that the first thing we can do is to look within ourselves. One small action on our part can start a "ripple effect" on so many other things. Bring a jar

of peanut butter or canned good to the Lodge when you come. Become a blood donor and give the gift of life. Follow the example of Bro. Jim (on page two) and SEEK to HELP. Take one step back and ask yourself what YOU can do without this month.

Yes, I realize that times are very difficult these days. Some of us are even on the side of the aisle where we actually NEED the relief or assistance and are in no position to contribute materially to the many causes that need US. We CAN make a difference. Each and every one of us can make a difference in someone's life. Whether or not we know them or get recognized

for it should not be important. The main thing is to TRY.

Get up every day with the knowledge that you are alive. You have clean clothes on your back and in all likelihood know where your next meal will come from. There are many in our community who don't have these "simple luxuries" that we take for granted.

Do what you can. Remember your promise and DO the RIGHT thing. One gesture can make a difference in someone's life. WE CAN make a difference, because we care. We are MASTERS IN ACTION! Pacific 325.



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MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

November 3 - Regular Communication - 7:30

November 9 - Masonic Education - 6:00

November 10 - Entered Apprentice Degree - 7:30 (*)

November 17 - Work Night , Clean, Etc. - 6:00

November 20 - Annual Ladies Night - 6:30

November 23 - Knights of Pythias - 6:30

December 1 - Regular Communication - 7:30

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

Any questions, please call

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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

**** PLEASE BRING A CANNED GOOD FOR HARVEST HOPE !! ****

ARE YOU IN DANGER?

My Brothers. I hope you are not in danger. I pray this reaches you in time to make a difference in your life (to what degree, is up to you)...

It becomes my duty to inform you that MANY of our Brothers are delinquent (or will be) if dues are not paid prior to December 31.

PLEASE check your dues card. You should have a card valid through 2010. If not, please remit immediately. After October 31, 2009 you will have a grace period until the end of the calendar where you will not have to petition for reinstatement.

We don't want ANY Brother to go N.P.D. this year. One of the most nota-

ble downfalls of being NPD is not being entitled to having a Masonic Funeral Service (Masonic Rites). A Brother **MUST** be in good standing to receive our final tribute. Our dues are one of the lowest in the state at only \$ 40 a year!

I would urge you to **CHECK** your dues card and make sure you are current. IF, for ANY reason, you find yourself in a condition where you cannot afford to pay your dues, let me know and we will put it before the Lodge to see if we can pay it for you. You must have good reason for this, but if you are in such condition, we will put it before the

Lodge at our November Business Meeting. We want NO Brother to leave our ranks for non payment of dues. There is no reason, whatsoever for anyone to have to do this.

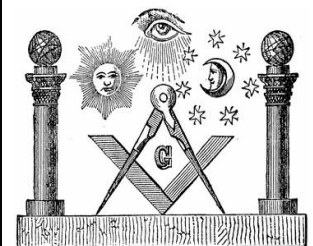
Another thing to think about is the Perpetual Life Membership. This will put you in a place where not only do you never have to pay dues again, but you will contribute to both the Lodge and to Grand Lodge even after you die.

I would urge each and every member to look into it. The details can be found and printed from our Lodge Web Site: www.pacific325.org.

Take care, and if at all possible, stay OUT of danger! Bro. Bosie



CHECK YOUR DUES!



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