



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



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### LADIES NIGHT AND SERVICE AWARDS

Please pardon the delay in getting this month's edition out. I hope you will read it in time to make plans to attend this year's Ladies' Night and Service Award Presentation. This will be Friday, Nov. 12 starting at 6:30. We will gather for introductions and service presentations, which will be followed by our guest speaker M.W. Bro. Tommie Brant, Past Grand Master of S.C.

Once these have been done, we will go to the dining hall for a wonderful meal, followed by bingo. I hope you will be able to come out and join this special night. Please bring your spouse and family.

We have 15 Brothers getting service awards, at 25, 40, 50 and 60 years of continuous service to the Craft. While some of these Brothers will not be able to attend, there will be many of the recipients there. Remember to

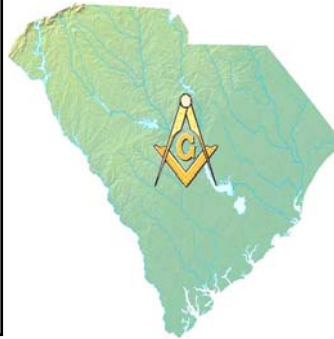
congratulate and thank them for their service.

According to my calculations, these 15 Brothers represent a total of 660 years of Masonic service! This is a significant milestone in the lives of these Brothers as well as a testimony of their dedication to the Craft. These awards also come on the 90th anniversary of Pacific. It will not be long before we reach our centennial celebration, so start thinking about this as well.

Perhaps the most important part of the evening is to honor the Ladies of Pacific, especially those whose husbands have gone on to the Lodge Above. We are honored to have these wonderful ladies who were and are so supportive of their husbands, fathers and grandfathers. We thank you and remember, we love you!

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 2010

- *Vardie Corley, W.M. - RIP*
- *Bill Yandle, S.W.*
- *James Glyn Smith, J.W.*
- *Jim Jaco, Treas.*
- *Bosie Martin, P.M., Sec.*
- *Nathaniel Bensley, S.D.*
- *Jan Barkan, J.D.*
- *David Bostic, P.M., Stew.*
- *David Minton, Stew.*
- *Larry Snipes, P.M., Chap.*
- *Doyle J. Jaco, Jr, P.M., Tiler*

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR  
DUES CARD—2010 ??  
2011 NOW DUE**

**INSIDE THIS ISSUE:**

### MASONIC YEAR WINDING DOWN

I know I say this every year, but honestly, WHERE HAS THE TIME GONE? So much has happened this year, some happy and some sad. We have so much to be thankful for. Our Lodge is truly blessed with a fantastic membership of caring Brothers!

In the past two months, we have added two Perpetual Life Members, both Past Masters and plural

members with Pacific. W. Bro. Mike Harman and W. Bro. Layne Waters joined and participated in the program.

We have had 8 Brothers request Demits to Pacific from other Lodges. We have had many new candidates eager to learn and work.

We have also lost several Brothers to the Celestial Lodge Above.

We will miss W. Bro. Vardie Corley, Bro. Bryan Sexton, Bro. Keith Strickland and others. We will always remember you!

Also at the end of this year, I will be stepping down as Secretary. It has been an honor to serve and I will continue as Webmaster and as editor of this publication. Elections for the ensuing Masonic Year will be held Dec. 7. Come out!

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## FAMOUS MASONS: SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE



*Portrait of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle*  
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**Brother**

**Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**

**Sir Arthur Ignatius Conan Doyle**, DL (22 May 1859 – 7 July 1930) was a Scottish physician and writer, most noted for his stories about the detective Sherlock Holmes, which are generally considered a major innovation in the field of crime fiction, and for the adventures of Professor Challenger. He was a prolific writer whose other works include science fiction stories, historical novels, plays and romances, poetry, and non-fiction.

In 1890 Conan Doyle studied the eye in Vienna, and moved to London in 1891 to set up a practice as an ophthalmologist. He wrote in his autobiography that not a single patient crossed his door. This gave him more time for writing, and in November 1891 he wrote to his mother: "I think of slaying Holmes ... and winding him up for good and all. He takes my mind from better things." His mother responded, "You may do what you deem fit, but the crowds will not take this lightheartedly."

Conan Doyle was also a fervent advocate of justice and personally investigated two closed cases, which led to two men being exonerated of the crimes of which they were accused. The first case, in 1906, involved a shy half-British, half-Indian lawyer named George Edalji who had allegedly penned threatening letters and mutilated animals. Police were set on Edalji's conviction, even though the mutilations continued after their suspect was jailed.

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Read more about our Brother at: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sir\\_Arthur\\_Conan\\_Doyle](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sir_Arthur_Conan_Doyle)

## Masonic Education: Pillars of the Porch & Purity



The Pillars of King Solomon



An emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason.

### PILLARS OF THE PORCH

The Pillars of the Porch of King Solomon's Temple... King Solomon did not simply erect them as ornaments to the temple, but memorials of God's repeated promises of support to His people of Israel. Boaz, the name of the left pillar means "in strength", the right pillar Jachin means "God will establish", which signifies when combined, the message "In strength, God will establish His house in Israel". And thus were the Jews, in passing through the porch to the temple, daily reminded of the abundant promises of God, and inspired with confidence in His protection and gratitude for His many acts of kindness to His chosen people. The globe on the left pillar represents "Earth", that on the right, "Heaven". As supports for the porch these pillars were exceedingly strong,

circular in form. made of bronze, the thickness of the walls of these shafts being three inches, 18 feet in circumference and 6 feet in diameter. Each of these pillars was 27 1/2 feet in height and their chapters of lily work extended the elevation 7 1/2 feet, making a total height of 35 Feet. The chapter were highly decorated with various ornamentations.

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### PURITY

In the Ancient Mysteries purity of heart and life was an essential prerequisite to initiation, because by initiation the aspirant was brought to a knowledge of God, to know whom was not permitted to the impure. For, says Origen (*Cont. Cel., vi.*), "a

defiled heart cannot see God, but he must be pure who desires to obtain a proper view of a pure Being." And in the same spirit the Divine Master says: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." But "to see God" is a Hebraism, signifying to possess him, to be spiritually in communion with him, to know his true character. Now to acquire this knowledge of God, symbolized by the knowledge of his Name, is the great object of Masonic, as it was of all ancient initiation; and hence the candidate in Masonry is required to be pure, for "he only can stand in the holy place who hath clean hands and a pure heart."

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## SUPPRESSION OF FREEMASONRY

Some governments have treated Freemasonry as a potential source of opposition due to its secret nature and international connections. It has been alleged by Masonic scholars that the language used by the totalitarian regimes is similar to that used by some modern critics of Freemasonry. Perhaps most notably:

### Nazi Germany and occupied Europe

The Nazis claimed that high degree Masons were willing members of "the Jewish conspiracy" and that Freemasonry was one of the causes of Germany's loss of the First World War. In *Mein Kampf*, Adolf Hitler writes that Freemasonry has "succumbed" to the Jews and has become an "excellent instrument" to fight for their aims and to use their "strings" to pull the upper strata of society into their alleged designs. He continues, "The general pacifistic paralysis of the national instinct of self-preservation begun by Freemasonry" is then transmitted to the masses of society by the press. In 1933 Hermann Göring, the Reichstag President and one of the key figures in the process of Gleichschaltung ("synchronization"), states "...in National Socialist Germany, there is no place for Freemasonry."

Loge „Libanon zu den 3 Zedern“ in Erlangen, Germany. First meeting after World War II with guests from USA, France and Czechoslovakia, May 1948.

The Enabling Act was passed by Germany's parliament (the Reichstag) on March 23, 1933.

Using the "Act", on January 8, 1934 the German Ministry of the Interior ordered the disbandment of Freemasonry, and confiscation of the property of all Lodges; stating that those who had been members of Lodges when Hitler came to power, in January 1933, were prohibited from holding office in the Nazi party or its paramilitary arms, and were ineligible for appointment in public service. Consistently considered an ideological foe of Nazism in their world perception (Weltanschauung), special sections of the Security Service (SD) and later the Reich Security Main Office were established to deal with the Freemasonry. Freemasonic concentration camp inmates were graded as "Political" prisoners, and wore an inverted (point down) red triangle. [30]

In March 1935 According to Joseph Goebbels, the Soviet Union's recent inclusion in the League of Nations was engineered by 300 "members of the Jewish race and conspirators of Freemasonry." On August 8, 1935, as Fuehrer and Chancellor, Adolf Hitler announced in the Nazi Party newspaper, *Voelkischer Beobachter*, the final dissolution of all Masonic Lodges in Germany. The article accused a conspiracy of the Fraternity and "World Jewry" of seeking to create a "World Republic".[31] In 1937 Joseph Goebbels inaugurated an "Anti-Masonic Exposition" to display objects

seized by the state.[27] The Ministry of Defence forbid officers from becoming Freemasons, with officers who remained as Masons being sidelined.[1]

During the war, Freemasonry was banned by edict in all countries that were either allied with the Nazis or under Nazi control, including Norway and France. Anti-Masonic exhibitions were held in many occupied countries. Field-Marshal Friedrich Paulus was denounced as a "High-grade Freemason" when he surrendered to the Soviet Union in 1943.[32]

The preserved records of the RSHA - Reichssicherheitshauptamt Office of the High Command of Security Service pursuing the racial objectives of the SS through Race and Resettlement Office, show the persecution of the Freemasons.

The number of Freemasons from Nazi occupied countries who were killed is not accurately known, but it is estimated that between 80,000 and 200,000 Freemasons were murdered under the Nazi regime. Freemasons today use the Forget Me Not to remember those masons who were victimized by the Nazi regime, but that's another story for another newsletter...

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Thanks to Bro. Robbie Lewis for this contribution!



The Forget-Me-Not  
A symbol of Masonry



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SECRETARY & WEBMASTER

**MASONS IN ACTION**

**MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER**

**SETTING THE WORK**

**November 5 - Regular Communication - 7:30**

**November 12 - Ladies Night & Award Presentation - 6:30**

**November 16 - Fellow Craft Degree - 7:30**

**November 23 - Master Mason Degree - 7:30**

**November 30 - Square and Compass Club of the Midlands - 6:30**

**December 7 - Regular Communication - 7:30**

**JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!**

**Any questions, please call**

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**or**

**Bro. Bill Yandle, S.W., acting W.M. at 803-600-4928**

**(\* 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**

**LODGE DAMAGE - WORK TO BE DONE**

After meeting with a representative from Clark's Pest Control yesterday, it was determined that we DO have a termite and ant problem at Pacific Lodge.

The initial estimate to treat the Lodge is roughly \$ 700. We will need to remove the damaged wood and make repairs. The treatment will consist primarily of drilling holes into the block from the outside of the building and inserting the chemicals both into the block and into the ground. The replacement wood will be treated lumber, something that was not used in the original construction of the building.

The extent of the damage at Pacific Lodge is not too extreme and should be fairly easy to repair. Once we have this done, we will get a termite letter and contract for a bond with them to ensure we don't have problems in the future.

The property which once housed Forest Acres Lodge is a different story. We went yesterday to get an idea of the extent of the damage there. This damage must be repaired before a termite letter can be issued and the sale of the property to proceed. The contractor is going back today to get a detail of items needing repair, but from a cursory examination, the joist running along the front is ruined by termite damage. The flooring in both bathrooms will need to be replaced.

We will have an estimate from them by Wednesday and will work on it from there. We had already agreed to have the repairs done and offer them as a credit at closing of the sale of the property. Without the termite letter the perspective buyers cannot obtain the loan to purchase the property.

I will keep everyone posted as to the

progress of work as well as the cost. We will be vigilant in the future about the upkeep of our property. The original building renovation plan is still "on track" pending the sale of the Forest Acres property.

The capital improvements to our building will be an investment in the future of the Lodge. The intent is to eventually make Pacific Lodge the "Masonic Showplace of the South", a ambitious goal, but one we can achieve by working together.

I hope you will attend Regular Communications when you can to participate in the discussion and future of our Lodge. Wishing you all the best!



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