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ELECTIONS, INSTALLATIONS AHEAD

I don't know if I will be able to get this out before our next Regular Communication. If so, please take note that we will be electing officers for the ensuing Masonic year. Installation will follow.

There will be several other items on the agenda, including a request for reinstatement, Three Demits to read, a report on the Request for Demits for four other Brothers... It could be a LONG night. Even so, I would ask that you mark your calendar for December 7 (Pearl Harbor Day) and join us for the last business meeting of the year. This is YOUR Lodge and we need your input and support. There will be NO candidates to vote on as all three candidates for the F.C. Degree were voted and approved last

month.

PLEASE NOTE that we will move the date for the Fellow Craft up one week to avoid a conflict with the holidays. This Degree will be held on Dec. 14th. Again, please mark your calendar.

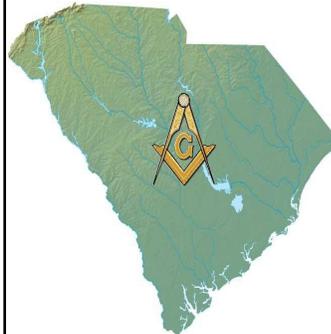
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I hope to see you all on the 7th for a most important night.

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 2011 NOW DUE

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STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE

Little has been said or written about our current Senior Warden. I suppose he would prefer it that way. He actually likes to stay behind the scenes, but Bro. Bill Yandle has taken on the job as acting Worshipful Master and is leading our Lodge by example.

Bro. Bill is a businessman with a family, and yet he has yet to miss a meeting since assuming the post of

acting Worshipful Master. He has been there at every turn. He gives the second degree lecture as good as I have ever heard. He gives this from the heart and the candidates appreciate it.

Two other individuals have also stepped up and taken on a huge load for the Lodge. W. Bro. Doyle Jaco has been cooking (when he can get M.W. Bro. Ron

away from the kitchen) most every meal this year. He has been helped by W. Bro. Paul Martin in getting the meals done.

One final member needing recognition is our Junior Warden, Bro. Glyn Smith who has taken on the job as Chair of the Building Committee and has gone far above and beyond the call of duty. My thanks to you all for everything!!!



FAMOUS MASONS: BRO. ERNEST BORGNINE

Ernest Borgnine (born January 24, 1917) is an American actor of television and the big screen. His career has spanned more than six decades. He was an unconventional lead in many films of the 1950s, including his Academy Award-winning turn in the 1955 film *Marty*. On television, he is best known for playing Quinton McHale in the 1962-66 series *McHale's Navy*, costarring in the mid-1980s action series *Airwolf*, and voicing the character Mermaid Man in the animated series, *SpongeBob SquarePants*. Borgnine earned an Emmy nomination at age 92 for his work on the series *ER*. In August 2009 he earned the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Rhode Island International Film Festival.

In 1962, Borgnine joined the ranks of other sitcom stars such as John Forsythe, Andy Griffith, Danny Thomas, Alan Young, Fred MacMurray and Buddy Ebsen. That same year he signed a contract with Universal Studios for the lead role as the gruff but lovable skipper Lieutenant Commander Quinton McHale in what began as a serious one-hour 1962 episode called *Seven Against the Sea* for *Alcoa Premiere*. Just like the McHale character, Borgnine was a longtime navy man in real life. This World War II sitcom also starred two formerly unknown comedians/actors, the late Joe Flynn as Capt. Wallace B. Binghamton and Tim Conway as Ensign Charles Parker. Both of them got along very well with Borgnine, especially Conway. The insubordinate crew of PT-73 helped the show become an overnight success during its first season, although it did not land in the Top 30 until 1963, when it tied with *Hazel* in the ratings. Borgnine thrived on the adulation from fans for their favorite Navy man. He received an Emmy Award nomination for **Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series** in 1963. At the end of the fourth season in 1966 low ratings and repetitive story lines brought *McHale's Navy* to an end. Borgnine was not happy about the show's cancellation and was concerned about what television role he might play in the future. He also starred in the 1964 film version of the series and later appeared in a cameo performance in the 1997 remake. - © Wikipedia

For more information see: [www.http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ernest_Borgnine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ernest_Borgnine)

Brother Ernest Borgnine
McHale's Navy
 Abingdon Lodge No. 48 and
 Melrose Lodge No. 63,
 California

Masonic Education: FIRST DEGREE LESSONS REVISITED



Symbols of Masonry
 Light from Above



Double Headed Eagle
 of the Scottish Rite

NORTHEAST CORNER

Masonic legend and ritual recognize the northeast corner as the proper place for laying the corner-stone in an edifice; symbolically this corner represents the beginning of the laying of the corner-stone of the spiritual superstructure which every true Mason must build. Here, in the Northeast Corner, ceremonies and instructions, the initiate commences the moral and intellectual task of erecting a spiritual temple in his heart. The corner-stone is emblematic of a "well-trying, true, and trusty" Masonic character which he begins now to build -- the squareness of its surface, emblematic of morality; its cubical form, emblematic of firmness and stability of character; the peculiar finish and fineness of the material, emblematic of virtue and holiness. In consecrated language of symbolism the newly admitted Apprentice is instructed in a life of integrity and stability of

conduct, of truthfulness and uprightness of character, and of purity and holiness in all human relations. Isa. 30:18-21 - Matt. 7:13,14 - 1 Cor. 3:16-17 - St. Mark 12:10

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TRUTH

The real object of Freemasonry, in a philosophical and religious sense, is the search for truth. This truth is, therefore, symbolized by the Word. From the first entrance of the Apprentice into the Lodge, until his reception of the highest degree, this search is continued. It is not always found and a substitute must sometimes be provided. Yet whatever be the labors he performs, whatever the ceremonies through which he passes, whatever the symbols in which he may be instructed, whatever the final reward he may obtain, the true end of all is the attainment of Truth. This idea of truth is not the

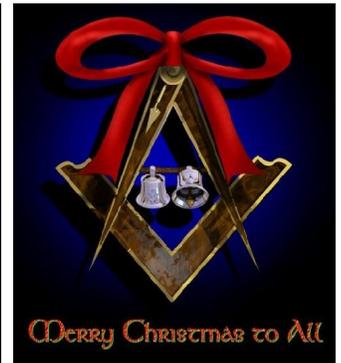
same as that expressed in the lecture of the First Degree, where Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth are there said to be the "three great tenets of a Mason's profession." In that connection, Truth, which is called a "Divine Attribute, the foundation of every virtue," is synonymous with sincerity, honesty of expression, and plain dealing. The higher idea of truth which is symbolized by the Word, is that which is properly expressed to a knowledge of God. Jesus Christ is the Truth; to know the Truth, which means to know him, makes men free; his is manifest in the written word... John 14:6 - John 8:31,32 - John 17:17 - 2 John 1:4

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Both of these lessons, as you can see, are based on principles from the Great Light and are duly referenced. We would be well reminded to consider these lessons along our journey to that undiscovered country from whose borne no traveler returns.

THAT WONDERFUL SEASON

What could be more American than Thanksgiving? This is the time when we pause to reflect upon all the many mercies and blessings which have been bestowed upon us by our Creator. Just as those early Pilgrims celebrated, we gather with food, friends and family to give thanks. Sure there is the hectic pace of cooking and “getting it all done” in time; as well as shopping for the “right” present for the days ahead. We transition now from Thanksgiving to Christmas and Hanukah. Again, we must take a step back to remember WHY we celebrate these holidays and to grasp hold of the “reason for the season.” Many people become depressed for one reason or another during these times. It may be over the loss of a loved one or some other remembrance that brings on the blues. Stop. Do you know someone who may be wallowing in sadness, self-doubt, anxiety or just plain depressed? Then remember the Obligations you took. Go and pick up the phone. Go visit them and assure them that tomorrow will be a brighter day; that through friendship, prayer and a little help from above, everything will be better. Time heals all wounds, but some wounds take more time to heal than others. There are people out there, friends, family, perhaps total strangers, who need us. I would remind you all that everyone has a claim upon our kind offerings. Give comfort and help your fellow man. Regardless of your faith, you must remember to love one another. Be ye all of good cheer and take the trowel and help spread some of that cheer around.



HAPPY
HOLIDAYS

THE YEAR IN REVIEW - ROLLERCOASTER

My Brothers, overall 2010 has been a very emotional year with many joyous events and an equal number of tragedies.

We started off the year on a very positive note, with degree work and lofty ambitions for the remodeling of our Lodge. We were pleased to have an interested buyer for the Forest Acres property which was to be used to fund the renovations. About mid year, we lost several of our Brothers, including our Master, W. Bro. Vardie. We lost Bros. Keith Strickland and “Big Tim” Durham among others.

Perhaps one of the most notable events was the Raising of Bro. Bryan Sexton early in the year, only to lose him to the Celestial Lodge Above.

Our annual Bar-B-Que was a tremendous success and our annual Ladies Night was packed to capacity with family and friends. Alas, the sale of the Lodge has fallen through as the “buyers”

couldn't understand the concept of “as-is”, the terms upon which we entered our contract to sell them the Forest Acres Lodge property and building. To add insult, the Forest Acres Lodge was stricken on two separate occasions by thieves who stole the copper from our air conditioning units and caused thousands of dollars in damage to the units.

Pacific Lodge was stricken with termites, but this problem has been remedied by the treatment of the building (at a cost of some \$ 1,150 to treat BOTH the Pacific and Forest Acres buildings.

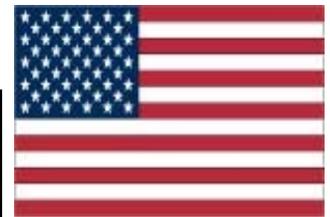
On the upside we have gotten six requests for affiliation from Brothers Demitting to Pacific and two Past Masters were approved Plural Memberships and purchased Perpetual Life Memberships.. We have had two reinstatement

ments this year and will have Raised 7 Brothers by the end of the year.

These events should remind us that time passes swiftly and we must be prepared for what lies ahead. We will be electing new officers and Installing them at the December Regular Communication. I foresee a bright future for Pacific. There is a bond of fellowship that will overcome any adversity.

I can't begin to tell you how proud I am to be a member of the Greatest Fraternity in the world, and more especially to be associated with a fine and hard working Lodge.

As most of you know, I will be stepping down as Secretary, but I will continue to publish this newsletter and will keep up the website. Thanks to all and may God Bless and Keep you. Bro. Bosie Martin, PM.



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MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

December 7 - Regular Communication - 7:30

Election and Installation of Officers

December 14 - Fellow Craft Degree - 7:30 (*)

NOTE DATE CHANGE - 1 WEEK EARLY!!!

January 4 - Regular Communication - 7:30

January 25 - Master Mason Degree - 7:30 (*)

February 1 - Regular Communication - 7:30

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

Any questions, please call

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

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

EDWARD GUNTER MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

It was decided by our acting Worshipful Master that this year's awards should be presented posthumously to two Brothers who exemplified the courage to fight overwhelming odds in their health battles. Worshipful Brother Vardie Corley passed away on June 24th of this year. W. Bro. Vardie took the office as Master knowing that he had faced heart problems in the past, but agreed to assume the office and do the best he could.

All I can say is that Bro. Vardie loved his family and his Lodge and his dedication to both was evident in all that he did during his term in office. Bro. Vardie was a strict follower of the rules and always wanted to make sure he was doing the "right" thing. He set the Lodge on a course of rebuilding and setting an example for all others to follow, including the edict to wear coats and ties to degree work. Needless to say this didn't

go over real well, so he amended that to ask officers to wear coat and tie for work nights. You see, Bro. Vardie wanted to set a good example, and he did in everything he did and said. His wife, Pat, was presented with the certificate honoring Bro. Vardie with the Ed Gunter Mason of the Year Award in honor of his contributions to the Lodge.

As if that wasn't enough, Bro. Bill Yandle decided that there would be TWO recipients this year. The other being Brother John Bryan Sexton. Bro. Bryan was raised earlier in the year and despite his treatments for cancer, made the meetings, did the work and learned the ritual required of him to proceed.

Bro. Bryan is another individual who exemplified the courage and dedication to family AND the Lodge by his good spirits and never-ending smile, even in

times of great pain. I never once heard Bro. Bryan complain of his disease. You see, cancer was the ultimate victor in the battle, but it was not for lack of a good fight.

Both W. Bro. Vardie and Bro. Bryan received Masonic Rites at Southside Baptist Church and both services had a wonderful attendance. This was a testimony to the love that his friends and family had for them. They will be missed, but not forgotten and one day, we will be reunited with them in the Celestial Lodge Above where the Supreme Grand Master forever presides.

Good choice, Bro. Bill. Well done!



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