



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



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WHEW! We made it. 2010 is upon us and 2009 has passed us by like a flowing river. Was it me, or did the year fly by? There is an old saying that time is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it seems to go. I believe it.

We had a scare with our new Worshipful Master, Bro. Vardie Corley who was hospitalized at the end of the year. He assures me that he is fine now and that he will be at the January Regular Communication. Great to hear the news, Worshipful.

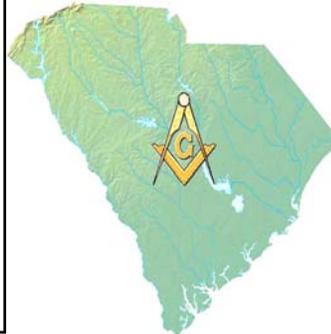
The year ahead poses many challenges to Pacific. Our Building Committee has drawn up a tremendous plan to make improvements to our Lodge, bringing it up to

A.D.A. code and making several cosmetic and structural improvements. This plan will be discussed at the January Business Meeting and I hope you will attend and offer your insight.

Work continues as we continue to build better men out of good men. Depending on the ballot box, we should have Fellow Craft AND Masters Degrees this month. I want to thank everyone for their hard work over the past year and I look forward to working with everyone in this new year. Thanks for the tremendous response in getting your dues in for the coming year. Our goal is not to drop ANYONE N.P.D. this year. Happy New Year!

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....

Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge A.F.M. of South Carolina.



OFFICERS FOR 2010

- *Vardie Corley, W.M.*
- *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 ??

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CORRECTIONS AND LIGHT

I got a call from P.G.M. and Most Worshipful Bro. Tommie Brant who was reading last month's Trestleboard and came upon an error. You see, Most Worshipful Brother Tommie is a strict interpreter of our ritual. He was kind enough to point out that I had incorrectly quoted from Phoenixmasonry.org regarding the "rubbish of the temple."

M.W. Bro. Tommie correctly points out that "rubbish" is trash or garbage, and that the word used should be "rubble," or broken pieces of stone.

While this may seem like a small difference to some, it changes the meaning of the work. There was no "garbage" to get in the way of the workmen. Simply pieces of the stone used during the con-

struction of the temple.

It is our duty to KNOW our Ritual and to pass it along in the proper manner. There are many words that are mispronounced and it can change the entire meaning of a phrase or passage. I thank Bro. Tommie and I urge anyone noticing mistakes to please bring them to my attention, or the person making the error.



Most Worshipful Brother
Manuel Luis Quezon y Molina

FAMOUS MASONS: M.W. BRO. QUEZON Y MOLINA

Manuel Luis Quezon y Molina (August 19, 1878 in Baler, Tayabas, Philippines – August 1, 1944 in Saranac Lake, New York, United States) was the first Filipino president of the Commonwealth of the Philippines under U.S. colonial rule in the first half of the 20th century. He is considered by most Filipinos to have been the second President of the Philippines, after Emilio Aguinaldo. He has the distinc-

tion of being the first Senate President elected to the presidency, the first president elected through a national election, and the first incumbent to secure re-election (for a partial second term, later extended, due to amendments to the 1935 Constitution). He is known as the "Father of the National Language". Bro. Quezon was Raised March 17, 1908 at Sinukuan Lodge No. 272 (renamed Sinukuan Lodge No. 16). first

Filipino Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands that was established in 1917.

President of the Philippines

In office
November 15, 1935 – August 1, 1944

Vice President Sergio Osmeña

Preceded by Emilio Aguinaldo

Succeeded by José Laurel (De facto)

Masonic Education: The Need for Public Awareness



Light from
M.S.A. of N.A.

IT'S ABOUT TIME! – first of a series by the Masonic Services Assn. of North America

Note:

This is the introduction of a four-part series from the Masonic Service Association of North America. This series raises some very good points and deserves consideration. Space does not permit me to publish the entire series (not to mention you probably don't want to read it all at once) so I'll be including a part over the next four months. I hope you enjoy this truly informative piece.

Bro. Bosie

Moving Masonry into the 21st Century

Foreword: "When Memories exceed dreams, the end is near."
— Michael Hammer

Examining the need for Masonic public awareness

It is no secret that participation in the Masonic fraternity has been dropping for at least 50 years. Evidence of our decline is the fact that our membership totals are at their lowest levels in more than 80 years. Hoping to stop the attrition, Masonic leaders have tried numerous initiatives: one-day classes, shortened proficiencies, and a lowered minimum age at which one can petition for membership. Grand Lodges have hired public relations firms and have paid for promotions in numerous media outlets, including newspapers, magazines, billboards, radio, and television. Each initiative, while hinting at success, has failed to arrest our declining numbers and has fallen short of rejuvenating our fraternal spirit.

For instance, one-day classes attracted many new members, but they did little to halt the ever-increasing numbers of demits and NPD's. We realized that getting

new members was only a part of the challenge. Clearly, Masons were not satisfactorily addressing ways of keeping our members involved and enthusiastic about Masonry. The time had come for us to take full responsibility for our sad state of affairs and begin to move forward, embracing the fact that we have a lot of work to do.

The work began in 2004 when the Conference of Grand Masters asked the Masonic Information Center (MIC) to look into the possibility of creating a National Masonic Public Awareness Program. We accepted the challenge. By accepting that challenge, we assumed a greater responsibility: to test the integrity of what we wanted to communicate to the public about Freemasonry. We had to ask the tough question of ourselves: Who are we as a fraternal organization within the context of the 21st century?

There was little argument among our group that Masons were not the first organization wanting to improve their public image, and we knew that we could no longer gloss over our situation's complexity. In his book *The World is Flat*, Thomas Friedman quotes business organization consultant Michael Hammer:

One thing that tells me a company is in trouble is when they tell me how good they were in the past. Same with countries. You don't want to forget your identity. I am glad you were great in the 14th century, but that was then and this is now. When memories exceed dreams, the end is near.

Our Masonic memories are to be treasured, but our Masonic dreams have faltered. Simply put, we have forgotten our Masonic identity so that our memories truly do exceed our dreams. It is about time we brought our actions in line with our aspirations.

Thus began our study. Over a year later, we offer this report as a fraternal call to action. It is neither a step-by-step plan nor a scholarly document. It is our way of communicating to our fraternity the need to focus on making Masonry relevant to our changing communities and our 21st century lives. The style of the report is conversational and easy-to-read, representing the deliberations, fact-finding, and talking points of the Task Force. We ask you, as fellow Masons, to heed the call and to take the initiative to participate in building our own destiny, brother by brother, lodge by lodge.

FROM THE EAST - VARDIE D. CORLEY, W.M.

Brothers;

Here we are once again at the beginning of a new year. It appears as if it will be a very busy and rewarding year.

I would first like to thank each of you for placing your trust in me by making me Worshipful Master. I will do my best not to let you down.

I would also like to thank Worshipful Brother Brian Gambrell for his service this past year and for turning over to me a vigorous and progressive

lodge. It is my goal to do the same for the next Worshipful Master. We have initiated a very aggressive building plan which I am sure will try our patience at times and will cause some discontent among the Brothers. I ask only that every one remembers that we are Brothers and are duty bound to support each other and work for the benefit of Masonry as a whole.

We already have five candidates somewhere along the ladder of Masonic advancement so the next few months are going to be

especially challenging. Please support your new officers as we learn our new positions and improve ourselves in Masonry.

Finally, be ye all of one mind and live in peace.

W.M. Vardie Corley

Note:

My thanks to our new Worshipful Master for accepting the challenge. I wish him good health and a prosperous year. We look forward to working together! Bro. Bosie



Bro. Vardie Corley
W.M. 2009-2010



**GOD BLESS
AMERICA**

NEW YEAR— NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome to 2010. With this new beginning we are offered many new opportunities to work for our community and to give back. This past year we hosted a blood-drive and raised money for the American Red Cross. We raised cash for the Dorn V.A. Medical Center and we collected food and funds for Harvest Hope Food Bank.

Several of our members assisted in the Square and Compass Club of the Midlands ham and turkey projects to raise money for youth charities. There is much more to be done.

December 10th marked the

90th Anniversary of Pacific Lodge. The year and decade ahead will determine the future of the Craft in general and Pacific Lodge in particular.

Our Fraternity has been in the limelight lately with books, shows and movies centered around Masonry. It is incumbent upon us to not only lay the cornerstone of charity, but to continue to build upon it in the public eye. We must show the general public that we are not an organization to be feared or mistrusted. We must show that we have always been, and will forever be, an organization based on the highest moral principles.

We must convey to the public that we are not a religion, although our basis is surrounded by biblical and religious tenets and that we encourage discussion and discourse.

Our country was founded by many Brothers on these same principles. We must continue to give to our community. We must keep our moral compass on the right course and continue the good work that our predecessors began. We simply take good men and make them better and we do good work for our community, for God and for our Country. We have much to do. Let's get started.



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HUNGRY!**

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BOSIE MARTIN, P.M.,
SECRETARY & WEBMASTER

MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

January 5 - Regular Communication - 7:30

January 16 - District Instructional Meeting - 6:00 @ Scottish Rite

January 19 - Fellow Craft Degree - 7:30

January 26 - Master Mason Degree - 7:30

February 2 - Regular Communication - 7:30

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

Any questions, please call

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or

Bro. Vardie Corley, W.M. at 803-755-1900

(*) 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

NOTE: 2 Petitions out on Investigation

EXPECTING A FAMILY PETITION

I've written before about how great it is to see a relative of a Brother when they ask "The Question." I get excited for the petitioner and probably even more so for his family member.

I've told the story of how I waited for years for my Dad to ask me to become a Mason. When I asked a friend, it was as if someone turned on a light bulb (the first stage of getting more light, I suppose)...

Over the Christmas holidays I got a call from a Brother who asked me to send him a petition because his son had asked to become a Mason. I had that sense of elation come

over me and I am looking forward to the coming months to watch this Brother and his son as they form a new or different kind of friendship.

I think back when Bro. Andy Bostic, the son of our very own W. Brother David, was Raised at Forest Acres. To see the pride in the father's face and the joy in his son's eyes.

This is something VERY special. We are now watching a young man as he continues his journey while his father and uncle, both members of the Lodge, watch with pleasure. With a little luck, we will see this young

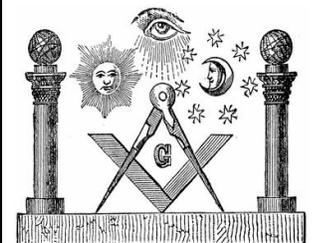
man Raised to the Sublime Degree this month.

I hope you will take some time out of your busy schedule and come join us at the Lodge. There is such a feeling of brotherhood and fellowship that mere words alone cannot express. We have grown with the consolidation of both Columbia and Forest Acres Lodges with Pacific. The Brothers are some of the finest people you will ever know.

Mark your calendar. Come see the work. Come feel the friendship that makes Pacific Lodge so very special. Come and see the young men as they take the same journey that you took; and help them to become "better men." I hope to see you soon!



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