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### HAPPY NEW YEAR

Once again the theme for the lead article is time. It passes so fast, I can hardly believe another year has come and gone. Allow me to wish each and every one a safe and prosperous new year.

One of the first things you will note is a change in the mast list of officers for new year. Allow me to thank W. Bro. Paul Martin and M.W. Bro. Ron Mitchum for their assistance in the installation of officers. I believe that 2012 will be a very good and busy year for Pacific.

This year, W. Bro. Glyn Smith has assumed the East in a rare "Public Installation" of officers. Thank you to our W. Bro. Bill Yandle for all he has done for the betterment of this Lodge. Bro. Bud Mackey will serve as our Senior Warden this year and I want to thank you as well for all your efforts on behalf of Pacific.

You will see some new names

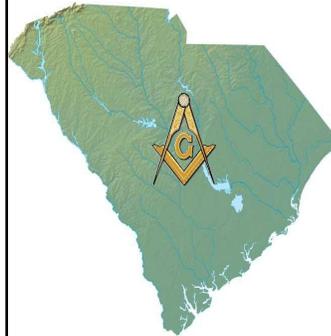
as we have a few new members sitting in Chairs this year. I hope you will find your duties more of a pleasure than a challenge and consider it a learning experience along your Masonic Journey. Thank you all for agreeing to serve.

Our Regular Communication will be held January 3. The meal will be served at 6:45 and the work will begin at 7:30. Come out and meet your newly elected officers. Join in the fellowship and Brotherly Love that prevails at Pacific.

Please take note of all the GOOD that we are doing. We have a new roof and a new commitment to work even harder to help transform our Lodge into, as our W.M. would say, "A Showplace of the South." We have also increased our efforts working within our community to make it a better place to live!

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 2012

- James Glyn Smith, W.M.
- Bud Mackey, S.W.
- Chris Fletcher, J.W.
- Ron Mitchum, PGM, Treas.
- Jan Barkan., Sec.
- James Edwin Thomas, S.D.
- Vladmir Neknutenko, J.D.
- David Minton, Stew.
- Richard Prudence, Stew.
- Roy McEwen, P.M., Chap.
- Doyle J. Jaco, Jr, P.M., Tiler

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR DUES CARD—2012 ??**

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### DUES & INSTRUCTIONAL

While we faced a tough decision during these difficult economic times, the Lodge voted to amend our By-Laws and increase Dues to \$ 60 per year. Never an easy thing to do, but it is necessary.

As always, the new year begins with the District Instructional Meeting. This annual event is a requisite for all officers of Lodges in each district. This year, R.W.

Bro. Alex Roberts has set the 10th District Instructional for Friday, January 20 at the Scottish Rite on Garners Ferry Road. I can assure you that there will be a fine meal served and some Light offered by various instructors. If you have a question about the Craft, your duties or responsibilities as an officer or your office, it will be answered. I would urge you to come and try to "stump the pre-

senters! Remember, all officers are duly REQUIRED to attend. ALL Master Masons are welcome to attend. A plaque will be awarded to the Lodge with the highest attendance. This is one award that Pacific has never won. I think it would be an ambitious goal to earn that award. The meal has been paid for, so you will not have to worry about an added expense, just come on out!



Bro. Joel Roberts Poinsett  
 15th Secretary of War  
 Serving under President  
 Martin Van Buren  
 In office  
 March 7, 1837 – March 5, 1841

## FAMOUS MASONS: BRO. ROY ROGERS

Roy Rogers, born Leonard Franklin Slye (November 5, 1911 – July 6, 1998), was an American singer and cowboy actor, one of the most heavily marketed and merchandised stars of his era, as well as being the namesake of the Roy Rogers Restaurants franchised chain. He and his wife Dale Evans, his golden palomino, Trigger, and his German Shepherd dog, Bullet, were featured in more than 100 movies and The Roy Rogers Show. The show ran on radio for nine years before moving to television from 1951 through 1957. His productions usually featured a sidekick, often either Pat Brady (who drove a Jeep called "Nellybelle"), Andy Devine, or the crotchety George "Gabby" Hayes. Rogers's nickname was "King of the Cowboys". Evans's nickname was "Queen of the West." Rogers was mentioned in the Lyle Lovett single "If I Had A Boat", and Elton John's 1973 album "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" contained the escapist ballad "Roy Rogers". In the 1988 film Die Hard, the Bruce Willis character John McClane used the nom de guerre of "Roy", saying "I was always kinda partial to Roy Rogers actually". American Dad character Roger uses "Roy Rogers" as a pseudonym in the episode "Roy Rogers McFreely". Brother Roy was a member of Hollywood Lodge # 355 in California.

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## Masonic Education: The Level - DUES, DUES, DUES!



Symbols of Masonry  
 Light from Above  
 Spreading over the  
 Globe



### WHAT IS THE LEVEL?

It is a symbol of that fraternal equality which, recognizing the fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man. In Freemasonry, the Level is a symbol of equality; not of that social equality which would destroy all distinctions of rank and position, and beget confusion, insubordination, and anarchy; but of that fraternal equality which, recognizing the Fatherhood of God, admits as a necessary corollary the Brotherhood of Man. It, therefore, teaches us that, in the sight of the Grand Architect of the Universe, his creatures, who are at an immeasurable distance from him, move upon the same plane; as the far-moving stars, which though millions of miles apart, yet seem to shine upon the same canopy of the sky. In this view, the Level teaches us that all men are equal, subject to the same infirmities, hastening to the same goal, redeemed by the

same Savior, subject to the same death and judgment. The Level is deemed, like the Square and the Plumb, of so much importance as a symbol, that it is repeated in many different relations. First, it is one of the jewels of the Lodge; in the English system a moveable, in the American an immovable, one. This leads to its being adopted as the proper official ensign of the Senior Warden, because the Craft when at labor, at which time he presides over them, are on a common level of subordination. And then it is one of the working tools of a Fellow Craft, still retaining its symbolism of equality. Matt. 5:16 - also 1 Peter 2:17

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You can file this under :

### DID YOU KNOW:

Did you know that your dues are payable IN ADVANCE for

the ensuing Masonic Year? That's right, you are supposed to pay for your dues BEFORE the year starts. This is so the Lodge will have enough funds and capital to pay normal operating expenses (heating and air, water, electricity, etc.)

As a matter of fact, we were informed by M.W. Bro. Ron Mitchum that "TECHNICALLY you are not allowed to visit a Lodge if you don't have a "current dues card" and you are not entitled to vote. While it is true that you don't go NPD until October 31, the Ahimon Rezon states in Article 104 that Dues are payable in advance and not paying puts you in arrears. If you do not have a 2012 Dues Card, a Lodge has the right to deny you entry. This is not to say they would, but in theory, they can.

Take Due Notice thereof, and Govern yourselves accordingly.

Bro. Bosie

## FROM THE EAST - J. GLYN SMITH, W.M.

During the installation ceremony held on December 20, 2011, I was given an opportunity to speak as your new Worshipful Master. The content of my talk concerned the misinformation being broadcasted over national talk-radio programs about Masonry. The bazaar opinions that are held by some individuals will astonish you. Earlier in the month, I was listening to very popular talk radio program, when an individual spoke about the Mason Organization was the base cause for all the political unrest in America today. In her opinion, "Masons" have the power to stop all progress in Washington. We (masons) are the power behind the throne so to speak, among her ramblings we (masons) also use or swear upon the Koran and worship the devil when they reach the 32 or 33 degree. This short summary was extracted from one individual talking for about ten minutes about her mistaken beliefs concerning the character and purpose of Accepted Free Masons in American. I have also heard from other brethren who have some concerns with the clergy of their faith. I was very troubled by these events, and how as a newly elected Worshipful Master could help my brothers in starting a campaign to eliminate all misconception about Accepted Free Masons in South Carolina.

Well as we were taught in our Masonic beginnings, before encountering any great problem or situation, we always begin by praying for strength and wisdom; after words I consulted the thirty-sixth edition of the "Ahiman Rezon" or Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina. As I turned to page 486, Bang! The information I needed to fight these misconceptions about masonry in South Carolina was now at my finger tips. Fore I had turned to The Declaration of Masonic Principles (adopted 1939). This two page declaration clearly states for all to read, the "who, what, where and how" of Masonry in South Carolina. To further illustrate the importance of this discovery, I have extracted a few quotes from pages 486-488 of the Ahiman Rezon.

Freemasonry is a charitable, benevolent, educational and religious society. Its principles are proclaimed as widely as men will hear. Its only secrets are in its methods of recognition and of symbolic instruction.

To that end, it teaches and stands for the worship of God; truth and justice; fraternity and philanthropy; and enlightenment and orderly liberty, civil, religious and intellectual. It charges each of its members to be true and loyal to the government of the country to which he owes allegiance and to be obedient to the law of any state in which he may be.

It further affirms its conviction that it is not only contrary to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, but dangerous to its unity, strength, usefulness and welfare, for Masonic Bodies to take action or attempt to exercise pressure or influence for or against any legislation, or in any way to attempt to procure the election or appointment of governmental officials, or to influence them, whether or not members of the Fraternity, in the performance of their official duties. The true Freemason will act in civil life according to his individual judgment and the dictates of his conscience.

I strongly urge each brother of Pacific Lodge to review and reaffirm these Masonic Principles. They are the guidelines we are destined to follow in the coming years. Further to start our campaign I suggest each brother will inform and/or consult with his family, and his rector, priest, or rabbi; so that they will have the true meaning and purpose of all Ancient Free Masons in South Carolina.

Our purpose or goal is to rid the public of all falsehoods about Ancient Free Masons in South Carolina. What better way to start than establishing or building a foundation of well informed people who can stand and support our cause. A mason's support foundation comes from the people that are closest to him, His Family and His Church!

Fraternally,  
Bro. J. Glyn Smith, W.M.



Bro. J. Glyn Smith,  
Worshipful Master



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**MASONS IN ACTION**

**MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER**

**SETTING THE WORK**

January 3 - Regular Communication - 7:30

January 17 - Fellow Craft Degree, 7:30

January 20 - District Instructional Meeting - 6:00

Meal included held at the Scottish Rite on Garners Ferry Road.

February 7 - Regular Communication - 7:30

**JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!**

Any questions, please call

Bro. Jan Barkan, Secretary at 803-743-2501

or

Bro. J. Glyn Smith, W.M. at 803-730-9003

**(\* 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 COM BACK... WE MISS YOU**

Happy New Year my Brothers! I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. We know there are many of you who haven't been to the Lodge for one reason or another in a long time. Many Brothers get "rusty" and feel uncomfortable. A few years ago, we got a Dispensation from the Grand Master to conduct a "Rusty Nail Degree" and it was very successful. We went through some of the things that Brothers sometime forget or just can't quite remember just exactly what to do or say.

NEVER EVER be reluctant to go to your Lodge. As long as you are current on your dues (and even if you need to pay) the Lodge will welcome you with open arms. Even if you are erased for NPD, you have the right to enter the Lodge to request a form for reinstatement. Many think they have to pay dues for ALL the time they may have missed,

but in reality, all you have to pay is the previous year's dues and the current year's dues. The request will then be read in open Lodge and will be put out for investigation.

There are those who have been absent for other reasons,. Sickness in their family, occupational conflicts, and even transfer in the case of many of our military Brothers. To you all, I urge you to come on back. Be in touch with our Lodge and let us know how you are doing. Bring us up to date on your family and your job (or retirement)... We want to know and we would love to see you.

Remember, we are here for you and we would love to see you . We most certainly understand that things get in the way of making it to the Lodge, and you shouldn't worry about that. You don't have to explain your absence.

You just need to know that you are missed and will be welcomed back with open arms.

As in any organization, there comes a time when the members don't see eye to eye. We, as Masons, are supposed to rise above that and never let anything get in our way. The friendships we have will last beyond the grave and we should not harbor ill will or hard feelings against our Brethren. We are big enough to say "I was wrong" or "I forgive you" for whatever you may have thought amiss.

The bottom line is that we LOVE you and we MISS you. I urge everyone to visit YOUR lodge in the near future.



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