

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



THE PACIFIC TRESTLEBOARD

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WOW, WHAT A START!

Where do I begin? Our January Regular Communication was the first meeting with Forest Acres Lodge since the merger. It was FANTASTIC. Several of the Brothers were in attendance and I was elated to see them sign in on the MEMBERS column of the Tyler's Register.

We were honored with ONE visitor as well, R.W. Bro. Barry A. Rickman, Deputy Grand Master who honored us with an official visit; to see and be a part of this historic evening.

We were presented with an antique door knocker from England by W. Bro. Larry Snipes. This further cements the bond we have

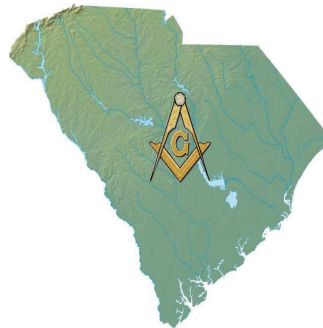
with our Brothers across the pond!

Both M.W. Bro. Tommie Brant AND M.W. Bro. Ron Mitchum were in attendance as were several past Masters of Forest Acres. We had a good attendance at our E.A. Degree as well. I can't begin to tell you once again how much I appreciate our members. Whether they are Pacific, Columbia or Forest Acres members, we are ONE. I feel the electricity in the air. I sense a desire to work together and make ours a stronger Lodge.

I would invite anyone to come and see what we are doing. We have lots of work going on. Come out and join the fellowship!

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 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, Tyler*

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ANSWERING THE CALL

It's a call you never really want to get. It was a call from the Grand Secretary. The first thing that goes through your mind is "what have I done wrong now?"

No, it was nothing like that, but rather a request for assistance. A Brother

from Florida had passed away and was to be buried in the new Fort Jackson National Cemetery.

I told M.W. Bro. G. Ray that we would help out. I was worried about the turnout. As fate would have it, one e-mail was answered by

Ft. Jackson Lodge. Pacific had 5 members present and Ft. Jackson had 6 join us. It made for a good showing for the family. W. Bro. Doyle gave the rites and I thank EVERYONE who was able to join us and represent our Great Fraternity. It IS the final tribute.



OFFICER SPOTLIGHT - CHAPLAIN

I want to welcome Colonel James Glyn Smith, U.S. Army, Ret., as our new Chaplain for the coming year. Bro. Glyn was just Raised this year, but has been most active in many aspects of the Lodge. The annual 1099 form, required now by the U.S. Government, would never have been completed without his

fine assistance. We are most fortunate to have Bro. Glyn with us and to guide us in our devotionals. A fine gentleman with an eye for perfection and attention to detail.

Bro. Glyn's father, General Smith, is a member of West Point Lodge in New York and has visited Pacific. Bro. Glyn is a member of the Scottish

Rite as well and has taken the position of Chaplain for the Knights of St. Andrews as well. We look forward to having Bro. Glyn with us for many years to come. A great example of someone rolling up their sleeves and getting involved. Thanks for all you do!

Fraternally, Bro. Bosie



David Brearley delegate to the U.S. Constitutional Convention and *signer of the U.S. Constitution on behalf of New Jersey*

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey

First Grand Master of Masons in New Jersey

FAMOUS MASONS: M.W. BRO. DAVID BREARLEY

David Brearley (often spelled *Brearly*) (June 11, 1745–August 16, 1790) was a delegate to the U.S. Constitutional Convention and signed the U.S. Constitution on behalf of New Jersey.

Born in Spring Grove, New Jersey, he was a graduate of the College of New Jersey, which later became Princeton University. David was 5' 7" tall and weighed 185 lb. He maintained this weight until his retirement, when he gained 20 lb. Upon graduating, he practiced law in Allentown, New Jersey and resided in Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

With the outbreak of the

American Revolutionary War, Brearley was at first a captain in the Monmouth County militia, and rose to the rank of colonel in Nathaniel Heard's New Jersey militia brigade. From 1776 to 1779 he served in the New Jersey Line of the Continental Army, seeing action at Brandywine, Germantown, and Monmouth.

Brearley resigned from the army in 1779 to serve as the New Jersey Supreme Court Chief Justice. He decided on the famous *Holmes v. Walton* case where he ruled that the judiciary had the authority to declare whether laws were unconstitutional or not. He held the seat until 1789.

While at the Constitutional Convention in 1787 at the age of 42, he served on the panel that decided how long the President's term should be. After signing the Constitution in 1787, he headed up New Jersey's committee that approved the Constitution. In 1789, he was a Presidential elector and was appointed a federal district judge by President George Washington.

Brearley was the first Grand Master of the New Jersey Masonic Lodge. He is buried in the churchyard of Saint Michael's Episcopal Church in Trenton, New Jersey.

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MASONIC EDUCATION: WAYFARING MAN



A term used in the legend of the Third Degree to denote the person met near the port of Joppa by certain persons sent out on a search by King Solomon. The part of the legend which introduces the Wayfaring Man, and his interview with the Fellow Crafts, was probably introduced into

the American system by Webb, or found by him in the older ceremonies practiced in the United States. It is not in the old English instructions of the eighteenth century, nor is the circumstance detailed in the present English lecture. A wayfaring man is defined by Phillips as "one accustomed to

travel on the road." The expression is becoming obsolete in ordinary language, but it is preserved in Scripture—"he saw a wayfaring man in the street of the city" (Judges xix, 17)—and in Freemasonry, both of which still retain many words long since disused elsewhere.

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GRAND LODGE COMING IN APRIL

While April may seem like a long time away, I can assure you that it will be here before you know it.

This year's Grand Lodge Communication will be held at the Omar Shrine Temple in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. We will elect our new Grand Master for the coming term.

Everyone is told during Masonic Education on the First Degree that EVERY mason is welcome to attend Grand Lodge and we must remem-

ber that we ARE Grand Lodge. We are fortunate enough to be represented by Worthy Brothers that we trust will guide our Grand Jurisdiction.

Leaving office this year will be our very own R.W. Bro. Edward Neeley, our DDGM of the 10th District. We thank you for your service, for all you have done and for representing Pacific and the District in such a fine manner.

We thank M.W. Bro. Ge-

rald L. "Jerry" Carver for his service during the past two years and look forward to his official visit in March.

In all likelihood, R.W. Bro. Barry A. Rickman, D.G.M., will be elected and installed as our new Grand Master.

Remember our Brothers in your devotions and please keep them in your prayers for safe travels and in leading the greatest fraternity in the world. Thank you for your service to The Craft.



The 272nd Annual Grand Lodge Communication will be held April 23-24, 2009 at Omar Shrine Temple in Mt. Pleasant.

DUES - A TOUCHY SUBJECT (WITH INCREASE)

I NEVER like to belabor this point, but it is that time of year again. Dues for the year 2009 are now due. If you have a 2008 dues card, you will not be dropped from the rolls until October 31 of this year.

I would ask EACH AND EVERY Brother to reach into your wallet (or wherever you might keep your dues card) and make sure your card shows you have paid through 2009.

If not, please remit your dues as soon as possible to the Secretary. Remember, we had a modest increase effective in January. Our annual dues are now \$ 40, still one of the lowest in the state.

Our goal is to NEVER drop anyone for N.P.D. (non-payment of dues). If you find yourself in a position where you cannot pay your dues, please let the Lodge know and

we will take it up at a Regular Communication. We don't want ANYONE dropped from the roll for non-payment.

Come see us when you can. You will enjoy the fellowship and fine meals! If you need a ride or if you have any needs at all, don't hesitate to contact the Lodge. Remember, we are here to help! Take care and may God continue to Bless each of you.



PLEASE

CHECK YOUR DUES CARD - DUES ARE

\$ 40.00

Your card should read
2009

ANNUAL REPORT - COMPLETE AND SUBMITTED

I am pleased (and relieved) to announce that our annual report has been delivered to the Grand Lodge. Here are our raw number totals:

Start of the year:	228
Raised	12
Affiliated	3
Reinstated	3
for a total of :	246

HOWEVER, 5 Brothers died, 2 demitted and 2 were erased N.P.D. for a TOTAL mem-

bership at the end of 2008 of 237 members, a net gain of 9 members over last year.

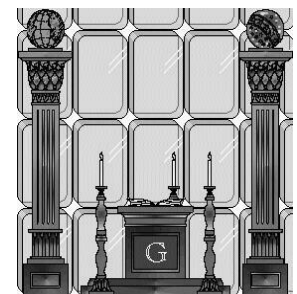
On a somber note, we have already lost 2 Brothers to the G.A.O.T.U. in 2009. More on these Brothers next time.

We have been blessed with much interest and work. We will add the new members of Forest Acres Lodge on next year's report, which should put out numbers over 300! I

would like to thank W. Bro. Doyle Jaco and his wife Brenda for their kind assistance in getting this done, and proofing with me to ensure its accuracy.

Our total Grand Lodge Dues, including supplies and bonds was \$ 3,471.80 for the year 2008. The report is available for review from the Secretary.

Bro. Bosie



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MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

February 3 - Regular Communication

February 10 - PRACTICE

February 17 - Fellow Craft Degree *

February 24 - Master Mason Degree *

March 3 - Regular Communication with an Official Visit by the
Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Gerald L. "Jerry" Carver

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

Any questions, please call

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or

Bro. Brian Gambrell, W.M. at 803-920-8131

(*) 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

Ya'll Come!

CYBER-THOUGHTS FROM THE SECRETARY

If you look at the image on the right, you will see a representation of a group known as e-masons. This is not, by any stretch of the imagination, a formal group or Lodge. It simply identifies members who use electronic means to meet, discuss and communicate.

With this in mind, I would urge you to be prudent in your contacts with anyone claiming to be a Brother online. Yes, there are ways of recognizing our fellow members, but still, use both caution and common sense.

The Grand Master has issued guidelines for communication with members from

afar. Read them and obey.

That being said, I have two items to bring forth for your consideration. How can you be sure that the individual you are communicating with is, indeed, a Brother? Not only that, but also whether or not his Lodge is recognized by OUR Grand Lodge. Cowans and Eavesdroppers come in all forms, my Brothers. Don't be taken in.

At the same time, do not let your caution preclude you from meeting and getting to know "True Brothers" as the internet is a wonderful medium for such contact. This is sort of a "Catch 22" as Joseph Heller would say.

I hope you will be as lucky as I have to meet and get to know so many Brothers from around the world. It is wonderful when you DO come together, on the Square!

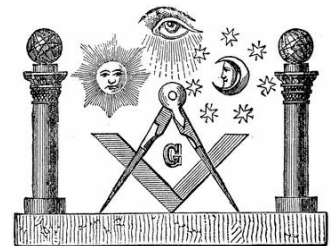
The last thing I would like to discuss is E-Mail Addresses. There is no better way for me to communicate with the members than e-mail. I can reach 100's of Brothers in the stroke of a key. PLEASE e-mail me at pacific325@aol.com to make sure I have **your** address. Once I get you, I'll send our most recent Trestleboard. Spread the word and make sure I have EVERYONE'S address. We can save money AND time.



Nice lapel pin

E-MASON

Internet Masonry



MASONS IN ACTION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING LICENSE PLATES

From Masonic Light Vol. 81, Dec. 2008 - Jan. 2009

We have determined that other non-recognized Masonic Organizations recently obtained approval for a South Carolina License Plate with the Square, Compasses and letter G on them. The other Masonic Plate current at the DMV now has AF & AM on the plate.

Please be informed that when you are purchasing a Masonic Plate at the DMV, you must specify the AFM License Plate which designates Ancient Free Masons.

If you purchase the wrong plate, the proceeds will go to the other organization and you will have a License Plate reflecting an unrecognized

Grand Lodge. Although the DMV is supposed to be checking dues cards, they will be unable to keep the different designations straight. It will be up to the Brother purchasing the License Plate.

Grand Master

I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO MAKE SURE YOU GET THE "RIGHT" TAG. See the examples in the next column.

The tag on top is the CORRECT tag, whereas the one below is NOT our tag. Take Due Notice thereof and Govern yourselves accordingly.



YES, (above) NO (below)



FROM PAWLEY'S ISLAND # 409 - THEY DID IT AGAIN, WITH A TWIST

I wrote here last year about the "raiding parties" from our Brothers at the coast, Pawley's Island Lodge # 409. Well, they're at it again. If you will notice the photo below, you will see they have gotten EVERY flag from EVERY Lodge in their District. They also took possession of the Masters and Warden's Gavel. What a great idea! Brother Del and I are going down to see the Lodges "reclaim" their banners the night of Feb. 5. I expect a huge crowd and look forward to seeing my dear friend "Brother Grady" Honeycutt as well as Right Worshipful Brother Hugger Peteet, DDGM of the 29th District.



From Bro. Grady:

"For next year, we've come up with a visitation plan for the district involving degree work. You will get a pin when you have seen a first degree in every Lodge in the district, same goes for the second and third degree. The overseers will be the Masters and Wardens Club, issuing cards to the Lodges and having the Master of each lodge sign off on each visitors card at the "end" of the degree (gotta' stay for the whole degree). When a card is completely signed off on a certain degree, the card will be turned in to the M&W Club and the appropriate pin will be sent to the Master of his Lodge and the Master will make the presentation in his home Lodge. We're still working out the details."

Note how ALL of the flags are the same. I hope to begin a program in the 10th District to do the same. This would be difference between a "kitchen" flag and a "Lodge" flag. Well come my Brothers. We look forward to seeing you on the 5th to welcome the Brethren coming to reclaim their flags!!!

Bro. Bosie



FROM THE EAST
BY
W.B. BRIAN GAMBRELL



From the East:

We have all agreed to abide by the Constitution and Edicts of the Grand Lodge, but do we know what that really means. So much of what occurs within the work of the Lodge is done by tradition which, or sometimes may not, conform to that governing documents of our Fraternity.

One particular area of concern is the conduct of the brethren during the work of lodge. Sections 80, 81, 82 and 83 of the Ahiman Rezon (2007 edition) contains most of the rules which govern the conduct of the Lodge during regular and special communications. During business meetings and the second part of the first degree, it is important to remember that no one is allowed to speak on issue more than once without the permission of the Worshipful Master. Please review these rule sections and govern yourself accordingly.

I want to gently remind the brethren to refrain from private or side conversations during the work of the Lodge. Side conversations are strictly prohibited, and all of the communication within the body of the Lodge is to be directed to the East. The reason for this rule is to ensure the work of the Lodge is not impeded due to “private picks and quarrels.” Side conversations are also very distracting to the officers and brethren as they seek to go about their various labors. Please assist me in refraining from engaging in side conversations during the work and discourage those around you from doing the same. Remind the brother that we are “at labor” and to engage in such conversations only when the Craft has gone to refreshment. The only other alternative is admonishment from the East with the embarrassing consequences that would naturally follow.

Finally, we are blessed to have so many “new faces in new places” this Masonic year. During these first few months, these new officers will stumble and struggle with getting their parts correct. We all seek to assist these brothers with a kind word, but sometimes a flurry of such assistance can have the opposite of the desired effect. All of the officers have (or will) designate one person to provide assistance when the officer needs it. For example, I have one designated person (Billy Hilliard) who provides me assistance at the altar when I need it.

I want to also express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve as your Worshipful Master this Masonic year. I want to encourage you to attend and participate as often as you can. Additionally, I ask that you seek out brothers who have not been in awhile and express our desire to see them back with the fellowship. We want them to know “how much we care.”

Fraternally yours,

Bra. Brian

THIS STORY COMES FROM W. BRO. ED SMOAK of the
S.C. MASONIC RESEARCH SOCITEY
BY WAY OF BRO. JOHN BYRD, A FREEMAN OF LONDON
INTERESTING STORY INDEED FROM W.W. II

Starting in 1941, an increasing number of British airmen found themselves as the involuntary guests of the Third Reich, and the authorities were casting-about for ways and means to facilitate their escape. Now obviously, one of the most helpful aids to that end is a useful and accurate map, one showing not only where-stuff-was, but also showing the locations of 'safe houses', where a POW on-the-loose could go for food and shelter. Paper maps had some real drawbacks: They make a lot of noise when you open and fold them, they wear-out rapidly and if they get wet, they turn into mush.

Someone in MI-5 got the idea of printing escape maps on silk. It's durable, can be scrunched-up into tiny wads, and unfolded as many times as needed, and makes no noise what-so-ever. At that time, there was only one manufacturer in Great Britain that had perfected the technology of printing on silk, and that was John Waddington, Ltd.

When approached by the government, the firm was only too happy to do its bit for the war effort. By pure coincidence, Waddington was also the U.K. Licensee for the popular American board game, Monopoly. As it happened, 'games and pastimes' was a category item qualified for insertion into 'CARE packages', dispatched by the International Red Cross, to prisoners of war.

Under the strictest of secrecy, in a securely guarded and inaccessible old workshop on the grounds of Waddington's, a group of sworn-to-secrecy employees began mass-producing escape maps, keyed to each region of Germany or Italy where Allied POW camps were located (Red Cross packages were delivered to prisoners in accordance with that same regional system). When processed, these maps could be folded into such tiny dots that they would actually fit inside a Monopoly playing piece.

As long as they were at it, the clever workmen at Waddington's also managed to add:

1. A playing token, containing a small magnetic compass,
2. A two-part metal file that could easily be screwed together.
3. Useful amounts of genuine high-denomination German, Italian, and French currency, hidden within the piles of Monopoly money !

British and American air-crews were advised, before taking off on their first mission, how to identify a 'rigged' Monopoly set by means of a tiny red dot, one cleverly rigged to look like an ordinary printing glitch, located in the corner of the Free Parking square ! Of the estimated 35,000 Allied POWS who successfully escaped, an estimated one-third were aided in their flight by the rigged Monopoly sets. Everyone who did so was sworn to secrecy *Indefinitely*, since the British Government might want to use this highly successful use in still another, future war.

The story wasn't de-classified until 2007, when the surviving craftsmen from Waddington's, as well as the firm itself, were finally honored in a public ceremony. Anyway, it's always nice when you can play that 'Get Out of Jail Free' card.