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JUST WHEN YOU THINK

What a beautiful new roof we have on Pacific. The color is what I would describe as "Masonic Blue" and it being metal, will not only last a long time, but will cut our energy costs.

Well, that was an expected expense. A few weeks ago, we noticed that the heat was not warming the Lodge as it should. We had SCE & G come out to take a look and see what our problem might be.

The technician walked around the building with his equipment and gas sniffer. He got to our old unit that sits just outside the dining hall when it happened. His gas sniffer unit started going off to alert him (and us) that there was a gas leak. While we may

have been able to patch the unit one last time, it was decided to do the prudent thing and replace the 40+ year old unit. It has been good to us over the years, but it was time to put it down and get a new one.

We now have a state of the art HVAC system that should last us another 40 years and will be much more efficient and safer. However, with the purchase of this new unit comes the need to get money back into our coffers.

The Master has not said anything, but I will start here by asking that IF YOU ARE ABLE, please consider a donation or contribution to help offset the cost of this unit. I'll be the first one to step up and give. Thanks!

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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- *Roy McEwen, P.M., Chap.*
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PLEASE CHECK YOUR DUES CARD—2012 ??

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GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

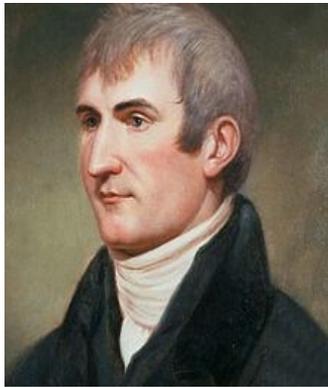
What better way to uncover our light and let the world see what Masonry is all about than to get involved in our community. In the past we have had a blood drive, held food drives for Harvest Hope and we always give to the MSA for the Dorn V.A. Medical Center. That is a start, but more needs to be done. We sponsor flu shots for the elderly and needy in the area at little or no cost to

them. Some Lodges have adopted a road and pick up trash. Some have gathered items to ship to our soldiers serving in war-torn areas of the world. One Lodge even made Dang-It-Dolls as a stress relief.

There has come a time when we need to look as ask ourselves what can we do now? I feel sure the Master will give us some guidance

for a project he may have in mind. It is time. I would welcome any suggestions or recommendations of things WE can do as a Lodge to help our community be a better place. The time for action is NOW. We should not let one more day pass without thinking of our fellow man and doing what we, as Masons, do best. We lend that helping hand. So, what shall it be my Brothers?

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Bro. Meriwether Lewis

Born: Aug. 18, 1774
 Ivy Colony of Virginia
 Died: Oct. 11, 1809
 Hohenwald, Tennessee
 Explorer, soldier, politician

FAMOUS MASONS: BRO. MERIWETHER LEWIS

Meriwether Lewis (August 18, 1774 – October 11, 1809) was an American explorer, soldier, and public administrator, best known for his role as the leader of the Lewis and Clark Expedition also known as the Corps of Discovery, with William Clark. Their mission was to explore the territory of the Louisiana Purchase, establish trade and sovereignty over the natives near the Missouri River, and claim the Pacific Northwest and Oregon territory for the United States before European nations. They also collected scientific data, and information on indigenous nations. President Thomas Jefferson appointed him Governor of Upper Louisiana in 1806.

Lewis was a Freemason, initiated, passed and raised in the "Door To Virtue Lodge No. 44" in Albemarle, Virginia, between 1796 and 1797. On August 2, 1808, Lewis and several of his acquaintances submitted a petition to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania requesting dispensation to establish a lodge in St. Louis. Lewis was nominated and recommended to serve as the first Master of the proposed Lodge, which was warranted as Lodge No. 111 on September 16, 1808.

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Masonic Education: GATES OF THE TEMPLE and MASTER MASON



Symbols of Masonry
 Light from Above
 Spreading over the
 Globe



Q. What is the symbolism of the East, South, and West Gates?

A. In the system of Freemasonry, the Temple of Solomon is represented as having a gate on the east, west, and south sides but none on the north. In reference to the historical Temple of Jerusalem, such a representation is wholly incorrect. In the walls of the building itself there were no place of entrance except the door of the porch, which gave admission to the house. But in the surrounding courts there were gates at all of the points of the compass. The Masonic idea of the Temple is, however, symbolic. The Temple is to the Speculative Mason only a symbol, not an historical building, and the gates are imaginary and symbolic also. They are, in the first place, symbols of the progress of the sun in his daily course, rising in the east, culminating to the meridian in the south, which it is the object of

the third degree to illustrate, symbols of the three stages of youth, manhood, and old age, or, more properly of birth, life, and death. St. John 2:19

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Q: What is the symbolism of a Master Mason, and how represented?

A: The Master Mason represents man, when youth, manhood, old age, and life itself, have passed away as fleeting shadows, yet raised from the grave of iniquity, and quickened into another and better existence. By its legend and all its ritual, it is implied that we have been redeemed from the death of sin and the sepulcher of pollution; and the conclusion we arrive at is, that youth, properly directed, leads us to honorable and virtuous maturi-

ty, and that the life of man, regulated by morality, faith, and justice, will be rewarded at its closing hour, by the prospect of eternal bliss. Romans 6:4-5

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My Brothers, did you happen to catch the relationship between the two points? Both refer to the three stages of man's life: youth, manhood and old age. It is most interesting to notice correlations such as these when studying the Craft or examining Masonry. I found it interesting that these two would overlap, but if you will read the respective verses, you will see the relationship. Enjoy and keep searching. There is ALWAYS more LIGHT to be found on the internet and in writings from the GREAT LIGHT!.

PACIFIC TO CONFER SATURDAY MASTER'S DEGREE

NOTICE

PACIFIC LODGE # 325, A.F.M.

WILL CONFER THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2012

WE WILL EAT AT 8:00 a.m. AND WORK AT 9:00 a.m.

It is our sincere hope that ALL Brothers who otherwise are unable to attend in the evening will be able to join us for food, fellowship and to meet our three candidates for Master Mason

Everyone enjoys a Saturday Morning Degree, complete with breakfast! Please come join us and we will do our best to make this a memorable experience, not only for our newly raised Brothers, but for everyone in attendance.

Our three Fellow Craft Brothers to be Raised are:

William "Bill" Jones, Sr.

William Jones, Jr.

Marc Rapport

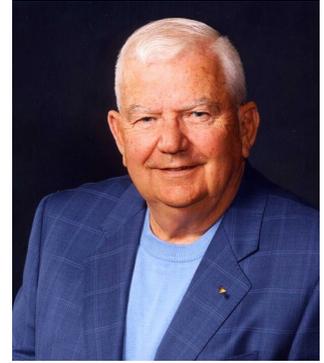
Please spread the word and join us if you can! We are requesting a donation of \$ 5.00 for the meal. We are working on getting the Shrine Past Master's Unit to assist with the second part of the Degree. If not, we will enlist our very own Past Masters to do this work.

Craft Fraternally Invited.

Sincerely,

J. Glyn Smith, W.M.

And Brothers of Pacific 325, A.F.M.



Bro. J. Glyn Smith,
Worshipful Master



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AMERICA



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MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

February - Practice only 6 pm - 8 pm

March 6 - Regular Communication - 7:30 pm

**March 10 - Master Mason Degree - 9:00 am
~ SATURDAY - see information on page 3 ~**

April 3 - Regular Communication - 7:30 pm

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

Any questions, please call

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

or

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

(* 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

SOMETIMES YOU JUST CAN'T...

My Brothers,

I hope this finds everyone doing well. We are off to the new year and by the time you read this we will have completed our District Instructional Meeting. These meetings are held annually and are mandatory for officers of the Lodge. Much information was shared on the duties and functions of the various officers of a Lodge. I was honored to have been asked by our DDGM, Right Worshipful Bro. Alex Roberts, to serve as a presenter. My area that I was assigned were the Deacons of the Lodge, both Junior and Senior.

While I am not sure why the Right Worshipful picked me for this, I must admit that the Senior Deacon's Chair has always been my favorite. This is the one chair where you WILL learn all of the work. I would encourage everyone to consider going through the Chairs and

taking an active part in YOUR Lodge.

Last month, I wrote here that we miss you and want you to come back. Well, I hope I didn't offend anyone. I realize that there are simply times when your life's other obligations make it difficult to attend the Lodge.

For some, church meetings may conflict. For others, it may be that they are working late or working a shift that keeps them away. Please believe me when I tell you that WE REALLY DO UNDERSTAND. There are times in a man's life when priorities change and the Lodge is not as important as, say, his family. That is fine, as you are NEVER to allow your zeal for the Institution conflict with your family or your vocation (job)...

I never intended to make anyone feel uncomfortable when I asked that you

come back to the Lodge. The truth is that we DO miss many of our Brothers. We are most fortunate in having a diverse group of men that compose our membership. The mere fact is that you can't be everywhere all the time, try as you will. Life gets in the way and will sometimes put up a stop sign between you and the Lodge. Again, we can only do so much and we can only be at one place at a time. IF YOU CAN, come on back out. Your Brothers would love to see you. The food and fellowship of our Fraternity is second to none. I am proud to call myself a Master Mason, but there are times that I can't make it, either. If I miss you, I sure hope our paths cross soon, my Brother!



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