

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



## THE TRESTLEBOARD

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### GRAND HONORS FOR PACIFIC

As you will see below, the 270th Grand Lodge is over. It is with pleasure that I announce to the Craft of the appointment of one of our own to serve as District Deputy Grand Master of the 10th Masonic District, Right Worshipful Brother Edward Neeley.

R. W. Brother Edward served as Master of Pacific Lodge for two consecutive years, 2002-2004. He is married to the former Ann Hammiter, whose father just happens to be a Past District Deputy Grand Master as well.

R. W. Brother Edward and Ann have two sons, Blake and Adam and currently they reside in Chapin.

Active in church and his community, R. W. Brother Edward is a perfect choice to assist the Grand Master in Masonic matters here in the 10th District. Edward served this year as co-chair of the Local Committee for the Grand Lodge.

We look forward to working with R. W. Brother Edward as he travels throughout the District and State representing Pacific, the 10th District and the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master Couldn't have made a better choice. As we all know, if you need something done, and done right, call Edward.

Thanks again, Right Worshipful. We offer you our CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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.**



### GRAND LODGE REPORT

Brethren, it is with pleasure that I issue this report on the 270th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina. This year's meeting was held at the Jamil Shrine Temple in Columbia. We welcome our G.L. Officers:

Most Worshipful Brother Gerald L. "Jerry" Carver was elected as Grand Master for the term 2007-2009. Right Worshipful Brother Barry A. Rickman was elected Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Jay Adam Pearson was elected Senior Grand

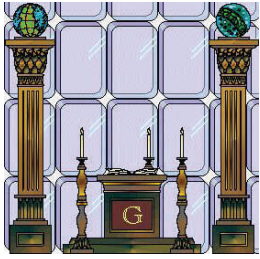
Warden and Right Worshipful Brother Daivd DeChant was elected Junior Grand Warden. As a side note, Right Worshipful Brother Todd Schofield, the President of the Square & Compass Club of the Midlands was appointed DDGM for the 8th District.

### OFFICERS FOR 2007

- *Fred Garren, W.M.*
- *Patrick Brown, S.W.*
- *Del Collins, J.W.*
- *Jim Jaco, Treas.*
- *Bosie Martin, P.M. Sec.*
- *Vardie Corley, S.D.*
- *Bill Yandle, J.D.*
- *Richard Prudence, Stew.*
- *Glenn Gates, Stew.*
- *Brian Gambrell, Chap.*
- *Tommy Hill, Tyler*

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### The Masonic Welcome Center

Where the journey begins...

## FRIENDSHIPS MADE

In this space, I have talked about Brothers new and old. The Entered Apprentice and the Master who has gone on to the Grand Celestial Lodge. This month I am going to talk briefly about friendships developed through Masonry.

Some 10 years ago, by chance, I met Brother Grady Honeycutt. Bro. Grady was from Tennessee and was, at the time, publishing one of the first Masonic Newsletters on the internet. Needless to

say, he's one of the finest folks you will ever meet. Well, Grady's newsletter caused me to meet W. Bro. Steve Wilson, from Scotland. I attended his installation and there met the several Brothers from both Scotland and England (Luton, to be precise)... and it began.

As it happens, these Brothers got to meet Bro. Grady during their recent visit to S.C. Things come full circle. One friend leading to another

and those leading to yet another and so forth. The expansion is huge and really never-ending. I can't begin to tell you of all the friendships I have made through this great fraternity. I'm sure you have similar experiences. These lasting friendships will certainly flourish and grow. That Mystic Tie unites us into one common band of friends and brothers. May you all continue to make and keep new friends. Thanks!

## OUR BROTHERS FROM ACROSS THE SEA

9 BROTHERS  
FROM THE U.K.  
ATTENDED  
GRAND LODGE  
AND WERE MADE  
HONORARY  
LIFE MEMBERS  
OF PACIFIC 325.

Our Brothers from the U.K. have come and gone. It was quite a pleasure to have them join us. During their visit, they attended a Lodge in North Carolina, an Entered Apprentice Degree in Murrell's Inlet, a Master's Degree at Lexington and our Master's Degree Demonstration by Dispensation at Pacific. At both Lexington and Pacific, the Brothers were

made Honorary Life Members! It was great having them here. We bid fond farewell to: W. Bro. Tommy Livingstone, W. Bro. Billy Miller, W. Bro. Arthur Peill, W. Bro. John Dickie, W. Bro. Tommy Hilson, W. Bro. John Marshall, W. Bro. Tony Baker, Bro. John Fergie and Bro. Keiron Whelon. It was great having you with us. The Brothers also attended

Grand Lodge and were recognized at the banquet by Most Worshipful Brother Ron Mitchum. Fraternal Greetings were offered by W. Bro. Tommy Livingstone, who thanked the crowd for taking such good care of America while the British were letting us use it. Thanks again to all the Brothers in S.C. who really made them feel at home. Well done!

## RETURN VISIT? MARK YOUR CALENDAR...



SC Delegation with  
W.M. John McMillan from  
Muthill, Scotland, Lodge  
St. John # 192  
November, 2005.

Now that the Brothers from the U.K. have returned, we are looking into paying them a visit in November for the installation of the new W.M. of St. John, 192 in Muthill, Scotland.

Mark your calendar and start saving your \$\$ as we are looking into making the journey once again. In 2005, a dele-

gation from South Carolina went to Scotland for the Installation of W.B. John McMillan as Master of that Lodge. This November, his father, Jock (who happens to be the Secretary of the Lodge) will assume the East.

It is our hope to get a good crowd to "cross the pond" and see this historic event. A day

trip to Rosslyn Chapel is on the agenda. If you have questions or might be interested, drop us an e-mail at [pacific325@aol.com](mailto:pacific325@aol.com)

We would love to have you join us!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
Bosie Martin, P.M., P.G.  
Stw., Sec. Pacific 325

## OUR NEW GRAND MASTER

I introduced M.W. Brother Gerald L. "Jerry" Carver in last month's newsletter.

M.W. Bro. Jerry was elected Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina at the 270th annual Grand Lodge Communication.

Most Worshipful Brother Jerry and his wife Sue live in Greenwood. An avid collector of Masonic antiquities, he enjoys sharing his wealth of knowledge. I've actually seen him almost mugged after a

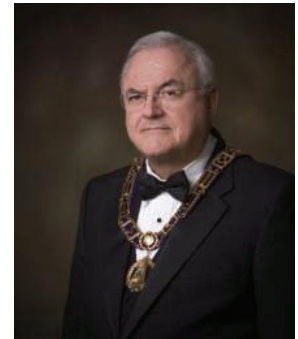
Lodge meeting with Brothers crowding around to see his old copies of various Masonic publications.

M.W. Bro. Jerry is also the proud owner of two Dudley Masonic watches (below):



According to Phoenix Masonry.org, "In 1918, Dudley started to work on a Masonic watch with its bridge plate in the form of Masonic symbols (a slipper, plumb, trowel, level, square, compasses, the Letter "G" and a Bible). These emblem parts were machined by Brother Willis R. Michael."

I hope you will get a chance to see some of M.W. Bro. Jerry's "treasures" along your Masonic Journey.



M.W. Gerald L. Carver  
Grand Master 2007-09

## R.W. BRO. JAY ADAM PEARSON, S.G.W.

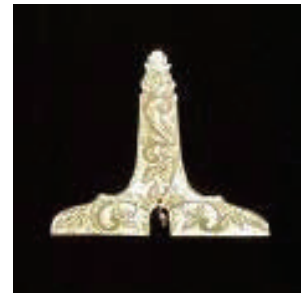
Our new Senior Grand Warden is Right Worshipful Brother Jay Adam Pearson. I first met R.W. Bro. Jay at Grand Lodge several years ago when I had the pleasure of dining with him at the banquet. He absolutely amazed both W. Bro. Buster Yandle (my date that evening) and myself with his knowledge and command of both Masonic and biblical studies.

W. Bro. Buster and I both knew that there were "big things" ahead for this young man. Little did we know that R.W. Bro. Jay was already, by coronation, a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, an honor few men achieve, especially at such a young age.

Right Worshipful Brother Jay resides in Greenville and teaches at Greenville

Technical College.

While R.W. Bro. Jay was affectionately called "the new kid on the block" a couple of years ago, he has moved on up the Grand Line and has served Grand Lodge ably. We look forward to seeing R.W. Bro. Jay in our upcoming travels. Look well to the West.



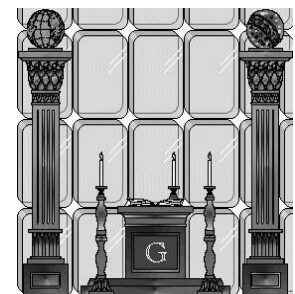
## A MASONIC TALE - G. RAY "MIKE" HARMON

W, Bro. Mike Harmon does a tremendous job at presenting the apron lecture at our Entered Apprentice Degrees when he's available. It was just last meeting when I got "his" interesting Masonic story:

During his service in Vietnam, Mike was on a patrol late one evening. Shortly

after his unit had "dug in" for the beginning of the day, an enemy patrol came upon them. An enemy soldier saw them and raised his weapon directly at Mike. Before Mike could do anything, the enemy soldier pulled the trigger of his rifle. Much to Mike's relief, the rifle jammed and the enemy soldier threw it on the ground. It was then that

the soldier looked Mike in the eye and gave the "grand hailing sign"... Now, Mike, not being a Mason at the time raised his weapon to open fire and lo behold, his weapon wouldn't fire either. He later found out what that enemy soldier was doing and attributes the entire incident to Divine intervention.



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BOSIE MARTIN, P.M.,  
SECRETARY & WEBMASTER

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MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

### SETTING THE WORK

May 8—Entered Apprentice Degree

May 15—DARK — **Degree Postponed**

May 22—Master Mason Degree

June 5—Regular Communication

June 12—Entered Apprentice Degree \*

June 19—Fellow Craft Degree \*

June 30—Annual Lodge Bar-B-Que

**JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!**

Any questions, please call

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or

W. Bro. Fred Garren, W.M. at 803-518-6277

(\* ) 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**

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## ANNUAL LODGE BAR-B-Q FUNDRAISER - 6/30/07

Yes, it's that time of year again. Mark your calendar! June 30, 2007 from 11:30—4:00. The annual Pacific Lodge Bar-B-Q fundraiser.

As usual, this year's event will be held the weekend before the 4th of July.

Bar-B-Q pork, hash and rice, cole slaw, bread and tea. All for \$ 7.00, eat in or take out.

We have had several people ask about purchasing pound packages. We will first make sure that all the people who purchased tickets for the dinner get theirs first. THEN, if there is any Que leftover, we will offer them

in one or two pound packages.

Your support is greatly appreciated. As you know, this is our only fundraiser all year for the Lodge Building Fun. ALL of the proceeds (100%) go into the fund for operating expenses.

This worthy effort is one of the ways we are able to keep out dues low (\$35.00).

We need your HELP, Brother. We need help with cooking on Friday evening. We need help serving and delivering on Saturday. We need help in SELLING TICKETS. We can't do this without you. This annual

event brings together friends and neighbors of the Olympia Community.

Come on out to the Lodge and pick up some tickets to sell. You won't find a better meal for the price. Come on out to the Lodge for the fine fellowship that we have. Meet our newest members and come say hello to some of us old-timers as well.

Tickets will be available for pickup at the May 8 meeting or you can purchase them from any of the Lodge Officers. We look forward to seeing you at the Lodge soon. Take care.

Brother Bosie



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Knife & Fork Degree