

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



THE TRESTLEBOARD

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Brothers, I really don't know where to begin because there is SO much going on at Pacific Lodge. I sure hope you are a part of it.

As I mentioned last month, we voted on 7 candidates in February. A request for reinstatement came in as did two other petition for degrees. What a WONDERFUL time for Masonry and Pacific.

Pacific Lodge will be a part of the Olympia Festival this year. Our building, with the treasures of Olympia High School, will be available for those attending to visit and tour. They will also be able to see the Masonic artifacts from around the world we have on dis-

play, spanning the globe from Scotland to Western Australia. Brothers will be there to answer questions.

Pacific Lodge will also act as host to the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias this year. Myrtle Lodge # 3, uses our Lodge each month and has made arrangements to use the Lodge for the Pythian Grand Lodge, Pythian Ladies' Grand Lodge and their Grand Lodge banquet.

We are reaching out into our community whenever possible. In January, we raised over \$ 178 for the Clay Dixon Fund, and we sent \$ 200 for the Masonic Services Association.

I urge you to come out and support YOUR Lodge and be part of something special.

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.



ON THE LEVEL - EQUALITY

My Brothers, one of my fondest moments in a Lodge is when everyone takes a step forward and meets "On the Level." We are taught that in Masonry, all ranks are leveled and that we are all Brothers bound by that Mystic Tie. In February, we Initiated a retired

U.S.M.C. Surgeon, retired Army Colonel and Columbia Police Captain. Although the temptation to call them by their title is great (and how I learned to address my elders and those in positions of authority) it was with joy that I explained to the new Brothers

that, in the Lodge, we are all the same. We are all Brothers, cut from the same fabric by the G.A.O.T.U. I suppose it might be a difficult concept to grasp, but as they continue their journey, they will know EXACTLY what I mean. See you soon, Brother. Bosie

OFFICERS FOR 2008

- *Fred Garren, P.M., W.M.*
- *Brian Gambrell, S.W.*
- *Bill Yandle, J.W.*
- *Jim Jaco, Treas.*
- *Bosie Martin, P.M. Sec.*
- *Del Collins, S.D.*
- *Richard Prudence, J.D.*
- *David Dowden, Stew.*
- *Michael Hershberger, Stew.*
- *Wayne Whitworth, Chap.*
- *Jan Barkan, Tyler*

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OFFICER SPOTLIGHT - BRO. JAN BARKAN, TILER



The Implement of his office
Tiler or Outer Guard

Brother Jan Barkan is fairly new to Pacific Lodge. He and his family moved here from Miami and he has affiliated from (Biscayne Bay Lodge). Brother Jan retired from the United States Coast Guard as a CW03 or Chief Warrant Officer.

Brother Jan wasted no time in finding a "Masonic home" here in Columbia. He immediately went to the Scottish Rite Body (where I first met him) and then visited several

Lodges here in the Columbia area before deciding on Pacific. We are delighted to have him with us.

One of Bro. Jan's pleasures is making a presentation of wages for the second degree. He has presented several Lodges in the 10th District with such a display. On a plate he has cleverly put jars of oil, corn and wine and securely sealed them. This presentation is a vivid display of what the candidates will

learn and leaves a good impression on exactly what they are.

Most recently, Bro. Jan volunteered to wash and iron candidates clothing as well as our "work" aprons. You can always find Bro. Jan nearby seeking ways in which he can help out. Bro. Jan is a member of the Columbia Mac Club (Apple Computers) and recently attended MacWorld Convention in San Francisco, CA. Welcome aboard, Jan!



Dr. Mackey courtesy of
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FAMOUS MASONS - DR. ALBERT GALLATIN MACKEY

Born: March 12, 1807

Died: June 20, 1881

Dr. Mackey practiced medicine until 1854, after which literary and masonic pursuits fully occupied his time. In July, 1865, President Johnson appointed him Collector of the Port. Later defeated in a senatorial race, he moved to Washington, D.C. in 1870.

Compiler of *A Lexicon of Freemasonry* in 1845, he went on to publish many books on Freemasonry, most notably his *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*.

At various times he edited such publications as the *Western Masonic Miscellany* (1849-54), the *Masonic Quarterly Review* (1857-58), the *American Freemason* (1859-60), and

Mackey's National Freemason (1871-74) and the *Voice of Freemasonry* (1875-79).

Initiated, Passed and Raised: 1841 *Saint Andrews Lodge No. 10, S.C.*, Worshipful Master: 1842 *Solomon's Lodge No. 1, Charleston* Founding member: 1851 *Landmark Lodge No. 76* Grand Secretary: 1842-1867, S.C. Affiliated: 1870 *Landmark Lodge No. 19, D.C.*

MASONIC EDUCATION: THE SHOE

Among the ancient Israelites, the shoe was made use of in several significant ways. *To put off the shoes*, imported reverence, and was done in the presence of God, or on entering the dwelling of a superior. *To unloose one's shoe and give it to another* was a way of confirming a contract. Thus we read in the book of Ruth, that Boaz having proposed to the nearest kinsman of Ruth to exercise his legal right by redeeming the land of Naomi, which was offered for sale, and marrying her daughter-in-law,

the kinsman, being able to do so, resigned his right of purchase to Boaz; and the narrative goes on to say (Ruth iv, 7 and 8), "Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor; and this was a testimony in Israel. Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thee. So he drew off his shoe." The reference to the shoe in the First Degree is therefore really as a sym-

bol of a Covenant to be entered into. In the Third Degree the symbolism is altogether different. This this degree the ceremony of taking off the shoes, as a token of respect, whenever we are on or about to approach holy ground. It is referred to in Exodus (iii, 5), where the angel of the Lord, at the burning bush, exclaims to Moses: "Draw not nigh hither; put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." The Rite, in fact, always was, and still is, used among

the Jews and other Islamic and Oriental nations when entering their Temples, Mosques and other sacred edifices. It does not seem to have been derived from the command given to Moses; but rather to have existed as a religious custom from time immemorial, and to have been borrowed by the Gentiles, through tradition, from the patriarchs. The direction of Pythagoras to his disciples was, "Offer sacrifice and worship with thy shoes off."

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M.S.A. - MASONIC SERVICES ASSOCIATION

The Masonic Service Association of North America conducts an active Hospital Volunteer Program in more than 157 Veterans Administration Medical Centers, several state operated Veterans Homes, and in a number of Military Hospitals in the United States and other countries, using hundreds of volunteers who contribute more than one quarter million volunteer hours of service each year. This program is wholly fi-

nanced by the voluntary contributions of Masons and Masonic Bodies. More than nine million dollars have been expended in the operation of this Program since 1946.

"Little things mean a lot": a friendly smile, a warm hand-clasp, an embrace and a kind word can do as much for those who are lonely and depressed in a hospital or a nursing home as all the medicine that the doctors can prescribe. Particularly for veter-

ans who may be without families, these Hospital Visitors provide a link with the outside world which is critical. The friendships formed and the appreciation of those who are hospitalized, sometimes for life, are a wonderful 'paycheck' for the work done. The Hospital Visitation Program is a vital part of the Fraternity that deserves your attention and needs your immediate help.

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Ask about the Hospital Visitation Program

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

As a Knight Templar, one has many opportunities to help others who are less fortunate. One way is through the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The Eye Foundation is a Great Humanitarian Charity whose purpose is to provide research, surgical treatment and hospitalization to those who suffer from diseases or injury to the eyes. Since its inception, the Knights

Templar Eye Foundation has spent more than \$35 million dollars to help provide medical treatment for those unable to afford it. Today, over 44,000 people have directly benefited from this financial assistance. And as always, treatments are provided regardless of race, color, creed, age, or national origin. Research grants, totaling over \$2.5 million dollars, have

been made to institutions working in the field of Eye Research. Informative films are also available through local Commanderies for presentation to churches, PTA meetings and other interested organizations. To its end, the Knights Templar, through the efforts of its members, is committed to "Helping Others To See." For Information Phone: (847) 490-3838.



Masonic Charities

SCOTTISH RITE "LEARNING CENTERS FOR CHILDREN"

The Scottish Rite Center for Childhood Language Disorders is a program that provides professional speech/language therapy to preschool children suffering from speech or language disorders. The Columbia Center was established by the South Carolina Scottish Rite Foundation September 1, 1987 and is located in the Columbia Scottish Rite Center. Follow-

ing in the footsteps of Scottish Rite Clinics across the country, this Center provides quality, state-of-the-art speech and language diagnostic and remediation services for preschool children with communicative disorders free of charge. However, these services are not "free." All services provided are supported by the Scottish Rite Foundation of South Carolina

and through the generosity of the more than 15,000 members of the Scottish Rite Masons. Therefore, the Center can provide therapy to many families who otherwise could not afford to get the necessary help for their children. Over 1,000 children have been successfully treated at this Center. For more information or to schedule a tour, call: 803-776-5474. See p. 5



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MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

March 4—Regular Stated Communication

March 11—Entered Apprentice Degree (*)

March 18 - Fellow Craft Degree (*)

March 31—Square & Compass of the Midlands @ Dentsville Lodge

April 1—Regular Communication

(no joke)

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

Any questions, please call

W. Bro. Bosie Martin, Secretary at 803-960-9136

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

GRAND LODGE - HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

Upon your first Masonic Education session, you are told that ANY Master Mason can attend Grand Lodge. This is true and you are welcome to come and watch the proceedings. However, each Lodge gets three votes; the Master and the two Wardens. These three principal supports will cast votes on issues that may come before Grand Lodge. They will poll the Lodge beforehand and get a solid consensus of which way the Lodge wants them to vote and then they will carry out that duty.

This year, Grand Lodge will be held in Greenville, S.C.,

On April 24-25. As is custom, Grand Lodge will open for the general public with a prayer session prior to the opening of Grand Lodge. Wives, children and family members are welcome to come and join this worship service.

Upon conclusion of this service, the Lodge is purged of non-Masons and the business of Grand Lodge is called on. You will hear reports from all committees, hear where the Grand Master has been, learn of Special Grand Lodge Communications and get a good sense of the state of Freemasonry in South

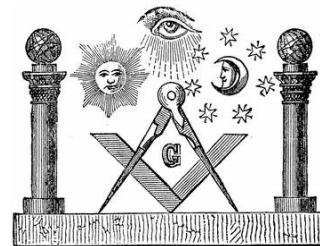
Carolina.

There is a Grand Master's golf tournament held on the Wednesday before Grand Lodge and a formal banquet held on the Thursday night of Grand Lodge. If anyone is interested in attending, please let me know as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made to obtain tickets (if available).

Remember, YOU are Grand Lodge. They cannot exist without us nor can we exist without them. It is our duty to attend and to vote the will of Pacific Lodge. I hope some will be able to make it.



Support YOUR Lodge and
YOUR Grand Lodge



MASONS IN ACTION

THE REST OF THE STORY ABOUT E. "CLIFF" SINGLETON

SCOTTISH RITE LANGUAGE CENTER OF COLUMBIA

Program Eligibility

The Board of Directors of the Columbia Center has chosen to serve only preschool children who have difficulty speaking or understanding the spoken word. All services are available to preschool children regardless of race, creed, or color. This Center does not provide services to children who are enrolled in any public school services or receive speech and language therapy from another service provider, regardless of age or severity of their disorder. Children enrolled in private Kindergarten who do not receive additional speech and language services may receive services from this Center. This is because there is no free speech and language services available at most private Kindergartens. However, once children reach the first grade, they are no longer considered preschool children and are not eligible for services from our Center.

Services Available

Diagnosis of speech and language disorders:

Receptive and expressive language disorders

Pragmatic language disorders

Speech sound production disorders

Fluency disorders

Individual and/or group therapy

Parent training

Consultation and training for daycare and preschool staff

Future Goals

Approximately ten percent of South Carolina's children will experience some type of hearing, speech, language, or learning disorder. This Center, unlike any other agencies in the geographic area, provides speech and language services at no charge. With the exception of therapy available through public school programs, there are virtually no other "free" evaluation and therapy services for children with speech and language disorders in the Columbia or surrounding areas. This Center can serve approximately fifty children at a time. The Scottish Rite Center continues to need support/donations for staff, instructional materials, special equipment, and improved facilities.

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INTRODUCING:
Rite Care Teddy Bear

