



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



THE PACIFIC TRESTLEBOARD

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WELCOME TO THE FRATERNITY

I want to welcome our three new Master Masons who were Raised this past Tuesday evening, Feb. 24. I was very proud of these young men, Pat Chapman, Bryan Collins and Joey Goodson. Patrick had his Grandfather in attendance with several Brothers from his Lodge in the upstate. Thanks for driving the Brother down. While he was too frail to help Raise his Grandson, his expression of joy when Pat got that Third Degree said it all.

Bro. Bryan was raised by his father-in-law, Rickey Vick. I always like to see family get involved and take part of such a tremendous moment in their life.

Bro. Joey was Raised by his good friend and now Brother Michael Hershberger, our Tyler.

These three young men came in together, stayed with the program and made it through all three degrees in the minimal 3 months. Congratulations, my Brothers!

Pending the ballot box on March 3, we should be welcoming another 2 candidates as they begin their journey into the GREATEST fraternity in the world.

Come on out and join us as we continue to work for our Community and Masonry. We have so much to be thankful for. Take just a moment to reflect on your

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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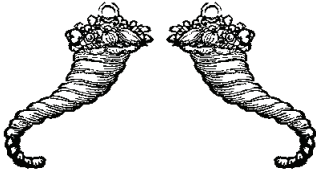
Our web-site has attracted yet another "interest" from afar. This time it was not "THE" question, but rather an inquiry from a Past Master from Ohio. It seems he is bringing a large group down the week of March 9-13 for a golf outing. Worshipful Brother Rodney

Anderson of Ohio is truly looking forward to meeting our members and seeing how "we" do the work. I am expecting about 12 visitors from Ohio, including a 33° of the AASR (Northern Jurisdiction?) to join us.

Please come and welcome our guests and show them

our "Southern Hospitality."

With any luck at all, we will also have W. Bro. Jim Allen from Texas (OUR Bro. Jim's Dad) with us as well. I hope the timing works out. Again, come join us in welcoming our Brothers from other Jurisdictions!



The Stewards are two in number, and are appointed by the Junior Warden. They sit on the right and left of that officer, each one having a rod, as the insignia of his office, and wearing the cornucopia as a jewel.

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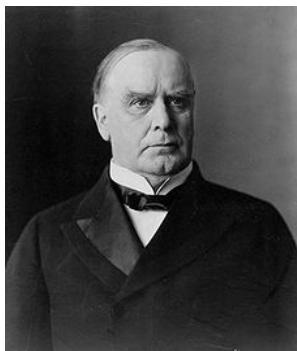
OFFICER SPOTLIGHT - OUR STEWARDS

I'm very proud of our two Stewards, Bros. Wayne E. Whitworth, Jr. and Lindsay Bacon for accepting the appointment as Steward for this year. Both Bro. Wayne and Bro. Lindsay work for the City of Columbia in the Electrical Division.

Bro. Wayne served as Chap-

lain last year and immediately learned the Working Tools for the First Degree. Bro. Lindsay wasted no time in getting a beautiful tattoo showing his love for Masonry and Pacific Lodge. He also learned and now gives the Closing Charge. I thank these two Brothers for all they do and their enthusiasm

for the Craft. While the charge for the Stewards is to assist the Junior Warden in the preparation of the meals and to attend to the Craft, both Bro. Wayne and Bro. Lindsay step up and help out in any way they can. BOTH of them gave blood for the blood drive AND brought a fellow employee. Now



President William McKinley at the turn of the century, by Charles Parker

FAMOUS MASONS: PRESIDENT WILLIAM MCKINLEY

William McKinley, Jr. (January 29, 1843 – September 14, 1901) was the 25th President of the United States, and the last veteran of the American Civil War to be elected. He was assonated while in office.

By the 1880s, McKinley was a national Republican leader; his signature issue was high tariffs on imports as a formula for prosperity, as typified by his McKinley Tariff of 1890. As the Republican candidate in the 1896 presidential election, he upheld the gold standard, and promoted pluralism among ethnic groups. His campaign, designed by Mark Hanna, introduced new adver-

tising-style campaign techniques that revolutionized campaign practices and beat back the crusading of his arch-rival, William Jennings Bryan. The 1896 election is often considered a realigning election that marked the beginning of the Progressive Era. His Masonic information follows:

Hiram Lodge # 21, Virginia 1°
Hiram Lodge No. 21, Winchester, Virginia May 1, 1865, Affiliated Canton Lodge No. 60, Canton, Ohio August 21, 1867. He demitted from same to become a Charter Member of Eagle Lodge No. 431, Canton, Ohio (a.k.a. William McKinley Lodge) You can read much more by going to: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/>

William_McKinley
PRESIDENTIAL TRIVIA...

Which Presidents of the United States were Freemasons?

George Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James A. Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Warren G. Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Gerald R. Ford. Some authorities also include Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, but documentary evidence is lacking. Lyndon B. Johnson received the Entered Apprentice Degree, but did not advance.

25th President of the United States

In office

March 4, 1897 – September 14, 1901
Vice President Garret A. Hobart (1897-1899)
None (1899-1901)
Theodore Roosevelt (1901)
Preceded by Grover Cleveland
Succeeded by Theodore Roose-

MASONIC EDUCATION: NUMBERS...

The symbolism which is derived from numbers was common to the Pythagoreans, the Cabalists, the Gnostics, and all mystical associations. Of all superstitions, it is the oldest and the most generally diffused. Allusions are to be found to it in all the systems of religion; the Jewish Scriptures, for instance, abound in it, and the Christian shows a share of its influence. It is not, therefore, surprising that the

most predominate of all symbolism in Freemasonry is that of numbers. The doctrine of numbers as symbols is most familiar to us because it formed the fundamental idea of the philosophy of Pythagoras. Yet it was not original with him, since he brought his theories from Egypt and the East, where his numerical symbolism had always prevailed. Iamblichus tells us (*On the Pythagorean Life*, 28) that Py-

thagoras himself admitted that he had received the doctrine of numbers from Orpheus, who taught that numbers were the most provident beginning of all things in heaven, earth, and the intermediate space, and the root of the perpetuity of Divine beings, of the gods and of demons. From the disciples of Pythagoras we learn, for he himself taught only orally, and left no writings, that his theory was

that numbers contain the elements of all things, and even of the sciences. Numbers are the invisible covering of beings as the body is the visible one. They are the primary causes upon which the whole system of the universe rests; and he who knows these numbers knows at the same time the laws through which nature exists.

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MORE LIGHT: SEAL OF SOLOMON

Seal of Solomon or the *Shield of David*, for under both names the same thing was denoted. A hexagonal figure consisting of two interlaced triangles, thus forming the outlines of a six-pointed star. Upon it was inscribed one of the sacred names of God, from which inscription it was supposed principally to derive its talismanic powers. These powers were very extensive, for it was believed that it would extinguish fire, prevent wounds in a conflict, and perform many other wonders. The Jews called it the *Shield of David* in reference to the protection it gave to its possessors. But to the other Orientalists it was more familiarly known as the *Seal of Solo-*

mon. Among these imaginative people, there was a very prevalent belief in the magical character of the King of Israel. He was esteemed rather as a great magician than as a great monarch, and by the signet which he wore, on which this talismanic seal was engraved, he is supposed to have accomplished the most extraordinary actions, and by it to have enlisted in his service the labors of the genii for the construction of his celebrated Temple. In time, with the progress of the new religion, it ceased to be invested with a magical reputation, although the Hermetic philosophers of the Middle Ages did employ it as one of their mystical symbols; but true to

the theory that superstitions may be repudiated, but will never be forgotten, it was adopted by the Christians as one of the emblems of their faith, but with varying interpretations. The two triangles were sometimes said to be symbols of fire and water, sometimes of prayer and remission, sometimes of creation and redemption, or of life and death, or of resurrection and judgment. But at length the ecclesiologists seem to have settled on the idea that the figure should be considered as representing the two natures of our Lord--His Divine and His human nature.

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Seal of Solomon or the Shield of David.

GIVING TO M.S.A. - MASONIC SERVICES ASSN.

The Masonic Service Association of North America (MSANA) was formed in 1919 to provide services to its member Grand Lodges that they would find difficult to provide for themselves. Thus the national voice that the MSA has is dedicated to Service to the Masonic community.

The primary functions and activities of the MSANA are: Disaster Relief - since 1923 the MSA has collected and forwarded funds for disasters around the world.

Education/Information Publications - the MSA has a free catalog of publications, bulletins and other materials available.

Masonic Information Center - to provide information on Freemasonry to Masons and non-Masons alike and to respond to critics of Freemasonry.

Hospital Visitation Program - provides assistance and service to our sick or wounded veterans. Service - The Masonic Service

Association of North America is a servant of Freemasonry. Formed of and supported by Grand Lodges, it is a voice that they can move to action, that the great heart of the Fraternity be made manifest and that the will of a united Craft may be done.

My Brothers, I was pleased when the Lodge voted to donate \$ 1.00 for every member towards the cause of the Masonic Services Association. The recommended donation is \$.25 per member!



PLEASE

CHECK YOUR DUES CARD - DUES ARE

\$ 40.00

Your card should read
2009

FROM THE EAST - BRIAN GAMBRELL, W.M.

Our Lodge has a problem good to have: lots of business. While this makes our business meetings lengthy, it affords an opportunity that does not come along very often. The length of the meetings is a welcome sign of the vitality of Pacific. A Lodge without business, particularly degree work, cannot hope to continue to exist.

This is a transformational period in the history of Pacific. Some of these changes are obvious with the adoption of new jewels, columns, station covers,

etc. Some of these changes are to come. The rest of these changes are to come. The recent merger with Forest Acres is providing our Lodge with resources to make our building the envy of the Lodges in the District as well as the State.

We have a committee that is already examining two categories: needs and wants. The needs include upgrading two our bathrooms to handicapped-accessible; improvements to the parking lot, and (probably) a new roof. The wants include an inte-

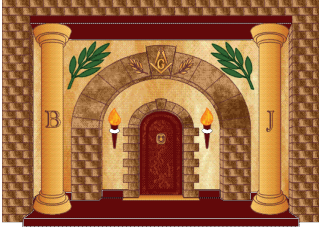
rior remodel of the lodge room with new chairs, carpet, altar, etc. M.W. Ron Mitchum and a crew will be bringing over examples of the furniture over to the Lodge for you to examine. Please carefully consider these examples and be prepared to discuss these issues at a future business meeting. If you have any suggestions, seek out Wor. Bro. Fred Garren, Bro. Richard Prudence, or myself so that these concerns can be listed and prioritized. I look forward to seeing you "on the level." *Bro. Brian*



Bro. Brian Gambrell, WM

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INTERESTING ITEMS FROM PHOENIXMASONRY.ORG



MUSIC

One of the seven liberal arts and sciences, whose beauties are inculcated in the Fellow Craft's Degree. Music is recommended to the attention of Freemasons, because as the "concord of sweet sounds" elevates the generous sentiments of the soul, so should the concord of good feeling reign among the Brethren, that by the union of friendship and brotherly love the boisterous passions may be lulled and harmony exist throughout the Craft. The Fellow Craft lecture explains *Music* as that elevated science which affects the passions by sound. There are few who have not felt its charms, and acknowledged its expressions to be intelligible to the heart. It is a language of delightful sensations, far more eloquent than words; it breathes to the ear the clearest intimations; it touches and gently agitates the agreeable and sublime passions; it wraps us in melancholy, and elevates us in joy; it dissolves and inflames; it melts us in tenderness, and excites us to war. This science is truly congenial to the nature of man; for by its powerful charms the most discordant passions may be harmonized and brought into perfect unison; but it never sounds with such seraphic harmony as when employed in singing hymns of gratitude to the Creator of the universe.

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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 immoveable, 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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THE TILER'S OATH

Before any strange and unknown visitor can gain admission into a Masonic Lodge, he is required in the United States of America to take the following oath: "I, A.B., do hereby and hereon solemnly and sincerely swear that I have been regularly initiated, passed, and raised to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason in a just and legally constituted Lodge of such; that I do not now stand suspended or expelled; and know of no reason why I should not hold Masonic communication with my Brethren." It is called the Tiler's Oath, because it is usually taken in the Tiler's room, and was formerly administered by that officer, whose duty it is to protect the Lodge from the approach of unauthorized visitors. It is now administered by the Committee of Examination, and not only he to whom it is administered, but he who administers it, and all who are present, must take it at the same time. It is a process of purgation, and each one present, the visitor as well as the members of the Lodge, is entitled to know that all the others are legally qualified to be present at the esoteric examination which is about to take place.

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Note: When travelling in some jurisdictions, this Tiler's Oath is required as part of some examinations. It should be committed to memory in the event you are asked to repeat it. This can also be found in the Ahimon Rezon. Bro. Bosie

~ **The Rusty Nail Degree** ~

We hope to put one on, pending approval by the Grand Master

Rusty Nail Degree by the Masonic Services Association

MSA has received numerous inquiries about the "Rusty Nail" night. We asked our readers in Emessay Notes to give us any available information. From those responses we have put together the following Short Talk.

Special thanks go to Dale C. Motter, G.M. Missouri and John Anagnostis, PGM and G.S. of Maine for permission to use programs approved by their respective Grand Lodges.

Important Note: This Short Talk is Informational only! Do not plan such a program without approval from your Grand Lodge! Missouri, for example, permits contacting prospective members. Many Grand Lodges do not until a prospective member inquires. However: Permission to adapt for use in your own jurisdiction is hereby given. The purpose of this Short Talk is merely to give information about the "Rusty Nail" degree and to illustrate how two Grand Lodges have "put together" such a program.

Editor

Introduction

The Order of the Rusty Nail is a short program for use in a tiled l to refresh the memories of brethren holding a valid dues card who are not regular in their Lodge attendance.

The Order of the Rusty Nail refreshes the memory regarding the passwords and signs of the three Blue Lodge degrees. It touches on Lodge customs and reviews the mysteries and legends of Freemasonry as taught in the ritual.

The Order of the Rusty Nail can be effectively used as a tool to encourage increased regular attendance at Lodge meetings and for bringing a non-attending Brother into the Lodge and making him feel at ease with what may be forgotten ritual.

The Lodge may "Put On" the Order of the Rusty Nail on a regularly scheduled basis or only on special occasions. It is recommended the Lodge select candidates carefully and insure the success of the Order of the Rusty Nail by personal contact with the brethren receiving the Order both before and afterward.

Lodges should consider developing a packet of information for presentation to the candidate. This could include a copy of Lodge Customs and other appropriate Masonic publications. Be sure to include a blank petition and encourage the candidate to encourage a worthy friend to become a member. Consider a Rusty Nail lapel pin for inclusion in the packet.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education is making this program available to interested Lodges and Brethren for use in promoting Lodge attendance in particular and Masonic education in general.

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MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

March 3 - Regular Communication

March 10 - Entered Apprentice Degree * - come out and welcome our visiting guests from Ohio and Texas.

March 17 - DARK - Practice

March 24 - Master Mason Degree *

March 31 - Square & Compass Club of the Midlands - Ft. Jackson

April 6, Regular Communication

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](#)

SECRETARY'S MUSINGS

My Brothers, it is always a pleasure to be with members of the Craft. I enjoy both being in our Lodge as well as travelling to other Lodges around the state.

Last month I went to Pawley's Island # 409 , A.F.M. for a very special night (see last month's newsletter).

I will be at Fort Jackson Lodge on Saturday, Feb. 28 for a morning Master's Degree. I have also made a pledge to myself to visit Clinton Lodge in Abbeville in the coming months.

The reason for the latter is due to a phone call I got asking for help in putting together a Rusty Nail De-

gree in their Lodge.

As outlined on page 6 of this Trestleboard, we must, of course, obtain the permission of the Grand Master to hold such degrees.

I believe that this will be approved as I know it will get many "inactive" Brothers back in the Lodge. As soon as we get this approval and set a date, we will notify everyone and I hope you will bring at least ONE Brother who has not been to the Lodge in a long time (but is current on his dues) to "refresh" his memory.

Some Brothers take their degrees and never return to the Lodge (although that is

very rare these days)...

Some may come and not feel "part" of the Lodge, be it the work, or whatever.

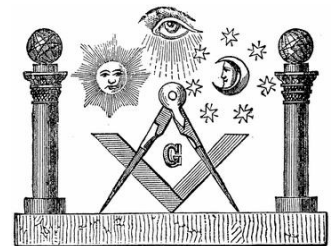
In many instances, they may not know anyone in the Lodge for one reason or another. THIS is the precise reason why we need to make them feel WELCOME and "at home" in THEIR Lodge.

We have all travelled the same road. We have all taken the same degrees and we are one Sacred Band of Brothers. Please remember that and welcome the Brothers you may not recognize.

You never get a second chance to make a first impression. Carpe Diem!



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