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THREE NEW MASTER MASONS AT PACIFIC

On Tuesday, May 22, Pacific Lodge raised three new brothers to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Please join me in welcoming Brothers Gary Vanover, Donald Crutchfield and David Dowden. It is indeed a pleasure to have you with us. Brothers Crutchfield and Dowden are drill sergeants at Fort Jackson and were introduced into Masonry by Brother David Newman, another D.I. who is about to depart for helicopter training in Alabama. Bro. Vanover asked the question of R.W. Brother Edward Neeley who he works for. These new members will make fine additions to our rolls and we look forward to being with them in the

future. We want to wish Brother Newman well in his military endeavors. We wish you all the best and hope you will be back with us soon.

As we approach this Memorial Day Weekend, let us stop and give thanks for all of the brave men and women serving in our Armed Forces. Let us remember all of those who have served to give us the many precious freedoms we enjoy today. We honor them for their courage and love of God and country. We honor them for the many sacrifices they make and have made. We honor them and the memory of those gone on. We can only say thank you and may God Bless you and yours.

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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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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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. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated. As you know, this is our only fundraiser all year for the Lodge Building Fun.

ALL of the proceeds go

into that fund to offset operating expenses.

There are a LOT of BBQ fundraisers going on this time of year. I urge you to support as many as you can, but always remember the PACIFIC GOLD BBQ on June 30. None finer!!

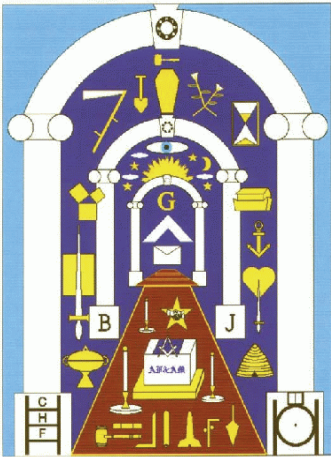


MEMORIAL DAY 2007

As I sit and reflect on what Memorial Day means, I think about our founding fathers. I think about what they had to do to overcome the obstacles of forming a new nation. I think of all of the work done to lay the foundation to make this nation what it is today. I think of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution. I think of the lives lost at Bunker Hill, Cowpens, Lexington & Concord and finally Yorktown. I

think of our ancestors who fought to preserve our freedom during World War I. I think of the new weapons of death and destruction faced by those who fought; machine guns, mustard gas and tanks. I think of those who gave their lives during World War II. The battlefields and cemeteries over the globe that contain the remains of so valiant of heroes. I think of the men and women who fought in Korea and Viet Nam to make

the world safe. I think of those who served in Panama, Grenada, Desert Storm, and those who are serving now in Iraq and in Afghanistan in the name of FREEDOM. Think back and remember. Take a moment to stop, pause to remember and give thanks to all of those who have served and are serving now to make and keep it safe, free and the GREATEST place on the face of the earth to live. Again, we thank you.



A Masonic Carpet

How many can you name?

SYMBOLS - MASONIC EDUCATION

What is the derivation, and use of a symbol? Latin, Symbolum. A word derived from the Greek sumballein, to suspect, divine, compare; a word of various meaning, even with the ancients, who used it to denote a sign, a mark, watchword, signal, token, a seal-ring, etc., its meaning is still more various in modern times. What is the derivation,

and use of a symbol? Freemasonry is a complete system of symbolic teaching, and can be known, understood and appreciated only by those who study its symbolism, and make themselves acquainted with its occult meaning. To such, Freemasonry has a grand and sublime significance. Its symbols are moral, philosophical and religious, and all these are pregnant

with great thoughts, and reveal to the intelligent Mason the awesome mystery of life, and the awful mystery of death. [Rom. 16:25](#)

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Look at the carpet to the left and see how many symbols you can name and see if you can recall the deep meaning of each one. Good hunting!



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

RETURN VISIT! MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

It's official. We will have a visit in November for the installation of the new W.M. of Lodge St. John Number 192 in Muthill, Scotland.

Mark your calendar and start saving your \$\$ as we ARE making the journey once again. In 2005, a delegation from South Carolina went to Scotland for the Installation of W.B. John McMillan as Mas-

ter of that Lodge. This November, his father, Jock (who happens to be the Secretary of the Lodge) will assume the East on Nov. 2, 2007.

We would like 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 me an e-mail at

pacific325@aol.com.

We would love to have you join us and extend the hand of brotherly love and affection and take fraternal greetings across the sea!

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Bosie Martin, P.M., P.G. Stw., Sec., Pacific 325 A.F.M.

BROTHER GEORGE WASHINGTON

The name of Washington occupies a prominent place in Masonic biography, not perhaps so much because of any services he has done to the Institution either as a worker or a writer, but because the fact of his connection with the Craft is a source of pride to every American Freemason, at least, who can thus call the "Father of his Country" a Brother. There is also another reason. While the friends of the Institution have felt that

the adhesion to it of a man so eminent for virtue was a proof of its moral and religious character, the opponents of Freemasonry, being forced to admit the conclusion, have sought to deny the premises, and, even if compelled to admit the fact of Washington's initiation, have persistently asserted that he never took any interest in it, disapproved of its spirit, and at an early period of his life abandoned it. The truth of

history requires that these misstatements should be met by a brief recital of his Masonic career.

Washington was initiated, in 1752, in the Lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia, and the records of that Lodge, still in existence. The first entry is thus: "Nov. 4th. 1752. This evening Mr. George Washington was initiated as an entered Apprentice", receipt of the entrance fee, amounting to £2 3s., was acknowledged.



President and Brother George Washington

BROTHERLY RELIEF - A HEARTWARMING STORY

My Brothers, if you missed the Master's Degree on the 22nd, you missed something special. R.W. Bro. Edward Neeley presented an appeal on behalf of the Masonic Service Association and the Grand Lodge for assistance for the tornado stricken town of Greensburg, Kansas. You may remember that on the night of May 4, 2007, a tornado struck and leveled more

than 90% of the town and killed 10 residents. I'm sure many recall the vivid images on television of the lone grain tower standing among the rubble (see photos, right).

Not only did the Masonic Lodge in the town get destroyed, but many of the Brothers of the Lodge lost their houses and all of their belongings that night.

One request for assistance resulted in a contribution of just over \$ 300 in ONE NIGHT. That was just from the Brothers present at the meeting. The lodge also agreed to send an additional \$ 200 from the Charity Fund to make the total slightly more than \$ 500 from Pacific Lodge. Keep these folks in your prayers and thanks for your generosity.



Photos of aftermath in Greensburg, KS



R.W. DAVID DECHANT, JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

The moniker of "new kid on the block" is generally associated with the incoming Junior Grand Warden. This is a term used affectionately by those who know that while the Brother may be "new" to the Grand Line, he is anything but new to the Craft.

R.W. Brother DeChant was raised in MacArthur No. 427

in 1990. His hard work and dedication to the fraternity allowed him to serve as Worshipful Master in 1994, a mere four years after being raised. He didn't stop serving at the end of his term; he currently serves MacArthur as its treasurer. In 1999, he was selected the Mason of the Year for the first and second districts. He has served our

Grand Lodge as Junior Grand Deacon and District Deputy Grand Master as well as being a member of the Masonic Services Association Committee. He continues to serve as a member of the Masonic Education Committee. These are just a few of the "new kid's" credentials. Look well to the South R.W. Brother David.



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MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

June 5—Regular Communication

June 12—Entered Apprentice Degree *

June 19—Fellow Craft Degree *

June 29—Annual SC-GA Exchange Visit (Augusta, GA)

June 30—Annual Lodge Bar-B-Que

July 3—Regular Communication

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

THANKS TO THOSE WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES

I regret that many times we tend to miss out on some of the people who do so much for Pacific Lodge and help keep it great.

I want to thank Bro. Mark Drafts and his wife. Mark is a busy man and you may not see him at many meetings, but you can ALWAYS count on him to be there when he's needed. You will always see Mark at the Bar-B-Que. He can be found working behind the counter making plates or doing anything else that needs to be done.

Mark and his wife are the ones who have taken it upon themselves to keep the grass

cut and the hedges trimmed. Have you ever noticed that just before we have a big degree or special function that the grass just suddenly and "mysteriously" gets cut? Well, you can thank Bro. Mark.

How about the kitchen and all the fine meals we enjoy? Well, W. Bro. Doyle Jaco has taken it upon himself to feed us at EVERY meeting. Of course, it's not JUST Doyle. Brenda, Doyle's "better half" does the lion's share of the work from planning the meals to going shopping for the ingredients. They don't do all of this

alone, either. W. Bro. Paul Martin and W. Bro. Bill Martin are often behind the counter helping get the tea and coffee made, the plates ready and the food out to serve.

Bros. Larry Gamble and Billy Hilliard have worked on the plumbing and air conditioning. These folks don't get a lot of recognition, but we really do appreciate everything you do.

We offer thanks to EVERYONE who helps out and makes "IT" happen, working in the spirit of the fraternity and for the Good of the Order.



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