

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



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WHAT A YEAR... SO FAR

Alright, I suppose most of you are tired of hearing me talk about what a great year we've been having. Sorry, I've got to say once more how proud I am of everyone whether recommending candidates, sitting on investigation committees, coaching or actually doing the "work," I can't say enough. We have had "novices" as well as "life members" confer degrees on candidates this past month. While we were supposed to confer 7 degrees in March, one candidate got "stuck in the field" (U.S. Army drill sergeant) and will wait until next month.

We started out with W.B. Roy McEwen sitting in the East for the Entered Ap-

prentice Degree for 3 candidates, Bro. Brian Gambrell, our Sr. Warden open and close for a Fellow Craft proficiency and Bro. Del Collins, our Sr. Deacon, do the work for the Master's Degree.

Bro. Wayne Whitworth has learned and delivered the working tools lecture for the E.A., Bro. Vardie Corley learned and presented the long apron lecture this month. Bros. Del Collins and Bill Yandle have learned the first and second degree lectures and have given them, with Bro. Bill giving both 1st and 2nd lectures.

Keep up the Good work my Brothers. Again, we are very proud of your accomplishments and zeal...

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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Grand Lodge A.F.M. of
South Carolina.**



THE RUSTY NAIL & RUSTY NAIL DEGREE

If a metal tool is left outside in the elements, it can become covered with iron oxide or "rust". The same can be said of a Mason.

I would like to know if you are a "Rusty Nail"? What exactly is a rusty nail and what is a Rusty Nail Degree? In the Masonic sense, a Rusty Nail is

a Brother that hasn't been to lodge in a while and may have forgotten some of the grips, words or signs. The Degree is to acquaint or re-familiarize a Brother into the Fraternity and maybe get him interested in the Masonic Lodge again. . If you haven't been to a Lodge in a long time, you may be reluctant to attend. You may

not remember the work. We would like to help.

If this is something that might interest you, we are planning a Rusty Nail Degree this summer (pending dispensation from the Grand Master). Please call me at 803-960-9136 or e-mail the Lodge for more details.

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.*
- *, Tyler*

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - "COACH" BILLY HILLIARD



Bro. Billy Hilliard

You may know him as the "BBQ Sauce King" or you may know him as "Coach"... William Roy "Billy" Hilliard retired from the S.C. National Guard in 1996 as C.W. 4 after 38 years, but still works more than full time.

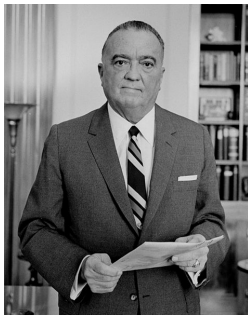
Bro. Billy was a star athlete for Olympia High School. He went on to begin his military career shortly after graduation. Today, Bro. Billy is the driving force behind coaching our candidates in degree

work. I haven't known any of his "students" not to reach proficiency in any given amount of time. Granted, for some it takes the entire 28 days to learn (or longer), but I've seen Billy get candidates ready in as little as a week or two. He is remarkable.

Besides coaching, Bro. Billy volunteers with Olympia Cemetery and is an active member of Southside Baptist Church. He has served as Chairman of the Lodge Audit

Committee for the past several years and does a great job there, too. My guess is that his military background has a lot to do with his approach to various tasks and his "get it done" attitude.

Bro. Billy was married to Betty Lou Bouye in June of 1957 and they are the proud parents of Theresa Hodge and William Stanley Hilliard and grandparents of Lauren and Dillon Hodge. Thanks for all you do, Bro. Billy!



Ill. Bro. J. Edgar Hoover,
Grand Cross

FAMOUS MASONS - ILL. J. EDGAR HOOVER

John Edgar Hoover (January 1, 1895 – May 2, 1972), known popularly as **J. Edgar Hoover**, was the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) of the United States. He founded the present form of the agency, and remained director for 48 years until his death. During his life, Hoover was highly regarded by much

of the U.S. public. Hoover's leadership spanned eight presidential administrations, encompassed Prohibition, the Great Depression, World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, and the Vietnam War.

Illustrious Bro. Hoover was coronated 33° and awarded the Grand Cross. Brother

Hoover was a member of Federal Lodge # 1 in Washington, DC., according to the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction.



MASONIC EDUCATION: CARDINAL VIRTUES - TEMPERANCE



Temperance, one of the four cardinal virtues, the practice of which is inculcated in the First Degree. The Mason who properly appreciates the secrets which he has solemnly promised never to reveal, will not, by yielding to the unrestrained call of appetite, permit reason and judgment to lose their seats, and subject himself, by the indulgence in habits of excess, to discover that which should be concealed, and thus merit and

receive the scorn and detestation of his brethren. And lest any brother should forget the danger to which he is exposed in the unguarded hours of dissipation, the virtue of temperance is wisely impressed upon his memory, by its reference to one of the most solemn portions of the ceremony of initiation. Some Freemasons, very properly condemning the vice of intemperance and abhorring its effects, have been unwisely led to confound temperance

with total abstinence in a Masonic application, and resolutions have sometimes been proposed in Grand Lodges which declare the use of stimulating liquors in any quantity a Masonic offense. Put the law of Freemasonry authorizes no such regulation. It leaves to every man the indulgence of his own tastes within due limits, and demands not abstinence, but only moderation and temperance in anything not actually wrong..© Phoenixmasonry.org

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PRUDENCE

Prudence - Preston first introduced it into the Entered Apprentice Degree as referring to what was then, and long before had been called the *Four Principal Signs*, but which are now known as the *Perfect Points of Entrance*. Preston's eulogium on prudence differs from that used in the lectures of the United States, which was composed by Webb. It is in these

words: "Prudence is the true guide to human understanding, and consists in judging and determining with propriety what is to be said or done upon all our occasions, what dangers we should endeavor to avoid, and how to act in all our difficulties." 2 Chron. 2:12 We all come upon instances in life which require us to exercise good judgment as well as pru-

dence. As Masons, this virtue should come to us instinctively in all of our actions. Prudence should run through our veins with every breath we take and we must let it guide us in our actions with all mankind, and perhaps more especially, among fellow Masons. Prudence will, in itself, lead to good judgments and decisions.

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PRUDENCE

FORTITUDE

This is one of the four cardinal virtues whose excellencies are dilated on in the First Degree. Certain ceremonies based upon the Three Hebrews in the fiery furnace and upon Daniel in the lions' den emphasize the truth that genuine fortitude cannot be shaken by dangers nor dissolved by suffering, and finds its greatest manifestation in refusal to "deny the faith"

under the severest persecutions and trials. By fortitude, Masons are taught to resist temptation, and encounter danger with spirit and resolution. This virtue is equally distant from rashness and cowardice; and he who possesses it is seldom shaken, and never overthrown, by the storms that surround him. Examples of incidents in the Bible on which ceremonies teaching

the duty of genuine fortitude are based can be found in the Great Light: Dan. 3:1-30 -

Dan. 6:1-28. We all face these storms in our lives, and as Masons, our faith in God will give us the fortitude to see us through these difficult times. Strength comes from the power and knowledge of the Great Architect of the Universe. © Phoenixmasonry.org



FORTITUDE

JUSTICE

One of the four cardinal virtues, the practice of which is inculcated in the First Degree. The Freemason who remembers how emphatically he has been charged to preserve an upright position in all his dealings with mankind, should never fail to act justly to himself, to his Brethren, and to the world. This is the corner-stone on which alone

he can expect "to erect a superstructure alike honorable to himself and to the Fraternity." In iconology, the general science pertaining to images, Justice is usually represented as a matron, her eyes bandaged, holding in one hand a sword and in the other a pair of scales at equipoise. But in Freemasonry the true symbol of Justice, as

illustrated in the First Degree, is the feet firmly planted on the ground, and the body upright. EXAMPLE Prov. 21:3 - Jer. 22:15 - Rom. 13:7 and we as Masons are reminded that justice will one day prevail in all matters. As such, we must combine the other three virtues to see that the scales tilt in our favor. © Phoenixmasonry.org



JUSTICE



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MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

~ SETTING THE WORK ~

April 1 - Regular Communication

April 7 - Lodge System of Masonic Education, 6:00

April 8 - Entered Apprentice Degree

April 15 - Fellow Craft Degree

April 22 - Master Mason Degree

May 6 - 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

THE GREAT LIGHT - CENTERPIECE OF A LODGE

The Holy Bible is given to us as a rule and guide of our faith. It **IS** the Trestleboard upon which we are supposed to take our designs from. These designs are to lead us down a virtuous path in all that we say and do.

As Masons, we are to be more closely examined in our behavior than other individuals. We are to be held to a higher standard of conduct. This standard and the rules to govern our lives can be found in the Holy Scriptures.

While most of us are Christians, there are Masons of other faiths as well. It is

their V.S.L., or Volume of Sacred Law as our friends in the U.K. call it, which is to govern their lives.

You can find the answers to most any question and relief for any problem you may face in life within the pages of this "all-time best seller." The Holy Bible can comfort you during difficult times. It will give you inspiration to come through any adversity which may present itself.

We learn that life gives us various obstacles to overcome. We are attacked by old-age and disease and finally, death. The Holy Bible will help us prepare for the

inevitable, our greatest foe, death. With the assistance of the "Great Light" we can be ready for the day that will come to us all.

M.W. Bro. Jerry Carver gave the "Masonic Rites" for Bro. O.B. Sharp. It was done as fine as I have ever seen. In this ritual we are reminded that "we tend to forget that we are born to die..." Never, no never my Brothers, forget that we can find comfort in prayer and supreme knowledge in the Great Light. May it rule and govern YOU, in this your journey through life. May God Bless you all. Bro. Bosie



Holy Bible, Square & Compass



The Great Light