

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



## THE PACIFIC TRESTLEBOARD

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### BEHOLD, HOW GOOD AND PLEASANT...

I enjoy visiting other Lodges, and I think most Brothers feel the same way, but when we get visitors to come to OUR Lodge, well, it really feels like a special occasion. We had such an experience for our E.A. on March 10.

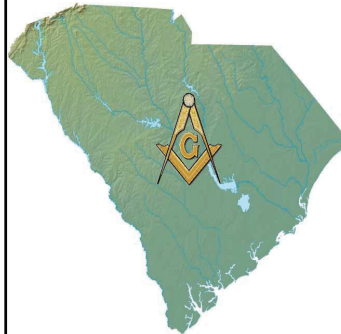
W. Bro. Rodney Anderson brought a group from Canton, Ohio. We had 10 Brothers from this jurisdiction. It was rather an amazing coincidence that I wrote last month about Bro. (and President) William McKinley as the majority of these visiting Brethren were from William McKinley Lodge # 431, of which Bro. McKinley was a charter member. We enjoyed the fellowship of our new

friends and exchanged gifts. W. Bro. Brian was presented with a lodge cap (which he proudly wore during the work) and the Lodge was presented with a history of William McKinley Lodge # 431 of Ohio.

Our Worshipful Master presented the group with an Ahimon Rezon and M.W. Bro. Ron Mitchum presented each of the 4 lodges represented a lapel pin from our 250th anniversary of Masonry in South Carolina. They were also presented with a Grand Master's lapel pin and a Grand Master's coin from Bro. Bill Yandle and W. Bro. Bosie Martin. We had a most enjoyable evening with our Brothers from the "North" and wish them well!

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 AND G.M. VISIT

The 272nd Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge will be held in Charleston April 23-24. Prior to that event, the Grand Master, Gerald L. "Jerry" Carver has planned a visit to Pacific Lodge on April 7 for our Regular Communication. I

hope that you will be able to come out and welcome our Most Worshipful Grand Master as en approaches the end of his term. As always, we will eat at 6:45 and our meeting will begin at 7:30. Come join the fellowship and wish your Grand Master well in

his future travels. As you may know, Grand Masters continue to serve long after they leave office. Just ask M.W. Bros. Ron & Tommie. Wherever they go, they carry the message of Masonry with them and are representatives of not only Grand Lodge, but also US.



Pictured L-R, W. Bro. David Bostic, Bro. Andy Bostic and Bro. Beau Bostic taken at Iwo Jima Memorial, Paris Island.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - THE BROTHERS BOSTICS

Several months ago I wrote of a touching moment when a father, W. Bro. David Bostic, raised his son, Andy at Forest Acres Lodge. I am proud to say that in consequence of our consolidation with their Lodge, we "inherited" not only W. Bro. David and Bro. Andy as members of Pacific, but we got a third Bostic as

well. Bro. Michael "Bo" Bostic is also now a member of Pacific. As you can see from the photo on the left, all three serve or have served their country in the armed forces.  
  
W. Bro. David recently retired from the S.C. National Guard while his oldest

son, Bo, is currently serving in the U.S. Navy. The youngest son and the young man I saw his father raise, Bro. Andy, is serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. I believe he shipped out for basic training the day after he was Raised. We are fortunate to have these Brothers as members of Pacific. Welcome aboard!



Portrait of M.W. Bro. Paul Revere by John Singleton Copley, c.1768-70

FAMOUS MASONS: M.W. BRO. PAUL REVERE

Paul Revere (bap. December 22, 1734 (OS) / January 1, 1735 (NS) – May 10, 1818) American silversmith and a patriot in the American Revolution.

He was glorified after his death for his role as a messenger in the battles of Lexington and Concord, and Revere's name and his "midnight ride" are well-known in the United States as a patriotic symbol. In his lifetime, Revere was a prosperous and prominent Boston craftsman, who helped organize an intelligence and alarm system to keep watch on the British military.

Revere later served as an offi-

cer in the Penobscot Expedition, one of the most disastrous campaigns of the American Revolutionary War, a role for which he was later exonerated. After the war, he was early to recognize the potential for large-scale manufacturing of metal.

Revere fought briefly in the Seven Years War (French and Indian War), serving as a second lieutenant in an artillery regiment that attempted to take the French fort at Crown Point, in present day New York. Upon leaving the army, Revere returned to Boston and assumed control of the silver shop in his own name. He was a silversmith, and also a promi-

nent Freemason. He was a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, Massachusetts, and later serving as Grand Master of Massachusetts 1794-97.

*Listen, my children, and you shall hear  
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,  
On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-Five;  
Hardly a man is now alive  
Who remembers that famous day and year*

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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul\\_Revere](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Revere)



MASONIC EDUCATION: THE MASTER BUILDER

In an operative sense, a Master Builder is, a high intellect artificer, an architect, a skilful worker, who with proper materials such as was furnished by Solomon and Hiram king of Tyre, and placed in the hands of such a man as, "the widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali," we may readily understand the

magnificence of such an edifice as the Solomon Temple.

However, with reference to Speculative Science and that spiritual builder, we cannot lose sight of that builder, who erects the Temples of living stones--teaching strict rectitude and justice towards his fellow-men;

and that their demeanor should be marked by the level of courtesy and kindness; while uprightness of heart and integrity of action, symbolized by the plumb, should be their distinguishing characteristics; and thus guided by the moveable jewels of Masonry, they may

descend the vale of life and joy, of hope in being accepted by the Most High, as successful candidates for admission into the Grand Lodge above. 1 Kings 7:13-51- 1 Cor. 3:9-17.

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## MORE LIGHT: ASTRONOMY

Astronomy is that sublime science which inspires the contemplative mind to soar aloft, and read the wisdom, strength, and beauty of the great Creator in the heavens. How nobly eloquent of the Deity is the celestial hemisphere!--spangled with the most magnificent heralds of his infinite glory! They speak to the whole universe; for there is no speech so bar-

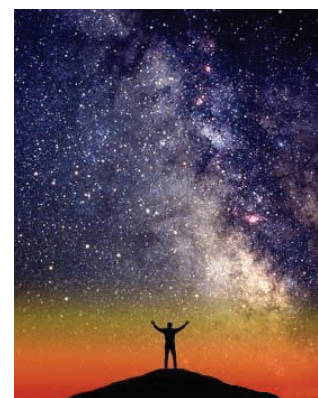
barous, but their language is understood; nor nation so distant, but their voices are heard among them.

*The heavens proclaim the glory of God; The firmament declareth the works of his hands.*

Assisted by Astronomy, we ascertain the laws which govern the heavenly bodies, and by which their motions are directed; investigate the

power by which they circulate in their orbs, discover their size, determine their distance, explain their various phenomena, and correct the fallacy of the senses by the light of truth.

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*The study of the celestial bodies...*

## FROM THE EAST - BRIAN GAMBRELL, W.M.

It was with a small measure of pride that I watched Big Dog Stump & Tree remove the two trees that had become looming threats to the our Lodge building. I visited several times during the work and saw the various stages of removal. The process of removal was remarkable in both the daring and efficiency of the work. However, the potential for disaster always loomed. The pieces of the tree, some weighing over 400 pounds, were swinging over the roof of our building. A simple mistake could have caused serious damage to our building or (more importantly) severe injury to the workmen on the ground. I know we all appreciate the skill and speed by which Big Dog went about its work, and glad that the work was accomplished without any incidents whatsoever.

As I observed Big Dog go about its work, I was reminded that we, as a Lodge, must exercise the same due regard and care with our labor. We are not removing

pieces of a tree, but our labor is far more lasting consequences in the lives of our candidates. We are assisting new brothers in erecting their "future Masonic edifices." This is a serious undertaking which should be approached with the upmost care.

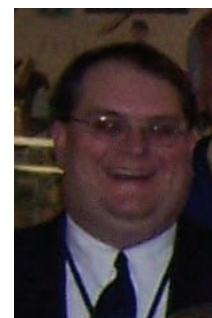
In court, we use the word "solemnity" to implicate the due respect and awe by which we as citizens should approach the awesome power of the court to change lives. A lack of respect carries with it its own punishment in the form of contempt, which can include jail time. Similarly, religious observances are to be treated with the same measure of respect. We all agree the value and importance of belief, and that we would never dare to act disrespectfully to the One "in whom we put our trust."

It then amazes me with the seeming lack of reverence some approach the labor of

the Lodge. I do not mean the manner of dress, but rather the attitude within. I do not believe a rigid dress code enforces solemnity. Instead, we are taught in the Entered Apprentice lecture that it is the "internal, rather than external" which we should value. We all (hopefully) value the moral significance of the ritual and lectures we perform. It cheapens the value of those lessons if we treat them with anything less than our highest esteem.

Does this mean we cannot have fun in our labor or laugh when the humorous happens? Absolutely not. There is sometimes great humor even in serious undertakings. Please be mindful, however, there are appropriate times and places for both. Our candidates will treat the fraternity with same level of respect we show. Let us show the value of our fraternity with a renewed commitment to remember why we labor.

*Bro. Brian*



*Bro. Brian Gambrell, WM*

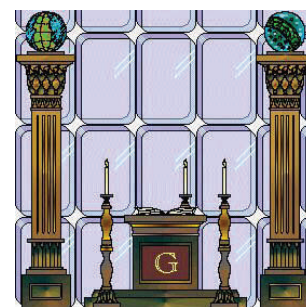
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## INTERESTING ITEMS FROM PHOENIXMASONRY.ORG



### CORRECTION AND APOLOGY

In last month's Trestleboard, I included this regarding the Tiler's Oath: "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." Right now this oath is **NOT** included in our Ahimon Rezon. I apologize to anyone who spent half as much time trying to find it as I did. Evidently I must have seen it in Bro. Grady's "Tennessee Craftsman" but I hope it will be added to our Ahimon Rezon in the near future.

Bro. Bosie

#### Apron

There is no one of the symbols of Speculative Masonry more important in its teachings, or more interesting in its history than the lambskin, or white leather apron. Its lessons commence at an early period in the Mason's progress, and it is impressed upon his memory as the first gift which he receives, the first symbol which is explained to him, and the first tangible evidence which he possesses of his admission into the Fraternity. The color of a Mason's apron should be pure and unspotted white. It appears certain that the use of an apron or some equivalent investiture, as a mystic symbol, was common among the ancients, In ancient Israel the girdle formed a part of the investiture of the priesthood, and for the ordinary priest it was of plain white. The superior orders of the priesthood were adorned with highly ornamented girdles. In the mysteries of the Mithras, in Persia, the candidate was invested with a white apron. The Jewish sect of the Essenes clothed their novices with a white robe. Like other portions of the Masonic ritual, the ceremony of clothing the newly initiated candidate with a white apron of lambskin belongs within the veil of antiquity. In the Hebrew religion and in Christianity, even as in many other sects, white has always been an emblem of purity. The lamb has always been considered as an appropriate emblem of innocence, and hence we are taught, in the ritual of the first degree that "by the lambskin," the Mason is reminded of "that purity of life and rectitude of conduct which is so essentially necessary to his gaining admission into the Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe forever presides." The apron becomes his personal property as "the badge of a Mason." As he advances in Masonry he will receive other aprons of varying types, but never one that equals his first one in the emblematic significance and Masonic value. 1 Peter 1:19

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#### Lion Of The Tribe of Judah

The devise on the banner of the tribe of Judah was a Lion. The expression borrowed from the Apocalypse, "Behold, the Lion which is of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof." The phrase, "Lion of the tribe of Judah," therefore when used in the Masonic ritual, referred in its original interpretation to Christ, him who "brought light and immortality to light." Rev. 5:5 - Gen. 49:9

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I would urge you to read the noted scriptures referenced above. Bro. Bosie

**GUIDELINES FOR INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES - From the Masonic Services Association (M.S.A.)**

Those who are charged with the duty of investigating the character and other qualifications of applicants for the privileges of Masonry hold positions of distinction and trust. Of all the committees appointed by the Worshipful Master, none is more important to the preservation of this great Fraternal Order Way of Life than this committee, whose duty is to determine the fitness of a candidate prior to balloting on his petition.

They are, of necessity, the inspectors to examine the material wherewith to add wisdom, strength, and beauty to the Universal Masonic Temple. Carelessness, indifference or negligence in the discharge of this responsible duty are of the nature of misdemeanors.

Every member in the Lodge is part of the Investigating Committee, especially the voucher of the petitioner. The member who vouches for a profane should be certain of his fitness for membership. Also, it is the duty of every Master Mason who is aware of something which would cause a profane to be unfit for membership, to inform a brother of that Lodge or the Investigating Committee, so these things can be Verified or clarified. For it is the responsibility of every member to exercise scrupulous care in guarding the door of Masonry from gaining access and introducing Godless ideology. It is our duty as Masons, to jealously examine a profane's fitness for membership, for on this examination rests the honor, glory, and reputation of our institution.

Every member and the Investigating Committee is urged to constantly bear in mind that membership in the craft is much too priceless to be shared without due consideration. So think and act for the good of Masonry at all times.

1. When visiting a candidate at his home, the committee should first determine the family's attitude toward his desire to join the Masonic Order. If there is serious opposition to him joining which cannot be overcome by the committee and there is every likelihood that his membership in the Lodge would cause internal family problems, the petition should be returned or rejected.
2. Ascertain whether the petitioner's home surroundings are such as to permit him financially to continue his membership without depriving his family of the essentials of life. While a man's financial circumstances or his educational background ought not bar him from participating in Masonic privileges or render him unwelcome in the Craft, his standard of living may be so different from those of the other members as to make her uncomfortable in their presence.
3. The applicant should be given the understanding that his character is subjected to the closest scrutiny, and that friendship, personal consideration, or favoritism, must not control or bias Masonic action. He is informed that he must pass the scrutiny of the investigation and the ordeal of the ballot, as all have done who has gone this way before him. If there be a doubt in regard to his fitness to become a Mason, let the lodge have the benefit of the doubt. Remember that the dignity, honor, and reputation of the institution are in your hands.
4. The committee should determine how long the petitioner has been acquainted with his proposer. If the acquaintanceship has been but a brief one, it is all the more reason why the committee should make a thorough search of the petitioner's background. References should be carefully checked, as well as business affiliations. This of course should be handled in a discreet manner, especially if questions are directed to non-Masons who may not be favorably disposed towards the Institution.
5. Ascertain the petitioner's motive for wanting to become a Mason and what is his conception of the Fraternity. Of course, one who is new to the Order may not be expected to offer a considered opinion, but he should have at least some idea of the type organization he is expecting to join.
6. Is the petitioner charitable by nature? Does he contribute to needy causes as his finances permit? Also, is he charitable in thought and actions towards his fellowmen? Is he bigoted or prejudiced? All these questions, discreetly put, will help bring out the true character of the man.
7. Is he prompt in meeting his financial obligations and honorable in his business dealing with others? Can he afford to become a Mason? The answers to the first two questions can be obtained by investigating his references, both business and personal. As to whether he can afford to become a Mason, this can be determined by pointing out that no man should join the Masonic Order, if he must deprive his family of the necessities of life. Naturally, no Lodge wishes to cause hardship for others, nor handicap itself by adding to its rolls members who are apt to become financial liabilities.
8. Does the petitioner realize that membership in a Lodge calls for payment of dues and these are to be met promptly? Along with this question, the committee might also ascertain what, if any, provisions he has made for his family, money wise etc. should something happen to him.
9. Does his occupation permit him to attend meetings regularly?
10. Does the petitioner believe in a Supreme Being? Does he attend a church? Masonry does not require a man to adhere to any particular creed or religion, he must believe in God and in the immortality of the soul.
11. The Worshipful Master should be kept honestly and fully informed. A complete report of the investigation committee should be presented at the regular lodge meeting.
12. A fearless discharge of this duty may, for a time, subject the committee to the frowns of the rejected and his friends, but faithfulness and courage will, in the end, command the plaudits of every lover of the Fraternity.
13. Don't overlook any references, the last one may be the one needed. Reports on the petitioner should be obtained from courts, police department, credit bureaus, and other places necessary.
14. The investigation should be so conducted that, even if rejected, the applicant gains a higher respect for the Fraternity.



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**April 7, Regular Communication - 7:30**

**GRAND MASTERS VISIT!!!**

**April 21, Fellow Craft Degree (\*) - 7:30**

**April 23-24, 272nd Grand Lodge Annual Communication to be held at  
the Omar Shrine Temple in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina**

**May 5, Regular Communication - 7:30**

**JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!**

**Any questions, please call**

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**(\*) 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**

**Ya'll Come!**

**LODGE CONTACT INFORMATION**

I have been asked to provide a list of phone numbers and e-mail addresses for the Lodge officers. Please take note of them here as this will be the only newsletter with this information. Should any Brother need to contact any other member of the Lodge, please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to put you in touch with the individual in question.

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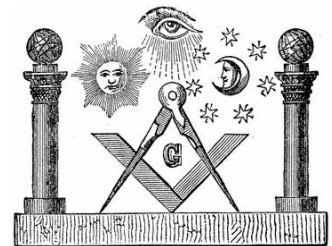
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I hope this helps those who may need to contact our officers. As always, your Worshipful Master and I are always available. If we can't take your call, PLEASE leave a voice-mail and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

**Fraternally, Bro. Bosie**



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