



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



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### SPRINGTIME AND CHANGE

My Brothers,

Just in the event you may have missed it, Spring officially arrived on March 20th. In advance of that day, the trees began to sprout buds of new life and re-birth. Many people I have spoken to have commented about how long the past winter seemed to be.

The truth is, while the former season was VERY wet and cold, the times of each are the same every year. We learn about the Vernal Equinox, the Autumnal Equinox, the Summer and Winter Solstice in school as we study the movements of planets.

We should be reminded that even though the days seem long and cold, that change is inevitable. Just like the arrival of Spring, our lives are changed each and every year. The harsh times in our lives will sooner or

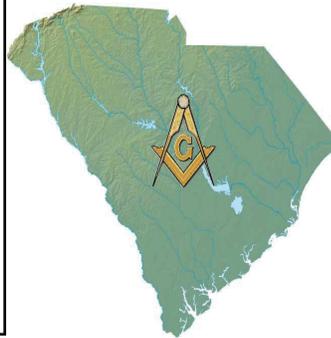
later be replaced by warmer and more pleasant thoughts and times. It may seem like “ages”, but in reality it is fixed. Our lives are much like the changing of the seasons. We have bad times which eventually change into more tolerable days, which in turn, turn into happy times. We simply have to learn how to weather the storms and changes in our lives.

We are, after all, human. It is human nature to resist change. We as Masons, should come not only to accept change, but to embrace it and make the best of whatever we may be going through.

I can tell you, no matter how bad things may seem, your life and situation will get better, and the “seasons” WILL change. Keep the faith. Fraternally, Bro. Bosie

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 2010

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**PLEASE CHECK YOUR DUES CARD—2010 ??**

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### OUR FOCUS IS ON QUALITY

As I have travelled with our M.W. Grand Master, I have had an opportunity to hear his theme explained in detail. If you will notice, his theme is “Our Focus is on Quality.” His four areas of concern are: 1) Our Work 2) Our Appearance 3) Our Candidates and 4) Ourselves.

M.W. Bro. Barry is urging us to examine and improve upon these

four areas of Masonry. We must continue to learn OUR RITUAL and not vary from it. We need to maintain decorum in our Lodge as we conduct the business and work. We should strive to be an example of what Masonry is and dress accordingly. We need to examine potential members very closely and not simply accept anyone who asks to join, for it takes much more than just asking.

A man must have “the right stuff” to be admitted. Finally, we need to improve and work on our own lives, making sure we are living an exemplary life that people will look up to and admire. We must not stray from the path of doing the right thing. Let your conscience be your guide in ALL your dealings with mankind, and God will lead you to the correct decision. So mote it be.



**FAMOUS MASONS: BRO. THEODORE ROOSEVELT**

**President and Brother**  
**Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt**

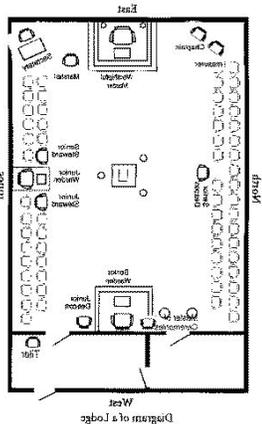


Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt (October 27, 1858 – January 6, 1919) was the 26th President of the United States. He is well remembered for his energetic personality, range of interests and achievements, leadership of the Progressive Movement, model of masculinity, and his "cowboy" image. He was a leader of the Republican Party and founder of the short-lived Progressive ("Bull Moose") Party of 1912. Before becoming President (1901–1909) he held offices at the municipal, state, and federal level of government. Roosevelt's achievements as a naturalist, explorer, hunter, author, and soldier are as much a part of his fame as any office he held as a politician. In 1901, President William McKinley was assassinated, and Roosevelt became president at the age of 42, taking office at the youngest age of any U.S. President in history. Roosevelt attempted to move the Republican Party in the direction of Progressivism, including trust busting and increased regulation of businesses. Roosevelt coined the phrase "Square Deal" to describe his domestic agenda, emphasizing that the average citizen would get a fair shake under his policies. As an outdoorsman and naturalist, he promoted the conservation movement. On the world stage, Roosevelt's policies were characterized by his slogan, "Speak softly and carry a big stick". Roosevelt was the force behind the completion of the Panama Canal; he sent out the Great White Fleet to display American power, and he negotiated an end to the Russo-Japanese War, for which he won the Nobel Peace Prize. Bro. Roosevelt was a member of Matinecock Lodge No. 806 of Oyster Bay, New York.

For more information, visit: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theodore\\_Roosevelt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theodore_Roosevelt)

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**Masonic Education: Sacred Law and Form of a Lodge**



**Sacred Law**

The Sacred Law is a term applied to the Ten Commandments given by God to Israel and later written on two Tables of Stone for Moses. According to a tradition of the Jewish Mishna, these commandments were explained to Aaron, then to Aaron and his two sons, then to Aaron, his sons, and the seventy elders, and then to all these and to the people. Later Moses incorporated these Commandments in the sacred writings which he left as a permanent heritage to Israel and to the world. The Sacred Law as given by God and as explained and handed down to Israel is accepted as binding upon all Freemasons. It is repeated in the Fourteenth Degree A.A., Scottish Rite. The Sacred Law as given to Moses... Ex. 20:1-17 - Deut. 5:1-21

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**Form of a Lodge**

The form of a Freemason's Lodge is said to be an oblong square, having the greatest length from east to west, and thus its greatest breadth from north to south. This oblong form of the Lodge, has, as Brother Mackey thought, a symbolic illusion that has not been averted to by any other writer. If, on a map of the world, we draw lines which shall circumscribe just that portion which was known and inhabited at the time of the building of Solomon's Temple, these lines, running a short distance north and south of the Mediterranean Sea, and extending from Spain to Asia Minor, will form an oblong square, whose greatest length will be from east to west, and whose greatest breadth will be from north to south. There is a peculiar fit-

ness in this theory, which is really only making the Masonic Lodge a symbol of the world. It must be remembered that, at the era of the Temple, the earth was supposed to have the form of a parallelogram, or oblong square.

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From the Secretary:

My Brothers, I can tell you there are many articles on Freemasonry all over the internet. I would advise caution as you "surf" and take nothing at face value. I hope to be offering a class in the upcoming months about "internet safety and security." One safe site with a wealth of information is the site often quoted here: Phoenixmasonry.org. I would urge you to explore and learn about pieces of Masonry that interest YOU. The world is at your fingertips! Bro. Bosie

## FROM THE EAST - VARDIE CORLEY, W.M.

Hello my Brothers,

I hope everyone has enjoyed our little break from lodge work. Don't say it Bro. Bosie, I know, a secretary's work is never done! It is now time, however, for the rest of us to re-harness ourselves to the Pacific 325 wagon and pull together to make our lodge the best it can be.

I believe the work will pick up substantially in the coming months, both in degree work, and hopefully, in lodge cleanup. It will take the efforts of everyone who is physically able to get our lodge in the shape it needs to be. We especially need the knowledge of our "Elder Statesmen" to ascertain what needs to be kept, and where, and what can be discarded. I

have attempted to clean up and organize the office, but lacking the knowledge and experience, the job is still incomplete.

We will attempt to set some cleanup days at our next communication.

Our Junior Warden, Bro. Glyn Smith, will be working on updating our library and making it more accessible to our members. If you have any books from our library, please return them or inform Bro. Smith which titles you have so they may be included in the inventory. I am sure he would appreciate any help offered in this matter.

Finally, our DDGM is expecting a list from our lodge of Master Masons who might

be available, on short notice, to assist in Masonic Rites. If you have not submitted your name and feel you can help, please tell Bro. Bosie

Fraternally,

Vardie Corley WM

Please don't forget:

Grand Lodge

Annual Communication

April 22 & 23

Grand Lodge Golf Tourney

April 21



Bro. Vardie Corley  
Worshipful Master



GOD BLESS  
AMERICA

## FROM THE SECRETARY - BRO. BOSIE, P.M.

Greetings from the Southeast Corner... Usually, news from the Secretary is not very good (time for dues, announcement of deaths, etc.) but this month I am happy to say that the Grand Lodge has accepted our annual report. That's not to say there weren't some minor errors, but the errors actually offset themselves. The amount paid to Grand Lodge was correct, but there is minor paperwork corrections that have to still be done. Overall, I am elated that we are where we are regarding that report.

One item that concerned me was a post-card I got yesterday saying the Grand Lodge had not gotten our Audit Report. Well, we sent that in early in March, but I feel sure it was lost in the Annual Report deluge of mail that the Grand Lodge was going through. Be that as it may, we will re-submit what we have and I have no doubt that it will be approved (we got a clean report from our Audit Committee)...

I did want to take a minute and find out if there was ANY-ONE wanting tickets to the

Grand Lodge banquet. As a Grand Lodge officer and member of the Local Committee, I will be there. PLEASE let me know ASAP if you need tickets, as they are difficult to come by this late in the planning process.

One other item as the help needed to set up Grand Lodge. I have taken off the entire week and will be moving chairs and performing any other duties needed to make this event come together. I WILL need some help. Please consider helping out either Mon., Tue. or Wed. Thanks!



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HUNGRY!

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SECRETARY & WEBMASTER

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MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

### SETTING THE WORK

April 6 - Regular Communication - 7:30

April 13 - Entered Apprentice Degree - 7:30

APRIL 22-23 - 273rd Annual Grand Lodge Communication

April 27 - Master Mason Degree - 7:30

**GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL VISIT**

May 6 - Regular Communication - 7:30

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

Any questions, please call

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or

Bro. Vardie Corley, W.M. at 803-361-3586

(\* ) Denotes tentative Special Communication

ALL SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS DEPEND ON THE BALLOT BOX AND  
THE CANDIDATES...

## GRAND MASTER TO VISIT PACIFIC - YOU SHOULD VISIT GRAND LODGE

I would urge all Brothers who can attend, at some point, the 273rd annual communication of Grand Lodge to be held at Jamil Shrine Temple April 22-23. This will give every Mason an idea of how Grand Lodge operates and to see YOUR work in action. Remember, you **ARE** Grand Lodge.

Each and every Lodge in the state has an equal number of votes (3) and as such, every member of our fraternity is equally represented.

Also, our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Barry A. Rickman, will make an official visit to Pacific Lodge on Tuesday, April 27 for our Master's Degree. Please come out and support our Grand Master and your Lodge. I feel sure a fine meal will be served and as always, the fellowship is second to none.

Have you ever wondered what or

where your Grand Master was on any given day or night? I can assure you he was most likely representing you on behalf of Grand Lodge, whether here in South Carolina or in another Grand Jurisdiction. This month (March) Grand Lodge held two (2) Special Communications. The first was to rededicate Pelzer Lodge # 217 in honor of their 125th anniversary and the second to rededicate Brandon Lodge # 279 as they celebrated their 100th anniversary. Both of these events were open to the public and were well attended.

You can always check out our Grand Master's schedule by visiting our Grand Lodge web-site and click the following link:

[http://scgrandlodgeafm.org/  
GrandMaster.htm](http://scgrandlodgeafm.org/GrandMaster.htm)

Please make every effort to come out and support Pacific Lodge as we welcome, not only our Grand Master, but also as we welcome two Brothers as they take their third step in Masonry.

This will be a very historic event in the lives of these two young men. Join us as we see them along their journey. One candidate is the son of a Past Master of Pacific and the other candidate is the Brother-in-Law of our Worshipful Master. I suppose you could say we're keeping it "in the family" this month. Come on out and again, enjoy some great food and fellowship.



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