



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



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GENEROUS RESPONSE

Brethren,

I am proud to say that many of the members and friends of Pacific Lodge have “stepped up to the plate” and have made generous contributions of \$ 2,395 to the Lodge so that we will be assured of meeting our financial obligations. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for these contributions!

As you recall, last month I went into a brief detail about the dire financial situation of Pacific Lodge. The appeal for contributions has been very moving and I believe we are on the right road for a sound financial future.

That being said, the members have given Most Worshipful Bro. Ron Mitchum approval to draft amendments to the Lodge By-Laws which will help in this down the road. These amendments to the By Laws were READ for the first time at the

April meeting and I would urge everyone to read the enclosed proposals. There will be NO discussion in the Lodge about these changes on either the first or second readings. It is on the third and final reading, which should be in June, that these will be discussed in detail and voted on.

Again, a copy of the proposed by-laws changes are included in this month’s Trestleboard pages 4-5. I beg you to read them carefully and consider them.

When you vote in June on this matter, as always vote for the good of the Order, and for our Lodge in particular. May you be blessed with good health and happiness in the days ahead. May God continue to bless you and yours. Thanks again to everyone who donated. We need your input in making the future secure for YOUR Lodge!

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 2011

- *Bill Yandle, W.M.*
- *James Glyn Smith, S.W.*
- *Bud Mackey, J.W.*
- *Ron Mitchum, PGM, Treas.*
- *Jan M. Barkan., Sec.*
- *Chris Fletcher, S.D.*
- *David Minton, J.D.*
- *Oliver Hartner, Stew.*
- *Travis Rish, Stew.*
- *Larry Snipes, P.M., Chap.*
- *Doyle J. Jaco, Jr, P.M., Tiler*

PLEASE CHECK YOUR DUES CARD—2011 ??

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GRAND LODGE APRIL 28-29

The 274th Annual Grand Lodge Communication of Ancient Free Masons will be held in Greenville, South Carolina on Thursday, April 28 and Friday, April 29 and will be held at the Embassy Suites and Golf Resort , 670 Verdae Blvd.

This will see Most Worshipful Barry A. Rickman end his term

as Grand Master and turn over the gavel to R.W. Bro. Jay Adam Pearson.

R.W. David DeChant will become our Deputy Grand Master and R.W. William “Bill” Rogers will become our Senior Grand Warden. There are several Brothers offering for the Junior Grand Warden,

all of whom are strong supporters of Masonry and would do a fine job of carrying on our rich Masonic traditions.

Our Lodge will have three votes to cast in this election and I wish each and every Brother offering for this honor the best of luck. May God be with us on our Journey.



Bro. John Hunt Morgan
Engraving by George Edward
Perine (1837–85)
Confederate General
Best known for historic
“Morgan’s Raid”

FAMOUS MASONS: GENERAL JOHN HUNT MORGAN

John Hunt Morgan (June 1, 1825 – September 4, 1864) was a Confederate general and cavalry officer in the American Civil War. Morgan is best known for Morgan's Raid when, in 1863, he and his men rode over 1,000 miles covering a region from Tennessee, up through Kentucky, into Indiana and on to southern Ohio. This would be the farthest north any uniformed Confederate troops penetrated during the war.

John Hunt Morgan was born in Huntsville, Alabama, the eldest of ten children of Calvin and Henrietta (Hunt) Morgan. He was an uncle of geneticist Thomas Hunt Morgan and a maternal grandson of John Wesley Hunt, an early founder of Lexington, Kentucky, and one of the first millionaires west of the Allegheny Mountains. He was also the brother-in-law of A.P. Hill and of Basil W. Duke.

In 1846, Morgan joined the Freemasons, as had his father before him. Brother Morgan was a member of Daviess Lodge # 22 in Lexington, Kentucky.

For more information visit: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hunt_Morgan

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Masonic Education: MASTER MASON DEGREE AT FT. SUMTER



Symbols of Masonry
Light from Above
Spreading over the
Globe



My Brothers,

I was treated to a VERY special event during the first week in April. On April 2, I had the pleasure of attending a Master Mason Degree conferral at Ft. Sumter. This was a fund-raising project by the KCCH Club of the Charleston Valley of the AASR (Scottish Rite) and the proceeds went to the Language Disorder Clinic in Charleston.

The work was done in “period” costume (Confederate uniforms for those putting on the degree and yes, the candidate was made to wear a Union uniform). The weather was near-perfect with the exception of a strong breeze, but once inside the walls of the fort, it was much better. Some 300+ Brothers attended and were, as I said, treated to some wonderful ritual work.

This degree was named in honor of Illustrious Brother, the late MacDonald “Don” Burbidge

and the funds were raised in his honor.

Most Worshipful Bro. Barry Rickman was present as were our immediate past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Gerald L. “Jerry” Carver and the Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. David DeChant as well as many other current and past Grand Lodge Officers.

I mention this because this year marks the 150th anniversary of the start of the War Between the States. The S.C. Masonic Research Society will be having a symposium and banquet later this month which will be open to the public in honor of this anniversary.

While 150 years is a long time, it should be noted that our dearly departed Bro. Don was an avid historian and has put together a “Walking Masonic Tour” of the Charleston, S.C. area. I was working with

him to have this presentation ready for the upcoming anniversary of Grand Lodge, which will be celebrated IN Charleston next year.

Our state, and Charleston in particular, is rich in Masonic history, including the birthplace of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The presentation will be ready for the 275th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. This will allow you to follow the route laid out by Wor. Bro. Don including many area attractions, including the site where the first Masonic meeting (Sheppard’s Tavern) was located.

I would urge each of you to consider making this journey and seeing the many places of interest and Masonic Heritage that Charleston has to offer. I can assure you, that you will learn much and not go away dissatisfied in the many treasures our state has to offer. ENJOY!

FROM THE EAST (BY WAY OF THE SOUTH)

I know everyone has heard the expression “when it rains, it pours.” This is particularly true this time of year for our Worshipful Master. You see, Worshipful Brother Bill has opened a new business (or actually relocated his OLD business) to the “new” State Farmers’ Market. This coming week will be one of the busiest yet, as the annual Flower Show will be taking place. In addition to working at the Farmers’ Market, Bro. Bill has the responsibility of keeping up with his business, Yandle’s Roadside Market on Assembly Street. As if that were not enough, Worshipful Brother Bill is the President of the Olympia Festival, which makes him the “go-to” guy for everything from performers to parking and from concessions to restroom facilities. I’ll see if I can find out the dates of this event and let you know in the next newsletter. One more chore that Worshipful Bro. Bill has taken on is Chairman of the Olympia Reunion Committee. This annual event brings alumni from the old school and neighborhood back together for good times and fond memories. Brother Bill, we appreciate everything that you do. You are a good man who obviously takes pride in his community. All of this, and Worshipful Bro. Bill is married with two “grown” girls and a wife and baby girl at home. I never understand how our wives put up with so much.

Oh, by the way, did I happen to mention that he is currently the sitting Worshipful Master of Pacific Lodge. Good luck, Worshipful. We realize that you have a lot on your plate right now and there are plenty of Brothers willing to step up and help out in any way we can. All you have to do is simply let us know. We really do appreciate the great job you have done and the spirit of Masonry that you personify. Thanks for all you do!!



Bro. Bill Yandle
Worshipful Master



GOD BLESS
AMERICA

TEMPERANCE & TONGUE OF GOOD REPORT

With a first degree coming up tomorrow (April 12) I thought this was a rather timely article. Enjoy:

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 wrongs.

TONGUE OF GOOD REPORT

Being "under the tongue of good report" is equivalent, in Masonic technical language, to being of good character or reputation. It is required that the candidate for initiation should be one of whom no tongue speaks evil. The phrase is an old one, and is found in the earliest rituals of the eighteenth century.

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PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES

Article V. Section 3

Now Reads: The Treasurer shall keep an exact account of all the funds of the Lodge, and all script and certificates of stock, and all titles of property belonging to the Lodge. He shall pay all orders signed by the Worshipful Master and countersigned by the Secretary, and those drawn on him by the committee on Charity. He shall report the state of the funds at the regular Communications in June and December in each year. He shall submit his books to inspection whenever required by the Worshipful Master, or the Lodge. For the faithful discharge of his duties he shall receive the sum of \$100.00 dollars.

He shall give bond for the faithful performance of his duties in the sum of \$1,000.00 dollars.

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Article V. Section 4

Now Reads: The Secretary shall issue all necessary summonses for stated Communications, when required by the presiding officer. He shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Lodge, which may be committed to paper, and insert the names of the members and visitors. He shall receive all moneys due the Lodge, and forthwith pay them over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same, and report all members in arrears at the stated communications in June and December. He shall make out the annual return to the Grand Lodge, agreeably to the form prescribed, and transmit the same to the Grand Lodge. For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive the sum of \$300.00 dollars.

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Article V. Section 7

Now Reads: The Tiler must be a worthy Master Mason. It shall be his duty to serve all summonses delivered to him by the Secretary; to prepare the room for the Communication of the Lodge, and carefully to collect and replace the Jewels and furniture after the Lodge is closed. For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive \$1.00 dollar per meeting.

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Article VII. Section 1

Now Reads: The fee for the degrees in this Lodge shall be One Hundred Forty Dollars, to be paid in money as follows:

Deposit accompanying petition.....	\$35.00
For E.A. Degree.....	\$35.00
For F.C. Degree.....	\$35.00
For M.M. Degree.....	\$35.00

But the fee for Ministers of God shall be \$0.00, which several sums shall actually be paid at or before the time of receiving the Petition, or the conferring of each degree.

Changed to Read: The fee for the degrees in this Lodge shall be One Hundred Sixty Dollars, to be paid in money as follows:

Deposit accompanying petition.....	\$40.00
For E.A. Degree.....	\$40.00
For F.C. Degree.....	\$40.00
For M.M. Degree.....	\$40.00

Article VII. Section 2

Now Reads: The fee for affiliation shall be No Fee dollars, which sum shall accompany the petition, except for Ministers of God, which shall be No Fee.

Changed to read: The fee for affiliation shall be \$50.00 dollars, which sum shall accompany the "Request for Affiliation".

Article VII. Section 3

Now Reads: Each Member of the Lodge shall pay Forty Dollars (\$40.00) to the Secretary of dues in accordance with Article 104 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, except for Ministers of God who shall pay no dues. This will take effect for the ensuing Masonic Year, pursuant to approval by the Grand Lodge.

Changed to read: Each Member of the Lodge shall pay One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to the Secretary as dues in accordance with Article 104 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. If Grand Lodge increases the per-capita of each member, the Lodge's dues will automatically increase by the same amount rounded to the next full dollar. (Grand Lodge's increase is \$1.50 – Pacific Lodge's increase would be \$2.00)

Article VII. Section 5

Now Reads: Any member of this Lodge who has been in continuous or accumulative membership for a period of 40 years or more shall automatically become a Life Member and exempt from all further payment of dues. The Lodge will then pay a minimum amount of \$200.00 as required by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina to purchase a perpetual life membership in the Brother's name under the Perpetual Life Membership Program prescribed and administered by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina as stated in Article 135 of the Constitution and Chapter 1 Section 15g of the Code of the Ahiman Rezon of the South Carolina Grand Lodge.

Change: Delete entire Section5.



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MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

April 5 - Regular Communication - 7:30

April 12 - Entered Apprentice Degree - 7:30

April 19 - Fellow Craft Degree - 7:30

April 28-29 - The 274th Annual Grand Lodge Communication.
Greenville, South Carolina

May 3 - Regular Communication - 7:30

May 10 - Entered Apprentice Degree - 7:30 (*)

May 17 - Fellow Craft Degree - 7:30 (*)

May 24 - Master Mason Degree - 7:30 (*)

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

Any questions, please call

Bro. Jan Barkan, Secretary at 803-743-2501

or

Bro. Bill Yandle, W.M. at 803-600-4928

(*) 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

FRIEND TO FRIEND MASONIC MEMORIAL

The Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial is a monument located in the annex of the Gettysburg National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Built by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, it commemorates Confederate Brigadier General Lewis Addison Armistead entrusting Union Captain Henry H. Bingham with his personal effects, most notably a pocket watch, on the third day of the Battle of Gettysburg, during Pickett's Charge.

Pickett's Charge was an assault upon the Union Army center on the last day of the Battle of Gettysburg. The charge, the high tide of the Confederate States of America, was repulsed. Confederate general Armistead, under George Pickett's command, personally led his men up the hill to the Union position. Armistead was shot twice. Severely

wounded, and fearing that his personal effects would be stolen by Union soldiers, he "gave a Masonic sign asking for assistance". Union Captain Bingham, an aide to Major General Winfield Scott Hancock, a personal friend of Armistead, then came to his aid as he lay wounded: Armistead, Bingham, and Hancock were all Freemasons. After ensuring Armistead that his possessions would be sent to his family, particularly his pocket watch, Bingham took Armistead to a field hospital, where Armistead died two days later on the George Spangler farm.

The monument's sculptor was Ron Tunison of Cairo, New York, who was himself a Freemason. The sculpture is made of polychrome bronze.

The statue was dedicated by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on August 21, 1993. Contributed by Bro. John Bird,

Freeman and Brother from London.

NOTE:

Brothers, if there is anyone wishing to organize a tour of the Gettysburg National Cemetery, please let me know so that I can include it in the next issue of the Trestleboard. Thanks!.

Bro. Bosie



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