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### GRAND LODGE - 272 ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

My Brothers, it is with great pride that I let you know that our Lodge won the H. Dwight McAllister Award for Journalism at the 272nd annual communication of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

I was personally honored by being appointed as Grand Tyler by M.W. Bro. Barry A. Rickman, our newly elected and installed Grand Master.

Overall, the meeting went very smoothly. R.W. Bro. Bill Rodgers was elected as Junior Grand Warden. R.W. Bro. David DeChant was elected as Senior Grand Warden and R.W. Bro. J. Adam Pearson was elected to serve as Deputy Grand Master. M.W.

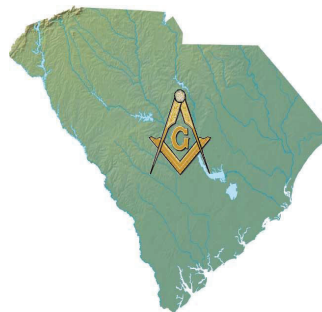
Bros. G. Ray Marsh and Jack A. Marler were re-elected as Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, respectively. R.W. Bro. & Rev. Jerry L. Phillips, was re-elected as Grand Chaplain. We have much to look forward to in the coming years.

M.W. Bro. Tommie Brant, PGM and a member of our Lodge was recognized and presented a plaque as being the most Senior Past Grand Master. Let's hope he holds that title for many years to come!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Grand Master for all of the fine work he has done during his tenure. May God Bless!

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 2009

- *Brian Gambrell, W.M.*
- *David Dowden, S.W.*
- *Vardie Corley, J.W.*
- *Jim Jaco, Treas.*
- *Bosie Martin, P.M. Sec.*
- *Bill Yandle, S.D.*
- *Jan Barkan, J.D.*
- *Wayne Whitworth, Stew.*
- *Lindsay Bacon, Stew.*
- *James Glyn Smith, Chap.*
- *Michael Hershberger, Tyler*

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### 10TH DISTRICT DEPUTY APPOINTED

Once again, it is with great pleasure that I announce that R.W. Bro. Charlie "Bill" Bouknight, PM of Boyleston Lodge # 123 has been appointed as our District Deputy for the 10th Masonic District. R.W. Bro. Bill was Master at Boyleston # 123 when

(and WHERE) I was raised. I have served with him on a Masonic Trial Commission and have seen his love and dedication to the Craft. I have no doubt that he will continue the tradition of leading the 10th District in the coming years.

I also want to take this

opportunity to thank R.W. Bro. Edward Neeley, PDDGM from Pacific for his hard work over the past two years. Thank you R.W. Bro. Edward for all you have done, for all the sacrifices you have made, and for being such a tremendous asset! God Bless!



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - W.B. DOYLE & BRO. RICHARD

OOPS !!

This can be put in the “no good deed goes unpunished” category. W. Bro. Doyle Jaco and Bro. Richard Prudence were doing work at their church on a VERY windy day recently. They had everything they needed

until a gust of wind blew down the ladder. Fortunately, they were able to call and be rescued from their predicament. Seriously, I can’t thank these two Brothers for all the volunteer work they do, be it at church,

lodge or within the community. The photo at the left shows what can happen when you get caught off-guard. Thanks my Brothers. This “rescue mission” made my day! Glad I could help out worthy Brothers in distress.



BRO. and GENERAL J.H. “JIMMY” DOOLITTLE

FAMOUS MASONS: GEN. & BRO. JIMMY DOOLITTLE



Nickname: "Jimmy"  
 Place of birth Alameda, CA  
 Place of death California  
 Place of burial Arlington National Cemetery  
 Service: United States Army Air Forces  
 Years of service: 1917–1959  
 Rank General (advanced in rank in 1985)  
 Battles/wars World War II  
 Doolittle Raid  
 Awards  
 Medal of Honor (shown above)  
 Distinguished Service Medal (2)  
 Silver Star  
 Distinguished Flying Cross (3)  
 Air Medal (4)

General James Harold "Jimmy" Doolittle, USAF (December 14, 1896 – September 27, 1993) was an American aviation pioneer. Doolittle served as a brigadier general, major general and lieutenant general in the United States Army Air Forces during the Second World War. He earned the Medal of Honor for his valor and leadership as commander of the Doolittle Raid while a lieutenant colonel. Shortly after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and America's entry into World War II, Doolittle was recalled to active duty. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on January 2, 1942, and assigned to Army Air Forces Headquarters to plan the first retaliatory air raid on the Japanese homeland. He volunteered for and received General H.H. Arnold's approval to lead the top-secret attack of 16 B-25 medium bombers from the aircraft carrier USS Hornet, with targets in Tokyo, Kobe, Yokohama, Osaka, and Nagoya. On April 18, all the bombers successfully took off from the Hornet, reached Japan, bombed their targets, and headed for their recovery airfield in China. As did most of the other crewmen who participated in the mission, Doolittle's crew bailed out safely over China when their bomber ran out of fuel. By then they had been flying for about 12 hours, it was nighttime, the weather was stormy, and Doolittle was unable to locate

their landing field. Fortunately he landed in a rice paddy (saving a previously injured ankle from breaking) near Chuchow (Ouzhou). He and his crew linked up after the bailout and were helped through Japanese lines by Chinese guerillas and American missionary John Birch. Other aircrews were not so fortunate. Although most eventually reached safety with the help of friendly Chinese, several crewmembers lost their lives after being captured by the Japanese, who occupied many areas along the China coast. Doolittle went on to fly more combat missions as commander of the 12th Air Force in North Africa, for which he was awarded four Air Medals. The other surviving members of the raid also went on to new assignments. Doolittle received the Medal of Honor from President Franklin D. Roosevelt at the White House for planning and leading his raid on Japan. His citation reads: "For conspicuous leadership above and beyond the call of duty, involving personal valor and intrepidity at an extreme hazard to life. With the apparent certainty of being forced to land in enemy territory or to perish at sea, Lt. Col. Doolittle personally led a squadron of Army bombers, manned by volunteer crews, in a highly destructive raid on the Japanese mainland." The Doolittle Raid is viewed by historians as a major morale-building victory for the United States. Although the

damage done to Japanese war industry was minor, the raid showed the Japanese that their homeland was vulnerable to air attack, and forced them to withdraw several front-line fighter units from Pacific war zones for homeland defense. More significantly, Japanese commanders considered the raid deeply embarrassing, and their attempt to close the perceived gap in their Pacific defense perimeter led directly to the decisive American victory during the Battle of Midway in June 1942.

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Addendum:

Most people know that the “Doolittle Raiders” not only trained here in Columbia, but also have an annual reunion here to honor their accomplishments. It is with great pride that we can consider them “our own” and although the ranks are getting smaller, we still pay tribute to their accomplishments, their valor and their families.

Bro. Bosie

## MASONIC EDUCATION: FREE WILL & ACCORD

There is one peculiar feature in the Masonic Institution that must command it to the respect of every generous mind. In other associations it is considered meritorious in a member to exert his influence in obtaining applications for admission; but it is wholly uncongenial with the spirit of our Order to

persuade any one to become a Mason.

Whosoever seeks a knowledge of our mystic rites must first be prepared for the ordeal in his heart; he must not only be endowed with the necessary moral qualifications which would fit him for admission into our ranks, but he must come, too, unin-

fluenced by friends and unbiassed by unworthy motives.

This is a settled landmark of the Order; and, therefore, nothing can be more painful to a true Mason than to see this landmark violated by young and heedless brethren.

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To knock upon the door of Freemasonry is how to begin your journey...

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

I had the pleasure to represent Pacific at the 272nd Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina in Charleston. The important business of our Fraternity was conducted, and we were pleased to hear the finances of Grand Lodge remain stable despite the turmoil in the economy.

The highlight of this year was installation of our new Grand Lodge officers including our new Grand Master, the MW Barry A. Rickman. Another point of pride is our own Bosie Martin has been appointed the office of Grand Tyler. MW Tommie Brant, another one of our own, installed Bro. Bosie and the rest of the subordinate Grand Lodge officers. MW Ron Mitchum served as the Chief Teller during the election of our new Junior Grand Warden. Pacific was well represented at Grand Lodge.

Our Lodge was honored with the H. Dwight McAlister Award for Journalism for the best newsletter in the State. This is a direct result of the excellent and hard work of Bosie. Few appreciate the time Bosie has dedicated to Freemasonry in general and this Lodge in particular. Thank you Bosie for making Pacific Lodge one of the leaders

in our State.

Our lodge also presented to the Grand Lodge a glass plate of Corn, Wine, and Oil crafted by Bro. Jan Barkan in honor of MW Gerald Carver and his service on behalf of the Craft. I was privileged to present the plate as one of MW Carver's last official acts as Grand Master before the assembled brother. This plate will remain in the archives of the Grand Lodge as testament to MW Carver, but also to the diligent service of Bro. Barkan. Prior to my presentation, I was invited to join MW Carver, MW Mitchum, and MW Brant in the Grand East. I had the opportunity to meet many of the Grand Masters and other Grand Lodge officers from other jurisdictions. It was humbling, and I am grateful for that opportunity.

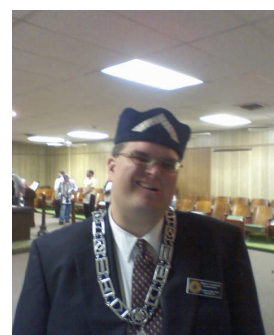
Freemasonry in South Carolina was born in Charleston in 1731 thanks to the direct involvement of Bro. Benjamin Franklin. This is one of several interesting points I learned on the Masonic Walk offered by the brothers of Charleston Scottish Rite. My family and I accompanied M.W. Rickman and the brothers from Cayce 384 on the tour. It was a

great time of fellowship with brothers and family. We saw many important sites along with including the location of Shepard's Tavern where Freemasonry was born at Solomon's Lodge Number 1.

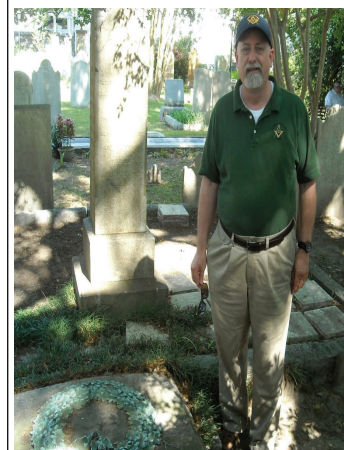
We also saw the graves of important figures in South Carolina Freemasons including the graves of Ill. Bro. Rev. Fredrick Dalcho, Bro. George Flagg, and Ill. Bro. James Dr. James Moultrie, Sr. It was the grave of MW General Mordecai Gist at St. Michael's Church. I was viewing the grave with MW Barry Rickman. I captured the moment with a photo (right) that encapsulated nearly 300 years of Masonic history. I was standing at one of the graves of a pillar of Freemasonry with the newest Grand Master on the day of his installation. It was truly a unique "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity that I will never forget.

Thank you for allowing me to represent Pacific this year at Grand Lodge.

*Bro. Brian*



Bro. Brian Gambrell, WM



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### Hail or Hale

This word is used among Freemasons with two very different significations. (1) When addressed as an inquiry to a visiting Brother it has the same import as that in which it is used under like circumstances by mariners. Thus: "Whence do you hail?" that is, "Of what Lodge are you a member?" Used in this sense, it comes from the Saxon term of salutation hael, and should be spelled hail. (2) Its second use is confined to what Freemasons understand by the tie, and in this sense it signifies to conceal, being derived from the Saxon word helan, to hide, the e being pronounced in Anglo-Saxon as a in the word fate. By the rules of etymology, it should be written hale, but is usually spelled hele.

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### The West

Although the West, as one of the four Cardinal Points, holds an honorable position as the station of the Senior Warden, and of the pillar of Strength that supports the Lodge, yet, being the place of the sun's setting and opposed to the East, the recognized place of light, it, in Masonic symbolism, represents the place of darkness and ignorance.

The old tradition, that in primeval times all human wisdom was confined to the eastern part of the world, and that those who had wandered toward the West were obliged to return to the East in search of the knowledge of their ancestors, is not confined to Freemasonry.

Creuzer (Symbolic) speaks of an ancient and highly instructed Body of Priests in the East, from whom all knowledge, under the veil of symbols, was communicated to the Greeks and other unenlightened nations of the West.

And in the Legend of the Craft, contained in the old Masonic Constitutions, there is always a reference to the emigration of the Freemasons from Egypt eastward to the "land of behest," or Jerusalem. Hence, in the modern symbolism of Speculative Freemasonry, it is said that the Freemason during his advancement is Traveling from the West to the East in search of light.

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- THE TWO PILLARS -  
FROM MASONIC WORLD



THE NEW AGE - JANUARY 1964

THE Fellow-Craft is introduced to the wonders of his world of art and science through portals flanked by two massive pillars.

Detailed description of these pillars in the Books of Kings indicates a style of design common to Egyptian architecture, where a pillar terminates in a capital representing a conventionalized lotus blossom, or the seed pod of that sacred lily. Such twin pillars are frequently found among Egyptian and Sumerian archaeological remains. The pillars of King Solomon's Temple, and in fact that entire group of structures, were the work of Phoenician artists, according to the Biblical account. From other sources we gather that these same designers and craftsmen, initiated Dionysiac architects, were responsible for the magnificent palaces and temples at Byblos, the cultural and esthetic center of ancient Phoenicia. The Phoenician realm occupied an area roughly the same as that of modern Syria and Lebanon, and in Biblical accounts is usually called Tyre, from the name of its then capital city. Byblos, also known as Gub'l or Gebal, the present-day village of Jebeil, was particularly famous for architects and sculptors.

The twin pillars symbolize the dual nature of life and death, positive and negative or rather active (establishment) and passive (endurance), male and female, light and dark, good and evil, uniting in a central point of equilibrium, the apex of an equilateral triangle; a circle between two parallel uprights. Isis represented standing between two pillars of opposing polarity, the Ark of the Covenant between two Cherubim, Christ crucified between two thieves, are all symbols of the same trinity, the completeness and perfection of Deity. That the twin pillars resemble the conventional symbol for Gemini, third sign of the Zodiac, is no accident, but rather due to the common ancestry of the two apparently unrelated symbols.

In some lectures the pillars are said to be 35 cubits high, the height given in II Chronicles, King James Version. Another version of the same source gives the height as 120 cubits. Since the height of the first or outer chamber was probably no more than 30 cubits, the measurement given in I Kings: 18 cubits, seems more likely to be correct. The addition of map globes atop the pillars is a modern invention, with little Biblical or other authority and serving little purpose but to permit the lecturer to harp upon the advantages of studying astronomy, geography, etc., worthy pursuits but wholly unrelated to the symbolism of the pillars.

Whether the three chambers of the Temple were connected by stairs is debatable. The best-informed scholars believe the Temple roof was flat, in which case the successively decreasing heights of the chambers, plus the somewhat sloping configuration of the site, would require approach and connection by means of either stairways or of some sort of ladder and trapdoor arrangement. Certainly the fantastically elaborate many-storied versions of the Temple depicted by some well-intentioned but ill-informed Bible illustrators and Masonic artists are so illogical and at variance with the few known facts and testimony of both the Bible and history as to seem the figments of a disordered imagination. Josephus stated that the Temple was of Grecian style which implies entablature and consequently a flat roof, although he had the cart before the horse, since Greek architecture was derived from Phoenician, not the reverse.

In any case, the stairway of our lectures is purely symbolic, consisting as it does of the significant numbers 3, 5, and 7. In such a series, 3 symbolizes such qualities as peace, friendship, justice, piety, temperance, and virtue. 5 represents light, health, and vitality - 7 is a symbol of control, judgment, government, and religion.

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**MASONS IN ACTION**

**MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER**

**SETTING THE WORK**

May 5 - Regular Communication

May 19 - Fellow Craft Degree \*

May 26 - Master Mason Degree \*

June 2 - Regular Communication

June 23 - Master Mason Degree \*

June 27 - Annual BBQ Fund Raiser for Building Fund

July 7 - Regular Communication

**JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!**

Any questions, please call

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or

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(\* ) Denotes tentative Special Communication

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THE CANDIDATES...**

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**SECRETARY'S MUSINGS**

My Brothers and friends, I was overwhelmed first with the presentation of the H. Dwight McAllister Journalism Award on Thursday night and then honored to have been appointed as Grand Tyler for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge under our Grand Master Barry Rickman. These honors come with a price. The former, this publication, is simply a labor of love. I love working on it and hope you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoy putting it together.

As for the latter, the appointment to Grand Lodge, it comes with a price of honor and commitment to the GREATEST fraternity

the world has ever known. I will do my best to uphold the duties of this office. I look forward to travelling with our Grand Master and Grand Officers throughout the coming year.

Suffice it to say, these are honors which are greatly appreciated, but of which I could not have attained without the strength and support of the Brethren of Pacific and the loving kindness of Brethren I have met along my journey. This gentle Craft teaches many values and encourages us to live a virtuous life. We may wander from the path from time to time, but there is always a Brother or symbol

that will remind us of those valuable lessons and get us back on that path from which we should not veer. That path reminds us that FAITH, HOPE and CHARITY will prevail. Let us ever be mindful of our renewed Obligations which we are under. Keep spreading that cement, my Brothers!



Next month: Grand Lodge Officer Profiles & Photos!

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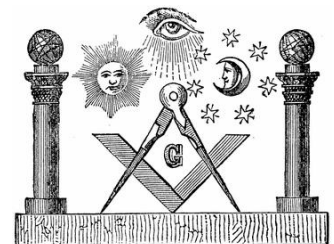
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