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GRAND LODGE SUCCESS

My Brothers,

The 273rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, A.F.M. has concluded. There was only one item of contention, and that arose near the end of the session. This involves two other Grand Jurisdictions and is being closely monitored by the Fraternal Relations Committee. While I won't go into details at this time, it simply involves the Grand Jurisdictions of West Virginia and Ohio. I will let you know if there are any updates to report.

All elective Grand Lodge Officers have been re-elected and agreed to serve one more year. I believe we have an excellent G.L. Line and they work very hard for us, the subordinate lodges of the state.

The annual communication for 2011 will be held in Greenville,

SC while the 275th anniversary will be held in Charleston in 2012, both under the watch of R.W. Bro. Jay Adam Pearson, Deputy Grand Master.

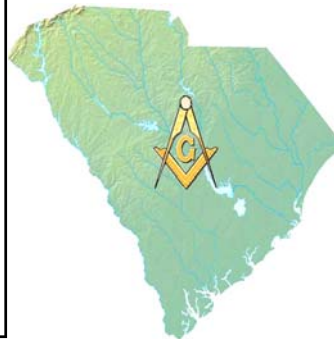
It was wonderful seeing so many friends of the Craft during the week. As a member of the local committee, I can only hope that those in attendance enjoyed themselves and did not meet with any obstructions.

Thanks are in order for everyone who assisted. This space is far too small to list them here, but I will attempt to list them on the inside of this issue.

Let us pray for the continued health and prosperity of our Order. Be mindful that we must lead by example. The rest of the world looks up to us and we must not let them down. Remember your several obligations! 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....

Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge A.F.M. of South Carolina.



OFFICERS FOR 2010

- *Vardie Corley, W.M.*
- *Bill Yandle, S.W.*
- *James Glyn Smith, J.W.*
- *Jim Jaco, Treas.*
- *Bosie Martin, P.M., Sec.*
- *Nathaniel Bensley, S.D.*
- *Jan Barkan, J.D.*
- *David Bostic, P.M., Stew.*
- *David Minton, Stew.*
- *Larry Snipes, P.M., Chap.*
- *Doyle J. Jaco, Jr, P.M., Tiler*

PLEASE CHECK YOUR DUES CARD—2010 ??

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GRAND MASTER AT PACIFIC ON MASTERS DEGREE

The second visit for our Most Worshipful Grand Master (after the conclusion of Grand Lodge) was to Pacific 325. We had a good crowd in attendance to welcome M.W. Bro. Barry and his party. The Grand Master was very complimentary on the work done by the members and urged those in attendance to follow in the same manner, by keeping the ceremonies as solemn as possible

and not injecting humor or levity when conferring degrees, especially the Master Mason Degree.

Again, our Grand Master reiterated his theme for his term which is "Our Focus is on Quality." We impressed him with our work, and our proficiency.

There was some discussion as to the attire of a few of the Brothers. Remember, it is the internal, and

not the external qualifications which make a man a Mason.

Most Worshipful Bro. Barry welcomed our two newest Master Masons, Brother Bryan Sexton and Brother Bud Mackey. We welcome our new Brothers and look forward to having them back in the Lodge soon. We look forward to having YOU join us as well. Take care.



FAMOUS MASONS: BRO. DANIEL CARTER BEARD

Daniel Carter "Uncle Dan" Beard was an American illustrator, author, youth leader, and social reformer who founded the Sons of Daniel Boone in 1905, which Beard later merged with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Beard was born in Cincinnati, Ohio into a family of artists. As a youth, he explored the woods and made sketches of nature. He lived at 322 East Third Street in Covington, Kentucky near the Licking River, where he learned the stories of Kentucky pioneer life. He started an early career as an engineer and surveyor. He attended art school in New York City. He wrote a series of articles for St. Nicholas magazine that later formed the basis for the American Boy's Handy Book. He was a member of the Student Art League, where he met and befriended Ernest Thompson Seton in 1883. He illustrated a number of books for Mark Twain, and for other authors such as Ernest Crosby. Beard became the editor of Recreation magazine and wrote a monthly column for youth. He founded the Sons of Daniel Boone in 1905, basing it on American frontier traditions. He later moved his column to Women's Home Companion. After conflicts with a new editor, he moved to the Pictorial Review. Since Women's Home Companion retained the rights to the name, he simply renamed the organization to Boy Pioneers of America. He merged his organization into the Boy Scouts of America when it was founded in 1910. Bro. Beard was made a Mason in Mariner's Lodge No. 67, New York City, New York, and later affiliated with Cornucopia Lodge 563, Flushing, New York.

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**Brother
Daniel Carter Beard
"Uncle Dan"**
(June 21, 1850 – June 11,
1941)
Founder of the Boy Scouts

**This year marks the 100th
Anniversary of the Boy**

Masonic Education: THE EAGLE and THE SPIRITUAL TEMPLE



GREAT SEAL of the
UNITED STATES of
AMERICA



Double Headed Eagle
of the Scottish Rite

The eagle has been a symbol among the different peoples of the world from time immemorial. In Egypt, Greece, and Persia it was sacred to the sun; among pagans it was the emblem of Jupiter; among the Druids it was the symbol of their supreme god. The strength, swiftness, boldness, and generous treatment of its young are variously employed in the Scriptures. In the jewel of the Rose Croix Degree the eagle is displayed at the foot of the cross. It is there very appropriately selected as a symbol of Christ, in his Divine character bearing his redeemed children on his wings, teaching them with unequalled love and tenderness to poise their unfledged wings and soar from the evils of the world to a higher and holier sphere. Very significant is the fact that the wings are displayed as if in the very act of flight. Here are some similar

symbolic uses of the eagle in the Holy Scriptures... Deut. 32:11 - Hab. 1:8

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Spiritual Temple

The French Masons say: "We erect temples for virtue and dungeons for vice"; thus referring to the great Masonic doctrine of a spiritual temple. There is no symbolism of the Order more sublime than that in which the Speculative Mason is supposed to be engaged in the construction of a spiritual temple, in allusion to that material one which was erected by his operative predecessors at Jerusalem. The idea of making the temple a symbol of the body is not, it is true, exclusively Masonic. It had occurred to the first teachers of Christianity. Christ himself alluded to it when he said,

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up"; and St. Paul extends the idea, in the first of his Epistles to the Corinthians, in the following language: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and the spirit of God dwelleth in you?" 1 Kings 6:7 - 1 Cor. 6:19 - 2 Cor. 6:16 - Heb. 11:8-10

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My Brothers, once again I urge you to explore the wealth of knowledge and information to be gleaned from the internet. I would caution you to take most of what you read with a grain of skepticism. "It must be true, I read it on the internet.." is just NOT legitimate. Verify your sources and make sure you reference them and give credit when credit is due. Safe surfing and good hunting!

Bro. Bosie

FROM THE EAST - VARDIE CORLEY, W.M.

Brothers of Pacific Lodge;

Once again the Grand Lodge Annual Communication has come and gone. I was the lone representative for the lodge, Worshipful Bro. Bosie Martin was also present as Grand Tyler. The highlight of the event occurred on Thursday evening when the light of distinction shone on our lodge due to the efforts of Bro. Bosie. For the second year in a row we were awarded the H. Dwight McAlister Award for Journalism. Thank you, Worshipful.

In his address, our Grand Master repeated his call for a "Focus On Quality" in degree work and personal appearance. I found myself in an unwinnable situation at our Master's Degree in April.

I was forced to address unacceptable attire with two Brothers. Though I might have been able to be more lenient, this was during an official visit by our Grand Master and his party. In keeping with my promise to not turn anyone away, I told them both they were welcome to remain. One stayed, one left. I apologize for any embarrassment this may have created, but it was necessary.

I am asking for volunteers to staff the various committees of the lodge. If you have an interest in any committee, please let me know. I would also like to establish a Community Service Committee to determine any service we might provide to the Olym-

pia community.

Lastly, Pacific Lodge will be hosting the Square and Compass Club's steak dinner to assist our Grand Master by defraying some of his travel expenses. The dinner is May 21 from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. Tickets are \$16 each and can be purchased from myself and Wor. Bro. Bosie Martin.

If you want a better world---
Work at it.

If you want a better life-----
Work at it.

If you want a better lodge---
Work at it.

George E. Burow, 33°

Respectfully,

Vardie D. Corley, W.M.



Bro. Vardie Corley
Worshipful Master



**GOD BLESS
AMERICA**

FROM THE WEST- BILL YANDLE, S.W.

Greetings Brethren;

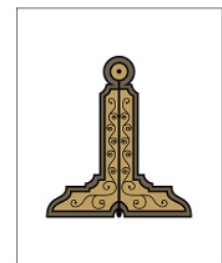
This is a reminder that the annual building fund Bar-B-Que is approaching fast. Tickets will be available soon, so try and pre-sell what you can and make notes of it. This is our only fund raiser for the year and we need to try and sell as many as possible. Many of the older Brothers have taken the guess work out of the chores that need to be under taken to make this possible. We need all available hands to volunteer and make a list of what needs to be finished, when, and who will be able to assist.

The thought of a dress code was brought up at our regular communication. Most of the Brothers present, in my opinion, were not in favor of a strict dress code. As we learn in our first degree lecture, "it is the internal and not the external qualifications of a man", it is also again repeated in our second degree charge. This is true, and it is in my opinion that we all dress as we feel we would like, not only for our home lodge, but for the Fraternity world wide, to be viewed and respected. This says a lot about the way we feel as Masons and what it means to our-

selves.

The Lodge is about to undergo great changes. I am encouraging all dues paying members to attend the business meetings forth coming to see what we can accomplish together. Our Junior Warden has a wonderful plan to make Pacific 325 shine and be recognized as the Lodge to join. Lets all pull together and support the Master of the Lodge to see these changes be the will of all our members, not just the ones in attendance.

I wish you good health



and look forward to sharing my thoughts with you in the future.

Bro. Bill Yandle,
Seinor Warden

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SECRETARY & WEBMASTER

MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

May 4 - Regular Communication - 7:30

May 10 - Masonic Education—6:00

May 11 - Entered Apprentice Degree - 7:30

May 21 - Steak Dinner Fundraiser - 6:00

June 1 - Regular Communication - 7:30

June 26 - Annual Lodge Bar-B-Que - 11 until 4

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...**

We eat at 6:45 and Meet at 7:30

PROPERLY CLOTHED

I realize this is the third mention of “dress” within the lodge in this issue, but I feel a need to echo what both our Worshipful Master and Senior Warden have said.

At our Regular Communication this evening, we were reminded of the need to “dress accordingly” for our Lodge meetings and perhaps, most especially, our Degree Work. We are charged by the Ahimom Rezon to dress “clean and neat...” to paraphrase. At a recent meeting, Brothers showed up wearing shorts, flip flops and other attire that while acceptable elsewhere, is simply not to be worn at the conferral of a degree, especially with the Grand Master making an official visit.

Be that as it may, we are taught at our first entrance into the body of a Lodge that it is the INTERNAL not the EXTERNAL qualities that makes a man a

Mason. Several members voiced this opinion tonight, saying that it was what was in their heart, not on their bodies, that made them Masons. I must agree, but also understand that we (Masons) are supposed to set forth an image that is to be looked up to. We need to set an example to those who see us in public. We need to set a good example of what Masonry is. Remember that we are looked upon as shining examples within our community. Most Worshipful Brother Barry is stressing this in his four points of his theme “Our Focus is on Quality.”

From this point on, officers will wear coat and tie for degree work. Members will be allowed to dress “business casual” for these evenings. Regular Communications will allow some leeway, as officers will be allowed to wear collared shirts rather than coat and tie.

Members are free to wear everyday clothing. Just remember that people look to us to set an example of what Freemasonry is. Our outward appearance DOES send a message. How we conduct ourselves in the world sends a louder message and one people will remember. Remember, we are Masons each and every day. We should remember the many lessons offered in the principles of Freemasonry. Whatever you choose to wear, wear it with honor to yourself and to the Fraternity. Take Due Notice thereof and Govern yourselves accordingly.



PACIFIC HONORED WITH SECOND CONSECUTIVE H. DWIGHT McALLISTER JOURNALISM AWARD

Hello my Brothers,

Where do I begin? While in attendance of the Grand Lodge banquet on Thursday evening, April 22, I was shocked when they named Pacific as the winner of the H. Dwight McAllister Journalism Award for the best Masonic newsletter submitted for consideration.

This marks the second consecutive year that Pacific has been honored with this award. I can tell you that I honestly enjoy putting the newsletter together and I try to keep it informative as well as instructional. I hope you enjoy it as much as I enjoy the research and writing. As I told those in attendance, it is simply a labor of love. I get much from the research that I do and I hope those reading not only enjoy the information, but also learn something new.

I have said time and time again that there is SO much information available on the internet (AND your local library) that EVERY Brother should take time so stop and do just a little research on their own. You will find it most enlightening. I learn something new with each issue. Remember, the newsletters and past issues are available on our website.

As for my surprise, I have been fortunate to receive several Lodge Newsletters. I can tell you that MANY other Lodges do an excellent job in their efforts. I honestly thought that we didn't have a chance to repeat, but I am humbled. I would challenge any and all Lodges to appoint some one or perhaps a committee to research and put together a newsletter that will rival ours. As I said, many Lodges have "stepped up" and are putting out fantastic publications. PLEASE keep it up. If any Lodge needs assistance in putting something together or if I can help out in any way, please let me know. I'll be more than happy to work with you.

My sincere thanks to those Brothers who have contributed and to the Grand Lodge Committee for choosing us in what was obviously, a very difficult decision. Keep up the good work and I will do my best to keep everyone informed and enlightened.

As always, I welcome suggestions and input from the Craft. I encourage Brothers to submit articles or topics of interest for inclusion. I really DO need help. This honor is one that I hold near and dear to m heart, but I can't understand why someone would honor "A Labor of Love"... May God Bless you all and I hope to see you soon. *Bra. Basie*

MANNERS AND A QUESTION...

If you will, allow me to pose a question:

Suppose you were in mid- conversation with a friend or newly made acquaintance. My question is, would you simply walk away from them in mid-sentence? Would you like them to walk away from you? I didn't think so.

When you make the effort to go to a Lodge meeting, there is a lecture given at some point during the meeting. MANY Brothers dismiss themselves (with the permission of the Worshipful Master) and depart before the lecture is given.

PLEASE don't get me wrong. I understand that many Brothers don't drive at night or have long distances to return to their homes. I most certainly understand that.

My point is that if a Brother has taken the time not only to LEARN the lecture, but also is willing to stay late to GIVE the lecture, shouldn't we remain? I believe we are sending a bad message to the candidates when the majority of Brothers depart prior to the lecture. This goes double if you don't know the entire lecture yourself. I, for one, am still learning and am amazed at the knowledge of those giving the lectures...

I have been in Lodges where the Worshipful Master didn't offer the Brothers an opportunity to be excused. I have also been in Lodge when 90% of the members get up and walk out. I would ask you, what kind of signal do you think that gives to our candidates? How do you think it makes the Brother giving the lecture feel? If you can, please stay next time a lecture is given. While you might learn something, your presence WILL be greatly appreciated, I promise!

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