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ANOTHER MASTER MASON AND THEN SOME...

Brethren, July saw yet another Brother raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Brother Michael Hershberger was welcomed on July 24. The attendance was very light for a Master's Degree, but I attribute this to summer, vacations, etc. We also welcomed Bro. Jan Barkan who has affiliated with Pacific from his Lodge in Miami, Florida.

The coming month has even more work as we have two Brothers passed and they should be ready for their Third Degree pending the ballot box. Also, two petitions are out on investigation and, pending the ballot box, we should also have an Entered Apprentice

Degree in the coming month. Word has it that there are another one or two petitions about to be turned in, along with a request for reinstatement **and** an Entered Apprentice from last year who has indicated that he wants to proceed with his Journey. This is an exciting time for our Lodge. Pacific is truly blessed with Brothers who care about the Fraternity and our Lodge in particular. To all of you I say, thank you. If you haven't been to the Lodge in awhile, we would LOVE to have you come on out. We are active. We are working almost weekly. This month will see a Brother who has been a Master Mason just a year give the 1st Degree Lecture. Come out and join us!!

All Brothers are welcome at Pacific. 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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JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS

Imagine my surprise last week when I got a Grand Lodge Meeting announcement via e-mail for Columbia Lodge. When I opened it, there was a fairly terse comment regarding the incorrect address of a Lodge on the G.L. web page. I immediately contacted the

list moderator (who apologized sending in error) and I took it upon myself to contact the writer of the post. I asked the writer (a female) if her husband was a Mason or interested in becoming one. As it turns out, she was simply trying to find a Lodge for her husband to

attend. They just moved here from out of state and knew NO ONE. A quick phone call and I let him know that he had more friends than he knew. I believe we will be seeing this Brother soon! Moral: Don't judge too quickly - seek first to understand.

OFFICERS FOR 2007

- *Fred Garren, W.M.*
- *Patrick Brown, S.W.*
- *Del Collins, J.W.*
- *Jim Jaco, Treas.*
- *Bosie Martin, P.M. Sec.*
- *Vardie Corley, S.D.*
- *Bill Yandle, J.D.*
- *Richard Prudence, Stew.*
- *Glenn Gates, Stew.*
- *Brian Gambrell, Chap.*
- *Tommy Hill, Tyler*

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The Junior Warden
Beauty to adorn...

OFFICER SPOTLIGHT - DEL COLLINS, J.W.

OK, so I'll be careful here. Del is not only my Brother, but he's my boss as well. I have to tell you, I couldn't ask for a better one.

Del came to South Carolina from Texas by way of Nevada (he pronounces it knee VAD ah) and is the Deputy Director of Infrastructure for the South Carolina Education Lottery.

I was elated when Del asked me THE question. I knew immediately he would make a fine mason and he has not let

me down.

You can usually find Del behind a computer, surrounded by artwork from his three children, Katie, Emma and Bo. He's married to the former Christie Chambers and they reside in Lexington.

Del has a VERY interesting history. He chose to play football for the Miami Hurricanes, but after an injury he transferred to Texas A&M and played there. After graduating in marine biology, he has worked for Microsoft,

as a journeyman roofer, and as director of I.T. infrastructure in Nevada as well as owning and running his own company. He has a black belt in karate and served for a period as a Deputy U.S. Marshall. Interesting to say the least.

If you make it to the Lodge in August, you can hear Del deliver the first degree lecture for his first time. Look well to the South, Brother Del, we're proud of you.



W.M. Bro. Harry S. Truman

FAMOUS MASONS

While last month, I touched on my "favorite" Brother, Ben Franklin to occupy this space. He is often times referred to as the "only president who was never president." This month, I want to mention Most Worshipful Brother (and President) Harry S. Truman, the 33rd President of the United States. M.W. Bro. Truman was elected as the Most Worshipful Grand

Master of Missouri in 1940. He had only been Vice President for 82 days when President (and Brother) Franklin Roosevelt died. This left Truman to take charge of the country, which was still deeply involved in World War II. One of his toughest decisions was to drop atomic weapons on Japan, but in hindsight, this did end the war in the Pacific. I strongly

recommend reading up on our late Brother. His life and times are truly fascinating and filled with rich history. We were most fortunate to have such a leader during such a tumultuous period in our country. A great book on his life is entitled *Truman* written by David McCullough and published by Simon & Schuster in 1992. I'm sure you will enjoy it. Good reading!

MASONIC EDUCATION - HOLY SAINTS JOHN



Saint John the Baptist

One of the Patron Saints of Freemasonry, and at one time, indeed, the only one, the name of Saint John the Evangelist having been introduced subsequent to the sixteenth century. His festival occurs on the 24th of June, and is very generally celebrated by the Masonic Fraternity. Dalcho (Ahiman Rezon, page 150) says that "the

stern integrity of Saint John the Baptist, which induced him to forego every minor consideration in discharging the obligations he owed to God; the unshaken firmness with which he met martyrdom rather than betray his duty to his Master; his steady reproof of vice, and continued preaching of repentance and virtue, make him a fit patron of the Masonic Institu-

tion."

Saint John the Evangelist

One of the Patron Saints of Freemasonry, whose Festival is celebrated on the 27th of December. His constant admonition, in his Epistles, to the cultivation of brotherly love, and the mystical nature of his Apocalyptic visions, have been, perhaps, the principal reasons for the veneration paid to him by the Craft.

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M.W. BROTHER HARRY S. TRUMAN

Harry S Truman

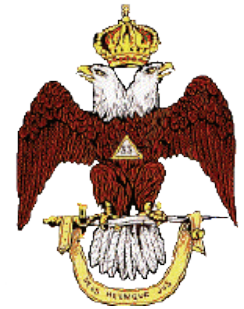
During his few weeks as Vice President, Harry S Truman scarcely saw President Roosevelt, and received no briefing on the development of the atomic bomb or the unfolding difficulties with Soviet Russia. Suddenly these and a host of other wartime problems became Truman's to solve when, on April 12, 1945, he became President. He told reporters, "I felt like the moon, the stars, and all the planets had fallen on me." Truman was born in Lamar, Missouri, in 1884. He grew up in Independence, and for 12 years prospered as a Missouri farmer. He went to France during World War I as a captain in the Field Artillery. Returning, he married Elizabeth Virginia Wallace, and opened a haberdashery in Kansas City. Active in the Democratic Party, Truman was elected a judge of the Jackson County Court (an administrative position) in 1922. He became a Senator in 1934. During World War II he headed the Senate war

investigating committee, checking into waste and corruption and saving perhaps as much as 15 billion dollars. As President, Truman made some of the most crucial decisions in history. Soon after V-E Day, the war against Japan had reached its final stage. An urgent plea to Japan to surrender was rejected. Truman, after consultations with his advisers, ordered atomic bombs dropped on cities devoted to war work. Two were Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Japanese surrender quickly followed. In June 1945 Truman witnessed the signing of the charter of the United Nations, hopefully established to preserve peace. Thus far, he had followed his predecessor's policies, but he soon developed his own. He presented to Congress a 21-point program, proposing the expansion of Social Security, a full-employment program, a permanent Fair Employment Practices Act, and public housing and slum clearance. The program, Truman wrote, "symbolizes for me my as-

sumption of the office of President in my own right." It became known as the Fair Deal. Dangers and crises marked the foreign scene as Truman campaigned successfully in 1948. In foreign affairs he was already providing his most effective leadership. In 1947 as the Soviet Union pressured Turkey and, through guerrillas, threatened to take over Greece, he asked Congress to aid the two countries, enunciating the program that bears his name--the Truman Doctrine. The Marshall Plan, named for his Secretary of State, stimulated spectacular economic recovery in war-torn western Europe. When the Russians blockaded the western sectors of Berlin in 1948, Truman created a massive airlift to supply Berliners until the Russians backed down. Meanwhile, he was negotiating a military alliance to protect Western nations, N.A.T.O., established in 1949. M.W. Bro. Truman died December 26, 1972 at the age of 88. © The White House



M.W. Bro. and President
Harry S. Truman



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MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

August 7 -Regular Communication

August 14 -Entered Apprentice Degree *

August 25 -District Inspirational, 6:00 @ Scottish Rite

August 28 - Master Mason Degree *

August 30 - Square & Compass of the Midlands, 6:30 @ Gaston

September 4—Regular Communication

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

THAT LEVEL OF TIME...

My Brothers, it is always enjoyable to sit here and write for the Craft. I enjoy compiling the articles and I learn much every month.

Today, I am going to take a moment to stop and remind you all that we ARE traveling along that level of time from whose borne no traveler returns. I mention this because in the last month I have lost three dear friends to the Great Architect of the Universe. W. Bro. Walter Copeland, another friend, suggested I start getting younger friends.

Our memorial service book reminds us that we should

remember the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death. It is difficult when you lose someone you have known and love. I know we have all lost someone like that. That is why I wanted to pause and ask you to stop and reflect on YOUR life.

Life is short and precious. It will end for us all. Some of us are closer to that cross-over than others, but we will all be there. Take a moment to think about the charges we are under as Masons. Remember our obligations to those less fortunate. Recall, if you will, a time when you may have been in need of a

friend, a sympathetic ear or a shoulder to lean on. Now, take those memories and turn them around. See if you can find someone who needs YOU.

You may not realize it, but there is someone out there who needs to tell you their story. There is someone who needs you just to BE there for them. Sometimes it can be as easy as a smile or a simple "hello" to a passerby on the street. Remember your obligation to love HIM supremely, and to extend the hand of brotherly love to ALL mankind, but more especially, Brother Masons.



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Knock and it shall be opened.

Matthew 7:7, Luke 11:9