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FATHER AND SON

Greetings from the Secretary's Corner! This month I would like to tell a story that most every Mason loves to hear, the story of a father watching his son go through the Lodge. Over the past few months, several of us from Pacific have had the pleasure of visiting Forest Acres Lodge # 410. We were even allowed to help in the work. We saw the current Master of the Lodge, Worshipful Brother David Bostic watch as his son Andy was Initiated, Passed and finally Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Brother Andy had the privilege of being raised by his father **and** two Past Grand Masters of South Carolina.

Watching W. Bro. David as he saw his second son's journey was quite moving, and perhaps historical. I know of only one other Mason who was raised by two Grand Masters (current or past) and that mason was W. Brother David Bostic's other son down in Florida.

I applaud Most Worshipful Brothers Ron Mitchum and Tommie Brant for their fine work in conferring the degrees. Both claimed to be rusty, but believe me, the work was outstanding!

I am waiting on the day that my 11 year old son asks me the question. I know he will, as he has been around Masonry all his life. I pray I live long enough to watch him along his journey.

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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- *Del Collins, J.W.*
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INSPIRATIONAL MEETING HUGE SUCCESS

Brothers, I hope you were able to attend the 10th District's annual Inspirational meeting on August 25 out at the Scottish Rite. It was fantastic! There was good food and good fellowship, enough for everyone. The message from our Brother, R.W. Rev. Dr.

Glenn Mosteller was fantastic. He pointed out that masonry, while sometimes mistaken or attacked as a religion, is most certainly NOT one. While it is a handmaiden to religion, Masonry goes hand-in-hand with Biblical teachings and there is a need for us to get

the truth to the public.

Right Worshipful Bro. Edward Neeley is to be commended for pulling together the "pieces" of this meeting; those who cooked, served, etc. are to be commended as well. Thanks for a job well done!

OFFICER SPOTLIGHT - JIM JACO, TREAS.

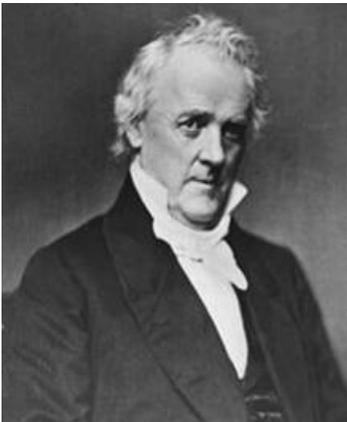


Brother Jim Jaco is on the far left of the picture, just beside the American Flag which he loves so much.

I had a difficult time trying to pick which officer to write about this month. Then it hit me like a ton of bricks, there is only ONE officer that I need to tell you about, and that is our Treasurer, Brother Jim Jaco. Bro. Jim has served the Lodge as treasurer for many years, but he does more than that. Jim Jaco is man who has the heart of a giant. He has his hand on the pulse of both the Olympia Community (We Are Olympia) as

well as those in need. Jim goes around checking on folks. If you say anything nice about him, you can expect a thank you card in the mail within days. Jim Jaco is a true Saint. He is lucky to be blessed with a beautiful wife, Merle. If you haven't heard Jim's rendition of his poem "The Flag" or tasted his famous Pacific Lodge Hash, you are really missing out. Most of all, you have to meet this kind, gentle man. Once you

do, you will be hooked. Don't let the small stature fool you. He has a grip that can bring a large man to his knees, but his generosity knows no bounds. If you stretch forth your hand to say hello, chances are he'll slip a piece of candy in it. It's just the way he is. Thank you Brother Jim, for all you do and all you mean to us. You are the example of a "Good Man" and the embodiment of what it means to be a Mason.



President ,Bro. James Buchanan

FAMOUS MASONS - R.W. BRO. JAMES BUCHANAN

Here in our famous masons spot, we find yet another President of the United States, Right Worshipful Brother James Buchanan. R.W. Bro. Buchanan was 15th President. Born April 23, 1791, in Pennsylvania the second of ten children. He was elected president during a tumultuous time of our history when the nation was struggling with the issue of

slavery. There was also financial turmoil in the nation as well. Three states were admitted to the Union during his tenure, Minnesota, Oregon and Kansas. The latter was admitted as a "slave state" which was a major factor for his name not appearing on the subsequent ballot in northern states. The period of 1860-61 was so divisive that Bro. Buchanan dissolved his Cabi-

net and replaced all southern sympathizers with hard liners. This is merely the surface of Right Worshipful Bro. Buchanan. Initiated Dec. 11, 1816, he was Master of Lancaster Lodge # 43 from 1822-1823. R.W. Bro. Buchanan served as District Deputy Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1824. He would live to see the nation at war with itself. He died June

MASONIC EDUCATION - CAVALRY OR MOUNT MORIAH

Cavalry - This is the Latin name for the place where Jesus's crucifixion took place, called in the Hebrew *Golgotha*, meaning a "skull." It is a small hill or eminence, situated due west from Mt. Moriah, on which the Temple of Solomon was built. This small hill is identified with certain events referred to in the Third Degree. The fact that Mount Calvary is situated in a *westward direction* from the Temple, and *near Mt. Moriah*; that it is on the *direct road from Jerusalem to Joppa*; that it is *outside the gate of the Temple*, lend importance to Masonic leg-

ends. The *cleft*, or *cave*, *in the rock* forming this hill in which subsequently the burial of the body of Jesus was made also identifies Calvary with the spot where the *weary traveler sat down to rest*; and the resurrection of Jesus from this *cave-sepulcher* is most strikingly represented in Masonry. Other interesting traditions relating to Mt. Calvary are preserved in Freemasonry. One is that it was the burial place of Adam, and that the place where he who brought ruin and death upon mankind was buried afterwards

became the place where the Savior of mankind died, was buried, and rose again. Another tradition relates the erection of a nine-arched vault by Enoch beneath the bowels of Mt. Calvary and that deposited on the foundation-stone was the Ineffable Name which is the symbol of Divine Truth in speculative Masonry. Luke 23:33,50-53 - Matt. 27:33,57-60 - Mark 15:22,42-42 - John 19:17,18 - © Phoenixmasonry.org

Corn, Wine and Oil – Peace, Harmony and Strength by Brother Jan Barkan

All should be paid their due. It helps to ensure organizations harmony. It is seen as important enough to Masonry, so that it is one of the main jobs of the Senior Warden.

Payment can be made in many ways. Some see to the needs of the body and others see to the enrichment and needs of the soul.

One allegory of the Fellow Craft is that payments of corn, wine and oil were made in King's Solomon's Temple to operative masons. It alludes to the peace, harmony and strength paid to Free and Accepted Masons when they have worked diligently to learn their craft.

While I have found many differing and beautiful ways to symbolize portions of the Fellow Craft lecture within the Lodges I have visited in Columbia, South Carolina I have missed the artifacts presented to me

in my original home lodge in Miami, Florida, that of the containers of corn, wine and oil which accompanied the lecture.

I feel that the physical presentations of these items aided me in focusing on the allegory. I have therefore created and presented trays of these items to three lodges I have visited within this area.

The items are not very expensive as they relate to money. The 3 containers I got on sale for 60 cents each, the glass trays at a dollar store. I used kosher wine and olive oil as those are what would have been used in Solomon's temple and the corn, which was a little harder to find, was bagged popcorn kernels. As they say in the MasterCard commercials (the meaning) is priceless.

(Directions: bottles should be tightly stoppered and glued closed with the bottles glued to the tray. Don't use

superglue (in a closed hot lodge it will evaporate over time).

NOTE

- from the Secretary -

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brother Jan for his contribution to this month's newsletter. As you can see, it is not only lean, it is late. Once again the time has raced by (like a river...) and gotten the better of me. Brother Jan comes to Pacific Lodge from Key Biscayne Lodge in Miami, Florida. Bro. Jan visited many Lodges before making the decision to call Pacific "home" here in Columbia.

Bro. Jan is always there to help out (like contributing this article) and is ever ready to assist. Thanks again, Brother, we're glad to have you with us and we welcome you.

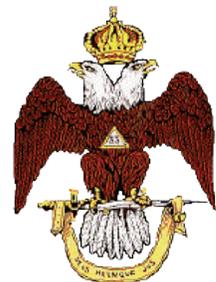


Presentation made by Bro. Jan Barkan



Ask how YOU can become a York Rite Mason!

Ask how YOU can become a Scottish Rite Mason!



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MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

September 4—Regular Communication

September 11—Entered Apprentice Degree

September 18—Fellow Craft Degree

September 25—Master Mason Degree

October 2—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

WHO AM I?

I was born in antiquity, in the ancient days when men first dreamed of God. I have been tried through the ages, and found true. The crossroads of the world bear the imprint of my feet, and the cathedrals of all nations mark the skill of my hands. I strive for beauty and for symmetry. In my heart is wisdom and strength and courage for those who ask. Upon my alters is the Book of Holy Writ, and my prayers are to the One Omnipotent God, my sons work and pray together, without rank or discord, in the public mart and in the inner chamber. By signs and symbols I teach the

lessons of life and of death and the relationship of man with God and of man with man. My arms are widespread to receive those of lawful age and good report who seek me of their own free will. I accept them and teach them to use my tools in the building of men, and thereafter, find direction in their own quest for perfection so much desired and so difficult to attain. I lift up the fallen and shelter the sick. I hark to the orphans' cry, the widows tears, the pain of the old and destitute. I am not church, nor party, nor school, yet my sons bear a full share of responsibil-

ity to God, to country, to neighbour and themselves. They are freemen, tenacious of their liberties and alert to lurking danger. At the end I commit them as each one undertakes the journey beyond the vale into the glory of everlasting life. I ponder the sand within the glass and think how small is a single life in the eternal universe. Always have I taught immortality, and even as I raise men from darkness into light, I am a way of life. I Am Freemasonry. -

Thanks to Bro. Ian Dempster of the U.K. for the article.



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Knock and it shall be opened.

Matthew 7:7, Luke 11:9