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TRAGEDY BEFALLS PACIFIC

My Brothers,

It was early in the morning of June 24 when I got the phone call from Bro. Bill Yandle. He asked if I was sitting down. I thought he was joking, but the news he delivered was horrific, indeed. Our Worshipful Master, Brother Vardie Corley, had died. Needless to say, I was shocked and at a loss for words.

Yes, I knew W. Bro. Vardie was going to have "a procedure" at the hospital. Yes, I knew of his previous heart attacks and medical problems, but I didn't think twice about it. I honestly thought that everything was going to be just fine and that he would come through this just like he had for all the previous ones.

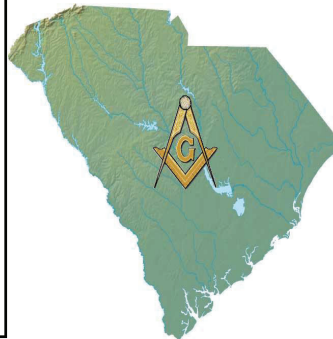
Our Great Architect of the Universe had other plans and called our Brother to join him in the Celestial Lodge Above. We

cannot express our heartfelt loss and the love we had for our Brother. A Special Communication was held on Sunday, June 27 for the purpose of conducting Masonic Rites for W. Bro. Vardie.

We got the word out and the response from area masons was phenomenal. W. Bro. David Mitchum, Past Master from Dentsville Lodge performed the Rites at Southside Baptist Church with the assistance of W. Bro. Mike Harman, Bro. Bill Yandle and R. W. Bro. Bill Bouknight. There must have been 40 or more Brothers there, and that meant the world to the family. The church as packed with friends and family and his memorial was fitting for such a fine man. We will miss you, Bro. Vardie. Please keep his widow, Pat, and his family in your prayers.

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....

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OFFICERS FOR 2010

- *Vardie Corley, W.M. RIP*
- *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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NEWSLETTER GOES DARK

I would like to apologize for the absence of a June Trestleboard, however, my family and I took a much needed vacation. As such, I was out of the country and unable to publish a suitable issue for the month of June.

Most of you know me, and know that I refuse to send out anything not meeting my personal standards and simply throwing a

few items together for the sake of publishing is not my style. I thank you for noticing that "you didn't get one" and it is nice to be appreciated and missed. I should have given notice that there would not be newsletter, but the work was posted on our website. The month of June saw us Pass Oliver Hartner to the Degree of a Fellow Craft and also saw the postponement of our annual BBQ

until August.

I had several people actually notice the absence of the newsletter and that makes me happy, knowing that it was missed. Well, we're back from our vacation and back online. Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer and don't forget to drink plenty of water and avoid over exertion in the heat! Bro. Bosie

FAMOUS MASONS: BRO. BENEDICT ARNOLD !!?

Benedict Arnold, V



Perhaps one of the most notable traitors

Benedict Arnold V (January 3, 1740 – June 14, 1801) was a general during the American Revolutionary War. He began the war in the Continental Army but later defected to the British Army. While he was still a general on the American side, he obtained command of the fort at West Point, New York, and plotted unsuccessfully to surrender it to the British. After the plot was exposed in September 1780, he entered the British Army as a brigadier general.

In spite of his successes, Arnold was passed over for promotion by the Continental Congress while other officers claimed credit for some of his accomplishments. Adversaries in military and political circles brought charges of corruption or other malfeasance, but he was acquitted in most formal inquiries. Congress investigated his accounts, and found that he owed it money after he had spent much of his own money on the war effort. Frustrated and bitter, Arnold decided to change sides in 1779, and opened secret negotiations with the British. In July 1780, he sought and obtained command of West Point in order to surrender it to the British. Arnold's scheme was exposed when American forces captured British Major John André carrying papers that revealed the plot. Upon learning of André's capture, Arnold fled down the Hudson River to the British sloop-of-war Vulture, narrowly avoiding capture by the forces of George Washington, who had been alerted to the plot.

Because of the way he changed sides his name quickly became a byword in the United States for treason or betrayal. His conflicting legacy is recalled in the ambiguous nature of some of the memorials that have been placed in his honor. Benedict Arnold was a member of Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, Connecticut, however, he was expelled 1781. Read more: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benedict_Arnold

Masonic Education: Loyalty to Government and Worthiness



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Loyalty to Government

Foremost in the first charge given to an Apprenticed Mason is the solemn requirement: "In the State, you are to be a quiet and peaceful subject, true to your government, and just to your country; you are not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently submit to legal authority, and conform with cheerfulness to the government of the country in which you live." In all the progressive degrees of Freemasonry, this charge is reinforced and strengthened. Ezra 7:26 - Titus 3:1

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Unworthy Members

We are forced to admit that there are men in the Masonic Order whose characters and lives reflect no credit upon the Institution, whose hearts are

untouched by its sublime moral and religious teachings, and to whom Masonry means nothing in its higher and nobler aims and purposes. They are in the Temple, but not of the Temple; members of our household, but not of us; they are of Israel, but have not the faith of Israel.

Some Lodges may have been remiss in conferring on them the Degrees. Masons persist in the hope of making them better. But the Institution is not responsible for what they are, and should not be unduly criticized. The merciful thing is to bear with them and hope and pray for the regeneration of their heart by God, who alone can perform such miracles.

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From the Secretary:

My Brothers;

I thought I would tie in this

month's Masonic Education in with our "Famous" or in this month's case, "Infamous.Masons." You see, Benedict Arnold was, indeed, a traitor to our new nation. He violated the most basic tenets of our Craft, which is to be loyal to his government.

Granted, this action on his part came in the midst of the American Revolution, Brother (at the time) Arnold had taken an oath to side with those seeing to sever ties with England. As we all know, a man is only as good as his word. Brother Arnold became simply Benedict Arnold when he was expelled from his Lodge and Masonry in 1781, some two years after he committed his treasonous act. Never should a Brother betray his Brothers, his Craft, or his Country. God Bless America and may God Bless our Gentile Craft!

Bro. Bosie

FROM THE EAST - RIP - VARDIE CORLEY, W.M.

IN MEMORIAM

Vardie D. Corley

WEST COLUMBIA - Vardie Duane Corley, 61, passed away Thursday, June 24, 2010. Funeral service will be held at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, at Southside Baptist Church with entombment in Southland Memorial Gardens Mausoleum with Reverend Dan Graves officiating. Visitation will be held from 4:00-5:00 p.m. prior to the service on Sunday, at the church.

Active pallbearers will be Rusty Corley, Brandon Fender, Andrew Seay, Jody Wingate, Shane Harrington and Frank Poole. Honorary pallbearers are the #325 Pacific Lodge Masonic Brothers.

Mr. Corley was born in Columbia, SC, son of Leon J. and Dor-

cas Shealy Corley. He was a member of Southside Baptist Church. He retired from the U.S. Navy. He was active worshipful master of the Pacific Masonic Lodge #325.

Surviving are his mother; wife, Patricia Compton Corley; daughters, Tracy C. Reyes and Stephanie A. Corley; brother and sister-in-law, Leon Wayne Corley, Sr. (Norma); sisters and brothers-in-law, Anita C. Sexton (Bryan); Patricia W. Horton (Lee); grandchildren, Amber, Macy, Matilde, Cole and Austin.

Memorials may be made to Southside Baptist Church, 702 Whaley Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Milton Shealy Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.



Bro. Vardie Corley
Worshipful Master



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EDITOR'S CORNER - FINAL WORDS

After the events of this past month, it is most difficult to publish a tribute befitting such a fine man as our late friend and W. Brother Vardie. You see, Vardie knew that he was in failing health. He was aware that the procedure he was going to have would be dangerous. That knowledge worried him. I don't mean that he was afraid that he was going to die, but rather that he was going to leave his wife and family and that he would leave the Lodge in a bind. Vardie always worried about other people. He worried about the quality of work in

the Lodge. He worried that he may slip up and miss a word. I often tried to remind him that we are simply human and that we make mistakes. That just wasn't quite good enough for Worshipful Bro. Vardie. He wanted perfection. He wanted it in every aspect of his life. He was a strong man of faith who trusted in God. Vardie was the true family man, putting his family first and seeing to their needs before most anything else. If you missed the memorial service, you missed a wonderful event for a wonderful man. Those who stood and spoke simply echoed the

knowledge that his Lodge Brothers already knew. He was a fine and upright man. I never heard anyone say a bad word about Worshipful Brother Vardie. Perhaps that was because there was nothing bad to say. He lived a virtuous life and he will be dearly missed by his Brethren. The Lodge has draped our Altar and our Charter out of respect for his memory. This will remain covered until the end of his term, The Festival of St. John on December 28. May God Bless and Keep Bro. Vardie as well as comfort his family and loved ones.



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MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

July 6 - Regular Communication - 7:30

July 27 - Master Mason Degree - 7:30

August 3 - Regular Communication - 7:30

August 28 - Annual Lodge Bar-B-Q Fundraiser 11:30 - 4:00

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

Any questions, please call

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or

Bro. Bill Yandle, S.W. 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

ANNUAL LODGE BBQ FUNDRAISER—AUG. 28

As you must have noticed by now, we did not have the Bar-B-Que before the 4th of July. Due to the Secretary's slack moment of not getting tickets, it was decided to move the date to the weekend before Labor Day. That being said, the work will begin the morning of the 27th of August. At that time, we will be cleaning and cooking (it is an all-day event) and help is requested. We will be starting about 8:00 Friday morning and need assistance throughout the weekend. The cost once again this year is \$ 7.00 per plate, eat in or carry out. The meal will consist of Bar-B-Que pork, rice and hash, cole slaw, bread and tea.

Tickets are available from any of the officers or they may be purchased at the door. I would urge you to get your tickets early, because once the Que is gone, it's GONE. Walk-in's are served on a first come, first served basis. This is a

wonderful opportunity for the community to get together and catch up on the recent events. It's almost like a family reunion or homecoming. This annual event brings out the "lint-heads" from the mill to the young university students living in the newly built condos and apartments.

We love to see everyone and there is no place in town where you can get a finer meal or a better deal. So go ahead and mark your calendar. Get out there and sell some tickets. Come to the Lodge and sign up for a shift or two. We can use as much help as we can get! I hope to see as many of you as possible.

While I have your attention, PLEASE check your DUES CARD and make sure you have either a 2009 or 2010 card. You won't be NPD with a 2009 until October 31, but you need to

check and make sure you are current. Annual dues are only \$ 40 and a percentage of that goes to Grand Lodge for our Per Capita. The remainder goes into the fund to pay those irritating little bills like water and electricity. That being said, come on and join us. We will have a Master's Degree on July 27 (FC Bro. Oliver Hartner) and I expect a good crowd. I hope you can make it. Please check the website for area events. Wishing everyone a very safe and happy summer, I remain
Fraternally,

Bro. Bosie Martin, PM, Sec.



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