



PACIFIC MASONIC LODGE # 325, A.F.M.



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OPENING OF THE LODGE

In a recent communication sent to me by our District Deputy Grand Master from the Grand Master, it seems some lodges have been opening with just Past Masters. This is NOT to be done. As the Grand Master says:

“Brethren, please remind the Brethren in the Lodges that a Lodge **Cannot be opened without a Master or Warden present for Degree Conferrals, Business Meetings or any other occasion except for a Masonic funeral. If a degree is conferred on a Brother while the Lodge is opened without a Master or Warden present. The Brother receiving**

the degree in an irregular manner and is not a regular mason until healed by the Grand Master. Also Brothers, remember that If the Master is not present, the Senior Warden and if he is not present, the Junior Warden is in charge of the Lodge during meetings NOT the PAST MASTERS. There have been problems reported in some Lodges that the Past Masters just take over when the Master is not there and the Senior or Junior Warden is present and this has created disharmony in those Lodges.”

We are fortunate at Pacific that this has not happened, but we must be ever mindful of the Constitution and Edicts of the Grand Lodge.

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.



MASONIC LICENSE TAGS

As Secretary of the Lodge, the second most question I am asked these days (next to are my dues paid) is “When are the new Masonic License Tags going to be ready?”

I have been letting them know that it should be most

any day now (or at least that is what I was told)... The latest from the Grand Master himself says “The DMV has proved me with a sample of our License Plate and have promised that they will try to have the plates available for October 31 but not later than December 1.”

While I am only slightly disappointed in the delay, I am truly excited about the number of masons who have applied for the tags and are anxious to show the public they are Masons. Thanks to everyone who made this project a reality to enhance Masonry!

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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Junior Deacon

Carrying messages and seeing the Lodge is Duly Tiled...

OFFICER SPOTLIGHT - BILL YANDLE, JR. DEACON

I'll never forget the first time I met Bill Yandle. He seemed a bit nervous as he entered the building. However, at the same time, I could tell he was VERY comfortable within the Lodge. He should have been. He had grown up with most of the officers.

Bro. Bill is our current Junior Deacon, but has pinch hit for other chairs as well. Bill was raised in Pacific Lodge a year ago today (Sept. 26) and

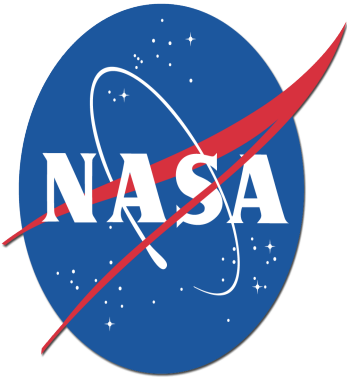
he wasted no time in getting involved in the activities of the Lodge. Brother Bill stood proficiency on the Master's Degree and was appointed to his current chair just months later.

Shortly after he was raised, his wife gave birth to a beautiful daughter, their first child. Bill finds time for Masonry after working all day at the South Carolina State Farmers' Market where he is the owner of Yandle's Produce. It's not

unusual for Bro. Bill to put in 12-14 hours a day and then go home to bathe and put on his coat and tie to attend to his Masonic duties.

Bro. Bill has made a fantastic Mason and Officer of the Lodge. I have been proud of him and know he will continue to serve Pacific Lodge well. If you come to one of our meetings, you'll recognize Bro. Bill. He'll be the one dressed up in a coat, tie, and welcoming smile.

FAMOUS MASONS—THREE ASTRONAUTS



Aldrin, Edwin E. - Known as "**Buzz**" - American astronaut who as a crew member of Apollo 11 became the second human being to walk on the moon (July 20, 1969). Brother Aldrin is a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and there is a memorial painting of him in the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C.

Glenn, John H., Jr. - U. S. astronaut and first American to orbit the earth in a space craft in 1962, he became a U. S. Senator from Ohio from 1974 through 1998 and in November, 1998, returned to space 36 years after his original journey as the oldest American astronaut. "God speed, Brother Glenn!"

Grissom, Virgil "Gus" - Astronaut who made the second crewed spaceflight in 1961, he was tragically killed in a launch pad explosion in 1967.

These three Brothers took their faith in God with them into space. Two returned shile one went to join the GAOTU. God Bless All.

MASONIC EDUCATION: THE ALL SEEING EYE



What is the source of this symbol and its meaning? An important symbol borrowed by the Freemasons from the nations of antiquity. Among the Egyptians, Osiris, their chief deity was symbolized by an open eye. "The eyes of Jehovah are in every place," beholding and watching, the evil and the good. The "All-Seeing Eye" is a symbol of watchfulness and the eye of the Grand Architect. It is the

symbol of his Divine watchfulness and care of the Universe. The All-Seeing Eye, whom the Sun, Moon, and Stars obey, and under whose watchful care even comets perform their stupendous revolutions, pervades the inmost recesses of the human heart, and will reward us according to our merits. The "Rays" represent "Light". Freemasons are emphatically called "The Sons of

Light" because they are entitled to be in possession of the true meaning and knowledge of this symbol. It is in fact the first of all symbols presented to the initiate, and continues to be presented to him in various forms throughout his Masonic career. But as Light not only came from God, it also makes mans way clear before him, so it is employed to signify moral truth. Prov. 15:8 Psalm 33:18©Phoenixmasonry.org

UNIVERSALITY OF MASONRY

As I write this, a group of us are getting ready to invade Scotland to witness an historic occasion. We are going to see a sitting Worshipful Master install his father into the East.

Worshipful Brother John MacMillan of Lodge St. John Muthill # 192 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland will install his father, Jock MacMillan on November 2. Brother Jock has been the long-time Secretary of the

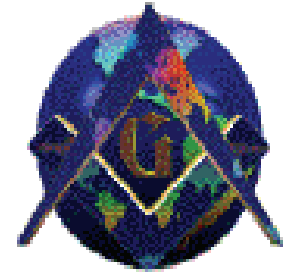
Lodge.

I wrote last month of the fantastic feeling of a father seeing his son being Raised. This is a similar event, but one that happens rarely in our ancient and honorable fraternity. We are most fortunate to be a part of this.

Current Grand Lodge Officers attending will be the Deputy Grand Master, 10th District Deputy Grand Master, and the Junior Grand

Deacon. Our Immediate Past Grand Master and several other Past Grand District Deputies will attend as well.

I am very much looking forward to our "invasion" and for the fellowship and brotherhood which is, indeed, universal. I will write about our travels and exploits in a future issue of this newsletter. I can tell you now that many of the Brothers in Scotland have never experienced "Southern Hospitality" on their turf.



Universal Masonic logo of the world

KNOCK KNOCK - WHO'S THERE ?

As every Mason knows, there is but one way to enter a Lodge. I have mentioned in previous newsletters the Biblical references to the passages of "Seek and ye shall find... knock and it shall be opened unto you."

That, my friend, is how you gain entry into a Lodge. You have to knock or ASK. The great bumper sticker helps

us to get the message out of HOW to become a Mason: 2B1ASK1. What a great concept! We do not solicit membership, but we welcome questions and inquiries.

We are reminded to be particularly mindful of WHO we recommend for Masonry. Remember that we are charged to be very careful who we recommend to join

our ancient and noble fraternity.

We have been blessed with many good and true men who have knocked at our door. We were lucky enough to open the door and let those good men enter. Now it is up to us to make them, and ourselves better. Remember that each and every time you hear a knock at YOUR door.



MASONIC YEAR IS WINDING DOWN

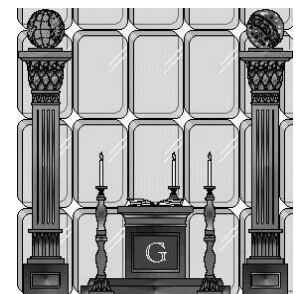
OK, now for my spiel: CHECK YOUR DUES CARD!!! If your dues card reads 2006, you will become NPD if you do not pay your dues by October 31. Your dues card SHOULD read good through 2007. This helps our Lodge keep our dues at a reasonable level (and you have to admit that \$ 35 a

year is pretty darn reasonable all things considered.

I also would ask that you contact me about the Lodge's Perpetual Life Membership Program. This is a very worthwhile program that keeps giving to the Lodge even after you have left this earthly realm.

Also, as a reminder, our

annual Ladies' Night is coming up in November. Brother Patrick Brown, our Senior Warden, is in charge and as always we look forward to a great evening of fellowship, food and entertainment. Keep an eye out for the exact date and time for this year's event. Thanks and enjoy what's left of the year. Bro. Bosie Martin, P.M., Secretary



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SECRETARY & WEBMASTER

MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

October 2—Regular Communication

October 16—Fellow Craft Degree *

October 23—Master Mason Degree *

October 30—Square and Compass Club of the Midlands

November 6—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

ALL SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS DEPEND ON THE BALLOT BOX AND
THE CANDIDATES...

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

SQUARE AND COMPASS CLUB OF THE MIDLANDS

If you visit our webpage, you will find a link to the Square and Compass Club. This is a group of Master Masons that was once called the "Masters and Wardens Club" of the 8th and 10th Masonic Districts.

The last meeting of the year will be hosted at Pacific Lodge on October 30. I urge every Master Mason to come out and join us in the fellowship this core group of Masons. While I don't have the exact figures in front of me, I believe that over the last 5 years, the Square and Compass Club of the Midlands has contributed well

over \$ 100,000 to various charities in our area, including the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, The Scottish Rite Language Center, York Rite Vision Program, Boy Scouts of America and Richland County Sheriff's Department just to name a few.

The upcoming meeting will consist of elections for next year's officers. This is a wonderful way to really get involved in making a difference in our community. The joining of forces from both Masonic Districts really makes a tremendous impact on what we are able to ac-

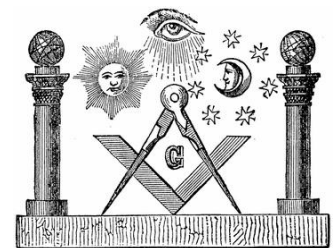
complish.

Annual dues are a mere \$ 5 and is probably the best five dollars you will spend in a year. I congratulate R. W. Bro. Todd Schofield, DDGM of the 8th District and current President this year. W. B. Mike Harmon is Vice President and will do a great job in the year ahead. We will have a vacancy for offices and I urge anyone with time, talents and energy to participate and help out.

R. W. Bro. Mike Broom has done a great job as Secretary-Treasurer, but needs a break. Can someone step up to the plate and help out?



Support YOUR Lodge



MASONS IN ACTION