

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



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### DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

I may have used that intro last year, but here we are once again. Where does the time go? Any Brother can tell you it flows like a river. No sooner does one thing come into sight then it passes and another comes into view.

Our summer at Pacific has been "mild" as far as work goes. We have put off a couple of degrees for various, but worthy reasons. Be that as it may, we will be busy in the coming months.

I want to take just a moment to ask everyone to heed the warning signs of heat exposure. Please drink PLENTY of fluids and do your best to stay out of direct sunlight whenever it is possible. I would also ask

that you take a moment to think of anyone who may need assistance or a visit during these sweltering days.

If you know of anyone who may, for any reason, be unable to get around or if you are just not sure if they have a fan or air conditioning, please go by and check on them. There are programs available to provide most anyone needing such assistance with a fan at NO COST to them.

We have taken an oath to act upon the plumb that we may walk uprightly in our several stations before both God and man. Please remember those less fortunate and if they need help, please let the Lodge know. Thanks and have a safe summer!

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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#### OFFICERS FOR 2008

- Fred Garren, P.M., W.M.
- Brian Gambrell, S.W.
- Bill Yandle, J.W.
- Jim Jaco, Treas.
- Bosie Martin, P.M. Sec.
- Del Collins, S.D.
- Richard Prudence, J.D.
- David Dowden, Stew.
- Michael Hershberger, Stew.
- Wayne Whitworth, Chap.
- Jan Barkan, Tyler

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### FAREWELL TO A BROTHER

I found it rather ironic that we lost one of the heroes of our country two days before we were to celebrate our nation's Independence. Bro. Sam Youngblood was a WWII veteran of both the Pacific AND European Theatres of Operation. Bro. Sam laid down the

working tools of this life and was called Home by the Great Architect of the Universe on July 2.

Bro. Sam's son, Jerry, is also a member of Pacific and requested Masonic Rites, the final tribute to a man who loved his family,

his lodge and his country dearly. You can view Bro. Sam's obituary on our Lodge web site under Health and Happiness. Please keep the Youngblood family in your prayers. Bro. Sam will indeed be missed. Farewell, Brother and may God Bless.



Bro. Mark Drafts  
Mowing Lodge lawn

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - BRO. MARK DRAFTS

I wrote recently about "getting it done." This can be anything from helping in de-gree work or cleaning up after a meal. One person who literally helps get it done is Brother Mark Drafts. Bro Mark, occasionally with the help of his wife Kim, regularly make sure the grass is cut and hedges trimmed around the Lodge.

Bro. Mark has never asked for so much as gas money to fill up his mower, he just en-

joys helping out and making the Lodge a better place to call "home." There was a time when Kim cut the grass by herself. That was because her husband had been deployed with the S.C. Air National Guard to Afghanistan. Bro. Mark has served many years with the Guard, rising to the rank of E-7 (probably soon to be E-8) and has been deployed to the Middle East to support the Swamp Fox Squadron at McEntyre Air

National Guard Base.

Bro. Mark has threatened to come and patch the hole in the roof in front of the Lodge soon, too.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to Bro. Mark AND his bride for all they do. I can't think of a more fitting tribute than to give him just a small recognition which is long overdue. Mark is just another shining example of "doing whatever it takes to get it done."



Mozart circa 1780, by Johann Nepomuk della Croce

## FAMOUS MASONS - BRO. AMADEUS MOZART

**Wolfgang Amadeus**, full name **Johann Chrysostom Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** –

(27 January 1756 – 5 December 1791) was a prolific and influential composer of the Classical era. His 600 compositions include works widely acknowledged as pinnacles of symphonic, concerto, chamber, piano, operatic, and cho-

ral music. Mozart is among the most enduringly popular of classical composers, and many of his works are part of the standard concert repertoire.

The following is a list of some surviving works that Mozart composed for performance at gatherings of Masons:

Lied (song) "Gesellenreise," K. 468, "for use at installation of new journeymen", March

1785. Cantata for tenor and male chorus *Die Maurefreude* ("The Mason's Joy"), K. 471, premiered 24 April 1785

The Masonic Funeral Music (*Maurerische Trauermusik*), K. 477/479a, no later than November 1785.

The story and music of his opera *The Magic Flute* is also considered to have strong Masonic influences. © Wikipedia

## MASONIC EDUCATION - THE LETTER "G"

When I wear Masonic emblems on clothing, I get asked SO often the burning question "What does the letter 'G' stand for? Here is the answer:

This letter is one of the most sacred of the Masonic symbols.

Where it is used, however, as a symbol of Deity, it must be remembered that it is the Saxon representative of the Hebrew Yod and the Greek

Tau--the initial letter of the Eternal in those languages.

This symbol proves that Freemasonry always prosecuted its labors with reference to the grand ideas of Infinity and Eternity.

By the letter "G"--which conveyed to the minds of the brethren, at the same time, the idea of God and that of Geometry--it bound heaven

to earth, the divine to the human, and the infinite to the finite. Masons are taught to regard the Universe as the grandest of all symbols.

In the Lodge room it is always visible in the East, either painted on the wall or sculptured in wood or metal, and suspended over the Master's chair. Psalms 103:11-22 - Psalms 8:3-9 - Ex. 20:22 ©Phoenixmasonry.org



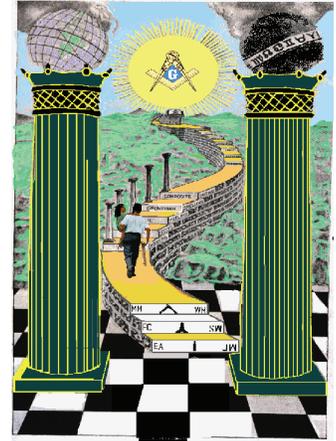
The Letter G

## LECTURE CERTIFICATES PRESENTED

I have mentioned, in past issues, how proud I am of our members. Many have taken so keen an interest as to begin learning the work. I'm excited that we have young men (and young Masons) willing to lend a hand "sitting in chairs." I am also thrilled that we have two Brothers who were presented with Lecture Profi-

ciency Certificates recently. Bro. Del Collins, our Senior Deacon was presented with the First Degree and Bro. Bill Yandle, our Junior Warden was presented with First and Second Degree awards. Perhaps some people are better suited to such memory work, but I have to tell you, in my many years of

being a Mason, I have never heard lectures delivered in the manner in which these Brothers do. They don't just "give" the lecture, they become a part of the work. If you haven't heard a first or second degree lecture lately, I would encourage you to come on out to the Lodge. You won't be disappointed!!



The winding stairs...

## TRACING BOARDS - SHERER CARPETS

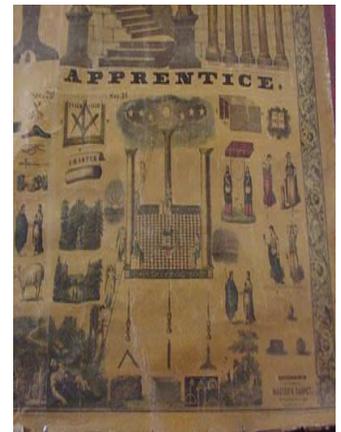
Most (if not all) of you have seen the Sherer carpets on the wall in the Lodge. The two that were originally hung were a gift from my father-in-law. We were lucky enough to find the remaining one when Columbia Lodge merged with Pacific. We will soon have the complete set of all three!

These tapestries date to 1868. These "Master's Carpets" were a basic emblematical chart for the instruction of Freemasonry. Scrolls such as these were

produced during the 19th century as teaching aides for the Worshipful Master and his lecturers within the Blue Lodge to instruct new candidates in the symbolism of Ancient Craft Masonry. During the times that the many lectures of the degrees were explained to the initiates, the chart was taken off of the wall and rolled out on the floor of the Lodge room... hence the word "carpet" instead of

was commonly used. It features all of the symbols, a few to wit: the Sun, Moon and Stars, Jacob's Ladder, King Solomon's Temple, Pillars of Jachin and Boaz, the All-Seeing Eye, the Square and Compasses and the many various other Working Tools.

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Sherer's Carpets  
Once used to assist  
In giving lectures

## SPEAKING OF LECTURES...

Not wanting to omit any of the degrees, I need to take a moment to tell you about our 3rd Degree Lecturer, W. Bro. Paul Martin. W. Bro. Paul has many hats that he wears in the lodge. While I mean that in a figurative manner, he DOES fill in for the Worshipful Master from time to time.

W. Bro. Paul not only plays a big part IN the 3rd Degree, he IS our 3rd Degree Lecturer and has been doing this for

several years now. Not only does W. Bro. Paul give the lecture, he often takes the role of Chief Fellow Craft. In addition to this, you can almost always find him in the kitchen working on the meal for the evening or helping to clean. W. Bro. Paul was Junior Warden for years and was in the habit of preparing the meals for the Lodge.

Old habits die hard. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul for all that he does.

Past Masters have a place in the Lodge, and most of us would rather that place be on the sidelines... We are always eager to give assistance to younger Brothers and show them how it "used" to be done. W. Bro. Paul also can be found taking care of his wife, Joyce, who has been dealing with cancer for years. Keep them all in your prayers and THANKS!



W. Bro Paul Martin  
Lecturer for MM Degree  
Among other duties...



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MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

### SETTING THE WORK

August 5- Regular Communication

August 12 - Entered Apprentice Degree \*

August 19 - Fellow Craft Degree \*

August 26 - Master Mason Degree \*

September 2 - Regular Communication

September 30 - Square & Compass Club of the Midlands

### JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

Any questions, please call

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or

W. Bro. Fred Garren, W.M. at 803-518-6277

(\* ) 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**

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## PAST MASTERS TO CONFER DEGREES

My Brothers, a tradition in many other Lodges is about to come to life at Pacific in the coming months.

The Past Masters of Pacific will confer the three degrees on the candidates beginning in August. This will be either one or two, but nonetheless, we hope you will come out and support the work and the candidates.

W. Bro. Paul Martin has been in charge of this task and is brining all of the parts together. We will do the work for the E.A. Degree in August, the F.C. Degree in September and the M.M. Degree in October. We hope to have enough rust off

of our roles to make it worth your effort to attend.

There may be a part or two left to fill, so if you are a Past Master of Pacific (OR Columbia) I would urge you to contact W. Bro. Paul and let him know of your interest and whether or not you might be able to participate.

As I have mentioned in earlier editions of this publication, this is a very exciting time for Pacific. We are growing by leaps and bounds and the newly raised Brethren are not only coming back to the Lodge, but actually taking an active part. I'm so very proud of the new Brothers AND their coaches.

At the July Regular Communication, I was pleased to present three (3) Ahiman Rezens to the following Brothers: David Minton, Glyn Smith and Isaac White. These three stood proficiency only a short time after being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Well done, my Brothers. A "well done" goes to their coach, W. Bro. Roy McEwen. While he may have struggled through it, getting three candidates through the Third Degree proficiency is no easy task. Thanks to all of those working hard to make Pacific what it is today. You make be proud to tell everyone "We're PACIFIC, 325."



**Support YOUR Lodge**



Knock and it shall be opened  
unto you.

Matthew 7:7, Luke 11:9



## STORIES FROM BRO. DAVID NEWMAN

A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, stopped going.

After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable, but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs.

After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more. Soon, it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave.

He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, 'Thank you so much for your fiery summons, my brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting.'

Author Unknown

## HOW TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM BRO. DAVID NEWMAN

Brethren, take time to read this so that you are readily able to provide answers questions asked by non-Masons. This is the text of a leaflet published by the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England in 1984.

What is Freemasonry?

Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest secular fraternal societies. Freemasonry is a society of men concerned with moral and spiritual values. Its members are taught its precepts by a series of ritual dramas, which follow ancient forms and use stonemasons' customs and tools as allegorical guides.

The Essential Qualification for Membership:

The essential qualification for admission into and continuing membership is a belief in a Supreme Being. Membership is open to men of any race or religion who can fulfill this essential qualification and are of good repute.  
Freemasonry and Religion:

Freemasonry is not a religion, nor is it a substitute for religion. It's essential qualification opens it to men of many religions and it expects them to continue to follow their own faith. It does not allow religion to be discussed at its meetings.



### The Three Great Principles:

For many years Freemasons have followed three great principles:

Brotherly Love - Every true Freemason will show tolerance and respect for the opinions of others and behave with kindness and understanding to his fellow creatures.

Relief - Freemasons are taught to practice charity, and to care, not only for their own, but also for the community as a whole, both by charitable giving, and by voluntary efforts and works as individuals.

Truth - Freemasons strive for truth, requiring high moral standards and aiming to achieve them in their own lives.

Freemasons believe that these principles represent a way of achieving higher standards in life.

From its earliest days, Freemasonry has been concerned with the care of orphans, the sick and the aged. This work continues today. In addition, large sums are given to national and local charities.

### Freemasonry and Society:

Freemasonry demands from its members a respect for the law of the country in which a man works and lives. Its principles do not in any way conflict with its members' duties as citizens, but should strengthen them in fulfilling their private and public responsibilities. The use by a Freemason of their membership to promote his own or anyone else's business, professional or personal interests is condemned, and is contrary to the conditions on which he sought admission to Freemasonry. His duty as a citizen must always prevail over any obligation to other Freemasons, and any attempt to shield a Freemason who has acted dishonorably or unlawfully is contrary to this prime duty.

### Secrecy:

The secrets of Freemasonry are concerned with its traditional modes of recognition. It is not a secret society, since all members are free to acknowledge their membership and will do so in response to inquiries for respectable reasons. Its constitutions and rules are available to the public. There is no secret about any of its aims and principles. Like many other societies, it regards some of its internal affairs as private matters for its members.

### Freemasonry and Politics:

Freemasonry is non-political, and the discussion of politics at Masonic meetings is forbidden.

### Other Masonic Bodies:

Freemasonry is practiced under many independent Grand Lodges with standards similar to those set by the United Grand Lodge of England. There are some Grand Lodges and other apparently Masonic bodies which do



not meet these standards, e.g. which do not require a belief in a Supreme Being, or which allow or encourage their members to participate in political matters. These Grand Lodges and bodies are not recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England as being Masonically regular, and Masonic contact with them is forbidden.

Conclusion:

A Freemason is encouraged to do his duty first to God (by whatever name he is known) through his faith and religious practice; and then, without detriment to his family and those dependent on him, to his neighbor through charity and service. None of these ideas is exclusively Masonic, but all should be universally acceptable. Freemasons are expected to follow them..

**APPEAL FROM THE SECRETARY**  
**- YOU ARE NEEDED AT MEETINGS -**

My Brothers, many of you are already blood donors and have saved more lives than you may ever know. I have been contacted by the American Red Cross and am told that their blood supply is dangerously low. I will propose a Masonic Blood Drive at the next Regular Communication of Pacific Lodge. We will coordinate this with the 8th and 10th District Deputy Grand Masters. This is just one way we can give back to our community. I will propose we use Pacific Lodge for an entire day if we can get this motion passed and if we can get enough pledged support. I am counting on all of you to come through if at all possible. I will send out a notification of when this may take place. Let's work with the Red Cross and show them just what Masons can do once they put their minds to it. So, how about it. Are you willing to help out? Help save a life, DONATE BLOOD. Thanks in advance,

Bro. Bosie Martin, PM, Sec.



**American  
Red Cross**

*Together, we can save a life*