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SUMMER DOLDRUMS

This may well be the case here at Pacific, my Brothers as we are in a period of brief inactivity. No candidates in the line and no petitions in to ballot on to my knowledge. Many Lodges actually go “dark” during these summer months. July and August are generally periods when families take vacations together and time off of work. As for the word doldrums, it is a noun:

1. a state of inactivity or stagnation, as in business or art: August is a time of doldrums for many enterprises.
2. a belt of calms and light baffling winds north of the equator between the northern and southern trade winds in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

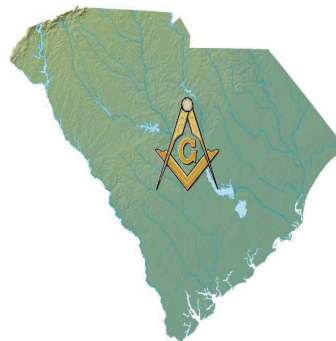
As for me, I have just re-

turned from a wonderful trip with my 13 year old son, Rivers. We took a tour through U.S. History in visits to Boston and Philadelphia. I was pleased to see how much of our country was influenced by Masons. We saw graves of Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, Joseph Hewes, and many more. We saw evidence of the influences our Fraternity had on the country then and now. Perhaps best of all, we were able to visit the Grand Lodges of both Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

I will be putting some of the history in the pages of this month’s newsletter and hope you will find it interesting. Remember to VISIT other Lodges when you can!

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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- *Vardie Corley, J.W.*
- *Jim Jaco, Treas.*
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- *Bill Yandle, S.D.*
- *Jan Barkan, J.D.*
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- *James Glyn Smith, Chap.*
- *Michael Hershberger, Tiler*

PLEASE CHECK YOUR DUES CARD—2009???

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MASONIC TRAVELS WITH A FUTURE BROTHER

In England, he would be known as a “Lewis” or the son of a Master Mason and entitled to become a Member of the Craft.

My 13-year old son, Rivers, has said for many years now that he wants to become a Mason. We were fortunate to travel together in July to both Boston and Philadelphia where we visited the Grand Lodges of BOTH Grand

Jurisdictions. It was great trip to say the least. Please read the piece on pages 4 and 5 regarding the Masonic Foundations of our great country. I am unable to include the entire article, but for additional information, please visit the following link (to whom I owe a debt of gratitude):

<http://watch.pair.com/mason.html>

This writing is from a broader piece from a religious source called Watch Unto Prayer, but the history and Masonic connections seem to be accurate, at least enough so for me to include in this month’s Trestleboard... Wishing each of you a safe summer and may all the best come your way, I remain, Fraternally Yours. Bro. Bosie

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - R.W. EDWARD NEELEY, PDDGM



R.W. Bro. Edward

Some folks mistakenly call our immediate Past District Deputy Grand Master "Ed." While you may get away with it, his name is Edward. He doesn't take offense mind you, but like me when I hear "Mr. Martin" I remind people that Mr. Martin was my Dad and I'm just Bosie. R.W. Bro. Edward is the same way. While I may have featured Edward here a time or two before, I wanted to let everyone know that the Lodge voted to purchase the DDGM jewel you see suspended from his

neck and it was presented to him at our last Regular Communication. This will be framed and take it's place of honor in the Lodge.

Not since R.W. Bro. Jerry Strawbridge has Pacific been honored to call one of our own Right Worshipful. I wanted to take a moment to thank R.W. Bro. Edward for all his hard work and dedication to the Craft and to Pacific in particular. You did a GREAT job during your two years and we want to say thank you for all you did and all you continue to do. God Bless you and yours!



Brother Charles Lindbergh with the Spirit of St. Louis

FAMOUS MASONS: BRO. CHARLES LINDBERGH

Charles Augustus Lindbergh (February 4, 1902 – August 26, 1974) (nicknamed "Lucky Lindy" and "The Lone Eagle") was an American aviator, author, inventor and explorer.

On May 20–21, 1927, Lindbergh, then a 25-year old U.S. Air Mail pilot, emerged from virtual obscurity to almost instantaneous world fame as the result of his Orteig Prize-winning solo non-stop flight from Roosevelt Field on Long Island to Le Bourget Field in Paris in the single-seat, single-engine

monoplane Spirit of St. Louis. Lindbergh, an Army reserve officer, was also awarded the nation's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor, for his historic exploit. In the late 1920s and early 1930s, Lindbergh used his fame to relentlessly help promote the rapid development of U.S. commercial aviation.

In his later years, Lindbergh became a prolific prize-winning author, international explorer, inventor, and active environmentalist. His 1953 book *The Spirit of St.*

Louis, recounting his nonstop transatlantic flight, won the Pulitzer Prize in 1954. Dwight D. Eisenhower restored Lindbergh's assignment with the U.S. Army Air Corps and made him a Brigadier General in 1954. In that year, he served on the Congressional advisory panel set up to establish the site of the United States Air Force Academy. To learn more about Brother Lindbergh, visit:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Lindbergh
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Masonic Education: THE SACRED LAW



We may call it the Holy Bible. To others it may be the Koran or Torah. In the United Kingdom, they simply refer to it as the "V.S.L." or Volume of Sacred Law. It all depends upon the candidate's faith and belief. As you all know, Masonry is not a religion, but perhaps better described as religion's handmaiden. The volume sitting on the altar is the book upon which the candidate holds as HIS faith and the one upon which he will take his obligations. We sometimes forget that the primary qualification to become a Mason is purely and simply the

belief in a Supreme Being. Whether Christian or Jew, Hindu or Muslum, it makes no matter, but to know that there is but ONE Supreme Being. Phoenixmasonry describes it as follows:

"The Sacred Law is a term applied to the Ten Commandments given by God to Israel and later written on two Tables of Stone for Moses. According to a tradition of the Jewish Mishna, these commandments were explained to Aaron, then to Aaron and his two sons, then to Aaron, his sons, and the seventy elders, and then to all

these and to the people. Later Moses incorporated these Commandments in the sacred writings which he left as a permanent heritage to Israel and to the world. The Sacred Law as given by God and as explained and handed down to Israel is accepted as binding upon all Freemasons. It is repeated in the Fourteenth Degree A.A., Scottish Rite. The Sacred Law as given to Moses... Ex. 20:1-17 - Deut. 5:1-21 "

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FROM THE EAST - BRIAN GAMBRELL, W.M.

As a part of my year in the East, I set as a goal for our Lodge to encourage the return of Brothers who have not been with the active or involved with the fellowship. This is personally important to me because I was out of the fellowship for almost 10 years. It was deceptively easy to fall away. I was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason at Princeton Lodge exactly one week before I got married. I then moved back to Columbia two weeks after I got married to start law school. I spent many Saturdays studying to keep with the demanding course load. My wife and I were blessed with the birth of our first son at the conclusion of my third year of law school. I then began studying for the bar and trying to find a permanent job. I then started my career with a great law firm in Greenwood. After a year and half, a new job brought me back to Columbia.

All along the way, I always found something to do or more

important than Masonry. I paid my dues, but I only attended one or two regular communications after I was raised. I forgot what I needed to know. I felt embarrassed to the point I did not even tell my father or brother, both active Master Masons who were present at all of my degree work. There are things I should know, but I did not return to the fellowship because I was afraid I would be rejected.

Fortunately, all of this changed with a friend decided to ask a co-worker "the" question. Del Collins's wife mentioned casually at a weekly get-together that Del had "joined a lodge." My wife asked if it was same kind of lodge I was a member. A friend for more that 3 years did not know I was a Mason. This led Del to mention me to Bosie, who invited me to attend a Master Mason degree in Lexington. Bosie kindly and patiently reminded me of what I needed to know. I have happily been re-involved with Masonry,

but it would have never happened without someone helping me back to the fellowship.

We will be holding a "Rusty Nail" degree with the assistance of the Most Worshipful Barry A Rickman. A "Rusty Nail" degree is a time when brothers who have been out of the fellowship for any period of time can return "to the light" by being re-taught all of the necessary grips and words. A Brother still needs to have a valid dues card, but we will be planning far enough in the future to give a chance for any interested NPD brother can apply for reinstatement. This will not happen without all you working alert these brothers to this rare opportunity. We want a lodge full of long lost brethren who can feel the same joy that I need returning to the greatest fraternity in the world

Fraternally,

Bro. Brian



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American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

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COMMUNITY PROJECT - AMERICAN RED CROSS

OK, so this time I'm not going to request that we have a blood drive at the Lodge (but I hope we will do that again around the first of the year)... I got a call tonight letting me know that supplies are **VERY** low, especially for my type of blood, O+, which is a "universal donor.". I am going to call them and set up an appointment to go down to the Red Cross Center on Bull Street and donate. What I would like to do is to challenge each and every Brother reading this newsletter to join me in giving the gift of life.

Summer months are one of the critical needs time for blood and we can join forces with the Red Cross to SAVE A LIFE and give the gift of

life. So, what do you say? Are you willing to take on my challenge? I am planning on setting an appointment for Wednesday afternoon. I plan on announcing this at our Lodge's Regular Communication this Tuesday night. It really doesn't take long and together we CAN make a difference.

R.W. Bro. Bill Lamb is in Charleston after a heart transplant and you KNOW that used up a large supply. Let's get together and replenish their stock. Join me on Wednesday, Aug. 5th. Visit their web appointment page:

<https://www.givelife.org/index.cfm?group=op&expand=598548&zc=29201>

Location: Columbia Fixed Site - Whole Blood

2751 Bull St
Columbia, SC 29201
Date: Wednesday - August 5th 2009 - from 11:00 AM until 6:45 PM, EDT. Or you can CALL 803-540-1200 OR 803-540-1234 to schedule an appointment.

Thanks for your consideration of this request. If you can, take a friend with you to show what Masons can do. We take pride in being MASONS IN ACTION.

Thanks and God Bless. The life you save may be someone you love.

Having just come from a visit to Boston and Philadelphia with my 13-year old son, I wanted to share this with you:

THE MASONIC FOUNDATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES

THE FOUNDING FATHERS

Christians have been led to believe that the government of the United States of America is based on the basic principles of Christian morality, which have their origin in the Scriptures. Notable for propagating this misinformation are D. James Kennedy, author of a book promoting astrology, and Peter Marshall, Jr. (son of the late U.S. Senate Chaplain) who wrote *The Light and The Glory*. However, both of these ministers are members of the Council for National Policy, a secret organization founded by the globalist Council on Foreign Relations which has an anti-Christian agenda.

Historical evidence militates against the view that those who formulated the fundamental documents of American government were Christians. To the contrary, not a few who wrote and signed the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the U. S. Constitution were Deists, Theists and Freemasons. Webster's Dictionary defines "theism" and "deism":

Theism - "belief in the existence of a god or gods; specifically, belief in the existence of one God viewed as the creative source of man and the world who transcends yet is immanent in the world."

Deism - "a movement or system of thought advocating natural religions based on human reason rather than revelation, emphasizing morality, and in the 18th century denying the interference of the Creator with the laws of the universe."

One recent historical account of Freemasonry, *THE TEMPLE & THE LODGE*, boast instead of the profound influence of Freemasonry on the founding documents, (while carefully trying to avoid creating the impression of a Masonic conspiracy):

"Of the fifty-six signatories of the Declaration of Independence, only nine can definitely be identified as Freemasons, while ten others may possibly have been. Of the general officers in the Continental Army, there were so far as documentation can establish, thirty-three Freemasons out of seventy-four. Granted the known Freemasons were, as a rule, more prominent, more instrumental in shaping the course of events than their unaffiliated colleagues..."

"On 11 June, (the Continental) Congress appointed a committee to draft a declaration of independence. Of the five men on this committee, two - Franklin and...Robert Livingston - were Freemasons, and one, Robert Sherman, is believed, though not confirmed, to have been. The other two, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams - were not, despite subsequent claims to the contrary. The text of the declaration was composed by Jefferson. It was submitted to Congress and accepted on 4 July 1776. The nine signatories who can now be established as proven Freemasons, and the ten who were possibly so, included such influential figures as Washington, Franklin and, of course, the president of the Congress, John Hancock. The army, moreover, remained almost entirely in Freemasonic hands...As we shall see, it is in the Constitution that the influence of Freemasonry is most discernible..."

"At last, on 25 May 1787, the Constitutional Convention opened in Philadelphia and commenced its efforts to devise the machinery of government for the new nation. The first voice to make itself heard in any significantly influential way was a characteristically Freemasonic one, that of Edmund Randolph. Randolph...a member of a Williamsburg lodge, had become Washington's aide-de-camp. Subsequently he was to become Attorney-General, then governor of Virginia and Grand Master of Virginia's Grand Lodge. During Washington's presidency, he was to serve as the first Attorney-General of the United States, then the first Secretary of State.

"...There were ultimately five dominant and guiding spirits behind the Constitution - Washington, Franklin, Randolph, Jefferson and John Adams. Of these, the first three were active Freemasons, but men who took their Freemasonry extremely seriously - men who subscribed fervently to its ideals, whose entire orientation had been shaped and conditioned by it. And Adam's position, though he himself is not known to have been a Freemason was virtually identical to theirs. When he became president, moreover, he appointed a prominent Freemason, John Marshall, as first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court." From *American Masonic History - What Are America's True Roots?* Ben Franklin's high level Masonic

and intelligence connections are identified in The Occult Conspiracy, which is cited by the Pyramid Gallery: "One of the most influential figures in the American Revolution was the writer, philosopher and scientist Benjamin Franklin. He was a Quaker but had become a Freemason in 1731 when he joined the Lodge of St. John in Philadelphia, which was the first recognized Masonic lodge in America. At the time he was inducted Franklin was working as a journalist and he wrote several pro-Masonic articles which were published in The Pennsylvania Gazette. In 1732 he helped draft the by laws of his lodge and in 1734 he printed the Constitutions which was the first Masonic book ever issued in America. He eventually rose to Grand Master of the St. John's lodge and in 1749 was elected Grand Master of the Province. While in France in the 1770s, as a diplomat for the American colonies, Franklin was made Grand Master of the Nine Sisters Lodge in Paris. Members of the Lodge included Danton, who was to play a crucial role in the French Revolution, the Marquis de Lafayette and Paul Jones, both of whom fought in the American War of Independence. While in Paris Franklin used his Masonic contacts to raise funds to buy arms for the American rebels." [Michael Howard, The Occult Conspiracy - Secret Societies - Their Influence and Power in World History]

"Franklin, was also a Rosicrucian Grand Master, who was at the heart of the Illuminati operations to take over America and replace the visible control of the British Empire with the invisible control of the secret brotherhood, the most effective and ongoing form of mastering the underclass. It is said the Illuminati, via the Freemasons, controlled and manipulated both sides in the American War of Independence and were also deeply connected with the French Revolution (1789).

"Franklin was Agent 72 of the British intelligence agency created by Dr. John Dee and Francis Bacon during the reign of Elizabeth I. During their time in London, Franklin and the Professor were brought into contact with those in positions of power who shared their Masonic and occult interests. One of these was Sir Francis Dashwood, the English Chancellor of the Exchequer who was also the founder of a secret society called the Friars of St. Francis of Wycombe, more popularly known in the parlors of London as the Hell Fire Club.

"Franklin and LeMarchand spent a summer at Dashwood's estate in West Wycombe, north of London, where they took part in rituals in the specially-created caves dug on Dashwood's orders.

"Dashwood and Franklin, both postmasters, together were able to control and disseminate intelligence better than the military. Postmaster at this point in history meant spymaster as the postmasters controlled the movement of information."

13 exhibited evidence of Masonic membership, and six more later became Masons.

"There were many other Masonic influences in early American history: (1) Lafayette, the French liaison to the Colonies, without whose aid the war could not have been won, was a Freemason; (2) the majority of the commanders of the Continental Army were Freemasons and members of "Army Lodges"; (3) most of George Washington's generals were Freemasons; the Boston Tea Party was planned at the Green Dragon Tavern, also known as the "Freemasons' Arms" and "the Headquarters of the Revolution"; (4) George Washington was sworn in as the first President of the United States by Robert Livingston, Grand Master of New York's Masonic lodge, and the Bible on which he took his oath was from his own Masonic lodge; and (5) the Cornerstone of the Capital Building was laid by the Grand Lodge of Maryland."

The following profiles demonstrate the commitment of the most prominent and influential founding fathers to Freemasonry, deism and/or theism.

"Some of the greatest names of the American Revolution were Masons: Ethan Alien, Edmund Burke, John Claypoole, William Daws, Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, John Paul Jones, Robert Livingston, Paul Revere, Colonel Benjamin Tupper, and George Washington. Of the 56 signers of The Declaration of Independence, eight were known Masons and seven others exhibited strong evidence of Masonic membership.

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MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA



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August 4 - Regular Communication - 7:30

HAVE A NICE MONTH OFF, BROTHERS !

VISIT OTHER LODGES !

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

Any questions, please call

W. Bro. Bosie Martin, Secretary at 803-960-9136

or

Bro. Brian Gambrell, W.M. at 803-743-6568

(*) 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

RUSTY NAIL DEGREE COMING UP

While it may not be until October, our Worshipful Master has promised that we **WILL** confer the RUSTY NAIL DEGREE for ANY current Brother in GOOD STANDING to refresh them with the words, grips, etc. of the various degrees.

We are most fortunate to have our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Barry Rickman who will join us (providing his schedule permits) and will probably partake in the work of "refreshing" the memories of our Brothers who may not have attended Lodge in a long time. I would URGE each and every Brother, whether active or not, to come out and join in the fellowship

with our "Rusty" Brothers and help them recall the steps they went through to get to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. We have ALL travelled the same road and sometimes need to be reminded of what we may have forgotten...

I honestly believe that many Brothers, while current in their dues, may be reluctant to attend Lodge for fear of "not knowing or remembering the work..." That is what this is all about: To make you comfortable and to HELP TO REFRESH **YOUR MEMORY**. We want you to feel WELCOME in YOUR Lodge. You should not hesitate to

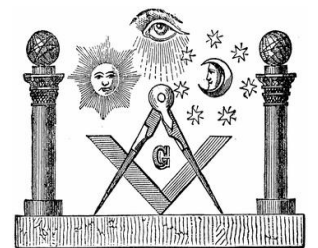
attend a Lodge because you are unsure of being able to "work your way" into the Lodge.

When I attended a Lodge in Atlanta, GA, I was taken into a back room and was put under a Tiler's Oath (referenced in an earlier Trestleboard) ... needless to say, I had NO idea of what they were looking for.

Believe me when I tell you that they were simply looking to make sure that I WAS a Master Mason and could prove it. Not only by being in possession of my Dues Card (which I had) but by being able to provide them with the information they were actually seeking. It was not difficult, and I had a GREAT time. I hope many Brothers will come BACK.



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