

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



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WHERE HAS THE YEAR GONE?

Well, it's that time of year again. You know. Time to put up the Halloween stuff and break out Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations. Once again, I see that time has swiftly passed by like a flowing river. No sooner has one thing come into view than it is carried away by that current of time.

Our Masonic year will end in just over a month, on December 27, St. John the Evangelist Day. New officers will officially take over their new positions. All things begin anew.

REMEMBER

LADIES' NIGHT is next Friday, November 16. Bring your family and

friends for food, fun and fellowship. We will be presenting service awards along with music and bingo. It seems like just yesterday that we had our installation for 2007. Do you remember? Most Worshipful Bro. Ron Mitchum installed Worshipful Bro. Fred Garren and the officers for the ensuing (now fleeting) year. This was a very special time for our Lodge. We have grown and we are making a difference. Look inside this issue to see some of the many accomplishments we have made and see how we are working to uncover our light to show the world what Masonry really is all about. We are Pacific 325, Masons in Action and we are making our world a better place.

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.



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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OFFICER ELECTIONS—INSTALLATION

Please take note that our annual election for the upcoming year will be held at our next Regular Communication on December 4. A tentative slate of officers has been drafted, but the official nominations and elections will not be held until then. If you have a desire to serve

as an elected or appointed officer for the coming year, please step up and let the Worshipful Master know. I am proud that we are such a vibrant young lodge with much talent. This year there was only one Past Master in a Chair. I hope we can keep up that tradi-

tion and keep the newly made masons busy and involved in the work of the Lodge. Come on out and enjoy the fellowship. Be a part of something special. Come on out to Pacific Lodge and bring a Brother to see what Masonry is all about.



Stewards inform the Lodge as to the preparation of candidates...

OFFICER SPOTLIGHT - OUR STEWARDS

It is with regret that the Stewards of the Lodge get relatively little recognition within a Lodge, and yet they play a pivotal role. Stewards assist the Junior Warden and ensure candidates are properly prepared and escort them around the Lodge.

Our two Stewards this year are Bro. Richard Prudence and Bro. Glenn Gates. Bro. Richard is the owner and president of Round-Tuit, a home repair company and he

can fix most anything that needs fixing. Richard is married with one son.

Brother Glenn Gates, our second Steward, is a corporal with the Columbia Police Department working out of the North Region. Glenn is also married and has a daughter who enjoys playing soccer.

These two brothers have been great representatives of the Lodge and have helped

out on several occasions. These brothers have been stalwart in their attendance and work in the Lodge.

Some people refer to a “senior” or “junior” Steward, however that is not the case. There is what is known as a “talking steward”, but both are equal in Masonic “Rank” so to speak. Thanks for all your help this year and we look forward to many more evenings together..



ROBERT MILLS
AMERICA'S
FIRST ARCHITECT

FAMOUS MASONS— BRO. ROBERT MILLS

Born August 12, 1781 in Charleston, South Carolina, sometimes called the first native born American to become a professional architect, though Charles Bulfinch perhaps has a clearer claim to this honor. Mills studied in Charleston, South Carolina, as a student of Irish-born architect James Hoban, who later designed the White House, which became the official home of US presidents. Both Hoban and Mills were Freemasons.

In 1836 he won the competition for the design of the Washington Monument, his best known work. He designed many courthouses in South Carolina. He also designed buildings to include fireproof materials. A fire in Kingstree, South Carolina destroyed much of the upper floor of a courthouse called the Fireproof Building that he designed, but the county records on the first floor were protected due to his fireproofing measures.

He died in Washington, D.C. in 1855 and was buried at the Congressional Cemetery. Brother Mills was born in Charleston, South Carolina and there is a very historic house and grounds here in Columbia. The Robert Mills House is located at 1616 Blanding Street. The Robert Mills House is one of the few private residences designed by Mills still in existence.
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MASONIC EDUCATION: THE NUMBER FIVE



Among the Pythagoreans *five* was a mystical number, because it was formed by the union of the first even number and the first odd, rejecting unity; hence it symbolized the mixed conditions of order and disorder, happiness and misfortune, life and death. The same union of the odd and even or male and female, numbers made it the symbol of marriage. Among the Greeks it was a symbol of the world, because says Diodorus, it represents ether and the four elements. It was a sacred and round number among the Hebrews. In

Egypt, India, and other oriental nations says Gesenius, the five minor planets and the five elementary powers were accounted sacred. It was the pentas of the Gnostics and the Hermetic Philosophers; it was a symbol of their quintessence, the fifth or highest essence of power in a natural body. In Freemasonry, five is a sacred number, inferior only in importance to three and seven. It is especially significant in the Fellowcraft Degree, where five are required to hold a Lodge, and where, in the winding stairs, the

five steps are referred to the orders of architecture and the human senses. In the Third Degree we find the reference to the five points of fellowship and their symbol, the five-pointed star. Geometry, too, which is deemed synonymous with Freemasonry, is called the fifth science; and, in fact, throughout nearly all the Degrees of Freemasonry, we find abundant allusions to five as a sacred and mystical number.

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OUR MASONIC YEAR

I am writing this without benefit of having our minutes in front of me, but I wanted to note some events in the Lodge over this past year. As mentioned on page one, we started by having the Grand Master install our officers. We have seen several candidates make their Masonic Journey and have become not only Master Masons, but VERY active participants in the Lodge.

In the spring, Worshipful

Brother Edward Neeley became Right Worshipful upon his appointment as District Deputy Grand Master of the 10th Masonic District. Yet another milestone for Pacific.

Weeks later, a town in Kansas was devastated by a tornado and our Lodge stepped up and donated over \$ 500 for relief.

Renovations to the kitchen and dining area were made with the assistance of the Brethren. Ceiling fans have

been donated to the Lodge and will be installed by the end of the year.

Pacific answered the challenge to assist the Scottish Rite Language Center with a donation of \$ 250.

Just this month, the Lodge was used to provide the elderly with flu shots, bringing health care into the community for about 80 individuals.

We have had a great year and I thank all those involved.



Time Flies

SCOTLAND MASONIC REPORT

Your South Carolina delegation has returned from our visit to Scotland. We were treated to hospitality second to none. We visited the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Rosslyn Chapel our first day. We attended the Installation of Lodge St. John Muthill # 192 and W. Bro. Bosie Martin was made an honorary member of that Lodge. Gifts were exchanged both to the

Lodge and Grand Lodge. One of our Brothers attended a Mark Masters Degree at another Lodge, but perhaps the highlight of the visit was a trip and tour of Mother Lodge Kilwinning Number 0. This Lodge has every recorded minutes from about 1500 on. Evidence dates the building to 1140. For information on this Lodge, please visit their Lodge web site at:

<http://www.mk0.co.uk/>

Fraternal greetings were sent to all of our Lodges from both Lodge St. John and Lodge Kilwinning. The journey was truly remarkable and we got to see the son (WM) install his father (Sec) in Muthill. It was a very touching moment and I am honored to have been a part of such an historic evening.



THE SECRETARY'S PLEA - DON'T GO N.P.D.

ARE YOU IN DANGER?
PLEASE
CHECK YOUR DUES
CARD

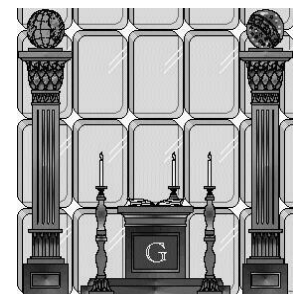
If your dues card reads 2006, you become NPD if you did not pay your dues by October 31. Your dues card SHOULD read good through 2007. This helps our Lodge

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.

We would like to make 2007 a year where we lose NO Brother for non-payment of dues. If you know of a Brother who is in need and cannot meet this obligation, please let us know. Yours in Masonry, Bro. Bosie Martin, P.M., Secretary



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SECRETARY & WEBMASTER

MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

November 6—Regular Communication

November 16—Ladies' Night

November 27—Master Mason Degree

December 4—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

AID AND ASSIST

One of the most important tenants of Freemasonry is to "aid and assist all worthy .. Brothers." That assistance can come in many forms, from helping a Brother who is in financial distress to simply helping out in another Lodge when needed.

We have once again been called upon to aid in this manner. In a rare reversal of circumstance, we have a newly made Master Mason in our Lodge who is watching his father take his degrees. It is usually the other way around in our Fraternity.

Last month, Brother Wayne Whitworth was raised to the

Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Earlier in the month, members of Pacific were asked to help in conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree by Shandon Lodge for Wayne's father. Not only was Wayne there to see that first degree, but he has also been coaching his dad for his proficiency. THAT is fantastic.

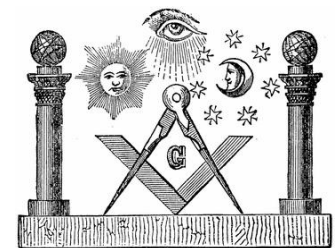
Once again we have been asked to be there to help the members of Shandon Pass Wayne's dad to the Second Degree of Masonry. Shandon will meet at THEIR Lodge on Maple Street on Tuesday, November 20. The

meal will be served at 6:45 and the degree work, will begin at 7:30. Please join us if you can to aid and assist Shandon Lodge AND our very own Brother Wayne in this, his father's Masonic Journey.

Also, if you know of any Brother, their wives or families who are in need, please contact the Lodge and let us know. Many times people are reluctant to ask for assistance and that's understandable. In like manner, we need to be there to stretch forth our hands in brotherly love to help in any way we can. Thanks and God Bless.



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