



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



THE PACIFIC TRESTLEBOARD

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TRAVELLING MAN

My Brothers, a common question a mason may ask a man whom he suspects to be a Brother is "Are you a travelling man?" We, of course, know what it means and we know the answer.

Your Secretary (I) will be travelling in a different way over the next two months. In my occupation, I will be travelling the state and will be gone during the week. I plan on being home on the weekends (Lord willing) and will be catching up on paperwork then.

Please know that although I will be missing a great deal of work, I will be with you all in spirit. W. Bro. Doyle Jaco, our past secretary, has kindly volunteered to protem for me in my absence.

If you need anything, you can call on him and he will be happy to help you in any way he can.

I would ask that you show him some mercy and not overwhelm him with requests or questions. Don't get me wrong, there are few people who can answer them better, but he will still be assisting in preparation of the meals among other duties.

I will miss my Brothers of Pacific, and if time permits, I hope to visit other Lodges throughout the state while on the road. Take care of yourself. Take care of the Lodge. And perhaps most importantly, take care of our members, our widows and orphans. THAT, my Brothers, is what we are about.

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....

Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge A.F.M. of South Carolina.



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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MASONIC BLOOD DRIVE

As mentioned in the last Trestleboard, I was contacted by the American Red Cross and asked to donate blood. I made a motion at the Regular August Communication to host a "Masonic Blood Drive" at Pacific Lodge. This is a very critical time for the

Red Cross as supplies are low and demand is high.

I have spoken with the District Deputies of both the 8th and 10th Districts and they have pledged support. I need YOUR help and support to make this a success. If you can donate

blood, PLEASE come join us in our efforts to save lives and help our community.

WHERE: Pacific Lodge

DATE: To be determined

TIME: To be announced

Together we CAN make a difference. Thanks!



Bro. Brian Gambrell
Senior Warden

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - BRO. BRIAN GAMBRELL

I hope you will forgive me if I have written about Bro. Brian before, but I am not only running out of time for this publication, but also feel he needs another mention.

Bro. Brian is by trade, an attorney-at-law. Please don't start with the lawyer jokes, because Brian knows more than you can ever think of.

Brian came to Pacific from Princeton Lodge in the up-state of South Carolina and

hails from a "Masonic Family" so to speak. His father and his brother are members of Princeton.

Bro. Brian has taken on the task of sitting in the East for most of the work this year (at the direction of the Worshipful Master) and has done an outstanding job. He has also sat as Senior Deacon (pro-tem) on at least one occasion.

Bro. Brian has assisted many members of Pacific Lodge by

giving good and prudent counsel. Granted, this IS what he does for a living, but he has been most helpful in and about the Lodge. He was instrumental in getting our Articles of Incorporation approved by the Secretary of State and has been most helpful in other "legal" matters. Thanks, Bro. Brian for a job WELL DONE. Our best to you in the future both personally and within the Lodge. We are lucky to have you!!



Admiral and Brother
Richard E. Byrd

FAMOUS MASONS - ADM. RICHARD BYRD

Rear Admiral **Richard Evelyn Byrd**, USN (October 25, 1888 – March 11, 1957) was a pioneering American polar explorer, aviator and a recipient of the Medal of Honor.

On May 9, 1926, Byrd and pilot Floyd Bennett attempted a flight over the North Pole in a Fokker F-VII Tri-motor called the

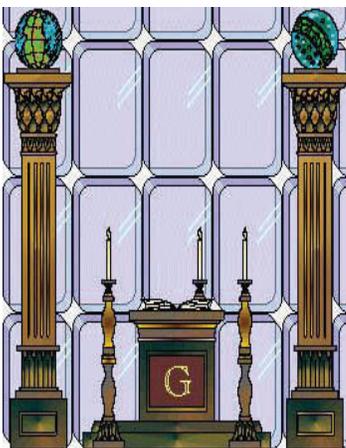
Josephine Ford. Byrd claimed to have achieved the pole.

This trip earned Byrd widespread acclaim, including being awarded the Medal of Honor, and funding for subsequent attempts on the South Pole.

Bro. Byrd was initiated in Federal Lodge No. 1 and founded First Antarctic Lodge No. 777 in 1935. Commander, United

States Navy. Born: 25 October 1888, Winchester, Va. Appointed from: Virginia. Other Navy awards: Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with gold star, Distinguished Flying Cross. Richard Byrd died on March 12, 1957 in his sleep at his Brimmer Street home in Boston. Admiral Byrd was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

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THE NUMBER THREE

MASONIC EDUCATION - THE NUMBER THREE

A sacred number in Freemasonry, with which all labor is commenced and finished. This number reminds us of the three great lights, the three kingdoms of nature, the Holy Trinity, or the words of Christ: "Where two or three are assembled in my name, there will I be in the midst of you." The Chris-

tian can also take the number three as the grand distinguishing doctrine of his faith. There are three principal parts in a man: body, soul, and spirit. Faith, love, and hope support and adorn life.

You will find this number contained within the Lodge in many instances, such as

the three burning tapers, the three principle supports, and the three "Stations" of those principle officers; Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Worshipful Master within the Lodge. A Lodge cannot be opened without at least ONE of the Warrant Officers present.

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MASONIC VISITATION FROM DOWN UNDER

Our Lodge was visited some 5 years ago by W. Bro. Ken Lawler, a P.M. from Western Australia. On his first trip, Bro. Ken presented our Lodge with a beautiful gavel which is on display in our dining hall.

Bro. Ken visited our Lodge for our Entered Apprentice Degree in August. And presented us with a

baton (used by Marshals). Bro. Ken was presented with a commemorative glass of M.W. Bro. Ron Mitchum, PGM, an Ahimman Rezon, SC Grand Lodge tie, 2 Grand Master coins and a Pacific Lodge shirt. I am very proud of our relationships with Lodges around the country AND around the Globe.

This just goes to show that Masonry is, indeed:

UNIVERSAL

I am so happy that we have made these friends and hope the friendships will endure over the years to come. Our warmest regards go to Brother Ken and his family and we wish them a safe journey home.



G.M. APRON FROM
WESTERN
AUSTRALIA

THE WIDOWS SON - PHOENIXMASONRY.ORG

In Ancient Craft Masonry, the title applied to Hiram the architect of the Temple, because he is said, in the first Book of Kings (vu, 14) to have been "a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali." The Adonhiramite Freemasons have a tradition which Chapron gives (Nécessaire Maçonique, page 101) in the following words: "The Freemasons call themselves the widow's sons, because, after the death of our respectable Master, the Freemasons took care of his

mother, whose children they called themselves, because Adonhiram had always considered them as his Brethren. But the French Freemasons subsequently changed the myth and called themselves Sons of the Widow, and for this reason.

'As the wife of Hiram remained a widow after her husband was murdered, the Freemasons, who regard themselves as decedents of

Hiram, call themselves "Sons of the Widow." But this myth is a pure invention, and is without the Spiritual foundation of the York myth, which makes Hiram himself the widow's son. But in French Freemasonry, the term Son of the Widow is synonymous with Freemason.

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PACIFIC BROTHER'S FATHER INSTALLED IN TX

When our Brother Jim (LaRue) Allen told me about his father Bro. Jim SR. taking the East in a small Lodge in Texas, I HAD to send something to honor him. I had a plaque made to honor him in his undertaking this great responsibility. You see, Bro. Jim, Sr., was Secretary of Granbury Lodge # 392 in Texas for many years. For some reason, he chose not to seek the Oriental Chair of King Solomon in that Lodge. His calling, so he says, was to serve as Secretary and that is just what he did. However, he found a Lodge near him that was needing a "new" Master. Bro. Jim, Sr. has taken that Chair and I know he will do an outstanding job.

Our own Bro. Jim, Jr. was fortunate enough to attend the open installation and deliver the plaque from Pacific to Bro. Jim, Sr. and made the presentation. We are pleased to have the pleasure of meeting and to be dear friends with the Worshipful Master of Bluff Dale Lodge No. 724 in Texas. Congratulations, Bro. Jim. Both to Father AND Son!

Anyone wanting to contact W. Bro. Jim, drop him a card in the mail at P.O. Box 1428, Granbury, TX 76048-1428, or by e-mail to: JimLAllen@charter.net.



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W.M. of
Bluff Dale Lodge # 724, TX



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MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

September 2- Regular Communication

September 16 - Fellow Craft Degree *

September 23 - Master Mason Degree *

September 30 - Square & Compass Club of the Midlands

Oct. 3 - Dist. Inspirational at Scottish Rite Center

October 7 - Regular Communication

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

BACK TO SCHOOL & STORMS OF LIFE

As I was writing this, I wanted to take a moment to remind everyone that school is back in. This means there are children back on the streets early in the morning as well as the usual "school traffic headaches" to put up with. I wanted to urge everyone to drive with an additional bit of caution.

However, when I sat down to finish this month's newsletter, there were two storms heading for the United States. Hurricane Gustav is a Category 3 as I write this and is heading for the Gulf Coast. Fortunately, the vast majority of people took heed this year and

evacuated in a timely manner.

Here in South Carolina, we are on the watch for Tropical Storm Hanna which seems to be on a path directly for us. I hope everyone is prepared for this event and will pray it becomes a "non-event" by simply giving us some much needed rainfall.

Be that as it may, we must all be prepared for the storms that come into our lives. We each will face many trials and tribulations within our journey in this lifetime. As we travel along that level of time, remember that there is always hope and comfort in the "Great Light"

of Masonry.

Never forget that oft used cliché's such as "life always seems darkest before the dawn" and "the calm before the storm" are in fact, very much true. We will encounter difficult moments in our lifetimes, but we must remember the lessons of the Craft, that there is always an infinite amount of Hope and Strength found in the medium of prayer and in the writings of the Holy Scriptures (or Volume of Sacred Law as it is known in many jurisdictions).

May your storms be few and may your journeys be safe.



Support YOUR Lodge



Knock and it shall be opened
unto you.

Matthew 7:7, Luke 11:9

From Bro. John Bird

ENGLISH CONSTITUTION LODGES

Our Lodges are situated due east to West, because all places of divine worship, as well as Mason's regular, well formed, constituted Lodges are or ought to be so situated; for which we assign three Masonic reasons:

First the Sun the Glory of the Lord rises in the East spreads it light and warmth and renewal whilst traveling West where it sets.

Secondly, Learning originated in the East and thence spread its benign influence to the West,

The third, last and grand reason is whenever we contemplate on the works of the Creator, how ready and cheerful ought we to be to adore the Almighty Creator, who has never left himself without a living witness among man. From the earliest period of time we have been taught to believe in the existence of the Deity. We read of Abel bring a more acceptable offering to the Lord than his Brother Cain, of Enoch walking with God, of Noah being a just and upright man in his day and generation and a teacher of rightness, of Jacob wrestling with an Angel, prevailing and thereby obtaining a blessing for himself and posterity. But we never hear or read of any place being set apart for the public solemnisation of divine worship, until after the happy deliverance of the children of Israel from their Egyptian bondage, which please the Almighty to effect with a high hand and a outstretch arm, under the conduct of his faithful servant Moses, according to a promise made to their forefather Abraham that he would make of his seed a great and mighty people, even as the stars in Heaven for number, and the sands of the for multitude.

And as they were about to possess the gates of their enemies, and inherit the promise land the Almighty thought proper to reveal to them those three most excellent institutions. the Moral, Ceremonial, and Judicial Laws. And for the better solemnisation of Divine worship, as well as a receptacle for the Books and Tables of the Law, Moses caused a Tent or Tabernacle to be erected in the wilderness, which by God's special command was situated due East to West, for Moses did everything according to a pattern shown him to him by the Lord on the Mount Sinai. This Tent or Tabernacle proved afterwards to be the ground plan with respect to the situation of that magnificent Temple built at Jerusalem by that wise and mighty Prince, King Solomon, whose regal splendour and unparalleled lustre far transcends our ideas. This the third, last and grand reason I as a Freemason give why all places of Divine worship as well as Mason's regular, well formed, constituted Lodges are or ought to be so situated.

This taken from a part of the first degree tracing board, which sadly is now in decline of being explained. Even when it is normally explained this part is missed out, like the reason our Lodges stand on holy ground. If you know the answer why not send it out to all those brothers you know, so the light can be spread and a better understanding can be gained of our whole system.

John
London England

Editor's note: I would like to thank Bro. John for his kind contribution. I was lucky enough to meet him at a S.C. Masonic Research Society meeting many months ago, but have been e-friends with him for long before that. Glad we got to sit in a Lodge together and I look forward to my next journey to the U.K. when I can sit in another English Constitution Lodge.

May the G.A.O.T.U. be with you all,

Bro. Bosie