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### BACK TO SCHOOL

September generally marks the end of summer and the beginning of school for many families. While I know this is an emotional time for many people (especially children) it can be a wonderful time of change, depending upon the attitude in which it is met and greeted.

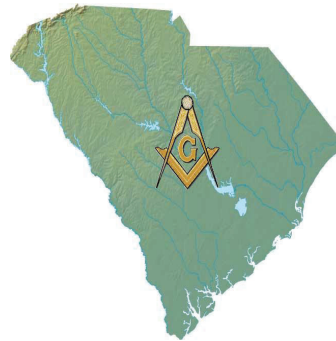
Adopt a positive outlook and this transition will go smoothly. If you are anxious and apprehensive about the changes ahead, just pause and remember that God is with you and will get you through the coming days. Make sure your glass is always "half-full" and enjoy every moment of every day.

Change. The seasons do it

and we sometimes complain. It is human nature to resist change, but there is little we can do to resist the sands of time. Those sands will continue to pour thorough the hourglass, and it is up to US to decide what to do with it. How we accept change and how we approach everyday life can be determined by the attitude we have when we get out of bed. We have the choice of saying "Good God it's morning" or "Good morning God." The way we perceive the world can actually make a difference in it. Remember, we may be only one man to some, but to some we are everyone. Be positive and enjoy the days ahead with the resolve to weather any storms which may come your way.

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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### OFFICERS FOR 2009

- *Brian Gambrell, W.M.*
- *David Dowden, S.W.*
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- *Jan Barkan, J.D.*
- *Wayne Whitworth, Stew.*
- *Lindsay Bacon, Stew.*
- *James Glyn Smith, Chap.*
- *Michael Hershberger, Tiler*

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR DUES CARD—2009???**

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### RUSTY NAIL DEGREE - OCT. 13

It is finally here and we are most EXCITED to have been granted Dispensation to confer the Rusty Nail Degree upon ANY Brother in Good Standing. The Rusty Nail Degree is a "refresher" on all of the words, signs and tokens which every Mason earned as he received his three degrees.

This will hopefully get the "rust" off of many Brothers who may not have attended Lodge for fear

they may not be able to remember how to "work their way in." I, too, was a Rusty Nail many years ago. I was very reluctant to enter a Lodge because I wasn't sure I could remember what I was supposed to say and do. This will remedy that apprehension that any Brother may have and we want you to come out and enjoy the fellowship! That's why you became a Mason in the first place,

wasn't it? OK, at least one of the reasons.

The only thing you MUST have is a VALID dues card. Please check yours today and make sure it says 2009. Come join us. We look forward to seeing you on October 13th (second Tuesday) at Pacific Lodge. A meal will be served and we look forward to seeing YOU there.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - W. BRO. BRIAN C. GAMBRELL



W. Bro. Brian

I want to take a moment to recognize a Brother who came from being "idle" in Masonry to being Master of a Lodge. I was fortunate enough to meet our Worshipful Master Brian for the first time when we visited Lexington Lodge together. It was his first entry into a Lodge in quite some time and I could tell he was nervous. I told him not to worry, that I was going to

vouch for him. The rest is history as they say. He found a renewed interest in Masonry and has served our Lodge in several chairs before becoming Worshipful Master. He is a Lawyer by trade, but he is a family man first and foremost. W. Bro. Brian married Amy Catoe and they have two young boys, Baylen and Aiden. Worshipful Bro.

Brian brings a love of Masonry in his service as our W.M. He comes from a Masonic family, both father and brother are PM's of Princeton Lodge in Pendleton where he was raised. He has been instrumental in many operational and legal questions which have arisen during his tenure. Thank you Worshipful, Sir, for all you do.



Bro. John Phillip Sousa  
Nov. 6, 1854 – Mar. 6, 1932  
Hiram Lodge No. 10  
Washington, D.C

## FAMOUS MASONS: BRO. JOHN PHILLIP SOUSA

John Philip Sousa was an American composer and conductor of the late Romantic era, known particularly for American military and patriotic marches. Because of his mastery of march composition and resultant prominence, he is known as "The March King." In public, he was typically referred by his full name.

A Freemason, Sousa was fascinated by what the group consid-

ered mystical qualities in otherwise natural phenomena. According to Sten Odenwald of the NASA IMAGE Science Center, this played a significant role in the selection of the time and date of the performance, April 19, 1883, at 4:00 P.M. Dr. Odenwald points out that Venus and Mars, invisible to the participants, were setting in the west. At the same time, the moon, Uranus, and Virgo were rising in the east, Saturn had

crossed the meridian, and Jupiter was directly overhead. According to Masonic lore, Venus was associated with the element copper, and Joseph Henry had used large quantities of copper to build his electric motors. Sousa also composed a march, "Nobles of the Mystic Shrine", dedicated to the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, also known as the Shriners.

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## Masonic Education: THE HOURGLASS



An emblem of human life.

As I mentioned on page one, time waits for no man. Remember the lessons we have learned and enjoy this from Phoenixmasonry:

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The hourglass is an emblem of human life. Behold! how swiftly the sands run, and how rapidly our lives are drawing to a close! We cannot without astonishment behold the little particles which are contained in this machine; -- how they pass away almost imperceptibly! and

yet, to our surprise, in a short space of an hour they are all exhausted. Thus wastes man! To-day, he puts forth the tender leaves of hope; to-morrow, blossoms, and bears his blushing honors thick upon him; the next day comes a frost which nips the shoot; and when he thinks his greatness is still aspiring, he falls, like autumn leaves, to enrich our mother earth. As a Masonic symbol it is of comparatively modern date, but the use of the hourglass as an emblem of the

passage of time is older than our oldest rituals. Thus, in a speech before Parliament, in 1627, it is said: "We may handle and play with the hour-glass: that is in our power, but the hour will not stay for us; and an opportunity once lost cannot be regained." We are told that in the early part of the last century it was a custom to inter an hour-glass with the dead, as an emblem of the sands of life being run out.

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FROM THE EAST - BRIAN GAMBRELL, W.M.

The approaching Labor holiday reminds us that summer is over and fall is rapidly approaching. This also means my term in the East is coming to a close. At the August business meeting, I announced the formation of a nominating committee to handle the nomination of officers for ensuing Masonic year. If you are interested, you must see Most Wor. Bro. Ron Mitchum, Wor. Bro. Roy McEwen, or W. Bro. Paul Martin to place your name "in the hat."

The decision whether to serve as an officer should be undertaken only after serious consideration.

All Masons are expected to be leaders: a Masonic officer even more so. From Tiler to Worshipful Master, an officer is expected to demonstrate those qualities inculcated in the several degrees. An officer needs to be punctual and regular in attendance at the meetings. There are several district-wide meetings that all officers are required to attend. An officer must diligently study the labor of the lodge. He should know his portion as well as study the portion ahead. Both Wardens must know how to open and close the lodge from the East in the event the Worshipful Master is absent.

The Ahman Rhezon has the description, powers, and responsibilities of each chair. The only chair with a prerequisite to serve is Worshipful Master. To sit in the east, you must have sat for an entire year or currently serving as either Warden. The rest of the chairs are otherwise open to any Master Mason member of the lodge in good standing. If you are interested in a specific chair, I suggest you seek out that officer, the committee, or myself to ask any questions you might have.

*Bro. Brian*



GOD BLESS AMERICA



DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR MASONIC TAG  
 Take your Dues Card to any DMV office and ask for the tag seen at the left. Make sure you get the A.F.M. license plate. Put it on your car to show your pride in Masonry!

COMMUNITY PROJECT - HARVEST HOPE

Time once again to ask support for yet another community project. I am asking that every Brother bring a canned food item to EVERY month's business meeting. You see, Harvest Hope Food Bank helps feed members of our community who have fallen on hard times and cannot afford the luxury we enjoy of buying and eating most anything we want.

The requirements for recipients is strict. Proof of NEED is required as well as verification of addresses. They have people who actually come from out of town and apply for food. We can help out in a small way. I

urge you to bring a can of food or a jar of peanut butter to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Remember that obligation we are under to aid our fellow man.

We can make a difference in our community by supporting this worthy cause. The mission of Harvest Hope Food Bank is to provide for the needs of hungry people by gathering and sharing quality food with dignity, compassion and education.

Harvest Hope Food Bank is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Beginning in 1981 as an emergency food box program, Harvest Hope is now a regional distribution program that collects, stores

and distributes food and related items to more than 400 qualified agencies engaged in feeding needy, elderly and ill families and children throughout central South Carolina. As a member of Feeding America, the national network of over 200 food banks, Harvest Hope is a powerful agent in the war against hunger. On average, we distribute over 19 million pounds of food per year. OR... you can

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**MASONS IN ACTION**

**MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER**

**SETTING THE WORK**

**September 1 - Regular Communication - 7:30**

**OFFICIAL VISIT BY**

**MOST WORSHIPFUL BARRY A. RICKMAN**

**GRAND MASTER**

**September 18 - 10th District Instructional - 6:30 at Scottish Rite**

**October 6 - Regular Communication - 7:30**

**October 13 - Rusty Nail Degree - 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...**

**RUSTY NAIL DEGREE OCTOBER 13**

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 supporting us as we take to the task 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

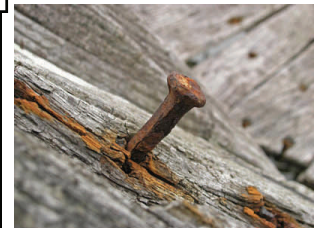
them recall the steps they went through to get to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. We have ALL travelled the same road and sometimes need to be reminded of what we may have forgotten...

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 or in any Lodge you wish to visit. You should not hesi-

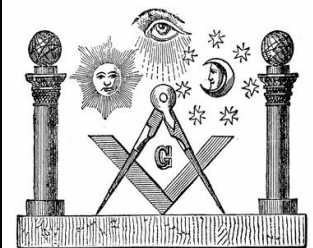
tate to attend a Lodge because you are unsure of being able to "work your way" in.

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.



Are YOU rusty?



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