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ANNUAL FUNDRAISER SUCCESS

Children are back in school and Labor Day hasn't even arrived yet. Something seems wrong about that. Be that as it may, the days of summer are fleeting and with it was our annual BBQ fundraiser for the building fund. As always, there was much work involved, but the results more than made up for it.

It was fantastic seeing all of the community come out and enjoy the fellowship over a plate (or more) of good old Bar-B-Que. We had a couple of cleaning days getting ready for the event and you will see, on page two of this newsletter, photos of some of the Brothers cleaning up the Lodge.

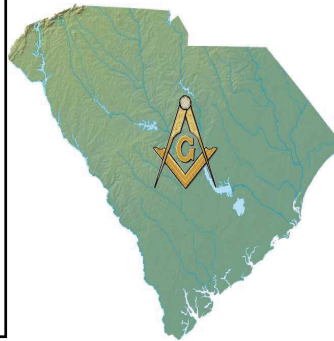
I want to thank everyone involved in this event. The space here is far too small to list everyone who had a part, but from those who cleaned, those who purchased the supplies, those

who cooked, those who cleaned and those who sold and bought tickets, I extend a humble word of thanks to you for your efforts and support of YOUR Lodge.

This has always been an opportunity to bring together our community and offer them a chance to visit with old friends and make new friends while at the same time contributing to the Building Fund of Pacific Lodge. I believe all of our goals were met with some mighty fine assistance and sales (not to mention the sweat equity invested) and once again, allow me to thank everyone who assisted. Space here is far too short to list everyone who helped out, but I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to one and all for your continued support of Pacific Lodge and our neighbors! God Bless.

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 2010

- *Vardie Corley, W.M. - RIP*
- *Bill Yandle, S.W.*
- *James Glyn Smith, J.W.*
- *Jim Jaco, Treas.*
- *Bosie Martin, P.M., Sec.*
- *Nathaniel Bensley, S.D.*
- *Jan Barkan, J.D.*
- *David Bostic, P.M., Stew.*
- *David Minton, Stew.*
- *Larry Snipes, P.M., Chap.*
- *Doyle J. Jaco, Jr, P.M., Tiler*

PLEASE CHECK YOUR DUES CARD—2010 ??

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FOREST ACRES PROPERTY SALE PENDING

I am happy to announce that the sale of the Forest Acres Lodge property has now been executed and is "officially" underway. Bro. J. Glyn Smith has been the driving force behind his matter and I would like to offer a hearty thanks for the hard work and hours of time he has invested in this matter. We thought the deal was about to "fall apart" and that we would have to list the property

with a commercial real estate broker, but at the 11th hour, the parties came together and reached agreement as per our final offer.

While it not a "done deal" by far, we do have a signed contract and we should be closing within the next 60 days. I will keep you posted on this as it progresses.

While I am on the subject, I want to thank all the Brothers

who went out to Forest Acres Lodge and "cleaned out" the remaining items from the Lodge. My thanks, especially, to those who were able to remove the cornerstone from the building and then fill in the area. It seems we DO have a couple of operative masons on our rolls. Thanks for braving the heat and for making sure we were ready to proceed with the sale.

FAMOUS MASONS: BRO. RICHARD HENRY LEE



Richard Henry Lee (January 20, 1732 – June 19, 1794) was an American statesman from Virginia best known for the motion in the Second Continental Congress calling for the colonies' independence from Great Britain. His famous resolution of June 1776 led to the United States Declaration of Independence, which Lee signed. He also served a one-year term as the President of the Continental Congress, and was a U.S. Senator from Virginia from 1789 to 1792, serving during part of that time as one of the first Presidents pro tempore.

In August 1774, Lee was chosen as a delegate to the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia. In Lee's Resolution on the 7th of June 1776 during the Second Continental Congress, Lee put forth the motion to the Continental Congress to declare Independence from Great Britain, which read (in part):

Resolved: That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved.

Lee had returned to Virginia by the time Congress voted on and adopted the Declaration of Independence, but he signed the document when he returned to Congress.

Brother Lee was a member of Hiram Lodge No. 59, Westmoreland County, Virginia

For more information, please visit WIKIPEDIA: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Henry_Lee

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Brother

Richard Henry Lee

Masonic Education: SEEKING LIGHT ON THE INTERNET



Symbols of Masonry

Light from Above



Double Headed Eagle of the Scottish Rite

My message this month comes pretty much from the Sept-Oct publication *The Scottish Rite Journal*. This edition's title is "Drafting Successful Masonic Education" and the title to the article is Masonic Education Today. I can't think of a better way to enlighten you than to simply provide you with these several WONDERFUL Masonic Education links:

American Lodge of Research:
www.americanlodgeofresearch.org

Masonic Book Club:
www.masonicbookclub.org

Masonic Services Association of North America:
www.msana.com

Master Craftsman Program:
www.scottishrite.org/mastercraftsman.html

Philaethes Society:

www.freemasonry.org

Scottish Rite Research Society:
www.scottishrite.org/what/edic/srrs.html

Texas Lodge of Research:
www.texaslodgeofresearch.org

The Masonic Society:
www.themasonicsociety.com

These are just a few of the fantastic links you can use to find out more about Masonry. As the article says, "First, a Mason must want to be educated, to learn and to find answers." It can assure you my Brothers, that you can find the answers to most ANY Masonic question you might have within the massive volumes of information located on these various sites. And I would be remiss if I did not mention one of my favorite sites, Phoenixma-

sonry.org.

While I am on the subject of Scottish Rite and Education, perhaps one of the best ways to become more educated is to pursue more Masonic Light by joining either the Scottish or York Rites. Both of these are appendant bodies of the Blue Lodge and both will lead you to more light in Masonry.

Those of you already Scottish and York Rite members know what I am talking about. Remember that first question of what you come to do? The answer is TO LEARN... Never forget this most important lesson. We are learning from the day we are born until the day we are called to join our Great Creator. I hope you will take some time and check out these sites. Safe durling and enjoy your education!

Bro. Bosie

WORK DAY AT THE LODGE

From the photos to the right, you will see several Brothers hard at work cleaning and getting ready for the Lodge Bar-B-Que. In the top photo, you see Bro. Bud Mackey, one of the newest members of Pacific Lodge. Bro. Bud was raised just two months ago and is the son of Worshipful Brother Doug Mackey (who was also present, but not in these photos) ... Again, in the top photo, wearing the blue shirt, is Worshipful Brother Bill Martin as they move the folding chairs to make room for cleaning out of our storage areas.

In the bottom picture from left-to-right, you see Brother Richard Prudence, W. Bro. Paul Martin, Brother Bill

Yandle and myself as they were removing the old file cabinet in the Secretary's Office and making way for a new one. Looking over Bro. Bill's shoulder is a portrait of W. Bro. George Washington.

These photos were taken by Worshipful Bro. Layne Waters, one of two new Plural (and Perpetual Life) members of Pacific Lodge.

We had a great turnout for this effort and again, my thanks to everyone who could make it. Needless to say, MY office was the center of the clean up effort. Anyone who has seen my office or my desk knows that I am organized, but in my "own" way. I like to use the "Sedimentary System" of fil-

ing. This means the old stuff is at the bottom and the new stuff is at the top...

Be that as it may, I thank everyone who assisted in getting the Lodge ready for our annual event. I can tell you that there is NO Bar-B-Que left for sale. The early figure shows a net of somewhere over \$ 3,000.00. This will help out tremendously in the many bills we have to pay and general upkeep of the Lodge.

A special Thanks here to W. Bro. Larry Snipes for providing assistance from the Palmetto Leadership Academy. These young men not only helped out, they did so with a wonderful attitude. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a success.



Hard at work...



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LODGE VOTES TO BEGIN SCHOLARSHIP

At the Regular Communication of Pacific Lodge in September, the members voted to assist the Palmetto Leadership Academy by providing a scholarship in the amount of \$ 500.00. This money will go to a deserving young individual to help offset educational costs of attending an institution of higher learning here in South Carolina.

As most of you know, our state has been hit hard (as have we all) by the recent economic downturn, but our members wanted to make a difference in the lives of the

young men attending and participating in the Palmetto Leadership Academy program.

We hope to make this an annual event and assist one or more deserving individuals in help off-setting the high cost of obtaining an education.

Anyone wanting to contribute to this fund, should send a check payable to Pacific 325, A.F.M. with the notation of Palmetto Leadership Academy so that we may place it in the appropriate fund.

This may be the "seed" of starting more scholarships and

aid to deserving individuals and community efforts.

In the past, Pacific has supported troops deployed overseas, Harvest Hope Food Bank, The American Red Cross as well as calls for assistance in areas such as Mississippi and Louisiana with hurricane Katrina, Kansas (with tornado) and most recently a Masonic Service Request from the Grand Lodge for Tennessee for flooding victims. We are happy that we can assist our Brethren and our community and realize that everyone is our neighbor!



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MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

September 7 - Regular Communication - 7:30

September 13 - Masonic Education—6:00

September 14 - Entered Apprentice Degree - 7:30

October 5 - Regular Communication - 7:30

October 12 - Entered Apprentice Degree - 7:30 (*)

October 19 - Fellow Craft Degree - 7:30 (*)

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

Any questions, please call

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

or

Bro. Bill Yandle, S.W., acting W.M. at 803-600-4928

(*) 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

WORK PICKING UP AGAIN - 3 PETITIONS OUT ON INVESTIGATION

My Brothers, it is with pleasure that I announce that our work is picking up again after a brief summer lull. We have one E.A. candidate on September 14th and we currently have 3 petitions out on investigation.

I would urge you to contact our acting Worshipful Master, Bro. Bill Yandle or the Chairman of our Education Committee, W. Bro. Paul Martin, and put your name in the hat to assist in the upcoming work. We will need help in all aspects of the work, including (but not limited to) investigation, degree work, learning lectures and coaching.

We are in a situation at Pacific that is in need of Brothers to "step up to the plate" and lend a helping hand. Our W.M.'s Bro. Vardie Corley's death was a deep loss to our Craft and to Pacific Lodge in particular. Other Brothers are having to move up and take the lead in other

chairs.

I am issuing a call for help. We have many new and young Brothers in Pacific, many of whom are interested in taking a part and becoming active in the "Chairs"... I am also asking for our Past Masters to help out as well and give these young Brothers the assistance they may need to get the job done.

We are strong and I am so very proud of all the good work we have done, but we need to take a step back and see what needs to be done.

The sale of Forest Acres Lodge and property will help us greatly in making our dream for up-fitting our Lodge. It may also give us the seed money to create more scholarships or assist elsewhere in our community. As I have said before, this is not yet a "done deal" but I hope this will help us become

financially "rock solid" and put us in a position to become the "Masonic Jewel of the South" as Bro. Glyn Smith puts it.

Take a moment and think of what you might can offer. Your time, your talents, your knowledge is very much needed to make us succeed in our endeavors. We want to continue to do good work in our Community and we want to make the best of impressions on our Candidates as well as our visitors who take their time to come see our work. If you can help our, please let us know what you **can** do, what you are **willing** to do and perhaps most of all, what you **WANT** to do to help out.



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