



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



## THE TRESTLEBOARD

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### LATE AS USUAL

Have you ever heard the expression “he’ll be late for his own funeral?” Well, I seem to be heading in that direction. Starting with this newsletter and ending with trying to find my way to a place I am supposed to be. I can’t seem to get everything done “on time” so to speak.

That’s the way it is with life. Sometimes it hands you just a little more than you can handle at the time. I can assure you, however, that the G.A.O.T.U. will always get you where you’re going. You just have to put your trust in Him and let him guide your way. In the Lodge, we get our “light” from the V.S.L. or volume of sacred law.” In that all-time best selling

publication, you can find all of the answers to whatever might be delaying you. Just take a deep breath and allow Him to help you get things done. Let Him lead the way and you can be assured you will arrive “on time” to your destination. You will find that by following this course that things you need to get done actually DO get done.

It’s that time of year when we as Masons stop to pause and remember the Reason for the Season. From me to you, I’d like to say Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and simply Happy Holidays. May there be peace in your households. May you be safe in your travels and may God hold you in the palm of His hands. ~ Dec. 2007 ~

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 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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### HAPPY NEW YEAR—BUSY NEW YEAR

This is the first newsletter of the new year and with it comes good news. Last year we RAISED 10 Brothers to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. I can’t recall that many candidates in one year since my affiliation with Pacific Lodge. This year has started out on the

same note. We had 3 E.A. candidates and had received one petition at the end of December. At the Regular Communication this month, we put out another three petitions for investigation. This promises to be a VERY busy year for Masonry in general and Pacific Lodge in

particular. We SHOULD have degree work every week next month, pending the outcome of investigations and our current candidates progression. I hope you will be able to come join us in the fellowship as we see these new Brothers join us in Masonry!



Chaplain...  
Invoke the blessing of  
the Diety

## OFFICER SPOTLIGHT - CHAPLAIN

I recall getting the phone call from R.W. Bro. Edward Neeley last year. Evidently there was a candidate who was VERY excited about becoming a Mason. He was very persistent in making sure he did everything just right to enter the fraternity and to progress in due time.

That candidate was Bro. Wayne Whitworth, our newly raised Brother and appointed Chaplain. Bro. Wayne is a master electrician

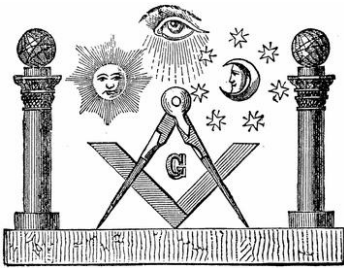
and works for the City of Columbia. Bro. Wayne has "taken" to Masonry and is very involved. He is working with the committee to have Pacific Lodge participate in the Olympia Festival this coming spring.

Wayne's girlfriend is a mason. That's right, she is a TRUE operative mason. She learned stonemasonry from her grandfather and she has her very own secrets of the craft that she cannot divulge.

Funny how that works out, isn't it?

Bro. Wayne's father is about two months behind Wayne in his own Masonic journey. We will be going to Shandon Lodge on January 15 to see the elder Mr. Whitworth get raised. The Shrine Past Masters Unit will confer the degree and Bro. Wayne will, in all likelihood, raise his father. Once again we see the bond of the Craft within the family unit. Behold, how good...

## FAMOUS MASONS VICE PRESIDENTS



Brethren, Bro. Jan Barkan, our new Tiler (or Outer Guard as they are known in the U.K.) sent me a very interesting chart and list of VICE Presidents. This chart lists whether or not they had a Masonic affiliation.

I hope we can go into this in more detail in a future edition of the *Trestleboard*. For this

Issue, I am simply going to say that 18, or 39% of the U.S. Vice Presidents were Masons. One only took his E.A. Degree, while one would go on to become Grand Master of his jurisdiction and later president.

Be that as it may, I will leave this for future discussion. Suffice it to say that many of

know most, if not all, the presidents, very few of us can remember the vice-presidents of our country. Why do you suppose that is? The second highest elected office in the country and most people cannot name 10 of them. Again, we can discuss this in a future issue, but be thinking about it. What do you think?

## MASONIC EDUCATION: THE ALL-SEEING EYE



What is the source of this symbol and its meaning? An important symbol borrowed by the Freemasons from the nations of antiquity. Among the Egyptians, Osiris, their chief deity was symbolized by an open eye. "The eyes of Jehovah are in every place," beholding and watching, the evil and the good. The "All-Seeing Eye" is a symbol of watchfulness and the eye of the Grand Architect. It is the

symbol of his Divine watchfulness and care of the Universe. The All-Seeing Eye, whom the Sun, Moon, and Stars obey, and under whose watchful care even comets perform their stupendous revolutions, pervades the inmost recesses of the human heart, and will reward us according to our merits. The "Rays" represent "Light". Freemasons are emphatically called "The Sons of

Light" because they are entitled to be in possession of the true meaning and knowledge of this symbol. It is in fact the first of all symbols presented to the initiate, and continues to be presented to him in various forms throughout his Masonic career. But as Light not only came from God, it also makes mans way clear before him, so it is employed to signify moral truth. Prov. 15:8 Psalm 33:18©Phoenixmasonry.org

## WORSHIPFUL TO SERVE AGAIN

My Brothers and friends, we were sorry to learn that Bro. Patrick Brown, our Sr. Warden last year, had been injured and would not be able to assume duties as Worshipful this year. Bro. Patrick is doing much better, but due to this circumstance, W. Bro. Fred Garren has agreed to take the East for one more year. We are deeply appreciative of this burden W. Bro. Fred has agreed to bear.

In the same token, we wish

Bro. Patrick a speedy and complete recovery. We look forward to seeing him at the Lodge in the near future.

The last time a Master of Pacific served two consecutive years, R. W. Edward Neeley was in the East. Taking the chair is a very large commitment and one that is not taken lightly. Our thanks again to W. Bro. Fred for assuming the duties for one more year. We also thank his wife, Betty, for allowing him

the opportunity to lead us for one more year. Bro. Fred has already indicated that he “will not be sitting much in the East” but will have other Brothers learn the work and sit in his sted.

As I mentioned on page one, this promises to be a VERY busy year for Pacific and there should be plenty of work to go around for everyone. I know everyone is looking forward to another productive year for our Lodge.



Wisdom to Contrive

## DISTRICT INSTRUCTIONAL MEETING—JAN. 19

A reminder that the 10th District Annual Instructional Meeting will be held Saturday evening, January 19th at the Scottish Rite Temple on Garner’s Ferry Road. The meeting will be held immediately following the Square and Compass Club of the Midlands meeting. Time schedule is: Square and Compass 6:00 Meal for Inspirational 6:30 Instructional Begins 7:00

ALL Lodge officers of the 10th district are required to attend. It is my understanding that Most Worshipful Bro. Gerald L. “Jerry” Carver, Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina will be present and will participate in the Instructional.

Brothers, I can’t tell you how much this annual meeting will help you in your

Knowledge and work of your chair. For those not sitting in a chair this year, you should ask for enlightenment. Each year the different chairs are presented with written as well as verbal instruction on the different positions within the Lodge. These instructional meetings always offer some good advice from well-versed Brethren. I hope to see you there.



MORE LIGHT

## MASONIC LICENSE TAGS ARE OUT

That’s right, the tags are finally here. After some work with the Department of Motor Vehicles and our Grand Lodge, the dream of a Masonic license plate has become a reality. Both W. Bro. Doyle Jaco and I have ours on our vehicle. I must say, they look quite nice. One thing you will notice is that the new tags are no longer made with

raised lettering. The new tags are a new digital technology and they do look great. Between the square and compass and the number of the tag are the letters HA. Now, the Craft knows exactly what this refers to, but I have already been asked by a non-mason as to the meaning. Just to let you know, it’s OK to tell people what it means.

There is nothing “secret” about Hiram Abif. In fact, it may get people to actually ask THE question. If you haven’t already done so, I urge you to show your pride in our great fraternity and purchase a Masonic license tag. Just one more way to show who we are. As a gentle reminder, drive like a Mason when you affix it to your car !! Bosie



New Masonic Tag

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SECRETARY & WEBMASTER

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MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

### SETTING THE WORK

January 8—Regular Communication - Dispensation granted by  
Grand Master.

January 14—Entered Apprentice Degree (note: MONDAY NIGHT)

January 19—Square and Compass Club of the Midlands followed by  
District Instructional Meeting—Scottish Rite, Garners Ferry Rd.

January 22—Fellow Craft Degree

February 5—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

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## TRAVELLING AND VISITING

My Brothers, I mentioned on page two about our Chaplain's father being raised in Shadon Lodge this month. I want to let you know that we had 11 Brothers there from Pacific Lodge. While we already are in possession of the Shadon Kitchen Flag, we could have taken it again. Pontiac Lodge had a very large number of Brothers there as well, but for once we outnumbered them.

This is part of what Masonry is about. Travelling and visiting other Lodges is a great way to make new acquaintances and to see old friends as well. The atten-

dance was up, in large part, due to the Shrine Past Master's Unit who conferred the Master's Degree in full dress and regalia. These Worshipful Brothers did an outstanding job and everyone I spoke with was very impressed.

W. Bro. Doyle Jaco even had a part in the degree. Behold, how good and pleasant it is...

Brothers in attendance from Pacific were:

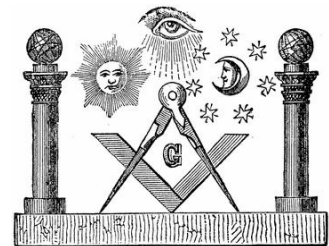
Worshipful Bros. Fred Garren, Ed Strickland, Bob Strickland, Roy McEwen, Bosie Martin, and Bill Martin as well as Bros. Del Collins,

Billy Hilliard, Richard Prudence, Bill Yandle and Wayne Whitworth. I am writing this from memory, so if I missed anyone, I apologize. It was a super turnout. It was moving to see Bro. Wayne raise his father, Bro. Wayne Whitworth, Sr.

Come on out and see us when you can. It looks like we should have work EVERY week in February. Anyone needing a ride or assistance, please feel free to call me. If I can't take your call, please leave me a message. My home number is 787-1979 and my cell is 960-9136.



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