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### HAPPY NEW YEAR

Once again the theme for the lead article is time. It passes so fast, I can hardly believe another year has come and gone. Allow me to wish each and every one a safe and prosperous new year.

One of the first things you will note is a change in the mast list of officers for new year. Allow me to thank M.W. Bro. Tommie Brant and M.W. Bro. Ron Mitchum for their assistance in the installation of officers. I believe that 2011 will be a very good and busy year for Pacific.

This year, W. Bro. Bill Yandle will "officially" assume the East and I was pleased to be a part of that ceremony. Thank you Bro. Bill for all you have done and I look forward to your year as Master. Bro. Glyn Smith will serve as our Senior Warden this year and I want to thank you as well for all the hard work you have done on the Building Com-

mittee.

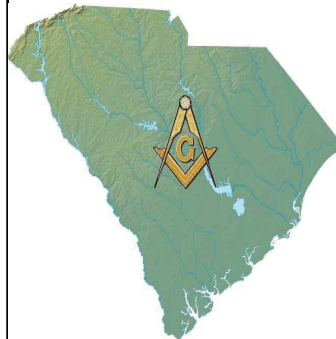
You will see some new names as we have some new members sitting in Chairs this year. I hope you will find your duties more of a pleasure than a challenge and consider it a learning experience along your Masonic Journey. Thank you all for agreeing to serve.

Our Regular Communication will be held January 4. The meal will be served at 6:45 and the work will begin at 7:30. Come out and meet our newly elected officers. Join in the fellowship and Brotherly Love that prevails at Pacific.

As for me, I have enjoyed my tenure as Secretary and seeing us merge with Columbia and Forest Acres Lodges. It is a pleasure to serve and I will still be around as your webmaster as editor of this publication. God Bless you all.

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 2011

- *Bill Yandle, W.M.*
- *James Glyn Smith, S.W.*
- *Bud Mackey, J.W.*
- *Ron Mitchum, PGM, Treas.*
- *Jan Barkan., Sec.*
- *Chris Fletcher, S.D.*
- *David Minton, J.D.*
- *Oliver Hartner, Stew.*
- *Travis Rish, Stew.*
- *Larry Snipes, P.M., Chap.*
- *Doyle J. Jaco, Jr, P.M., Tiler*

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR DUES CARD—2011 ??**

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### YEAR STARTS WITH INSTRUCTIONAL

As always, the new year begins with the District Instructional Meeting. This annual event is a requisite for all officers of Lodges in each district. This year, R.W. Bro. Bill Bouknight has set the 10th District Instructional on Friday, January 21 at the Scottish Rite on Garners Ferry Road. I can assure you that there will be a fine meal served and some fine light given by various instructors.

If you have a question about the Craft, your duties or responsibilities as an officer or your office, it will be answered.

Remember, all officers are duly REQUIRED to attend. ALL Master Masons are welcome to attend and a plaque will be awarded to the Lodge with the highest attendance. This is one award that Pacific has never won. I think it

would be an ambitious goal to earn that award. The meal has been paid for, so you will not have to worry about buying your meal.

Brothers, come and enlighten yourselves. There will be publications available from the Masonic Services Association. The event starts at 7:00 and Right Worshipful Bro. J. Adam Pearson, Deputy Grand Master will attend.



Bro. Joel Roberts Poinsett  
15th Secretary of War  
Serving under President  
Martin Van Buren  
In office  
March 7, 1837 – March 5, 1841

## FAMOUS MASONS: BRO. JOEL ROBERTS POINSETT

Joel Roberts Poinsett (March 2, 1779 – December 12, 1851) was a noted physician, botanist and American statesman. He was a member of the United States House of Representatives, the first United States Minister to Mexico (the United States did not appoint ambassadors until 1896), a U.S. Secretary of War under Martin Van Buren and a co-founder of National Institute for the Promotion of Science and the Useful Arts (a predecessor of the Smithsonian Institution), as well as the eponym of Poinsett County, Arkansas, the historic Poinsett Bridge in Greenville County, South Carolina, Poinsett State Park in Sumter County, SC, and the poinsettia, a popular Christmas flower.

It is unknown when Poinsett became a Master Mason, but it is known that he was a Past Master of Recovery Lodge #31, Greenville, and Solomon Lodge #1, Charleston (Reference: Thompson, Edward N., "Joel Robert Poinsett: The Man Behind the Flower", Short Talk Bulletin, Masonic Service Association of the United States, December 1984).

For more information visit: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joel\\_Roberts\\_Poinsett](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joel_Roberts_Poinsett)

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## Masonic Education: CHARITY - Inward and Outward acts of love



Symbols of Masonry  
Light from Above  
Spreading over the  
Globe



"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing." 1 Corth. 13:1,2. Such was the language of an eminent apostle of the Christian church, and such is the sentiment that constitutes the cementing bond of Freemasonry. The apostle, in comparing it with faith and hope, calls it the greatest of the three, and hence in Masonry it is made the topmost round of its mystic ladder. We must not fall into the too common error that charity is only the sentiment of commiseration which leads us to assist the poor with pecuniary donations. Its Masonic, as well as Christian application is more noble and more extensive. The

word used by the apostle is, in the original, love, a word denoting that kindly state of mind which renders a person full of good-will and affectionate regard toward others. John Wesley expressed his regret that the Greek had not been correctly translated as love instead of charity, so that the apostolic triad of virtues would have been, not "faith, hope, and charity," but "faith, hope, and love." Then would we have understood the comparison by St. Paul, when he said, "Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing." Guided by this sentiment, the true Mason will "suffer long and be kind." He will be slow to anger and easy to forgive. He will stay his falling brother by gentle admonition, and warn him with kindness of approaching danger. He will not open his ear to his slan-

derers, and will close his lips against all reproach. His faults and his follies will be locked in his breast, and the prayer for mercy will ascend to Jehovah for his brother's sins. Nor will these sentiments of benevolence be confined to those who are bound to him by ties of kindred or worldly friendship alone; but, extending them throughout the globe, he will love and cherish all who sit beneath the broad canopy of our universal Lodge. For it is the boast of our Institution, that a Mason, destitute and worthy, may find in every clime a brother, and in every land a home.

1 Cor. 8:1 - 1 Cor. 13:1-13 - 2 Tim. 2:22

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May the spirit of giving reside with you today and forevermore.

Bro. Bosie

## FROM THE EAST

Brothers,

We are now beginning the start of a new year, three Fellowcraft should be ready to stand proficiency and be raised. This can happen in January, come out and help these Brothers on their journey. I look forward to serving as your Master this year and helping out, as well as being helped in many ways, thank you for putting your trust in me to serve our lodge. I am always looking for new ideas to bring more members back to the lodge as well as new members, this lodge has a great base and leadership from many Past Masters and Past Grand Masters. Our efforts to sell the former Forest Acres Lodge have been stalled and while we are working on alternative routes, we need your input in this matter at the next few business meetings. Thanks to Brother Glyn Smith for the hard work in this matter. Thanks again for electing me to this office and I will do my best to serve you in the coming year.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Bill Yandle, W.M.



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OVER US ALL



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AMARANTH



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## ORDER OF THE AMARANTH

Bro. Glyn Smith, our Senior Warden, was going to present a small article on this topic, but as with many of us, time simply did not permit. In light of that (and due to a need for articles) I found some information from Wikipedia that I thought would suffice until we can get it from Bro. Glyn's perspective. I was also going to include some of the other "affiliated orders and bodies," however there is not enough space or time to enumerate them all in this small publication. If you are interested in additional information, I would urge you to contact either Bro. Glyn or W. Bro. Roy McEwen, both of whom are Patrons of this order. The Columbia body uses Pacific Lodge on the third (3rd) Thursday of every month. I found this most interesting, especially with the deep historic background of the Order. For your reading pleasure and enlightenment, I present the following:

The Order of the Amaranth is a [Masonic](#)-affiliated women's organization founded in 1873. As in the [Order of the Eastern Star](#), members of the Order must be age 18 and older; men must be Master Masons; and women must be related to Masons as wives, mothers, daughters, widows, sisters, nieces, aunts, et cetera, or have been active members of the [International Order of the Rainbow for Girls](#) or [Job's Daughters International](#) for more than three years and be recommended by a Master Mason.<sup>[1]</sup> Amaranth was based on [Queen Christina of Sweden](#)'s court. Christina had created the "Order of the Amarantha" for the ladies and knights of her court. In 1860, James B. Taylor of [Newark, New Jersey](#) drew upon this order to create a new fraternal society. In 1873, [Robert McCoy](#) organized Taylor's society into the Order of the Amaranth, part of a proposed Adoptive Rite of Masonry.

Eastern Star was to be the first degree, and until 1921, Amaranth members were required to join Eastern Star first. In the Order's teachings, the members are emphatically reminded of their duties to God, to their country and to their fellow beings. They are urged to portray, by precept and example, their belief in the "Golden Rule" and by conforming to the virtues inherent in TRUTH, FAITH, WISDOM and CHARITY they can prove to others the goodness promulgated by the Order. Amaranth is organized into Courts, under Grand Courts at the State level. The primary body is called the Supreme Council (which has some subordinate Courts directly under it, as well). Women members of the Order are addressed as "Honored Lady", while men are referred to as "Sir Knight".

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MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

### SETTING THE WORK

January 4 - Regular Communication - 7:30

January 21 - District Instructional Meeting - 7:00  
Meal included held at the Scottish Rite on Garners Ferry Road.

January 25 - Master Mason Degree - 7:30 (\*)

February 1 - Regular Communication - 7:30

#### JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

Any questions, please call

Bro. Jan Barkan, Secretary at 803-743-2501

or

Bro. Bill Yandle, 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**

## HERE WE GO AGAIN... RESOLUTIONS

It is difficult getting back into the swing of work after a few days off. The holidays are behind us and we have breached a new year. Some people make resolutions which, oftentimes, are difficult to keep. Personally, I like to try to keep the same "concept" but by simply trying to improve myself. After all, isn't that what Masonry is all about? Making better men out of good men is a principle theme of our Fraternity. Yes, I know. I can hear you now. "What kind of resolution is that?"

Well, some people have vowed to quit smoking or drinking and others are going down the path of losing weight and getting in shape. Some resolutions are easier than others and I would guess that the vast majority of them are broken long before the end of the year. I would ask you to consider this, whether you have made any New Year's resolutions or not;

resolve yourself to become a better person. It really is pretty easy, but sometimes we just have to be reminded. Remember the Great Light of Masonry and the lessons we have been taught. Take those working tools and put them to good use. Pick up around your office or house. Help the wife or play with the children. Stop and take a minute to look inside yourself.

We are creatures blessed by our Creator with two wonderful parts sometimes known as a brain and a heart. Exercise your brain. Whether it means picking up a puzzle or simply sitting down and balancing your checkbook (math always challenges me)... Get some cranial stimulation going and keep your mind young and sharp. Perhaps better yet, pick up that lecture you started to learn and work on it some more. We can do it. For me, I am

working on learning the ritual of Masonic Rites and hoping I won't have to give them.

And then there is the heart. That wonderful organ that pumps blood throughout our bodies and refreshes the oxygen in our system. We know of a better and more noble use for the heart, and that is to love our fellow man. We are taught to open our hearts and exude charity whenever possible. Charity is the greatest virtue that we possess. I challenge each of you to practice this fine art each and every day. I can promise that you will feel better about yourself as well as what it can do for others. Be RESOLVED.





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