



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



THE TRESTLEBOARD

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WORKLOAD CONTINUES TO INCREASE

Here we go again... We Initiated 3 candidates in March and we have another 2 petitions undergoing investigation. We have been truly blessed to have such a fine crop of candidates come into Pacific Lodge over the last few years. My Brothers, we are still GROWING!

In April we had one initiate as we welcomed Brother Walter Timmons as our newest Entered Apprentice. We also passed Brothers Donald Crutchfield, David Dowden and Gary Vanover as Fellowcraft Masons.

Join us in May as we should have work EVERY week. One candidate had to postpone his E.A. and he has been approved. Brother

Timmons should be ready for his Fellowcraft Degree and the Brothers passed in April show good promise of being Raised to the Sublime Degree in May.

Again, we invite everyone to come out and join us in fellowship and fun. Our thanks go out to W. Bro. Doyle J. Jaco, Jr. for taking on the task of feeding the Lodge (thank you Brenda) and for getting us by with the FC lecture.

We were pleased to welcome Mike Broom, DDGM at our Fellowcraft and we thanked him for his two years of service to Masonry and our District in particular. Thanks again, Rite Worshipful. Well done!!!

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.



GRAND LODGE APPROACHES

Take notice that Grand Lodge will be held April 26-27 at Jamil Shrine Temple. While every Lodge has three representative votes, ANY Master Mason can attend Grand Lodge. If you are interested in attending the Annual Stated Communication of Grand Lodge,

please let us know. I think you will find it informative. The Grand Master's Golf Tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25 and I believe there may still be some openings left if you are interested in playing or helping out. W. Bros. Edward Neeley and Bosie

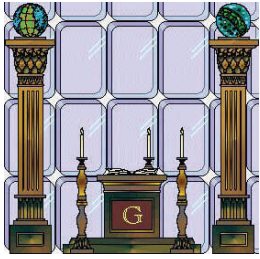
Martin are co-chairs of the Local Committee and will be calling upon the members of Pacific to assist during this meeting. Also, we will have 9 Brothers from the United Kingdom over to visit. Come out to welcome them and show them some Southern Hospitality.

OFFICERS FOR 2007

- Fred Garren, W.M.
- Patrick Brown, S.W.
- Del Collins, J.W.
- Jim Jaco, Treas.
- Bosie Martin, P.M. Sec.
- Vardie Corley, S.D.
- Bill Yandle, J.D.
- Richard Prudence, Stew.
- Glenn Gates, Stew.
- Brian Gambrell, Chap.
- Tommy Hill, Tyler

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The Masonic Welcome Center

Where the journey begins...

SAYING HELLO TO NEW FRIENDS

In this space last month, I noted the Brothers who had left this earthly plane and gone on to the "Celestial Lodge." That transition is a major part of life, or the end thereof.

This month, I have decided to take a moment to center on Brothers who have just joined our great fraternity. The Entered Apprentice Mason is the cornerstone of our Craft. It is upon this foundation that our Masonic Journey

begins. I'll wager you remember your first entrance into a Lodge as much as I remember mine. Nobody really knows what to expect, but they have ASKED to be there. They have been accepted. They have been duly investigated and balloted upon and are now becoming our BROTHERS.

Just remember to stretch forth your hand in friendship and brotherly love when you see one of the new members

of the Lodge. Go over and introduce yourself. Find out what their interests are, and tell them about you and yours. We are a band of Brothers bound by that "Mystic Tie" which can never be broken. Make an effort to say "hello" and stretch forth your hand. As W.B. "Mike" Harman likes to remind us,

"People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care."

THE BRITISH ARE COMING

Once again, our friends from the U.K. are coming over to join us for Grand Lodge in April. Nine Brothers will spend a few days in Myrtle Beach with W. Bro. Charles Schofield, Grand Per-servant and then attend a Demonstration of a South Carolina Third Degree on Tuesday before Grand Lodge. Come join us if you can.

Please note that W. Bro. Edward Neeley and W. Bro. Bosie Martin are co-chairmen of the local committee for Grand Lodge this year. While this is quite an honor, it will involve work and we may be calling on YOU to help out. More information will be forthcoming.

We want to show our nine brothers from the U.K. the

same courtesy and hospitality they extended to us on our visit over. Once again, we may call on you to help us out in this effort as well. We will put on a DEMONSTRATION of the Masters Degree while they are here on April 24. Come help out or just come and enjoy fellowship with Brothers who have traveled a LONG way to meet you.

9 BROTHERS
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GRAND LODGE OF
ENGLAND

WHAT'S KEEPING YOU AWAY?

Yes, that is a personal question. I know in today's busy world our schedules sometime prevent us from attending Lodge. We are not to let our family or our occupations suffer for attending.

I would like to invite you to come back to YOUR Lodge. We are young, growing and need support (and help if you

can)... While I briefly touched on being "rusty" earlier, I am hoping to host a "RUSTY NAIL DEGREE" for all those who feel their skills and work may not permit them to enter the body of a Masonic Lodge.

I assure you, as long as you are in good standing (current dues paying mason) we WILL

get you in and can make you feel comfortable.

Again, feel free to call me if you have questions or need assistance in getting to the Lodge for ANY reason. We would love to see you!

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Bosie Martin, P.M., P.G.
Stw., Sec. Pacific 325

CHANGING OF THE GUARD - M.W. BRO. RON

Here it is April already and I find myself asking yet again "Where has the time gone?" I can think of one person who may feel the same way I do, and that's our Grand Master, M.W. Brother Ron Mitchum. I saw him recently at the Scottish Rite and jokingly called him "short-timer." It hit me that it was just two years ago that we were in Charleston and he was installed as Grand Master. And what a GREAT two years this

has been. M.W. Bro. Ron has traveled the state and our nation, representing YOU as our Grand Master. I would like to personally wish him well. I have no doubt that both he and "Miss Sue" will continue to represent South Carolina long after his term has gone. Thanks for all the meals, support and work you have done for us. M.W. Bro. Ron's theme was "Working Together Making A Difference" and urged us, as Ma-

sons, to be involved in our churches and our community. He has been a driving force for many charities, including Multiple Sclerosis and the Scottish Rite Language Disorder Clinics. While known for his cooking prowess, he will be remembered for issuing his many "cooking challenges" to Lodges in an effort to strengthen the Craft. Thanks again for your service to the Fraternity and helping to "uncover our light."



R.W. BRO. JERRY - DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

The incoming Grand Master is well known to most of the Craft as well. R.W. Brother Gerald L. "Jerry" Carver is a native of Prosperity, South Carolina. Of course, R.W. Bro. Jerry likes to remind everyone that the original name of the town was "Frog Level." He even had Frog-Level lapel pins made as his DDGM pin (one of two)... Did you get one? They are

collectors items now. R.W. Bro. Jerry and his wife Sue live in Greenwood, but you can see him throughout the state in his many activities relating with both Masonic and other fraternal organizations. R.W. Bro. Jerry is known for his deep knowledge of Masonic History and is a collector of Masonic relics. His book collection is always a hit when he brings it

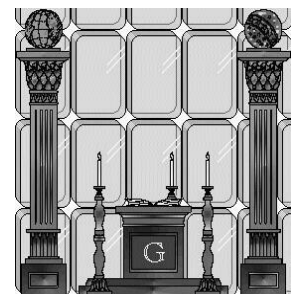
along with one of his talks. Speaking of which, his talk on the "Mystic Tie" is one that should be heard by every Mason. R.W. Bro. Jerry will make a great Grand Master and begins his term in just a few weeks. We look forward to continued strength and support of the Craft in R.W. Brother Jerry.

R.W. BRO. BARRY—SENIOR GRAND WARDEN

The incoming Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Brother Barry Rickman has a story all his own. R.W. Bro. Barry had been elected and had served in the Grand Lodge line several years ago when circumstances arose which gave him, what was I'm sure, one of the most difficult decisions of his life. He withdrew his name from consideration for ad-

vancement. R.W. Bro. Barry saw that his family needed him at that time more than the Craft did and he made that very difficult decision. It is our good fortune that time now has allowed him, and the Brethren have elected him, BACK into the Grand Line. He didn't start where he left off. No sir. He started at "the bottom" again. R.W.

Bro. Barry began a second tenure as Grand Lodge line officer as Junior Grand Warden. He served there for two years and has served another two as Senior Grand Warden. We are fortunate to have him "back" as the incoming Deputy Grand Master. He and his wife Gail will continue to serve the Craft and represent South Carolina proudly.



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SECRETARY & WEBMASTER

MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

April 24—Master Mason Degree Demonstration

Dispensation Granted

April 25-26—Grand Lodge at Jamil Temple

May 1—Regular Communication, Eat 6:45, Meet 7:30

May 8—Entered Apprentice Degree

May 15—Fellowcraft Degree *

May 22—Master Mason Degree *

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...

We eat at 6:45 and Meet at 7:30

WHAT'S YOUR MASONIC STORY?

Everyone has one. A story. Not just any story, mind you. Every member of a Lodge can tell you SOME special story about THEIR Masonic Journey.

Many Brothers have more than one. While I like to remember all of the many friendships that have been made and fostered throughout my many years in the Craft (especially with the Brothers from England) the one I like to tell is about my Dad.

I waited for what seemed like FOREVER for my Dad to ask me to be a Mason. That's right. I waited and

waited and, well, you get the idea.

I was with a friend of mine who I thought was a Mason and I turned to him one day and asked "What did I do to make my father mad? Why hasn't he asked me to join the Masons?"

My friend had one of the biggest smiles come over his face. I looked and asked him "WHAT???" It was all he could do to not bust out laughing.

"A Mason CAN'T ask anyone to be one. YOU have to ask THEM" he informed me. Followed by "and you just did." He had a petition

in my hand within a couple of days and I was off on my journey.

SO, what's YOUR story? I really would like some input and if you are willing to share your favorite story, let me know. E-mail me yours at pacific325@aol.com. Just put "Masonic Story" in the subject line. Let me know if you want me to use your name or if you just want to share your story anonymously. Either way, it's a good way for folks to get to know you and hear YOUR story. I look forward to getting some input.

Brother Bosie



S.C. Brothers in Scotland



English Brothers in Luton