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PRODUCTIVE YEAR AT PACIFIC

My Brothers, if you haven't been to the Lodge lately, I urge you to come on out and visit. You might see some new faces.

We raised 10 Master Masons last year and are on a course for exceeding that number this year. We have already conferred one E.A. Degree and three F.C. Degrees this year. We have two petitions out for investigation and two more on my desk to be read at our next business meeting.

I see this trend of growth everywhere I go and I'm excited for the fraternity. We have more exposure with Masonic license tags and with movies with Masonic references (National Treasure, etc.). One thing

is sure to come of this new exposure and that is questions. Questions about the fraternity and of course, THE question. 2B1ASK1.

Let us all be prepared to answer these questions. There will, of course, be distractions and rumors of things people "have heard" and we need to stand ready to answer these questions and dispel the rumors.

Our Grand Master himself defended the Craft against a writer in a *Baptist Courier* publication. We have such a strong and proud history and should be able to defend our works. Our country, after all, was founded by Masons. We would not be where we are today without Masonic leadership!

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.



LODGE REPORT SUBMITTED

My Brothers, I am happy to say that the annual Lodge Report has been completed and sent to Grand Lodge. The official number of members for 2007 is 232, a net loss of 1 from last year. We conferred 34 degrees and raised 12 Brothers to the Sublime Degree of a

Master Mason in 2007. We had 3 reinstatements and 3 affiliations while losing 10 for non-payment of dues, 8 to death and 1 demit. We are not simply "holding our own," we are growing. We have had 2 additional Perpetual Life Memberships issued and approved by

Grand Lodge with 2 or 3 pending for 2008. This coming year we will enroll almost 10 Brothers as 40 year members as Perpetual Life Members. I urge every Brother to look into this worthwhile program and I look forward to seeing you soon at YOUR Lodge.

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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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - W. BRO. DOYLE J. JACO, JR.



W. Bro. Doyle J. Jaco, Jr.

Everyone knows Doyle. I don't care where you go, you will find SOMEONE who knows him. As most everyone is aware, Doyle is an electrician and owns Jaco Electric. He got his start early in the Air National Guard during which time he was sent to Dury, France. He later worked for awhile with the State of South Carolina Tax Commission. W. Bro. Doyle met and married Brenda Buchanan from Ches-

ter. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in December among a host of family and friends.

W. Bro. Doyle has served as Master of Pacific on two occasions. Upon the death of long-time Secretary, Carl Yandle, Doyle took up those duties and assumed that chair, still helping me out.

Today, Bro. Doyle spends most of his time working on electrical projects, claiming

that he has more to do than he can say grace over. You can find him in the kitchen on Lodge meeting nights. He has assumed the job of "head chef" when Brenda lets him. In his spare time, what little there is of it, he likes to head to his place in Santee and go fishing. You can also find him watching the parking lot for U.S.C. home football games and the State Fair. W. Bro. Doyle, we thank you for all you do, and that's a LOT!!



Gerald Ford U.S. President, 33°. Malta Lodge No. 465, Grand Rapids, MI

FAMOUS MASONS - ILL. BRO. GERALD R. FORD, JR.

Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr. (July 14, 1913 – December 26, 2006) was the thirty-eighth President of the United States, serving from 1974 to 1977, and the fortieth Vice President of the United States serving from 1973 to 1974. He was the first person appointed to the vice presidency under the terms of the 25th Amendment, and became President upon Richard Nixon's resignation on August 9, 1974.

Prior to 1973, Ford served for over eight years as the Republican Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives; he was originally elected to Congress in 1948 from Michigan's 5th congressional district. As president, Ford signed the Helsinki Accords, marking a move toward détente in the Cold War, even as South Vietnam, a former ally, was invaded and conquered by

North Vietnam. Ford did not intervene in Vietnamese affairs, but did help extract friends of the U.S. Domestically, the economy suffered from inflation and a recession under President Ford. One of his more controversial decisions was granting a presidential pardon to President Richard Nixon for his role in the Watergate scandal.

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MASONIC EDUCATION: THE COMMON GAVEL



The Common Gavel is one of the working tools of the Entered Apprentice Mason. It is made use of by the Operative Mason to break off the corners of the rough ashlar, and thus fit it the better for the builder's use, and is therefore adopted as a symbol in Speculative Masonry, to admonish us of the duty of divesting our hearts and consciences of the vices and superfluities of life, thereby fitting our minds as living stones for that spiritual building, that house made not with

hands, eternal in the heavens. It borrows its name from its shape, being that of the gable or gavel end of a house; and this word again comes from the German *gipfel*, a *summit*, *top*, or *peak* -- the idea of a pointed extremity being common to all... The true form of the gavel is that of the stonemason's hammer. It is to be made with a cutting edge, that it may be used to break off the corners of rough stones, an operation which could never be effected by the common hammer

or mallet. The gavel thus shaped will give, when looked at in front, the exact representation of the *gavel* or *gable* end of a house, whence, as has been already said, the name is derived. The gavel of the Master is also called a *Hiram*, because, like the architect, it governs the Craft and keeps order in the Lodge, as he did in the Temple.

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APPENDANT BODIES

Of course, the most basic body and foundation of Masonry is the “Blue Lodge” which confers the first three degrees. While there is no degree higher in Freemasonry than the Master Mason, there are, many organizations affiliated with Masonry. The three which come immediately to most people’s mind are The Scottish Rite, The York Rite and The Shrine.

You must be a Master Mason in good standing to join these

organizations. A number of terms are used to describe these bodies such as “appendant,” “affiliated” and “concordant.” There are many more organizations and I would urge every Mason to look into them and see if you want “more light” or Masonic knowledge. While I will expound on the two Rites below, there are many other groups that “fit the bill,” such as: The Royal Order of Scotland, The Heroes of ‘76, Tall

Cedars of Lebanon, The Order of the Amaranth, Demolay and of course, The Order of the Eastern Star. Membership qualifications vary in all of these, but they are worthy of study and examination. An excellent starting point for research on these is found online with Wikipedia, the Free Online Encyclopedia and can be found at:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Masonic_bodies



Apron with Masonic Symbols

A.A.S.R. - ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE

The Scottish Rite was begun here in our very own state. According to Wikipedia:

“Although most of the thirty-three degrees of the Scottish Rite existed in parts of previous degree systems, the Scottish Rite did not come into being until the formation of the Mother Supreme Council at Charleston, South Carolina in May 1801.commissioned to establish Morin’s Rite of the Ryal Secret

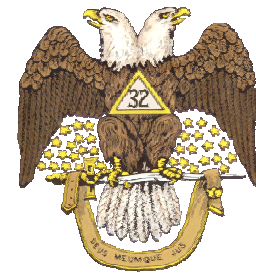
in other countries, formed constituent bodies of the Rite in South Carolina in 1783, which eventually became, in 1801, The Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction. All regular Scottish Rite bodies today from this body.

In either 1813 or 1867 the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States, was formed.

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in each country is governed by a Supreme Council. There is no international governing body — each Supreme Council in each country is sovereign unto itself in its own jurisdiction. “ As an added note, you CAN ask to join!!

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Scottish Rite
Southern Jurisdiction

THE YORK RITE

According to Wikipedia:

“The term **York Rite** is a term most often used in the United States of America to refer to a collection of Masonic degrees that, in most other countries, are conferred separately. Its name derives from the city of York, where, according to a Masonic legend, the first meetings of Masons in England took place, although only the lectures of the

York Rite College make reference to that legend.

The York Rite in the United States is actually a grouping of separate Rites joined in order, namely the Capitular Rite, or Royal Arch Masons (General Grand Chapter - Royal Arch Masons International), the Cryptic Rite, or Cryptic Masons (General Grand Council - Cryptic Masons International) and the

Chivalric Orders, or Knights Templar (Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.” Again, you can ASK for a petition to join this body as well!!

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York Rite Bodies

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MASONS IN ACTION

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

SETTING THE WORK

February 5—Regular Communication

February 12—Entered Apprentice Degree

February 19—Fellow Craft Degree

February 26—Master Mason Degree

March 4—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

LODGE MOTHER KILWINNING # 0

Lodge Mother Kilwinning is a Masonic Lodge in Kilwinning, Scotland under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, it is number 0 on the Roll following a series of changes in its status with respect to the Grand Lodge. It is reputed to be the oldest Lodge in Scotland, thus the oldest lodge in the world, and is styled **The Mother Lodge of Scotland** attributing its origins to the 12th Century.

Tradition demanded that whoever held the Mastery of the Mother Lodge, would also have to hold the Grand Mastery of all Ayrshire. The Master of Kilwinning was also Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire.

This fact, led to many mem-

bers transferring from other Lodges to Kilwinning, in order to progress to the Provincial Chair. In 1983 this was changed with the result that Mother Kilwinning was removed from the Province of Ayrshire and became subordinate to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kilwinning. In consequence, the Lodge sends a representative to Grand Lodge of Scotland to act as Grand Bible Bearer.

Kilwinning is notable for housing the original Lodge of the Freemasons. When the Lodges were renumbered, Kilwinning was kept as Lodge Number '0', the Mother Lodge of Scotland.

The origin of the Lodge is unclear with the first documentary evidence being a mention

in The Schaw Statutes of 1598 and 1599 which identify it as the 'Heid Luge'. The lodge's own legend attributes the formation to the building of the Abbey at Kilwinning in the 12th Century. There existed in this period corporations or fraternities of masons, endowed with certain privileges and immunities, capable of erecting religious structures in the Gothic style. A party of these foreign masons is supposed to have come from Italy, or Cologne, for the purpose of building the Abbey at Kilwinning and to have founded there the first regularly constituted Operative Lodge in Scotland. ©Wikipedia

Note: The S.C. delegation was lucky enough to visit this Lodge in our recent journey.



Edifice of Kilwinning # 0



Altar & checkered floor