



**ACACIA LODGE NO. 16 A.F. & A.M.
CHARTERED DECEMBER 11, 1877 MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 4.
WWW.ACACIA16.ORG 703-830-9036
7135 MAIN STREET CLIFTON VIRGINIA 20124
STATED MEETING: FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH @ 7:30PM**

The Acacia Lodge Building has been located in Fairfax County Virginia in the Historic Town of Clifton since 1920. Acacia is of historic value and is a Historical Landmark listed with the United States Department of Interior National Park Service, National Register of Historic Places, file # 29-225-58, Acacia use to be a Mill that dates back to the 1800's. Although Acacia Lodge No. 16 is a 501c tax exempt non-profit charitable Freemasons Masonic Fraternity that owns the Building that however is not the sol primary function of the Acacia Lodge Building in the Clifton Community. Since 1920 Acacia has been an icon and a very important integral part of the Clifton Community, for over 86 years Acacia has opened its doors providing community, governmental, private and public services, support and functionality in the following ways.

- Acacia functions as a public community center
- Acacia functions as a government community center
- Acacia functions for public religious services and education
- Acacia functions for public safety programs
- Acacia functions as a public museum
- Acacia functions a public library
- Acacia functions for public education

The flowing are brief descriptions demonstrating Acacia's integral part in the Clifton Community.

- Acacia provides a safety service to the public called the Child ID program, free of charge.
- Acacia serves a Saturday morning breakfast open to the public, free of charge.
- Acacia is used as a meeting hall by the Town of Clifton Government, free of charge.
- Acacia is regularly used by private Clifton residents as a Community Center, free of charge
- Acacia supports Fairfax County Police Officers by providing them shelter, food, drinks, and bathrooms during public events held by the Town of Clifton, free of charge



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- Acacia is used by the Clifton Presbyterian Church to hold Sunday School, free of charge
- Acacia contains rare historical museum items and antiques that date back to the 1800's in which guided public tours are given, free of charge.
- Acacia and its restrooms are made available to the public during events held by the Town of Clifton, free of charge
- Acacia has pot-luck meals open to the public, free of charge.
- Acacia is used for free public parking during events held by the Town of Clifton
- Acacia is used as a public meeting hall by the Clifton community, free of charge
- Acacia is used as free over-flow parking for the Church across the street, free of charge
- Acacia is home to museum historical documents and a picture of Oscar Scott Woody who was one of five Postal workers who went down of the Titanic in 1912 and he was celebrating his 44th birthday on that faithful day, guided public tours are given, free of charge..
- Acacia has a library of historical books and holds workshop reading classes to discuss them for educational purposes, free of charge.
- Acacia is used for Clifton community fundraisers, free of charge.
- Acacia is use by Clifton Lions Club, free of charge
- Acacia was used to celebrate the Town of Clifton's 100th anniversary in 2002, free of charge
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- Acacia is used as a meeting hall by Church Groups for religious service and education, free of charge
- Acacia is used as a meeting hall by Clifton community groups, free of charge.
- Acacia is used by youth organizations as a meeting hall, free of charge.
- Acacia lets the CBA (Clifton Betterment Association) rent spaces on its property to vendors during Clifton Day and other festivities since 1968, free of charge.
- Acacia is used by youth, other organizations and public groups for dinners and dances, free of charge.
- Acacia is used to coordinate blood-drives.
- Acacia held the Government meeting that gave birth to the Clifton Volunteer Fire Department c.1943.

During the heavy rains in June of 2006 Acacia was flooded that caused sever damage to the foundation supports and lower level interior walls and floors. This has left Acacia sinking in the ground and the water and mud damage required the interior to be striped.

Acacia could remain a historical landmark and an integral functional and important part of the Clifton Community continuing to provide both public and private services and support for anther Century or more if we can save it from sinking and falling apart due to the flood.

The Clifton Community would not be the same without Acacia!

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