

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to avow what a valuable part the Acacia Lodge is, and has been, in the Historic Town of Clifton, Virginia. Clifton is a part of the National Historic Register, as is the Lodge. We recently lost one of our historic properties (the Hetzel House) due to neglect and disrepair and dread the possibility of it happening again.

The members of the Lodge have always opened the premises to the Town whenever we have requested. It has been used as a meeting place for Town Council meetings, Lion's Club events, and is an integral part of Clifton Day which is the largest fundraising event for our area non profit organizations. In addition, the Lodge has most recently been used as a Sunday School classroom during the renovation of our Presbyterian Church.

Although the Lodge is currently privately owned, IT IS a public and Town facility due to the unique partnership with the Town of Clifton.

Sincerely,

**Thomas C. Peterson
Mayor**