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Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen, Grand Master
of Masons in Virginia, approves this letter.

June 4, 2008

Dear Worshipful Master and Brethren:

I'm writing to you as President of *The Acacia Foundation*, a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to the preservation and improvement of Acacia Lodge No. 16, holden under the Grand Lodge of Virginia, located in Clifton, Virginia. This letter has been reviewed and approved by both the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Virginia and Acacia Lodge No. 16. The purpose of this letter is to raise funds for the renovation of Acacia Lodge. It is being sent to all Lodges in Virginia on a one-time basis.

The Acacia Lodge building has existed since the 1870s and has been designated by the U.S. Department of the Interior as an historic building in the Town of Clifton. During the disastrous flood in June 2006, nearby Pope's Head Creek overflowed and flooded the Lodge, causing damage to its foundation and first floor. The building is in a flood plain, and Acacia Lodge had no flood insurance. Its members determined that the building, as a Lodge and an historic landmark, was worth saving.

To save this building, there is an immediate need to replace the foundation with a new one, as every day it's sinking and tilting at an increasingly rapid rate. This will involve elevating the building, constructing a modern foundation, and then placing the building back on the new foundation. The new foundation will raise the building three feet higher, which will be above the 100 year flood plain. These improvements constitute Phase I, and are estimated to cost approximately \$80,000. In order to keep pace with the plans review and approval process for the Town of Clifton and Fairfax County, Acacia Lodge needs to execute Phase I this summer.

The second phase of building renovation will be to construct a new rear addition, which will house bathrooms, a ramp for handicapped accessibility and exit stairs for the second floor, install a new roof and flooring on the first floor, install a new HVAC system, and various other improvements. These improvements (which are not as time critical) are Phase II of the building renovation and will likely cost \$80,000 or more, depending on the schedule for implementation and how much of the work Acacia Lodge can accomplish on its own.

Acacia Lodge has raised approximately \$40,000 from its members and other contributors, much of which has been spent on various plans, reviews, approvals, etc. Acacia Lodge has approximately \$30,000 total on hand now and needs your help to raise at least \$50,000 to execute Phase I this summer. To help with our fundraising, the Haymarket Foundation has agreed to match the first \$5,000 of funds contributed by Virginia lodges.

The Foundation requests that your lodge make a contribution towards renovation of the Acacia Lodge building. Your assistance would be tremendously appreciated to help Acacia Lodge recover from this natural disaster. Contributions will be deposited into a fund established exclusively for Lodge building renovation – they will not be used for Lodge operating expenses. We would also welcome individual contributions for this purpose.

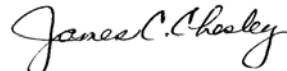
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Attention: Treasurer

Since the Foundation is a public charity, all contributions are deductible for federal income tax purposes. Enclosed for your reference is a copy of the Foundation’s IRS determination letter. For information about the Foundation or its charitable status, please contact our counsel, Brant Baber, at 703-591-2323.

Please invest in preserving this unique building and assuring that Acacia Lodge continues to serve its Brethren and the public for generations to come.

Very truly yours,



James C. Chesley
President

As required by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, the majority of the Foundation’s directors are not members, officers or trustees of Acacia Lodge. The officers and directors of the Foundation are as follows:

Hon. James C. Chesley – President/Director; former Mayor, Town of Clifton
Wor. James E. Kraut – Treasurer/Director; Worshipful Master, Haymarket Lodge No. 313
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