



ACACIA LODGE No. 16 A.F. & A.M.

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WEBSITE: WWW.ACACIA16.ORG

STATED COMMUNICATION ON 1ST THURSDAY AT 7:30 PM
DINNER AT 6:30 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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2010 THEME *COMING HOME*

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FROM THE EAST

FEBRUARY 2010



Our lodge objectives during 2010:

- complete the renovation of and addition to the lodge building by May;
- raise funds, such as by raffles and a pledge program, to pay off our loan from Columbia Lodge within 3 years;
- get at least 30 members to meetings lodge events who have not attended a meeting during the past year;
- have more social events involving spouses and families; and
- reach out more to the Clifton community and being involved in at least one community project.

LODGE BUSINESS

The stated meeting will be held on February 4, 2010 at the Clifton Presbyterian Church. We will receive the District Instructor of Work at this meeting. Brother Pettorini volunteered to prepare the dinner (see the menu below under **FROM THE SOUTH**), and we should have great fellowship.

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Fellowship JW
Finance Bill May, PM
Building W/M
Historic Don McAndrews, PM

SICK AND DISTRESSED

Please inform Brother New, the Secretary and the W/M re any sick and distressed.

A resolution to amend the Bylaws to increase candidate fees was adopted at the January stated. Fees for candidates now are \$300 total, broken down as follows:

- a. \$75 for the degree of Entered Apprentice
- b. \$75 for the degree of Fellowcraft
- c. \$75 for the degree of Master Mason
- d. \$75 to accompany the application

ACACIA'S 2010 CALENDAR

The 2010 calendar is contained in this Trestle Board, as well on Acacia's website. The calendar on Acacia's website is kept up to date with any changes that take place after the Trestle Board has been published. Please call or send an email to any of the WM, SW or JW to inform us of any events you would like put on the calendar or any conflicts you see.

JOINT LODGE BREAKFAST

We are joining our Brethren at Henry Lodge for a good, old-fashioned breakfast for Acacia and Henry members and families from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, February 6. Please come, bring your family, and further our fellowship.

VALENTINE'S PARTY

There will be a Valentine's Dinner at Brant and Kathy Baber's house from 7-10pm on Saturday, February 13, 2010 for Acacia members and spouses/friends. Bring your favorite libation. **Please RSVP to the WM by phone or email not later than February 5.**

ACACIA BUILDING WORK

Our architect has completed drawings for the addition. They now are being marked up for electrical, mechanical and plumbing, and should be submitted to the Clifton Architectural Review Board for approval by the end of February, and to the Fairfax County Building Department for plan review and approval by early March. We anticipate the addition being constructed in the spring of 2010, the existing building being rewired by that time and the building being ready for use by the end of June 2010.

Below is a summary of the remaining work to be done, by category. Please choose one or more items and *let the WM know for which you are volunteering*, so our work days can be effective.

Electrical:

- Rewire existing building, including kitchen area
- Install track lighting on first floor
- Install lighting fixtures in second floor hall, ready room and lodge room
- Install rope lights behind coping in lodge room
- Connect well pump
- Wire to exterior heat pumps
- install meter base

Plumbing:

- Install plumbing and drains to/from kitchen
- Install plumbing and drains in bathroom addition
- Install plumbing and drain to/from utility sink in addition

Carpentry:

- Frame and drywall around kitchen area; build kitchen countertops
- Cut hole in wall and install kitchen exhaust fan
- Purchase and install bulls eye block on second floor
- Install coping and trim around ceiling and walls in second floor lodge room and hall
- Repair paneling in ready room and holes in lodge room and ready room walls

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Bryan Knupp	24 years
Leonard Mick	14 years
David Morris	13 years
Thomas Thiebaut	10 years

CONGRATULATIONS

50-YEAR MEMBERS

William "Ed" Edward Ray PDDGM
George Carver
Douglas Detwiler
Robert Elliott
Richard O. Hurt
Robert L. Mitton
Luis Pages, PDDGM
Felix Pages
Charles H. Rowell, PDDGM,

HONORARY MEMBERS

William Ed Ray, Sr, PDDGM
William C. Robinson, PM
Charles H. Rowell, PDDGM

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

William J. Baumbach, II
John S. Lusk, Sr, PM
Conley S. Tilson, Jr.
Luis Pages, PDDGM
David Harrer
Robert Bunch
James G. Kincheloe III
Manpreet Singh

LIVING PAST MASTERS

1967-8	Gerald R. Bee
1969	Herbert R. Martin*
1971	Gary Stout*
1975	Richard Wells*
1979	Stewart Buckley, Sr.
1983	Cecil Facemire
1985	Roland W. Brendel
1986-9	James Kincheloe, Jr.
1990	William C. May
1991	David Diamantes
1992	Joseph E. Bertoni*
1993	David S. Potter*
1994	William A. Tetrault, Sr.*
1995	Dean M. Reach
1996	Robert E. Healey*
1996	John S. Lusk, Sr, Pro-tem
1997-98	John S. Lusk
1999	Russell L. Williams*
2000	Clifton E. Mays
2001	Leonard G. Mick
2002	David C. Morris
2003	Troy S. Payne, Jr.*

**Demitted from Acacia Lodge*

Panel second floor hall walls
Drywall second floor hall ceiling
Install and paint 6" baseboard on second floor
Install new handrails on stairs to second floor
Close up old vent holes in floor on second floor

Paint:

Paint finish coat on first and second floor walls and ceilings
Sand and paint all trim on first and second floors
Stain and finish new treasurer and secretary tables
Paint existing building and addition walls and trim
Paint iron railings

Landscaping:

Assist Boy Scout to landscape front, sides and rear of property
remove gravel from rear CBA lot
spread topsoil across rear CBA lot and seed

General:

Clean out trailer; decide what items to keep and what to dispose of; haul debris to dump
Power wash existing building exterior
Remove, repair, reglaze, paint and reinstall first floor windows
Remove carpet on second floor, punch nail holes
purchase and install blinds for lodge room

Please note our building work days from 9am-4pm on March 6, April 3, April 17 and May 8; we also will have additional work days when weather permits.

4TH MASONIC DISTRICT CLASS

The Fourth Masonic District class will be held on February 17, 2010 at Manasseh Lodge @ 7:15 pm. We need brethren to come to the class, especially our officers, to improve their Masonic proficiency. Seven brethren were in attendance in January; let's keep up the good work.

NEW MEMBERS

We look forward to having at least 10 new members during 2010. Please remember that signers of all petitions will be required to personally know their candidate, be mentors and participate in his Masonic education and catechism. In addition, candidates will be required to attend at least one Acacia social function, i.e. pre-meeting dinner, and become known to members before their petition is voted on.

DEGREE WORK

We will keep you informed of any degrees that are scheduled via e-mail, phone messages and on the calendar on the Acacia website. Unless you have a conflict, we expect all members, and especially our officers, to be at degrees. All degrees in January through June 2010 will be held at Henry Lodge, and degrees thereafter at Acacia Lodge. Dress will be sport coat and collared shirt, tie optional. Signers should be present for all lodge activities, including degrees, for their candidates.

SCHEDULED DEGREE

A Fellowcraft Degree will be held at 7pm on February 16 at Henry Lodge for Brother Arsenio Cabanas. A cast has been assembled, so we need brethren to come out and support our candidate.

2004 Luis Pages, PDDGM
2005 George R. May*
2006 Scott R. Call
2007 Jon V. Shelton
2008 David R. Hill
2009 Joseph J. Jones

AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS

1961 Charles H. Rowell
1981 William E. Ray
1994 William C. Robinson
2001 Donald L. McAndrews
2003 David C. McAndrews

**Demitted from Acacia Lodge*



FRATERNAL VISITS

At least 5 of us will go to each of the following lodges for a fraternal visit on the following dates:

Feb. 1 – dinner at Herndon Lodge @ 6:30pm, fraternal visit @ 7:30pm
Feb. 8 – dinner @ Haymarket Lodge @ 6:30pm, fraternal visit @ 7:30pm
Feb. 10 – fraternal visit to Manasseh Lodge @ 11am, lunch @ 12:30pm

The WM will be going to all of these and wants the company of his brethren. **Please call or email the WM with your availability.**

LODGE RITUAL PRACTICES

Lodge ritual practices will be held on the **second and fourth Mondays** of each month; the second Monday from 7-8:30pm, and the fourth Monday from 7:30-8:30 pm. Officers will meet on the fourth Monday from 6:30-7:30pm. Meetings will be held at Henry Lodge though June; subsequent meetings will be held at Acacia Lodge. Please put these dates and locations on your calendars now. We will post any changes to the practice schedule in the calendar on the Acacia website and inform you by email and phone.

LODGE WEBSITE

Our webmaster Bro. Baumbach, who has been Acacia's webmaster for over 12 years, has given our website a facelift. Please view it at www.acacia16.org. Many thanks to Bro. Baumbach for his continued hard work for the betterment of our lodge in particular and Masonry in general.

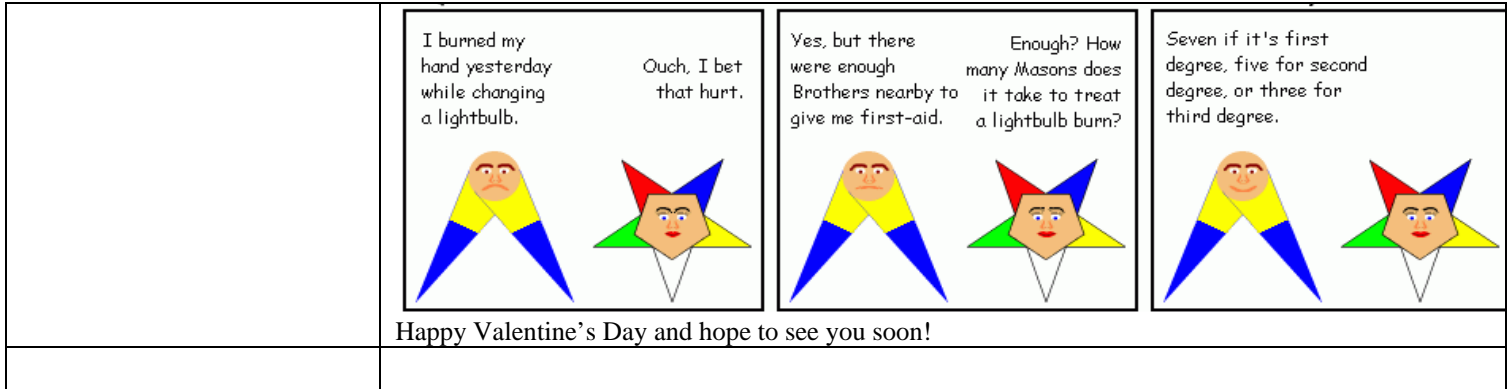
FROM THE WEST

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST!

January was a busy month and thanks to all that came out to support your lodge!

As most of you have heard by now, The Acacia Foundation has graciously agreed to hold a raffle to help with the restoration of Acacia Lodge, and repayment of our loan for that purpose, and I have volunteered to coordinate it for them. We have 2400 tickets to sell at \$10.00/per ticket and if all 2400 tickets are sold by November 11th 2010, we will give three great prizes: \$3000.00 for the first ticket drawn, \$2000.00 for the second ticket drawn and \$1000.00 for the third ticket drawn. If all 2400 tickets are not sold, prizes will be 25% of the total sales proceeds. See www.theacaciafoundation.org/raffle.htm for complete rules. So this is where I need your help; we will be able to achieve the \$24,000 goal if together, we all roll up our sleeves and pitch in. Tickets can be sold to anyone of at least 18 years of age or older. The success of this project lays with us...volunteers, please see me for tickets.

Each month within my "Greetings from the West" section, I would like to take the opportunity to reintroduce you to one of our Acacia brothers. This first introduction is an honor for me because he is our very own Worshipful Master, Brant Baber. Brant was raised a master mason on January 1st 1982. He belongs to Acacia No. 16, Temple Lodge No. 6 and Zia Daylight Lodge No. 77 in Albuquerque, NM. Brant is an attorney and a nonprofit executive. He has lived in Washington, D.C., New York City and currently resides in historic Clifton Va. He has been married to Kathy Kalinowski for 34 years and they have four children: John and Joseph (age 28 and both Brothers), Jane (23) and Jordan (20). Kathy and Brant share custody of a dog with their daughter. ☺ In his spare time, Brant likes to listen to cool jazz, Nuevo Flamenco, read books and also enjoys playing pocket billiards, his favorite sport. When asked for three words to describe himself, he offers "funny, obnoxious and pushy" And finally when asked, "what is the strangest food you have ever eaten?" Brant answers "raw blowfish". WOW!!!



FROM THE SOUTH: *FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT*

Meals during 2010 will be prepared and contributed by the brethren and their families and served by the stewards. We invite all family members who help prepare our meals to dine with us. Menu details for the current month are in this trestle board. Brethren have signed up for the following months:

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Brother</u>	<u>Month</u>
Scott Springer	January	to be catered	July
Jim Pettorini	February		August
Bobby New	March	Rob Bunch	September
Dave Morris	April	John Lusk	October
Charlie Selby	May	Dan Jones	November
Brant Baber	June	Jim Kincheloe Jr.	December

We still need a contributor for August. Please help if you can by contacting the JW.

February's Dinner: *Sausage and Peppers, Bread*

Dessert: *Cake / Cookies*

Food Prepared By: *The Pettorini Family*

FAMOUS VIRGINIA MASON OF THE MONTH

Meriwether Lewis (1774 - 1809)

Born in Albemarle County, Virginia, Meriwether Lewis had quite a list of accomplishments during his short life. He is most famous for leading the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Many don't know that he was also the first Governor of the Louisiana Territory. He received his Degrees in Masonry from the Door to Virtue Lodge #44 in Albemarle between 1796 and 1797. He would later be instrumental in establishing St. Louis Lodge #111 in the Louisiana Territory and serve as its first Master.

FROM THE SECRETARY S' DESK

2009 dues were billed in December 2008 and were required to be paid by the end of 2009. Three Brethren who have not supported the Lodge with their 2009 dues payments have been suspended. Dues for 2010 were billed in December 2009 and are due now. Ten members have not paid 2010 dues yet. Please assist your lodge by making payment as soon as you can.

Applications for demits can be made by any brother who is current in his dues payment. Any brother who cannot pay their dues because of financial inability should contact the Secretary or WM to discuss their situation.

2010 CALENDAR

February:

- 1st – dinner at Herndon Lodge @ 6:30pm, **fraternal visit** @ 7:30pm
- 4th - Dinner @ 6:30pm, Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm; Official Visit, DIW; Kena Shrine visit.
- 6th – Joint Acacia/Henry breakfast @ Henry, 9-11 am
- 8th – no ritual practice; dinner @ Haymarket Lodge @ 6:30pm, **fraternal visit** @ 7:30pm
- 10th – **fraternal visit** to Manasseh Lodge @ 11am, lunch @ 12:30pm
- 13th – **Valentine's Day dinner for members and spouses at Babers' house, 7pm**
- 17th – District Class @ 7:15pm
- 22nd – officers meeting, 6:30-7:30pm; ritual practice, 7:30-8:30pm

March:

- 4th - Dinner @ 6:30pm, Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm; Official Visit, District MAHOVA Ambassador and DEO
- 6th - **building work day**, 9am-4pm
- 8th– ritual practice, 7-8:30pm
- 17th – District Class @ 7:15pm
- 20th – District Leadership Conference 8:30-11:30am Scottish Rite Temple; Grand Master Official Visit to District 4/54, 6:30-9pm
- 22nd – officers meeting, 6:30-7:30pm; ritual practice, 7:30-8:30pm
- 26th – 6:30 pm - 9:30pm, C.A. Sinclair Instructional School
- 27th – 8:30 am – 1:30pm, C.A. Sinclair Instructional School

April:

- 1st – Dinner @ 6:30pm, Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm; Official Visit, Masonic Membership Coordinator and District blood coordinator; also annual commemoration of Oscar Scott Woody with Clifton Postmaster at dinner
- 3rd – **building work day**, 9am-4pm
- 12th – ritual practice, 7-8:30pm
- 17th - **building work day**, 9am-4pm
- 21st – District Class @ 7:15pm
- 24th – **Lodge Bowling**, 4-6pm
- 26th – officers meeting, 6:30-7:30pm; ritual practice, 7:30-8:30pm

May:

- 6th – Dinner @ 6:30pm, Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm; **Past Masters' night**; visit by MWPH Lodge Acacia #32
- 8th – **building work day**, 9am-4pm
- 10th – ritual practice, 7-8:30pm
- 18th – **Bring a Friend Nite**, 7-9pm at Acacia Lodge
- 19th – District Class @ 7:15pm
- 24th – officers meeting, 6:30-7:30pm; ritual practice, 7:30-8:30pm

June:

- 3rd – Dinner @ 6:30pm, Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm; Roll Call Night
- 14th – ritual practice, 7-8:30pm
- 16th – District Class @ 7:15pm
- 18th – **Ladies Night**, time and place to be determined
- 28th – officers meeting, 6:30-7:30pm; ritual practice, 7:30-8:30pm

July:

1st – **FIRST MEETING AT ACACIA LODGE BUILDING.** Dinner @ 6:30pm, Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm with catered meal; visit by PGM Jeffrey Hodges and brethren from Widow's Son Lodge No 60, Charlottesville.

12th – ritual practice, 7-8:30pm

21st – District Class @ 7:15pm

24th – **Tour of GW Memorial Temple**

26th – officers meeting, 6:30-7:30pm; ritual practice, 7:30-8:30pm

August:

1-4th – Reid Simmons School @ Fork Union

5th – Dinner @ 6:30pm, Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm; short sleeve shirts, shorts optional

9th – no ritual practice

18th – District Class @ 7:15pm

21st – picnic at Barletts' house, 1-5pm

23rd – no officers meeting or ritual practice

September:

2nd – Lodge on High Hill; dispensation required to move Stated

6th – Labor Day Car Show Fundraiser

9th – Dinner @ 6:30pm, Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm (under Dispensation)

13th – ritual practice, 7-8:30pm

18th – **Bus trip to NYC for day**

24th – 7-9pm, Ed Ray Instructional School at Haymarket Lodge

25th – 9am-3pm, Ed Ray Instructional School at Haymarket Lodge

27th – officers meeting, 6:30-7:30pm; ritual practice, 7:30-8:30pm

October:

7th – Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm; Step Up Night

9th – set up for Clifton Day

10th – Clifton Day Fundraiser

11th – ritual practice, 7-8:30pm

14th – **Fraternal visit to MWPB Acacia Lodge No. 32, Alexandria**

20th – District Class @ 7:15pm

25th – officers meeting, 6:30-7:30pm; ritual practice, 7:30-8:30pm

November:

4-6th – Grand Annual Communication, Richmond

8th – ritual practice, 7-8:30pm

11th – Dinner @ 6:30pm, Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm (under Dispensation)

17th – District Class @ 7:15pm

22nd – officers meeting, 6:30-7:30pm; ritual practice, 7:30-8:30pm

December:

2nd – Dinner @ 6:30pm, Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm; Elections