



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

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

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### FROM THE EAST

MARCH 2010



#### ACACIA LODGE'S BUILDING PROUDLY WITHSTOOD OUR RECENT BLIZZARD

Please note the pyramidal-shaped shadow pointing to our lodge room. The Great Architect watches over and protects us!

#### LODGE BUSINESS

The stated meeting will be held on March 4, 2010 at the Clifton Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be served from 6:30-7:15pm. Brother New volunteered to prepare the dinner (see the menu below under **FROM THE SOUTH**), and we should have great fellowship. **Dr. Lloyd Glover will give a presentation on mens' prostate health at 7:15pm.** We will receive the MAHOVA Ambassador and the District Education Officer at this meeting.

A joint Acacia/Henry breakfast will be held at Henry Lodge on Saturday, March 6 from 9-11am. Be

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Communications	WM
Special Events/Outreach	SW
Fellowship	JW
Finance	Bill May, PM
Building	WM
Historic	Don McAndrews, PM

**SICK AND DISTRESSED**

Please inform Brother New, the Secretary and the WM re any sick and distressed.

**50-YEAR MEMBERS**

**William "Ed" Edward Ray PDDGM**  
**George Carver**  
**Douglas Detwiler**  
**Robert Elliott**  
**Richard O. Hurt**

square and be there.

Our lodge objectives during 2010 are to:

- complete the renovation of and addition to the lodge building by June;
- raise funds, such as by 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 be involved in at least one community project.

**ACACIA BUILDING WORK**

**We will have a building work day on Saturday, March 13 from 9am-4pm.** Additional building work days will be held on April 3, April 17 and May 8 and when weather permits.

Our architect has completed drawings for the addition. They now are being marked up for electrical, mechanical and plumbing, and are scheduled to be reviewed by the Clifton Architectural Review Board on February 25, and will be sent to the Fairfax County Building Department for plan review and approval by early March. We anticipate the addition being constructed in May 2010, the existing building being rewired by that time and the building being ready for use by the end of June 2010.

A summary of the work to be done, by category, is included near the end of this Trestle Board, and the work to be done on March 13, our next work day, is indicated by \*. **We need brothers to volunteer to coordinate and work on specific tasks to help get the building ready for our July 1 opening;** to date, three brothers have volunteered. Please email or call the WM.

The Lodge was ordered by the Grand Master not to accept funds for renovation and preservation of the lodge building proposed to be raised by a raffle sponsored by The Acacia Foundation. The Acacia Foundation continues to receive and apply contributions for that purpose.

**ACACIA'S 2010 CALENDAR**

The 2010 calendar is contained in this Trestle Board, as well on Acacia's website [www.acacia16.org]. We are having interesting speakers this year; please look ahead on the calendar. 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.

**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 May; 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.

**4<sup>TH</sup> MASONIC DISTRICT CLASS**

There is no Fourth Masonic District class in March; the next will be held on April 21 at Herndon Lodge @ 7:15 pm. We need brethren to come to the class, especially our officers, to improve their Masonic proficiency. Five Acacia brethren attended class in January, seven in February; 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

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. Tilton, 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 G. 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, 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.\*  
2004 Luis Pages, PDDGM  
2005 George R. May\*  
2006 Scott R. Call  
2007 Jon V. Shelton  
2008 David R. Hill  
2009 Joseph J. Jones  
*\*Demitted from Acacia Lodge*

#### AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS

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

#### ENTERED APPRENTICES

Aaron Dennis, James Cook Cole,  
Terence Paparella, Geoff Tressler,  
Tom Winans

is voted on.

#### DEGREE WORK

Brother Arsenio Cabanas received his FC degree, and Brother Robert Rudolph returned his FC catechism, on February 16. Congratulations, brethren.

No degrees have been scheduled for March at the publication of this Trestle Board. We expect to hold at least one MM and FC Degree during the month. We will inform you of any degrees that are scheduled via e-mail, phone messages and on the calendar on the Acacia website. Unless you have a conflict, all members, and especially our officers, should to be at degrees. All degrees through June 2010 will be held at Henry Lodge, and 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.

#### RECENT GRAND MASTER EDICTS

Edicts amending the Methodical Digest recently were published by the Grand Master. Section 4.01 was amended to further define a "Masonic Offense" to include slander or defamation of character by one Mason against another; behavior or actions by one Mason resulting in physical or emotional harm to another Mason; and verbal, written or electronic communication by any Mason which brings dishonor to the Fraternity or any of its members or creates disharmony or discord in the Fraternity or among its members.

A new Section 4.02a is included that provides:

**Sec. 4.02 (a) Suspension Pending a Trial** - From time to time, the Grand Master may become aware of acts by a Mason that may in his belief constitute a Masonic offense as outlined in Section 4.01. This may be the result of personal observation, information provided by other Masons, or by the communication of charges as outlined in Section 4.07. In any event, the Grand Master may determine that it is in the best interest of the Fraternity or its members to act, pending final determination by a Trial Commission. Therefore, in addition to the expulsion of felons, as outlined in Edict E-5-1989, *the Grand Master may, in his sole discretion, suspend any member from the rights and benefits of Freemasonry until such time as a trial commission may be impaneled to make a final determination in the matter.* If the Grand Master thus suspends a Mason, a trial commission shall be assembled as soon as reasonable and a timely Masonic trial shall proceed as outlined elsewhere in the Methodical Digest. Should circumstances warrant, prior to the conclusion of the Masonic trial, the Grand Master, or any successor, may remove the suspension and restore the man to membership.

#### FROM THE WEST

#### GREETINGS FROM THE WEST!

February was a busy and snowy month. Thanks to all that came out to support your lodge!

We have several brothers that are sick and distressed. Luis Pages is recovering from a quadruple bypass. Craig Beals is suffering from "Bell's Palsy". Ralph Cavalieri is going in for a prostate procedure. Robert Elliott is recovering from a broken hip. William Flank is undergoing chemotherapy. Please keep all these good brothers in your thoughts and prayers. If you know of a brother that is sick and or distressed, please call or email WM or me.

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 month I would like to reintroduce you to Bro Scott Springer, Junior Warden. Scott was raised a master mason on March 26<sup>th</sup> 2007. He belongs to Acacia 16. Scott is a Purchasing Agent for a local supply company. Scott has lived in Northern Virginia most of his life. He has been married to Averill Springer for 15 years and they have two children: Jonathan (11) and Christina (9) In his spare time, Scott attempts to play golf and he really emphasizes "attempts". ☺ Scott has several pets: a cat named Bella, a hamster named Puffer, and an

**FELLOWCRAFTS**

Robert Rudolph, Larry Parks,  
Arsenio Cabanas, Michael Urbanek

**MASONIC BIRTHDAYS**

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Years</u>
Robert Anderson, Jr.	37
Jose Aunon	14
George Carver	55
Boyd Cornell	19
James Edwards	33
Alan Farms, Jr.	13
Dana Hudnall	15
James Myers	22
Charles "Chuck" Rowe	56
Arthur Sanders	50
Charles Selby	26

**CONGRATULATIONS**



unnamed tropical fish. He plays several musical instruments, the guitar, the drums, the piano (sort of) and his best instrument is the kazoo. When asked for three words to describe himself, he offers "Principled, Punctilious, Pensive" And finally when asked, "what is the strangest food you have ever eaten?" Scotts answers "Alligator". WOW!!!



Happy March and hope to see you soon!

**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>
Bobby New	March	John Lusk	August
Dave Morris	April	Rob Bunch	September
Charlie Selby	May	[your name here]	October
Brant Baber	June	Dan Jones	November
to be catered	July	Jim Kincheloe Jr.	December

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

**March Dinner:** Creamed Chicken Curry with Carrots and Broccoli, Basmati Rice, Garden Salad & Rustic Bread with Butter  
**Dessert:** Chocolate/Oatmeal Cookies, Mini Cheesecakes  
**Food Prepared By:** The New Family

**Famous Virginia Mason of the Month**

*Edmund Randolph (1753 - 1813)*

Born in Williamsburg, Virginia, Edmund Randolph is one of the most prominent figures in early American history. He was an aide-de-camp to George Washington during the revolutionary war. He would later be selected as a delegate to the Continental Congress. He became the 7<sup>th</sup> Governor of Virginia in 1786. While in office as Governor, in addition to his normal duties, he served as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, introducing the Virginia Plan which served as a framework and the starting outline of what would eventually become the U.S. Constitution. He next became the first U.S. Attorney General and would later succeed Jefferson as the Nation's second Secretary of State. He became a Master Mason in 1774. He was a member of several different lodges during his life, including Williamsburg #6 and Richmond #10. Last but not least, he served as the Grand Master of Virginia from 1786 through 1788 (at the same time he was serving as Governor and helping to write the Constitution). And you thought you had a busy life!

## SUMMARY OF WORK TO BE DONE ON LODGE BUILDING

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. We need folks to be in charge of each area; don't be shy. *Tasks for the March 13 work day are indicated by \**.

### 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 two exterior heat pumps
- install meter base and 2 panels

### 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
- Install tankless water heaters in addition and existing building

### Carpentry:

- Frame and drywall around kitchen area; build kitchen countertops \*
- Cut hole in wall and install kitchen exhaust fan
- Purchase and install bullseye 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 \*
- 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
- Strip/paint second floor ready room and lodge doors

### 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
- Install and repair ropes/ballasts for second floor windows
- Remove carpet on second floor, punch nail holes \*
- Purchase and install shades for lodge room
- Pick up and refinish benches from Mt. Carmel Lodge

## 2010 CALENDAR

### March:

4<sup>th</sup> - Dinner @ 6:30-7:15pm, 7:15pm - **Presentation by Dr. Lloyd Glover on mens' prostate health**; Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm; Official Visit, District MAHOVA Ambassador and DEO  
6<sup>th</sup> - **9-11am, joint breakfast with Henry Lodge at Henry Lodge**  
8<sup>th</sup> - ritual practice, 7-8:30pm  
13<sup>th</sup> - **building work day**, 9am-4pm  
17<sup>th</sup> - District Class @ 7pm  
20<sup>th</sup> - District Leadership Conference 8:30-11:30am Scottish Rite Temple; Grand Master Official Visit to District 4/54, 6:30-9pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> - officers meeting, 6:30-7:30pm; ritual practice, 7:30-8:30pm  
26<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm - 9:30pm, C.A. Sinclair Instructional School  
27<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 am - 1:30pm, C.A. Sinclair Instructional School

### April:

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

### May:

6<sup>th</sup> - Dinner @ 6:30-7:15pm, **7:15-30 pm Del Tim Hugo on recent Va. General Assembly**, Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm; Past Masters' nite; visit by MWPH Lodge Acacia #32  
8<sup>th</sup> - **building work day**, 9am-4pm  
10<sup>th</sup> - ritual practice, 7-8:30pm  
18<sup>th</sup> - **Bring a Friend Nite**, 7-9pm at Acacia Lodge  
19<sup>th</sup> - District Class @ 7pm  
24<sup>th</sup> - officers meeting, 6:30-7:30pm; ritual practice, 7:30-8:30pm

### June:

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

### July:

1<sup>st</sup> - **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.**  
12<sup>th</sup> - ritual practice, 7-8:30pm  
21<sup>st</sup> - District Class @ 7pm  
24<sup>th</sup> - **Tour of GW Memorial Temple**  
26<sup>th</sup> - officers meeting, 6:30-7:30pm; ritual practice, 7:30-8:30pm

### August:

1-4<sup>th</sup> - Reid Simmons School @ Fork Union

5<sup>th</sup> – Dinner @ 6:30pm; **7:15-30 pm address by Jim McIntyre, former Director of OMB, on federal financial issues**; Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm; short sleeve shirts, shorts optional

9<sup>th</sup> – no ritual practice

18<sup>th</sup> – District Class@ 7pm

21<sup>st</sup> – picnic at Bartletts' house, 1-5pm

23<sup>rd</sup> – no officers meeting or ritual practice

### **September:**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Lodge on High Hill; dispensation required to move Stated

6<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day Car Show Fundraiser

9<sup>th</sup> – Dinner @ 6:30pm, Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm (under Dispensation); 60 year Celebration for Bro. Doug Detwiler

13<sup>th</sup> – ritual practice, 7-8:30pm

18<sup>th</sup> – **Bus trip to NYC for day**

24<sup>th</sup> – 7-9pm, Ed Ray Instructional School at Haymarket Lodge

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

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

### **October:**

7<sup>th</sup> – Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm; Step Up Nite for Officers

9<sup>th</sup> – set up for Clifton Day

10<sup>th</sup> – Clifton Day Fundraiser

11<sup>th</sup> – ritual practice, 7-8:30pm

14<sup>th</sup> – **Fraternal visit to MWPB Acacia Lodge No. 32, Alexandria**

20<sup>th</sup> – District Class@ 7pm

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

### **November:**

4-6<sup>th</sup> – Grand Annual Communication

8<sup>th</sup> – ritual practice, 7-8:30pm

11<sup>th</sup> - Dinner @ 6:30pm, Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm (under Dispensation)

17<sup>th</sup> – District Class@ 7pm

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

### **December:**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Dinner @ 6:30pm, Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm; Elections