



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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2010 THEME *COMING HOME*

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FROM THE EAST

APRIL 2010



ACACIA BROTHERS WORKING ON AND WITH A SQUARE

During our recent work day, Brothers Jimmy Cole, Bob Rudolph and Matt Love (pictured above) began the process to build a new kitchen area on the first floor of the lodge building. Numerous other brothers helped with electrical and other matters. The next work days will be April 3 and 17.

LODGE BUSINESS

The stated meeting will be held at 7:30pm on April 1, 2010 at the Clifton Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be served from 6:30-7:30pm. Brother Morris volunteered to prepare the dinner (see the menu below under **FROM THE SOUTH**), and we should have great fellowship. The Clifton Postmaster will join us for dinner to celebrate the life of our own Bro. Oscar Scott Woody. We will have an Official Visit from the Fourth District Masonic Membership Coordinator and District blood coordinator.

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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

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 20 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

Bro. Kevin Selby moved all the gravel from the rear lot, regraded it, spread topsoil, grass seed and hay in one day! Thanks Bro. Selby for all your hard work.

We will have a building work day on Saturday, April 3 and April 17 from 9am-4pm.

Additional building work days will be held on May 1 and when weather permits. Our objective is to meet back in the building starting July 1, 2010, so please help us achieve it.

Our architect has completed drawings for the addition, which include markups for electrical, mechanical and plumbing. Our proposed addition was approved by the Clifton Architectural Review Board on February 25. We expect to file an application for a building permit with the Fairfax County Building Department by the end of March. We anticipate the addition being constructed in May 2010, the existing building being rewired and replumbed by that time and the building being ready for use by the end of June 2010. Big plans require big help.

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 April 3, 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.** Please email or call the WM.

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 June; meetings commencing July 1 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.

4TH MASONIC DISTRICT CLASS

The next Fourth Masonic District class 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 is voted on.

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 David 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. Resch
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

Terence Paparella, Geoff Tressler

DEGREE WORK

Brothers Aaron Dennis, Jimmy Cole and Tom Winans received their FC degree on March 24, and Brother Bob Rudolph and Larry Park are scheduled to receive their MM degree on March 31. Congratulations, brethren.

No degrees have been scheduled for April at the publication of this Trestle Board. We will inform you of any degrees that are scheduled via e-mail, phone 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.

The Grand Master has approved the amendments to our Bylaws that were approved by the lodge in January. The price increases under the amended Bylaws will apply to new petitions for degrees received on and after April 1; brothers currently in the pipeline will pay the old prices for degrees.

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!

March was a steady month. Thanks to all that came out to support your lodge!

In April, we have several Masonic events going on but we also have a fun family outing that I thank our very own JW Scott for planning. **We are bowling at Manassas Bowl America Bull Run, 10641 Balls Ford Road on April 24th 4:00pm.** The cost is \$3.50 per game and that includes shoes. This is open to all, so bring the family and friends. Hope to see you there.

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. William Baumbach, District 4 Masonic Home Ambassador and many other positions. William was raised a Master Mason in Acacia Lodge on May 19th 1994. He belongs to Acacia 16, Cochran 21 and Hay Market 313. William is a jack-of-all-trades; he is an IT Consultant, plumber,

FELLOWCRAFTS

Aaron Dennis, James Cook Cole,
Tom Winans, Robert Rudolph,
Larry Parks, Arsenio Cabanas,
Michael Urbanek

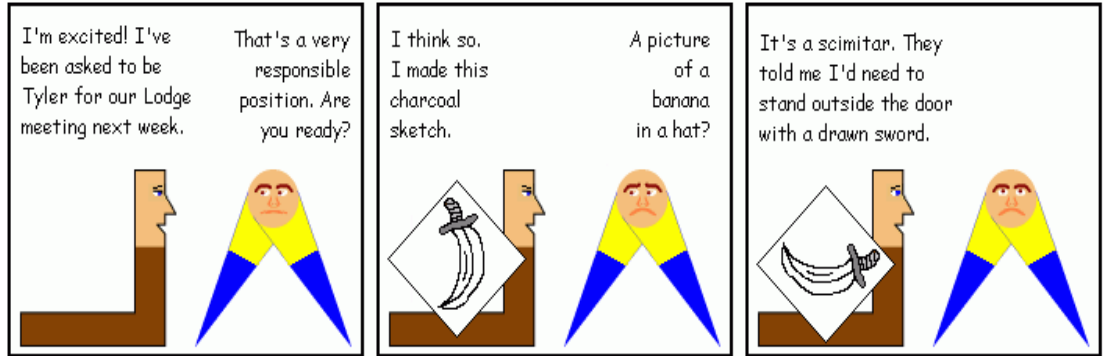
MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Years</u>
Richard Harris	37
John King	10
Gardiner Mulford	10
John Potts	10

CONGRATULATIONS



webmaster, and a photographer. He has lived in Arlington VA, Fairfax Station and currently lives with his wife in Haymarket VA. William has one brother and three sisters. In his spare time, William likes to ride Harleys, cruise around the water on his boat and relax watching a good TV show. William and his wife have a cat for the family pet. He has learned to play several musical instruments, piano, guitar, harmonica, slide-trombone, and trumpet but currently plays none. And finally when asked, "What is the strangest food you have ever eaten?" William answers "backyard frog legs, eel, backyard squirrel, backyard rabbit, live roly poly bug, live worms, live fish, chocolate covered ants and wasps," WOW!!!



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

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

April's Dinner: *Ham with Apple Sauce, Potato Salad, Rolls and Salad*

Dessert: *Cookies and Brownies*

Food Prepared By: *The Morris Family*

Famous Virginia Mason of the Month

Robert Brooke (1760 - 1800)

Although you have probably never heard of him, Robert Brooke definitely qualifies as famous Virginia Mason. He is believed to have been born in Spotsylvania County around 1760, although the exact date is unknown. He was receiving his education at Edinburgh University in Scotland when the American Revolution broke out. He immediately attempted to return to America, but was captured on his voyage back by the British and sent to England. He was able to escape England and ended up in France and from there returned to Virginia on a French frigate. After serving during the Revolutionary War as a first lieutenant of cavalry, he became a member of the Virginia House of Delegates where he served from 1791 to 1794. The General Assembly then elected him to two one year terms as Governor of Virginia. Brooke was an active Freemason. He was a member of and served as Master of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4. He later succeeded John Marshall as Grand Master of Virginia, serving from 1795 to 1797. He was elected Attorney General of Virginia in 1796, holding the office until his death. Brooke County, Virginia (now West Virginia), formed in 1796, was named for the governor.

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 April 3 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 floor vent holes in floor on second floor

Paint:

- Paint finish coat on first and second floor walls and ceilings *
- Sand and paint all trim and doors on first and second floors
- Stain and finish new treasurer and secretary tables *
- Paint exterior of existing building and addition walls and trim

Landscaping:

- Assist Boy Scout to landscape front, sides and rear of property

General:

- Power wash existing building exterior
- Remove and replace first floor windows with double hung 2x2 pane windows
- Install and repair ropes/ballasts for second floor windows
- Remove staples on stairs and second floor hall *
- Purchase and install shades for lodge room
- Pick up and refinish benches from Mt. Carmel Lodge

2010 CALENDAR

April:

- 1st – **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
- 3rd – **building work day**, 9am-4pm
- 12th – ritual practice, 7-8:30pm
- 17th – **building work day**, 9am-4pm
- 21st – District Class @ 7pm
- 24th – **Lodge Bowling**, 4-6pm, BowlAmerica on Balls Ford Road in Manassas
- 26th – officers meeting, 6:30-7:30pm; ritual practice, 7:30-8:30pm

May:

- 1st – **building work day**, 9am-4pm
- 6th – Dinner @ 6:30-7:30pm, Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm; Past Masters' nite; visit by MWPB Lodge Acacia #32
- 10th – ritual practice, 7-8:30pm
- 18th – **Bring a Friend Nite**, 7-9pm at Acacia Lodge
- 19th – District Class @ 7pm
- 24th – officers meeting, 6:30-7:30pm; ritual practice, 7:30-8:30pm

June:

- 3rd – Dinner @ 6:30-7:15 pm, **7:15-45 pm Del Tim Hugo on recent Va. General Assembly**, Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm; Roll Call Night
- 14th – ritual practice, 7-8:30pm
- 16th – District Class @ 7pm
- 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 @ 7pm
- 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 @ 6:30-7:15pm; **7:15-45 pm address by Jim McIntyre, former Director of OMB, on federal financial issues**; Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm; short sleeve shirts, shorts optional
- 9th – no ritual practice
- 18th – District Class @ 7pm
- 21st – picnic at Bartletts' 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); 60 year Celebration for Bro. Doug Detwiler
- 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 Nite for Officers
9th – set up for Clifton Day
10th – Clifton Day Fundraiser
11th – ritual practice, 7-8:30pm
14th – **Fraternal visit to MWPH Acacia Lodge No. 32, Alexandria**
20th – District Class @ 7pm
25th – officers meeting, 6:30-7:30pm; ritual practice, 7:30-8:30pm

November:

4-6th – Grand Annual Communication
8th – ritual practice, 7-8:30pm
11th - Dinner @ 6:30pm, Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm (under Dispensation)
17th – District Class @ 7pm
22nd – officers meeting, 6:30-7:30pm; ritual practice, 7:30-8:30pm

December:

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