



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

MAY 2010



ACACIA LODGE BUILDING GETS A NEW PAINT JOB

The building got painted, and what a difference that makes! The Clifton community is excited to see the progress, and so are we.

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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.

50-YEAR MEMBERS

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

LODGE BUSINESS

The stated meeting will be held at 7:30pm on May 6, 2010 at the Clifton Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be served from 6:30-7:30pm. Brother Selby volunteered to prepare the dinner (see the menu below under **FROM THE SOUTH**), and we should have great fellowship.

One topic for discussion will be whether to amend our lodge bylaws to require all members to help repay a portion of the \$100,000 loan from Columbia Lodge. It's only fair that all brothers pitch in for this purpose, so that the loan repayment doesn't fall disproportionately on a very few. Please be prepared to share your thoughts on this matter during our next meeting.

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

Soon the refurbished windows will be installed on the second floor (courtesy of the Shelton family) and repaired and painted on the first floor. The electric wiring in the lodge room has been completed on the second floor (thanks to Bill Shelton), and we continue to need to rewire the rest of the existing building. Anyone who can help with this activity should contact Brother Bill Shelton, (703) 622-6181, sheltonwe@aol.com. Brothers Cole and Rudolph also are continuing to build a kitchen wall and first floor closet area and need someone to help with these tasks. Please contact Brothers Cole or Rudolph directly to volunteer; Bro. Cole's phone is (703) 598-7111 and his email is jamesccoleinc@gmail.com, and Bro. Rudolph's phone is (703) 282-3437 and email is rudolphjan@aol.com.

There will be a work day on Saturday, May 8 from 9am-4pm. That day, we'll try to accomplish the following tasks and need the following number of helpers:

- Paint the first floor walls and ceiling – 3 persons for 4 hours each
- Reattach and caulk wall boards on second floor – 2 persons for 4 hours each (this is first thing a.m. work)
- paint the second floor walls and ceiling – 3 persons for 5-6 hours each (this is late a.m.-afternoon work)

This is a total of 8 bodies needed. **Please email or call me to volunteer for these activities.** They won't get done without your help, and it's important to do them on this schedule so we stay on track to get back meeting in the building by July 1.

Our architect completed drawings for the addition, they have been reviewed and approved by Fairfax County-approved "peer reviewers" prior to submission, and we are ready to submit them for a building permit. We anticipate getting the permit by the end of May and the addition being constructed in June 2010. We'll need some luck and a lot of help from you to achieve this objective.

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

Robert L. Mitton
Luis Pages, PDDGM
Felix Pages
Charles H. Rowell, PDDGM
Woodrow Herring, Jr.

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 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

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 in July 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 May 19 at Hay Market 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, four in April; let's keep up the good work.

NEW MEMBERS

We look forward to having at least 10 new members during 2010 and have raised two thus far. 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

Brothers Bob Rudolph and Larry Parks received their MM degree on March 31. Congratulations, brethren.

A Master Mason Degree is scheduled for May 25, 7pm at Henry Lodge for Bro. Arsenio Cabanas. Unless you have a conflict, all signers, members, and especially our officers, should to be at degrees. All degrees through June 2010 will be held at Henry Lodge, and, if we're back in our lodge, 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.

FROM THE WEST

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST!

April was a sturdy month. Thanks to all that came out to support your lodge!

In May, we have several Masonic events going on but on May 18th at 7PM, we will also have a special "Bring-A-Friend" night at Henry Lodge where Acacia and Henry Lodge expect to "Take The Mystery Out Of Freemasonry". All are invited – friends, wives, sons, girlfriends, neighbors, dads, etc! Please RSVP to me so we'll be able to provide enough seating and food for everyone. Hope to see you there.

In May, for a better understanding of our Lodge members, your officers will be doing a survey regarding your opinion of Freemasonry in general and our Lodge in particular. As your Senior Warden, I ask that you please take a few minutes to respond to this questionnaire, so we might know how the Lodge can serve you better. To facilitate your response, the survey and a stamped self-addressed envelope are enclosed. If you would like, please elaborate on your response(s) on additional pages. For those that we have email addresses for, you will receive this survey electronically.

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 Brother, LIW, and Acacia 16 Past Master David Hill.

FELLOWCRAFTS

Aaron Dennis, James Cook Cole,
Tom Winans, Arsenio Cabanas,
Michael Urbanek

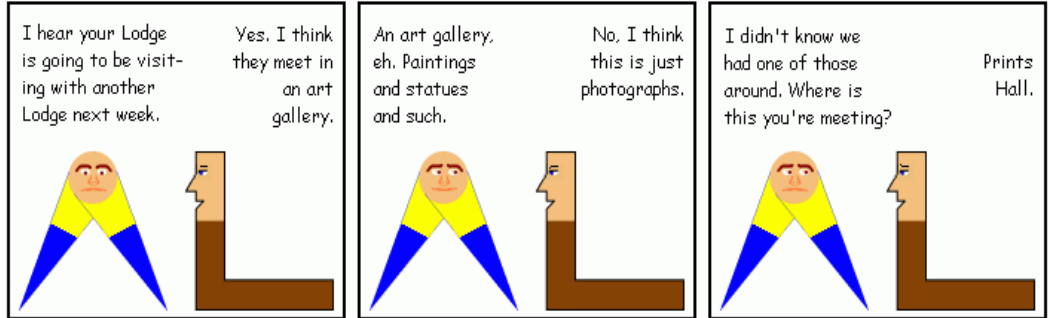
MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Years</u>
Lee Henningson	10
Woodrow Herring, Jr.	50
William May	31
Donald McAndrews	40
James Miller, Jr.	39
Luis Pages	53
James Peter Queen	1
William Edward Ray, Sr.	52
Jon V. Shelton	9

CONGRATULATIONS



David was raised a Master Mason June 2003. He belongs to Acacia 16 and Manasseh 182. David is a long time employee of the Federal Government. He has lived in California, Utah, West Germany and currently lives with his wife and children in Manassas, VA. David has one younger brother. In his spare time, David likes to read, listen to 80's music and play Mafia Wars. David's favorite foods are a tossup between meatloaf and pizza. Finally when asked, "What is the strangest food you have ever eaten?" David answers "Kangaroo, Emu, Crocodile and Rattlesnake". WOW!!!



Happy May and hope to see you soon!

SW Bobby New

FROM THE SOUTH: FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT

May's Dinner: *Spaghetti and Salad*

Dessert: *Surprise!*

Food Prepared By: *Charlie Selby*

Brethren have signed up for the following months:

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Brother</u>	<u>Month</u>
Charlie Selby	May	Rob Bunch	September
Brant Baber	June	[your name here]	October
to be catered	July	Dan Jones	November
John Lusk	August	Jim Kincheloe Jr.	December

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

Famous Virginia Mason of the Month

James Monroe (1758 - 1831)

Born in Westmoreland County, James Monroe is among the most distinguished Masons in history. He dropped out of William and Mary to join the Continental Army and fight in the American Revolution. He fought with distinction at the Battle of Trenton. In fact he is depicted holding the flag in the famous painting "Washington Crossing the Delaware". He would eventually attain the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He later served in a multitude of public service roles including Senator from Virginia, Governor of Virginia, U.S. Secretary of State, U.S. Secretary of War, Minister to France and Great Britain, and several other offices. Most of us know him, of course, as the fifth President of the United States. He served two terms from 1817 – 1825 during what would become known "Era of Good Feelings" due to the abatement of bitter partisanship under Monroe's administration. He received his Entered Apprentice degree on November 9, 1775, at Williamsburg Lodge No. 6. It is not entirely certain where he was passed and raised. The prevailing wisdom is that it was either at Williamsburg lodge (who do not have a record of it, but do have records of his quarterly dues payments through 1780) or St. Johns Regimental Lodge while fighting in the war. He would also become an honorary member of Washington Naval Lodge No. 4 in Washington. D.C.

2010 CALENDAR

May:

6th – Dinner @ 6:30-7:30pm, Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm (Past Master's Night)
8th – **building work day**, 9am-4pm
10th – ritual practice, 7-8:30pm
18th – **Bring a Friend Nite**, 7-9pm at Henry 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
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 MWPB 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