



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

7135 MAIN STREET, CLIFTON, VA 20124

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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FROM THE EAST

JUNE 2010



ACACIA LODGE BUILDING GETS "NEW" WINDOWS

Many thanks for Sylvia, Jon and Alan Shelton, who took out the second floor windows, stripped and repaired the wood frames, replaced broken glass panes and reglazed them, painted them and restored all the original hardware. They are now back where they belong: keeping birds and flying creatures outside! Read below concerning the status of our other renovation work.

LODGE BUSINESS

The stated meeting will be held at 7:30pm on June 3, 2010 at the Clifton Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be served from 6:30-7:30pm. WM Baber and his wife are preparing the dinner (see the menu below under **FROM THE SOUTH**), and we should have great fellowship.

Del. Tim Hugo will be our dinner guest and speaker at our next stated meeting. Please come and hear his presentation about actions of the Virginia General Assembly in 2010. The DDGM also will be presenting Bro. Art Sanders with his 50 year pin at this meeting.

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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 continue to be:

- complete the renovation of and addition to the lodge building;
- 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

The electric wiring in the first floor has been largely completed (thanks to Bill Shelton, Doug Detwiler and Kevin Selby). We continue to need assistance in wiring 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 have completed building a kitchen wall and first floor closet area; we need someone to hang drywall on these areas. 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. We completed painting the first floor walls and ceiling (thanks to Andy McPherson, Scott Springer and WM Baber) and now need to do a second coat on the second floor.

There will be a work day on Saturday, June 19 from 9am-4pm. That day, we'll try to accomplish the following tasks and need the following number of helpers:

- Reattach, repair 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 5 bodies needed; the WM makes one, and is looking for company. **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 as soon as possible. Given today's date, it doesn't look like this will happen by July 1, but I still fully expect to occur by August.

Our Fairfax County building permit has been applied for and is not yet issued. We anticipate getting the permit by the first week of June and the addition being constructed by the end of June. 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 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.

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

HONORARY MEMBERS

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

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

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

FELLOWCRAFTS

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

4TH MASONIC DISTRICT CLASS

The next Fourth Masonic District class will be held on **June 16 at Henry 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, three in May; you can see the trajectory, so please come in June.

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

Brother Arsenio Cabanas received his MM degree on May 25. Congratulations, Brother Cabanas. We expect to have a MM degree in June for several brothers. Please come out to support them.

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!

May was a robust month. Thanks to all that came out to support your lodge! In May, we had several Masonic events going on but on May 18th, we held a special "Bring-A-Friend" night at Henry Lodge, where Acacia and Henry Lodge put on an outstanding show with incredible speakers like 2009 DDGM Don Kerr, PM Jon Shelton, Wor. Brant Baber and Wor Chris Chrzanowski. We had over 40 people and half of them were potential Masons. Moreover, of the number of potential Masons, half of them were under 30 years old. That is an outstanding sign for this great fraternity. Thanks to all that helped and came out to support this event.

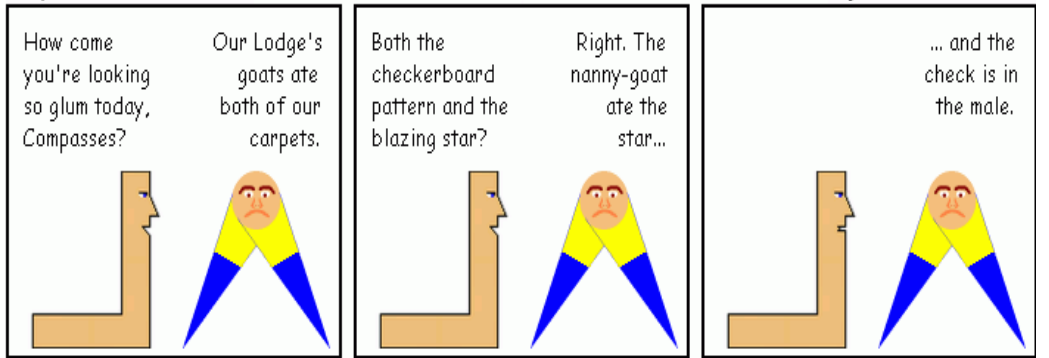
For a better understanding of our Lodge members, your officers sent out a survey in May to gather your opinions of Freemasonry in general and our Lodge in particular. To facilitate your response, we sent the survey with a stamped self-addressed envelope. Please feel free to include an additional page if you would like to elaborate on your response(s). For those that we have email addresses for, we sent the survey electronically. As your Senior Warden, I ask that you please take a few minutes to respond to this questionnaire. Your thoughts will hopefully give us valuable insight to ways the Lodge might serve you better. Please return these as soon as possible.

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, Right Worshipful, and Acacia 16 Past Master Luis Pages. Luis was raised a Master Mason in 1957 at Logia Resolucion lodge in Cuba. He belongs to Acacia 16, Ashburn-Sterling 288, A. Douglas Smith Jr. Lodge of Research 1949, Perfect Ashlars Council No. 349, Warren RAC No. 5, and Alexandria Scottish Rite, 32°. Luis is retired but enjoys officiating marriage ceremonies as a Civil Celebrant. He and his wife Mercedes lived in Cuba until 1963 and then Falls Church, Annandale and they currently reside in Ashburn, Virginia. They have three children; Myrna, Luis Emilio and Mercedes. Luis has one brother, Felix and two sisters, Victoria and Doris. One of Luis's favorite things to do is help others with Masonic ritual and catechisms. Finally when asked, "What three words would you use to describe yourself?" Luis answers, "Loyal, Honest and Non-Divisive." The characteristics of a great Mason. Thanks Luis!

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Years</u>
Ralph Bartlett	14
William Flank.	39
David Hill	7
Daniel Jones	1
Donald Kassilke.	44
Robert Rota	38
Alan Shelton	2
William Shelton	2

CONGRATULATIONS BRETHREN



Happy June and hope to see you soon!

SW Bobby New

FROM THE SOUTH: *FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT*

June Dinner: Baked Chicken, Noodles with Alfredo Sauce and Poppy Seeds

Dessert: *Whatever the Stewards Select*

Food Prepared By: Kathy and Brant Baber

Brethren have signed up for the following months:

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

Since we may not be back in our building for the July meeting, **we need someone to volunteer to prepare that meal**; any takers should call or email the WM. We still need a contributor for October also.

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2010 CALENDAR

June:

3rd – Dinner @ 6:30-7:15 pm, **7:15-45 pm Del Tim Hugo presentation on recent Va. General Assembly**,
Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm; presentation by DDGM of 50 year anniversary pin to Bro. Art Sanders
14th – ritual practice, 7-8:30pm
16th – District Class @ 7pm
28th – officers meeting, 6:30-7:30pm; ritual practice, 7:30-8:30pm

July:

1st – Dinner @ 6:30pm, Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm
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; Stated meeting moved by dispensation
6th – Labor Day Car Show Fundraiser
9th – Dinner @ 6:30pm, Acacia Stated @ 7:30pm (under Dispensation); 60 year Celebration for Bro. Doug Detwiler;
presentation by RW Luis Pages on Cuban Masonry
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
23rd – 4th District Festive Board, CBA barn property
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