

Acacia Lodge News



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From The East

The brotherhood of Masonry is an association of men of the same order having a mutual regard resulting from the sentiment in one mans heart for another. This regard is a futile gesture unless he can find an avenue whereby he can perform acts of brotherly love and relief to another.

In my readings, I determine there are three avenues to traverse on our journey through life: sympathy, service and sacrifice.

Sympathy or compassion can be exemplified by going to another man's home, picking him up if he can't drive anymore or to pray for him when a brother is having times of difficulty.

The second avenue is service or labor. In Freemasonry, service is a labor of love, not being indolent or waiting for the next man to perform instead of you. How sweet it is to the Worshipful Masters ears when a lodge brother says "yes, I will help" when asked or "sure I'll help clean up" or "what part do you want me learn."

The last avenue traveled is sacrifice and is a virtue that is sometimes needed to help a Lodge progress. It is imperative that we may be able to continue to do our good work and spread the light to all who will listen.

All of these avenues were displayed on the evening of my installation and it resulted in an enjoyable evening for all that came to share in our annual installation of offices for Acacia Lodge. .

We had a nice meal, music and some historical information on how Acacia Lodge #651 was formed. The installation ceremony was flawlessly performed by a number of distinguished masons. After the installation everyone had an opportunity to meet the new officer line and enjoy cake and refreshments in the dinning hall.

The Installation of Officers was performed by Master Masons who exemplify all that is good in our craft and it inspires me to do my best during my year as Worshipful Master. With your continued help and support I know we are going to have full fun year.

We will have had our Christmas party by the time you read this, but I want you to know that Santa was good to all the children who were able to attend.

Awards Night will be held on January 14th and we will be honoring Lodge member who are celebrating a milestone in Freemasonry. The awardees and their guests will be guests of the Lodge at a dinner that we will have before the Ceremony (see Awards Night Information). Please make your reservations as soon as possible by calling either myself or Bill Dornbeck. This year reservations must be made or you will not be able to eat.

Awards will be presented to:

25 years	Samuel Brancato, Larry Davis, Jules Rhine, and Donald Willis
50 years	George Settlemyer, Terrance Macdonald, Victor Wehagen and Cyril Chinn
60 years	William Heston, Walter Holmes and Frederick Price
65years	Hudson Fowler

If you know any of these brethren come and share a story about them and renew your friendship with him.

On January 28th we will be hosting a "Friendship Night". On this occasion we will be presenting a program to educate prospective candidates on what Masonry is, what we do, and why. Your help is needed! You must

know someone who would make a good Mason invite him to this meeting and join him in a fine night of fellowship.

Why not make a sacrifice and serve **your** Lodge by getting some candidates **on this** important stated meeting.

Your Worshipful Master,
Tom

"To live in the presence of great truths and eternal laws, to be led by permanent ideals - that is what keeps a man patient when the world ignores him, and calm and unspoiled when the world praises him."

Honore de Balzac

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| January 14 | Awards Night & Stated Meeting – Dinner by reservation, see article. |
| January 28 | Friendship Night & Stated Meeting – Dinner by reservation and free to invited guests, see article. |
| February 11 | Stated Meeting |
| February 25 | Annual Inspection in the E.A. Degree – Dinner by reservation at no cost. |
| March 11 | Stated Meeting |
| March 25 | Stated Meeting |

Additional activities are being planned for our meetings. Labor, Education and Enjoyment will be our goal for every evening.

"Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost."

John Quincy Adams

Secretary's Corner

We need your help in keeping our member database current. Please remember to tell us when you move. Contact me by phone (440) 585-8409, snail mail or email billd21@juno.com.

Your Lodge Secretary,
Bill Dornback III P.M.



This painting "The Wayfarer" by Hieronymus Bosch (circa 1500) is considered by some to be the earliest art work with Masonic imagery. Can you see why? This can be seen in a larger color photo on Acacia Lodge's website, <http://www.4masons.org/acacia651.html>, or at <http://www.artchive.com/artchive/B/bosch/wayfarer.jpg.html>.

Internet site of interest –

What is Email abuse? The use of electronic mail to advertise unethically, harass, annoy, or cause harm to the email recipient. Abuse can take the form of bulk email, threatening email, email sent with the intent to slow productivity of, or cause damage to, the recipient's system. It is a world wide problem and anyone with an email address is vulnerable. This site is dedicated to informing users of this potential abuse and providing them with the tools to avoid becoming a victim and to fight back at Email abusers –

Email Abuse www.emailabuse.org



Friendship Night

On **January 28th** we will have a **Friendship Night** at **Acacia Lodge**.

A Friendship Night is an excellent way to gain new prospective members for a lodge, to let the community know more about Masonry and Masons,

and to build understanding and respect in the community. The above article from the Worshipful Master explains his desire to us this night to explain to prospective candidates what Masonry is and why they should think about joining Acacia Lodge.

You are needed to make this event a success. Who do you know (neighbor, friend, relative, etc.) that would make a good Mason and ask him to join us on the 28th.



Deep Observations On Life

1. When I die, I want to die like my grandfather-who died peacefully in his sleep. Not screaming like all the passengers in his car."
--Author Unknown
2. Advice for the day: If you have a lot of tension and you get a headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle "Take two aspirin" and "Keep away from children."
--Author Unknown
3. "Oh, you hate your job? Why didn' t you say so? There' s a support group for that. It' s called EVERYBODY, and they meet at the bar."
--Drew Carey
4. "The problem with the designated driver program, it' s not a desirable job, buif you ever get sucked into doing it, have fun with it. At the end of the night, drop them off at the wrong house."
--Jeff Foxworthy
5. "If a woman has to choose between catching a fly ball and saving an infant' s life, she will choose to save the infant' s fe without even considering if there is a man on base."
--Dave Barry
6. "Relationships are hard. It' s like a full time job, and we should treat it like one. If your boyfriend or girlfriend wants to leave you, they should give you two weeks' notice.

There should be severance pay, the day before they leave you, they should have to find you a temp."

--Bob Ettinger

7. "My Mom said she learned how to swim when someone took her out in the lake and threw her off the boat. I said, ' Mom, they weren' t trying to teach you how to swim.' "

--Paula Poundstone

8. "A study in the Washington Post says that women have better verbal skills than men. I just want to say to the authors of that study: "Duh."

--Conan O' Brien

"In the final analysis there is no solution to man' s progress but the day' s honest work, the day' s honest decisions, the day' s generous utterances and the day' s good deed."

Clare Boothe Luce

Acacia Lodge Officers

2004 - 2005

W. M. -	Tom Daly Jr. P.M.
S. W. -	Robert E. Roffe, P.M.
J. W. -	Ted A. Daly
S. D. -	Russell W. Toll, Jr., P.M.
J. D. -	John M. Healey
S. S. -	Michael H. Semenhuk
J. S. -	Michael A. Jundi
Tyler -	Michael Turjanica
Secretary -	William H. Dornback III P.M.
Treasurer -	Terry J. MacDonald PDDGM
L.E.O. -	Craig A. Niederriter
Marshall -	Patrick B. Wood
Music Dir. -	Cameron R. Landies, P.M.

Email Delivery of Newsletter

If you would like to receive your Lodge Newsletter by email rather than snail mail, please send you email address to coganj@sbcglobal.net. You will then receive the newsletter at your email address saving the lodge the cost of printing and mailing

and receive the newsletter in color weeks before those receiving theirs through the U.S. Mail.

Word Scramble

O S K E E R G R A M M A R C I R O D
L E L R A T T E N T I V E E A R C E
R H E T O R I C O P E R A T I V E P
C O M P O S I T E M I O N I C W S O
O E M G F R E T A E E L O G I C P R
R D F A T U B K H R O T L X G V E T
I E M J N R K E M M C B R A V O C M
N N C B E S G L O B E S Y Y R A U E
T R x A R C H I T E C T U R E S L N
H U M V P K V C C R B N I Y I T A T
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A A J Z K V T L H L N M U H G O I N
N W E C K W Z U H X Z W F D D N V A
V G O O H V G K L N K B H T N O E C
G E R W A R B P Y A U S T I J M A S
J Y Y W X E D N T J T T I H X Y A U
U I O B W V Y M F J E E A L O L O T
M Y H F E L L O W C R A F T I S A Y

Word List

Architecture	Arithmetic
Astronomy	Attentive Ear
Composite	Corinthian
Deportment	Doric
Faithful	Fellow Craft
Geometry	Globes
Grammar	Greeks
Ionic	Logic
Music	Operative
Pillars	Recapitulate
Rhetoric	Romans
Speculative	Tuscan

Mystery Phrase

Mystery Hint = The Second Degree.

Need a Ride?

If you are in need of a ride to come to lodge please call Jim Cogan at 440-840-0861 and arrangements

will be made to pick you up. This is my cell phone, leave a message if I am unable to answer your call.

Awards Dinner

On Friday evening January 14th, 2005, Acacia



Lodge will be honoring the recipients of 25, 50 60 and 65 years of service to our Fraternity.

This special evening is open to ladies and invited guests. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m.

The Lodge will be opened (Master Masons only) where a very short meeting will take place and all necessary business will be conducted. The Lodge will then be opened to all for the Service Awards activity.



The dinner will cost \$5.00 per person and the lodge will pay for all award recipients and their guest.

Dinner reservations must be made by calling Bill Dornback, 440-585-8409, by January 10th (we need to know how much water to put into the soup).

CHOICES AND ATTITUDES

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife enjoying his extended family. He would miss the paycheck, but he needed to retire. They could get by. The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end his career.

When the carpenter finished his work and the builder came to inspect the house, the contractor handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "my gift to you."

What a shock! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently. Now he had to live in the home he had built none too well.

So it is with us. We build our lives in a distracted way, reacting rather than acting, willing to put up less than the best. At important points we do not give the job our best effort. Then with a shock we look at the situation we have created and find that we are now living in the house we have built. If we had realized, we would have done it differently.

Think of yourself as the carpenter. Think about your house. Each day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. Build wisely. It is the only life you will ever build. Even if you live it for only one day more, that day deserves to be lived graciously and with dignity.

The plaque on the wall says, "Life is a do-it-yourself project." Who could say it more clearly? Your life today is the result of your attitudes and choices in the past. Your life tomorrow will be the result of your attitudes and the choices you make today.

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Around the District:

January 8th Stated Assembly – Woodward Council

January 29th Dinner Dance (Valley of Cleveland)

Forget Me Not Packages

As some of you know we have at least two brethren in the military serving in Iraq. We are forming a committee to send our brothers a monthly care package (Forget-Me-Not). This committee will be chaired by Craig Niederriter. We are looking for your assistance to obtain donated items, letters to our brother, etc. If you would like to participate in this worthwhile project please call Brother Craig at (440) 844-1376 or email him at, lowhorseman@aol.com.

Installation of Officers

If you were unable to attend our Annual Installing of Lodge Officers on December 10th we had over 75 people enjoy this special evening. Brother Tom Daly was installed as your Worshipful Master for the following year.



When you come to lodge next please congratulate WB Tom and wish him a successful year.

What we do outside?

Brotherly activity extends beyond the wall of our Lodge and is of interest. This section of the Newsletter will bring to light what we do outside after we labored in our Lodge.

W.B. Don Ritchie holds an amateur radio license. In a recent discussion with WB Don he stated that in 1981 a couple of years before he was master of Glenville Lodge #618 something happened that may not have happened before or since. The lodge's entire cadre of line officers held amateur radio licenses.

Mike Upson W8PTI – Worshipful Master

Ed Lintala WB8ZGK – Senior Warden (now KC8JM – Concord)

Don Ritchie K8ZGW – Junior Warden

Tom Chaney N8DBL – Senior Deacon

Hank Lewis W8HAL – Junior Deacon

It is unfortunate that Brothers Mike, Tom and Hank have journeyed to the celestial lodge above where we will meet them in due time. We miss them in the mean time.

Note: Amateur Radio is defined as "The Amateur Radio Service is a voluntary noncommercial

communication service, used by qualified persons of any age who are interested in radio technique with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest". This hobby is used not only for personal use and fun but is a vital link to emergency services during times of disaster and the ensuing relief. They handle messages for police and other public service organizations during all kinds of emergencies including:

- Hurricanes
- Earthquakes
- Tornadoes and floods
- Motorist accidents
- Fires and chemical spills
- Search and rescues

If you have a hobby or activity that you would like to share with others please let me know. We are interested!

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Special Events To Remember

January 14 Awards Night & Dinner

January 28 Friendship Night and Dinner

February 25 Annual Inspection and Dinner

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