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Acacia Lodge – Celebrating 100 years

"Invest" --- Grand Masters Program

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All stated meetings start at 7:30 p.m. – Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and reservations are required, 440-257-6964

- Mar. 8 Stated Meeting – EA Practice
- Mar. 22 Stated Meeting – EA Degree
- Apr. 12 Stated Meeting – EA Degree
- Apr. 17 Night at the Range – see article
- Apr. 26 Stated Meeting – FC Practice
- May 10 Stated Meeting – FC Degree
- May 11 100 year Reconsecration of Acacia Lodge
- May 24 Stated Meeting – FC Degree

"Although the world is full of suffering, it is full also of the overcoming of it."

- Helen Keller

From The East



Greetings again my brother.

I hope this message receives you well. Northeast Ohio is experiencing the usual winter swing of inclement and tolerable weather we have all learned to expect. We joke about the weather to help cope with how it impacts life in this area. Similarly, we joke about the atmosphere in lodge as it swings from frantically arranging for Candidate Degrees, Calendar Events and Inspections to the relief from successfully performing the degree or event. Inspection season is in full swing and fortunately Acacia Lodge is ahead of the game as usual by having succeeded in passing inspection in the Master Mason Degree. We experienced the usual difficulties in assembling a Fellow Craft team suitable for inspection, and in typical fashion, found the necessary help from our regularly attending members and core of officers. My brother, this gets harder every year and if you have the desire to keep Acacia strong? Please contact either myself or the Secretary and we will direct you to the proper committee to coordinate your potential efforts.

We have also our 100th Year Reconsecration approaching quickly on May 11th. This ceremony requires no less than 12 Past Masters from Acacia Lodge and enough members and officers to fill the necessary stations to open and close. This will be very difficult for the increasingly reduced core of officers to arrange. This event is very important and we can't rely on the randomly attending members and visitors at our regularly scheduled meetings to fill in and perform at the level necessary for such a prestigious event. As we continue to struggle with attendance I implore you to consider helping us if you're able?

Fraternally grateful,

WM Timothy P Gallagher

Why is shifting responsibility to someone else called passing the buck?

BECAUSE

In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would 'pass the buck' to the next player.

From the West

Greetings Brethren:

As your Senior Warden, I have several ideas that I would like to share with all of you to enhance our Masonic experiences.

As such, I am planning a special dinner meeting, with food catered by Kuhar's, on June 14 to discuss with you my ideas and involve you in the decision-making process in scheduling the upcoming year's activities. I would very much like to have spouses and significant others attend as well, as active participants who can share their thoughts and ideas about what is being planned.

Currently, our officer line up, due to illnesses and other unforeseeable issues, is made up of mostly past masters. It is critical that we work to find members to serve as officers. I will certainly appreciate your interest and support so as to keep Acacia Lodge alive, viable and growing.

My wife, Linda will arrange a special program for the ladies while we are attending to business in the Lodge.

Please mark your calendars now and RSVP to the lodge Secretary, WB Jim Cogan, 440-257-6964.

Future articles will discuss other ideas and plans to improve and strengthen our Lodge.

Warmest Fraternal Regards,

Ted Daly, PM, Senior Warden

Need a Ride?

If you are in need of a ride to come to lodge please call Jim Cogan at 440-257-6964 and arrangements will be made to pick you up. This is my home phone; please leave a message if I don't pick up when you call.



In Memoriam

Brother

Passed

Irving C. Diemer

January 16, 2019

They rest from their labors

Do you remember that word?

Would you believe the spell-checker did not recognize the word Mergatroyd? Heavens to Mergatroyd!

The other day a not so elderly (I say 75) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy; and he looked at her quizzically and said "What the heck is a Jalopy?" He never heard of the word jalopy!! She knew she was older than dirt.... But not that old. Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory after you read this and chuckle.

About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included: Don't touch that dial, Carbon copy, You sound like a broken record, and Hung out to dry. Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie. We'd put on our best bib and tucker, to straighten up and fly right. Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy moley! We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley; and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoo or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and pedal pushers. Oh, my aching back! Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore. We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, "Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!" Or, "This is a fine kettle of fish!"

We discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent, as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards. Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink, and they're gone. Where have all those great phrases gone? Long gone: Pshaw, The milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain. Knee high to a grasshopper. Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels. Wake up and smell the roses. It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills. This can be disturbing stuff! (Carter's Little Liver Pills are gone too!)

We of a certain age have been blessed to live in changeable times. For a child each new word is like a shiny toy, a toy that has no age. We at the other end of the chronological arc have the advantage of remembering there are words that once did not exist and there were words that once strutted their hour upon the earthly stage and now are heard no more, except in our collective memory. It's one of the greatest advantages of aging. Leaves us to wonder where Superman will find a phone booth...

See ya later, alligator! Oki-doki

WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE FABULOUS 50'S..NO ONE WILL EVER HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY AGAIN...WE WERE GIVEN ONE OF OUR MOST PRECIOUS GIFTS: LIVING IN THE PEACEFUL AND COMFORTABLE TIMES, CREATED FOR US BY THE "GREATEST GENERATION!"

One day class

On September 14, 2019, at 8:00 a.m., the 22nd Masonic District will conduct a one day class at the Western Reserve Masonic Home, 4931 Nettleton Road, Medina.

The deadline for a properly submitted and investigated petition is August 31, 2019.

The one day class is an excellent opportunity for a qualified candidate to complete all three degrees in a day without the examination requirement. The candidate will need to attend a lodge meeting after their degrees are conferred.

Please take this opportunity to have a friend or relative enjoy the benefits, fellowship and knowledge of this fraternity that is over 300 years old.

Should you need a petition visit Acacia Lodge's website or call James Cogan, 1-440-257-6964 and one will be sent to you.

Al Koran Shrine, 2019 membership offer. This year, and this year only, the Al Koran Shrine will waive the \$225.00 initiation fee for new members.

This one time offer will be voted on at our meeting on March 18 to waive the fees for membership, and we see no reason why this might fail. This waiver will stay in effect until our Ceremonial in June

2019.

The new candidate for membership **MUST** attend the June ceremonial to become a shriner, along with his first line signer. The newly inducted Shriner will be expected to pay his dues of \$137.00 for the year 2020 to remain a Shriner. The only charge that the new member may be incurred, is the cost of a Fez, in the event that one in his size is not available in our "stock".



To order your bag of Vadalia Onions please contact one of the following Shriners or any other Shriner you may know. Remember this is a great fund raiser for the Shriner's Hospital.

WB Al Paynter, 440-840-6453

WB Don Ritchie, 216-731-3030



State Secretary Assoc.

My name is Jeff Garringer. I am one of the officers in your State Secretaries Association. I am also an IT Assistant at one of Ohio's Public Libraries.

I wanted to take a minute to make you aware of a learning opportunity for not only you but for all of your Lodge members. The Public Libraries in Ohio

offer online training to all of their cardholders through Lynda.com. Lynda.com is an online training site that offers over 12,000 courses. These courses may cover anything from learning computer languages, leadership skills, to strumming a guitar.

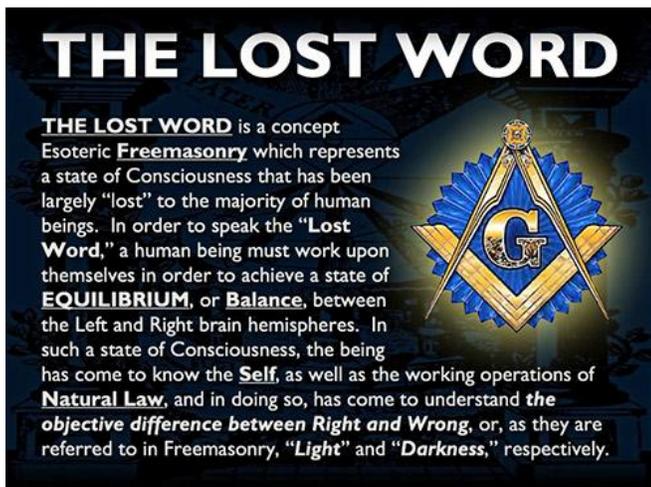
Normally, to access these programs you would have to have a paid subscription. This is not the case if you have a library card for any of the Ohio Public Libraries. I am not sure if you are aware that Ohio is the first state to provide free access to Lynda.com and all of the instructional videos, therein.

I have taken the liberty of creating an 8 1/2 x 11 PDF poster that you may print out and hang in your Lodge. It explains exactly what is needed to be able to access the Lynda.com site and all of the classes/courses that are offered.

Please take a minute to mention this to your members at your next meeting or place a blurb about it in your next newsletter. I am sure that most every Lodge has someone that could take advantage of these courses.

I hope to see many of you at the statewide Secretaries meeting, in March.

Fraternally
Jeff Garringer



WHAT THE HEART OF THE YOUNG MAN SAID TO THE PSALMIST

TELL me not, in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream! —
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act, that each to-morrow
Find us farther than to-day.

Art is long, and Time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still, like muffled drums, are beating
Funeral marches to the grave.

In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of Life,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!
Be a hero in the strife!

Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant!
Let the dead Past bury its dead!
Act,— act in the living Present!
Heart within, and God o'erhead!

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time;

Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)



From our LEO,

At our meeting on February 22nd our LEO presented an educational program regarding the history of the lodges that compose Acacia Lodge No 651. He talked about the history of Glenville Lodge, Silver Cord Lodge and Windermere Lodge. Whereas Silver Cord was formed in 1919 and is the surviving lodge number for Acacia, we go back even further as Glenville was formed in 1913 and Windermere was formed in 1914 and some other lodges were founded in the 1800's.

Windermere Lodge in 1914 required candidates to pay the degree cost of \$50.00 and \$3.00 in annual dues. When adjusted for inflation this would cost in today's dollars \$1,256.00 and \$75.36 respectively.

Fraternally,

Dave Ponsart, LEO

Thank You for your help

Brethren,

Wor. Bro. Tim Gallagher, [REDACTED],
Wor. Bro. Tom Daly and Wor. Bro. Jim Cogan
donated to the 2019 Andy's 9ers baseball team.
These donations were matched by Acacia Lodge
and a \$500.00 total donation was presented to
Brother Aries Crossley's and his 12 year old son,
Cameron.

This \$500 donation – "Base Hit" that includes logo
on Team Banner, logo on Team website, Sponsor
website link on A9 team website and A9 custom
team hat

Again, thank you for your generosity that will help
support this worthy youth group and spread our
light in masonry.

The Ohio Masonic mind, to purify the soul- in fact,
to cause every man to travel the level of time
upright and erect before God and our fellow man.

*The above was taken from the Grand Lodge of Ohio
website – Education Programs.*

The **Ohio Masonic Home Resource Center** offers
assistance with:

- Connection to any of the OMH campuses and
our trusted partners

- Connection to products that help you maintain
your independence and stay in your own home,
including durable medical equipment or home
modifications and maintenance
- Connection to benefits, including ODJFS, SSI,
SSDI, VA and more
- Coordination with fraternal organizations
- Emergency Assistance Program
- Financial Assistance Program for those that
qualify
- Masonic Volunteer Program and Ambassador
Programs
- Service coordination and referrals to home
health care and other professional services
- Widow's Program
- And, so much more!

*We have local liaisons across Ohio. Call 877-881-
1623 for more information or to make a referral.*



Acacia Range Night

Acacia Lodge will hold its first Range Night for
2019 on April 17th at Atwell's Pistol Range, 207
Chestnut St, Painesville, OH.

A light meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. followed by
a safety talk. Acacia Lodge will supply the meal
and targets.

The range has five lanes that can accommodate
multiple shooters. We rotate members to make sure
everyone gets their chance on the range. Guns are
shared so everyone may try a different type of
handgun. Ammunition can be purchased from the
range or you can bring your own. Please call, 440-
257-6964 to reserve your space.

Fraternally, James Cogan, PM

"Rumor travels faster, but it don't stay put as
long as truth." - Will Rogers

"Insist on yourself; never imitate... Every
great man is unique." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Tear off and post on your refrigerator!

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April 12, 2019	Stated Meeting – Entered Apprentice Degree
April 17, 2019	Night at the Range – See Article
April 26, 2019	Stated Meeting – Fellow Craft Practice
May 10, 2019	Stated Meeting – Fellow Craft Degree
May 11, 2019	Special Event – 100 year Reconsecration of Acacia Lodge
May 24, 2019	Stated Meeting – Fellow Craft Degree

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