



# The Sprig of Acacia



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## TRESTLE-BOARD

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- May 2 Officers Meeting – 6:30 p.m. Euclid Masonic Temple
- May 11 Stated Meeting
- May 16 Night at the Range – See Article
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- Jun 8 Stated Meeting
- Jun 9 Fishing Trip – See Article
- Jun 16 Captains Game – See Article
- Jun 22 Stated Meeting – Steak Roast
- Jul 15 Golf Outing – See Article
- Aug 11 Lodge Picnic – Pioneer Waterland – See Article
- Sep 5 Officers Meeting – 6:30 p.m. Euclid Masonic Temple

## From The East



Greetings Brethren,

Acacia Lodge continues to head in a positive direction thanks to everyone's hard work and dedication. We have new members and are working diligently to raise up another Master Mason.

Brothers, I've said it before, and I'll say it again. Now is the time to come back and attend our stated meetings and events. The world is changing and we are working to develop lodge education and subject matter that is relevant to us as a working class lodge in northeast Ohio. I encourage your attendance as we explore this undiscovered country that is the "Information Age". I feel like while we have never been so easily accessible, we've never been so far away from each other.

The infrastructure of freemasonry has stood the test of time. It will always be the right time to do the right thing when you're ready. Join us as we weather the forces of the world, and modern life together. I invite the distant brethren of Acacia to send in word of their welfare so that we may offer our support. Send in unusual or interesting articles or possibly share a brain teaser for our newsletters and we'll see how many "likes" we can get?

Keep in mind all of our wonderful events recently updated on the Trestle Board. As always, thoughts and prayers to our sick and recovering brethren, hoping always to see you at the next meeting.

Fraternally,

Tim Gallagher, Worshipful Master

## **Grand Lodge of Ohio websites of interest:**

**Handbooks & Manuals** - <http://www.gloho.com/handbooks-manuals>

**Education Programs** - <http://www.gloho.com/pro>

**Ohio Lodge of Research** - <http://ohiolodgeofresearch.com/>

**Freemason University** - <http://freemasonuniversity.com/>

**Masons Lead Better** - <http://masonsleadbetter.com/>

**Living Masonically** - <http://www.gloho.com/images/education/living-masonically-outside-of-lodge.pdf>

## Greetings from the West

Brethren,

Hello everyone. Acacia Lodge has some great events happening in the near future as well as planning a huge celebration next year for our 100th year anniversary. We currently have planned a Bowling event in April, a Fishing trip, Golf Outing, Steak Roast, Family Picnic at the water park, Captain's Game, Night at the range over the next 3 months. These are great opportunities for those members of Acacia that don't get the chance to get out to our Stated Meetings to come out and share in the Brotherhood that cements us together as Free Masons. Check out the dates on the trestle board and make your reservations. The Officers are currently working hard to make these events great and hope all that can attend will do so. These events should be enjoyed by you and your family.

I also want to mention that next year Acacia will be hosting our Reconsecration Ceremony celebrating our 100th year anniversary. This is a once in a lifetime event so please plan on attending. We will be hosting the Grand Master of F&AM of Ohio and the Grand Lodge Officers, also many DDGM's and DEO's. It would be a great opportunity to show everyone how strong Acacia Lodge truly is with your attendance. Look for more details in the next few Spring of Acacia's. Hope to see you at our next event.

Your Brother,

Chris Modica, Sr. Warden

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### Take me out to the ball game!

It's hard to believe, but this will be our third annual outing with the captains. As most of you know the Lake County Captains are the Class A affiliate of our Cleveland Indians. Come out and see the future stars for the Indians, several members on the roster for the tribe started by playing for the Captains. This year's game will be on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in the evening the cost will be \$10.00 per person. That will include dinner in the right field picnic area and fireworks after the game. Please rsvp. to David Ponsart (440-953-1726) or to ([grocerydude@att.net](mailto:grocerydude@att.net)). The cut off for reservations will be Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, so I have time to make sure I can get the tickets to everyone. We all had a great

time last year, and maybe the Captains will win the game this year.

Fraternally,

Dave Ponsart, PM, Treasure

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### Masonry Word Puzzle

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

ABIF	ACACIA
BADGE	BALLOT
BOX	CABLE
CANOPY	CORNER
CRAFT	DARKNESS
DEACON	EAST
EAVESDROPPER	FAITH
FELLOW	GAUGE
HAIL	HECATOMB
INDENTED	JACHIN
JEWELS	KEYSTONE
KNOWLEDGE	LABOR
LADDER	LIGHT
MALLET	MASONRY
NORTHEAST	OATH
PATIENCE	TESSEL
TOW	

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An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

{ I know people like that too. }

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No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.



**In Memoriam**

<b>Brother</b>	<b>Passed</b>
Herbert W. Kimble	February 13, 2018
Jerry G. Albaugh	February 5, 2018

*They rest from their labors.*

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**From Without the Inner Door**

Heil Brethren,

I want to say hello and welcome to another wonderful addition of our newsletter. Over the years that I've been a member of Acacia Lodge I have seen many wonderful events from 50+ year Service Awards to some fun social events. I've also witnessed many funerals of Brother's I've known and brothers I haven't known. Some say it's the circle of life, so I'm going to say it's just life.

But here at Acacia Lodge as masons we know that this journey just begins when we pass away our immortal souls are joined with God, the Grand Architect of the Universe. He has created everything from the smallest insect to man. I know his plan for us is different it's individual and it's personal, he gives us all the tools for a happy life it is up to us make the most of it. And, here at Acacia Lodge and every Masonic Lodge we learn to take what God has given us, sharpen it and make it better by his Divine guidance, and I'm proud to say that I'm a better man since being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

It's been my privilege to serve and I will always feel privileged to serve. Every Mason and every member of our lodge should feel the same privilege every time we walk through those Temple doors that our work is important and I know that in my years to come that I get to grow old with men that will help keep me sharp. And, when I'm not being wise I know my brother's will help guide me and explain and show me how to be better no matter what, they will whisper good council in my ear.

Fraternally, Jason Elliott, Tyler



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**Masonic Trivia – (answers below)**

1. What were the three objects used to strike Grand Master Hiram Abif?
2. After his death where was the Grand Master Hiram Abif first buried?
3. In what book do we read about redeeming and changing?
4. What are the 5 orders of Architecture?
5. What is the furniture of the lodge?
6. When and under what circumstances was the cornerstone of the national Capitol laid?
7. What does "So mote it be" mean?

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Answers:

1. 24 inch gauge, a square, and a setting maul.
2. In the rubbish of the temple.
3. Ruth
4. Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian and Composite
5. Holy bible, square & compasses
6. On Sept. 18 1793 by Bro. George Washington with a Masonic ceremony.
7. "So mote it be". The word "mote" is derived from the Anglo- Saxon word "motan" meaning "to be allowed". Hence, the phrase "So mote it be". These are the last words in the Regius Poem.

## 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.

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## **Ancient Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine - Part I**

The great Shrine organization of today traces its origins to New York City and to four dedicated men. The men were Dr. Walter M. Fleming, William J. Florence, Charles T. McClenachan and William S. Paterson. It was Fleming's idea to establish a fun fraternal order for men who had completed their requirements in the Scottish or York rite Masonic organizations.

Fleming presented his idea to William Florence, like Fleming a resident of Albany, NY, who became a world-renowned actor. Florence was later to provide the founding group with the key elements for the colorful Shrine rituals.

Charles T. McClenachan, an outstanding lawyer, was in addition a well-known expert on Masonic ritual. The fourth founding member of the organization was William Paterson, a native Scotsman who had a successful career as a printer in New York City.

Fleming, Florence, McClenachan and Paterson formed the nucleus of a luncheon club where the prime topic was formation of a new order.

On September 26, 1872, the original 13 met in New York's Masonic Hall, 114 East Thirteenth Street, for the purpose of formally organizing the Ancient Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America. The Shrine was born.

The 13 original members of the New York luncheon club were named as charter members of the New York Temple, named Mecca. The following officers were elected: William J. Fleming, Potentate; Charles T. McClenachan, Chief Rabban; John A. Moore, Assistant Rabban; William S. Paterson, Recorder; Edward Eddy, High Priest; James S. Chappell, Treasurer; George W. Millar, Oriental Guide; Oswald M. d'Aubigne, Captain of the Guard.

The new Shrine was not an immediate success in

terms of membership. Fleming was especially active in recruiting new members, but by September 1876, there were only 43 Nobles, and 37 of these were from New York City.

The spark that was needed to make the Shrine prosper apparently was formation of the Imperial Council. Noble Fleming conceived the idea. At the meeting in New York's Masonic Temple June 6, 1876, about 309 members from Mecca Temple performed the ritual of an annual Imperial Session, and the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America was conferred on 25 neophytes. At a later business meeting, Noble Fleming called for the formation of a parent governing body for the Order.

Fleming's recommendation was approved, and creation of the Imperial Grand Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine was authorized. Fleming, whose tremendous energy had helped carry the Order through its difficult early years, was elected to a three-year term as the first Grand Potentate.

This series of articles is excerpt from:

Phoenixmasonry Web Site  
by Don Ritchie P.M.  
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**PARAPROSDOKIANS** are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is unexpected. Winston Churchill loved them. These Paraproisdokians probably have been around before but they are still interesting.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
  2. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
  3. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
  4. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
  5. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
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### Acacia Range Night

Acacia Lodge will hold its first Range Night for 2018 on May 16<sup>th</sup> 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

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Our St. Patrick's Day party was enjoyed by all. The food was great and the entertainment outstanding. If you missed this year's celebration plan on attending next year or one of our remaining social events.



Brother Chris Modica enjoyed the dancers with his young daughter, Addison.



Everyone enjoyed the young ladies from the Burke School of Irish Dance.

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### ACACIA LODGE FISHING TRIP

**Date:** June 9, 2018

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Wildwood Marina-Fishing Charters, 16975 Wildwood Drive. Cleveland, Ohio

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person - max of 24 people - includes boat, refreshments and lunch

This fishing trip will be on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Wildwood Marina in Cleveland. Be there at 7:30 a.m and the boat sets out at 8:00 a.m. Any person who wishes to fish will need to bring their own fishing rods and reel, tackle box, cooler for your fish, bait and fishing items, camera and fishing license. These items can be purchased or rented at Wildwood.

Spread the word. This event is open to any adult male (family and friends) who would enjoy an adventure on the water and the fun of trying to outwit a fish.

There are plenty of open weekends still but getting out early in June is necessary to successfully fish for Walleye. We can still do both Walleye and Perch.

Make your reservations (440-269-9611) as soon as possible and before June 1<sup>st</sup> (this will allow us the time to purchase food, refreshments and prizes)

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### Summer Family Picnic

\$10.00 per person – August 11, 2018

**Date:** August 11, 2018

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Water Park opens at 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Pioneer Waterland, 10661 Kile Road, Chardon, OH

**Cost:** \$10.00 per person (over 40" in heights) – Children under 40" are admitted free

Come celebrate the summer with friends, family and lodge brothers. There will be good food, water events and more check out their website

(<https://www.pioneerwaterland.com/cp/attractions>).

Take your family, kids, grandkids, relatives, neighbors and friends to an enjoyable day out.

Please make your reservations now by sending your check to our lodge secretary, James R. Cogan, 6130 Thistlewood Dr., Mentor, OH 44060. Make check payable to "Acacia Lodge #651" with "Lodge Picnic" in the memo section. Also, let him know how many will be attending including those under 40" so we will have enough for lunch.

Lunch will be served between 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., **PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR A DESERT TO BE SHARED.**

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### **Acacia Lodge – Golf Outing**

\$20.00 per person

**Date:** July 15, 2018      **Time:** 12:00 noon

**Location:** Powderhorn Country Club,  
3991 Bates Rd, Madison, OH 44057

**Cost:** \$20.00 per person – includes half a cart, 9 hole (Shotgun Start) of golf, refreshments, lunch and prizes

After the golf outing, around 2:30 p.m., a cookout will be held at the Powderhorn Country Club.

**Anyone can come to the cookout at no cost.**

Please call James R. Cogan, P.M., 440-257-6964, with your reservation no later than **July 9<sup>th</sup>**. If you are planning to attend only the cookout, please let us know.

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**Three, five, and seven**

By Stan Shapiro MD,

Grand Lodge Education Officer G.L. of MN

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*“Only one who devotes himself to a cause with his whole strength and soul can be a true master. For*

*this reason mastery demands all of a person.”*

*...[Albert Einstein](#)*

The belief in a soul is one of the universal human cultural elements.

As Masons we refer to the soul in our degree work but each of us may have a different idea about what the soul is. The following definitions may help us clarify the concept of the soul.

**In the Scottish Rite Manual** <sup>[1]</sup> the description of the soul includes: “proceeds from intelligence ....The Intelligence and Soul are the two light giving sources, whereby all blessings are dispensed.... The soul is Devine Sympathy and Affection ....the Universal soul, (is the) Source of emotions, passions and sympathies”.

### **Webster's Third International Dictionary:**

1. The immaterial essence or substance animating principle or actuating cause of life or of the individual life.
2. The psychical or spiritual principle in general shared by or embodied in individual human beings or all beings having a rational and spiritual nature.
3. The immortal part of man having permanent individual existence.
4. A person's total self... sometimes distinguished from spirit.

### **Encyclopedia Britannica 15th edition:**

**Soul:** an immaterial principle or aspect that, with the body, constitutes the human person. The soul has also been conceived as the very essence of a thing and not a mere aspect or part. Although now closely associated with such terms as mind, spirit, or self, with which it has become almost synonymous, the basic connotation of soul in ancient and primitive societies was life. Soul is the life of the body. ... At death the soul leaves the body, and all bodily processes cease.

Although the terms *soul* and *spirit* are sometimes used interchangeably, *soul* may denote a worldly and less [transcendent](#) aspect of a person.<sup>[2]</sup> According to [psychologist James Hillman](#), the soul has an affinity for negative thoughts and images, whereas spirit seeks to rise above the entanglements of life and death. The words *soul* and [psyche](#) can also be treated synonymously, although *psyche* has

more physical connotations, whereas *soul* is connected more closely to spirituality and religion.<sup>[3]</sup>

Some interesting facts about the soul: <sup>[4]</sup>

The ancients believed the soul originated in the heavens and descended on birth and ascended upon death through the constellation, Scorpio. **The early Greeks believed the soul was a product of the world and a rational soul existed to know the world and to shape it.**

One of the most significant features of present day theology is the emphasis on religious experience as the basis for inquiry into the soul. The soul's eternal destiny and the realization of one's worth are based in the moral values of his society. **Many present day cultures believe the soul is the highest development of the moral side of personality. The soul is seen as a product of God (and not a product of the world).** Some believe the soul and the body are complementary expressions of the personality, and the full personality involves the union of the body and the soul.

**In some early cultures the soul was conceived as an entity, which was the cause or vehicle of bodily life and the physical activities of the person. It was conceived as a spiritual substance in contrast to the material body. Thus a spirit was a disembodied soul; idols and doubles were seen as living bodies; and ghosts or hauntings were the spirits or souls of the dead. Blood was conceived as the strength of life (cannibalism); the heart as the seat of life (and later as the seat of love); life was breath and the soul was living breath ("and the Lord God formed man from dust, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul" -Genesis 2:7); and heat was considered necessary for the soul's life (because a corpse grows cold). Some early cultures conceived the body's shadow (visual), and or the person's name (auditory) as the soul.**

Today there are some who believe death does not result in a complete separation of the body and soul. Others believe in the transmigration of the soul to other animals or that the soul even during life may journey abroad (prophets and shamans made use of their souls as messengers to seek information in places far away). In cultures that believed in animism, everything had its' own

**power and therefore its own soul. Some believe a possessed person has multiple souls.**

**Some cultures believe the soul has power. For example the power to keep the body in life; power to temporarily separate the body and the soul in sleep or trance; power to have the soul in hell and the body on earth; the power of clairvoyance; curative powers such as in suggestion or hypnotism; and or the power to inflict pain.**

It seems it could be worthwhile to discuss your concept of the soul and the immortality of the soul with other brothers and possibly your family members.

(1) The Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide second edition Arturo De Hoyos pp 554-555

(2) *A blue fire: Selected writings by James Hillman.* New York, NY, USA: Harper Perennial. pp. 112-129.

(3) *ibid.* P. 20.

(4) *The Jewish Encyclopedia* Volume 11 pp. 472-476 Varda Books 2001

**Words To Live By:** *"The soul is dyed the color of its thoughts. Think only*

*on those things that are in line with your principles and can bear the full light of day. The content of your character*

*is your choice. Day by day, what you think, and what you*

*do is who you become. Your integrity is your destiny...it is the light that guides your way"....Heraclitus.*



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