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"Step into the Light of Freemasonry" 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

January – February no meetings – by-
law change.

Jan 25 – District Leadership meeting at
Euclid Masonic Temple from 9:00
a.m. to noon.

Feb 14 – St. Valentine's Party see
article

Mar 11 – Stated Meeting

Mar 27 – Stated Meeting

From The East



Greetings Brethren,

I am writing this article just after enjoying another GREAT Christmas Party. It was well attended and just a wonderful event. I would like to thank WB Cogan and his wife Pat, along with my wife Linda for their hard work in arranging the entertainment, food and gifts. I would also like to thank Brother Jeff Day and his wife Kathy who portrayed a perfect Santa and Mrs. Claus and my wife's friend Karyn Stovicek and my son Bryan Daly for their help in setup and cleanup.

I would also like to thank the Brethren for the vote of confidence on electing me Master of Acacia Lodge this year. I have put together a very active year with several outside events. Please check the event calendar often as I tried to plan a special event at least once a month. Some of these are costly and will require a \$10.00 ticket cost per person. The Lodge budgeted offsetting costs to keep the individuals expense as low as possible. We work together as a fraternity and it is my hope that we can have fun together as well and include our spouses, friends and family. This will be the maximum fee and will always include a meal and entertainment. One such event is coming up on February 14th (Valentine's Day) which will be a dinner and polka music at the Hofbrau Haus, Cleveland. It will include valet parking as well. The fee is \$10.00 per person. Also, note that reservations will be mandatory to attend some of these events.

Per our by-laws change, voted on by the members, we are "dark" not meeting in January and February and our first meeting isn't scheduled until March 11th (second Wednesday) 2020. Hope to see you all there. If you haven't been to Lodge for a while, please stop by and give us some encouragement and possibly some good counsel. We have been struggling lately in attendance and it is my hope that we can improve our attendance this year.

We have some potential candidates for membership and are trying to move forward with the investigation process. I am going to schedule an officers meeting within the next couple weeks to prepare for the upcoming meetings and discuss membership and fundraising.

With Warmest Fraternal Regards,

WB Ted Daly

Lost Brothers:

Periodically your secretary will lose track of some of our brothers. This has occurred with Brother **Lindsay C. Smith** of West 130th in Cleveland. He was raised in Bigelow Lodge on May, 1970. And, Brother **Robert Lee Cooper**, of Stuart, Fl. He was raised in Silver Cord Lodge on November, 1943. Should any of our brethren know their current residence please let me know.

Fraternally,
James Cogan, Secretary

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.

Respect

Our fraternity is based on brotherly love that includes manners and common decency to one another. Unfortunately, in our desire to do more with less and the speed of our daily life we are starting to reduce our basic respect for one another. This is most startling in our manners.

Etiquette Rules that we should never abandoned:

RSVP'ing in a timely manner - failing to respond to an invite is not just a breach of good etiquette but a breach of basic humanity

Taking off your sunglasses indoors - Without eye contact, you can't communicate properly, and looking at someone when they're speaking increases understanding and shows respect.

Returning phone calls - It's easier to hear context, and complicated or sensitive information can be shared better via voice." Speaking of talking on the phone, you should brush up on these cell phone etiquette rules that you should be following—but probably aren't

Waiting in line - Yet too many people feel like they're entitled to special treatment and, as a result, skip basic kindergarten-level niceties like waiting in line and taking turns. Remember the golden rule and treat others the way you'd like to be treated.

Holding the elevator - Many of us don't even realize someone needs help because we're looking at our phones. You should try to be mindful of others around you.

Being on time - This is very disrespectful. When you are late, it says that your time is more important than everyone else's.

Opening doors for men and women - Why wouldn't you do that small kindness? That it's equally important for the person for whom the door is being opened to acknowledge the kindness with a thank you or even just a nod.

Remembering the little words - Please." "Thank you." "You're welcome." "May I?" These simple words matter. These basic social niceties can never be said too much and are the foundation of politeness. There is no excuse not to use them.

Asking permission first - It's polite to always ask permission before doing something to or for someone else. Getting permission can be as simple as asking, "Are you OK with this?"

Sending thank-you notes - Everyone loves to be thanked, but hardly anyone seems to remember to do it these days. Any way of saying thank you is wonderful, including a text or email. But the gold standard is still a handwritten thank-you card. Seeing your handwriting is meaningful to your loved ones, as is knowing that you took the time to do this. Plus, many people like to save these cards, and that's much harder to do with an electronic thank-you.

Minding your own business - Gossip makes for excellent television but terrible real-life relationships, and that fact is truer than ever in this age of constant information and instant communication. You need to be so careful about what you say, both in public and private, about others. Not only is it polite to not speak about others behind their backs, but it protects you as well. Remember: The Internet is forever!

Making introductions - Introducing others is quickly becoming a lost art, yet making introductions is one of the most important social skills of everyday life. Even when you have forgotten someone's name, it's better to ask them than to let that person stand in a group and be ignored. Good manners are all about

making others feel comfortable, no matter the situation.

Standing when greeting someone new - When being introduced to someone new or greeting someone who's coming into a group, it's polite to stand to acknowledge them - and this is true for both men and women. It shows that you are welcoming and also indicates respect.

From an article by Charlotte Hilton Andersen, 9/16/2019

Edited by WB Don Ritchie

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In Memoriam

Brother	Passed
William Semenik	October 1, 2019
Joseph M. Roessler, Jr.	February 15, 2019
Vernon P. Schwemler	July 17, 2019
Robert E. Eden	November 11, 2019
Frederick J. Milford	October 14, 2019
Edward A. Skapin	December 21, 2019

They rest from their labors

From without the inner door:

Another wonderful year my brothers is upon us. We have seen a lot of changes over the past couple years and change is good when it leads to a positive outcome.

Our craft is similar in that some parts grow and some parts divide but on whole the craft is growing in the proper direction. Our mission this year should be to grow Acacia Lodge with more family activities and increased lodge education.

I have a few members that have tried to express the benefits of our craft, yet their interest wanes over time. It has become harder and harder through the years and as discussed in lodge we have lost a generation of interests. But as the ebb and flow of the world goes so does masonry. Throughout our history there have been times of great growth and

prosperity for the craft. And in contrast followed by years and sometimes decades of diminishing membership. But our lodge and our craft will survive because of the dedication of our members. The dedication our members have to the craft, and to are lodge.

Acacia Lodge is strong and has always endived to be at the forefront of freemasonry. As your Tyler, I swear to guard my post and serve my brothers to the best of my ability and as I grow older and wiser my cable tow grows also as all of ours do. I look forward to another year with the fine brothers of Acacia lodge.

God-bless, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Fraternally,
Bro. Jason R. Elliott, Tyler

Brotherly Love by Robert Morris.

By one God created, by one Savior saved,
By one Spirit lighted, by one Mark engraved,
We're taught in the wisdom our Spirits approve,
To cherish the Spirit of Brotherly Love,
Love, Love, Brotherly Love -
This world has no spirit like Brotherly love.

In the land or the stranger we Masons abide,
In forest, in quarry, on Lebanon's side;
Yon temple we're building, the plan's from above,
And we labor supported by Brotherly Love.

Though the service be hard, and the wages be scant,
If the Master accept It, our hearts are content;
The prize that we toil for, we'll have It above,
When the Temple's completed, in Brotherly Love.

Yes, yes, though the week may be long, it will end,-
Though the temple be lofty, The KEY-STONE will stand;
And the Sabbath, blest day, every thought will remove,
Save the memory fraternal or Brotherly Love.

By one God created,-come, brothers, 'tis day
By one SPIRIT lighted-come, brothers, away!
With Beauty, and Wisdom, and Strength to approve,
Let's toil while there's labor in Brotherly Love.

Annual Awards Night

Acacia Lodge's annual Awards Night was held on November 22nd with a fine meal served by Painesville Rainbows for Girls. Grand Honors were given in a lodge of Master Masons for our DEO WB Franck T. Kakou, PDDGM RWB Joseph H. Pacsuta, and our newest 50 yr. Masons WB N.

Allen Paynter and Bro. James E. Dunne. Our guests were invited into lodge at this time.

25 year Awardee:



WB Ted Daly, Mrs. Kramp, Bro. Kenneth G. Kramp, RWB Joseph Pacsuta

35 year Awardees:



WB Ted Daly, Bro. Stephen C. Blonder Adams, Bro. William L. Wittlinger, Mrs. Caroline Wittlinger and RWB Joseph Pacsuta

50 year Awardees:



WB N. Allen Paynter, Mrs. Linda Paynter, WB Ted A. Daly, Bro. James E. Dunn, Ms. Dunn, RWB Joseph Pacsuta

After the ceremony members and guests adjourned to the dinning room for refreshments.

From our Lodge Education Officer:

Dear Acacia Lodge #651 Brethren,

Thank you again for electing me as your Lodge Education Officer. I look forward to serving you in 2020.

Knowing that we will “go dark” during the months of January and February, a great way to seek “more light” may be to secure a few books on Masonry and study our craft. Our District Education Officer, Franck T. Kakou, presented me with a “Lodge Education Officers Workbook” prepared by The Committee on Education and Information of the 22nd Masonic District of The Grand Lodge of Ohio. In this Book several books were recommended for our reading pleasure: “*American Freemasons*” by Mark A. Tabbert, “*Introduction to Freemasonry*” by Carl H. Claudy and “*The Craft and Its Symbols*” by Allen Roberts. You may also find “*Freemasons for Dummies*” by Christopher Hodapp and “*The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Freemasonry*” by S. Brent Morris to be helpful as well. Certainly there are a great many books and articles on Freemasonry, however the books I just listed seem to be not only informative but accurate as well with their information according to the District Education Committee.

We are required to present ten Education programs this year, and if you have a presentation on a Masonic topic you would like to make please let me know.

In closing, I wish you all good health and joy this time of year and always!

Jeff Day, LEO
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Fact of the day:

The first testicular guard, the “cup”, was used in Hockey in 1874 and the first helmet was Used in 1974.

That means it only took 100 years for men to realize that their brain is also important.

Ladies Quit Laughing

Cornucopia.

The Cornucopia is a symbol of plenty and abundance.

The Cornucopia as a symbol of abundance and of nourishment that stretches back to Classical Antiquity (a period of time in the Mediterranean that generally encompasses the Greco-Roman period). It is most commonly associated with Zeus, King of the Greek gods. When Zeus was born he was hidden away by his mother to prevent Kronos, his father, from eating him, as he did Zeus' siblings. Kronos in doing this was trying to prevent the fulfillment of a prophecy that one of his children would destroy him. While Zeus was in hiding from his father, he was fed and cared for by various divine attendants including Amalthea (the Nourishing Goddess) who appeared in the form of a goat. The legend states that Zeus accidentally broke off one her horns. Later he gave the horn to the world of man as it would provide whatever was desired.

In other myths of the period, Heracles (the Roman equivalent of Hercules) broke off the horn of a river god, with similar results as Amalthea's horn. The Cornucopia is associated with a variety of gods and goddesses around the Mediterranean.

The one Greek God that the Cornucopia is associated that is probably most fascinating to Freemasons, is its association with Pluto, god of the underworld. This version of the God of the Underworld, formerly Hades, was taught in the Mystery Religions, sometimes called the sacred mysteries or mysteries. The Mystery Religions of the Greco-Roman world were religious schools that were only for the initiates. At least one source about the Mystery Religions states that "The main characterization of this religion is the secrecy associated with the particulars of the initiation and the ritual practice, which may not be revealed to outsiders." Pluto, probably to show the difference between him and Hades, is often depicted holding a Cornucopia in contrast to Hades who is depicted holding a drinking horn. Pluto was the giver of agriculture, mineral and spiritual wealth.

In modern times the Cornucopia has been adopted the world over as a symbol of prosperity and abundance. This is especially true in North America. In Canada an annual festival called

Cornucopia is held. In several Central and South American countries the Cornucopia is depicted on their coat of arms. In the United States several states have the Cornucopia on their state flags and on state seals. It is most closely tied in the United States with the Thanksgiving Holiday.

For Freemasons the Cornucopia is most commonly known as the symbol for the stewards who are stationed in the Masonic South. The Masonic South is tied with nourishment of the brothers. Often one of the duties of the stewards is to help with meal preparation and other times when nourishment is provided to the members of the lodge.

From "MASONRY TODAY"

Christmas 2019

Our annual Christmas Party was held on December 21st with over ninety-four members, family, and friends attending.

This year we had the **Flower Clown** making balloon figures for the children. And, a **craft table** for our young artists. While **Rick Smith, Jr.** performed strolling card tricks during an enjoyable lunch of Chick-fil-a, pizza and fruit. After lunch Rick Smith, Jr. presented his magic show in the lodge room followed by Santa Clause, presents and cookies and ice cream cups in the lodge's Fellowship Hall.



Peddles the Flower Clown with the Craft Table behind her.

<p>REMEMBER ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IS NO MATCH FOR NATURAL STUPIDITY.</p>



Everyone enjoying lunch in the Fellowship Hall



RWB Greg Kita and WB Dave Ponsart trying to see how Rick Smith, Jr. performs his card tricks.



The craft table was a hit with the children.

The latest survey shows that Three out of four people make Up 75% of the population.



Everyone enjoyed the magic show in the Lodge Room



Especially, the visit from Santa and his helpers (Tori Gallagher, Caley Elliott and Kira Casebeer)

"The very reason for the First Amendment is to make the people of this country free to think, speak, write and worship as they wish, not as the Government commands." - Bro. Hugo L. Black - Birmingham Temple Lodge No. 836 F.& A.M. Birmingham, AL, USA

Annual Election of Officer,



Lodge room set for our annual installation of officers on December 11th at the Euclid Masonic Temple.



Some of our District Officers (starting on the left) RWB Gregory M. Kita, RWB James A. Hieb (assigned to Acacia Lodge) and WB Franck T. Kakou our DEO.



Worshipful Brother Tim Gallagher was our Installing Officer conducting a fine ceremony. This was a fine evening for all officers, members and guests.



Acacia Lodge's Officer Line for the 2019 – 2020 masonic year.

Remember our up coming events and the need to mark you calendar and make your reservations.

February 14th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Hofbrau Haus

March 8th from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Irish Music at the Music Box Supper Club

April 12th – time to be announced, bus trip to Medina Castle Noel

May 20th – from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Night at the Range

June 13th – time to be announced, Fishing Trip Walleye Charter

July 11th – time to be announced Captains Game

August 8th – time to be announced Lodge Picnic at Waldameer Park and Water World.

Some days you give and some days you receive:



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Tear off and post on your refrigerator!

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January 25, 2020	District Leadership Meeting – Euclid Masonic Temple from 9 a.m. to noon
February 14, 2020	Valentine’s Day Party – Hofbrau Haus for members and significant others
February 18, 2020	Sprig of Acacia – Articles are due for Mar/Apr
March 11, 2020	Stated Meeting – Planning Review for next 5 months and Inspection
March 27, 2020	Stated Meeting – Guest Presentation – personal financial planning

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