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TRESTLE-BOARD

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

- Mar 7 **Degree Practice** 7 – 9 Euclid Temple – no dinner
- Mar 9 Stated Meeting – FC Practice
- Mar 23 Stated Meeting –
- Mar 24 St. Patrick's Day Party – see article
- April We will have a bowling night - TBA
- Apr 4 Officers Meeting – 6:30 p.m. Euclid Masonic Temple
- Apr 13 Stated Meeting –
- Apr 27 Stated Meeting –
- May We will schedule a night at the range
- May 2 Officers Meeting – 6:30 p.m. Euclid Masonic Temple

From The East



Greetings brethren, near and far,

The officers of Acacia have been working very hard to put our best foot forward this year, and meet the task of properly preparing for our inspection this year among other things. It makes me proud to be a Mason when efforts are so harmonized and brethren pull together as yours truly have.

Please join us for our regularly scheduled meetings and keep current on committee reports, events, and volunteer programs including mentoring new members and continuing our education towards degree perfection. I encourage brethren to come in and share their thoughts during our traditional pre-meeting dinners every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. Our organization thrives from socializing and supporting likewise efforts.

To those specifically afar, when you're reading this article and your not able to attend, remember we are thinking of you! I say to you to rest assured that we will continue to improve in all aspects. It is hard not to feel the pressure of the solemn recognition that membership levels continue to decrease. It is therefore even more gratifying then ever when we succeed in proper execution of degree work, and provide our most sincere efforts for the initiation of our newest brothers.

If you just haven't been to lodge in a while and are in need of a little light to inspire you? Now is the time.

I speak for us all when saying, "we look forward to seeing you again"

Let me know what you think of the article? And the Sprig of Acacia, what can be added or changed to make it better!

FYI - The St Patrick's Day Party is booked for the Euclid Temple on March 24th from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. food will be served along with entertainment from the Irish girls dance club. Additional information below

Faternally,

Tim Gallagher, Worshipful Master

"The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science." - Albert Einstein

The inscription reads:

FREEMASONS

OF

OHIO

Dedicated to all Masonic Veterans
who served with Honor, Loyalty and
Integrity, while upholding the principles of
Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Grand Lodge of Ohio – 2018

Eric R. Schau, Grand Master



In Memoriam

| Brother | Passed |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Herbert A. Schieman | January 22, 2018 |
| Clarence J. Quine | February 13, 2018 |
| Donald L. Dornback | January 8, 2018 |

They rest from their labors.

Great Truths That Adults Have Learned:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing Jello to a tree.
 - 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
 - 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
 - 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
 - 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
 - 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.
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From the West

I hope everyone has enjoyed their winter. Spring is now starting to hit the air, and with that, the opportunity to get out to a few more meetings. I will be traveling to a few other lodges in the 22nd

and 25th districts over the current year and welcome any and all company. If anyone is interested attending with me please feel free to call me. I have not locked in dates or lodges due to a rapidly changing schedule so I am open to any suggestions. Traveling is a great part of Masonry and is something I enjoy doing. Continuing to gain Masonic knowledge is something we all can never do enough. I look forward to get the opportunity to sit with all of you in our lodge room.

“Traveling Man in Masonry

In the ancient world of Operative Masonry the masons were often required to move from job to job much as in our modern time. It was further explained that ancient master masons, just as 1st class masons of today, were more likely to travel great distances than those of lesser ranks (FC & EA). Due to their experience (and today, usually a membership in the labor union representing the craft) they could move freely from job to job. Those doing so were normally members of a Masonic guild, whose members would, if known, vouch for the qualifications of (or recommend) another 'traveling' mason.

In speculative masonry we as Master Masons may freely move from Lodge to Lodge (either visiting or moving membership) and upon proper avouchment or by testing be found worthy to attend another Master Mason Lodge. This is much the same as moving from one job to another or from one ancient Masonic guild to another.

Also, a Master Mason is a traveler from west to east, as east is the where the sun comes up, hence the source of light. This is why the master sits in the East. Because it is the source of light. Thus being a traveling man represents our journey from darkness to Masonic light (enlightenment). We "traveled" symbolically when we were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Remember the words, "It will be necessary for you to travel"? and the condition of the road we would have to travel?

In Masonry we are told to seek the light. Light in Masonry is knowledge and from that knowledge comes information and understanding.

By Brother Jeff Godwin”

Fraternally,

Brother Chris Modica, Senior Warden



Great Truths About Growing Old

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

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.

From Without The Inner Door

Recently, I have seen our brethren stepping up and participating in our lodge. This is a wonderful thing to behold. I am witnessing more past masters getting involved with degree work and coaching those who are doing the work. This is the kind of

participation I have mentioned in past newsletters but I am seeing it in action. Acacia Lodge needs the past masters help, guidance, and experience to grow and succeed.

Also, I want to thank all the brethren who are dealing with ailments of one kind or another, yet still show up for lodge and do good work. Selfless service is a grand virtue to behold and I see this becoming more common in our lodge. We all need each other to succeed and with this kind devotion Acacia will surely do that.

And I pray that our sick and suffering brethren and their families will receive the blessings needed to come thru their dark times stronger and more devoted to the world. GOD bless you and God bless America.

Jason R. Elliott

Tyler.

Upcomming Events – mark your calendar and make your reservations at 440-257-6964:

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

March 24, 2018 at noon to 4:00 p.m.

Dinner (Corned Beef, Cabbage and Potatoes)

"Irish Entertainment"

Fun, Fellowship and Friendship

Family, friends, and neighbors are all invited!

No Cost to attend – there will be a Free Will offering for Acacia Lodge Charities.

Reservations a must!

Please call

James Cogan, 440-257-6964



Family Bowling Night, will be held in April (date, time and location to be determined) dinner, three games of bowling and shoe rental. Reservations required – call James Cogan, 440-257-6964.

Night at the Range will be held in May date to be determined.

The Four Stages of Life:

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus.
 - 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.
 - 3) You are Santa Claus.
 - 4) You look like Santa Claus.
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INSTALLATION NIGHT AT THE CELESTIAL LODGE

Author unknown

As we are all well aware, and as is pointed out in the North East Angle Lecture in the Canadian Rite Ritual, it cannot be denied that we always had many members of rank and affluence. Over the centuries many well known men have been members of our Noble Craft. For a few moments, please allow your imaginations to run wild and consider what may take place at the Installation of The Celestial Lodge, otherwise known as the Grand Lodge Above.

Even though it was late fall, there was a warm breeze blowing and the sun was setting behind the Lodge Hall. Gathered in the parking lot filled with their works were Bros Henry Ford, Ransom Olds, Walter Chrysler, John Willys and Andre Citroen. The only vehicle missing was Bro Hart Massey's tractor.

Greeting members in the entrance hall was Bro Cliff Arquette of Charley Weaver fame and Bro Ed Wynn. In the boardroom, a group of senior DeMolays were gathered including Bros Walter Disney, Chet Huntley, Wendell Corey, Van Johnson, Robert Cummings, John Steinbeck, Fred McMurray and John Cameron Swayze.

King Gillette, razor in hand, passed the lodge caretaker who was having a minor problem with his vacuum cleaner, which was quickly cleared up with the help of its inventor, Bro Frank Hoover, while at the other end of the hallway Bros Emmett Kelly, Clyde Beatty and all seven of the Ringling Bros were discussing the Shrine Circus.

Taking a quick look into the Banquet Hall, Bros John Molson, Frederick Pabst and Joseph Schlitz were busy rolling in some kegs of beer for Bros Sam Bronfman, late President of Seagrams Distillers, who was setting up the bar for the Festive Board to follow the Ceremony. Bro Colonel Harland Sanders was cooking up a storm in the kitchen and it was an easy guess as to what the evening meal would consist of.

The orchestra members for the dance to follow the Banquet were tuning. Members of this All-Star group included leader Paul Whiteman, WC Hardy, Nat King

Cole, Irving Berlin, George M Cohan, Cyril Stapleton, Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Count Basie and Al Jolson. Tonight's performance would be M.C. ed by Bros Arthur Godfrey and Danny Thomas.

Magical Bros Harry Houdini and Harry Blackstone were setting up their props while Bros WC Fields, Oliver Hardy, Bud Abbott, Harpo Marx, and Foster Brooks were fine tuning their comedy routines for tonight's show which was being produced by Bros Cecil B DeMille, Flo Ziegfeld, Louis B Mayer, Hall Wallis and DW Griffiths.

A number of sports celebrities were gathering together, including Bros Abe Saperstein, creator of the Harlem Globetrotters, who was explaining his version of the game to Bro James Naismith, the inventor of the game. They were joined by baseballers Bros Charles Ebbetts, Ty Cobb, Branch Rickey and Cy Young, the first pitcher to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

A little further along the hall was an array of masons dressed in knee breeches, lace cuffs and powdered wigs, others in tuxedos, including Bros Kit Carson, Davey Crockett and Buffalo Bill Cody, clad in their familiar buckskins, Chiefs Crazy Bull, Tecumseh and Joseph Brant in their native attire. Most colourful are the military uniforms of Lord Nelson, Lord Cornwallis, Captain James Cook, the Duke of Wellington and John Paul Jones.

I was gazing in awe at these members of Celestial Lodge, when the Grand Master, MW Bro Harry Truman, appeared from the preparation room accompanied by Bros John Jacob Astor, Luther Burbank, JC Penney, Adlai Stevenson and Jennings Bryan.

Bro John Diefenbaker had just signed the Tyler's Register with one of Bro John Shaeffer's pens. He was accompanied by Bros Robert Borden and RB Bennett. fellow Canadian Prime Ministers, and by Bro Joe Smallwood of Newfoundland.

At this time, the Tyler, Bro J Edgar Hoover, informed the brethren that the meeting was about to come to order.

On entering the lodge room the brethren were greeted by the Inner Guard, Bro Paul Revere. Seated already were polar explorers, Robert F Scott of England and Bro Richard E Bird of the United States, together with Matthew G Perky and Canada's Henry Larsen. Bro Charles Lindbergh could be seen in deep conversation with Bros Hap Arnold, Gus Grissom, Eddie Rickenbaker and Charles Kingsford-smith.

From the Junior Warden's station came a burst of laughter. Bro Will Rogers had brought broad smiles to the faces of the Royal personages gathered around him, including George I, Frederick the Great, Gustav V of

Sweden and George VI. To the right of the Junior Warden's chair, architect Sir Christopher Wren was joined by Statue of Liberty sculptor, Frederic Bartholdi.

Bros Norman Vincent Peale and Peter Marshall, who would assume the Chaplain's duties this evening, were in conversation with the DuPonts, Peter and Victor, and the Rothschilds, James and Nathan.

Gathered around the Secretary's desk, Bro Rudyard Kipling was discussing the evening's proceedings with Bro Robert Burns, who was to give one of the Charges assisted by Bro Mark Twain. Also taking part were Bros Conan Doyle, Walter Scott, Samuel Johnson, Alexander Pope and Robert Service.

The Grand Organist, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, was discussing last minute changes with Bros Gilbert and Sullivan.

Bros Clark Gable, Peter Sellers, Wallace Beery, Douglas Fairbanks and Brian Donleavy were discussing boxing with champions Jack Dempsey, Jack Johnson and Sugar Ray Robinson. Another small group, in the persons of Bros John Wayne, Hoot Gibson and Tom Mix, were listening to Bro William Thaddeus Phillips, also known as Butch Cassidy.

The founding members, Bros George Washington, Sir John A MacDonald, Guiseppe Garibaldi, Benito Jaurez, John Hancock and Ben Franklin were seated in the East. They have been joined by Sir Stamford Raffles, founder of Singapore. The Generals, Omar Bradley, Jimmy Doolittle, George C Marshall, John Pershing and Douglas McArthur, take their seats next to Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill. The Lodge Treasurer, Bro Henry Knox was busy collecting dues from Bros Thomas E Dewey and William McKinley. The Master, MW Bro HRH The Duke of Connaught, has rapped the gavel to call the Lodge to order and it is now time for us to depart. With one last look at this brilliant assembly, one wonders what the public's perception of Freemasonry might be if they were able to visit such a lodge.

Success:

At age 4 success is Not piddling in your pants.

At age 12 success is . . . Having friends.

At age 17 success is . . . Having a driver's license.

At age 35 success is . . . Having money.

At age 50 success is . . . Having money.

At age 70 success is . . . Having a driver's license.

At age 75 success is . . . Having friends.

At age 80 success is . . . Not piddling in your pants.

What it means to be Irish

You will never play pro basketball.

You swear very well.

At least one of your cousins is a cop, firefighter, bar owner, funeral home owner, or is a politician.

You spent a good deal of your childhood on your knees in prayer.

You think you sing very well.

You have no idea how to make a long story short.

Much of your childhood meals were boiled.

You will be punched for no good reason – a lot.

Some of those punches are legacies from previous generations.

You will have sisters or cousins named Mary, Eileen, Catherine or Colleen. Probably one of them is named Mary Eileen Catherine Colleen.

If you don't know Murph, you know Mac and if you don't know Mac you know Sully. Maybe you know Sully MacMurphy.

You are genetically unable to keep a secret.

There wasn't a huge difference between your last wake and your last keg party.

You're strangely poetic after a drink or two.

You may not know the words, but you will sing.

You have Irish Alzheimer's – you only remember the grudges.

From writings of or inspired by Albert Pike.

“Nowhere do we fight for our own glory

We cannot achieve victory by ourselves bring Honor to our family, our unit, our nation and our God.

God has done it all for us, God has done what we cannot do for ourselves.”

A Freemason has a duty and an obligation. “To God, his nation and his family. To labor for others betterment. To teach – guide - admonish...To encourage health of body and mind. To encourage – temperance – avoid every vice. To expand knowledge and keep the blessings of justice, tranquility and enlightenment to enrich those most Nobel qualities of mankind.”

“Our labors are to the benefit of future generations”.
“It will take more than all the good a single generation can produce to progress mankind to equality, justice and prosperity.

‘Take a lesson from the olive tree.’

Pike: “... like the olive tree, that won’t reach its peak of productivity until it reaches the hundredth year – a century of being husbanded by father and son, father and son for five generations.

We sow so others can reap.”

Extracts from Mystery of the Olive Tree By William F. Dankenbring

The Hebrew word for “olive tree” is es shemen, which literally means ‘tree of oil.’ It is from a primitive root meaning “to shine.” It means “richness, anointing, fat, fruitful, oil, ointment, olive.” It is related to the word shemesh, “to be brilliant,” and which also is the Hebrew word for the “sun,” that brightly shining orb in the sky. There is an ancient tradition that the “tree of life” in the Garden of Eden was an olive tree.

Another Hebrew word for “olive” is zayith, meaning “an olive,” as “yielding illuminating oil.” Its related to the word ziv, meaning “to be prominent,” “brightness.” Ziv is the month of flowers, corresponding to Iyar, or our April-May.

“It is an evergreen, and the righteous who take refuge in the protection of God are compared to it.”

There are trees in Israel estimated to be 1,000 years old *that still produce fruit...*”

Olive Oil was regarded as a symbol of honor, gladness, joy, prosperity and favor. The oil represents holy anointing by the power of the Spirit of God. (“*It is like the precious ointment upon the head, which ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments...*”)

“Oil was one of the three staples of life. . . As a typical product of Palestine and as a necessity, oil is listed, particularly in Deuteronomy, among the three blessings of the land in time of God’s favor – grain, wine, and oil (Deut.11:14, etc.)” (“Oil,” vol.12, p.1347).

“Television enables you to be entertained in your home by people you wouldn't have in your home.” - David Frost

Something to make you smile.....

Winston Churchill loved parapsydokians, figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected. Here are some examples:

1. A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
2. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
3. Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
4. There's a fine line between cuddling and...holding someone down so they can't get away.
5. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
6. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
7. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
8. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
9. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
10. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a mechanic.
11. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but now it's getting harder and harder for me to find one.



"All human situations have their inconveniences. We feel those of the present but neither see nor feel those of the future; and hence we often make troublesome changes without amendment, and frequently for the worse." - Benjamin Franklin

TRESTLE-BOARD

Tear off and post on your refrigerator!

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