



The Sprig of Acacia



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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

Mar 8 – St. Pat's Party – See below article

Mar 11 – Stated Meeting – Chile Cookoff – EA Degree

Mar 27 – Stated Meeting – Financial Security Presentation

Apr 8 – Stated Meeting – FC practice

Apr 18 – Bus Trip – See below article

Apr 24 – Stated Meeting – FC Inspection

From The East



Greetings Brethren,

I hope all of you have enjoyed what I consider has been a mild winter thus far, and also enjoyed these last two months avoiding traveling to Lodge as we have been dark. As you know, our Lodge enacted some bold initiatives last year, in an effort to improve our Lodge attendance. The first change was closing the Lodge during the coldest time of the year, which often times makes it difficult for our senior members to attend, and the second change was amending our meeting dates, which now occur on the second Wednesday and fourth Friday of the month. This is in hopes that Brethren who have family obligations which often occur on Fridays can attend Lodge during the week. These are bold moves and it is my hope that you will help prove them to be successful by attending our Lodge.

Many (43) of Our Lodge members, spouses and children enjoyed a wonderful evening at the Hofbrau Haus on February 14, which consisted of a delicious family-style meal including wiener schnitzel, sausage and sauerkraut, chicken and potato pancakes. We enjoyed listening to live polka music and the party atmosphere of the restaurant. We have arranged another gathering on March 8th when we will enjoy a fabulous brunch and live Irish Music at the Music Box Supper Club in the Flats, just in time for this year's St. Patrick's Day celebration. Tickets are limited and seats might be filled prior to the publication of the newsletter, but call me (440) 974-1185 if you are interested in attending. Your Lodge has planned several outside events this year as well as inside the Lodge, with some educational programs as well, in hopes of bringing back the good old days where the Lodge and family events were well attended. Please join us and enjoy the comradery that only Masonry affords us.

March 11th is our first stated meeting of the year and we will hit the ground running. Hopefully, we will have a new candidate to consider and initiate into our Lodge that night. Quickly thereafter, we will be practicing the FC degree to impress our Grand Lodge Officers at our inspection which is scheduled for April 24th this year. Please mark your calendars and come out and support your Lodge.

Fraternally Submitted with Warmest Regards,

WM Ted Daly

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." - Winston Churchill

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.

Brethren about the Country:

Brother Wayne Beaumier a member of Acacia Lodge will be an umpire this summer at the little league world series. Please go to this web link for additional information -

<https://www.littleleague.org/news/volunteer-umpires-announced-for-2020-little-league-world-series-events/>.

Brother Wayne is originally from East Cleveland and is currently living in Cypress, Texas. Before becoming a Master Mason he was a senior DeMolay from the City of Euclid.

Should any member have interesting information about one of our Brothers please let us know.

Fraternally,

WB Dave Ponsart, Treasurer

“Emessay Notes” (taken from: "The Masonic Service Association of North America")

Title: "Three Times Three"

In ancient times, the Entered Apprentice Degree was alone prevalent among most Masonic Lodges. No Brother could be passed or raised except in the Grand Lodge, and few availed themselves of the privilege.

Hence, they had only one sign, one token, and one word, and these three constituted 'honors.'

But the members of the Grand Lodge had three signs, three tokens and three words and therefore, three times three were appropriately termed the Grand Honors."

From the Bulletin of the Masonic Relief Association, 1974

Brother Jeff Day, Lodge LEO

Quote of the day!

It's not whether you win or lose, but how you place the blame.

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Chili Cookoff

On our first meeting back from our lodge going dark for January and February, March 11th, we will host a Chili Cookoff. The attending brethren will vote on the best chili and fabulous prizes will be awarded by the lodge to the winner. (if you believe this, I have a bridge for sale). Make sure you come with your favorite chili recipe with at least four servings or just attend and enjoy a chili dinner.



Captains Game

Mark your calendar for July 18th, on this date Acacia Lodge will have a night at the Captains Baseball game starting at 7:00 p.m. On this night we will have dinner, drinks, fireworks and a promotional event to be announced. There will be a \$10.00 per person charge.

Please call your reservations to James Cogan, 440-257-6964.

Night at the Range

Acacia Lodge will hold its first Range Night for 2020 on June 24th at Atwell's Pistol Range, 207 Chestnut St, Painesville, OH.

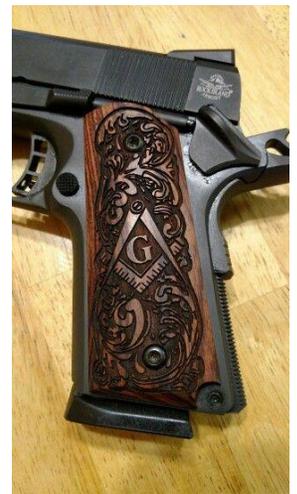
A light meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. followed by a safety talk. Acacia Lodge will supply the meal and targets.

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

"The Two-Step Time Management Rule: 1. Plan your day to achieve your goals. 2. Keep to your plan." - "Tips for Success," Dale Carnegie Training





In Memoriam

Brother	Passed
Ralph J. Siegenthaler	July 28, 1996
Lloyd G. Peterson	October 28, 2019
Gerran L. Jones	December 1, 2019
Richard P. VanCuren	March 20, 2019

They rest from their labors

Reservations are Required!

We need your help to cut the cost of our meals before our meetings. Therefore, all attendees must call the Secretary, 440-257-6964, and make reservations for dinner. We will order enough meals for those attending and if you attend without a reservation and if we have an extra meal you are welcome to have dinner with the brethren.

A strict adherence to this requirement should assist in reducing the cost to the lodge. Should you have any questions please call or email.

Fraternally,
WM Ted Daly

Improving Our Work

This year Acacia Lodge will be working on improving our ritual work and lodge education. To this end we are assigning Past Master(s) to help the officers in their memorization and floor work. Also, the Lodge Education Officer, Bro. Jeff Day, will provide education programs on Freemasonry and other topics throughout the year. It is our hope that you can attend our meetings to help in this goal and see the improvement our officers are making.



Valentine's Day Party



On Valentine's Day, February 14th Acacia Lodge hosted a party at the Hofbrau Haus for 44 of our members, family and friends. A fine time was had by all in attendance.



Bro. John Healy, left enjoying a night of fellowship!



Worshipful Master Ted Daly and his lovely bride, Linda.

Our Tyler, Bro. Jason Elliott and his date,



Wor. Bro. Dave Ponsart and his lady, Karla



WB Tim Gallagher our most recent Past Master and his lovely wife, Darlene.

From right to left

Our Chaplin Bro. Jerry Dickerson, his wife, Nancy and WB Al Paynter



From left to right, The love of my life, Pat. Myself, Jim, WB Don Ritchie and his lady, Cecelia

Bus Trip to Medina

Acacia Lodge will host a bus trip to Medina on April 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We will meet at the Euclid Masonic Temple and board the bus at 9:00 a.m. Upon arrival we will do a walking tour of the Roots Candle factory first, followed by lunch and then a visit to Castle Noel.

Attendees will be responsible for their own lunch at local restaurants within walking distance of Castle Noel. The Lodge will be responsible for the cost of the bus and admission fee for Castle Noel.

For 150 years, Root Candles has celebrated an illustrious history, starting with its founder Amos Ives (or A.I.) Root, whose emphasis on honesty,

integrity, and diligent craftsmanship continues to drive the company today. The A.I. Root Company, founded in 1869, revolutionized beekeeping worldwide through inventions that allowed for the mass production of honey, making the city of Medina (Ohio) famous as the founding place of the "Bee Industries". Root wrote a beekeeping encyclopedia, *The ABC's of Bee Culture*, now commonly referred to as "The Beekeeper's Bible." He also started a trade magazine, *Gleanings in Bee Culture*, in 1873 that is still published today.

Castle Noel features so many wonderful things to see and do. Housing the world's largest privately owned collection of Hollywood Christmas movie props and costumes from your favorite Christmas movies including "The Grinch", "Elf"; "Santa Claus The Movie", "Fred Claus", "The Santa Clause 1, 2 & 3", "Jingle All The Way", "Christmas Carol", "Deck the Halls", and MORE. Also, at Castle Noel millions of dollars of animated NEW YORK CITY Christmas windows from Sak's Fifth Avenue, Bloomingdale's, Lord & Taylor and Macy's. These amazing windows will delight guests of all ages. Feel like a kid again in our "I Had That" toyland experience. Filled with thousands of toys from 50's through the 80's. You're sure to say, "I Had That".

Reservations will be required by April 13, 2020, please call James Cogan, 440-257-6964.

The Acacia Tree



The Acacia tree is an important part of masonic lore.

It is important to understand in any conversation about the "sprig of acacia", is that the term "acacia tree" is actually a generic term. Acacia tree actually refers to a genus of trees. There are a wide variety of acacia trees in the world. Most grow in tropical and sub-tropical regions. There are more than 800 species and sub-species of acacia tree around the world.

When talking about the acacia tree's relationship with Freemasonry we are most likely talking about the *Acacia Raddiana* which is a sub-species of *Acacia tortilis*. The *Acacia Raddiana* grows in Israel and is believed to be the wood that was used to build a variety of sacred items for the tabernacle. At least one of the items is believed to be the Ark of the Covenant.

The *Acacia Raddiana*, because of the arid environment it grows in, grows very slowly and tends to be a very dense wood. The tree also produces small white flowers that are very aromatic. The "tree" can also grow as a small shrub particularly in rocky terrains.

It is believed that the acacia tree first became associated with immortality due to an Egyptian myth about Osiris. In the legend Osiris is tricked into a box that is thrown into the Nile. It eventually washed ashore near an acacia tree which rapidly grew around the box. The tree was turned into a column by a local king, which Isis was eventually given.

From Today in Masonic History's website.

Masonic Information

For those looking for some Masonic knowledge today here is a list of the current years and how they associate with Freemasonry:

- It is 5781 Anno Mundi or In the Year of the World. This is a date used by Scottish Rite and is taken from the Hebrew Calendar which holds that the date of creation was October 17th, 3761 B.C.E. The date is found by adding 3761 to the current date, although some traditions have it that the year is 3760.
- It is 902 Anno Ordinis or In the Year of the Order. This is used by the Knights Templar, which is part of the York Rite system in the United States. The date is based on the founding of the Knights Templar or the Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ. It was in 1118 that the Order was started and the date is found by subtracting 1118 from the current date.
- It is 2550 Anno Inventionis or In the Year of the Discovery. This date is used by Royal Arch Masons and commemorates the building of the Second Temple by Zerubbabel. The date is

found by adding 530 to the date. 530 represents 530 B.C.E. the year Zerubbabel built the second temple.

- It is 3020 Anno Depositionis or In the Year of the Deposit. This is used by Royal and Select Masters and Cryptic Masons. It is believed that Solomon's Temple was completed in 1000 B.C.E. so the Anno Depositionis can be found by adding 1000 to the current date.

Sprig of Acacia – Word Search

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| COOKOFF | CRYPTIC |
| DALY | DEMOLAY |
| EDUCATION | FREEMASONRY |
| HEBREW | HISTORY |
| HOFBRAU | KNIGHT |
| MEMORIAM | MUSICBOX |
| ORDINIS | RANGE |
| RITE | ROYAL |
| SCOTTISH | SPRIG |
| TEMPLAR | TOKENS |
| VALENTINE | |

Next – find these words in this Newsletter!

"Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Tear off and post on your refrigerator!

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March 7, 2020	St. Patrick's Day Brunch at the Music Box
March 11, 2020	Stated Meeting – EA Degree or Planning Review for next 5 months and Inspection
March 27, 2020	Stated Meeting – Guest Presentation – personal financial planning
April 8, 2020	Stated Meeting – FC Degree and EA Exam
April 18, 2020	Bus Trip – Castle Noel
April 24, 2020	Stated Meeting – Inspection in FC Degree
May 13, 2020	Stated Meeting – EA Degree
May 22, 2020	Stated Meeting – Lodge Education

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