



The Sprig of Acacia



Euclid Masonic Temple

27271 Tungsten Road

Euclid

Ohio

216-731-9857

Volume 16, Issue 3

Second Wednesday and Fourth Friday

May / June, 2020

"Step into the Light of Freemasonry" Grand Masters Program

Acacia Lodge Officers

2019 – 2020

- W. M. - Ted A. Daly, 216-308-2572,
tdaly@oh.rr.com
- S. W. - Mark A. Novak, 216-406-5856,
markn95@gmail.com
- J. W. - Matt T. Leedom, 330-281-9331,
matthewleedom@hotmail.com
- S. D. -
- J. D. - Craig Niederriter, 440-884-1376,
lowhorseman@aol.com
- S. S. - Chris J. Rieger, 216-548-4005,
c.j.rieger@hotmail.com
- J. S. - Edward M. Herroon, 440-231-8865
edherroon@yahoo.com
- Tyler - Jason R. Elliott, 245-290-2268,
jasonelliott91@aol.com
- Secretary - James R. Cogan, 440-257-6964,
coganj@sbcglobal.net
- Treasurer - David P. Ponsart, 440-953-1726,
grocerydude@att.net
- Chaplain - Jerald G. Dickerson,
(440) 449-4639
- L.E.O. - Jeffrey H. Day, 440-449-2944,
jeffreyhday@yahoo.com
- Marshall - N. Allen Paynter, 216-346-3162,
mrclean274@aol.com
- Organist - Stephen A. Mietus, 330-592-3054,
hkmietus@gmail.com



To all our Brethren

During this trying time remember that we are brethren of the greatest fraternity in the world. And, we are reaching out to all our members by phone, email, snail mail and carrier pigeon to see how you are faring during this pandemic. Should you require any assistance please contact any of the Lodge Officers and we will help.

Also, remember all the front line first responders, nurses, doctors and hospital workers who are working to fight this invisible enemy in your thoughts and prayers.

TRESTLE-BOARD

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

- May 13 – Virtual Stated Meeting
- May 29 – Virtual or actual Stated Meeting
- June 19 – Virtual or actual Stated Meeting
- June 24 – Night at the Range – See article
- June 26 – Virtual or actual Stated Meeting

From The East



Greetings Brethren,

These are very serious and stressful times that we find ourselves in as a country, and we face many challenges ahead. One of those is to continue our fraternity in a safe and compassionate manner. I can assure all of you that Acacia's Officers are hard at work implementing ways to bring Masonry to our Brethren. One of those ways is that our Officers have established a calling committee and a call list to contact ALL the Brethren of Acacia Lodge and personally speak to each one of you. Our goal is to reconnect with our members, making sure that you are safe and address the problems that you may have. In addition, we are updating our records and asking

you to take this time to register with the Grand Lodge of Ohio's on-line registration database referred to as Grandview. This is a statewide data base that the Secretary and Master of the Lodge have access to for our Lodge, Acacia #651. This is a VERY important tool and as I am finding out trying to track down our members is very challenging and will help in keeping us all connected. Along with catching up with you, we are encouraging our members to join us during this time of "sheltering in place" on-line through Zoom Meeting, a virtual meeting. We have been granted a dispensation by the Grand Lodge of Ohio to hold online stated meetings opened in a similar fashion as we do for funerals. It is very easy to join and quite popular. Our Editor in Chief of the Acacia Newsletter has explained the process in more detail in a separate article and I ask that you read it and take it upon yourself to join our meetings online. We can conduct all business that comes before it as well as present educational programs. Acacia Lodge is utilizing this method of communication and it has proven to be quite successful. We cannot perform degree work or ballot for candidates but at least we are staying connected.

There are a couple of charity events that Acacia is participating in that I am quite pleased to announce to you. The first one, which has been extended, is collecting new socks and underwear for financially challenged men and boys through "Hope Chest". The second charity will be voted on by our members and seeks to purchase lunches for the staff at Lake Hospital System who are on the front lines trying to help those hit the hardest from this virus.

Just a couple quick announcements for the residents of Lake County. 1.) May 9, 2020 there is a Television and CRT Monitor collection at the Lake County Fairgrounds. 2.) June 6, 2020 there is a Hazardous Waste (automotive fluids, bulbs, batteries, household cleaners, garden chemicals & pesticides) collection also at the Lake County Fairgrounds. If you need help in disposing any of these items, please contact us and we can help. There is a small fee of \$5.00 - \$10.00 depending on the size screen. The hazardous waste disposal is free.

Fraternally Submitted with Warmest Regards,

WB Ted Daly

Dear Lodge Brothers,

It is at times like this that we can learn something new and be reminded just how important God, our families and friends are in our lives. When it comes to God, the Great Architect of the Universe, we can always learn from the Scriptures and know that he is in charge. This health challenge we are in the midst of now, will be over before we know it, with a little help from us and a lot of help from God. Also know that our families will always look after us if we show them love, and we should treat our friends in the same way.

I would like to suggest we all look up some Masonic facts, information and/or stories on the Grand Lodge Web page (<https://oh.grandview.systems>, click on Grand Seal and follow to the next page and click on the word "blog" at the top) that we may find helpful and that may lead to some Peace of Mind. I challenge you all to read something of a Masonic nature before our next Zoom meeting and perhaps share something noteworthy with your Lodge Brothers at that time.

I found a line of Scripture that you may find interesting. It is from 1Peter, Chapter 4, Verse 10 according to the New Living Translation: "God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another." So in closing, life is a gift!! Use it wisely!!!

Peace,
Fraternally,
Bro. Jeff Day, LEO

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.



MY HOUSE GOT
TP'D LAST NIGHT,
IT'S NOW
APPRAISED AT
\$875,000

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

Sign up for your Zoom account

Starting a Zoom Meeting – Windows 10, Mac OS X, and Linux

Step 1 – In the email that was sent from Grand View, simply click the link to join the meeting. The password is embedded in the link, but is also included in the email in case Zoom requests it.

Step 2 – If it is your first time using Zoom, your browser will ask to download and install the Zoom client. Follow the directions on your screen provided by Zoom.

Step 3 – Zoom should automatically start. Enter the password for the meeting if prompted. Once in Zoom, choose the blue “Join with Computer Audio” button. This will use your computer’s microphone and speakers for the conversation. WARNING: once you click this button, people on the call can hear you.

Step 4 – To mute and unmute your microphone, click the “Mute” or “Unmute” button in the lower-left of the Zoom window.

Starting a Meeting cell phone – Android and iOS Devices

Step 1 – Download the Zoom mobile app from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.

Step 2 – Open your email with the link to the meeting, and click the link. The Zoom app will open automatically.

Step 3 - Enter the password for the meeting if prompted. Once in Zoom, choose the “Join With Computer Audio” selection. This will use your device’s microphone and speakers for the conversation. WARNING: once you click this button, people on the call can hear you.

Step 4 – To mute and unmute your microphone, tap anywhere on your screen then click the “Mute” or “Unmute” button in the lower-left of the Zoom window.

Leaving a Zoom Meeting To leave a Zoom meeting on a desktop or laptop, simply click the red-lettered “Leave Meeting” or “End Meeting” link in the lower-right of the Zoom application.

To leave a Zoom meeting on a mobile device, first tap anywhere on the screen, then click the red-lettered “Leave Meeting” or “End Meeting” link in the lower right of the Zoom application.

Please join our next Acacia Lodge virtual meeting.

Sprig of Acacia – Word Search

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

ALL	ASHLAR
BEE HIVE	CANDIDATE
CATECHISM	CHARTER
DEDICATION	DUE FORM
EMBLEM	EYE
FAITH	GLOBES
HOOR GLASS	IGNORANCE
JERUSALEM	JEWELS
KEYSTONE	LADDER
LOST WORD	MOSAIC
MOTE	OBLIGATION
PENALTY	QUORUM
RUFFIANS	SEEING
WORKING TOOLS	ZION

Shriner's News

The Shriners are alive and well and are currently meeting at the Brecksville Masonic Temple, with the business meeting on the third Monday at 7:00 p.m. when the virus limitations are over. Later this year we will probably be meeting at the Berea Masonic Temple on Eastland Rd. This is pending the Imperial Shrines approval.

This is a good time to become a Shriner, as we have dropped the initiation fee to only \$50.00 with a fee as the Scottish Rite has done. It is also a good time

to join the Scottish Rite. The Shrine Ceremonial has been moved from June to Nov.

Drivers – The Shrine needs or will need hospital van drivers when we get back to driving kids. You do not need to be a Shriner to be a van driver. We just need one of the two drivers to be a Shriner. This can be a very rewarding thing to take our special children back to Cincinnati and the Erie hospitals for their follow up appointments. A special thanks to our Acacia Lodge Brother and Shriner Fred Freer and his wife Mary for the numerous trips they have made. If you are interested in helping please call me.

There have been rumors that the Shrine Cincinnati Burns Hospital is closing. Nothing could be further from the truth. The hospital will be moving to Dayton, Ohio later this year or the beginning of next year to better facilities to better serve the children.

Shriners Korvette News – The Shriners Korvette unit, which we have 3 Acacia Lodge members, two drivers Don Davis, director, Al Paynter, driver, and Russ Koscica, former driver, had a rough year in 2019. A storm took down a tree and crushed our storage shed, destroyed 3 cars, damaged a 4th and destroyed numerous spare engines and parts. We also lost our longest serving driver and Acacia Lodge member Dave Lawrence after a long battle with cancer. Dave was only 51.

The Korvette's have some extra cars, so if anyone is interested in becoming a Korvette driver please call me. It is more fun than you can imagine. BE WELL STAY SAFE.

Al Paynter PM & Al Koran Past Potentate
216-381-0614

Great Architect:

A key to understanding why we call God our Creator "Great Architect of the Universe".

In the recent edition of Hillsdale College's, Imprints Magazine we learn "Aristotle writes that the architect does not know how to lay bricks as well as the bricklayer, but he knows how to direct the bricklayer toward the completion of the building. The word architect comes from two Greek words: arche, which means ruling principle, and techne, which means art or making (the word technology derives from this word as well). So, architecture means the ruling art, and it is a form of the kind of

understanding every person must have to manage his life. The classical word for it is prudence. It is the common-sense capacity we each have to pursue the proper ends of life amidst a welter of constantly shifting circumstances."

Does this knowledge change your perception of God's purpose? How does God's ruling principles guide your thoughts, acts and even words?

Faternally,

Bro. Craig Niederriter
Junior Deacon

St. Patrick's Day Party

Acacia Lodge celebrated St. Patrick's Day at the Music Box Supper Club on March 8, 2020. A fine time was had on this afternoon with 19 members, family and children in attendance. Lunch was served buffet style by the Music Box Supper.



After lunch everyone was entertained by the Irish band "The Kilroys" with help from various participants in attendance from the audience.





Brother Jeff Day & WM Ted Daly



Bro. Ken Wulff and Grand Daughter



In Memoriam

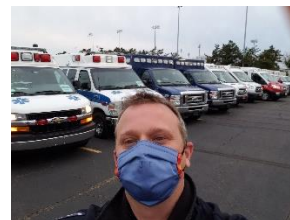
Brother Richard P. VanCuren **Passed** March 20, 2019

They rest from their labors

There's nothing like a little tomato soup to soothe the soul. Even if it's cold. Over ice. With a celery stalk. And vodka..

About the Lodge

Bro. Jason Elliot, Tyler, has volunteered to go with his ambulance company to New York to help out with the response to Covid-19. Jay has a long history of answering "The Call", whether now, with Covid-19, or years ago serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Way to go Jay!



Also, In the below photo is Captain James Peter Trakas of the Ohio Military Reserve. Currently attached to HQ Co; 148th infantry, 37th, Infantry Brigade, Ohio Army National Guard.



Bro. Jim is a member of Acacia Lodge # 651. As was his father Pete. Pete was a WW II vet, and the inspection candidate for RWB Dick Ingham.

Jim was activated for Ohio's Covid19 relief effort.

Brethren we have men from Acacia serving in multiple capacities for Covid19. Let's continue to keep these men, and each other in our prayers.

I'm waiting to see all of you again soon!

Brethren, we have men helping out all over, Guard, reservists, law enforcement, and other first responders from Acacia Lodge and are making a positive difference every day.

Jay, Jim and the rest of these men know we are praying for them and wait to welcome them back to lodge when we see each other again.

Fraternally,
Senior Deacon

The Anchor



Today in Masonic History discussed the Anchor.

The Anchor is a symbol of well-grounded hope and a life well spent.

The Anchor has long been a symbol of stability. It is believed that it became a symbol of hope with early Christians. Drawings and carvings in the catacombs of Rome depict the early usage of this symbol in the Christian faith.

It is not surprising that the symbol of the anchor was adopted by early Christians as a symbol. Early Christians saw life as a "stormy voyage." Seafarers, probably from the beginning of travels by sea, saw the anchor as the only way to survive a rough sea. The Anchor would give the early seafarers a sense of Hope to survive an angry sea or massive storm.

The depiction of a boat and an anchor were often linked. It was not until early Freemasons that the Anchor became connected with the images of Noah's Ark. In fact in early Masonic writings the Anchor is not even seen as a symbol associated with the fraternity.

Around the time of the founding of the Grand Lodge of England, there was a lot of interest in the "postdiluvian world." Postdiluvian of course referring to what came after the biblical flood of Noah. It would make sense that Masons from around that time would seek out symbols that associated the Masonic fraternity with postdiluvian symbols. This would tie Freemasonry with the biblical flood, cementing it in the early days of speculative Masonry.

For Freemasons, the images of the Ark and the Anchor are meant to remind us, of the rough travels in our lives. That by Anchoring ourselves with well founded Hope we can weather the storms of life.

Why?

Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

BECAUSE

When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

WHY?

Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'?

BECAUSE

In France, where tennis became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'the egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans (naturally), mispronounced it 'love.'

Testing in the 19th century:

Remember when grandparents and great-grandparents stated that they only had an 8th grade education?

Well, check out the second half of the test. Could any of us have passed the 8th grade in 1895?

This is the eighth-grade final exam from 1895 in Salina, Kansas.

It was taken from the original document on file at the Smokey Valley Genealogical Society and Library in Salina and reprinted by the Salina Journal.

8th Grade Final Exam: Salina, Kansas – 1895

Orthography (Time, one hour) [Do we even know what this topic is?]

1. What is meant by the following: alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, syllabication.
2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?
3. What are the following, and give examples of each: trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals.
4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u.' (HUH?)
5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e.' Name two exceptions under each rule.
6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.
7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: bi, dis-mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, sup.
8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.
9. Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.
10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

Geography (Time, one hour)

1. What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?
2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas?
3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?
4. Describe the mountains of North America.
5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia, Odessa, Denver, Manitoba, Hecla, Yukon, St.

Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco.

6. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the U.S. Name all the republics of Europe and give the capital of each.
7. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitude?
8. Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns to the sources of rivers.
9. Describe the movements of the earth. Give the inclination of the earth.

Notice that the exam took FIVE HOURS to complete.

- Gives the statement "he only had an 8th grade education" a whole new meaning, doesn't it?
- No wonder they dropped out after 8th grade. They already knew more than they needed to know!
- No, I don't have the answers! And I don't think I ever did!
- Have fun with this ... pass it on so we're not the only ones who feel stupid!

"Life is not the way it's supposed to be.. It's the way it is. The way we cope with it, is what makes the difference"

The Broken Column by Robert Morris.

"His work was not done, yet his column is broken;"
Mourn ye and weep, for ye cherished his worth;
Let every tear-drop be sympathy'a token -
Lost to the Brotherhood, lost to the earth.

His Work had been planned by a Wisdom Supernal;
Strength had been given him meet for the same;
Down in the midst he is fallen, and vernal
Leaves hang above him and whisper his fame.

His work was to Build; on the walls we beheld him,-
Swiftly and truly they rose 'neath his hand;
Envious death with bis Gavel has felled him,
Plumb-line and Trowel are strewn o'er the land.

His Work thus unfinished to us is entrusted;
Master of Masons, give strength, we entreat,
Bravely to work with these Implements rusted,
Wisely to build tlll the Temple's complete!

"Any man's life will be filled with constant and unexpected encouragement if he makes up his mind to do his level best each day." - Booker T. Washington

TRESTLE-BOARD

Tear off and post on your refrigerator!

All stated meetings start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated – Dinner is provided before each meeting at 6:30 p.m. and **reservations are required**. Please call James Cogan, 440-257-6964.

May 13, 2020	Virtual Stated Meeting – Lodge Education
May 22, 2020	Virtual Stated Meeting – Lodge Education
June 19, 2020	Virtual Stated Meeting – Lodge Education
June 24, 2020	Night at the Range – See above article
June 26, 2020	Virtual Stated Meeting – Lodge Education

ONE LINERS FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT; AN INTERESTING PLAY ON WORDS!;

They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O. ;

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now. ;

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time. ;

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me. ;

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore. ;

James R. Cogan
6130 Thistlewood Drive
Mentor OH 44060

