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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

- Jul 15 Golf Outing – See Article
- Aug 11 Lodge Picnic – Pioneer Waterland – See Article
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From The East



Greetings Again Brethren,

Time is not slowing down by any measure. We've wrapped up the first part of the 2018 Masonic year and are taking a well earned break to devote our attentions to our families, take inventory of our passions, and reflect on what we've accomplished.

We're successfully raising our newest Master Mason and will conclude his sublime journey in September. We continue to improve in our ritual work and I have no doubt that his raising will be as well received as it will be conducted. There's no way to know when our membership will stabilize, but as we faithfully continue to pursue our profession of working the rough ashlar that is human nature, into its refined potential. We will continue to discover why we picked up our tools in the first place.

We pursue this path not because we know success is inevitable or easily achieved. Quite the opposite. The newly obligated brother won't know what to expect until he's initiated, passed, and raised, because that's the work that unites us. For most of us it's a struggle at first. The EA degree is somewhat alien to an idle mind, and the following exam is usually met with resistance. Meetings are attended more regularly and curiosity develops. Then the FC degree seems a little more familiar and one starts to see the light. The exam isn't nearly as overwhelming and the mysteries come into focus. After a man is raised and has taken his final exam he can certainly appreciate all the work and all the brethren that pulled together to execute such an orchestrated effort. Without this fraternal cement nothing would be possible.

Thanks again to all the hard work and dedication of our officers. Special thanks to all the membership support and visiting brethren for their participation and attendance at our meetings.

Fraternally,

Tim Gallagher, Worshipful Master

Crossing one's finger is a way of making the Sign of the Cross. It began as a way to ask God for protection without attracting the attention of pagans. - Provided by FactRetriever.com

The English chocolate company Cadbury made the first chocolate bar in the world in 1842. - Provided by FactRetriever.com

Greetings from the West

Brethren,

I have some sad, but exciting, news to share with everyone. My family and I are moving to Texas in mid July. Unfortunately, I will not be continuing on in Acacia's line of Officer's. I am confident that our Great Lodge (Acacia) will find someone to replace me and do just as good, if not better than I would have done moving forward.

I would like to use my last article to thank a few of the men who have truly shined that great light of Masonry in my direction.

First, W.B. Bruce Turner, a true Friend. Bruce has always had my back when it comes to any and everything. He has spent countless nights of his own personal time helping me with all my ritual work, going over lectures, charges and conferrals. I would not be the same Mason without you my Brother!

Second, W.B. James Burnett, for being there to push me and show me that each station has responsibilities and that it's not just a Chair to sit in on Friday Night's.

Third, W.B James Cogan, if and when I had any questions about the fraternity, situations that have came up in lodge or anything for that matter, he would always guide me in the right direction without any hesitation.

Finally, last but not least, all the members of Acacia Lodge #651 for not only all the help and fun times, but for also being true Friends. This group of men are a real compliment to the fraternity and deserves recognition.

I will be staying a member of Acacia, but will be looking for a new Lodge to plural with once I get to Texas and I look forward to representing Mason's from Ohio but most importantly a Mason from Acacia Lodge #651.

Again, thanks to all the members of Acacia Lodge and to all my fellow Brothers that have helped me along my way.

Respectfully Submitted

Chris Modica

Senior Warden

Brethren,

I wanted to share this good news with all my lodge brothers.

I was really surprised when Goliad Lodge in Goliad, Texas nominated and then voted for me to receive the Golden Trowel Award. This will be presented to me this month.

I hope this finds y'all well!

Fraternally,

Bill Montague, PM



"It is for use by all Texas Lodges. The **Golden Trowel** is the Lodge's formal recognition of a Brother for his devoted service to **Masonic** principles in general or to his Lodge. ... It is to those Master Craftsmen that the **Golden Trowel Award** is designated as the highest **award** a Lodge can bestow upon an individual member." Dec 15, 2015



In Memoriam

Brother	Passed
Howard J. Gregorich	December 11, 2017
Robert Edmonds	February 28, 2017
Steve J. Bellas	May 9, 2018
Ronald R. Bennett	May 31, 2018
Leonard Gibson	November 22, 2017

They rest from their labors

Brethren of Acacia 651

It's Tom Daly from the Ohio Masonic Home in Medina, Ohio

I'm, now, pretty well settled in an apartment with adequate room and facilities to handle my current life style.

At first, it was unsettling to be away from my home of 70 years, but the realization that this is my home and that I'm in good hands settles my fears.

My children have done all that was necessary to make this a smooth transition and I can't find words to let them know how grateful I am.

We are going to have some work ahead to make my house and property acceptable for sale but your senior deacon (my son, Ted) is in charge and we all know he is quite capable.

If you know anyone who is looking for a home, "speak now or forever be silent"

Some of you know that I have a hobby, working with wood and I will be trying to continue this endeavor in the Masonic Home's carpenter shop.

It's been a trying time for me at first but this is a marvelous facility and in time I know I'll be OK!

I'm attending Masonic functions on site and know some of the brethren.

I'll be in touch later.

Fraternally,

Tom E. Daly, Jr., KYCK

From without the Inner Door

Brethren, once again I thank you for the boost in attendance we've had lately. We've had many wonderful events and more to come this summer including a golf outing at Powderhorn Golf Course and a picnic at Pioneer Water Park.

We just had our first fishing trip of the year where we caught 36 walleye which was our best year yet. We have more events coming and we hope that more masons decide to participate and enjoy in the festivities.

Acacia Lodge is recognized annually by our DDGM at inspection for all the special events we have for our members and families. Our brethren, their families and friends recognize these events as an

extension of all the good work and activities sponsored by Acacia Lodge and are benefits of our Brotherly Love and Friendship. As we are to go dark for the next two months I wish everyone the very best - be safe and sound and I look forward to seeing you in September, God bless and take care.

Fraternally,

Jason Elliott, Tyler

Masonry Word Puzzle

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

Find These Words

ACCEPTED	AFFILIATE
ALARM	BEE
BIBLE	CABLE
CEREMONY	CHARTER
DEMIT	DISPENSATION
DOTAGE	ESOTERIC
FORTITUDE	FREEMASON
GEOMETRY	HARMONY
HIVE	INDUSTRY
JEWELS	KIPLING
LANDMARKS	LECTURE
MERIDIAN	MORGAN
NAPHTALI	OBLONG
PASSWORD	PLUMB
SYMBOL	TOW

Why are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'?

BECAUSE - Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the Centre of attention.

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.



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 9th**. If you are planning to attend only the cookout, please let us know.



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 height) – 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.**

Photos from the youth baseball team sponsored by Acacia Lodge #731,





tailored to their situation and follow up with a phone call and sympathy card. This is another way to express our Masonic Obligation of caring for our widows.

Our goal is to reach individuals before they are in crisis to be their advocate and to support them through their grieving process. We need your help in our efforts. To that end, we are asking if you would be able to provide information from your current Widows list. This will allow us to contact all of these individuals and to mail updated Resource Center information and newsletters to those who may be in need of assistance. In the newsletter, we plan to offer information on topics such as senior scams, Medicare benefits, estate planning, caregiver stress, and health and wellness tips. This list will not be used for solicitation purposes, and any individual who chooses may be removed from the mailing list.

In Districts where we have a Masonic Volunteer Program Committee, our goal is to utilize willing volunteers to also follow up with those widows and widowers to offer additional support as needed. We are providing several options for getting the information to our team.

Mail - OMH Resource Center, Attn: Becky Cason, 2655 West National Rd. Springfield, OH 45504

Email: - rcason@ohiomasonichome.org or omhrc@ohiomasonichome.org

We are happy to take the information in whatever form you like. As a follow up phase, after we complete this project, we intend to work collaboratively with Grand Lodge to provide you with a method to relay information regarding a death of a Brother or his wife on an ongoing basis.

You may also call the Resource Center at 877-881-1623 to let us know about any recent death in your lodge of a Mason or spouse of a Mason, and one of our Widows Packets will be sent.

Thank you for your help and support of our Widows Program. Please call if you have questions or concerns.

Together we can reach more people in need.

Becky Cason, Resource Center Liaison

937-717-8805

I have just received this important information from our Grand Secretary, MWB C. Michael Watson. I will forward all the appropriate information to Ms. Carson. But please keep this in mind for future reference.

Fraternally,

James Cogan, Sr., PM, Secretary

Dear Secretary,

We are reaching out to you today from the Ohio Masonic Home Resource Center to let you know about our renewed efforts to assist Masonic widows and widowers. Through the Resource Center we will be able to mail out a packet to widows and widowers upon the death of their spouse. Included in this packet will be information on important documentation to gather and numbers to call (Social Security, Medicare, etc), as well as information on grief and loss, local resources and contact information for the Resource Center Liaison closest to the surviving spouse. We will enclose pamphlets

WB Tom Daly celebrated his 90th birthday on Sunday, June 10th at the Ohio Masonic Home in Medina.



WB Tom next to his daughter-in-law, Linda



WB Tom and WM Tim Gallagher

More photos will be posted on our website.

Ancient Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine - Part II

The first meeting of the Imperial Council was brief, but in addition to election of officers, it accomplished the following:

1. Established New York City as the Grand Orient or headquarters for the Imperial Council,
2. Approved a plan to install five Past Potentates from each subordinate temple as honorary members of the Imperial Council,
3. Created a committee to write statutes and regulations for governance of the Imperial Council and its subordinate temples,
4. Established a \$50 fee for charters for new temples, \$10 as an annual temple tax to be paid to the Imperial Council, and \$10 as the minimum initiation fee for new members,
5. Adopted a resolution making it mandatory that all Shriners be members in good standing of either the Scottish Rite or Knights Templar. (Recently the Imperial Council amended this resolution to allow Master Masons in good standing to join.)
6. Established the following temples; Mahammed in New Haven, Conn., Ziyara in Utica, NY, Pyramid in Bridgeport, Conn., and Syria in Pittsburgh.

Nobles McClenachan, Ehlers and J.H. Hobart were named to the committee on statutes and regulations.

The first official act of the Imperial Council was to grant a charter to Mecca Temple, bearing the date September 26, 1872. The council placed a limit of 33 on its own membership and ruled that only active life members who are Potentates or Past Potentates could belong to the Council. The Imperial Grand Council would meet each year during the first week of February at Albany, NY it was decided.

Mt. Sinai Temple at Montpelier VT was granted a charter in 1876. At the February 6, 1877 meeting of the Imperial Grand Council in Albany, members made appointments bringing to 30 the Council membership. The Council also voted to present each new Noble with certificate, specified official jewels and costumes for the respective offices, and required each new temple to select an ancient

Arabic or Egyptian name.

In 1877, charters were granted to Oriental Temple at Troy, NY, to Al Koran Temple in Cleveland, to Syrian Temple in Cincinnati, and to Cyprus Temple in Albany.

It was between the late 1880's and the early 1900's that the Shrine enjoyed great membership growth and vigorous program activity. Here are some of the highlights of that period:

1886 - Imperial Grand Council met in Cleveland and voted to drop the word "Grand" from the Council title.

1886 - The irrepressible Dr. Fleming stepped down as Imperial Potentate after 12 years, and was replaced by Noble Sam Briggs of Cleveland.

1888 - Twelve new temples were chartered and the Imperial Council met outside of the U.S. for the first time, at Toronto, Canada.

1890 - The Imperial Council enacted the famous three-blackball veto on Shrine membership and the term for Imperial officers was reduced from three years to one year.

1891 - The Council banned use of emblems of any other secret organization with those of the Shrine, and forbade wearing of the fez and jewel except for Shrine functions.

1891 - King Kalakaua of Hawaii was initiated in the Shrine on January 14 in a ceremony at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

1897 - The Council rejected applications for Temples in Mexico and the Sandwich Islands.

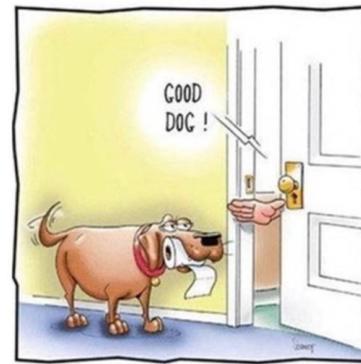
1899 - All but seven of the 78 temples were engaged in some form of charitable work.

1900 - The Imperial Council ruled that a Noble could belong to more than one temple.

1906 - Membership passed the 100,000 mark. The Shrine sent monetary aid to victims of the great San Francisco earthquake.

This series of articles is excerpt from Phoenixmasonry Web Site

by Don Ritchie P.M.
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PERHAPS THE MOST NOBLE OF ALL RESCUE ANIMALS: THE LAVATORY RETRIEVER

PARAPROSDOKIANS - are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is unexpected. Winston Churchill loved them. These Paraprozdokians probably have been around before but they are still interesting.

- They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
- To steal ideas from someone is plagiarism. To steal from many is called research.
- In filling in an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency' - notify: I put 'DOCTOR.'
- I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- I am not arguing with you, I am explaining why you are wrong..
- Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
- A clear conscience is the sign of a bad memory.
- I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
- Nostalgia isn't what it used to be. Nor is there any future in it.
- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.
- Finally: I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

PROFOUND ONE-LINERS

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

Money isn't everything, but it sure keeps the kids in touch.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

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Tear off and post on your refrigerator!

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