



The Sprig of Acacia



Euclid Masonic Temple

27271 Tungsten Road

Euclid

Ohio

216-731-9857

Volume 13, Issue 5

Second and Fourth Fridays

September / October, 2017

"Freemasonry, A Brotherhood Of Values" --- Grand Masters Program

Acacia Lodge Officers

2016 – 2017

- W. M. - Errol W. Savage, (216) 410-0421, errolsavage@hotmail.com
- S. W. - Tim P. Gallagher, 440-833-0088, tgallagher@marousbrothers.com
- J. W. - Mark Novak, 216-406-5856, markn95@gmail.com
- S. D. - Chris Modica, 440-298-1666, c.modica@yahoo.com
- J. D. - Chris Malinoski, 261-310-1233, cmalinoski@aol.com
- S. S. - Craig A. Niederriter, 440-884-1376, lowhorseman@aol.com
- J. S. -
- Tyler - Jason R. Elliott, 245-290-2268, jasonelliott91@aol.com
- Secretary - James R. Cogan, P.M., 440-257-6964, coganj@sbcglobal.net
- Treasurer - David Ponsart, 440-953-1726, grocerydude@att.net
- Chaplain - Jerald G. Dickerson, (440) 449-4639
- L.E.O. - James L. Burnett, Jr. 440-795-8330 J.Burnett@twc.com
- Marshall - Hugh Sullivan, (216) 321-4840 hughnix@gmail.com
- Organist - Stephen A. Mietus, 330-592-3054, smeitus@neo.rr.com

TRESTLE-BOARD

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

- Sept 8 **Stated Meeting** –
- Sept 22 **Stated Meeting** –
- Oct 13 **Stated Meeting** –
- Oct 18 **Range Night at Atwell's** – see article
- Oct 20/21 208th Annual Communication Grand Lodge of Ohio in Dayton
- Oct 27 **Stated Meeting** –
- Nov 10 **Stated Meeting** – Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
- Nov 17 **Annual Awards Night**
- Dec 2 **Annual Christmas Party**
- Dec 8 **Stated Meeting** – Annual Installation of Officers

"The Old Masters Wages"

I met a dear old man today,
who wore a Masonic pin,

It was old and faded like the man,
It's edges were worn quite thin.

I approached the park bench where he sat,
To give the old brother his due,

I said, "I see you've traveled east,"
He said, "I have, have you."

I said, "I have, and in my day Before the all seeing sun,
I played in the rubble, with Jubala, Jubalo and Jubalum."

He shouted, "don't laugh at the work my son,
It's good and sweet and true,

And if you've traveled as you said,
You should give these things their due."

The word, the sign the token,
The sweet Masonic prayer,

The vow that all have taken,
Who've climbed the inner stair.

The wages of a Mason,
are never paid in gold,

but the gain comes from contentment,
when you're weak and growing old.

You see, I've carried my obligations,
For almost fifty years,

It has helped me through the hardships
and the failures full of tears.

Now I'm losing my mind and body,
Death is near but I don't despair,

I've lived my life upon the level,
And I'm dying upon the square.

Sometimes the greatest lessons
Are those that are learned anew,

And the old man in the park today
has changed my point of view.

To all Masonic brothers,
The only secret is to care,

May you live your life upon the level,
May you part upon the square.

View from the West:

Greetings Brethren, The end of the summer season approaches and on behalf of the officers of Acacia Lodge I'd like to thank everyone for their support and attendance at our events this summer. Nearly every event went as planned and in good weather.

Unfortunately the second fishing trip was cancelled due to inclement weather. The food and refreshments did not go to waste. The brethren and guests detoured to Bro Dan Bennett's lake front home that morning and enjoyed watching the weather over the lake from his back yard while sharing fishing stories and fond memories. On behalf of the Event Committee I would like to apologize for any inconveniences caused by the cancellation. Rescheduling events such as these prove very difficult especially on short notice. Regretfully, we will have to wait until next summer for another fishing trip.

I am pleased to say that we had another well attended picnic at Pioneer Waterland. We thank Jamie Cogan and RWB Hibjan for doing us the courtesy of preparing the hamburgers and hotdogs for everyone. Afterwards the families and friends of Acacia Lodge enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of water slides, lazy rivers and last but not least our traditional racing at the go-cart track.

I look forward to seeing everyone again in September when Acacia Lodge returns from our summer break. Please don't forget to RSVP for this year's Christmas Party. Contact our Secretary, James Cogan, 440-257-6964. Please include the number of attendees, children's sex and ages or we will not be able to provide an appropriate gift.

Fraternally,
Bro. Tim Gallagher, S.W.



In Memoriam

Brother	Passed
David W. Smith	7-30-2006
Boris Stuchlak	7-21-2017

They rest from their labors.

Award for Acacia Lodge

At the Grand Master's Reception last May, Acacia Lodge was presented with the below plaque in appreciation for the money donated to the Ohio Masonic Home.



Acacia Lodge wishes to thank all our brethren for their generosity when they pay their annual dues and per capita by adding donations to all our various Masonic Charities!

Acacia Range Night

Acacia Lodge will hold its second annual Range Night on October 18th 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

Need Help?

Do you know a Brother or a widow who needs assistance with aging in any way, please refer them to the Ohio Masonic Home Resource Center at 1-877-881-1623. It's a toll free call and they can connect him or her with the services they need.

Sponsored by Acacia Lodge

I want to give an update on what I talked about in a previous newsletter. Acacia Lodge voted to sponsor a Concord Youth Baseball Team over the summer. The team Acacia Lodge sponsored was called the Yankees and won the Championship for their division!! The boys (7 - 8year olds) on the team worked really hard and never gave up. I was fortunate to be the head coach of these AMAZING boys.



The lodge's sponsorship helped the local baseball league and brought attention to our Great Fraternity. The League had a banner made that hung all Season at our games. It advertised Acacia Lodge and our contact information. I was approached by a number of individuals asking questions about the Fraternity. I even had 3 or 4 ask how to join and when they can get a petition submitted.

A plaque was presented thanking Acacia Lodge for their sponsorship.



All in all, this was a win for both the local youth and our Lodge. We helped develop the kid's skills, and also received some advertising/publicity. I am so lucky to be a part of a Lodge that continues to support many great charitable activities.

Fraternally,

Chris Modica, Senior Deacon

From without the inner door:

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. School started for most of our children on August 14th. This is early for many of us, but this is a brave new world, I guess. Myself and children had many wonderful events and excursions around our beautiful state this summer. I hope all of you have had the chance to enjoy the world God has given us to enjoy.

I know some of you have had health issues and rest assured that our thoughts and prayers are with you. If within the length of our cable tow is a tenant that I take to heart and try to practice. Therefore, if I am able I will answer any call for assistance I receive by my friends and brothers.

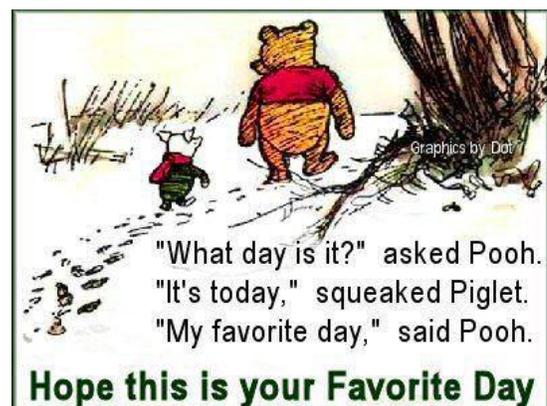
My brothers, I look forward to another exciting year at Acacia Lodge and I'm anxious to seeing all of you again. Take care my brothers and God bless.

Fraternally

Jason R. Elliott, Tyler.

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.



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.

September 8, 2017	Stated Meeting
September 22, 2017	Stated Meeting
October 13, 2017	Stated Meeting
October 18, 2017	Night at the Range – Atwell’s
October 20/21, 2017	208th Annual Communication Grand Lodge of Ohio in Dayton
October 27, 2017	Stated Meeting
November 10, 2017	Stated Meeting – Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
November 17, 2017	Annual Awards Night
December 2, 2017	Annual Christmas Party
December 8, 2017	Stated Meeting – Installation of Officers
December 22, 2017	Stated Meeting

James R. Cogan
6130 Thistlewood Drive
Mentor OH 44060

