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"Not Just A Man A Mason" Grand Master's Program

To all Brethren receiving this newsletter – you are cordially invited to attend any meeting or event!

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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

- May 8 Stated Meeting
- May 18 G.M. Reception
- May 24 Range Night
- Jun 12 Stated Meeting
- Jun 17 Masonic Training
- Jun 21 Table Lodge
- Jun 28 Stated Meeting
- Jul 10 Stated Meeting
- Jul 6 Captain's Game
- Jul 26 Stated Meeting
- Jul 28 Top Golf

From The East,



Greetings Brethren,

I find myself looking back on life for a meaningful perspective. I wonder how I could have been a better Mason, a better man or a better friend. When you think of the principles and purpose of Masonry and how you applied them to your life, I expect you may feel as I do, I did well, but I could have done better. Well, the good news is we can still do better going forward.

In Masonry, “we build a hope that belongs not only in our Fraternity, but to all of humanity. Our excuse for being and our legitimate claim upon men’s efforts and devotion lie in the ability of individuals to build and to keep building more closely to the designs of our Great Creator” (From “Our Masonic Purpose”, Short Talk bulletin Volume 43, Number 6). I look to the future now and know that with God’s help, all things are possible.

We will be raising our newest Fellow Craft Brother, Oliver Nunley, to the degree of Master Mason on May 24, 2024. Our lodge is blessed with many qualified members of our Fellow Craft Team, and I expect we will have a good turnout for Brother Nunley’s special night and thus share a meaningful experience with him. We also have a candidate in the wings who is considering joining our great Fraternity.

I am looking forward to spending time with all of my fellow Masons not only at our stated and special meetings, but at some of the many social activities we have planned for the year going forward. Look to the Trestle-Board for details and times, but note that a Table Lodge is planned for June 21st, a Captains Ball game on July 6th, a Top Golf event on July 28th, a cruise on the Lady Caroline August 31st (Saturday during the Air Show), a Clam Bake on September 21, Awards night on November 22nd, and last but not least our annual Christmas party on December 14th. Note: some adjustments may be made to the dates for future events, also some events have limited space but for now write them down on your personal calendar. Additional activities are also being considered for this year as well as next year.

Our future looks brighter than ever. None of this can happen without you! So set your mind to joining us when you can and know without you, our Lodge would not be the same.

Fraternally,

Jeffrey H. Day, Worshipful Master

Acacia Lodge Inspection 2024



On March 22nd Acacia Lodge was inspected in Entered Apprentice Degree. The lodge passed this Inspection in fine form with the assistance of the members and officers in the above picture.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Daniel P. Mossop District Deputy Grand Master and Wor. Bro. James C. Cain District Education Officer were our inspecting officers, and everyone enjoyed a fine evening.

Greetings from the West:

Hello Brethren, it's a great time to be a Mason and an even better time to be a member of Acacia Lodge. I have to say that W.B. Day has a very exciting rest of the year planned. Make sure to get reservations in as soon as possible for all events, a number of these events are restricted to a certain number of attendees. I can guarantee you don't want to miss out.

Also, I wanted to talk about traveling to other lodges and other masonic events. I enjoy going to different lodges and watching degree work or just attending other lodges stated meetings to enjoy the brotherhood that is present at all these events. This is a great way to meet new brothers and create friendships that otherwise would have not existed. Personally, I travel within the 22nd Masonic District and some outside our district. If anyone would like to join me please feel free to contact me, or if you plan to attend another lodges meeting give me a call and I will probably join you. Remember brothers, a Mason's path can lead him to many undiscovered places and many new relationships as long as he is willing to start the journey. Until next time I remain:

Fraternally Your Brother,

Wor. Bro. Chris Modica, Senior Warden



In Memoriam

Brother
William D. Crawford

Passed
3-2-2024

They rest from their labors

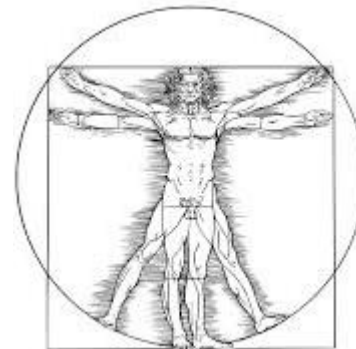
From Within the Outer Door

Vitruvius and the Five Orders of Architecture

The Fellow Craft Degree features the Five Orders of Architecture: Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, Tuscan, and Composite. Perhaps you're wondering, where do the Five Orders of Architecture come from?

A book published in 1562 AD called the Canon of the Five Orders of Architecture, authored by a Roman architect named Giacomo Barozzi Da Vignola. It sourced another book by Sebastiano Serlio, The General Rules of Architecture (1537) but his primary inspiration came from the 10 Books On Architecture by the ancient Roman architect Vitruvius. Vitruvius' books were also compilations of his predecessors; but, he was the first to compile and summarize the built environment in Rome and the wisdom of the masters available at the time in a way that inspired generations of artists and builders and continues to be taught in schools of Architecture to this day.

One of the most famous students of Vitruvius 10 books was Leonardo da Vinci. Vitruvian Man, one of da Vinci's most famous drawings, is derived from Vitruvius's writings.



A passage about Geometry and its relationship to human proportions inspired the work. This drawing is meant to symbolize the symmetry within the human body and the universe as a whole.

Fraternally,

Bro. Dave Cantrell, Junior Deacon

Take me out to the Ballgame!!



Another baseball season has begun, and the Guardians are off to a great start. In going down the line up it's the names we have come to see over the past several years in Lake County at the Captain's Stadium. Acacia has again scheduled another night out to enjoy baseball. This year it will be on **Saturday July 6, starting at 7:00 p.m.** Dinner will be in the **right field picnic area**, once the game starts. The cost remains the same for lodge members and their guests at \$10.00 per person.

We will also host the Painesville Rainbow and DeMolay youth groups. These hard-working teens have helped assist Acacia Lodge with our dinners on more than one occasion.

Please make your reservations as soon as possible to our Secretary James Cogan. We will also need your contact information (email address) to send you the e-tickets. If you do not have an email address other arrangements will be made for your tickets.

Finally at this year's game it is also a Bo Naylor bobble head giveaway before the game, so you may want to arrive early when the gates open if you want a chance to get one. Hopefully we will have great weather and I know we will have a great time.

Fraternally,

Wor. Bro. Dave Ponsart, Event Coordinator

Night at the Shooting Range



Acacia Lodge will hold its first Shooting Range Event for 2024 on May 30th at Range USA, 5957 Heisley Rd., Mentor, Ohio. A light meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. followed by a safety talk. Acacia Lodge will supply the meal and targets. We have reserved 10 lanes, maximum of two shooters per lane. We can rotate shooters to make sure everyone gets their chance on the range. Personal

guns may be shared so everyone may try a different type of handgun. Range USA will rent firearms at no additional cost. Ammunition can be purchased from the range, or you can bring your own. The range **does not allow** the following ammunition, tracers, armor piercing, or incendiary. Also, all guns must be unloaded when outside the range and in a case.

To save time at check in please go to Range USA website, <https://rangeusa.com/location-mentor> and sign the liability waiver by going to the bottom of the page under "stores" and at the bottom of the column you will find "Waiver" click on this hyperlink and follow the directions.

Please call 440-257-6964 to reserve your space.

Fraternally, James Cogan, PM

Masonic Word Search

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

Baseball	Captains
Table	Lodge
Cruise	Lady
Caroline	Grand
Masters	Reception
Range	Friendship
Top	Golf
Clam	Bake
Training	Architecture
Doric	Composite

Etymology is the study of the origin of words and the way in which their meanings have changed throughout history.

Shambles - Ironically, the etymology of this word is *in actual shambles*. The leading theory is that the term derives from the Latin word *scamillus*, meaning a small stool. Then, it began to be used to mean a stool where something is sold. And since more often than not that something turned out to be meat, the word became associated with meat markets and, eventually, with slaughterhouses!

Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry

Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry are considered unchangeable and are often used to define Freemasonry.

The idea of an Ancient Landmark is said, by some, to refer to the Bible. In the Book of Proverbs it states "Remove not the ancient landmark which thy fathers have set." There are also precedents in Jewish law stating "Thou shalt not remove thy neighbors' landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance." In either case it refers to an area of land, possibly with stone markers defining the property. Relating it to Freemasonry, the landmarks define the due bounds of a lodge, Grand Lodge or Grand Orient.

Note, I will use the term Grand Lodge generically from this point forward in this article, it is meant to refer to a Grand Lodge or a Grand Orient.

It is important understand, since Freemasonry has no controlling authority, individual Grand Lodges may vary in which Ancient Landmarks are recognized. Some Grand Lodges may recognize as few as three and others may recognize as many as 40, sometimes more.

In 1723, in Anderson's Constitutions it's stated "Every Annual Grand Lodge has an inherent power and Authority to make new Regulations or to alter these, for the real benefits of this Ancient Fraternity; provided always that the old Land-Marks be carefully preserved." In the original book it did not list the Landmarks.

In 1856, Albert Mackey defined what he thought were the 25 ancient landmarks. He also specified traits, in his opinion, every landmark possesses. These traits are:

1. notional immemorial antiquity
2. universality
3. absolute "irrevocability"

As previously stated a Grand Lodge can recognize any landmarks it desires. The Landmarks it recognizes will

have an effect on whether they are recognized by other Grand Lodges. Six of the most common landmarks are:

1. belief in a Supreme Being or monotheism
2. belief in the immortality of the soul
3. a book or volume of sacred law as an indispensable part of the "furniture" (or furnishings) of the Lodge
4. the legend of the Third Degree
5. the secrets of Freemasonry: The modes of recognition and the symbolic ritual of the Lodge
6. a Mason be a man, freeborn, and of lawful age

In the 1950's the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America upheld 1 and 3 as landmarks. They also added "Discussion of Religion and Politics is prohibited in the Lodge." The Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America is an association of Grand Lodges having some level of amity with each other. They get together annually to discuss issues effecting all of the Grand Lodges in the region. There are other such conferences around the world with a similar purpose. Although the North American Conference did uphold those three landmarks, there is no obligation for any Grand Lodge associated with the conference to uphold those specific landmarks. The Conference should be thought of as a "United Nations" where individual Grand Lodges are represented, but the Conference has no authority in the individual Jurisdictions.

From - Today in Masonic History

Open House

On Sunday, April 21st Acacia Lodge with Collinwood Lodge held an Open House at the Euclid Masonic Temple.



Above left to right – Wor. Bro. Chris Modica, RWB Greg Kita, Bro. Ed Hoover.



Above left to right Wor. Bro. Jeff Day, Wor. Bro. James Cogan and Bro. Dave Cantrell.

A fine time was had by all in attendance and masonic fellowship was in abundance.



Acacia 651 Table Lodge

On Friday, June 21st Acacia Lodge will hold a Lodge for Table Instruction at the Euclid Masonic Temple. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the Table Lodge will be opened at 7:30 p.m. This event will be held three days before St. John The Baptist Day.

We are pleased to have RWB William M Carter III, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio as our speaker. A Table Lodge is designed to be small and intimate therefore space is limited.

The cost for this event is \$10.00 per person. Also, we will be taking a collection for charity during the Table Lodge.

Please make your reservations as soon as possible by calling 440-840-0861 or email James Cogan at jcogan651@gmail.com.

The largest U.S. bill ever in circulation was the \$10,000 bill, which was issued until 1945. As of May 30, 2009, only 336 of these large bills have been known to survive.



Fun for all, At Top Golf!!

When: July 28th from 3 to 6 PM

Where: Top Golf, 5820 Rockside Woods Blvd N, Independence, OH.

Cost: \$20.00 per person (golf and refreshments).

You do not even have to know how to golf to have fun!!

This is a great time for everyone young and old, for family and friends!

If you know a friend or neighbor that would make a good mason this is a great opportunity to bring him to meet the Acacia Lodge brethren in an informal setting.

Food will be provided but all beverages are not provided by the lodge.

Please call James Cogan, 440-257-6964, with your reservations that must be in by July 19th.



Fellowship Night

Acacia Lodge will hold a Fellowship Night on August 16th with a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and activities starting at 7:30 p.m.

Acacia Lodge will host this information night and Lodge members will present bring a "friend" or relative to this event. The evening itself will include a tour of the Lodge, speakers on Masonic topics, a question-and-answer period and socializing over dinner. Each guest will be provided with information regarding masonry to take home and browse through. Each Masonic host will follow-up the night's events with a phone call to his guest(s) within seven days.

Should you have any questions please contact the Wor. Master, Sr. Warden, or Secretary. Additional information will be provided before August.

Lady Caroline Cruise



On Saturday August 31st Acacia Lodge has booked a cruise on the Lady Caroline. We will start boarding at 1:00 p.m., sail at 2:00, and return at 5:00 p.m. We are charging \$15.00 per person. This includes a buffet and soft drinks. Any alcoholic drinks will borne by the individual.

This is open to Acacia lodge members and their significant others due to the cost and limited number of reservations.

The cruise will be on Labor Day weekend and will take place during the Air Show. We should be able to see some of the show that takes place at Burke Lake Front airport.

Make your reservation with James Cogan, 440-840-0861, as soon as possible they will be filling fast.

Every Year by Albert Pike

The Spring has less of brightness
Every year;
And the snow a ghaſtlier whiteness
Every year;
Nor do Summer flowers quicken,
Nor Autumn fruitage thicken
As they once did,—for we ſicken
Every year.

It is growing darker, colder,
Every year;
As the heart and ſoul grow older
Every year;
I care not now for dancing
Nor for eyes with paſſion glancing,
Love is leſs and leſs entrancing,
Every year.

Of the loves and ſorrows blended,
Every year;
Of the charms of friendſhips ended,
Every year;
Of the ties that ſtill might bind me,
Until time of death reſigned me,
My infirmities remind me;
Every year.

Ah, how ſad to look before us
Every year;
While the cloud looks darker o'er us
Every year;
When we ſee the bloſſoms faded,
That to bloom we might have aided
And immortal garlands braided,
Every year.

To the paſt go more dead faces,
Every year;
As the loved leave vacant places,
Every year;
Everywhere the ſad eyes meet us,
In the evening's duſk they greet us,
And to come to them entreat us,
Every year.

You are growing old, they tell us,
Every year;
You are more alone, they tell us,
Every year;
You can win no new affection,
You have only recollection,
Deeper ſorrow and dejection,
Every year.

Yes, the ſhores of life are ſhifting,
Every year;
And we are ſeaward drifting,
Every year;
old places changing fret us,
The living more regret us,
There are fewer to regret us,
Every year.

But the true life draweth nigher,
Every year.,
And its Morning Star climbs higher
Every year;
Earth's hold on us grows ſlighter,
And the heavy burden lighter,
And the Dawn Immortal brighter,
Every year.

Clam Bake



Acacia Lodge is planning a Clam Bake at the Cogan Estate (this term is used loosely) for Saturday, September 21st. The details for this event are being finalized and will be posted in our next newsletter but save the date and let Jim Cogan know if you will be attending.



The Grand Lodge Communication this year will be held on October 18th in Dayton Ohio. If you plan to attend, please make your reservations with James Cogan, 440-840-0861. Hotel accommodation must be arranged within the next couple of months.

Faith of the Olden Time by Rob Morris.

Give me the Faith my fathers had,
When home-worn ties they cast,
In stern contempt forever back,
Like chaff' upon the blast.
These prayers, lip-measured, leave me chill,
As icy fount sends icy rill;
No passion bidding nature start,
No fire struck out to warm the heart;
There's nothing here to make me glad
Give me the FAITH my fathers had.

A patriot now is bought and sold
For price-but render me
The hope that braced the hearts of old,
My fathers' Liberty.
What's fine-drawn speech and wordy war
A candle-ray to freedom's star!
The hand to hilt, the sword abroad,
The flag to heaven, the heart to God,
Those are the tokens I would see-
Give me my fathers' LIBERTY.

Give me my fathers' walk below:
No artful mind was theirs,
To compass kindred hearts about
With treachery and snares;
No nets of artifice they spread
To lure tho innocent to tread;
Life's blessings how they freely shared.
Life's fear they boldly met and dared;
A blameless life, a death sublime,
These were the things of Olden Time.

Give me the friendships that entwined
The upright trunks of yore;
The tendrils that so sweetly vined
A beauty and a power.
My heart is sad to think this earth,
With all its Joy, with all its mirth,

Has lost the chain our fathers wove,
The chain of holy, holy love,-
Has lost the path our fathers trod,
The path that led them up to God.

Oh, then bring back the palmy days
Of innocence and truth,
When honesty was in its prime,
And selfishness in youth.
When man allowed to man bis place,
When probity unbarred its face,
When justice poised an equal scale,
And faith sang through the dying wall;
Away, an age of care and crime,
Give me the days of Olden Time!

Euclid Masonic Temple Board

The Temple Board has been extremely busy with improvements to the building that you may have observed. Recently the Board:

- Replaced a roof top HVAC unit and repaired the building boilers.
- Purchased a new dishwasher that will be installed within the next month.
- Purchased two large screen tv's one for the Fellowship Hall and one for the Lodge Room (purchased by Acacia Lodge)
- New Chairs for the Fellowship Hall – folding chairs and padded chairs
- Changed the lighting in the Lodge Room and Fellowship Hall to dimmable LED lights.
- Repaired the cement sidewalks in the front and side of the Temple.
- Wor. Bro. Ted Daly provided all the electrical service improvements for the above items.

The Board is in the process of:

- Improving the lighting in the parking lot.
- Installing a new CCTV system for the parking lot and building.

As you can see the Euclid Temple Board is working hard to make your experience more enjoyable and safe. Should you have any questions or suggestions for the board please contact Acacia's representatives Chris Modica and James Cogan.

Remember to check Acacia Lodge's website, <https://acaia651.org>, for more information and current Trestle Board.

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Tear off and post on your refrigerator!

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Wednesday	July 10, 2024	Stated Meeting
Friday	July 26, 2024	Stated Meeting
Sunday	July 28, 2024	Top Golf
Saturday	August 31, 2024	Lady Caroline Cruse

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