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"Building Brotherhood" Grand Master's Program

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

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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

- July 12 Stated Meeting – Type Written Ritual
- July 18 Acacia Training Night – see article.
- July 28 Stated Meeting – MM Degree
- Aug 9 Stated Meeting – EA Degree
- Aug 22 Acacia Training Night
- Aug 25 Stated Meeting – Friendship Night

From The East,

Greetings Brethren,



On June 23, 2023, Acacia Lodge sponsored a bus trip to Stan Hywet (meaning “stone quarry” in Old English) House Museum and Gardens in Akron, the home of the Seiberling Family, founder of Goodyear Tire And Rubber. Carved in Granite above the main entrance door is their crest and motto “Non Nobis Solum” which means “Not for Us Alone”. Their home welcomed many visitors during their occupancy and still is today. The gardens were magnificent, and we could have spent the whole day in the gardens. We had a good wholesome turkey lunch, and the bus ride was comfortable.

Acacia has had a short break from conferring degrees and has a chance to catch up on some unfinished business and enjoy some wonderful presentations by our LEO, WB Chris Rieger.

Our degrees are set to start up again so please mark your calendars for July 28th as we will be conferring the MM degree on Brother Joseph Borbely. We also have a new candidate, Mr. Dennis Rotnov who is being scheduled to begin his Masonic journey in August.

We have invited our DDGM, RWB Tim Cline and DEO, WB Shawn Franks to bring the typewritten ritual to our next stated meeting on July 12th. We will be going through the EA degree as we are being inspected in that degree next year. I attended a Lodge meeting with the typewritten ritual for the MM degree earlier this year, prior to our inspection and found it most helpful.

Also, at our stated meeting of August 25th we will be hosting a “Friendship Night” with a special presentation. Grilled hamburgers and hotdogs for dinner. If you know of someone who might be a good candidate, please invite him as this will be an open meeting night. It will be very quick open/close, and the meeting will take place @ 7:30. We will return to the fellowship hall for the presentation afterwards.

Finally, please keep our sick and distressed Brethren and their families in your prayers. Unfortunately, we have several of them who need our prayers and comforting words of encouragement. If Acacia can help in any way possible, please contact me Ted Daly, (216) 308-2572 or Jim Cogan @ (440) 840-0861.

Warmest Regards, Wor. Bro. Ted Daly

From the West

Dear lodge Brothers,

I have wondered from time to time why is a Lodge called a "Blue Lodge".

The first order of degrees starting with the Entered Apprentice, then the Fellow Craft and then the Master Mason degree all occur in the Blue Lodge of your choice. "It is the mother of all Freemasonry. The place where every man begins his journey into the Ancient Craft of Free and Accepted Masons."

"According to Coils Masonic Encyclopedia, there may be a number of reasons why Symbolic lodges are called Blue Lodges. Since ancient times, the color blue has been associated with immortality, eternity and fidelity. References to the color blue in the Bible emphasize the special place blue has as a color symbolizing goodness and immortality".

"It is not known when blue first came to be associated with Free Masonry although some historians think that initially the color was used in Craft Masonry to represent the sky. Today, blue for Masons symbolizes brotherhood and symbolizes the fact that Masons should seek out virtues as extensive as the blue in the dome of heaven."

"Beyond the allegory and symbolism of the color blue, there is the reality of millions of men who have experienced things beyond themselves, transformed and evolved into their highest potentials, reached even further to give the same to other men, while standing in and being as member of a Blue Lodge."

I am honored to be a member of the Blue Lodge known as Acacia #651, and I hope you are as well.

Peace,

Jeffrey H, Day, Senior Warden.

Acacia Lodge #651



In Memoriam

Brother

Richard J. Yoch

Passed

04-11-2023

They rest from their labors



A new baseball season is underway again this year. The Guardians are off to another winning season with the help of a number of new young players such as Tyler Freeman, Will Brennan and several others who started their careers right here in Eastlake, as members of the Lake County Captains.

Acacia lodge is planning a summer outing on Saturday, July 15th to watch some of the future stars play against the Dayton Dragons that night. We will have food upstairs in the right field picnic area. The cost remains the same at \$10.00 per person for the evening. We will be inviting members of the Painesville DeMolay and Rainbow organizations to be the guests of Acacia Lodge.

I hope to see everyone this year for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. Please make your reservations before July 1st by calling me at 440-448-5231 or email grocerydude@att.net.

P. S. We will have chocolate chip cookies.

Fraternally,

Wor. Bro. David Ponsart

From the South

Brethren,

Over the years Acacia Lodge has talked with brethren who have not attended lodge lately and wanted to have a refresher course on how to enter a lodge including due guards and signs. In addition, we have been blessed with newer members who are desirous of learning more about our ritual and learning parts in opening and closing a lodge including how to memorize a lecture or a charge.

To meet the needs of our brethren, Acacia Lodge will be holding a monthly meeting to address these issues including learning Lodge Etiquette. Acacia Lodge will hold a ritual practice for anyone interested in learning, fine tuning, perfecting any and all ritual for any stations, charges, lectures etc. These practices will start at 6:30 p.m. with a light meal and the training will commence at 7:00 p.m. The first

meeting was on Tuesday, May 16th with pizza. Our next session will be on July 18th. Please check the calendar on the last page for additional dates.

We are extending this invitation to Collinwood Lodge brethren should they or any other brother wish to improve themselves in masonry.

I hope to see our newer Master Mason's, the current officers, and anyone that would like to become an Officer at any point in their Masonic career. Also, anyone that would just like to join us for Fellowship & Brotherhood.

Please call Chris Modica (**440-339-7092**) or James Cogan (**440-840-0861**) if you want to attend so we have enough food.

Fraternally,
Christopher Modica
Junior Warden

Masonic Word Search

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

Type	Written
Ritual	Master
Mason	Golf
Education	Lodge
Memoriam	Etiquette
Goodyear	Carved
Granite	Blue
Lodge	memorize
Lecture	learning
Charges	lectures



Fun for all!!

New date and time

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

When: August 20th from 3 to 6 PM

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

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

This is a fun time for everyone young and old. For family and friends!

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 August 13th.

Grand Master's Reception for the 22nd Masonic District

Acacia Lodge had a very good response for the 2023 Grand Master's Reception and reserved two tables for this event. In addition, we sponsored the Grand Marshall and his lady for this event.



From left to right – Wor. Bro. Errol Savage, Bro. Dan Trebisky, Lady Teresa Trebisky, Wor. Bro. Chris Rieger and Wor. Master Ted Daly.

Wor. Master Ted Daly received from the Grand Master his Worshipful Master's Pin at this event.



From left to right – Wor. Bro. Ted Daly, Lady Jane Anne Grindle and Most Worshipful Brother Steven M. Grindle



The Local Patriots Award was received this year by SSG. & Bro. Basel M. Hage with his wife escorted by Wor. Bro. Shawn S. Frank, DEO.



Grand Marshal Wayne Fisher and Lady Lois Fisher.

If

If you can keep your head when all about you
 Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
 If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
 But make allowance for their doubting too;
 If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
 Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
 Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,
 And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;
 If you can dream - and not make dreams your
 master;
 If you can think - and not make thoughts your
 aim;
 If you can meet with triumph and disaster
 And treat those two impostors just the same;
 If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
 Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
 Or watch the things you gave your life to broken,
 And stoop and build 'em up with wornout tools;
 If you can make one heap of all your winnings
 And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
 And lose, and start again at your beginnings
 And never breathe a word about your loss;
 If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
 To serve your turn long after they are gone,
 And so hold on when there is nothing in you
 Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on";
 If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
 Or walk with kings—nor lose the common touch;
 If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
 If all men count with you, but none too much;
 If you can fill the unforgiving minute
 With sixty seconds' worth of distance run—
 Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
 And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

By - Rudyard Kipling

The meaning of this poem that was written by **Brother Rudyard Kipling** is "If - " champions a morality built on moderation. In this poem, he advises his son to move through life with composure, and to always exercise self-control, integrity, and humility. This means never letting "Triumph" nor "Disaster" - events either good or bad - go to one's head.

"We are twice armed if we fight with faith." - Plato

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit." - Aristotle

Origins of State Names

California – is truly a magical place. So magical in fact, it's named after a fictional world invented by the author Garci Ordóñez de Montalvo, which Spanish explorers adopted when setting foot on the gold coast.

Colorado – is another Spanish-influenced name that essentially means ruddy or ruddish. The name was first applied to the Colorado River for its distinctive color.

Connecticut – much like Colorado, was named for the river running through it. The word possibly stems from the Native American term *quinnitukqut*, meaning beside or at the long tidal river.

Delaware – is also named for a body of water, but that body of water was named for Baron De la Warr, the first English governor of Virginia. The baron's name is old French for of the war.

The Lewis



Today in Masonic History we discuss The Lewis.

The Lewis was and is a tool used for lifting large objects.

The origins of the Lewis as an instrument used in operative masonry is lost to history. It is known the Romans used it. It probably goes back even farther.

In modern times different types of tools are still referred to as a Lewis, although how they are used differs from the earliest forms. The origin of the name Lewis is also lost to history. There are some who believe Lewis was actually a proper name, perhaps the inventor of the tool. Others believe it could come from the Latin *leva* to lift (also *levavi* -lifted and *levatum* - raised).

The types of Lewis include the external Lewis, chain linked Lewis, split pin Lewis, two pinned Lewis and the three legged Lewis. Regardless of the type of Lewis being used the principals of the operation remain the same. By the use of friction and the weight of the object being lifted a Lewis is attached to the object and hoisted into place by attaching ropes or other appropriate lifting mechanisms.

With the various types, the most commonly referred to in Freemasonry is the three legged Lewis. This

also goes by the names dovetailed Lewis, St. Peter's Keys and Wilson Bolt. The three legged Lewis was inserted in a properly cut hole in the top of the stone. The object was then lifted into place and made part of the structure.

In speculative Freemasonry a Lewis is the son of a Freemason who joins the fraternity. As an analogy it is commonly meant the father raised (*levatum*) the son into position to take his place as part of the structure of Freemasonry.

Interestingly in descriptions of how ancient operative masons lifted objects into place it is said additional strapping is used to prevent a bump into scaffolding, temporarily taking some of the friction away causing the stone to fall before placed. Extending the analogy of the Lewis in regards to speculative masons, the straps can be viewed as other members in the lodge who assist in the raising of the new stone into place.

Some jurisdictions provide Lewis jewels for their members. Requirements vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction as to what makes an individual eligible for a Lewis jewel. It is almost always the father and son are both masons. What can vary is when the father became a mason. In some jurisdictions it is required the father be a mason before the son is born. There can be multiple drops on a Lewis jewel indicating masonic family lineage going back several generations.

Science Jokes:

Why can't you argue with Pi?
It's irrational.

There are 10 kinds of people: Those who understand binary and those who don't.

I was reading a book on helium.
I couldn't put it down.

There are only bad science jokes left.
All the good ones argon.

What did the stamen say to the pistil?
I like your style!

What did the microbiology student get for being late to class?
A tardigrade.

How much room do fungi need to grow?
As mushroom as possible.

If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the precipitate

Why do chemists love dubstep music?
They love to drop the base.

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Tear off and post on your refrigerator!

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Sunday	August 20, 2023	Top Golf – see article
Tuesday	August 22, 2023	Lodge Training – dinner 6:30 p.m. and Training at 7:00 p.m.
Friday	August 25, 2023	Stated Meeting – Friendship Night – Cards, Pool, Grilled Dinner
Wednesday	September 13, 2023	Stated Meeting

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