



# The Sprig of Acacia



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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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## From The East,



Greetings Brethren,

It's hard to believe we are in the last days of Summer, with Labor Day in our rear-view mirror. Although most Lodges are dark in July and August, Acacia remains active, as we elected to take our break in the winter months of January and February. This year, however, it didn't seem like we had a break, due to candidates and preparation for inspection, using January and February to prepare for those. We continue to enjoy welcoming new members into our Lodge and performing their degrees as they begin their journeys in Freemasonry.

If you have not been attending Lodge, you have been missing out on some phenomenal educational presentations, as coordinated by Lodge Education Officer, Chris Rieger. We recently watched a fascinating 2-part online presentation about the Philadelphia Masonic Temple, and we are considering a road trip to visit and attend their Lodge.

As we look to the next few months, our degree work will continue as well as our Lodge education presentations. Before you know it, we will be having Awards Night, our annual meeting and the always enjoyable Christmas party.

Please try to attend Lodge and enjoy these events with your brothers in Masonry. If you need transportation, please contact me directly at 216-308-2572 and I will make sure you get to lodge!

Warmest Regards, Wor. Master Ted Daly

## Masonic Trivia

1. How many United States Presidents were Freemasons?
2. Before entering upon any important undertaking you should?
3. What are the names of the grand Masonic pillars?
4. Which United States President did not advance pass the EA degree?
5. Where was "the duke" made a Freemason?
6. Freemasonry is often called?
7. What was not heard at the building of King Solomon's temple?
8. What is a lodge?
9. What is the difference in the circumambulation for EA and FC?
10. What is an originally synonymous term for Masonry?

Answers on page 5

## From the West

Dear Brethren,

It has been my pleasure serving our Lodge this year as your Senior Warden. Our Worshipful Master Ted Daly has been doing an excellent job as Master of the Lodge along with the rest of the officers. I have been impressed with the team spirit that Worshipful Brother Daly has fostered within the officer core and Lodge brethren. I believe that his good example as a mason and his leadership style will be something for me to use as a guide over the following years.

Next year, if elected as your Worshipful Master, I will need the assistance of our officers and brethren. If there is something you would like to do and/or a specific committee you would like to serve on, please let Brother Ted or myself know as soon as possible.

The activities and plans for next year are progressing and your input would be invaluable. I know everyone holds our Lodge in high regard and expects nothing but the best from the officers. And with your help we should continue to be one of the premier Lodges in the 22<sup>nd</sup> District.

Peace,

Jeffrey H. Day, Senior Warden

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### Words to Remember and Practice:

“People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you. Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight. Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God. It was never between you and them anyway.”

– Mother Teresa



On July 15<sup>th</sup> Acacia Lodge enjoyed a night at the Lake County Captain's game along with our invited guests from the Painesville's DeMolay and Rainbows. We had 75 attendees, and everyone had a good time even though the game was rained out. Their tickets can be retrieved for a future game.



The above are some of our future leaders from DeMolay and Rainbow's and their respective leaders.

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### "Sleep is the best medicine"

The Irish proverb, “A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the doctor's book,” is often shortened to “Sleep is the best medicine,” but the meanings are similar. There is no substitute for rest and relaxation when it comes to getting better. This one is accurate. Processes related to your immune system and sleep overlap. During sleep, the body is less occupied with basic functions such as walking, talking, thinking, and eating. If the body is resting, it can instead focus on fighting off illness. In fact, sleep boosts production of a protein that's linked to speeding up recovery from illnesses like the flu.

A Fool and his money can throw one heck of a party.



September, 2023

My Brother,

It is time to continue our labors in the quarries of Masonry. You will see on our website and newsletters that our masonic year will be full of family fun, education, and degree work.

Please let us know if you have changed your address, phone numbers or email address. As your secretary, this is the most frustrating part of my job – losing track of you! Log into Grandview and update your personal and contact information. If you have any questions regarding Grandview, please contact me.

You may have already received your dues notice from Grand Lodge. As a member of Acacia Lodge, your 2023 – 2024 dues payment of \$30.00 is required unless you are an endowed member.

As always, your contribution to our various charities (**The Ohio Masonic Home, Special Olympics, Scholarship Fund, Model SAP, or Charitable Foundation**) is a tenant of our fraternity. Please continue your generosity that has become one of our hallmarks!

Remember your dues card is designed to last for several years so **do not discard**. Also, make all checks payable to **Acacia Lodge #651**.

A Special Thank You to all the Brethren who have remembered Acacia Lodge #651 in their last will and testaments. Your generosity continues to ensure the future endeavors of your lodge.

Fraternally,

Sincerely,

*James R. Cogan, Jr.*

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Return this section with your payment to: James R. Cogan, 6130 Thistlewood Drive, Mentor, OH 44060.

**Acacia Lodge#651 – Annual Dues Invoice**

Annual Dues for 2024	<u>\$30.00</u>	Amount Enclosed:	\$_____
<b>Donation to:</b>			
Acacia Lodge		Amount Enclosed	\$_____
The Ohio Masonic Home		Amount Enclosed	\$_____
Special Olympics		Amount Enclosed	\$_____
Scholarship Fund		Amount Enclosed	\$_____
Model SAP		Amount Enclosed	\$_____
Charitable Foundation		Amount Enclosed	\$_____
		<b>Total</b>	\$_____

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## “If I Were The Devil”:

A Warning to America From Paul Harvey in 1965

“If I were the devil ... If I were the Prince of Darkness, I’d want to engulf the whole world in darkness. And I’d have a third of its real estate, and four-fifths of its population, but I wouldn’t be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree — Thee. So, I’d set about however necessary to take over the United States. I’d subvert the churches first — I’d begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: ‘Do as you please.

To the young, I would whisper that ‘The Bible is a myth.’ I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what’s bad is good, and what’s good is ‘square.’ And the old, I would teach to pray, after me, ‘Our Father, which art in Washington.

And then I’d get organized. I’d educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting, so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I’d threaten TV with dirtier movies and vice versa. I’d pedal narcotics to whom I could. I’d sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I’d tranquilize the rest with pills.

If I were the devil, I’d soon have families at war with themselves, churches at war with themselves, and nations at war with themselves; until each in its turn was consumed. And with promises of higher ratings, I’d have mesmerizing media fanning the flames. If I were the devil, I would encourage schools to refine young intellects, but neglect to discipline emotions — just let those run wild, until before you knew it, you’d have to have drug sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door.

Within a decade I’d have prisons overflowing, I’d have judges promoting pornography — soon I could evict God from the courthouse, then from the schoolhouse, and then from the houses of Congress. And in His own churches I would substitute psychology for religion, and deify science. I would lure priests and pastors into misusing boys and girls, and church money. If I were the devil, I’d make the symbols of Easter an egg and the symbol of Christmas a bottle.

If I were the devil, I’d take from those who have, and give to those who want until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious.

And what do you bet I could get whole states to promote gambling as the way to get rich? I would caution

against extremes and hard work, in Patriotism, in moral conduct. I would convince the young that marriage is old-fashioned, that swinging is more fun, that what you see on the TV is the way to be. And thus, I could undress you in public, and I could lure you into bed with diseases for which there is no cure. In other words, if I were the devil I’d just keep right on doing what he’s doing.”

Paul Harvey, good day.

### Masonic Word Search

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

Master	Mason
Compose	Three
Compasses	Breast
Illicit	Carnal
Support	Laws
Especially	Trowel
Hiram	Abiff
Ancient	Operative
Beehive	Incense
Constitutions	Scythe

### Masonic Trivia - Answers

1. 13
2. Invoke the blessings of Deity
3. Wisdom, Strength & Beauty
4. Lyndon B. Johnson
5. Tucson, Arizona 1970
6. The craft
7. Ax, hammer, or any tool of iron
8. A place where Masons assemble and work
9. 2 circuits instead of one
10. Geometry



Acacia Lodge held their annual Top Golf event with 28 golfers and non-golfers for a fine afternoon of food, friendship, and golf.

This was a fun time for everyone young and old, family and friends!



[from left to right – standing Patricia Cogan, Cathy Day, sitting Wor. Bro. Chris Rieger and Bro. Dave Cantrell]



[left to right – Jay Nocera, Michelle Nocera, Logan Nocera and Bella Nocera]

"Genius is eternal patience." – Michelangelo



[some of our “Pros from Dover” – from left to right – Bro. Joe Borbely and his daughter Hannah, Bro. Oliver Nunley and his wife, Tristin and Wor. Bro. Chris Rieger] Both Bros. Borbely and Nunley are our newest masons.



[Cathy and Jeff Day (our resident photographer) enjoyed showing everybody up with their low score?????]

### Greetings from the South

Hello Brethren,

It’s an exciting time to be a Mason, especially a member of Acacia Lodge! The Worshipful Master and officers have worked hard this year to provide fun events for members, family and friends and exemplifying great ritual. This year has really flown by.

As our Masonic year ends, I want to thank Wor. Master Ted Daily for all he has done this year. I am grateful that I was able to serve as the Junior Warden for him and Acacia Lodge. Wor. Master Daly is and has always been a shining light and a great example of what a Mason truly is and should be.

I want to take this opportunity to inform everyone that Acacia Lodge has been meeting one extra night per month for training. We go over all the due guards

and signs for each degree and conduct a Q & A section about lodge etiquette, then practice the 1st section of a degree. This is a great opportunity for those who have not been to your lodge in a while to get a quick refresher. All are welcome to join. Please see upcoming events for the dates.

Stay well and I hope to see all of you soon.

Fraternally,

Wor. Bro. Chris Modica, Junior Warden

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### The Masonic HourGlass



An HourGlass in Freemason holds more than one meaning. It is used to represent multiple concepts. However, it symbolizes two significant allusions; time and death.

The hourglass indicates that time is moving forward, and nothing can reverse the movement of the sand. Masons are taught that everyone is equal regardless of the position one holds in life because riches and high social status cannot move the sand in backward. Therefore, we are all on the same level in life.

The title page of Nicholas Stone; Mason to King James I and Charles I; has a note saying:

*'In time take time while time doth last  
For time is no time, wheel time is past.'*

The note emphasizes the importance of utilizing time now before it's gone.

The scythe sometimes symbolizes death in the hourglass. Death cuts short life and leads us to eternity.

It shows that even though we manage to conquer evils from childhood to adulthood, eventually time will catch up, and we will have to leave the world behind.

Death is inevitable to all human beings, whether rich or poor.

### Who you going to Call!



This past week Northeast Ohio experienced several tornados that caused substantial damage in certain areas. The Euclid Masonic Temple was not severely damaged but an electrical spike damaged one of our roof top air handling units. When one of our brothers inspected this unit, he was driven off the roof by a swarm of yellowjackets. You can see in the photo above we didn't call Ghostbuster but a qualified exterminator. Repairs to the roof top unit will be made when a part is delivered.

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### Walking Together by Rob Morris.

In thought, word, and deed,  
We too are agreed,  
From the same Fount Of Knowledge Instructed;  
And by the same hand  
We'll travel or stand,  
To the same Goal of triumph conducted.

Through the same open door,  
We lame, blind, and poor  
Undertook the same mystic endeavor;  
Through the same grave at last,  
When death's trial is past,  
We'll share the forever and ever.

Our friends are the same,  
Whatever their name,  
Whatever their station or nation;  
The same are our foes,  
Whose malice but shows  
Their hearts black with coming damnation.

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"You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club." - Jack London

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