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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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2022 – 2023

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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

- Nov 5 Daylight Savings Time
- Nov 8 Stated Meeting – Annual Mtg & Election of Officers
- Nov 17 Special Meeting – Awards Night
- Nov 21 Training Meeting all welcome
- Nov 24 Stated Meeting – Thanksgiving
- Dec 13 Stated Meeting – MM Degree
- Dec 16 X-Mass Party
- Dec 18 Special Meeting – Installation of Officers

From The East,



As my year in the East is coming to an end, I wish to thank all of the members of Acacia Lodge for their support and for allowing me this great opportunity to serve. We are taught that a Lodge consists of a number of Masons duly assembled but, here at Acacia Lodge we are fortunate to have a number of **dedicated** Masons who attend regularly and are always willing to help. This last meeting was no exception as the line of Past Masters formed during Introductions almost extended from one side of the Lodge to the other, with all of them participating in the MM degree.

This year has been filled with fun events, bringing in new members and Masonic education, which is the backbone of our fraternity's continued existence. As we look forward to next year, with our Annual Meeting and election of Officers scheduled on 11/8/2023, I hope and pray your participation will continue in the years to come. Please plan on attending and supporting our incoming group of officers.

Please see the Trestleboard below and elsewhere in the Newsletter for specific times and dates as we still have several meetings which will require much support. Please attend!

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 Jeff Day @ (440) 667-6644.

Trestle Board

November 8th, Stated meeting – Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

November 17th, Special Meeting – Membership (2024) Awards Night

November 24th, Stated Meeting – Thanksgiving Day Celebration with WB Errol Savage

December 13th, Stated Meeting – Confer MM Degree

December 16th, Christmas Party – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

December 18th, Special Meeting - Installation of Acacia Lodge Officers – 7:30 p.m.

Warmest Regards,

Fraternally Submitted,

Wor. Master Ted Daly

From the West

Dear Fellow Lodge brothers,

The Holiday Season is upon us. This is always a great time of year to reach out to family, friends, and Lodge brothers. We have a lot to look forward to with the end of 2023 and the start of 2024.

With a Thanksgiving gathering at Lodge, our annual Christmas Party and 2024 New Year events, not to mention Awards Night, our Annual Meeting & Election of Officers, and Installation of Officers, we have much we can be a part of before the end of this year. ***Worshipful Master Ted Daly has done an incredible job as the Lodge Brother in the East this year.*** We can thank him in person by continuing to participate in Lodge activities as we close out 2023 (look to the Trestle-Board for dates and times of upcoming events).

Part of what makes up Masonry are our principles and values. Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are truly the basic principles of Freemasonry. And as you all know, "for Freemasons, there are four implicit values that help define our path through life: Integrity, Friendship, respect and service". In today's world of uncertainty, we can always fall back on Freemasonry to help sustain us. Next year is shaping up nicely, and we hope you can participate in all the brotherly love and service planned.

So, stay well and stay safe and I hope to see you all at our upcoming Lodge events.

Peace be with you,

Jeff Day, Senior Warden



In Memoriam

Brother	Passed
Lou A. Sukalski	09-19-2022
Wor. Bro. Peter G. Bechtel	10-16-2023

They rest from their labors

You have power over your mind - not outside events. Realize this, and you will find strength." - Marcus Aurelius

A Touching Story of an Old Father, Son and a Sparrow

By [pawbuzz](#) on [June 23, 2020](#) in [Popular](#)

An 80-year-old man was sitting on the sofa in his house along with his 45 years old highly educated son. Suddenly a crow perched on their window.

The Father asked his Son, "*What is this?*"

The Son replied "*It is a crow*".

After a few minutes, the Father asked his Son the 2nd time, "*What is this?*"

The Son said "Father, I have just now told you "*It's a crow*".

After a little while, the old Father again asked his Son the 3rd time, "*What is this?*"

At this time some expression of irritation was felt in the Son's tone when he said to his Father with a rebuff. "*It's a crow, a crow*".

A little after, the Father again asked his Son the 4th time, "*What is this?*"

This time the Son shouted at his Father, "*Why do you keep asking me the same question again and again, although I have told you so many times 'IT IS A CROW'. Are you not able to understand this?*"

A little later the Father went to his room and came back with an old tattered diary, which he had maintained since his Son was born.

On opening a page, he asked his Son to read that page. When the son read it, the following words were written in the diary.

"Today my little son aged three was sitting with me on the sofa, when a crow was sitting on the window. My Son asked me 23 times what it was, and I replied to him all 23 times that it was a Crow. I hugged him lovingly each time he asked me the same question again and again for 23 times. I did not at all feel irritated. I rather felt affection for my innocent child".

While the little child asked him 23 times "*What is this?*", the Father had felt no irritation in replying to the same question all 23 times and when today the Father asked his Son the same question just 4 times, the Son felt irritated and annoyed.

So...

If your parents attain old age, do not repulse them or look at them as a burden, but speak to them a gracious word, be cool, obedient, humble and kind to them. Be considerate to your parents.

From today say this aloud:

"I want to see my parents happy forever. They have cared for me ever since I was a little child. They have always showered their selfless love on me.

They crossed all mountains and valleys without seeing the storm and heat to make me a person presentable in the society today".

Say a prayer to God:

"I will serve my old parents in the BEST way. I will say all good and kind words to my dear parents, no matter how they behave."

Thanks for spending your time on reading this story...

Holiday Word Search

C H R I S T M A S Y I R F E E
T A R A H W E R R B P R W H V
G K R A N E L R P L I P X B E
Z H N O W S E R L E S U A C R
E K N Y L M L L N I Q L E H G
S E Z T R S H D X X A L N O R
X M R N V S S O O W E Y E L E
G N I V I G A S E B C R R I E
F A M I L Y T N R T L A D D N
G P O O U F E A T Y A E L A C
J F H G I R T F Y A U Y I Y Y
B K I G J I V T L Q S W H S L
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| Merry | Christmas |
| Santa | Claus |
| Thanks | Giving |
| Happy | Newyear |
| Gifts | Family |
| Carols | Evergreen |
| Celebration | Awards |
| Children | Renewal |
| Feast | Holidays |
| Friends | Fellowship |

Greetings from the South

Hello Brethren,

As this Masonic year comes to a close, I want to emphasize that it is a great time to be a Mason, especially a member of Acacia Lodge. Our Wor. Master Ted Daily and fellow officers have proven once again, that dedication and great ritual give our newly initiated Brothers the best possible experience and outlook on our fraternity. As we continue to grow as a lodge, we still welcome and enjoy the support and attendance of our more seasoned members.

The addition of training sessions for all members has been going great. I know we have unfortunately had to cancel the last two but be assured we will be continuing them during our dark months. These training sessions are for all members, new and old. If you have not been to a stated meeting and want to get back in the swing of things, our training sessions are a perfect place to get reacquainted with your brothers in an informal setting.

As we close out the year it becomes a very busy time for all of us. Acacia Lodge has a host of events coming up and I hope to see everyone at as many as possible. Our Awards Night and Christmas Party are two events that I consider can't miss events. Look to the Trestle Board for dates and RSVP information.

Come out and continue to support your fellow brothers and your lodge in their doings. I look forward to seeing many of you soon. Until then stay safe & warm.

Faternally,

Wor. Bro. Chris Modica, Junior Warden

Masonic Trivia

1. What does the "Pot of Incense" symbol represent?
2. What does the "Beehive" symbolize?
3. What does the "Sword to the Naked Heart" symbolize?
4. What does the "Rough Ashlar" represent?
5. What does the "Perfect Ashlar" represent?
6. What does the "Anchor" symbolize?
7. What does the "Compass" symbolize?
8. What does the "Square" represent?
9. What does the "Level" represent?
10. What does the "Sheaf of Corn" represent?

Answers on page 5



**ACACIA LODGE'S ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**You and your Family are Invited to
Acacia Lodge's Annual Christmas Party**

Dec 16th from 12:30pm-4pm

Euclid Masonic Temple

27271 Tungsten Rd. Euclid, Oh

RSVP is REQUIRED

Join Acacia Lodge for Food, Entertainment
(Magician Rick Smith & Balloon Twisting Clown),
Craft Table, SANTA CLAUS, Fun & Fellowship.

ATTN: This Year Santa Claus will be calling each
Child by name to receive their Gift. To ensure
each Child's name is Called - They must be
register by Name and Age, prior to Dec 5, 2023.

If a child is not registered, they will receive a
Gift Card instead of a Gift.

Please Register all Children Attending!!

RSVP no later than Dec 5, 2023, with

Jim Cogan @ 440-257-6964

or 440-840-0861 with

Number of Adults attending.

Number, Name's & Age's of Children.



Proverb meanings

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away"

This expression, first used in an 1866 U.K. newspaper, stated, "Eat an apple on going to bed, and you'll keep the doctor from earning his bread." The rhyming proverb was supported by several medical and scientific sources that suggested apples were a "superfood" of the era, and could soothe a stomach at night, among other miracle-working abilities.

"Feed a cold; starve a fever"

This expression comes from a 16th-century dictionary that noted fasting was a great remedy for fevers. Very little medical advice from that time period has held up today, including this expression. The idea back then was that eating food would generate heat and help eradicate a cold, and fasting ("starving") would cool down the body during a fever. In general, modern doctors suggest that eating healthy foods and hydration are important to overcoming most sickness.

Origins of State Names

Florida taps into its Spanish roots by referencing *Pascua florida*, meaning flowering Easter, as Spanish explorers found the lush area during the holiday season. There's also a tie to the Latin word *floridus*, meaning strikingly beautiful.

Georgia may be known for its southern hospitality, but it's actually named for King George II from Great Britain.

Hawaii comes from the Polynesian word *hawaiki*, meaning place of the Gods. It was, however, originally named the Sandwich Islands by James Cook in the late 1700s.

Idaho has notorious roots in the Athabaskan word *idaahe*, meaning enemy. It was originally applied to part of Colorado before being given to the Gem State.

Illinois has a silent "s" at the end, because it's of French origin. "Illinois" means "Land of Illini," giving a nod to the Native American population. "Illini" is the Algonquin word for "man" or "warrior."

Indiana, as you might expect, stems from the English word Indian. The Latin suffix tacked on the end roughly means "land of the."

Iowa comes from the Dakota word *yuxba*, meaning sleepy ones.

Tracing Board



Today in Masonic History we discuss Tracing Boards.

The Tracing Board is used in masonic education and lectures.

A Tracing Board is used in masonic degree work to illustrate ideas and principals put forth in it's degrees. The origins of the Tracing Board go back to the masonic lodges in the 18th century and before.

In the beginning of Freemasonry, in England and around the World, Freemasons did not meet in a lodge hall. Instead they rented out the back room of a tavern once a month, or however often they held their meetings. Appropriate diagrams and other items indicating the lodge were drawn, often with chalk, on the floor of the tavern to indicate the information they needed to convey in their degree work.

Some historical reference has the Tyler, probably as part of the ritual of the time, drawing a rectangle on the floor. Possibly to represent the security of the room, the Tyler's responsibility. As the degree progressed, the Worshipful Master or other officers of the lodge filled the rectangle with appropriate images. Most of which we'd probably not recognize as being part of modern freemasonry, particularly as you go back into the 18th century and before.

After the degree was complete, the candidate was directed to remove the chalk drawings with a mop and bucket. This reminded him of his oath of secrecy.

During non-degree meetings they still drew the chalk drawings as a reminder to the brothers of the lessons the fraternity teaches.

Sometime in the 19th century as symbols were adopted by the fraternity more permanent mechanisms were used. These ranged from painted boards displayed or carpets laid out for candidates to see. Despite the fact these had come into vogue in the fraternity at the time, most Grand Lodges discouraged their use since they were now a

permanent display, simple swipe of a mop no longer hid the secrets.

By the 20th century the idea of the Tracing Board began dying out. Logically this coincided with more and more lodges moving from the back room of a tavern and into their own buildings. The idea the lodge had to be 100% portable, sometimes referred to as a "lodge in a box", went away and it was easier to have more permanent displays or larger items used to illustrate the ideas and principles of Freemasonry.

Several examples of Tracing Boards still exist and can still be used to relate the concepts of Freemasonry to a candidate.

Masonic Trivia - Answers

1. Purity of Heart
 2. Industry
 3. To never reveal the secrets of Freemasonry
 4. The imperfect, untutored state of man
 5. An educated, refined man whose mind is filled with Light
 6. The voyage of life
 7. Infinite spiritual boundaries
 8. Fairness, balance, firmness and stability
 9. A symbol of equality
 10. Plenty
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TV Catchphrases

"What'choo talkin' 'bout Willis?"

Gary Coleman as Arnold Jackson on *Diff'rent Strokes*

"How you doin'?"

Matt LeBlanc as Joey Tribbiani on *Friends*

"Yabba dabba do!"

Alan Reed as Fred Flintstone on *The Flintstones*

"That's what she said"

Steve Carell as Michael Scott on *The Office*

"Bazinga"

Jim Parsons as Sheldon Cooper on *The Big Bang Theory*

"Live long, and prosper"

Leonard Nimoy as Dr. Spock on *Star Trek*

"D'oh"

Dan Castellaneta as Homer Simpson on *The Simpsons*

TRESTLE-BOARD

Tear off and post on your refrigerator!

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Sunday	November 5, 2023	Daylight Saving Time
Wednesday	November 8, 2023	Stated Meeting – Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
Friday	November 17, 2023	Special Meeting Awards Night
Tuesday	November 21, 2023	Training Meeting at Acacia Lodge – all welcome
Friday	November 24, 2023	Stated Meeting – Thanksgiving Celebration
Wednesday	December 13, 2023	Stated Meeting
Saturday	December 16, 2023	Christmas Party from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday	December 18, 2023	Special Meeting – Installation of Officers
Wednesday	January 10, 2024	Special Meeting

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