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From the East by WB Lyth B. Clark, Jr. Worshipful Master

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Ten days from today, St. John the Evangelist's Day will be here, and the newly installed officers for 2014 will resume their respective stations. I will begin my second term as Master of Acacia #94, having served in 2006. In two days on the 19th of December, if all goes as planned, the lodge will raise its sixth Master Mason of 2013. A well deserved thanks to WB David Stuard Jr. and all the officers for a very good year.

In 2013, we lost five brothers through death. The last was Brother Roger Doyon, who served for many years as one of the Stewards. He tried to teach me, among many things, to speak up and to dress as befitting an officer. I will miss him. His funeral was at 11 AM on December 13th; it was sunny in the upper 40s with a slight southerly breeze, a good day.

I am unaware of any candidates at the present time. However, if we comport ourselves as we should, they will be drawn to what I believe is the greatest fraternity in the world, bar none. When you see the announcement, do make an attempt to attend the work. You will be rewarded, and the new brothers will see how seriously we take Masonry.

See you in Lodge.

Go West, Young Man by WB David P. Stuard, Jr. Senior Warden

First things first, I trust you all had a cheerful Christmas and extend my wishes for a happy and prosperous 2014. I have returned once more to the West, (my favorite seat in the house), and offer my assurances that the same spirit which enthused me while in the Captain's chair will still guide me as XO (Executive Officer for you landlubbers). It is my happy duty to execute the designs laid down by the Worshipful Master, to assist him in the governing of his lodge, and by his will and pleasure, to strengthen and support the craft in the manner that he and they may see fit. I view this as my best contribution, to serve rather than to lead.

In keeping with this, I have decided to devote myself to the cause of Masonic Education. I have been known for a love of coaching newly made brothers in their proficiency exams, but I'd like to enlarge upon this, and to offer the same service to those brothers who are newly installed in office, or may aspire to in the future. I am at your disposal, one and all, you need only ask. I should also remind you all of our 10th district instructional classes, to be held on Saturday, Jan. 11th at 2 PM at the Scottish Rite Center on Garners Ferry Rd. This is considered Mandatory for all officers, even those returning to office, as procedures have a way of evolving and we need to avail ourselves of any changes that may have been implemented in the interim. Please make every effort to attend, as what you learn will benefit the entire craft as well as yourself.

DATES TO REMEMBER

12/28

Feast of St. John the Evangelist

1/2

Regular Communication
Dinner and Fellowship
at 6:30 PM
Lodge opens at 7:30

1/11

10th District Instructional
Classes for all Lodge
Officers. 2:00 PM at the
Scottish Rite Center

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

4 Jack Parker, Jr.
13 G. Larry Railey
16 Shawn Ludwig
24 Charles D.
Williamson
26 Robert K.
Strickland
31 James T. Davis

We can chose to throw stones, to stumble on them, or to build with them — Wilham Ward

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1518 HAMPTON ST
COLUMBIA, SC 29201OFFICE HOURS
MON-THURS 9AM-2PM
(803) 256-2538Regular communications
held every first Thursday
at 7:30 (dinner at 6:30)**SICK AND DISTRESSED**WB Don Michie
and
WB Jim Neal**In Memoriam**

**On December 10th,
Bro. Roger Doyon,
who served Acacia
for many years as
Steward, laid down
his working tools
and entered into
that Celestial Lodge
Above. He was ever
a source of guidance
and inspiration, and
he will be missed.
Our hearts go out to
Edwina and to the
rest of Clan Doyon.**

Likewise, it is my intention to continue to contribute to our Masonic Education in other ways, such as the series of short lectures and dissertations that are again becoming a fixture at our regular communications. This is a program that is open to all Master Masons; if you have something to offer, for the benefit of Masonry or of this lodge in particular, please consider this your invitation and authorization to do so, as everyone will profit thereby. Education is a win-win scenario.

Lastly, I will be continuing in my capacity as both Webmaster and Publisher of the Sprig, subject to the will and pleasure of the lodge. I call upon all of you for your support and submissions, articles or announcements, and I will make every effort to include them all. Also, please feel free to send comments or critiques, as these will always be taken as constructive. Those of you who receive the Sprig electronically can simply click reply, for you others the e-mail address is sprigofacacia94@hotmail.com. Sound off like you've got a care.

From the Secretary's Desk by WB Richard G. Miner, PM

Merry Christmas. I wish everyone a wonderful holiday. I am looking forward to another great year for Acacia Lodge. It is going to be my pleasure to serve the lodge this year as your secretary. I realize that I am following in the footsteps of a good man who has served the lodge well, and I am sure W/ B Jack will continue to do so in his future roles.

It is my intention to use this space in the Sprig to keep you all updated about both the brethren and lodge business. My effectiveness however is going to depend on each of you. Please keep me informed about updates in your personal information and any new happenings with those brothers with whom you keep in touch. I can be contacted directly 24/7 by email at acacia94@outlook.com. Please feel free to contact me.

A Masonic New Year's Resolution by Brother Art Nebiker

As we open the Eternal Door of Time and pass through to visit yet another Year Governed by a New Orbit around the life-giving Sun, let us be ever mindful of and renew our Masonic Obligations, to aid the sick and distressed, the crippled, those without sight or sound, widows and orphans, and let us never forget that every Human Being has a claim on our good offices.

Do act as a paragon, an outstanding example to others, for by your Masonic Virtue and Integrity you spread your Light of Hope and Love, and Help to make this a Better World for All - -

Happy New Year Brothers

Success is not the key to happiness, happiness is the key to success—Albert Schweitzer