

THE SPRIG

AUGUST 2011

ACACIA LODGE 94 ANCIENT FREE MASONS COLUMBIA, SC

Volume 16 Issue 8

2011 OFFICERS

Jeffrey Hall WM
Rick Sirmons SW
Richard Miner JW
Art Ford Treas.
Jack Coker Sec.
Doug Hall SD
John Rotureau JD
Tom Rotureau Stew
Roger Doyon Stew
Thomas Baker Tyler
Wayne C Smith Jr Chaplain
Charles Marthers Organ



DATES TO REMEMBER

Regular Communication
8/4

Proposed EA Degree 8/11

AUGUST BRITHDAYS

James Rauch, Jr
Orion Pitts
Cecil Sveum
Kenneth Havelks, Sr
William Martin
Jason Johnson
Richard Cobbs
Robert Waites
Charles Belcher
Thomas Coker
Richard Hazekamp
David Coates
Robert Jordan
Jared Smith
Roy Johnson
William Dawson

FROM THE EAST By JEFF HALL, WM

Brethren, Fraternal Greetings from the East, I hope each of you are enjoying this beautiful summer we are having. Yes, it is a bit warm but it is a great time to get out and enjoy some time with friends and family, vacationing to your favorite spot to relax and unwind or just get away from the demands of everyday life and enjoy some quiet time. I have a good friend coming in from Louisiana in a couple of weeks and we are planning a trip to Georgia to see the site of the Andersonville Confederate Prison as well as Stone Mountain. I am an avid War of Northern Aggression researcher and I love to participate in battlefield re-enactments as part of a Confederate Artillery unit (Brook's Artillery) from our great state that actually participated in many battles some 150 years ago. I look forward to seeing some sites in Georgia. I have visited many battlefields in South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. It is a deeply humbling and

solemn occasion on each and every field of battle to get a sense of what our forefathers lived through... and died for. May God continue to bless this great country and guide us through our hardships.

I am happy to report the Brother Benjamin Brooks will have received his Master Mason's Degree as you read this newsletter. I am equally happy to report that, pending a favorable report by the investigating committee, we will have two young men that will receive their EA Degree on August 11th. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. We have had work in every single month this year and I hope this continues through the end of 2011. It has been an outstanding year for Acacia Lodge and I hope you have been able to participate in some of this work. Sadly, we have lost more than our share this year to the Celestial Lodge above. I am very proud of the fact that on each and every Memorial Service that we have performed,

we have received praise and appreciation from the family members of our fallen Brethren. Thank all of you who have taken the time to memorize the work and attend these services. As the service says, it is our last opportunity to "commemorate the life of our deceased Brethren and offer up to his memory before the world, the last tribute of our affections." Please keep those that are unable to travel or get out much in your thoughts and prayers. It is very hot this summer and the elderly especially suffer from the high temperatures and humidity. Call on those that you know may need assistance. Go by and check on them from time to time. Stay and visit for a few minutes, they will appreciate it and you may just get something out of the visit yourself. That is what we, as Masons do, contribute to the relief of all worthy distressed Brothers, no matter their need.



**SCENES FROM OUR
ST. JOHN'S DAY FISH
FRY**



**THIS MONTH'S
DONATIONS**

Bro. Charles A. Marthers

W/B Arthur B. Ford

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK By Jack Coker, PM

A request from the Secretary:

Brethren over the past few months we have had several newsletters and communications returned to us marked "forwarding expired return to sender." We also had one returned marked "no such address." The problem with this one was that the newsletter has been going to this address for years with no returns. I tried to call one of our members in Alabama last week and got the message "no longer in service."

If you have moved or changed phone numbers in the last few months please drop me a letter, card, or e-mail at jacacoker@aol.com and give me the correction. Also you can call me at the lodge office (803-256-2538). We like to keep up with our members.

We still have petitions coming in and it looks like we will be doing degree work for the rest of the year. Sounds great doesn't it?

We have quite an assessment to the Square and Compass Corp. to pay for the air conditioner that was stolen. A contract has been let to replace it and the cost will be approximately \$14,000.00. Insurance will cover some but not all of the cost. Anyone care to help the lodge meet their share of the assessment?

**YOUR SPACE
ARTICLES SUBMITTED BY YOU**

PUBLISHERS NOTE: Each month this space will be reserved for articles submitted by the brethren. Articles can be sent to rminer@sc.rr.com.