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DATES TO REMEMBER

Regular Communication
5/5

Proposed EA Degree 5/12

Proposed MM Degree 5/26

MAY BRITHDAYS

Sinan Meric
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FROM THE EAST By JEFF HALL WM

Brethren, I bring you Fraternal greetings from the East. As summertime is fast approaching and all the spring flowers are in full bloom, it is a great time of year to be out and about. I hope each of you are enjoying this special time of year and enjoying time with friends and family. As you read this month's Sprig, our 274th Grand Lodge Annual Communication will be behind us and we will have welcomed a new Grand Master. I hope some of you were able to attend this year's Communication. I would like to congratulate MW Brother Barry Rickman on a job well done over the past two years. I know that he and Mrs. Gail are enjoying some well de-

served down time with their families.

I am very proud of the fact that Acacia has received more petitions for Degrees and affiliations since our last newsletter. We will be raising Brother Miles Schultz to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason this month and, pending a favorable ballot, will have a new EA Brother as well. It has been a busy year and we have gained some very good young men who are eager to start on their Masonic journey. Brother Eric Crowe has gone off to boot camp and I know he is missing us right now. Hopefully his six weeks will pass quickly for him. Brother Lew Avant has been visiting other

Lodges and is already learning the EA Charge. It is great to see such enthusiasm in these young men. I look forward to working with each of you on your respective journeys.

Brethren, it is great to have so much work to do in our Lodge. Our Degree work has been good and we have had a pretty good turnout at our conferrals. I hope to see each of you in Lodge in the near future. Get out and enjoy the beautiful spring weather and visit with each other. Travel safely and may the Grand Architect continue to bless each of you.

Fraternally,
Jeff Hall WM

FROM THE SOUTH By Richard Miner PM

Greeting from the South. I hope this issue of the Sprig finds everyone well. The Summer months are here and as you plan your activities do not forget lodge. The Summer months always have a lower attendance because of vacations and travel. However, during these Summer months we will be voting on both partitions and degree advancement. Those are important votes and your vote is need. If need help getting to lodge please let someone know, we can and want to help. In my February and March articles I ask for your help

in planning our Ladies and Awards Night, and although November seems a long way off I do need to start making arrangements for both location and program. If you have any ideas for either location or program please let me know. This is the one night we recognize both our ladies and brothers be apart of that night with your input. The upcoming month of June also has an important day for Masons, the feast of Saint John the Baptist. Much has been written about Saint John and lodges celebrate his day June 24th in many different ways.

Last year as you may remember we had a fish fry to commentate his day. I would like to do something again this year to recognize Saint John, but I am going to need your help with ideas and most of all your support in putting on such an event. I also, want to echo our Worshipful Master's congratulations to MW Brother Barry Rickman for his outstanding leadership during the past two years. As our Most Worshipful Master he was not only the care taker but an innovator of our ancient and honorable fraternity.

A THANK YOU FROM CAROL COKER



I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciated your concern for me while I was recovering from my knee surgery. It meant so much to me that you would take the time to come to see me, say a prayer for me, call to check on me, send a card, bring a flower and food. Your encouragement and prayers really made a difference.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and your friendship.

Due to the fact that Jack made such a good nurse, I am doing great and am looking forward to seeing you on May 5.

Carol

EDITORS NOTE: Carol has planed a special meal for the May 5th business meeting.

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.



THIS MONTH'S SICK AND DISTRESSED

Larry Davis in Baptist Hospital. Would appreciate visitors.

Art Ford's wife Hildie fell and broke a wrist and injured a shoulder.

Charlie Marther's wife Ruby has had back problems.

Richard Miner had some tests run.

Charles Belcher is having some health issues but hopes to be in lodge soon

LET'S PRAY FOR
EACH OF THEM

