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DATES TO REMEMBER

Regular Communication
11/3
Ladies and Awards Night
11/17

NOVEMBER BRITHDAYS

Cardell Bunch
Joseph Jenkins
James Neal
Osger Jordan, Jr.
Johnson Leviner, Sr.
John Staser
David Jameson
Carl Craig
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FROM THE EAST By JEFF HALL, WM

I bring you Fraternal Greetings from the East. Once again, welcome to this month's edition of the Sprig of Acacia. November is here and the Holiday Season is just about upon us. I know that I, for one, am glad to see a little cooler weather and I always look forward to this time of year.

We had a very good month in October. Brother Sean Ludwig was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. We also had two candidates from Earlewood Lodge that we were able to help raise. Many thanks to WB Dan Orta for allowing Acacia Lodge to confer this Degree on

these two fine young men. A few months ago, we announced that we would hold the annual election of officers at our November meeting. Unfortunately, we have had to change this back to the December meeting. I will be out of the country from November 1st through the 12th and our Senior Warden will also be out of town. WB Richard Miner has agreed to fill in for me in the East at the November Business meeting. Please don't forget our Ladies and Awards Night on November 17th. Our Junior Warden has put together a great night for us and I look forward to see-

ing all of you and your ladies there. We have several service awards to present this year. Come on out and help us congratulate these Worthy Brothers on their years of service to our Fraternity.

I look forward to seeing each of you in Lodge soon! Have a great Thanksgiving Holiday with your family and friends. Travel safely and may the Grand Architect continue to bless each of us and our great Fraternity.

Jeff Hall WM

FROM THE SOUTH By RICHARD MINER, PM

Greets form the South. As we approach the winter season two very special lodge events are going to occur. First we have our Ladies and Awards Night on November 17th and election of officers at our regular communication on the 1st of December. Our Ladies and Awards Night will feature Mr. Bill-Brockington, as our key note speaker. Mr. Brockington is a noted historian and public speaker.

However I assure you will not be bored as he takes a comic look at our southern culture. The night will begin at 6:30 PM with a barbecue dinner and conclude with our award presentations by the MW G. Ray Marsh, Grand Secretary. I am looking forward to an enjoyable evening of good entertainment and fellowship. And as you know this evening is open to all masons and non masons. If you are planning to attend

please send me an email at rxminer@yahoo.com, or let me know at lodge. This will insure we have plenty of BBQ.

The next special event is the election of our officers. As I wrote last month the out come of this election will set the tone for the coming year. Please plan to attend on Dec 1st so you can cast your vote.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy Thanksgiving and hope to see each of you in lodge

SICK AND DISTRESS:

W/B Don Michie
 W/B Rick Sirmons
 Bro Glenn, Williams
 Bro Ben Glenn,
 Bro Robert Williams
 Bro Roger Doyon
 Also continue to remember our Organist, Bro Charlie in the loss of his daughter.

**THIS MONTH'S DONATIONS**

Ben H. Glenn
 Robert N. Milling
 David R. Jameson
 Kathryn A. Moreland—in appreciation to the lodge and in memory of Bro. Herman Allen
 John E. Benson
 Vernon H Davis
 J. Smith Harrison, Jr.
 Richard S. Smarr
 Arthur W. Nebiker
 Alfred G. James
 Thank you brethren and the Herman Allen family for your support of Acacia Lodge.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK By Jack Coker, PM

Brethren:

I want to thank those who have paid their 2012 dues so promptly. They are coming in very well. It is so much easier when they come in over a period of time than all coming in at the last minute. I am sorry to say that we still have seven members who have not paid their 2011 dues.

I'm sure that we are all looking forward to our ladies and awards night on November 17. We need to come out and honor our ladies and our years of service awardees. Those who have been cleared by Grand Lodge and will be receiving awards are:

25-year

Frank Charles Varn, Sr.
 William Richard Sirmons

40-year life memberships:

Donald Ervin Michie, Jr.
 Howard O'Dell Ingle
 Don Ligon Cousins

50-year

Max Lane Brandes
 Marshall Hennies Connor
 Cecil E. Sveum

Charles Douglas Greene—to be presented by the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

We congratulate these brethren on their years of service to Masonry. They have been notified of their awards and we hope they can attend the banquet. We have already heard from one who will attend. Thank you Bro Brandes.

**YOUR SPACE
ARTICLES SUBMITTED BY YOU**

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