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## 2012 OFFICERS

**Jeffrey Hall WM**  
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**John Rotureau JD**  
**Wayne C Smith Jr Chaplain**  
**Eric Crowe Stew**  
**Art Nebiker Stew**  
**Thomas Baker Tyler**  
**Charles Marthers Organ**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Regular Communication**  
**12/6 INSTALLATION**  
**OF OFFICERS**

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**Howard Wood**  
**Larry Scott**  
**Grover Lynch**  
**Don Cousins, Sr.**  
**James Curtis**  
**Anthony Smith**  
**Thomas Downing II**  
**John Dickerson**  
**Lemuel Knight**  
**Douglas Mathis, Jr.**  
**Andres Goza**  
**Loren Wise**  
**Jack Parker, Sr.**  
**Ryan Woodall**  
**Lyth B. Clark, Sr.**  
**Lewis R. Avant**  
**Preston McDaniel II**  
**William Dearman**  
**David Stuard, Jr.**  
**Brain Gibbs**  
**Howard Ingle**  
**Don McLermore**  
**Clark Cowsert**

## FROM THE EAST By JEFF HALL, WM

I bring you greetings from the East for the last time as Master of Acacia #94. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Worshipful Master for the past two years. It has been quite the learning experience and I have learned much. We have had some good times as well as some sad times. We have raised a few men and we have lost many more to the Supreme Lodge above. I want to thank you all for the trust you have bestowed upon me and for the encouragement and support you have shown over the past 6 years as an officer in this Lodge. I want to congratulate Bro. David Stuard on his election as Master for

the ensuing Masonic year. I am positive that he will serve the Lodge well. I hope to see each of you at our December Business meeting as we will have the appointment of the remaining officers as well as our installation ceremony. Just a quick reminder to the new officers, please wear a coat and tie so we can take pictures.

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving Holiday with your families and had plenty to eat. I also want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please remember the reason for the season and especially remember our military servicemen and women who are

deployed overseas. Say an extra prayer of healing and protection for them and their families as they go about the duty of guarding our freedoms. I look forward to serving the Lodge as Junior Warden next year and I look forward to seeing you all soon. Thank you once again for allowing me to serve this Lodge and you, my Brethren. It has been an honor beyond my expectations and to you all, I am eternally grateful. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May the blessings of Heaven continue to rest upon you all and your loved ones.

Fraternally,  
Jeff Hall PM

## FROM THE WEST By RICHARD MINER PM

Brethren: I hope each of you had a bountiful Thanksgiving feast, with friends and family. Sheryl and I were fortunate to spend our Thanksgiving with friends since our son was hiking up the side of Mt Everest.

This will be the last time I will have the honor of writing to you from the East. It been both an honor and provide to have severed the lodge for the last six years as an elected officer.

I know that the in coming officers under the leadership of our newly elected worshipful master brother Dave Stuard will server the lodge well as we move forward into a new Masonic year.

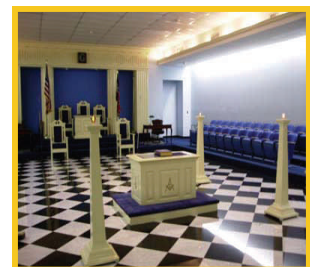
This is the first year in memory that we have elected officers at the November meeting. The appointment of the remaining officers and their installation will be conducted at the December business meeting. Please show your support for these brothers

by attending their installation.

Finally I would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Fraternally

Richard Miner, PM



**LODGE PRAYER LIST:**  
Roger Doyon

**A THANK YOU FROM OUR LADIES**

Thank you Acacia Lodge,

On behalf of all the ladies that attended the Awards and Ladies Night, we want to thank you for a lovely evening.

The dining room was beautifully decorated with the fall colors, the meal was delicious and the fellowship was great.

It was wonderful to see everyone that we had not seen since last year. It was truly an enjoyable treat for us and thank you for the beautiful red rose we all received.

**YOU SPACE Articles Submitted By You**

This is an article previously submitted by W/B Jim Neal

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Masonic Research

For the serious researcher or those who just like to surf on occasion, if you have not discovered Paul M. Bessel's site you need to pay it a visit. Paul M. Bessel is an attorney in the Washington, DC area who has developed a very comprehensive web site on Masonry. Ranging from up-to-date graphs and maps showing changes in membership through articles on Civil War Generals who were Masons it is a good source to list among your favorite places. Interested? Go to:

<http://bessel.org/>

Have fun.

James A. Neal, PM