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## FROM THE EAST By JEFF HALL, WM

Welcome to the March edition of the Sprig. I bring Fraternal Greetings to each of you once again. It seems like the months are rolling by so fast we can't keep up with them. Spring time will be here before we know it. Some would say it is here already as we have had a very mild winter so far this year. Remembering back, by this time last year we had snowfall twice already.

I am looking forward to the spring growing season and being able to get out and enjoy some sunshine. We are in the initial planning stages of our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual St. John the Baptist Fish Fry which will be in April. The date has not been finalized as yet. I am considering Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> or the next Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has a

preference, feel free to discuss with us at the Business Meeting. I am certainly open to any suggestions you may have. This year, I want to try a different approach and solicit the help of Columbia Chapter #59 OES. The Eastern Star ladies have always been such a great supporter of Acacia Lodge in the past. I have the honor of being the Worthy Patron this year although my term is coming to a close at the end of March. I have been asked to be the Chaplain next year and I have accepted. I enjoy the support of our sister fraternity. We have great fellowship and a very broad support group. I hope each of you are well and finding time to get out and visit with those that are confined to their homes. I know they would love to hear

from some of their Brothers. Keep WB Don Michie, Bro. Alton Blanks, Bro. Charlie Marthers, WB Tom Davis, WB Jim Neal and Bro. Tony Smith in your prayers. Stop in and visit us in Lodge if you get the chance. We have also started a ritual club on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Anyone who wants to learn a lecture, charge or Degree part, come on out and join us at 6:30pm every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. Come on out even if you just want to be a spectator. I would love to see you there. This will give some of our new members an opportunity to learn the work and some of the seasoned veterans a chance for a refresher course. Have a great month and I hope to see you in Lodge often

## FROM THE WEST By RICHARD MINER, PM

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