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DATES TO REMEMBER

Regular Communication
5/3
Proposed FC Degree 5/17

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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FROM THE EAST By JEFF HALL, WM

I hope this edition of The Sprig of Acacia finds everyone in good health and enjoying the Spring weather. We had a busy month in April. It feels good to have Degree work again this year and I want to welcome our two newest EA Brothers to Acacia Lodge #94. Bro. Olin Longino and Bro. Al Jones received their first Light in Masonry by the assistance of the Brethren on April 12th. We had a nice crowd in attendance and all of the Officers did a commendable job on their work. A few were doing their parts for the very first time and did a great job. The Senior Warden, WB Richard Miner, did an outstanding job on the First Degree Lecture as always. Our Past DDGM, RW Bill Bouknight filled in as Chaplain in WB Wayne

Smith's absence. It is always to pleasure to see the Boyleston crew. Thank you Brothers, for your continued fellowship and support of the 10th District.

As of the writing of this article, I am preparing to leave for the 275th Annual Communication of the MW Grand Lodge of South Carolina in Charleston. This will prove to be an historic event as we celebrate a significant milestone in the history of Freemasonry in South Carolina. 275 years is quite an accomplishment. There will be visiting dignitaries from as far away as France, Canada and many other Grand Jurisdictions across the country. I look forward to hopefully seeing some of you there for this event.

We are moving forward with

our plans for the Annual Saint John the Baptist Fish Fry on June 16th. Come on out and support the Lodge from 11am until 2pm or as long as folks show up. The Eastern Star Chapter is already off and running selling tickets. See any Lodge Officer for tickets. I have plenty on hand as well.

I look forward to seeing you at the May Business meeting. Come on out and welcome our newest members, Bro's. Longino and Jones, assist them on their journey to perfection in Ancient Craft Masonry. If their busy academic schedules will allow, they should be ready to take the next step in May. Both are students at USC and are preparing for final exams. I wish them both much success!

FROM THE WEST By RICHARD MINER, PM

Greeting from the West. Worshipful Brother Jeff Hall and I represented our lodge at the 275th convening of Grand Lodge on April 26th and 27th. Opening of Grand Lodge was preceded with a formal introduction of visiting Grand Masters. Upon opening regular Grand Lodge business was conducted, which included votes on two carry over changes to the Grand Lodge code and constitution.

The first would have changed the Grand Lodge communication meeting days from Thursday Friday to Friday Saturday. The second change would have required that a candidate be voted on once. Both of these changes were defeated. A third change was requested from the floor and voted on. This change requires that members of the active military requesting membership maintain residence in South Carolina 6 months

in place of the current one year requirement. This change was voted on and approved. On Friday all of the current elected officers were reelected and appointed officers named. followed by their installation.

I hope each of you enjoy the up coming summer months and look forward to seeing you in lodge.