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DATES TO REMEMBER

Regular Communication
10/4
Proposed FC Degree 10/18

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

William Gardelle
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FROM THE EAST By JEFF HALL, WM

Greetings from the East once again Brethren. It's hard to believe that it is already the beginning of the Fall Season. The Holiday's will be upon us before we know it. It is great to have some cooler weather and I hope that each of you are enjoying the end of summer.

We had an excellent EA Degree this month. Bill Turbeville took his first step in our beloved Fraternity and is very excited about his journey. He is the son of WB William Turbeville who served as Master of Acacia Lodge #94 in 1969. It is an honor to have him in Acacia Lodge and I look forward to his continued progress.

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Bro. Lyth B.

Clark Sr. He is the son of WB Lyth Clark Jr. who was Master in 2006. I had the honor of presiding over the graveside Masonic Rites last week. I want to extend my condolences to the family in this sad time. Please keep WB Lyth and his family in your thoughts and prayers. I also want to thank all the officers who came out to assist in graveside rites. We had a good turnout for the family and WB Lyth expresses his thanks to the Lodge. I would also like to thank WB Ronnie Thompson who always comes out and supports our Lodge whenever needed. Many thanks Worshipful Sir for your continued friendship and support. Please continue to keep

Bro's. Roger Doyon, Alton Blanks, WB Don Michie and WB Jack Coker in your thoughts and prayers as they face their struggles with health issues. Also, remember Bro. Tony Smith who is on deployment once again. Please continue also, to keep all of our Military men and women in your prayers as they continue to defend our freedoms as well as all those in public service that serve and protect us in our daily lives without hope of fee or reward. Thank you all for what you do and may the Supreme Architect continue to watch over you and your families. Sincerely and Fraternally, Jeff Hall PM

FROM THE WEST By RICHARD MINER, PM

I hope everyone is well and looking forward to the cool Fall weather.

I want to apologize for the lateness of this edition of the Sprig. I was out of town most of the month of September and upon my return I was informed of a death in the family necessitating my going to the funeral. in Michigan.

I want to erg each of you, if at all possible, to attend the November business meeting. As was indicated last month, we will be electing our leadership of the next year. Your support of the elected line is important to our future

success.

We will have our Ladies and Awards Night on November 15th. A dinner will be severed and the Most Worshipful Berry Rickman Past Grand Master will be the key note speaker. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.



LODGE PRAYER LIST:

Bro Roger Doyon

Sympathy

Bro. Lyth B. Clark Sr. father of W/B Lyth Jr. passed away September 15, 2012. Masonic rites were performed by the lodge.

Bro. Charles F. Hyatt passed away on Sept. 4, 2012 in Waynesville, NC.

Both of these brethren were 50-year members of Acacia Lodge.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK By Jack Coker, PM

Brethren:

The 2013 dues notices have been mailed out. We have 14 members who were sent a notice for 2012 and 2013. If you received a dues notice and do not feel that you owe dues because of a life membership, or if you did not receive a notice and know that you owe dues please contact me so we can straighten it out.

Please brethren when you pay your dues put your check in the envelope you were sent. Even if you pay them in person I still need the envelope to help with the bookkeeping.

We will be mailing out the NOTICE BEFORE ERASURE letters after the first of October. If you have not paid your dues for 2012 by October 31, 2012, you will be dropped NPD. Brethren please do not let this happen. Get your dues in as soon as possible.

**YOUR SPACE
ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY You**

This is one of Steven Covey's Greatest Six Principles hope you enjoy.

Be Proactive: Be a 'Trim-Tab'

To be proactive means more than taking the initiative. It means that we are responsible for our own lives. Our behavior is a function of our decisions, not our conditions.

I am a big fan of Buckminster Fuller, who said he always wanted to be a "trim-tab," the small rudder that turns the big rudder that turns the entire ship. I believe there are numerous potential trim-tabbers in all walks of life who can lead and spread their influence no matter what position they hold.

Taking initiative is a form of self empowerment. More important, we should empower people to solve problems without them having to go ask permission from their boss to do so.

Years ago I served as an admin to the president of a university. This man in many ways was very controlling and was from the school that he knew what was best when it came to making big decisions. Although a talented and brilliant man, he lacked the interpersonal skills with the staff and treated everyone like a gofer. This had a disenchanting and disempowering effect on all who worked with him, and there were many private discussions around the office about the way he treated others.

Then there was Ben, who simply took another approach. Even though he, too, was treated like a gofer, he decided he would be the best gofer in the office. He soon was able to predict what the president's needs would be, and when he was invited to an important meeting, he asked if he could present his data findings, then went on to offer astute analysis and recommendations. The president loved his analysis and invited him to give the same presentation to the board.

Ben wasn't resigned to the fact that something couldn't be done about an unreasonable boss who treated his people like children. Ben was a trim-tab leader, someone who is constant like a lighthouse and not a weather vane. A lighthouse is a constant and reliable source of light that doesn't twist and turn with the wind.

