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DATES TO REMEMBER

Regular Communication
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For some time now we have been concerned about the status of Bro. John Dickerson. This past week I decided to see what information could be obtained. Carol went on line and found a John Dickerson living at the same address that we have, with the same phone number we have and it stated that his age was 65+. Our records show Bro. Dickerson as being 99 years young so I sorta assumed that this was his son. On Sunday I called the number in Milford, Delaware and spent a very pleasant several minutes talking to Mrs. Dickerson. I told her who I was and why I wanted the information and asked her if this was the son. She informed me that this **was** Bro. Dickerson. In the course of the conversation I learned that Bro. Dickerson celebrated his 100th birthday on December 7, 2012. She stated that his hearing was not good and his eyesight was not good but otherwise he is doing great.

I also learned that He was at Pearl Harbor on his birthday, Dec. 7, 1941 when the Japanese bombed the island. He was about to leave there to come home when it happened. Needless to say he was delayed awhile.

Bro. Dickerson was raised in Acacia Lodge on June 7, 1943. He received his 25-year pin Nov. 17, 1968, his 40-year life membership Nov. 1, 1983, his 50-year pin in 1993 and was presented his 60-year pin by Temple Lodge No. 9, in Milford, Delaware on March 13, 2004. Bro. Dickerson will be eligible for his 70-year award in June, 2014.

This makes Bro. Dickerson Acacia's oldest living member, and we wish him a belated happy birthday with many more to come.