

ACACIANA - APRIL 1979

FROM THE EAST

Initiation and Move-Up: At our April Regular Meeting Mr. Neil Bruce Lilloco will be initiated into Masonry in Acacia Lodge. Neil is the son of R. Wor. Bro. Colin C. Lilloco and is an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

As April is our regular Move-Up Night, the work of the evening will be conducted by our officers advancing one chair with the assistance of other members. R. Wor. Bro. Lilloco will assume the Master's chair for this special occasion.

I hope the members will find time to respond in goodly numbers and show support to the Lodge, the candidate and those participating in the work.

Elections: The election of lodge officers for the Masonic Year 1979-80 will be held at our April Regular Meeting. The quality of lodge government is the result of elections. Every brother is entitled to vote and should exercise that right to ensure that the governance of the lodge continues in good hands.

All-Acacia Reunion, May 11, 12, 13, 1979: Your organizing committee has been busy drawing up a program for this special event. However, for it to be successful, your participation is needed. Mark this event on your calendar and plan to take an active part in hosting our out-of-town brethren as they visit Canada's capital and Acacia 561.

Seneca River Lodge - Return Visit, June 1, 2, 3, 1979: Arrangements are being finalized for Bytown and Acacia Lodges to host members of Seneca River Lodge, Baldwinsville, N. Y. I would like to know which members of Acacia and their wives are prepared to receive one or two visiting couples into their homes for dinner on Friday evening, June 1st. I would also like to know how many couples are planning to attend the banquet on Saturday evening. Please give this some serious consideration, then call to let me know of your decision.

D. M. Zwicker,
Worshipful Master.

FROM THE N. E. Getting to Know You : All Worshipful Masters and Past Masters agree that the quality of the work in any lodge is directly related to the quality and dedication of the Deacons, and in this respect Acacia Lodge is in good hands.

In the N. E. sits Bro. Ron Crawford, our Senior Deacon, who was born and raised in Toronto, where he attended school. Ron comes from a Masonic family, and one brother is presently a D.D.G.M. in Toronto. Ron served for 8 years with the RCAF before come to work 16 years ago for the Ottawa Board of Education, his present employer.

The boss of the Crawford manor is Barbara, who was born in Ottawa and is occupied full-time in keeping her four men in hand--Ron Sr., Ron Jr., Tim and Derek.

In the community, Ron has been involved in the Vanier Hockey Machine for a number of years as a coach and now as a director. Perhaps as a carryover from his RCAF days, Ron's continued hobby interest is model airplanes.

Masonically, our dapper Senior Deacon was I, P and R in Acacia Lodge, has served on a number of committees and has progressed steadily to the office he now holds. As he approaches the East we wish Ron good luck and look forward to his continuing contribution to the traditional "Acacia Quality".

Landmarks: Some fifteen years ago a beautiful set of gavels, columns and pedestals were presented to Acacia Lodge in memory of a departed brother. The story behind this beautiful gift is one of interest and importance to the brethren. You are therefore urged to take the first opportunity you have of examining each article in this collection. They are truly a matched set of finely finished ashlar from which we may all derive a lesson.

Fire Trucks are Red Because...

Fire trucks have four wheels and eight men. Everyone knows that four and eight make twelve. There are twelve inches in a foot. A foot is a ruler. Queen Elizabeth, a ruler, is also the name of the largest ship on the seas. Seas have fish and fish have fins. The Finns fought the Russians. Russians are red. Fire trucks are always rushin', therefore, firetrucks are red. If you think this is wild, you should hear some people explain why they don't have time to attend Lodge!

Fraternally and editorially yours,

J. H. Johnson, P. M.