



The Acaciana

the newsletter of Acacia Lodge #561
A.F. & A.M. (G.R.C.)

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The masonic year has been successfully launched and the Grand Lodge Appreciation Night in September and the DDGM's Visit in October were tremendous successes. Thank you to all Officers and Members who participated. I would urge all members who missed these two nights to come out to the November regular meeting (when we will have several speakers to talk about organizations involved in charity work), November emergent (visitation to sick and shut-ins) and the December regular meeting for our "Christmas dinner" of waffles and sausages.

Sincerely and Fraternally S. M. (Mike) Jenkyns, W.M. 1999-2000

Upcoming Events for Acacia Lodge and Ottawa District No. 1

Thurs.	October 28	Acacia Players present "The Greatest of These" at Carleton Lodge, Carp.
Fri.	October 29	Masters, Past Masters and Warden's Association meeting and dinner starting at 6:30 pm at Russell Lodge, Russell.
Sat.	October 30	Lodge of Instruction at Walkley Road (0900-1230) [a "must-do" for Masters, Wardens and Deacons]
Thurs.	November 4	DDGM Visit to St. Andrew's Lodge, Walkley Rd. (open 7:00 pm)
Sat.	November 6	Acacia Lodge Ladies Night at Amberwood Golf & Country Club [Lodge officers have tickets for sale]
Sun.	November 14	District Divine Service at St. John's Church, Carleton Place (7:00 pm service)
Tues.	November 16	DDGM Visit to Lodge of Fidelity, Walkley Road (also Regular Meeting night for Acacia Lodge)
Thurs.	November 18	DDGM Visit to Mississippi Lodge, Almonte (open 7:30 pm)
Tues.	November 23	Acacia Lodge Emergent Meeting - Visitation to sick and shut-ins.
Tues.	December 21	Acacia Regular Meeting - with our usual Christmas dinner of waffles and sausages commencing at 6:00 pm.

New Year's Program

Our program for the new Masonic Year is shaping up very nicely. I would ask you all to mark the following on your calendars and make every effort to attend your Lodge. Please note that these plans are always subject to change - the Lodge Summons is the official document on dates of meetings and work being undertaken.

January 18	Acacia Lodge 80 th Anniversary meeting; special Service of Rededication of the Lodge and Members. Please confirm your attendance with the JW, Bro. Marty Larabie by phone at 823-6210 or email at mlarabie@ottawa.com .
February 15	Regular Meeting.
March 21	Regular Meeting.
April 18	Regular Meeting and election of new Master and Wardens.
May 16	Regular Meeting and Installation of new Master and Officers.

We would hope to see as many members as possible at these meetings. Anyone who needs a drive to and from the Lodge or other activities should contact the W.M., Secretary or Chaplain so that suitable arrangements can be made.

Masonic Birthdays

In spite of "best efforts" an error crept into the last issue. Apologies to V.W. Bro. Ron Hobson whose Masonic birthday was indeed in September.

October

W. Bros. Harold A. Macmillan and A. Victor Williams; and
Bros. John B. Gibson; Robert L. Hall; Fred Haddad; A. Adam Jackson; Fred H. Khunle; Thomas J. Lunam; Arthur Mayhew; I. Arnold Pearson and Gerald R. Smith.

November

R.W.Bro. A.B.B. Sewell;
W. Bros. David W. Archambault and Trevor J. Shogilev; and
Bros. Philip W. Boyes; Barth Curley; A. John Earnshaw; Robert A. Elder; Gary N. Fee; W. Ebert Hobbs; John E. Jenkyns; Lewis Langstaff; Martin L. Larabie; Jeffrey C. Leclair; Carson MacDonald; Larry B. Maisonneuve; C. Noel Mead; Creighton Robertson and John A. Tyler.

Masonic Education

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers;
wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints;
we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy it less.

We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time;
we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment;
more experts, but more problems; more medicine, but less wellness.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.
We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years.
We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbour.

We've conquered outer space, but not inner space;
We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul;
We've split the atom, but not our prejudice;
We have higher incomes, but lower morals;
We've become long on quantity, but short on quality.

These are the times of tall men, and short character; steep profits, and shallow relationships.

These are the times of world peace, but domestic warfare;
more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition.

These are days of two incomes, but more divorce; of fancier houses, but broken homes.

It is a time when there is much in the show window and nothing in the stockroom;
A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to make a difference, or to just hit delete.

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