

The Acaciana

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

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My Brethren:

It is getting close to the end of my year as Worshipful Master. It has been a time of enjoyment, frustration, hard work, endless nights out, good friends and much food. It is one of those experiences which should not be missed by any Mason with the desire to proceed through the chairs. As I approach the close of my year, this will also be the last edition of "The Acaciana" produced under my direction. It will continue in the future, but will be directed by the new WM and officers.

Acacia is now eighty years young. But this is no time to sit back and rest on our laurels. We have two applications for Initiation (and another is due) and we are keeping pace with our losses. I would ask each member to think long and hard about their friends and relatives who might enjoy Freemasonry, and to encourage them to apply for membership. In a day when social morals are changing many seek a firm foundation for their own beliefs, and I have always believed that the Craft can provide this. Our program may change year by year, but the great principals on which we are founded remain inviolate.

It has been an honour to serve you all.

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

Request for Special Assistance to ACTIFEST 2000

Volunteers are needed for ACTIFEST 2000, the Ontario Seniors' Games, to be held in the Ottawa-Carleton Region on August 8, 9 and 10, 2000. The Organizing Committee is presently accepting registrations from those who wish to contribute their volunteer time and effort to see the success of this event. Around 600 volunteers will be needed.

Fifteen recreational and sporting events will be held during the three days of ACTIFEST 2000, including carpet bowling, contract bridge, cribbage, darts, euchre, alley and lawn bowling, golf, horseshoes, shuffleboard, snooker, swimming, tennis and walking. These will be hosted by different municipalities that form the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton. Those who wish to participate in these games must be 55 years and over, and must have competed in games held at one of the 39 district levels in order to obtain entry in ACTIFEST 2000. The Ontario Seniors' Games began in 1986 and are organized every second year by a locally formed committee in the municipality that has secured the bid to host the event.

If there are brethren who are interested in assisting with ACTIFEST 2000 in a volunteer capacity, please give V.W. Bro. Ron Hobson a call at (613) 828-6277. Bro. Ron is active in the accommodation and meals area, but he can explain more fully the part volunteers can play and put you in touch with the man in charge of Volunteer Services.

Events in the District: Please mark the following on your calendars:::::

Apr. 15, Sat. Goodwood Lodge Ladies Nite
Apr. 24, Mon. Ottawa District #1 Meeting
May 2, Tues. Temple Lodge, Installation
May 4, Thurs. Corinthian Lodge, Installation
May 10, Wed. St. John's Lodge, Installation
May 12, Sat. Carleton Lodge, Ladies Night

Apr. 17, Mon. DDGM Visit, Russell Lodge
Apr. 27, Thurs. Artic Char night, Carleton Lodge
May 3, Wed. Edinburgh Lodge, Installation
May 9, Tues. Civil Service Lodge Installation
May 10, Wed. Sidney Albert Luke Lodge Inst.
May 16, Tues. Acacia Lodge Installation

May 17, Wed.	Hazeldean Lodge Installation	May 18, Thurs.	Mississippi Lodge Installation
May 18, Thurs.	Doric Lodge Installation	May 26, Fri.	Prince of Wales Lodge, Inst.
May 31, Wed.	Masters/PM's/Wardens Association meeting, Westboro		Masonic Hall
June 1, Thurs.	St. Andrew's Lodge Installation	June 3, Sat.	Russell Lodge Ladies Night
June 6, Tues.	Goodwood Lodge Installation	June 19, Mon.	Russell Lodge Installation
June 22, Thurs.	Carleton Lodge Installation	July 18 - 20	Grand Lodge, Toronto

Acacia Events: Please mark the following on your calendars:.....

April 11, Tues.	Committee of General Purposes
April 18, Tues.	Election of new officers
May 9, Tues.	Committee of General Purposes
May 16, Tues.	Installation
May 23, Tues.	Emergent Meeting - Planning the new year
June Saturday	Summer BBQ - details to be advised
August Saturday	Summer Corn Roast - details to be advised

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.

All Acacia Reunion:....

Efforts to find a suitable host and location for this year's All Acacia Reunion have fallen through. It is regrettable that this has happened, but it was not entirely unexpected. Plans appear to be proceeding for the Reunion next year at Dover, New Jersey, when Acacia Lodge will celebrate its Centennial. Details will be provided when they are available.

Masonic Birthdays

As we round out the listing of months when members were initiated, Masonic birthdays for the months of March, April, May and June are being celebrated by:

March	W. Bros. W. J. Taylor, W. L. Moffatt, W. T. Gordon, B. B. Quinney and G. R. Holmes, and Bros. F. R. Paine, D. A. Baldrey, A. L. Hammell, J. Spears, J. D. Verney, M. A. McLean, F. A. Haggarty and J. G. Cade.
April	V.W. Bro. S. C. Gratto, W. Bros. G. E. Halliday, N. B. Lillico, R. W. Price and D. A. Williams, and Bros. R. D. Sweet, E. R. Goffin, L. N. Baird, S. T. Baird, J. S. Reid, W. C. McKissock, C. W. Booth and R. D. Emby.
May	W. Bro. F. Novak and Bros. K. A. J. Post, F. Cork, A.G. Reed, R.J. Major and R. Mishra.
June	W. Bros. G. A. Fleck and M. J. Jackson, and Bros. J. Friesen, E. C. Connelly, H. A. Morrison, R. E. Todd, W. D. Roche, J. A. Savill and K. G. Gosselin.