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**From the East by WB Lyth B. Clark, Jr. Worshipful Master**

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By the time the members of Acacia #94 read this, the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F.M. of South Carolina will have been held in Florence. Your Senior Warden and I attended both days. Besides good information, we picked up a Certificate of Achievement for this lodge for having no Non Payment of Dues during 2013. During 2013, over a thousand brothers, or more correctly former Masons, in this Jurisdiction chose to not continue their membership in this Fraternity by abandoning their commitment to support it financially. Remember, it is better to not make a vow than to not keep it. (Eccl 5:5)

This will be the second issue of the Sprig in a different font type and size. Hopefully, it will be easier to read, especially in the printed version. Should anyone still have difficulty, please let me or the Secretary know. We are hoping to provide the print version in color in the near future. That would only be fair, would it not? This month, the only scheduled work is for the Fellow Craft degree on the third Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

In closing, practice every commendable virtue. We hope to —

**See you in Lodge.**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

5/1

Regular Communication  
Dinner and Fellowship  
at 6:30 PM  
Lodge opens at 7:30

5/15

Proposed  
Fellow Craft Degree  
Dinner and Fellowship  
at 6:30 PM  
Lodge opens at 7:30

## SICK AND DISTRESSED

WB Ivan Wells  
WB Don Michie  
WB Jim Neal  
Bro. James "Smitty"  
Harrison  
and  
Our Bro. Organist  
Charles A. Marthers



Second Degree Tracing Board. Hand-painted on wood.  
Josiah Bowring: 1819.

**The wise don't expect to find life worth living, they make it that way — Anonymous**

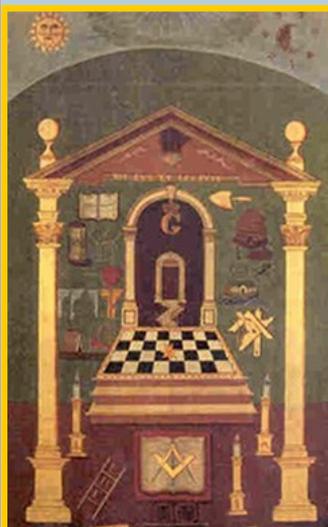
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Regular communications  
held every first Thursday  
at 7:30 (dinner at 6:30)



### MAY BIRTHDAYS

6 Sinan Meric  
11 A. Christopher Austin  
12 Patrick Crowe  
16 WB Thomas A. Baker  
16 Alfred James  
17 James R. Turkaly  
19 Cameron Edwards  
23 John E. Benson  
26 Gary R. Baker  
27 Alan K. Dean  
30 Robert C. Wilson



Yes, it's that time again. On Saturday June 21 from 11 to 3, Acacia Lodge and the Columbia Chapter of the Eastern Star, will hold their annual fish-fry, in the dining room at Hampton Street, featuring Catfish, Hushpuppies, and all the fixin's. Tickets are just 7 bucks a plate, and are available now. But wait, there's more...the ladies will also be hosting a bake sale to co-incide with the cook-out, so bring your wallets as well as your appetites. Right Worshipful Jeffrey Hall reported that last year's event was our most successful to date, but with your help, we can beat that record. Come join us, won't you?

### And From the Acacia Message Board — Greetings and Solicitations

In our last issue, I premiered a new column, a sort of Lodge Trestle-board whereby absent brethren might drop us a line, and stay in touch, with the hope that it might prove interesting, even useful, and perhaps bring us all a little closer together. After a slow start, I am pleased to say that the idea seems to be catching on, as this month several of you have chosen to respond, including some brothers from whom we have not heard in quite some time. This is better than I had imagined and I thank all of you who answered the call. I know I speak for all of us when I say, — It's truly great to hear from you.

From Bro. John Benson--

I send greetings from the Low Country. I was raised in Acacia 94 on 10/23/75, if my memory is correct. I went through the process with my father - Frank Benson - one of the only father-son classes people had remembered. I moved from Columbia in 1978 but I have remained a member of Acacia. Though it has been 10+ years since I was able to visit the lodge, I have many fine memories. My best to all the brethren.

— Right back at you brother John, you are not forgotten here.

Bro. (and Dr.) Robert Milling reports--

This coming weekend I'm being recognized by The American Psychiatric Association at the annual meeting in New York City as a "Distinguished Life Fellow".

—Again, congratulations brother Robert, you do us proud.

Bro, Tony Smith writes--

Hello brothers, I am thankful to be returning from Germany next month. I will be returning to the Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Augusta and close to the Lodge. I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

—That is good news. Welcome home soldier, to lodge and country.

And Bro. Erik Jason Lloyd, our new Senior Steward says --

I have found being a Mason the greatest thing in my life. It has made me more honorable to the Lloyd name and I am looking forward to seeing our Lodge increase over the year.

—Thanks brother Erik. Truth is, we are honored to have you.

Anyone else have a shout-out? Just click reply to the Sprig e-mail address, [sprigofacacia94@hotmail.com](mailto:sprigofacacia94@hotmail.com) and I'll post your messages to all the brothers here each month. The Sprig of Acacia, keeping us together, fraternally and electronically, where-so-ever we may be dispersed.

**A friend is a present that you give to yourself — Robert Louis Stevenson**