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2011 OFFICERS

Jeffrey Hall WM
Rick Sirmons SW
Richard Miner JW
Art Ford Treas.
Jack Coker Sec.
Doug Hall SD
John Rotureau JD
Wayne C Smith Jr Chaplain
Tom Rotureau Stew
Roger Doyon Stew
Thomas Baker Tyler
Charles Marthers Organ

DATES TO REMEMBER

Regular Communication
12/1 Election of Officers

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Howard Wood
Larry Scott
Grover Lynch
Don Cousins, Sr.
James Curtis
Anthony Smith
Thomas Downing II
John Dickerson
Lemuel Knight
Douglas Mathis, Jr.
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Loren Wise
Rollins DeHart
Jack Parker, Sr.
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Preston McDaniel II
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David Stuard, Jr.
Brain Gibbs
Howard Ingle
Don McLermore
Clark Cowsert

FROM THE EAST By JEFF HALL, WM

I bring greetings from the East once again Brethren. I hope that each of you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving with friends and family. I am thankful for the many blessings I have received and for all of the support that each of you has given me this year. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served Acacia Lodge #94 as your Worshipful Master this year. We have had a very good year and brought a good number of new Brothers to Masonic Light in our Lodge. I pray that those who have gone on to serve our great country are out of harm's way and that the Grand Architect will continue His blessing upon each of them. My sincere thanks go out to those who serve and to all of those who have served in our Armed Forces and those who are public servants.

You are what make this country great and let us enjoy the freedoms we share. Thank you and God Bless you all.

We had a nice turnout for our Ladies and Awards banquet. I would like to give a special thanks to MW G. Ray Marsh, our past Grand Master and Grand Secretary for supporting us once again. He presented the awards on behalf the Grand Lodge of South Carolina to all of our recipients that were in attendance. He and his lovely wife Maryanne shared the evening with us and I thank them for their support. My thanks also to our District Deputy Grand Master, RW Brother Alex Roberts and his wife Laura for sharing the evening with us as well. It is always a pleasure to be with you. Thank you for your support of Acacia Lodge and the

10th District this year. Brethren, as we move towards the close of another year, let us remember the importance of this time of year. As our country faces continued struggles, let us remember to give thanks to our Great Creator and ask his blessing of protection and favor upon us, our country and our beloved Craft. Take the time to remember those less fortunate and finally, remember our absent Brothers and their families. May God continue to bless each of you and your families. Thank you for your love and support of your Lodge. I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge on December 1 as we elect the officers that will lead our Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

FROM THE WEST By Rick Sirmons, PM

Brothers of acacia lodge, let me take this time to say thank you the opportunity to serve as your Senior Warden this year it has, as always been an honor to serve you. It is my wish that we all make a commitment to make 2012 our best ever by all working together doing whatever it takes to ensure we are here for another 150 years. May God bless you all.



WB Rick Sirmons Receives his 25 Year Award

THIS MONTH'S DONATIONS

Arthur W. Nebiker
 William J. Eccles
 Jeffrey L. Hall
 James A. Neal
 Charles E. Brown
 Hugh J. Bickley
 Roger W. Doyon

Thank you brethren

SICK AND DISTRESS:

W/B William T. Rotureau, Sr. in Colorado Springs, CO.

Howard "Spanky" Wood



MWB G. Ray Marsh presents Brother Max L. Brandes Fifty Year Award



Bill Brockington Addresses Ladies and Awards Night

FROM THE SOUTH By Richard Miner, PM

I want to thank each of you for the support you have given to me throughout the year as I performed my duties as Junior Warren. It has been another great year with the leadership of our worshipful master and all the lodge officers.

I do however have to give a special thanks to all the Brethren and Carol Coker who worked so hard to make our Ladies and Awards Night a resounding success and to the brothers Rotureau who assisted with the meals throughout the year.

Finally, I want to thank you brethren for again letting me serve as your Junior Warren this year.

I wish everyone a merry and safe Christmas as we spent this festive time of the year with our families.

God Bless

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK By Jack Coker, PM

Our dues have really slowed down in November. This is usually the busiest month of the year. It usually takes two pages in the cash book and two deposit slips to hold all the payments but I have about a half page this month. Brethren please do not let this important item slip by.

YOUR SPACE ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY Arthur W. Nebiker

A Child Is Born

The heavens did open
 The Angels did sing
 The Kings did bring
 The shepherds did follow
 This majesty did happen
 To celebrate the child

Rejoice and be glad
 The stars did shine
 and Heaven was on earth
 To celebrate the birth
 The firmament trumpeted

Announcing the trumpeted
 To celebrate the child
 Rejoice and be glad

That long ago night
 With glory from above
 Brings light and love
 To all who follow
 This majesty did happen
 To celebrate the child
 Rejoice and be glad

The trumpeting
 From the firmament
 Calls to the highest

The sight of man
 To love each other
 Be kind to each other

Shed darkness with
 His To celebrate the child
 Rejoice and be glad
 Light Bring love where there
 Is none Do good works in his
 Teaching

That child is part of you
 Rejoice and be glad

Arthur W. Nebiker



THANKS TO THE 2011 OFFICERS FOR YOUR SERVICE