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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Regular Communication  
9/1  
Proposed EA Degree 9/8  
Proposed FC Degree 9/15

## SEPTEMBER BRITHDAYS

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## FROM THE EAST By JEFF HALL, WM

September is already upon us and the cooler temperatures will hopefully, be here soon. I hope that you and your families have been able to enjoy some vacation time together. I just returned from my annual War Between the States tour through Georgia. This year, I made it to the site of the Andersonville Prison in southwest Georgia and the Chickamauga Battlefield in north Georgia on the Tennessee border. This is some beautifully scenic country and stands in stark contrast to the struggles there nearly 150 years ago. It is hard to imagine the horrors of war in that era or the suffering at Andersonville. I enjoy seeing these historic sites and the history of this

great country. Hopefully we have learned these lessons and will continue to remember them so that history will not be repeated.

While in southern Georgia, I had to chance to see the Naval Museum in Columbus which, as you know, is also the home of Ft. Benning. I bumped in to an old friend and had the chance to enjoy a nice steak dinner with a soldier and Brother. 2LT Patrick Crowe sends greeting to all and hopes to be in Lodge very soon for a visit. Brother Eric Crowe has been busy getting the Navy Fleet out to sea and out of harms way in the wake of Hurricane Irene and he is due to be in town for a visit as well.

Come on out to the Lodge for the September meeting and hopefully you will bump into them both. Congratulations also to our two newest EA Brothers, Bro. Ludwig and Bro. Brothers. What a great year we are having at Acacia Lodge. I hope to see each of you soon and I look forward to a great Ladies and Awards Night in November. WB Richard Miner is working on a great night of fellowship. More on that in coming issues of the Sprig.

May the Grand Architect continue to Bless each of you and your families. Be safe in your travels, be kind to one another and remember our service men and women in your devotions.

## FROM THE SOUTH By RICHARD MINER, PM

Greets form the South. Hope everyone had a safe Summer and all are in good health.

As you can see from the dates to remember we are going to have a busy September. October will be equally as busy with degree work as well as our upcoming Ladies and Awards Night on the 17 of November.

Ladies and Award Night will be held in the lodge dinning room and I have requested a guest speaker and I am waiting his confirmation, more information coming.

When you see Carol Coker please remember to thank her for her hard work preparing our meal the last couple of months.

Looking forward to seeing each of you in lodge and may God Bless.





SCENES FROM OUR  
ST. JOHN'S DAY FISH  
FRY



**THIS MONTH'S  
DONATIONS**

James A Neal  
Arthur W. Nebiker  
Roger W. Doyon  
Thank you brethren for  
your support.

**FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK** By Jack Coker, PM

Remember:

W/B Hugh Bickley is home and doing fine after his knee surgery.  
Remember W/B Rick Sirmons as he goes through these trying times.

Looks like we will be doing degree work for the rest of the year. If all goes well we may have a meeting every Thursday night for a couple of months.

**YOUR SPACE  
ARTICLES SUBMITTED BY YOU**

**We need your article**

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