

# THE SPRIG

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Regular Communication**  
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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

**Benjamin J Brooks**  
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## FROM THE EAST By JEFF HALL, WM

Once again, I bring Fraternal Greetings from the East Brethren. As we march along into the New Year, we have been lucky to have dodged most of the winter weather that we saw last year. By this time in 2011, we had snow twice and some pretty cold weather. It has been almost Spring-like for the month of January this year. No complaints from me, as I am a fair-weathered sort. I just hope Mother Nature is not saving up for a big surprise for us a little later.

I want to thank all of the Officers that attended the 10<sup>th</sup> District Instructional Meeting on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. We had a good meal and some good instruction by our District Deputy, RW Alex Roberts and his team of instructors. MW Ron Mitchum, WB Earl Nichols and WB Ronnie Thompson provided a great meal of BBQ and all the fixings for all in attendance. There were

also four Past Grand Masters in attendance that spoke on various topics. MW G. Ray Marsh gave a few pointers to the Secretary / Treasurers, MW Jack Marler spoke on the Perpetual Life Membership Fund and also on Masonic Rites. MW Barry Rickman gave a very nice talk on the George Washington Masonic Memorial and its membership program. If anyone is interested in joining this great program, please let me know. I will get copies of the application from MW Barry. For those who have not had the opportunity to visit this great monument to a great man and Brother Mason, I encourage you to add it to your travel plans if you are in the Alexandria/Washington DC area. It is definitely worth seeing. Membership in this program will help fund its continued operation and maintenance for future generations of Brethren to enjoy.

My apologies to those that showed up at the Lodge on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> for the FC Degree. I thought that I had notified everyone that the Degree was cancelled. Apparently I missed a couple of Brothers. My apologies to Bro. Tony Smith and WB John Crane as well as John and Tom Rotureau. I will make sure that I have your correct email addresses for future reference. Thank you for taking the time to support our work. Unfortunately, our candidate decided not to continue at this time due to work load. We had to cancel on pretty short notice and again, my apologies to all of you for a wasted trip. Thank you all, Brethren, for what you do for our Fraternity and for your Lodge. I look forward to another great year in Acacia Lodge #94 and I hope to see you all in Lodge soon.  
Fraternally,  
Jeff Hall PM

## FROM THE WEST By RICHARD MINER, PM

The month of January has come and gone. It was a very busy month the me, since the first two weeks of the month were spent on a cruise. I am just now getting caught up and my apologies for getting this issue of the Sprig out to you later than usual. We will have our monthly communication on the 2 of February and I am looking

forward to being there and catching up on all the lodge news. My thanks to Brother Doug Hall for taking over as our Junior Warren this year. We are looking forward to some great meals and please continue to give him the same great support I received last year. I also would like to thank Worshipful Brother Jeff

Hall for stepping up and severing again this year as our Worshipful Master. I am sure we will have another successful year under his leadership and looking forward to assisting him as he continues this years work. Fraternally  
Richard Miner, PM

**THIS MONTH'S DONATIONS**

**J. Smith Harrison Memorial Bill Rotureau  
Tony Smith  
Roger Doyon  
Doug Hall  
Clyde Joines**

Thank you brethren

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

Brethren we still have members who have not paid their 2012 dues. Please keep in mind that you are no longer in good standing. Please check to be sure you have paid your 2012 dues. We also received news this month that W/B Jason Chittum and Janessa Douglas were married in December. Our congratulations to the happy couple.

**YOUR SPACE  
ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY The Brethren**

**SICK AND DISTRESS:**

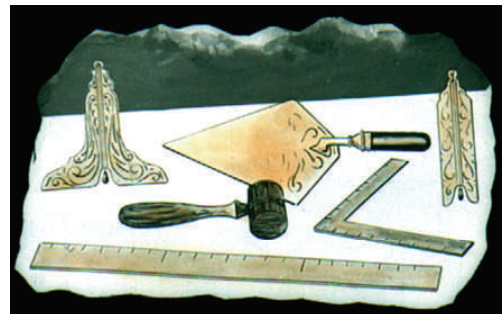
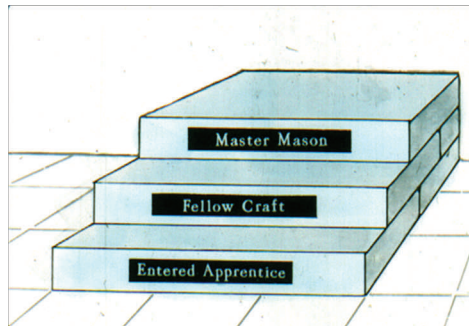
W/B Rick Sirmons who is recovering from surgery

Brother David Beals had a tumor removed on his pituitary gland (near his brain) and is slowly recovering.

Please continue to pray for these brothers as they recover

This space has been reserved for you the brethren. Submit your articles to Richard Miner at [RXMINER@YAHOO.COM](mailto:RXMINER@YAHOO.COM)

**THANKS TO ALL OF OUR PAST MASTERS FOR YOUR SERVICE**



**Scenes from Ladies and Awards Night**