



# Acme News

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## Tidings from the East

Greetings Brethren – I’ve heard reports of robins in the area and I have daffodils and tulips breaking ground. So whatever the groundhog said, spring is close. We are having a very good year. Four EA’s initiated and two to be voted on in our stated meeting and two petitions to be accepted. We will have an EA Degree on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM and a Master Mason Degree on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, both here at ACME. Hope to see you there. We are planning spring and summer fund raisers. Any ideas? Keep in mind that it is dues time. If you haven’t paid your dues yet, please send them in or call us and let us know why you are late. We are brothers, not bill collectors. If you have forgotten how much they are, it is \$117.50 per year. Hope that you are healthy wherever you are. If you have changed mailing addresses, phone numbers or e-mail addresses, please let us know. See you at lodge.

Fraternally,

WM Dennis R. Davis, PM

## Tidings from the West

Brethren,

This year is well under way. The lodge is buzzing with excitement. If you have not been to a lodge in a while now is a perfect time to get out and come see some of the brethren you have not seen for a while and meet some of the newer brethren. We have had several degrees this year and have several others coming up. Our Worshipful Master is working on fundraising activities and the mentoring program he has charged me with overseeing is underway. If you are interested in being a mentor and helping a young brother out please contact me.

In the second sentence of this article I said, "The lodge is buzzing with excitement". Why do you think that is, why have we not had this before and how do we keep this energy moving forward. I know why it is. It is because we have group of line officers who is in constant pursuit of working together and displaying brotherly love, a group who is committed and dedicated to the lodge, a group that is in constant pursuit of better ritual work, a group who works for the betterment of ALL, not just themselves. Secondly, my guess is Acme 83 most likely has had this energy before; it was just before my time. The important question is how do we keep this energy moving forward? This is a question many lodges face. The answer is so simple, yet so complex. The simple answer is to make lodge time a time of learning and growing together, after all isn't this just one of the reasons we all became Masons, to learn and grow together. Another way is sharing and caring. Do you have an idea that may improve our fraternity? If you do share it with the lodge. There are many ways we can keep the excitement and momentum moving forward and there is no possible way I can address them all in the brief bulletin. I would like all the brethren to ask themselves one question as we move forward. Do you want to be a part of the excitement, part of the learning, part of the caring, part of the sharing or do you want to be what one of my grade school teachers told us never to be---don't be a negative Ned, jump in, help out, have fun, learn together and share with each other. It really is a choice that each of us make. I hope to see all of you at Lodge, with a smile, with a hand shake, with laughter, with joy, with cheerfulness and most importantly with brotherly love. There is no doubt Acme 83 is a great Lodge today. Let's make Acme 83 even better than it is today, TOGETHER.

Fraternally,

John E. Stalbaum SW

## Tidings from the South

Greeting Brethren,

I arrived back from Florida just in time for a big snowstorm, I had hoped for warmer weather upon my return but as I understand it will be here in few months.

Acme Lodge has been busy with degree work which will continue for the next few months. Come and join us to welcome our new brothers, also after every degree our Stewards serve up some pretty good desserts. I would like to thank WM Denny Davis for allowing me the opportunity to sit in the East on February 18<sup>th</sup> and do this degree. Also I would like to thank my mentors for their tireless efforts in helping me prepare to do this work, and to all my brethren at Acme Lodge for their encouragement and support.

Thanks to WB Gary Lawson for providing the February stated meeting dinner, the March 2<sup>nd</sup> stated meeting dinner starting at 6pm is being provided by WB Dan Barenie, hope to see all of you there.

Fraternally, David L. Pawson, JW

Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great?

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#### March Trestleboard

Tue., Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> – Stated Meeting Eat 6:00PM Meeting at 7:00PM  
Thur., Mar 4<sup>th</sup> – EA Degree 7:00PM  
Fri., Mar 5<sup>th</sup> – Ransford Chapel, Indiana Masonic Home. 8AM-3PM  
Sat., Mar 6<sup>th</sup> – Rusty Nail Degree, Presented by JGD Dan Barenie. Eat 8:30AM, Degree 9:30AM  
Sat., Mar 13<sup>th</sup> – Area Conference, Porter Lodge 7:00PM -8:00PM  
Tue., Mar 16<sup>th</sup> – York Rite Royal Arch Degree 6:00PM  
Tue., Mar 16<sup>th</sup> – Acme Audit Committee to review Temple Association books 7:00PM  
Thur., Mar 18<sup>th</sup> – MM Degree 7:00PM  
Tue., Mar 29<sup>th</sup> – Ultimate Meeting 6:30PM



#### **Famous Masons**

His Royal Highness Prince Phillip, The Duke of Edinburgh, is the consort to Queen Elizabeth II of England. The Prince was initiated December 5, 1952 in Navy Lodge # 2612. Other members of the royal family belonging to Navy Lodge were Edward VII and George VI.

#### **Masonic Education (The Rusty Nail)**

Grand Junior Deacon and Acme Past Master Dan Barenie will present an Entered Apprentice Rusty Nail Education Program on Saturday, March 6 at the Lodge. All Masons who are a little "Rusty" on the Entered Apprentice degree, or brand new EAs are cordially welcome to attend. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 AM with training to begin at 9:30. This is an informal session and will be over around 11:00.

#### **Tidings from the Chapter**

On Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup>, Michigan City Chapter No.25 Royal Arch Masons conferred the Virtual Past Master, and the Most Excellent Master Degree upon twelve candidates, three from Michigan City Chapter, and nine from area chapters. The following Grand Officers were present. James L. Dove, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Indiana, David F. Wood, Excellent Grand Principal Conductor of Works and Carl D. Froedge, Grand Master of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Veil of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Indiana. A total of thirty six York Rite Masons were present, including the Current WM of Acme #83 WB Dennis R. Davis.

Bob Reicher,  
Secretary

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