

Mystic Tie Lodge #398

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THE DESIGNS ON THE MASTER'S TRESTLEBOARD

April

Mon Apr 4	Called Meeting - FC Degree	5:30 pm
Mon Apr 11	Stated Meeting	7 pm
Mon Apr 18	Called Meeting - EA Degree	5:30 pm
Mon Apr 25	MM Degree	4 pm
	Dinner & Award of Gold	6:30 pm

May

Mon May 2	Called Meeting - FC Degree	5:30 pm
Mon May 9	Stated Meeting	7 pm
Mon May 16	Called Meeting - EA Degree	5:30 pm
Mon May 23	MM Degree	4 pm
	Dinner & Award of Gold	6:30 pm
Mon May 30	Dark	

June

Mon Jun 6	Called Meeting - FC Degree	5:30 pm
Mon Jun 13	Stated Meeting	7 pm
Mon Jun 20	Called Meeting - EA Degree	5:30 pm
Mon Jun 27	MM Degree	4 pm
	Dinner & Award of Gold	6:30 pm

July & August

Dark

2011 COMMITTEES

AUDITING: Chris Cox, PM, Tom Scamahorn, PM,
Tom Everman, PM, Chad Wining

CRAFT: Jon Porter, PM (966-8651)

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS AND SERVICES:
Jerry Collins, PM (443-0052)

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Robb Spears (510-4131)

PETITIONS & INVESTIGATIONS: Ronnie Jones (442-3022)

TEMPLE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Chip Mong, PM

WEBMASTER: Robb Spears (698-1215)

Tidings from the East

As I watch my Bulldogs thrash Milwaukee in Wisconsin to win the Horizon League and qualify for the



NCAA tourney once again, it occurs to me that these next couple of weeks should be interesting in other ways, to say the least.

“They” say that spring is right around the corner. Seriously? Shouldn’t we be seeing some sunshine pretty soon if that is the case? It seems more like monsoon season than the gentle arrival of spring. I mean, our Junior Deacon

has been photographed building an Ark in his backyard, for heaven’s sake! So don’t give me any “spring has sprung” stuff...I’m not in the mood.

What March means to me is that Mystic Tie is completing the first quarter of our Masonic year. Our anteroom is currently under renovation for “painting and beautification.”

We are raising excellent new brothers (one of whom found himself sitting as JD on a pinch-hitting basis seven days after he was raised) and we have several more in the various degree categories. Our two Wardens are doing outstanding work and are developing leadership skills that will serve our Lodge well for years to come. Our officers have come together better than any WM could hope for. Not only are we working well together, we are friends. Many of our veteran PMs have stepped up to answer my summons to accept Mystic Tie representation on committee assignments. It is good to be Master when there are so many outstanding brothers stepping up and serving so well.

The next quarter will be interesting, I am certain. Come down and be a part of it. I don’t think you will be bored. Who knows what will have happened to my Dawgs by the time you read this? Will our JDs Ark have floated off? March Madness will give way as it always does to summer...and with it more adventures and surprises. Stay tuned.

~~Paul Sandin, WM

Tidings from the West New Funds Report

Spring is finally starting to come upon us. This has been a hard and difficult winter, and in the coming weeks we will start to see signs of Spring. This will definitely be a positive thing for everyone.



Mystic Tie is moving forward with degree work with several in the pipeline. We welcome anyone who does not come on a regular basis to come to lodge and participate. It shows great support for our Worshipful Master and Lodge Officers.

We hosted the Grand Master's One Day Class on March 12th at the Scottish Rite. Everyone got to see our excellent work which was on display to more than 120 brothers from central Indiana. This was an honor for our lodge and a good time will be had by all.

We are going to start planning Lodge visitations soon. If you know of any Lodge you would like to visit, let an officer know or get some brothers together and go. You only need three brothers to go together for a lodge visitation to count and we need ten visits. This will help the lodge for its 2011 Grand Masters Award.

Yours in faith!

~~Ronnie Jones, Senior Warden

IN MEMORIAM

HE RESTS FROM HIS LABORS



Ernest Duchesne Jackson - 1/7/2011
David Roy McCutchan - 1/8/2011
Chester Arthur Stayton, Jr - 9/9/2010
Robert Westley Stephens - 2/20/2011

MYSTIC TIE LIVING PAST MASTERS

Richard D Muir	1961	Larry L Maxey	1993
Joseph H Clark	1962	James P Mohr	1994
Bloor Redding	1966	George R Shepherd	1996
John M Leslie	1968	Marvin C Maguire	1997
Russell A Murphy	1972	Charles D Swift	1998
Odus A Landreth	1973	Scott A Schuster	1999
Philip S Kappes	1975	Robert T Scamahorn	2000
Alexander L Rogers	1980	Curtis E Shirley	2000
Robert M Danielson	1983	Anthony W Edwards	2001
Jerry M Burton	1984	Christopher L Cox	2002
John A Miller	1985	James E Pickett	2003
Cecil A Taylor II	1986	Jon M Porter	2004
Edgar R McGonigal	1987	Douglas D Fick	2005
Michael R St Pierre	1988	Charles L Mong IV	2006
Thomas D Everman	1989	Robert G James	2007
Robert L Barnett	1990	Brian R Goldman	2008
Richard W Cheesman	1992	Patrick D Harmon	2009
		Daniel J Ritenour	2010

Tidings from the South VA Hospital Charity

Well Brothers, after a hard winter; Spring has finally sprung! My thoughts turn to mowing my lawn, golfing, my daughter's high school graduation and listening to her excitement toward her college future. Every time she mentions her future at Purdue University, my wife and I look at each other and wonder where have the last 17 years gone? We both just shrug our shoulders and look at her with amazement.



I must share a story with you. Last October, in the course of my daughter completing her applications to Ball State, University of Indianapolis, Valparaiso, Purdue, and Butler, she asked me about her Uncle Paul. Her question was whether she can put on the Butler application that her Uncle Paul is a professor there and then application fee would be waived. I began to mentally run down my lineage, then my wife's. After the mental scan where I could not think of any relative named Paul. So I asked her: "Who is your Uncle Paul?" To which she replied, "Paul, your Brother at the Lodge; if he is your brother then he is my Uncle!" After the initial shock of not realizing that my Masonic brothers are her Masonic uncles I mused about this until I came to the conclusion the \$35 is worth the cost of this story instead of being the cause of our WMs termination as a professor at Butler.

I tell you this anecdote, because it not only brings a smile to face, when I think of her as an infant and now a young lady, but it WARMS my heart when she can think of my Masonic Brothers as more than guys that her "Papa" hangs out with on Monday nights, but someone she can go to, when I am not around. So, all in all, Masonic traditions have not only made another family for me but it has even made another family for my family.

~~Robb Spears, Junior Warden

The Lion's Paw



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Mystic Tie Presides at Grand Master's One-Day Class

Last month, Mystic Tie Lodge was invited to move our charter and preside at the Grand Master's One-Day Class. All three degrees were conferred on Saturday, March 12, 2011 in our beautiful Indianapolis Valley Cathedral where 70 candidates from lodges all over central Indiana were brought to light.

The officers, led by Worshipful Master Paul J Sandin, held several rehearsals in the weeks leading up to the festival to insure the memory work was up to Mystic Tie standards. The morning started very early with all officers dressed in tuxedos and in their chairs at 7:45 am. Brother Robb Spears sat in the East and conferred the Entered Apprentice degree with excellence.

Worshipful Brother Daniel J Ritenour, PM presented the Charge and Worshipful Brother Robert G James, PM and Brother John D Razumich rehearsed the work lecture with precision.

The Fellow Craft degree was put on by the officers of the York Rite College while the Master Mason degree was conferred by the officers of the Knights of St Andrew. With the exception of the EA degree, Grand

Master Kenneth E Willis, Jr opened and closed each degree in ample form -- which is the prerogative of any Grand Master or Past Grand Master in Indiana.

The Lodge remains busy with degree work throughout the spring with new candidates petitioning our fraternity.



Mystic Tie Officers at the opening of the EA degree (l to r): Jack Razumich, Bob James, PM, Brad Keen, Tom Everman, PM, Ronnie Jones, Robb Spears, Worshipful Master Paul Sandin, Jerry Collins, PM, Dan Ritenour, PM, Nick Goldsberry, and Russ Murphy, PM.

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The Mystic Tie "LION'S PAW"



Brother Earl Gibson was recently presented with his 50-year Award of Gold in a private ceremony in his home. Brother Earl was raised on 11/28/1960 and is 93 years young.

WM Reports on the Area Conference

by Paul J Sandin, WM

Your JW and I had the rare pleasure of attending another exciting, stimulating, and information-rich Area Conference with the Grand Lodge on Wednesday, March 16th. There are some new developments and protocols I think you should be aware of.

First, brand-new ritual books are available for purchase from Grand Lodge. They are dark blue and cost \$10 each. As far as we can tell there is not that much new in the new books, except for a change in a couple of diagrams illustrating where brothers should be placed.

Second, Chapter 35 in the Blue Book has been overhauled to be more specific as to how degree work should be conducted. The three methods of conducting degree work, traditional, One-Day (1-5 candidates), and One-Day (6 or more candidates) are explained in detail.

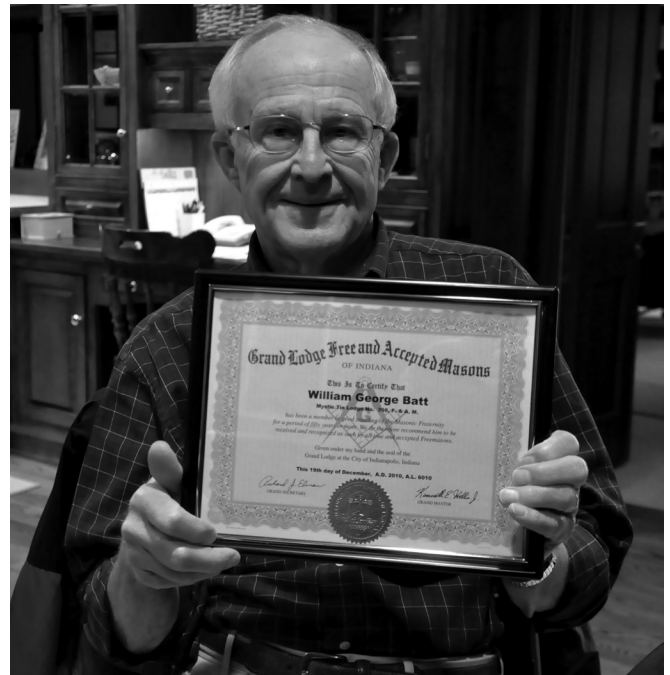
Third, lodge records will soon be housed in "the Cloud" – an online repository where all lodge paperwork can be entered in order to save paperwork. This process will also allow GL to easily access all lodge records, minutes, and activities. We were assured that lodge secretaries are going to love this new protocol.

Fourth, GL is "working on" ways to attract college students to Freemasonry. Details are not yet determined.

Fifth, and last, GL has determined that all new petitioners to Indiana lodges must submit to a formal background check at a cost of \$15-25 (to be borne by petitioner...on top of all other lodge charges). We will have to take steps to enroll with the company doing the check. A complete background check will be returned within 30 minutes online. The thinking is that the background check will rule out unqualified applicants and "red flag" men who might have misrepresented their background on their petition or to their investigating committees.

As Worshipful Master, my concern with these five items lies in Number Five. A man looking at a \$150 initiation fee for degree progression will now be facing a fee of up to \$175 (or more when those fees go up at the discretion of the company). \$25 of this fee goes straight to the background check company – and not to the lodge to which he is applying.

What say you? Is this a good idea? Will it affect the way our investigating committees interview petitioners? Is this "trust but verify" approach to potential brothers in the spirit of Freemasonry? I don't know all the answers but I do know one thing ... It's a worthwhile discussion for us to have, I think.



Brother Bill Batt was also presented with his 50-year Award of Gold last month. Brother Bill was raised on 12/19/1960 and is 72. He lives on the northside of Indianapolis.