

The Lion's Paw -- a Symbol of the Mystic Tie - a Bond between Masons

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JAN-MAR 2013

MYSTIC TIE LODGE #398

Members Tour Local Micro Breweries for Fellowship

On Sunday, November 18, members of Mystic Tie Lodge No 398 took an inaugural voyage on The Indy Brew Bus. The bus picked up members in the parking lot of The Scottish Rite and took them on a tour of three craft breweries around Indianapolis.

Our first stop was Flat 12 Bierwerks at 414 Dorman Street. The Brethren relaxed and sampled many beers including the Upside Down Blonde, the Lacto-Matic Milk Stout and the Half-Cycle IPA. Good cheer abounded in the casual atmosphere. Some growlers and bullets were purchased and we were off.

The second stop on our tour was The Bier Brewery and Taproom at 5133 East 65th Street.

There we were greeted by the owner, Jerry Connor, who sat us down and personally talked us through each of the beers that they had on tap. The Brethren sampled Special K Kolsch and Creme Ale among others. We were disappointed that they were out of Pumpkin Porter. On seeing this, Jerry went to the back and found a growler that had not been picked up for us to sample! It was a hit

and several orders were placed for pick up the following Tuesday when the next batch would be ready. More growlers and bullets were purchased and we loaded back onto the bus.



Indy Brew Bus Tour attendees (l to r): Kim Brand, Angie Ritenour, Daniel Ritenour, PM, Robb Spears, SW, Chris Cox, PM, Dave Mobley, JD, Kaitlyn James, and Bob James, PM. Not shown, Bradley Keen, SD and Jack Razumich, JW.

Our last stop was at Fountain Square Brewery, located at 1301 Barth Ave. There we purchased flights of beer. These are hearty samples of the different beers, presented at the same time in individual glasses in a wood tray. It was beneficial to have them all at once. It really allowed one to taste and compare. There were several to sample, among them, the Workingman's Porter, the Hops for Teacher Pale Ale and the Preacher's Daughter Amber Ale.

Fellowship and cheer abounded. We re-boarded the bus and were returned to the Scottish Rite building. Our beer was kept cool in the coolers provided by the Brew Bus and our bodies were kept warm by their contents! It was a good time and next year's trip is already being planned.

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THE DESIGNS ON THE MASTER'S TRESTLEBOARD

January

Fri Jan 4	Officer Installation	6 pm
Mon Jan 7	Called Meeting - FC Degree	6:30 pm
Mon Jan 14	Stated Meeting	7 pm
Mon Jan 21	Called Meeting - EA Degree	6:30 pm
Mon Jan 28	MM Degree	4 pm
	Speaker on Identity Theft	6:30 pm

February

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

March

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

2013 COMMITTEES

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

CRAFT: Pete Mohr, PM (828-5176)

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WEBMASTER: Dave Shinn

Tidings from the East

Happy New Years, Brethren! I hope your holidays were filled with joy. Just another 11 months before we hear about Black Friday 2013!

As your 2013 Worshipful Master, I wanted to pass on to you five pieces of information. First, Mystic Tie has been



known by our custom of wearing coat and ties. I am going to amend the custom by requiring the line officers to be dressed in coat and ties; however, brothers on the sideline need only to be in "Business Causal" attire (examples being slacks and polo or button down shirt). Several brothers indicated that this is one reason why they do not attend on a regular basis. I am not doing this for the few, but for the majority; the majority being everyone but the sitting line officers.

We will still be maintaining our image as a "professional" lodge by relaxing the dress code to business causal.

Second, to ensure everyone knows about our meeting (Called and Stated), I will be using an internet calling service to inform all the brethren of coming degrees, Stated Meeting and social gatherings (fraternal and family oriented). I believe more brothers will come if the information is relayed more frequently.

Third, if you were not aware, we have two charitable endeavors we support throughout the year: The Veterans Sock Drive and School Supplies for IPS #114. I am looking suggestions for a third charitable activity. If you know for an activity that needs assistance, please come to the Stated Meeting on January 14, and present it to the Lodge.

The fourth item is our Master Mason Dinners. Barb Mohr has stepped away from catering our dinners. I have appointed the Junior Warden Bradley Keen to head the banquet Committee to obtain other cater. We are in the process of narrowing the selection to where we hope not to miss the quality Barb Mohr is known to provide. Also, I will be scheduling speakers to come and talk to us about items of interest not always Masonic; for example I have obtained a brother from Englewood Lodge who works on preventing Identity Theft for the January 28 Master Mason Degree.

Last, I want all the brethren to have my contact information. My cell phone number is 317.698.1215 and my email address is rgspears@gmail.com. Please contact me you're your comments, questions, and concerns.

Tidings from the West Charities & Brotherhood

Brothers:

As you may recall from the responsibilities of opening and closing a Lodge, the Senior Warden is responsible for “paying the Craft its wages, if ought be due, and to see that none go away dissatisfied.” I have good news for you: I’m sitting on a pile of wages that are just waiting to be paid out.



The principal focus for the Worshipful Master, Junior Warden, and myself in the coming year is to have you, our members, return to the Lodge and participate in our labors and in our refreshment. We have just recently initiated two new men on the Entered Apprentice Degree, and will be bringing them to further light by the end of January.

We have two men who will be brought to light for the first time in January, and more candidates in the pipeline for what hopes to be a busy and productive year. Having members participate in the Degrees, even if it’s just as a show of support by being present, can have a lasting and meaningful impact on the candidate’s opinion of the vitality of our fraternity.

And if just sitting on the sidelines isn’t your thing, I assure you that we can easily find more “hands on” work for you by having you learn and deliver one of the educational lectures, or participate in the Walking Craft at the Master Mason Degree.

We also would like for you to participate in our refreshment, as we are looking to expand the work of the House Committee and provide you with events to attend and participate in that are outside of the normal degree work.

Last year, the Lodge was involved in a tour of the Sun King Brewery, a baseball game at Victory

IN MEMORIAM

HE RESTS FROM HIS LABORS



James E Hoover - 8/26/12
Glen C Spear - 8/25/12

Field, and a three-brewery tour on the Indy Brew Bus. We also participated in charitable outreaches with the Veteran’s Hospital and IPS #114.

Our Junior Warden is already coming up with many new and exciting ideas to build on those successes, and it should be an exciting year moving forward.

Now, back to the wages I mentioned before. When you take part in the life of the Lodge, you are paid in the wages of friendship and camaraderie with your brothers. Masonry facilitates friendships between those who, but for Masonry, would have remained at perpetual distance.

Like all things in life, you will get out of Masonry that which you put into it. One of the major complaints that we’ve received as officers is dissatisfaction that there’s nothing to do after becoming a Mason. We’re seeking to change that, but can only succeed with your help.

Please consider coming back to Lodge to participate in our labors. If other obligations keep you away on Mondays, consider participating in a House Committee event.

Enjoy the fellowship of your friends and brothers, and receive the best wages that can be provided to a person. And after receiving those wages, go away satisfied that your decision to join our fraternity continues to be a correct one.

Hope to see you soon!

Jack Razumich
Senior Warden

RECENT MYSTIC TIE PAST MASTERS

Richard D Muir	1961	Michael R St Pierre	1988
Joseph H Clark	1962	Thomas D Everman	1989
*Edgar N Rhodes	1963	Robert L Barnett	1990
*William G Batchelder	1964	***	1991
*Kenneth W Wantland	1965	Richard W Cheesman	1992
Bloor Redding	1966	Larry L Maxey	1993
*Charles E Mohr	1967	James P Mohr	1994
*John M Leslie	1968	*Paul G Brewer	1995
*G Gaylord Allen	1969	George R Shepherd	1996
*Robert W Swanson	1970	Marvin C Maguire	1997
*C C Faulkner, Jr (PGM)	1971	Charles D Swift	1998
Russell A Murphy	1972	Scott A Schuster	1999
Odus A Landreth	1973	Robert T Scamahorn	2000
*Cyril J Corum	1974	Curtis E Shirley	2000
Philip S Kappes	1975	Anthony W Edwards	2001
*Richard E Bixby	1976	Christopher L Cox	2002
*Robert E Cramer	1977	James E Pickett	2003
*Barnard F Constable	1978	Jon M Porter	2004
*Carl H Rahe	1979	Douglas D Fick	2005
Alexander L Rogers	1980	Charles L Mong IV	2006
**Thomas A Shearer	1981	Robert G James	2007
***	1982	Brian R Goldman	2008
Robert M Danielson	1983	Patrick D Harmon	2009
Jerry M Burton	1984	Daniel J Ritenour	2010
John A Miller	1985	*Paul J Sandin	2011
Cecil A Taylor II	1986	Ronald S Jones	2012
**Edgar R McGonigal	1987		

* Deceased ** Suspended *** Expelled

The Mystic Tie "LION'S PAW"

We Are All Stewards of our Lodge

THE MODEL MASON
By Bro. ROB. MORRIS

*There's a fine old Mason in the land,
he's genial, wise and true,
His list of brothers comprehends,
dear brothers, me and you;
So warm his heart the snow blast
fails to chill his generous blood,
And his hand is like a giant's
when outstretched to man or GOD;
Reproach nor blame, nor any shame,
has checked his course or dimmed his fame
All honor to his name!*

*This fine old Mason is but one of a large family:
In every lodge you'll find his kin,
you'll find them two or three;
You'll know them when you see them,
for they have their father's face,
A generous knack of speaking truth
and doing good always;
Reproach nor blame, nor any shame,
has checked their course or dimmed their fame -
Freemason is their name!*

*Ah, many an orphan smiles upon the kindred as they pass;
And many a widow's prayers
confess the sympathizing grace;
The FATHER of this Brotherhood himself is joyed to see
Their works -they're numbered all in Heaven,
those deeds of charity!
Reproach nor blame, nor any shame,
there check their course or dim their fame -
All honor to their name!*



*Worshipful Brother Jon Porter and Mystic Tie Lodge No 398
conferred the PM degree on Master-elect Robert Spears.*

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