

# Mystic Tie Lodge #398

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## THE DESIGNS ON THE MASTER'S TRESTLEBOARD

### January

Fri Jan 7	Officer Installation	6:30 pm
Mon Jan 10	Stated Meeting	7 pm
Mon Jan 17	Called Meeting - Degree	7 pm
Mon Jan 24	Called Meeting - Degree	7 pm
Mon Jan 31	MM Degree	5:15 pm
	Dinner & Award of Gold	6:30 pm

### February

Mon Feb 7	Called Meeting - Degree	7 pm
Mon Feb 14	Stated Meeting	7 pm
Mon Feb 21	Called Meeting - Degree	7 pm
Mon Feb 28	MM Degree	5:15 pm
	Dinner & Award of Gold	6:30 pm

### March

Mon Mar 7	Called Meeting - Degree	7 pm
Mon Mar 14	Stated Meeting	7 pm
Mon Mar 21	Called Meeting - Degree	7 pm
Mon Mar 28	MM Degree	5:15 pm
	Dinner & Award of Gold	6:30 pm

### 2010 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)

**HOUSE:** Brian Goldman, PM (332-3922), Brad Andrews

**MASONIC HOME AMBASSADOR:** Phil Thrasher, PM

**MENTOR SYSTEM/DEGREE SCHEDULING:**  
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**PETITIONS & INVESTIGATIONS:** Ronnie Jones (442-3022)

**TEMPLE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:** Chip Mong, PM

**WEBMASTER:** Robb Spears (510-4131)

# Tidings from the East

I checked, and according to the Chinese calendar 2011 is The Year of the Rabbit. I tried to find some way to



relate this fact to Masonry with some pithy saying or musing. The closest I could get was to recall that Mel Blanc – a 50-year Mason – was the original (and best) voice of Bugs Bunny, arguably the world's most famous rabbit. Nothing all that pithy in that. So I looked up the significance of the event and discovered that 2010 was The Year of the Tiger. And, that The Year of The Rabbit is seen in Chinese zodiac

circles as a year of peace, healing, good luck, and prosperity. Here we go!

2010 was a rough year for more than a few of our brothers in Mystic Tie. Financial, employment, family, health, and myriad other issues savaged some of our guys like a Tiger's attack. Some are recovering well but others will take much longer to heal from these physical and emotional wounds. The time is just right for a year of recovery, relief, and peace. Welcome, Year of the Rabbit. Good riddance to the Tiger!

I don't do New Years Resolutions. Well, I do...but I never keep them. What I have learned to do is to develop a Vision for the bigger picture. And for the 2011 year in Mystic Tie, I decided to borrow the best parts of what I read of The Year of the Rabbit. After all, 1.3 billion people can't all be wrong.

From the East as well as the West, South and all places in between, our Officers Line and I are committed to a year of peace and prosperity for our lodge. My vision includes a determined, transparent, and relentless effort to increase the financial health of Mystic Tie and to do whatever it takes to provide relief and support to those of our fraternity who are hurting or feeling disenfranchised. It's a Vision that should and will be taken up by all of us as we are all stewards of the tenets of Freemasonry.

I wish all of you a Happy New Year. So tonight, wherever you are, join me in a toast: To our health and prosperity! A year of peace and healing! So mote it be.

~~Paul Sandin, WM

## Tidings from the West New Funds Report

2010 was a good year for Mystic Tie Lodge. We were able to do some good things under Worshipful Brother Dan Ritenour's year: •We did some Lodge Visitations, we went to Madison, Indiana for a weekend retreat and visited the Schofield House -- a good time was had by all; •We built a Wheelchair Ramp for a disabled person under direction of the S.A.W. S program; •A trip to the VA Hospital was done and we distributed socks and toiletries to the veterans; •We will also continue to do charitable work in 2011; •We also elected a new Lodge Secretary, Jerry Collins, who will be a great addition to the Lodge. We are looking forward to a good year in 2011.



I would like to personally thank the brothers who have contributed extra funds to their dues cards towards our fundraising efforts. We have added three new categories for our brothers to contribute to and it has been a success. The first category is the **Past Master's Jewel Fund** and we have collected \$860. The second one is the **Physical Plant Fund** and that covers lodge room repairs, ritual supplies, etc. The amount collected so far is \$1132.25. Our last category is the **Programming Fund** and that covers our outings and charity work. The amount collected so far is \$1225.75. This is a great effort and is very much appreciated. Thank you all for your generosity.

In closing I would like to encourage the brethren who do not come to lodge on a regular basis to come back to lodge to visit and/or participate in the Craft. We can always use additional people to participate. If there is a part or lecture you would like to learn, talk to one of our lodge officers or you can contact our Craft Chairman (Jon Porter) who would gladly help you.

~~Ronnie Jones, Senior Warden

## IN MEMORIAM

HE RESTS FROM HIS LABORS



**Wallace Channing Smith - 5/7/10**  
**Rolland Ray Rork - 8/24/10**  
**William Lawrence Pottenger - 9/20/10**  
**Homer Alton Doriot - 9/28/10**  
**Robert Jaques Moore - 10/24/10**  
**George Rainey Main, Jr - 11/7/10**  
**David Lowden Holmes - 12/15/10**

### 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
Phillip 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

From its earliest days, charity has been the most visible Masonic activity. Freemasons have always been devoted to caring for disadvantaged children, the sick and the elderly. In the past year, Mystic Tie Lodge has participated in three benevolent events. In June 2010, PM Pete Mohr organized the brethren to assist the Second Presbyterian Church's S.A.W program to build a handicap ramp.



The Mystic Tie VA Hospital Visitation Program is much more than merely "a field trip" to disabled and lonely patients in Indianapolis V.A. Hospital. It is rendering of personal services to all our sons and brothers of Masons and Non-Masons alike, whom now need someone to turn to for encouragement and to make life a little more pleasant. Little things mean a lot. A friendly smile, a warm handshake, an embrace and a kind word can do wonders for those who have valiantly served our country.

In the past, we have provided socks, and toiletries. These patients are also in need of scarves and stocking caps. I will place a collection box in the Tyler's room where you can drop off socks, toiletries, scarves and stocking caps. If you don't have time to pick up anything, but wish to provide a cash contribution to this noble endeavor, I will play the part of your "personal shopper" and obtain any items of which we are still in need.

A passage from the bible; Matthew 25:40, "... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." This motto is also delightfully applicable to the spirit of Freemasonry where each and every brother is more than happy to give and/or do anything necessary to help another brother in need. All in all, it is fairly obvious that the charity within the walls of the Lodge can be used outside to help any and every person that is on this green Earth.

~~Robb Spears, Junior Warden

# The Lion's Paw



JAN - MAR 2011

MYSTIC TIE LODGE #398

## Lodge Becoming More Dimensional

### James Awarded MSA



The John Caven Award is reserved for those who have performed above and beyond the call of duty for Mystic Tie. It is presented annually to non-officer members who display exceptional service to the fraternity. This year several of you would be deserving of such an award but one man's name has come to mind time and time again. It was with great pleasure that I awarded the 2010 John Caven Award to WB Robert G. James.

As you are aware, Bob is dedicated to his Lodge and loves the fraternity. Bob's efforts included: participation in fellowship outings, helps line officers, investigates and educates new members, helped secure a Lodge secretary and helps whenever needed.

### Mystic Tie Leads Valley

Brother Chris Cox, PM was recently appointed to the Adoniram Lodge of Perfection line of officers in the Indianapolis Valley. He joins Doug Fick, PM, Curtis Shirley, PM and Greg Jordan -- who is the current Thrice Potent Master and chairman of the Executive Committee.

### PM's Honor Deceased



Our annual Past Masters night began with the first section of the Master Mason degree followed by a wonderful dinner and then the Necrology (shown above) honoring our departed brothers. Each candle on the altar represents a brother who was called by the Grand Architect during the year. The evening was concluded with the second section of the Master Mason degree with each part filled by a Past Master.



## The Mystic Tie "LION'S PAW"

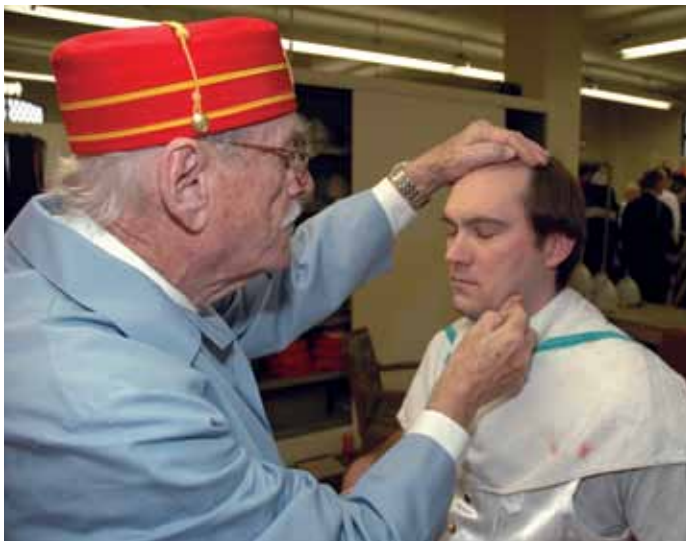
# Mystic Tie Brothers Participate in November Scottish Rite Degrees



*Worshipful Brother Jon Porter is caught by the camera on-stage and through the curtains portraying the Venerable Master in the 20th Degree.*



*Six brothers of Mystic Tie became Scottish Rite members last November. They are (l to r): JW Robb Spears, WM Paul Sandin, SS Dave Mobley, Justin Steill, Ben Davis, and Brett Beckner.*



*Brother Jack Razumich, Senior Deacon, gets makeup prior to his part in the 20th Degree as Brother Gerry.*



*Father and son: Mike and Paul St Pierre enjoy a moment before a degree at the Scottish Rite last November. Mike portrayed General Lafayette many years ago and now Paul has the part. You should hear that French accent.*

## 2011 Dues Notices

Reminder: Dues Statements for 2011 were mailed in October. Dues Cards will be mailed out as Dues remittances are received from each member. If you haven't mailed in your dues, please avoid the late fee. If you have, many thanks.