

# The Lion's Paw



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MYSTIC TIE LODGE #398

## Russ Murphy Recognized with the John Caven Award

On December 14, 2011, at Mystic Tie's Past Master's Dinner, Worshipful Brother Russell Murphy became the second recipient in recent history to receive the



**Worshipful Master Paul Sandin presented a certificate to Worshipful Brother Russ Murphy, P.M. as the most recent recipient of the John Caven Award. The award was announced at the annual Past Master's Degree dinner held this year at Crooked Stick Country Club.**

John Caven Award. This award, given in recognition of a brother who has provided exemplary service to the Lodge, is named in honor of Worshipful Brother John Caven, the first and longest-serving Master of Mystic Tie Lodge #398.

In addition to serving as a Past Master of the Lodge, WB Murphy

has been faithful to his trust for 52 years, and has most recently served as lodge chaplain for several years running, where he had a significant impact on many young

members of the fraternity by presenting them with their lambskin, or white leathern apron. He is also most commonly seen as the First Craftsman in the monthly Master Mason ritual.

Russ will be stepping aside to enjoy his retirement and spend time with his wife, but his impact on the Lodge cannot be overstated. We all wish him the best in his future endeavors, and hope that he will return to the Lodge, soon.

## Joe Clark Brings His Grandson to Light

There couldn't have been a prouder grandpa on Sept 19, November 7, and especially on November 28 of this year than Worshipful Brother Joe Clark, P.M. Joe got to witness his grandson, Rob Hoye, initiated, passed, and raised into the fraternity. Joe was Master in 1962 and had to wait nearly 40 years to see this happen, but, as he says, "it was worth the wait."



## The Mystic Tie "LION'S PAW"




*Past Masters and other Brethren assembled in the Men's Card Room at Crooked Stick Country Club on December 14 for a dinner celebrating the successful completion of the Past Master's Degree by WM-elect Ronnie Jones.*

My experience at Mystic Tie Lodge is a journey that I will never forget and will cherish the rest of my life. When I started through the chairs, I did not know much about what I was getting myself into. As time goes by, I found out that this is going to be something special for me, and will help me grow personally. I have met a lot of good people within our Lodge and from other Lodges who share a common goal of doing good for the fraternity as a whole.

December 14, 2011 was our annual Past Masters Degree Dinner held at Crooked Stick Country Club in Carmel. It is a dinner where the Past Masters, and Officers Line have dinner at the WM-elect's choice. The staff at Crooked Stick have done a wonderful job of making us feel welcome and providing us with an excellent dinner. A big 'thank you' to Chip Mong, PM for his help in making this possible.

*~~Ronnie Jones, Worshipful Master-elect*

**The Lion's Paw** 

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## THE DESIGNS ON THE MASTER'S TRESTLEBOARD

### January

|            |                         |         |
|------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Fri Jan 6  | Officer Installation    | 6 pm    |
| Mon Jan 9  | Stated Meeting          | 7 pm    |
| Mon Jan 16 | Called Meeting - Degree | 6:30 pm |
| Mon Jan 23 | MM Degree               | 4 pm    |
|            | Dinner & Award of Gold  | 6:30 pm |

### February

|            |                         |         |
|------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Mon Feb 6  | Called Meeting - Degree | 6:30 pm |
| Mon Feb 13 | Stated Meeting          | 7 pm    |
| Mon Feb 20 | Called Meeting - Degree | 6:30 pm |
| Mon Feb 27 | MM Degree               | 4 pm    |
|            | Dinner & Award of Gold  | 6:30 pm |

### March

|            |                         |         |
|------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Mon Mar 5  | Called Meeting - Degree | 6:30 pm |
| Mon Mar 14 | Stated Meeting          | 7 pm    |
| Mon Mar 21 | Called Meeting - Degree | 6:30 pm |
| Mon Mar 28 | MM Degree               | 4 pm    |
|            | Dinner & Award of Gold  | 6:30 pm |

### 2012 COMMITTEES

**AUDITING:** Chris Cox, PM, Tom Scamahorn, PM,  
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**TEMPLE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:** Chip Mong, PM

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

# Tidings from the East

Brethren,

Another year has come and gone, my how time flies. I realize more often the older you get the faster the time goes. The one thing that I enjoy is the brotherhood we have



at Mystic Tie. I want to encourage everyone to come back to Lodge when you can. We have a great line of Officers and I encourage you to come out and support them. If you are interested in doing a part in the Master Mason Degree just let us know. Pete Mohr will be Craft Chairman this year.

In November our Ante Room Beautification Project was completed just prior to our Annual Past Master's Night. The walls were repaired and a fresh coat of paint was done. Our former Social Room will house the new Indiana Masonic Museum and should open to the public sometime this year. We also received a donation of a nice wooden display case from Most Worshipful Rick Elman PGM. He assured us if we gave it a good home and took good care of it we could keep it.

I plan on continuing our outreach programs for the VA and IPS School 114. This year we will be again collecting socks and toiletries for the VA and school supplies or donations to School 114. You can drop off your donations at Lodge at your convenience. Our Brother Brad Keen alerted us to this need and it has been a very worthwhile project to the Lodge. We have recently donated a Laptop and Desktop computer to School 114. The Lodge also donated an additional \$250 to go towards buying supplies to the School. This is an ongoing project for both causes and if you would like to donate anything it would be greatly appreciated.

With the Winter months upon us, come out and support your lodge. Come to a Stated Meeting or help participate in Degree work. It is very impressive upon a candidate when he is brought to light with several brothers in line to show support. With that said, if you have an idea or would like to participate in a project just let us know. We will be glad to hear from you.

One thing to remember when it comes to a volunteer organization like ours is you get out of it what you put into it. You can make a difference.

~~Ronnie Jones - Worshipful Master



## Tidings from the West Charities & Brotherhood

Happy New Year! Brothers, here's the run-down of accomplishment for 2011. Under the leadership of Worshipful Brother Paul Sandin, Mystic Tie raised nine outstanding men to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason; completed 10 Lodge visitations; made our annual pilgrimage to the Schofield House in Madison, IN; and re-instated one brother who was demitted in a clerical error.

**Charities:** Eight brothers participated in our annual VA Hospital visit delivering over 75 care packages to veterans while lending an ear for each veteran. •Brother JD Bradley Keen began another benevolent endeavor for Mystic Tie named "398 for 114"; 398 being our lodge number and 114 for Indianapolis Public School 114, an urban elementary school, where 94% of the children live below the poverty line. Mystic Tie Lodge has opened its heart and donated over 1000 school supplies to this school. •In addition the lodge and some members have made cash donations for the purchase of additional supplies. Brother Keen asked for donations of school supplies; many brothers answered his call. • We found a laptop and a desktop computer in our lodge closet; gave them CPR, and with the permission of the WM, donated it to the cause. This charity endeavor, like the VA visit will be on-going. Donation bins are located at the lodge and continuing supplies are needed for both endeavors. If you are able, please bring any school supplies (used or new) or any toiletries (uh... new only!) to the lodge on your next visit. You will be helping people who really need it.

**Brotherhood:** Mystic Tie established the 5th Monday Club; qualifications for membership are a Mason in good standing and a member of Mystic Tie Lodge #398. The 5th Monday club meets once a quarter to break bread in a local dining establishment with our wives or guests. A couple of the restaurants visited were Santorini's Greek Kitchen and Iozzo's Garden of Italy. This club will not dissolve in 2012 and is open to ALL brothers and their wives. Keep an eye on your email for the next location slated for January 30, 2012. It's a good chance to introduce people to the lodge.

In closing I want to encourage the brethren to who do not regularly come to lodge to come back for a visit and/or participate in the Craft. We can also use additional people and ideas!

~~Robb Spears, Senior Warden

## IN MEMORIAM

### HE RESTS FROM HIS LABORS



**Charles Howard Schmidt - 6/16/08**  
**William Frederick Steinmetz - 3/22/11**  
**Richard Nathan Speier - 5/22/11**  
**Arnold Kenneth Nelson, Jr - 6/4/11**  
**James Eldon Frakes - 6/5/11**  
**Dr Carl Brosius Spath - 7/6/11**  
**John Robert Carr, Jr - 7/17/11**  
**Robert Quintin Bruce - 10/21/11**

### MYSTIC TIE LIVING PAST MASTERS

|                     |      |                    |      |
|---------------------|------|--------------------|------|
| Richard D Muir      | 1961 | James P Mohr       | 1994 |
| Joseph H Clark      | 1962 | George R Shepherd  | 1996 |
| Bloor Redding       | 1966 | Marvin C Maguire   | 1997 |
| John M Leslie       | 1968 | Charles D Swift    | 1998 |
| Russell A Murphy    | 1972 | Scott A Schuster   | 1999 |
| Odus A Landreth     | 1973 | Robert T Scamahorn | 2000 |
| Philip S Kappes     | 1975 | Curtis E Shirley   | 2000 |
| Alexander L Rogers  | 1980 | Anthony W Edwards  | 2001 |
| Robert M Danielson  | 1983 | Christopher L Cox  | 2002 |
| Jerry M Burton      | 1984 | James E Pickett    | 2003 |
| John A Miller       | 1985 | John M Porter      | 2004 |
| Cecil A Taylor II   | 1986 | 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 |
| Larry L Maxey       | 1993 | Daniel J Ritenour  | 2010 |
|                     |      | Paul J Sandin      | 2011 |

## Tidings from the South Participation in Lodge

The number one question that I am asked when speaking with people about becoming a Mason is "what do I get out of it?" This is a good question, and the Lodge is taking steps to help you answer this question.

With the permission of the Worshipful Master, we will be resurrecting the House Committee, which will be charged with providing fellowship for the members of the Lodge outside of our excellent degree work. The Committee will be headed up by the Office of the Junior Warden, who has the responsibility of "calling the Craft from labor to refreshment". We have already made strides in this area, with our community outreach with the Veteran's Administration and our sponsorship of IPS School #114. The Fifth Monday gatherings sponsored by Brother Brad Keen have also been a success, with more brothers attending at each subsequent gathering. I hope that we will be able to continue to build on these foundations in the future.

Most importantly, your participation in Lodge activities is what keeps us going. I hope that the efforts we make towards providing members with non-degree activities will inspire some of you to come back and participate in our degree nights. Mystic Tie has long had a reputation for excellence in our degree work, and that is something that we can and should all be proud of. We'll look forward to seeing you, soon.

~~Jack Razumich, Junior Warden