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THE DESIGNS ON THE MASTER'S TRESTLEBOARD

September

Mon Sept 12	Stated Meeting	7 pm
Mon Sept 19	Called Meeting - FC Degree	5:30 pm
Mon Sept 26	MM Degree	4 pm
	Dinner & Award of Gold	6:30 pm

October

Mon Oct 3	Called Meeting - FC Degree	5:30 pm
Mon Oct 10	Stated Meeting	7 pm
Sat Oct 15	Schofield House Visitation	TBA
Mon Oct 17	Called Meeting - EA Degree	5:30 pm
Mon Oct 24	MM Degree	4 pm
	Dinner & Award of Gold	6:30 pm
Mon Oct 31	Dark	

November

Mon Nov 7	Called Meeting - FC Degree	5:30 pm
Mon Nov 14	Stated Meeting	7 pm
Mon Nov 21	Called Meeting - EA Degree	5:30 pm
Mon Nov 28	Past Master's Night - MM Degree	4 pm
	Dinner & Award of Gold	6:30 pm

December

Mon Dec 5	Called Meeting - FC Degree	5:30 pm
Mon Dec 12	Stated Meeting - Elections	7 pm
Wed Dec 14	PM Degree / Dinner	TBA
Mon Dec 26	Feast of St John	TBA
Fri Jan 6, 2012	Installation of Officers	TBA

2011 COMMITTEES

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TEMPLE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Chip Mong, PM

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Tidings from the East

First things first. I want to make a personal observation. I returned from vacation late in the weekend



to discover that the wife of my friend and PM Skip Kappes had passed away. Dodie and Skip had an abiding and loving relationship that started at Butler University a long time ago. My thoughts and prayers are with Skip and his family and I am certain that God will hold Dodie in arms that will allow her to feel no more pain. So mote it be.

Now to the other business of Mystic Tie. As you will read in the Junior Warden's column, we are making a change in the protocol for our monthly Master Mason Dinners. Lodge has spent the first part of the year wrestling with money and budget issues and the cost to Lodge of our dinners became a focal point of those discussions.

Simply put, it came down to a choice of continuing our current catered meals with Barb Mohr or doing what many other lodges do and having designated brothers in rotation do the cooking and cleanup. Those who supported continuing with the catered dinners won the day, but all agreed that we needed to find a way to cut cost. A recent MM Dinner, for example, costs Mystic Tie well over \$600, which comes directly out of our funds.

With increases to our assessments to Temple Board and to Grand Lodge, as well as a decision to not increase next year's dues (except to reflect per capita charges beyond local lodge control) it is clear that we need to be particularly vigilant in our stewardship of Mystic Tie's financial landscape.

It remains very important that each brother continue to let our Secretary know that they plan to attend so that we know how many to prepare for.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer and we will see you in September.

Paul Sandin, Worshipful Master

Tidings from the West New Funds Report

Brethren,

I would like to say a big thank you to Dan and Angela Ritenour for all of their efforts in making our Senior Wardens Cookout a success this year. The food and all of the preparations were excellent and I want to thank everyone who came out. We appreciate your friendship and hospitality.



We are doing well on the Lodge Visits. As of now, we currently have eight lodge visits completed of ten. There will be an outdoor Master Mason Degree on August 20, 2011(Saturday). We need volunteers to go to that event. Several of us went last year. A good time was had by all, even though it rained.

We will be making our annual pilgrimage to Madison, Indiana in October to visit the Schofield House. The actual visit will be on October 15, 2011. This is an excellent opportunity for everyone to come down for fellowship and have a good time. There are several places to stay in Madison, if you are interested in staying the weekend.

I look forward to seeing everyone when we resume our schedule in September. Have a great summer and stay cool.

Fraternally,
Ronnie Jones
Senior Warden

IN MEMORIAM

HE RESTS FROM HIS LABORS



William Frederick Steinmetz - 3/22/2011
Arnold Kenneth Nelson, Jr - 6/4/2011
James Eldon Frakes - 6/5/2011
John Robert Carr, Jr - 7/17/2011

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
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

My Brothers,



Our Ritual says that the duty of the Junior Warden is to call the Craft from Labor to refreshment Also, Worshipful Master Paul Sandin reminded me that in most "stand alone" lodges, it is the Junior Warden's responsibility to prepare the meals. Since Mystic Tie is not like "most lodges," the Worshipful Master appointed me to head the Banquet Committee and charged the committee with the duty of finding ways to lower the cost of our monthly Master Mason dinner while maintaining the high quality to which Mystic Tie is accustomed.

The Banquet Committee (SD Jack Razumich, JD Bradley Keen, and I) will present our recommendations to the Worshipful Master at the September 12 Stated Meeting. The Craft wishes to continue to employ the services of Barb Mohr Catering however, in an effort to subsidize the cost to the Lodge, each brother will be asked to pay \$5 to offset the \$11.50 cost, including any guests he may invite. Each brother will be asked to pay as they are served in the banquet line.

I am writing with the assumption that every Brother is aware of the precarious situation of our nation's economy. While I hope that all Brothers have been blessed by being primarily unaffected by the economy, I will remind you that food costs in your own home has been rising. This is not an arbitrary decision that we are making. We are striving to be good stewards of the Lodge's finances while preserving the fraternal bonding that takes place at these dinners.

We hope to see you as your schedule permits.
Fraternally,
Robb Spears
Senior Warden