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THE DESIGNS ON THE MASTER'S TRESTLEBOARD

September

Mon Sept 10	Stated Meeting	7 pm
Mon Sept 17	Called Meeting - EA Degree	6:30 pm
Mon Sept 24	Called Meeting	7 pm

October

Mon Oct 1	Called Meeting - FC Degree	6:30 pm
Mon Oct 8	Stated Meeting	7 pm
Mon Oct 15	Called Meeting	7 pm
Mon Oct 22	Lodge of Instruction - FC Degree	7 pm
Mon Oct 29	5th Monday Dinner Club	TBA

November

Mon Nov 5	Called Meeting	7 pm
Mon Nov 12	Stated Meeting	7 pm
Mon Nov 19	Called Meeting	7 pm
Mon Nov 26	Past Master's Night - MM Degree Dinner & Award of Gold	4 pm 6:30 pm

December

Mon Dec 3	Called Meeting	7 pm
Mon Dec 10	Stated Meeting - Elections	7 pm
Wed Dec 12	PM Degree / Dinner	6:30 pm
Thurs Dec 27	Feast of St John	TBA
Fri Jan 4, 2013	Installation of Officers	6 pm

2012 COMMITTEES

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

CRAFT: Pete Mohr, PM (828-5176)

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Jerry Collins, PM (443-0052)

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TEMPLE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Chip Mong, PM

WEBMASTER: Nick Goldsberry (340-3037)

Tidings from the East

Brethren,

I hope that everyone has had a good Summer. It has been a real scorcher outside and one of the hottest on record. I am looking very forward to the Fall season and seeing things cool off. It will also be nice to see a cooler Lodge Building.



On a more serious note we have had to make a dues increase this year. With all of our revenue and expenses coming in, and with a sizeable increase of our Grand Lodge assessment, it was discussed and agreed upon by the Lodge that a dues increase was necessary. Dues for the upcoming year in 2013 will be \$165. With this increase and an increase in our membership, we should not have to raise dues for some time. This will be evaluated yearly by our Budget and Auditing Committee.

As the fall comes rolling in we need your support at lodge. We will be starting degree work in the Fall, and it would be nice to see you come out and support your Lodge. Come to the Degree work and help out. It always makes a good impression on a new candidate when he is brought to light and he sees the amount of support he is getting. That made a good impression on me going through my degree work. If you do not like degree work come help out on a committee. We can always use help with committees.

We will be having our annual pilgrimage to the Schofield House in Madison, Indiana on October 6th. A lot of us spend the weekend in Madison visiting the many sites and places in Southern Indiana, and find that it is a very enjoyable weekend for family and fellowship. The weather is a lot cooler and you can enjoy the colorful autumn leaves. We have gone for several years and a good time was had by all.

I want to take the opportunity to thank you, the Lodge Officers and the Lodge as a whole for your support of me this year as your Worshipful Master of 2012. I want to give a special thank you to everyone who helped me in getting all of our Lodge visits done this year. It is a lot of hard work to coordinate this and I appreciate all of the support in getting this done. It has been an honor and a privilege serving you. It is an experience that I will never forget.

Fraternally,
Ronnie S Jones
Worshipful Master

Tidings from the West Charities & Brotherhood

Whew! Everyone knows it has been a long, hot summer and believe it or not I do miss cutting my grass. I will like to send out a BIG THANK YOU to Dan and Angie Ritenour for their efforts with the Senior Warden Barbecue. For the past three years, they have let the Senior Wardens use their home and each year they outdo themselves! Everyone (Brethren, spouses, et. al.) had a great time.



On June 18, 2012, ten brothers from Mystic Tie, one brother from Pentalpha Lodge # 564 and the Grand Master for the state of Indiana George C Ingles Jr participated in Mystic Tie's 4th

Veteran's Hospital trip in Indianapolis to present gift bags to the ailing Warriors. 61 gift bags were distributed and 19 were left with The Volunteer Services office for distribution to incoming patients. If you read the last *Indiana Freemason* magazine you may have noticed this endeavor is on the Grand Masters' radar and Mystic Tie served as the kick off lodge for the Grand Master. Just a reminder, these gift bags are comprised of donations from hotels and the brothers of Mystic Tie consisting of socks, miniature soaps, lotions, shampoos, conditioners, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to contribute and participate.

Looking at the next five months on our calendar, we have the following events: we will be bringing a new man to Masonic Light in September; our Pilgrimage to Madison, IN, and Lodge of Instruction in October; Past Masters Night in November; Elections in December and finally Installation in January. Please consult our website for specific dates and time at: www.mystictie398.indianafreemasons.com. Looking forward to seeing you at these events.

Robb Spears
Senior Warden

IN MEMORIAM

HE RESTS FROM HIS LABORS



Clifford Earl Grigsby - 7/28/2011
Omar Stuteville Bruner - 10/26/2011
John Morgan Leslie, PM - 4/19/2012
James Raymond Shattuck - 7/13/2012
Rihcard Edward Clift - 7/18/2012
John Richard Kirkpatrick - 8/12/2012
John Ewing Herr, Jr - 8/14/2012

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

Tidings from the JW Change in MM Caterer

It is with sad news that I must inform you that at the conclusion of this year's Lodge of Sorrows we will be losing the services of Barb Mohr as our caterer. Continued difficulties with the kitchen situation, including issues with the dishwasher, have led to this decision.



Barb has been catering our Master Mason dinners for at least the last five years, and I think that I speak for all of us when I say that we are sorry to see her go.

So what does this mean for you? Well, Barb has agreed to stay on for the remainder of this year, so our next few Master Masons will continue to be catered in the usual excellent fashion. After that, we will need to make other arrangements for our food. This matter will be discussed at the next several Stated Meetings until a final decision has been agreed upon, and your participation in these discussions is earnestly solicited. Options may range from hiring another caterer, which will be an expense that needs to be discussed, having the Brethren rotate who is cooking, or simply ordering a pizza, which tends to be the default decision in my home when no one wants to cook.

Ultimately, the decision is one that will need to be made sooner rather than later, and deserves careful attention from all members. If you are unable to attend an upcoming Stated Meeting, please contact any Lodge Officer (preferably via e-mail so that we have a written record to refer to) with your thoughts on this matter. Once a decision has been made, we will make the Brethren aware of it as soon as possible.

Jack Razumich
Junior Warden

The Lion's Paw



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Philanthropy Projects Get Members Involved

VA Sock Drive

In June, we had our annual Sock Drive at the Richard L Roudebush VA Medical Center. We collected socks and toiletries that are all donated and made care packages and distributed them to the Veterans who are patients at the VA Hospital.

The Lodge members have visited and passed out toiletries to our veterans for the last three years and we have found it to be a worthy cause.

This year we had a special guest come along with us. Grand Master George C Ingles, Jr came with us to help distribute the care packages. After finishing our distribution, we adjourned for a delicious dinner at the Greek Islands restaurant near Downtown Indianapolis.

Stay tuned for our next distribution and join us!

School 114 Supplies

Fall is fast approaching and we are collecting school supplies for IPS School #114. This public elementary school is located on the southside of Indianapolis. Many students that attend here come from families that are at or below the poverty line. A lot of the students need school supplies, and anything that we can give is greatly appreciated. We started this campaign last year and it was a complete success. Since then we have been able to contribute more than \$500 to the school in needed supplies. This is a very worthy cause. We will have boxes at the Lodge to

collect school supplies and your help is sincerely appreciated. If you would like to make a monetary donation and let our committee purchase the supplies for you, we will gladly put it to good use.



Mystic Tie Brethren, and one spouse, distributed supplies to our veterans in the VA Hospital in Indianapolis who are ailing. Those attending were (l to r): Bob James, PM, Robb Spears, Jody Fedor, GM George C Ingles, Jr, Ronnie Jones, WM, Dave Mobley, Bruce Ryan, Phil Owens, Rick Gauger and his wife Shirley, and Jack Morehead. Not shown (but taking the picture) was Jerry Collins, PM.

The Mystic Tie "LION'S PAW"

We Are All Stewards of our Lodge

by Worshipful Brother Robert G James, PM

As stewards of our Lodge, it is incumbent on each of us to reflect on how we are contributing to the health and prosperity of our beloved Craft.



Each of us has different gifts to bring and unique talents to share. What is it that we do individually that makes our Lodge continue to excel? What is it that is the Life Blood of the Lodge, the critical purpose, that each of us should be using our own special gifts to focus on?

We stress ritual, philanthropy, and brotherhood. We profess to be a Fraternity that makes the world better one man at a time. We teach Faith, Hope, and Charity. We encourage each brother to develop a deep relationship with his God. We provide the basis from within which lifelong friendships among men, who would have otherwise remained at a perpetual distance, are formed.

However none of these things would be possible if not for one critical pillar: MEMBERSHIP.

Some years ago, I set a simple and achievable goal for myself. I set out to be sure to replace myself one time a year. In years when I failed I had to work a little harder the next. In my travels through life there has always been someone in my work, social, or volunteer activities who made a good fit for our Fraternity. Look-

ing back now at the men whose petitions I have signed, I must confess to a great deal of pride to have been able to start them on their Masonic journey. I also know what a blessing the Craft has been in their life - which is even a greater reward.

If you know a good man, why would you not offer him the opportunity to become a Mason? Ask him my Brother. Be a steward to your Lodge and replace yourself once a year. The effort is minor but the rewards are boundless.

Our duty as stewards is to preserve and perpetuate the Craft.

We are all stewards of our Lodge.

The Lion's Paw



The Lion's Paw is published three times each year by Mystic Tie Lodge #398, 5868 E 71st St - #E-115, Indianapolis, IN 46220 • (317) 443-0052, and is intended to amplify upcoming events contained in the Trestle Board and report on past events and other articles of general interest in the Lodge. Signed comments and suggestions are welcomed and will be printed as space allows.

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