

Tidings from the East

God Bless You!

It's hard to believe summer is winding down but the good news is Lodge will soon be open. We've had a great year thus far and look forward to

continuing the productive year. We have a lot on the Trestle Board and encourage you to come down and enjoy your Lodge Brethren for good ritual work and fellowship.



The line officers are anxious to get back work but could use your help.

If you know of a good

candidate for Masonry, we would love the opportunity to raise them with the quality ritual work Mystic Tie is known for. The gift you bring to a potential candidate may last him a life time.

We will have several opportunities for the Brethren to get together and strengthen the ties of Brotherly love and friendship through fellowship outings. I hope you can make it to one soon. Our House committee will continue to plan new events and send out invitations via e-mail. In addition, we have planned the Scofield House Retreat in October. Please refer to the Scofield House Retreat flyer on Page 2.

As the New Year is fast approaching, we will be transitioning the craft into their new roles. Please come down and support them as we step forward into another great year of work. I am pleased, as you will be too, with the quality of the men who will be taking over the reigns. The Lodge will be in good hands for years to come.

~~Daniel J. Ritenour, Worshipful Master

THE DESIGNS ON THE MASTER'S TRESTLEBOARD

September

Mon Sept 13	Stated Meeting	7 pm
Mon Sept 20	Called Meeting	6:30 pm
Mon Sept 27	Called Meeting	6:30 pm
Mon Sept 28	MM Degree	5:15 pm
	Dinner & Award of Gold	6:30 pm

October

Oct 1 - 3	Retreat Weekend <i>see P. 2 Lion's Paw</i>	
Mon Oct 4	Called Meeting	6:30 pm
Mon Oct 11	Stated Meeting	7 pm
Mon Oct 18	Lodge of Instruction	7 pm
Mon Oct 25	MM Degree	5:15 pm
	Dinner & Award of Gold	6:30 pm

November

Mon Nov 1	Called Meeting	6:30 pm
Mon Nov 8	Stated Meeting	7 pm
Mon Nov 15	Called Meeting	6:30 pm
Mon Nov 22	Past Master's Night	5:15 pm
	Dinner & Award of Gold	6:30 pm
Mon Nov 29	Called Meeting	6:30 pm

December / January 2011

Mon Dec 6	Called Meeting	6:30 pm
Mon Dec 13	Stated Meeting & Elections	7 pm
Wed Dec 15	Past Masters Degree (PM's only)	5 pm
	Dinner with Lodge Officers	7 pm
Mon Dec 27	Feast of St John's	6 pm
Sat Jan 8	Officer Installation	4 pm
Mon Jan 11	Stated Meeting	7 pm

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Tidings from the South

Brethren,

Fall is fast approaching us, and with that is a change in the season. The leaves begin to change and the weather begins to cool down. Lodge will be starting up this month and we should have some good activities planned for this fall.



Several of us had the opportunity to attend a Special Outdoor Master Mason Degree in Whitestown, Indiana. There was a good turnout for the Degree and some of us got a little wet but we did not melt.

Brian Goldman is in charge of our Fellowship nights and is planning on doing several activities this Fall. Several brethren attended one at the Fox & Hound and a good time was had by all.

We have a trip planned to the Schofield House in October, and I know in years past it was a lot of fun.

I encourage all of you to come out to lodge when we have degree work to support your Lodge Officers. It makes a good impression on our new candidates coming in.

With that, I hope to see as many of you as I can at lodge this Fall.

~~Ronnie Jones, Junior Warden

Metaphor Man

I love metaphors. They are great teaching tools and I have used them many times as a father and still use them daily in my classes. They illustrate, provoke, cause reflection,



and inspire. I like how a metaphor can communicate a thought or idea to someone without us having to come out and actually say it. When my wife calls me a “couch potato” on Sunday afternoons, I know (and she knows) that what she is really saying is that I am lazy. She’s correct, of course...it’s just that the metaphor sounds less judgmental than the real underlying meaning.

We Masons love metaphors too. Our rituals are full of them. Many of the Masonic truths we hold dear are metaphorical and part of our journey is discovering what the metaphor means for us personally. Everything seems to allude to something else...which leads to something else...and so it goes.

Take “Darkness”, for instance. One of my favorites. In every degree we are seeking light...more light...further light. And why? Because we always seem to find ourselves in darkness. And just when we think we finally see what is going on, we once again find ourselves blind to all that goes on around us. The meaning differs for each of us but the metaphor is a shared, communal one.

I know I am wandering all over the map (another metaphor I hear a lot) so I will cut to the chase (sorry...I can’t stop). My point is that we in Mystic Tie #398 are about to once again emerge from Darkness. All of us. At the same time. Starting in early September, the Wheel of Time will turn as it must, and we will turn on the lights and resume the daily life of our fraternity. And fall/winter is such a busy time for us (remember to take your fancy duds to the cleaners... it’s almost that time again.) Special ceremonies, degree work, meetings, elections, goodbyes and hellos, dinners and parties – all part of the celebration of who we are and what we can become together.

Together we will very soon banish the Darkness and celebrate the light that illuminates our work and fellowship. Join us for our busy fall and winter activities. It will be great having you there.

~~Paul Sandin, Senior Warden

IN MEMORIAM

HE RESTS FROM HIS LABORS



Larry Jerome Mahoney - 2/2/09
Louis Robert Baumgardt - 5/4/10

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
Philip 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

The Lion's Paw



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MYSTIC TIE LODGE #398

Quarterly Newsletter Re-Launched

Welcome Brethren, to the first issue of the re-launch of *The Lion's Paw* -- Mystic Tie's quarterly newsletter. You are receiving this communication by either e-mail or by snail mail due to the high cost of postage. (The US Postal Service has requested a postage increase with the price of a First Class stamp to increase by 2 cents - to 46 cents on January 2, 2011.) We're trying to be good stewards of your Dues.

Postage is one of the largest office expenses we incur and our new lodge secretary is requesting the brethren's assistance in supplying us with your e-mail address -- if you have one. If computers are not part of your world -- no worries -- we are happy to mail your individual copy.

On page 2 of this issue is a notice of our planned Fall Retreat. We hope you will be able to join us for a trip to southern Indiana.

Finally, on the back two pages of this issue is the Mystic Tie Trestleboard -- a handy pocket reference of important lodge info, phone numbers, and lodge events that you can fold into thirds keep near your desk.

2011 Dues Notices

Speaking of Dues, it has been nearly five years since our last dues increase. Grand Lodge has increased our per capita four out of the past six years and the Temple Board (our landlord) has also increased our assessment. We have stretched all we can to try to hold the line but simply can't absorb any more. Dues Statements will be mailed in October and will be \$145 for 2011. Dues Cards will be mailed out as Dues remittances are received from each member.

Masonic Trivia

We're how old! Around 300 BC in China, Mencius wrote "A Master Mason, in teaching his apprentices, makes use of the compass and the square. Ye, who are engaged in the pursuit of Wisdom, must also make use of the compasses and the square."

Holy Smokes Batman! In 1920, Gate City Lodge #522 in Kansas City, MO met every day of the week except Sunday to confer a record 1,107 degrees, averaging 21 degrees a week.

I thought that was a familiar tune. Music written by Brother John Stafford Smith (1750-1836) of Inverness Lodge #4 in London was, at one time, used by an Irish Masonic Orphans' Home as their song. Later it became a popular drinking song known as *To Anacreon in Heaven*. Some years later, the music was adopted by Francis Scott Key to which he wrote the words to our National Anthem, The Star Spangled Banner.

Guinness Book of Freemasonry? In 1892, the world's tallest building was the Masonic Temple at Randolph and State Streets in Chicago.

TN Mason's, who were Plumbed. Every US President from Tennessee (Andrew Jackson, Andrew Johnson, and James K Polk) was a Mason and born in North Carolina.

How old is your Grandmother??????? Massachusetts lodges have no numbers. Pennsylvania has eleven lodges with numbers but no names. Georgia has two lodges identified as number 1, Social #1 and Solomons #1. Neither Maryland, Pennsylvania, or Tennessee has a lodge with the number 1.