



Mystic Tie Lodge News

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Fall-2007

Dear Brothers,

As 2007 comes to a close I cannot help but reflect back on the past year and the pleasure it has been to serve as your master. We began the year by receiving 136 points on our lodge of Instruction grade (mostly due to the excellent work of our Past Master Chip Mong) while the average lodge score was 85. Then began the year long opportunity of Initiating Entered Apprentices, Passing fellow Crafts and raising Master Masons. Aside from the months of July and August when we were dark Mystic Tie met or conferred degree work on 36 of 41 Mondays we regularly meet or have called meetings for degrees. In all we initiated a total of 19 new members and had five transfers bringing our membership to the positive side of the ledger (24) with only 21 deaths to report Congratulations Brothers our Lodge is GROWING in membership.

We revived traditions of the past: Traveling to Schofield House to put on a degree, inviting the Grand Master and his officers to our Past Masters night and obtained a new top hat for special occasions. Speaking of Past Masters night I was extremely proud to have 22 of 25 living Past Masters present The three who were not there all had unavoidable conflicts that prevented their attendance. This made quite an impression on that other Grand Lodge.

Finally I am excited to report that our Senior Warden and other offices are initiating new and exciting plans to increase membership and make Masonry more visible. SW Brian Goldman and his officers organized the 1st of what looks to be a very promising program of social events designed to introduce new men to Masonry and emphasize the benefits of our gentle craft. The event was held at Murat Shrine and was well attended. We gained no less than 6 petitions from this maiden voyage. I say well done!

I urge you to support this fine group of young men who have taken leadership roles in the Lodge this coming year. They are enthusiastic, energetic and dedicated to keeping the ball rolling. Be true to your oath by helping, aiding and assisting. The benefits will come back ten fold

As for me the bell soon tolls. Thank you again for the honor you did by allowing me to serve the greatest Lodge in the State of Indiana. God bless and Good night.

Fraternally,

Robert G. James
Worshipful Master

Secretary's Column:

Brethren, Mystic Tie now has an e-mail address the Secretary is going to attempt to use it for the newsletter and announcements you can use it to communicate Mystic Tie. The address is mystictielodge1@juno.com. Please e-mail the Secretary your address and help your Lodge enter the computer age.

If you desire a Masonic Funeral please tell your family and funeral director when making your final plans.

The Secretary has license plate forms and Grand Lodge Credit card applications. Scholarship forms will be available in January after Founders Day!

Please notify the Lodge when you move it helps.

2008 dues have been mailed. If you need a new form contact the Lodge secretary.

We have a new bank. The lock box is in Chicago.

Please update your on line bill pay address for Mystic Tie Lodge

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