

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Spring is a time of growth and rebirth. With it comes new life and fresh beginnings. When I look back just a few short years over my Masonic life, I realize

that our great Lodge is in the spring time of our life. Just 5 short years ago, it was challenging to fill an officers' line, membership was in decline, and many worried about the long term fate of Masonry.



One would think that the future looked bleak, but not members of Mystic Tie. Our Brethren

pulled together and worked harder than ever. The Past Masters of the Lodge spent countless hours grooming the line members and helping in the craft.

The brethren volunteered their time and everybody pulled together to spread the good word of Masonry. New members brought fresh ideas and brought in enthusiastic candidates eager to participate in our labors.

Yes, it's Spring in Mystic Tie and growth is in the air. We're talking growth in Masonic Reach, not just numbers. We are planning more activities for members and their families via our Masonic Fellowship campaign. We're expanding community outreach and we have recently formed the House Committee to better facilitate the needs of the greater Lodge.

All of us have God given talents and attributes. One mans strength is another man's weakness and vice versa. What makes our Lodge great is when can put these strengths together to expand the bonds of brotherhood and enhance the principles of Masonry.

It is our hope that you will come back and join us in this great and good work.

God Bless you,
Daniel J. Ritenour
Worshipful Master

THE DESIGNS ON THE MASTER'S TRESTLEBOARD

May

Mon May 3	FC Degree	6:30 pm
Mon May 10	Executive Committee Stated Meeting	5:30 pm 7 pm
Mon May 17	EA Degree	6:30 pm
Mon May 24	MM Degree	5:15 pm
Mon May 31	Dinner & Award of Gold Memorial Day - Dark	6:30 pm

June

Mon Jun 7	FC Degree	6:30 pm
Mon Jun 14	Executive Committee Stated Meeting	5:30 pm 7 pm
Mon Jun 21	Called Meeting	6:30 pm
Mon Jun 28	MM Degree	5:15 pm
	Dinner & Award of Gold	6:30 pm

July & August

Dark

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License Plates

Show your Masonic pride and support your Lodge!



This past year the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) registered the largest number of Freemason license plate sales in the 16- year history of their availability. As your renewal date approaches, please consider displaying a new Masonic plate. There is a \$10 charge for a one year renewal and \$25 for three years.



Of that total fee, your Lodge will receive either \$6 on the one year or \$15 on the three years, respectively. Additionally, the BMV charges a small fee for specialty plates. Let's put Mystic Tie up in the Top 10. Increasing our plate count will give us points toward the Grand Master's Award.

To save you a trip downtown and eliminate the traffic hassles, you may see or call the Lodge Secretary for these pre-authorized forms.

Ronnie Jones, JW

Will You Be Off Or From? - Paul J. Sandin, SW

It was the Greek philosopher Heraclitus who wrote, "A man cannot step into the same river twice." I have used this quote more than once in my classes, and from time to time even my sharpest students will voice disagreement with Heraclitus' insight. This past January one student said, "My dad and I fish the White River twice a month. We go to the same spot every time. I can tell you, it is the same river each time." More on that in a moment.



There is a line in our degree work where a brother is challenged, "Will you be off or from?" Each of us joined Freemasonry as part of our journey "from" the lives we were used to living and stepped into the River of Masonry that countless others before us all around the world had waded into for centuries. We went through our degree experience and became Masons. For many of us, our journeys quickly changed from "from" to "off." Families to raise... jobs to secure... illnesses to combat... we moved... we had rough times... we just got busy with life.

Back to the Heraclitus quote: I explained to my student that only the name of the river was the same each time. The waters had flowed from and to that fishing hole. He and his dad were different men every time, too. In fact, you will be different reading the last word of this article than you were reading the first. Masonry is different than the last time you set foot into its waters as well. Way different. Mystic Tie Lodge #398 is different also. Only the name remains unchanged. I bet you are a different man than you were when you last journeyed "off" and away from our fraternity.

I invite you to be "from" once again. Come back for a monthly dinner or participate in craft or simply get involved in one of our social or philanthropic events. Step foot into the River of Freemasonry once more. We are different than when you traveled "off." So are you. And when you do, please make yourself known to any of the men you see there. We are looking forward to renewing the bonds of fraternity and fellowship with you. If you have lost the means to contact our Lodge, write me at sandin@butler.edu and I will make sure the connection is re-established. I hope to see you soon.

IN MEMORIAM

HE RESTS FROM HIS LABORS



- Arthur Eugene Floyd - 1/2/10
- Robert Eugene Jackson - 1/7/10
- Parker Pengilly - 2/4/10
- Rolland Samuel Nail - 2/4/10
- Donald Ambrose Morrison Jr. PM - 4/27/10

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