
THE TRESTLE BOARD

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Greeting From the East

Awards Ceremony Confusion

Tipton Lodge is holding an awards ceremony on October 20th to award members a 10, 25 and 50 year pins. We realize that there are many of you who got invitations that have been members longer than 25 years but less than 50. The same goes for those who have been members over 10 years but under 25. We are giving out these awards because the Lodge has not done so for many years. There are no doubt many of you who have never received a 25 year pin who qualified for it several years ago.

Perhaps I could have explained this in the invitation, for the confusion I apologize. We are trying to improve our Lodge and that means making mistakes or having miscommunications. The only thing I ask is to remember we are Masons and should act as such when addressing an issue you may feel is in error. Your officers are working hard to change our Lodge and they deserve your patience and understanding.

Vote to purchase a lodge building

At our October stated meeting we voted to purchase the property located on Smith St. I was disappointed that we didn't have more members there for such an important occasion. Every member received with his newsletter a letter

informing them that we would be voting.

As it stands, we still have to get a zoning variance from the city. The hearing will be on October 15th. We are discussing parking with the business that is across the lot from us so that we can present that as well to the zoning board.

Once we have the variance and a clean title we will proceed to close on the property. This is a big step for us as a fraternity, we will need help from the members both in remodeling the building and financially to help offset as much of the cost as possible. I believe that the building will work for our need now and be expandable in the future if needed.

If you would like to help, let us know, remember this is our Lodge and we should all help any way we can. I want to make special mention of our Junior Warden Jim Kerns PM. He has been a big help taking care of issues that needed addressed. I appreciate his hard work and dedication.

By-Laws Changes

We voted to change the by-laws to increase the initiation fee from \$55.00 to \$100.00. If you present any petitions be sure to submit the new amount.

Charity Pool Tournament

In last months newsletter you got an entry form for the charity pool tournament. Be sure if you plan to enter that you do so as soon as possible.

We need your support to make this event a success! Brother Senior Warden Tom Sadler has put a lot of work into making this event happen. Lets show our support and help charity by entering the tournament. Even if you don't play very well or like pool it's a good cause and deserves our support.

Lodge Secretary Position

Brother John Heckard PM has decided that he would like to not hold the secretaries office next year due to work obligations. Therefore the position of Secretary will be open. It is an important job and would be perfect for someone who is retired and is looking for something to do. Tipton Lodge does pay our secretary \$200.00 a month. So for someone

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who is retired, this is a great way to make a little extra money as well. To learn more, come to a stated meeting and we will explain what is involved. We need someone to step forward and I know there is a members who will accept the challenge.

If you need to contact me you can call me at 765-438-8919 or by e-mail at worshipful_master@tiptonlodge33.org.

Fraternally,

Barry Taylor WM

Lodge of Sorrow

In the month of September and so far in the Month of October we have had several brothers called by the Great Architect of the Universe to the Grand Lodge above. Let us keep the families in our prayers and lend assistance to any widows in need.

September

Brother Clarence "Hank" Easley
Forest "Ike" Denny

October

Danny Russow
Max E. Marsh
Lowell Smith



The Cpl. Shawn Hensel Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Cass County Roosers Club Inc., a service club comprised of Jaycees (who have surpassed the Jaycees age limitation), has announced the formation of the "Cpl. Shawn Hensel Memorial Scholarship Fund".

This fund will be set up through Security Federal Savings Bank with the blessing of Shawn's Family. The Scholarship will be given yearly at Logansport High School to a college bound senior whose parent(s) are military people.

To raise money for the fund, the Roosers are holding a "Salute to the Armed Forces Gala" at the Logansport Knights of Columbus on November 3, 2007 starting at 7:00pm.

The festivities will include a silent auction, reverse cash raffle (with a \$500 grand prize), 50/50 tickets, memorial decals, finger food and hors d'ouvers, music by Tuxedo Junction playing a big band sound and Glenn Miller WWII era music throughout the evening.

The feature of the evening will be the main ceremony which will include a tribute to each of the Armed Forces with live performances of music from each branch. Taps will be pre-

sented along with a keynote speaker and an introduction of Shawn's Family.

Tickets for the event are \$15.00. Listen for announcements for locations to purchase tickets.

Tipton Lodge has given a \$200.00 sponsorship to the event for the scholarship fund. This is a good cause and I hope you will be able to support this event.

The Search for Light

By Barry Taylor PM

Those who belong to a Masonic Lodge have knelt before an alter and asked for light. As a new candidate we enter the Lodge in darkness. A rough stone not yet touched by the tools of Freemasonry. An imperfect stone that through the teachings of Freemasonry we hope to shape and mold into a perfect stone, the never ending pursuit for perfection.

The concept of light literarily implies illumination. However, as Masons we should see light as the opening of ones mind and heart. The light that leads to understanding concepts and beliefs that are greater than ourselves. To learn to appreciate the arts, science geometry and the other liberal arts of Masonry. We should strive to not only grow as better men, fathers, grandparents and citizens, but to aim for understanding life and its many opportunities.

Many of our Founding Fathers, who were brothers, applied the principles of our fraternity to framing a nation. Lead by Masonic light they forged a system based on freedom, equality and acceptance.

But for many in our fraternity I fear the enlightenment of Masonic illumination has grown dim. They perhaps have lost what they once sought and found within the recesses of a tiled Lodge. Perhaps the philosophies of our teachings do not inspire and influence their lives as it once did. What is the answer, it is different for each individual.

We as a Lodge shall seek to return to the ways of tradition, to Masonic education and discussion. Masonry has so much to offer those who seek its knowledge. I believe now more than ever the world needs Masonry. Just as the first Temple of Solomon was destroyed, we must endeavor with fervency and zeal the symbolic reconstruction of our temple and the light therein.

We must as a fraternity extend the hand of brotherly love and affection to all who wish to rediscover Masonic light.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tipton Lodge Awards Banquet October 20th, 2007

Location: Memorial Center, Logansport

Time: 6:00pm

FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE OCTOBER 24TH, 2007

PLACE: MASONIC LODGE

TIME: MEAL AT 6:00PM

DEGREE AT 7:00PM

All Degree Day to Honor Grand Master Duane Vaught October 27th, 2007

Place: Murat Shrine Temple in Indianapolis

TIME: 7:00AM

LOGANSFORT YORK RITE STATED MEETING NOVEMBER 5TH, 2007

PLACE MASONIC LODGE

TIME: MEAL AT LODGE 6:30PM

STATED MEETING 7:30PM

TIPTON STATED MEETING NOVEMBER 7TH, 2007

PLACE MASONIC LODGE

TIME: MEAL AT LODGE 6:30PM

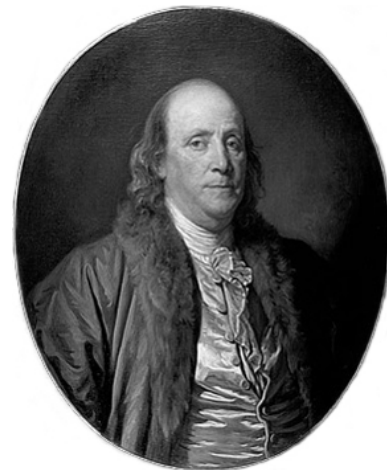
STATED MEETING 7:30PM

Logansport Shrine Club Meeting November 13th, 2007

Place: Logansport Shrine Club

Time: Board Meeting 6:30PM Stated meeting 7:30PM

Famous Mason Quotes... Benjamin Franklin



“An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest”

“Energy and persistence conquers all things”

“God heals and the doctor takes the fees”

“If you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead and rotten, either write something worth reading or do something worth writing”

“Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment”



Unto the least

By Arthur R. Herrmann

The beggar's hand stretched forth in silent plea:
I turned away, nor did I care to see;
So busy was I with my own affairs,
I gave no thought to other peoples cares.

That night I dreamed a vision of the Cross,
And of the Christ whose death was mankind's loss;
His dieing lips moved plainly could I see
“Who gives unto the least, gives unto Me.”

Next day I hurried to the public square;
The ragged beggar still stood mutely there.
I gave him a coin as quickly by a trod,
Then, turning, recognized the face of God.



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