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# THE TRESTLE BOARD

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## From the East

BROTHERS,

Dues notices, as you know, went out late this year. There were circumstances that caused this to happen. I realize that for many of you this no doubt is a source of frustration.

If there is anyone who is considering transferring, demitting or not paying their dues this year because of the problems we have been having, please give me the opportunity to correct the problem. We do not want to lose you as a member and if there is a problem, please discuss it with me first before making a final decision.

Fraternally,

Barry Taylor WM



Tipton Lodge will hold a CHIP program on Saturday April 5th from 12:00 to 5:00 at the Logansport Mall.

The Indiana Freemasons' CHIP is the most comprehensive child identification program currently available to our communities. CHIP helps concerned parents to promote the safety of their children by providing a fast, simple packet of information to help authorities identify and recover lost, missing or exploited kids.

The program consists of a brief interview with the child that is recorded on a video cassette to show his or her mannerisms and speech patterns. The child's fingerprints are taken, and a DNA sample is made by swabbing the inside of the child's mouth. All identifying materials are given to the parent or guardian once the child has been processed. No materials or private information is retained by the Freemasons or any law enforcement agency. The program is free and no appointment is necessary.

### Rusty Nail Degree

Last year I had every intention of doing this degree. However it didn't work out. The Rusty Nail Degree is intended to be a refresher course for those who have not been to Lodge in a while.

I often talk to members who tell me they don't remember the grips or words needed to get into Lodge. If this is the case, you can rest easy. Most Lodges including ours will only demand to see a current paid dues card as proof of membership.

I would like to do the rusty nail degree this year but want to make sure we have enough people participating. If we have 5 or more members who want to participate we will schedule one.

If you would like to participate, you can contact me via e-mail at [barry\\_s\\_taylor@yahoo.com](mailto:barry_s_taylor@yahoo.com) or you can call me at 765-438-8919.

## DATES FOR APRIL

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| <i>2nd</i> | Stated Meeting, eat at 6:30 meet at 7:30       |
| <i>5th</i> | CHIPS Program at Logansport Mall 12:00 to 5:00 |
| <i>7th</i> | York Rite Stated Meeting                       |
| <i>8th</i> | Logansport Shrine Club Stated Meeting 7:00     |



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