
THE TRESTLE BOARD

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Greeting From the East

All Degree Day Success!

The all degree day we had on August 25th was a success. We raised 4 new brothers that day. We had a great lunch at the Shrine Club cooked by brother Tom Denny. I wanted to extend a huge thank you to Tom for cooking that meal.

I also want to thank the brothers who traveled from other Lodges that help us make this day a success.

Membership

We are on our way to our goal but we need more help from you. Currently we have raised four brothers this year, we have three awaiting their EA and read four petitions at the last stated meeting. Once raised we will be at eleven new members for the year. Our goal was 7% in 07. To achieve that goal we need an additional fifteen petitions.

Some may not be aware that it is now OK to ask a person to join. If you know someone who would be good for the fraternity, please get a petition and ask them to join. We must have new members to survive. If everyone made it their goal to get one new member a year, we will, in a few years have a strong and active Lodge. But we can't do it without your help.

By-Laws Changes

I made a recommendation at the last stated meeting that we increase our initiation fee from \$55 to \$100. This recommendation was made due to the fact that the \$55 fee does not cover the Lodges expenses for a new member. It costs us around \$70 per candidate not to mention the expense of the meal for the degree. For years we have been paying \$15 more than we were bringing in for a new member.

We will vote at the next stated meeting on the change. If you have any recommendations please attend that meeting. On October 3rd.

Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony will be held on Saturday October, 20th at 6:00pm. We will be awarding the 50 year award of gold, 25 and 10 year membership pins.

This will be a public ceremony and family is welcome. We will be sending invitations to the award recipients. We will require an RSVP. We are having the event catered and will need an accurate number of attendees.

I will publish the RSVP number in the next newsletter for anyone who want to attend. This is open to all members so I hop you will be able to come and see your brothers receive their awards.

Charity Pool Tournament

Enclosed in the newsletter is an entry form for the Charity Pool Tournament we will be having. To enter complete the entry form and mail it to the address on the form.

I encourage you to participate, even if your not good at pool or pool is not a game you enjoy. It's for a good cause, should be a great time and we need your support. It's important that we have a successful event. We have other events in the works and are working to be active in the community again.

Grand Masters One Day Class

The Grand Master has authorized a one day class for October 27th. It will be held at the Murat Temple. As it stand we should be having five candidates going. If you would

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like to go and be an escort for a candidate, please let me know by the next stated meeting, on the October 3rd. I would like to have one brother with each candidate. On the day as well they will be doing the Scottish Rite and Shrine Ceremonials. If you would like to petition either please let me know so I can get you a petition.

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

A Little History

While reviewing the Indiana Masonic Directory I decided to see how old Tipton Lodges charter was compared to the other Lodges in the State. What I found was surprising. Though Indiana has had 62 Lodges around the state merge with other Lodges. I wanted to know where we stood among the remaining charter around the state. In Indiana there are 420 Lodges. Out of 420, Tipton has the 5th oldest charter. The list is as follows:

Vincennes #1	Charter 1818
Harmony #11	Charter 1820
Warren # 15	Charter 1821
Salem # 21	Charter 1822
Tipton #33	Charter 1828

We have a great history to be proud of and to live up to. Though having to move out of our building and find a new Lodge is sad, it is a new opportunity to reawaken the brotherhood and fraternity of Freemasons in Logansport. We have a powerful story and we need to tell it. Be proud brothers of your Lodge and support it anyway you can.

Schofield House—The birth of Freemasonry in Indiana

Sometimes the building in town that look unimpressive can hold important history. Such is the case of the Schofield House located in Madison Indiana.

Homesteaders around 1810 purchased 65 acres of land from the Indiana Territorial Government for \$2.50 and acre. They named this area Madison after the then sitting president James Madison.

When Indiana became a state in 1816, lodges in Ohio and Kentucky quickly banded together to form the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana was organized in the Schofield House on January 13th, 1818. The building was built in 1816 and is believed to be the first two-story tavern house in Madison. Five lodges were initially chartered, Vincennes #1, Madison #2, Charlestown #3, Lawrenceburg #4 and Corydon #5. Alexander Buckner of Charlestown was elected the first Grand Master.



The large room on the second floor was originally used for overnight guests. The were served their meals in the kitchen on the first floor. The room directly below the lodge room was the tavern where they could order wine, whisky and ale. The corner room was a general store where among other important items, their treasured cigars were available.

If you are ever in Madison IN, I encourage you to visit the Schofield House. For information on available tours contact curator Melvin Vonderheide at 812-265-4759.

Source Indianafreemasons.com

The Symbolism of Symbols

Freemasonry contains within its teachings many symbols. Symbols were used by our ancient brethren as a means of teaching concepts. Many of our ancient brothers were limited in education. A symbol, which didn't require reading or writing, could be explained mouth to ear to represent a belief, concept or lesson. Therefore symbols are as important today as they were then.

One symbol many of use display is not always thought of as a symbol. The square and compass is proudly worn by many Masons all over the world. When you see this symbol you know immediately you are bound to that person by sacred and ancient obligations. All this takes place without a word being spoken.

To a new Mason, the number of symbols in Freemasonry can seem overwhelming. However, learning them will lead to the Masonic enlightenment we all hope to attain as we transverse through our Mason journey.

The phrase, you get out of Freemasonry what you put into it refers not only to participating in our labors but also learning our lessons and symbols. If a man is willing to learn, Freemasonry is willing to give. To receive light you must seek light, and may Freemasonry shine its light into your life.

Symbolic Lesson

The Bee Hive

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LOGANSPORT YORK RITE STATED MEETING OCTOBER 1ST, 2007

PLACE MASONIC LODGE
TIME: MEAL AT LODGE 6:30PM
STATED MEETING 7:30PM

TIPTON STATED MEETING OCTOBER 3RD, 2007

PLACE MASONIC LODGE
TIME: MEAL AT LODGE 6:30PM
STATED MEETING 7:30PM

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE OCTOBER 10TH, 2007

PLACE: MASONIC LODGE
TIME: MEAL AT 6:00PM
DEGREE AT 7:00PM

Logansport Shrine Club Meeting September 11th, 2007

Place: Logansport Shrine Club
Time: Board Meeting 6:30PM Stated meeting 7:30PM

Tipton Lodge Awards Banquet October 20th, 2007

Location: Memorial Home
Time: 6:00pm

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

Place: Murat Shrine Temple in Indianapolis
Time: 7:00am

The Bee Hive is an emblem of industry and recommends the practice of virtue to all created beings from the highest seraph in Heaven to the lowest reptile in the dust. It teaches us that as we come into the world rational and intellectual beings, so we should ever be industrious ones; never sitting down contented while our fellow-creatures around us are in want, especially when it is in our power to relieve them without inconvenience to ourselves.



"Flattering as it may be to the human mind, and truly honorable as it is to receive from our fellow citizens testimonies of approbation for exertions to promote the public welfare, it is not less pleasing to know that the milder virtues of the heart are highly respected by a Society whose liberal principles must be founded in the immutable laws of truth and justice. To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the Fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the great object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race." ³



George Washington

Tipton Lodges Website

For those who may not be aware, we creates a website this year. On this website you can get the following information:

- Petitions
- Calendar of events
- List of Current Officers
- Tipton Lodge History
- Newsletter archive
- Web Form question submissions
- Sign up for e-mail alerts

We are working on adding more to the site. If you have any ideas let me know at worshipful_master@tiptonlodge33.org.



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