
THE TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings from the East

Membership Drive

We have a goal to grow our membership by 7% in 2007. To meet this goal we will need to raise 26 new brothers. I know we can accomplish this goal because recommending a young man or friend to join Freemasonry is a gift they will carry with them for a lifetime. Freemasonry has so much to offer to those who are willing to receive.

Membership Award

We will be giving an award to the member who has the most top line signed petitions. The winner will receive a personalized plaque and their

name on a plaque in the lodge. We will add additional names each year to this board.

Once your name goes on the board, it's there forever as a memorial to your service of the Fraternity.

Qualification requirements

To be eligible for the award you must:

1. Submit petitions to the lodge
2. You must be top line signer
3. Deadline to have petition eligible for award is the November stated meeting
4. Petitions must be complete and in good order with \$55 fee

If you are the winner we will contact you prior to the November awards banquet. I know we can achieve this goal. Good luck.

Rusty Nail Degree

I am considering holding a Rusty Nail Degree for members who have not been in Lodge for a while and need a refresher course. We will hold the degree if we can get 10 or more members to attend. If you have in interest in attending, you can contact me at 765-459-8319.

CHIP Program

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Grand Lodge has available to Lodges the CHIP Program (Child Identification Program). The lodge hosts the program providing identification packets to parents. The packets contain a photo, finder print card, DNA sample and child description. I feel this would be a great public service the Lodge can do. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact me at 765-459-8319. I want to do the program during the summer.

Well that's all for this month. I wish you well and hope to see you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

Barry Taylor

Tipton Lodge History – Corner-stones Laid in Cass County

By Barry Taylor

There are rituals that you don't see lodges doing much of today. The corner-stone ceremony is one. The corner-stone ceremony is a great tradition of Freemasonry. It symbolized the construction of a new building and generated much curiosity at the public ceremonies.

Though Masonic Lodges seem to no longer engage in this ancient ceremony there are several buildings in Logansport and Cass County that are worth noting.

Tipton Lodge participated in the laying of several corner-stone in Cass County during the first 100 years of its existence.

Masonic Hall August 13, 1828 – This was the first Masonic hall. It was later replaced by the current building we meet in today.

Cass County Court House March 28, 1840 – This would have been the original court house for Cass County and has been replaced several times.

Smithson College May 9, 1971 – The College was located at the top of what is now referred to as college hill. Several colleges had resided in the building until October 6, 1996 when it burned to the ground.

Pipe Creek Christian Church – There is no exact date of when the corner-stone was laid however the request was made and accepted on June 17, 1872. At the time the Wabash & Erie Canal was still in operation and passed through Lewisburg. The Committee to lay the stone “gained passage” for the lodge and a Brass Band they took along from Logansport to Lewisburg and back on a canal boat. The boat took them by way of animal and water power up and down the canals “towpath”.

First High School June 11, 1874

Second High School June 5, 1894 – This school stood where Marsh Supermarket is now located on Market Street.

Masonic Temple February 15, 1896

James Whitcomb Riley School June 14, 1923

Cass County Hospital December 8, 1923

The last corner-stone laid by Tipton Lodge (up until 1928) was the Logansport City Building on July 9, 1924.

Tipton Lodge has a long and proud history. The information contained in this article was taken from the book “Tipton Lodge – The First 100 Years” by Brother Joseph Crain.

Tipton Lodge will in the year 2028 celebrate its 200th anniversary. We should be



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

STATED MEETING MARCH 7TH, 2007

PLACE MASONIC LODGE

TIME: MEAL AT LODGE 6:30PM

STATED MEETING 7:30PM

CRAFT CLUB MARCH 7TH, 2007

PLACE: MASONIC LODGE

TIME: AFTER STATED MEETING

We will be covering FC Degree first section

Logansport Shrine Club Meeting March 13th, 2007

Place: Logansport Shrine Club

Time: Board Meeting 6:30PM Stated meeting 7:00PM

2007 Officers

Worshipful Master – Barry Taylor P.M.

Senior Warden – Tom Sadler P.M.

Junior Warden – James Kerns P.M.

Secretary – John Heckard P.M.

Treasurer – John W. Fisher P.M.

Senior Deacon – Jim Huff

Junior Deacon – Ernest Gasho

Senior Steward – Chad Geer

Junior Steward – Tom Scherer P.M.

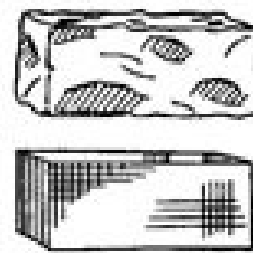
Chaplin – John McMahan

Tyler – Clyde Wilkinson P.M.

proud of our heritage. We have many great Brothers who have served and sacrificed to ensure our lodge saw the next 100 years. How will the Trestle Board of our history read to future generations of Brothers?

The Rough & Perfect Ashlars

By the Rough Ashlar we are reminded of our rude and imperfect state by nature; by the Perfect Ashlar, that state of perfection at which we hope to arrive by virtuous education, our own endeavors and the blessings of God; and by the Trestle Board we are reminded that as the operative workman erects his temporal building agreeably to the rules and designs laid down by the Master on his Trestle Board, so should we, both operative and speculative, endeavor to erect our spiritual building agreeably to the rules and designs laid down by the Supreme Architect of the Universe in the Book of Life, which is our Spiritual Trestle Board.



Let us strive throughout our lives to shape our minds and bodies for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

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Masonic Crossword Puzzle

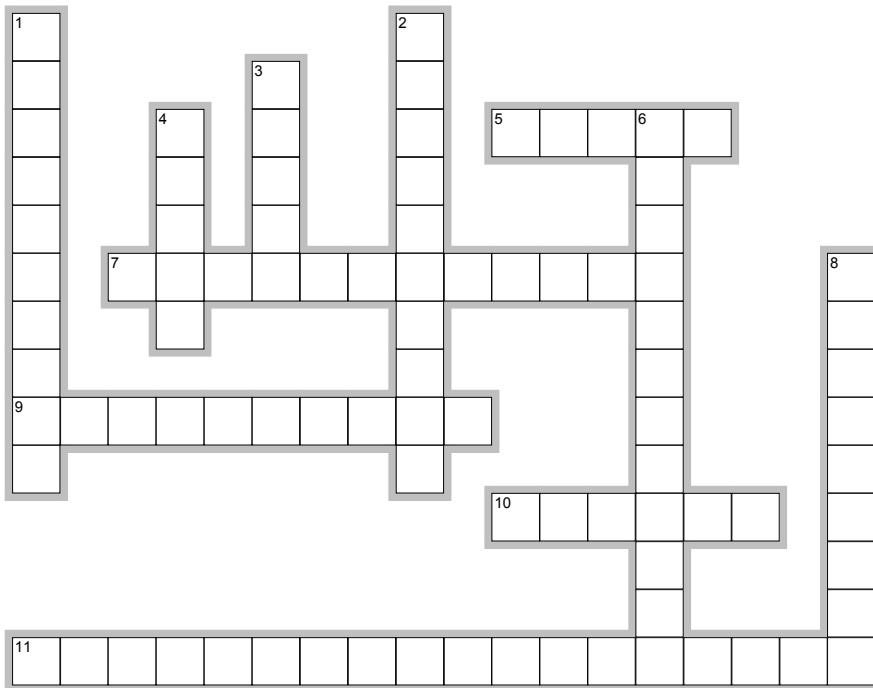
Across

1. The rule and guide of Faith
5. How do Masons Act
9. The first degree
11. Second degree

Down

2. Another term for white leather apron
3. The widow's son
4. Appendant body that contains the Cryptic Masons
6. Third degree
7. How to Mason Part
8. How Masons meet
10. Used to break the corners of rough stone

There are spaces between answers that have multiple words.



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