
THE TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings from the East

CHIP Program

I am in the process of working out a date with the Logansport Mall so we can set up during one of the events. We will need help and need volunteers. Please help, this is a way to help kids and demonstrate the good will of Freemasonry. My home number is 765-459-8319 or you can send me e-mail at Worshipful_Master@tiptonlodge33.org.

Membership Program

We have one petition so far. Let's keep up the good work. We have an important goal to hit this year. Remember, our goal is 7% in 2007. We can do it and remember; the person with the most top line signatures will win a plaque and have their name attached to a plaque in the Lodge.

New Lodge

We are meeting to discuss the Lodge Finances. Though I know many of you are eager to find a new

location to buy or build we need to know what we can afford. Tipton Lodge has 365 Members. Out of those members we have 99 fifty year members. 50 year members do not pay dues once they receive their Award of Gold. We also loose members to death, demits and non-payment of dues. All of this needs to be taken into account because we need to know how much cash flow we can count on.

This is the reason the Membership drive is so important. We need to replace members regardless of how they depart our fraternity.

With that said, we are also looking for land to build. If anyone knows of or has between 2.5 and 4 acres please let us know. You would be surprised how hard it is to find empty land that is reasonable.

Fund Drives

We are also looking into doing some fund drives that will go towards a new Lodge. I will announce more on that later.

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

Fraternally,

Barry Taylor

“Masonic Quote”

“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

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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.”
GEORGE WASHINGTON



The York Rite

Royal Arch Masons

Founded in 1797, in Boston, Massachusetts, as a national organization, the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, International now has jurisdiction over half the 7,000 Chapters in the world, including several provinces in Canada, the Grand Chapters of USA, Philippines, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, and many chapters in Central and South America. Upon your exaltation as a Royal Arch Mason you will become a member of the oldest and largest rite of Royal Arch Masonry.

One of the most fascinating aspects of Royal Arch Masonry has always been how so many men, from so many different walks of life, can meet together in peace, never have any political or religious debates, always conduct their affairs in harmony and friendship, and call each other brother.

No Rite of Freemasonry covers the world so much as does Royal Arch Masonry. In every country of the earth, on every continent and on many isles of the sea, Will be found Royal Arch Chapters, eager and willing to receive their companions from other parts of the world into that full fellowship that characterizes Royal Arch Masonry.

Cryptic Masons

One reason for its popularity is that it completes

a story, a Masonic allegory. Freemasonry is very philosophical and teaches its ideals by allegory or story. This philosophy is moralistic and religious however Freemasonry is not a religion, nor a substitute for one. A requirement for membership in Freemasonry is a professed belief in God and eternal life. It is mandatory that a man profess a personal faith in a Supreme Being prior to becoming a Freemason. Freemasonry never attempts to alter any one's beliefs. Freemasonry offers no theology or plan of salvation. However, it does offer a moral plan to use in this world. Leaving the Mason to look to his religion for salvation into the next world.

Ancient Craft Masonry centers around the story of the preservation, loss and recovery of the Word. The Word presents man's search for life's purpose and the nature of God. Symbolic Freemasonry, as in the Lodge, teaches of the loss of the Word and hope for its recovery. Royal Arch Masonry, as in the Chapter, teaches of its recovery. Cryptic Masonry, as in the Council, completes this story by teaching of the Word's initial preservation.

As in many of the Masonic degrees, the origins of the degrees of Cryptic Masonry are shrouded in mystery. Yet, they have attained a substantial growth and one out of every two Royal Arch Masons is a Cryptic Mason.

Nearly two hundred years ago the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master appeared. Traveling Masonic lecturers throughout the East were conferring them upon Masons, while engaging in instructing in Craft (Lodge) and Capitular (Chapter) degrees. Even one Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite included the degree of Select Master as one of its "detached" degrees. But, these beautiful degrees were not to remain detached for any length of time. The state of



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

STATED MEETING APRIL 4TH, 2007

PLACE MASONIC LODGE

TIME: MEAL AT LODGE 6:30PM

STATED MEETING 7:30PM

CRAFT CLUB MARCH 4TH, 2007

PLACE: MASONIC LODGE

TIME: AFTER STATED MEETING

We will be covering EA Degree

Logansport Shrine Club Meeting March 10th, 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.

Connecticut bore the first Grand Council in 1819. In Virginia and West Virginia the degrees developed in the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons where they still remain. In the 1870's a General Grand Council was formed for the United States of America.

Today this General Grand Council numbers most of the Grand Councils in the United States, as well as the western section of Canada.

Knights Templar

All Knights Templar are members of the world's oldest fraternal organization known as Free And Accepted Masons. However, not all Masons are Templars. Templary is but a part of the Masonic structure known as the "York Rite Of Freemasonry"

Local York Rite Chapter

Logansport has a local York Rite Body that meets monthly at the Lodge. To learn more about York Rite Masonry visit www.indianafreemasons.com and click on the link for appendant bodies. You can also come to the Lodge on a York Rite stated meeting night to speak with Brothers who can answer your questions. They meet the first Monday of every Month at 6:30.

Famous Masons

Gene Autry, Irving Berlin, Earnest Borgnine, Winston Churchill, Mark Twain, Ty Cobb, Bob Dole, Clark Gable, Gus Grissom, J. Edgar Hoover, Harry Houdini, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Roy Rogers, Will Rogers, Red Skelton, Danny Thomas, Dave Thomas, and John Wayne.

What a wonderful Fraternity where you can be united with such good and great men. The legacy left by those who have been called to the Grand Lodge above is an inspiration for us all to reach our potential as men and Masons.

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