
THE TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings from the East

How all is I have some news to report from Grand Lodge. Junior Warden Jim Kerns, Senior Warden Tom Sadler and myself attended on or more days of Grand Lodge this year. Duane Vaught was elected Grand Master of the State of Indiana.

We held an EA degree for two worthy candidates on May 30th. We have another EA scheduled for June 27th at 6:00pm. We will hopefully be initiating two more candidates. We will do a FC degree on July for all four.

Though we are behind, I am proud to say that we have had four petitions this year. Our goal for the year is to raise 25 new Masons in 2007. Too be on track we need to have 5 petitions each month starting with July. I know that the membership knows of 21 worthy men to join. If

you're not aware, you only need too be 18 to petition. You can get petitions online at www.tiptonlodge33.org under the section marked "Membership". The petition fee is \$55.00 and must accompany the petition. You can leave petitions at the Shrine Club; just make sure you tell them to give me a call so I know it's there. I will pick it up and submit it at the meeting.

At the next stated meeting we will discuss the guidelines for purchasing property. We have found a property we are eager to purchase. We made an offer that was rejected by the owner. The property is located at 1307 Smith Street and is 2583 square feet. Though that is smaller than what we would like (we are targeting 3500 Square Feet) the building is steel and can be added too.

We probably can make a Lodge out of the current square footage, however it will be small. We can add the new section later. However, all of this is speculative and dependent on being able to purchase the property for the price we are looking for. At the meeting I would like to get permission from the lodge to allow the Lodge to purchase property provided that it does not exceed a set ceiling. That way we can meet the requirement of Grand Lodge for Lodge notification and be in a position to act on a property is an opportunity arises that requires decisive action.

So if you're able to attend the meeting, we hope to see you there.

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Remember, if you have any questions or concerns, you can always contact me either by e-mail at worshipful_master@tiptonlodge33.org or by phone at 765-438-8919.

Fraternally,
Barry Taylor

Per Capita Assessments-Demystified

You may wonder when you pay your dues each year where the money goes. The \$71.00 you pay each year is divided up into several smaller amounts. Grand Lodge each year does a Per Capita assessment meaning that we are charged so much for each dues paying member. The Per Capita assessment approved by Grand Lodge for 2007-2008 is \$34.75 per dues paying member (50 year members and dues remitted due to financial hardship do not get assessed).

This amount is assessed once a year and the money is divided up by Grand Lodge as follows:

Grand Lodge General Fund	\$13.75
Grand Lodge Endowments & Support Fund	\$2.00
Freemasons' Hall Matching Fund	\$1.00
Trustees Operating Fund	\$1.00
George Washington National Masonic Memorial	\$.50
Indiana Masonic Home	<u>\$16.50</u>
Total	\$34.75

Tipton Lodge keeps \$36.25 of our annual dues for operating expenses. Annual Per Capita assessments change from year to year. The amount is based on

Grand Lodges expenses. Whenever we increase our dues it is due to an increase in Per Capita by Grand Lodge.

Coming Events

Awards Event

We will begin the arranging of an award ceremony to honor our current 50 year members. We will also be giving 25 year awards and 10 year certificates. More information too follow.

Child Identification Program

We are talking with the Logansport Mall about using their facility for the Child Identification program offered by Grand Lodge. I will report on the dates and time when they are final.

Tipton Lodge History

Tipton Lodge, being the first Lodge in northern Indiana, had a large area of jurisdiction. If a town had 10 or more Master Masons desiring to form a Lodge, they could request a recommendation be issued to them to be granted dispensation by Grand Lodge. The following Lodges submitted petitions to Tipton Lodge and were given recommendation.

Mount Olive Lodge #48, Delphi September 1837

Laporte Lodge #41, Laporte January 1838

Grant Lodge #105, Marion January 1838

Miami Lodge #67, Peru April 1844



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LOGANSPORT YORK RITE STATED MEETING JULY 2ND, 2007

PLACE MASONIC LODGE

TIME: MEAL AT LODGE 6:30PM

STATED MEETING 7:30PM

TIPTON STATED MEETING JULY 11TH, 2007

PLACE MASONIC LODGE

TIME: MEAL AT LODGE 6:30PM

STATED MEETING 7:30PM

CRAFT CLUB JULY 11TH, 2007

PLACE: MASONIC LODGE

TIME: AFTER STATED MEETING

We will be covering FC Degree

Logansport Shrine Club Meeting July 10th, 2007

Place: Logansport Shrine Club

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

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 – Kevin Hedger

Chaplin – John McMahan

Tyler – Clyde Wilkinson P.M.

Hanna Lodge # 61, Wabash 1847

Fulton Lodge #79, Rochester 1848

New Waverly Lodge #484, August 1873

Orient Lodge #272, Logansport, May 1860

Walton Lodge #423, Walton, June 1869

Burnettsville Lodge #663, November 1904

It's fascinating to learn that Tipton Lodge was such an important force in Freemasonry in Indiana.

(Source Hundred Years History, Tipton Lodge No 33 F&AM Joseph Crain 1928)

Past Master Biography

Hiram Todd – The subject of this biography was the first Worshipful Master of Tipton Lodge and his biography. Unfortunately very little information is available describing the life of this Mason and Physician. What we do know is that he first arrived in Logansport in 1828 and he was appointed by John Tipton. At that time Logansport had not yet been named. Though more information does not exist for this Brother, he will forever be known and remembered as our first Worshipful Master.

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Don't forget, due to the 4th of July holiday, our
stated meeting will be on July 11th.



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