

# LIGHT *Added To* LIGHT

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## **So Why Are We Masons?**

When each of us took our obligations to become Masons, we were asked “What do you most desire?” We were prompted, “More light in Masonry”. Although I honestly don’t think any of us had any idea what that phrase meant, it is something we should all reconsider. In the book “Freemasonry for Dummies” by Chis Hodapp, he summarizes Masonry as the following basic principles; a moral code, charity, education, religious not a religion, social responsibility, nonpolitical/nonsectarian (free of political and religious discussion), and equality among members. This is all pretty “heavy stuff”, but we might all be able to better understand if we simply said “Masonry is a life long journey to be a better man”. We all know how we should properly act, that we should be of assistance and care for others, that we need to learn something new every day, and that we should always treat others “on

the level”. Perhaps if we keep those basic principles in mind in our daily conduct, then we are well on our journey to seeking “More light in Masonry”.

## **Masonic Scholarships Announced**

WM Rick Sereno has received notification from the Grand Lodge Scholarship Board informing him that three individuals from Mt Etna Lodge were awarded scholarships for the 2015-2016 school year. They are; Tyler Krepp, Katelyne Kline (daughter of Ryan Kline), and Nick Williams. Congratulations to all. Presentations to the three winners will be made at the July Stated Meeting Dinner, which will be held at 6:30 pm prior to the meeting.

## **Newest Master Mason**

Brother Tyler Drew was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on May 28<sup>th</sup> with 29 Masons present of which 18 were from Mt Etna. Tyler

lives in Huntington, is 21 years old, works part time at the Ace Hardware in Huntington, and attends Ivy Tech in Ft Wayne where he will graduate with an associate degree in electrical engineering in July. Congratulations Tyler.

## **Searching For Further Light**

Want to learn more about Masonry? Check out the Indiana Illumination Program on the Grand Lodge website (Indiana Freemason.com). It is a self paced study course that uses the ritual book, blue book, and the monitor as reference material (blue book is on the GL website). The course gives you fill in-the-blank, multiple choice, true/false questions relating to Masonry.

## **Member on the Move**

Brother Jason Parrett is the Junior Warden this year at Mt Etna Lodge. Jason is 36, was raised as a Master Mason in 1999, and previously served as the Worshipful Master. Jason grew up enjoying cars and trucks with his father Jim, and still has that interest today. If it is motorized, it is

probably on his interest list. Jason has the distinction of being “The Closest Resident Mt Etna Member” since he lives only a block from the Lodge.

## **Lodge Workday Scheduled**

A Workday Weekend has been scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 am. Projects include placing new Masonic signs on the highways coming into town and on the Lodge Building, enclosing the overhang on the north side of building in advance of new gutters and downspouts, and completion of a new library being built into the east wall of the lounge area. Bring your tools, let’s go to work!

### **Brothers’ Passing**

Brother Jerry L. Arnold, Age 75, passed away at home on May 2, 2015 in Java, VA. Mr. Arnold retired as plant manager of Wabash Magnetics.

## **Golf Outing Held**

A Golf Outing was held on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Dogwood Glen in Warren with 13 participants. “What a great event, we were able to join with

Brother Masons from several Lodges and the Memorial Home. We all owe a big Thank You to Brother David Swanson for making the arrangements for such an enjoyable day.” (JB Allen) “I couldn't say it better. We will have to do it again. Beautiful weather, nice course, and a great group of guys. Thanks all for attending and Dave for planning.” (Rick Sereno).

## So What’s a Hospitalar?

To Masons, a Hospitalar is defined as a member who cares for members and families in times of illness or loss of a loved one. At Mt Etna, get well and sympathy cards are mailed out when members of the Lodge are aware of these special needs of its Brothers. In the Brother to Brother Calling, we occasionally have members tell us of their physical issues and we hear those same concerns brought up in stated meetings. A question to members is, is this something that would be good to include in this Lodge Newsletter. To some it would be prying and that is not the intention. The intention is to show concern, help, and assist

Brothers in time of need. That is why we are Masons.

## A Look Back In Lodge Minutes

Mount Etna Lodge #333 was created in 1865 after a request was made to King Lodge #246 in Warren, IN, recommending the formation of a Lodge in Mt Etna. A charter was issued by the Grand Lodge of Indiana the following year. King Lodge was chartered in May 1859 and Warren was to go on and become a very strong Masonic town, adding other appending bodies that included; Eastern Star, Demolay, and Rainbow Girls. At its peak, Huntington Co had seven different Masonic lodges including; Andrews, Huntington, Roanoke, Markle, and Majenica. Through the years an aging and declining membership caused a number of lodges to close. King Lodge closed in 2000 and membership was combined with Mt Etna. Mt Etna is indebted to King Lodge for its creation, for the close fraternity of the two Lodges through many years, and for those men who are members of Mt Etna today.

## Upcoming Events

**June 20 – Shoot at the Huntington Reservoir (POSTPONED DUE TO HIGH WATER)**

**June 25 – Entered Apprentice Degree  
7 pm**

**July 2 – Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm,  
Dinner to Be Held at 6:30 pm**

**July 3 & 4 – Salamonie Festival Food  
Trailer**

**August 1 – Mt Etna Lodge Car Show**

**Sept 3 – Degree of the Rusty Nail in  
conjunction with Sept State Meeting**

**Oct 1 - Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm**

**Oct 31 - Halloween Party, PM??, at  
the Lodge**

**Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>** – A Saint John the Baptist observance will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, 611 West Berry Street, Fort Wayne, IN, at 10 am. Dr. Thomas P. Hanson, Rector and Brother Mason will conduct the service.

**St John Observance**