

LIGHT **Added** **to** LIGHT

Lodge 150th Anniversary

The 150th Anniversary will be held on Saturday, July 9th with the rededication by the Grand Lodge Officers scheduled at 12 noon. A luncheon will be held following the ceremony at the United Methodist Church in Mt Etna which is located at the intersection of SR9 and SR124.

Mason in the News

The Mason in the news for this issue is Jay Allen. Jay was born and raised in Jefferson Township where he was very active in sports and graduated in 1955. Following 3 years in the Marine Corp, Jay worked on the Erie Railroad before becoming a Huntington City Police Officer, where he served for 20 years before retiring in 1986. He then worked in the Federal Court Security with U.S. Marshal's Service as Northern District Supervisor. Jay became a Mason at Mt Etna after being released from active duty in the Marines. "Paul Schoeff's father Lloyd was a Mason and those men I knew who were Masons were also

respected members of the community." "For 20 years I worked 2^{nds} or nights and typically 2 jobs, so when I retired Paul and I began attending Lodge on a regular basis because we both enjoyed being with good men." When asked about his accomplishments as a Mason, he replied "I seemed to have been in the right place at the right time to have been noticed. I have done nothing more in the fraternity than countless Brothers I know. I was elected by the Brothers of Mt Etna Lodge to serve as WM. There are other times I have been recognized but this service was first. I enjoy being a part of our Lodge and Brotherhood plus I remember when I was Master I had great support and I owe every sitting Master the same." "I had the pleasure to be raised by WB John Clayborn a true mentor and Mason, also WB Larry Sprowl kept our Lodge going for years with his efforts so with the leadership the Lodge has and had during the past several years #333 stands as a fine example for everyone."

Jay and his wife Jo are the parents of two adult sons, five grandchildren, and one great grandchild and live near Huntington.

Masonic Principles

Sometimes we have trouble answering the common question “What do Masons believe”? In the March 2011 Knight Templar magazine William McNaughton, Sovereign Grand Commander for the Scottish Rite/NMJ stated the following: “Let us hope and pray that those who come to join the Masonic Fraternity in future ages will still understand that the core values of the Masonic Fraternity are a belief in God, the assistance of a worthy Brother in distress, and the care for his widows and orphans”. To me, this sums up who we are and what we believe.

A Brother's Loss

Brother Jerry Williams' wife Janice passed away on June 5. Our condolences go out to Jerry and his family. Sympathy cards can be mailed to Jerry at 10758 South Wayne Road, Warren, IN 46792-9635.

Casual Observation

Following an Entered Apprentice Degree at the end of April, Bob Haley, Jerry Piquene, and I were chatting about Mt Etna Lodge. All of us were in agreement that the success and level of activity currently being experienced in the Lodge could be attributed to a core group of 20-25 members who are willing to participate. Filling offices, being able to present degrees, preparing meals, doing repairs, and handling administrative tasks are all easier when you have a group of members who volunteer, help out, or lead. I think Bob Haley said it best when he said “each according to his own abilities”. A big “Thank You” to all those members who share their abilities and take on new responsibilities in order to make our Lodge what it is today.

Interesting Quotations

“Institutions are born, they mature, and then they decay.” (C.L. Sulzberger)

“The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results.” (Albert Einstein)

A Look Back In the Lodge Minutes

In years gone by gatherings and socialization was very much a part of being a Mason. With the exception of attending church, most members would have had little time to visit with friends or neighbors, thence the Lodge provided the opportunity to gather, gossip, and visit. Often a meal or refreshments were a part of the evening. “After being serenaded by the Band of Mt Etna, The Lodge donated \$2 for their benefit from the Lodge funds”. (Minutes Feb 15, 1902)
“Lodge closed after which the

brethren and some friends...injoyed the selfes at an oyster supper and smoke in honor of Will N. Billiter as he had been a Mason in this Lodge for 45 years”. (Minutes Dec 6, 1919)
During the 1930’s a frequent expenditure was for refreshments that were served following meetings. “We also moved & seconded that Lodge furnish ice cream and tobacco in addition to the Ladies Aid Supper”. (Minutes Dec 17, 1938)
“Discussion in regards to recreation for the Lodge. It was decided to get card tables and cards for the matter of pastime. Proper regulations to be set up later” (Minutes Oct 21, 1939).
At the next stated meeting they also added checkers. Total cost of this new entertainment was \$6.55. “The Lodge observed Father and Son night (as mandated by Grand Lodge) and entertained members, fathers and sons and friends, estimated 125 in number. A program consisted of music by a “rube band” and speakers. Refreshments consisted of oyster stew, pumkin pie, cider and coffee were enjoyed by al present”. (Minutes Nov 23, 1940)

Scholarship Awarded

WM Bob MacDonald has received notification from the Grand Lodge Scholarship Board informing him that Katelyne Kline is the recipient of the Ralph W. Searight Trust Fund Scholarship for the 2016-2017 school year. Katelyne will be a junior at the University of St Francis majoring in nursing, with a career goal of attaining a Master's Degree and becoming a nurse practitioner. Katelyne is the daughter of Ryan and Rachel Kline of rural Warren. Congratulations to all.

Upcoming Events

Jul 1 & 2 – Salamonie Festival Food Booth Fund Raiser
Jul 7 – Executive Meeting prior to Stated Meeting
Jul 7 – Stated Meeting, 7:30
Jul 9 – 150th Anniversary Celebration
Jul 14 – Fellowcraft Degree, 7 pm
Aug 4 – Executive Meeting prior to Stated Meeting
Aug 4 – Stated Meeting, 7:30
Aug 6 – Annual Mt Etna Car Show

Tin Caps Baseball Game

The Lodge outing to the Ft Wayne Tin Caps game on May 19th was quite a success with a total 23 in our group including members, family, and friends. The weather for the evening was perfect, the Tin Caps won, and a good time was had by all.