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So Why Are We Masons?

I was a birthday boy last week and received a very nice birthday greeting from the Mt. Etna Lodge with 16 brothers having signed the card. I have signed many of these birthday cards since becoming a member at Mt. Etna, but never really took the time to read them. Included were the following words, "Give and you will receive, love and you will be loved, help and you will be helped, pray and you will be blessed. May you so strive to give, love, help, and pray, fulfilling your Masonic obligations, in supporting your brother, their families and the world".

We are reminded of these principles each time we open lodge with the works to "contribute to the relief of the

poor, distressed Master Masons, their widows and orphans". Perhaps a call to action is needed by each of us to truly reflect our brotherhood and fraternity for one another.

Scholarship Awarded by Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite

Katelyne Kline, the daughter of Ryan and Rachel Kline, is a recipient of the Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite Nursing Scholarship for the 2015-16 School Year. This scholarship is awarded to nursing students who are enrolled at either St. Francis University or IPFW. Katelyne, a sophomore nursing student at St. Francis University in Ft. Wayne, was also awarded a scholarship from the Indiana Grand Lodge for the current school year. Congratulations to Katelyne!

A Look Back In Lodge Minutes

In the Minute Book for April 1874 to Sept 1890 are two loose documents that created a certain degree of surprise. The first was a deed dated April 17, 1871, transferring lot 54 in Mt Etna from Hanson Abbot and wife to Mt. Etna Lodge #333. No reference to an amount for consideration was shown. The second document is a Lease dated Dec 1, 1950, from the Lodge to the four Township Trustees of the adjoining townships for the same lot for 99 years to be used as the location of a fire station. As rental, the Trustees granted the Lodge the right to obtain water from a well drilled on the lot by the Trustees. Lot 54 is where the current Lodge Building sits. Per Jay Allen, the cement block building behind the Lodge was

built by the Township Trustees as the 1st Fire Station in Mt Etna. It was used to store two trucks that the Fire Department had purchased. Years later, the Fire Department was moved to its current location on SR 124, and the cement block building reverted back to the Lodge for its use.

150th Celebration of Mt. Etna Lodge

July 9, 2016, is the date that has been established for the 150th Anniversary of Mt Etna Lodge #333. Grand Officers will be in attendance and formalities will be established for this special event. Make sure to mark your calendar!

Birth Announcement

Jathan and Jessica Jones are the parents of their first child, Milo James. Milo was born October 22nd, weighed 6 lb 2 oz and was 20 in long. According to Jathan, both mother and baby are doing fine. Congratulations to both Jathan and Jessica! Jathan is the Senior Deacon at Mt Etna Lodge.

Brothers' Passing

Brother Virgil Rennaker of Marion passed away on September 24th at 101 years of age. He was a farmer and journeyman tool and die maker at Fisher Body in Marion. He was Past Master of Mt Etna Lodge, a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite member, and Past Patron and member of Eastern Star.

Halloween Party Held

The annual Halloween Party was held at the Lodge on Saturday, October 24th. Bob Haley and his band of "ghoulish helpers" served up chili and hot dogs for this fall event as well as treats for the 35-40 in attendance. This is a fun activity open to the public and encourages members and guests to enjoy an evening together.

Master Mason Degree Held at Mt Etna

Steven Halchuck of Decatur, IN, is the newest Master Mason at Mt Etna Lodge, having been raised on October 29th. Steve is a retired truck driver and petitioned Mt Etna because of his long time friendship with Bob Shumate. Congratulations Steve!

Got an Email Address?

Do you have an email address for Lodge communication set up? If you are receiving this newsletter through the US Mail and have an email address, please contact Chuck Clampitt at cclampitt@frontier.com. This will reduce the time and expense of mailing. At the same time it will alert you by online notices of Lodge news and upcoming events prior to publication of the newsletter.

Upcoming Events

Calendar

Nov 5th – Stated Meeting

7:30 pm

Dec 3rd – Stated Meeting

7:30 pm