

# From the East

Brethren,

Well, time has certainly flown, and this should be my last message "from the East." My two years as Worshipful Master has been the "most frustrating job I'll ever love!" This time has been exciting, busy, frustrating, and very rewarding – all at the same time. I would certainly have crumbled under the pressures, if it were not for the immense amount of help I received from the officers, members, and families of the Lodge. The numerous comments of "well wishing" also helped remind me of what we are working for.

I feel that I am leaving my position in the East, with the Lodge in pretty good shape. We have seen better days, but we also have seen worse. Although our membership is down a bit, I am encouraged by a recent increase in interest in the Lodge by the younger generations. We currently have three new entered apprentices and one transfer in progress. Interest in our Fraternity continues to increase, somewhat fueled by various media channels, such as documentaries on the Discovery and History channels, the National Treasures movie, and Dan Brown's new book – The Lost Symbol. Regardless how these works portray the Craft, the exposure, paired with positive responses from your membership and leaders, will ultimately draw interest from curious potential members.

We have taken great steps to ensure that our Lodge survives financially. These actions included "tightening the purse strings" in regards to our expenses, executing many profitable (and fun) fundraisers, and (painfully, but necessarily) raising our dues. These items will help us lay a solid foundation to build a better future. Finally, I leave the East knowing that the Lodge currently has two ambitious and very-capable up-and-coming officers – namely, Barry Clouser (currently your Senior Warden and probably soon to be Worshipful Master) and Tony Ashbaugh (currently Senior Deacon and probably soon to be Warden). These two guys have shown a love for the Lodge, a desire to grow the Lodge, and the skills necessary to execute the tasks and decisions that are necessary to make the Lodge thrive. I encourage all of you to wish them well in their upcoming positions and support them in any manner you can.

Take Care and God Bless,  
Eric Reese WM



Join us for the Annual Lodge Cook-Out! This year's cook-out will be held at Callaway park, so come out and have a good time! This event is open to all members, honorary members, widows, and their families. The Lodge will provide the meat and drinks. Each person is requested to bring eating utensils and a side dish.

October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Callaway Park (Look for the Banner)

1:00pm

Hope to see you there!

## Out with a Splash!

At each of the Lodge functions, throughout the year, there will be a donation can available. If the Lodge receives more than \$200 in donations, Eric Reese, the out-going Worshipful Master, will participate in the Kokomo Polar Bear Plunge. All proceeds will be donated to the Special Olympics.

**Freezin' For A Reason  
Polar Bear Plunge**

## Policy Changes- Please Note

As always, the Lodge's dining room is available for various functions. Rental price for non-members is \$100 with a \$25 security deposit. Rental price for members is \$50. Rental agreements are available from the Lodge secretary.

Due to multiple instances of vandalism and theft at the Lodge, the exterior locks have been changed. Key will be issued to only officers and trustees. If you need access to the Lodge, please contact an officer or trustee.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Lodge Cook-out  
Callaway Park  
1:00pm

December 1<sup>st</sup>  
Stated Meeting  
Election Night  
7:30pm

December 8<sup>th</sup>  
APM Degree  
Eat at 6:00pm  
Work at 7:00pm  
All Past Masters  
Encouraged to Attend

December 15<sup>th</sup>  
Public Installation  
of Officers  
Eat at 6:30pm

December 5<sup>th</sup>  
Holiday Dinner  
at the Lodge, 5:00pm

TBD  
Feast of St. John  
At the Lodge

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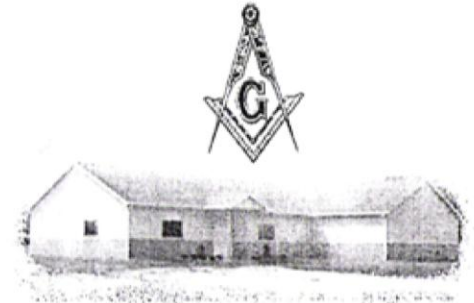


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