



Mystic Communicator



Quarterly newsletter for Mystic Lodge #65, A.F. & A.M.

FROM THE EAST

Wor. Jeffrey P. Spinney

Brethren,

2007 is here. A first time master will sit in the East, and, for the first time in many years, there are no past masters serving as line officers. I want to thank all of you for your dedication to the lodge and look forward to a fun and eventful year. I would also like to recognize the many past masters who continue to lend their time and experience to the lodge. I am pleased to inherit a lodge that was strengthened last year by several new members who have committed to stay involved with the lodge. I would also like to take this opportunity to invite all of our brothers to attend lodge regularly. Let's keep our attendance up and, more importantly, let's bring more candidates into the craft to make Mystic a stronger lodge.



2006 MASON OF THE YEAR

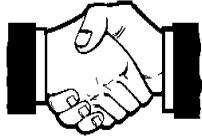
Bro. William Mansur



Please congratulate Bro. William Mansur on becoming the 2006 Mystic Lodge Mason of the Year. Since becoming a dual member from St. Andrews Lodge, Bill has taken on the task as caretaker of the lodge. Bill has done the things that often go unnoticed, like washing the Aprons, setting up the dining hall for suppers, just to name a few. Bill is very deserving of this award, and we thank you Bill for all you do for Mystic Lodge.

Stated meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of every month with a 6:30pm supper.





Introducing the 2007 Officers



Wor. Jeffrey Spinney - Master
Juan McPike - Senior Warden
Ernest Smith - Junior Warden
Tony Smith - Senior Deacon
Mark Gillahan - Junior Deacon
Ron Francis - Senior Steward
Eric Anderson - Junior Steward



Wor. Daniel Murphy - Secretary
Wor. Herbert Frost - Treasurer
Jon Gillahan - Tyler
R.W. Martin Perfit - Chaplain
David Small - Marshall



From the Past East
Wor. Troy Bagley



First let me say, sorry its been so long since we have put the newsletter out. Mystic Lodge has been going through some exciting transitions and now I hope to get back on track with putting out the newsletter quarterly.

I would like to thank all my officers and the members of Mystic Lodge #65 for all your support. It's a very exciting time to be a part Mystic Lodge and I know this lodge will continue to be the most active lodge in all of District #6.

I wish Wor. Jeff Spinney all the best in his year as Master. If you haven't been active with Mystic Lodge for a while, now is a great time to get back in the swing. We have a great line of officers for the next 7 years and a great balance of experience as well as young talent. It is indeed a great time to be a mason, especially a member of Mystic Lodge. Thanks again for all your support!



ATTENTION - PLEASE READ



Calling all members who are due yearly pins. Due to some Secretary changes the past couple of years, we may have unintentionally missed some brethren who may be due 25, 40, and 50 year pins. We apologize to anyone that has been overlooked. We want to make this right and give you the recognition you deserve. If you feel you are owed any yearly awards, please contact Wor. Jeffrey Spinney @ 285-3156. Rest assured we are making every effort to make sure all our records will be kept up to date. Again we apologize for any ill feelings this may have caused and hope to make it right!!

MYSTIC LODGE WIDOWS PROGRAM

Last year as part of a joint project for a Boy Scout leader training program, I volunteered to resurrect the widow program of Mystic Lodge #65. The process included researching the Lodge records to identify any existing widows of members of Mystic Lodge #65 that have passed away. After many hours of reading obituaries, phone calls and help from other Lodge members such as Herb Frost, I was able to assemble a list of 10 widows that are in our local area. I made contact with most of the widows by phone to let them know that the Lodge was attempting to enhance the widow program and ask them if there was anything they may need some assistance with. I also followed up with a letter to let them know that if there was anything that anyone from the Lodge could do to help them, please let us know. One widow in particular, Mrs. Stearns, said she probably could use some help around the yard. So one afternoon last summer, a few Boy Scouts, Brother Ron Murphy and I helped her with some yard work. In return the boys received service hours necessary for advancement. It was a pleasure for me and the boys to meet and chat with her.

The following is the list of widows I came up with:

Betty Tenney	Ruth Stearns
Sharon Miner (Winchester)	Ruby King
Mary Rand	Jeanne Stratton
Myrtle Ellingwood	Beverly Mallett
Jo Ann Chase	Lillian Jellison

And most recently:

Priscilla Junkins
Cynthia Fielding

This has been a very rewarding and worthwhile project. It is my hope that we can continue to maintain contact with the widows in various ways such as sending them a Christmas card or a birthday card. This year I was able to send them a Christmas card on behalf of the Lodge. I would like to put a program together exclusively for the widows and invite them to the Lodge for an evening or on a Saturday afternoon program. I think it would be great for them to meet us and perhaps get to know each other a little more (if they don't already). If anyone has any thoughts on this matter, please forward them to me. Also, if anyone knows of any widow that has been inadvertently missed, please forward their name and address to me.

Bro Ron Francis - Widows Program Chairman

**** CALLING ALL MEMBERS WITH LODGE KEYS ****

Do you have Lodge keys?? We are searching for those members who have keys to the lodge that no longer need them. We are trying to cut costs of making new keys for new officers. If you have keys to the lodge and don't use them any longer, please contact Treasurer, Herbert Frost @ 862-3299.

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