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Special Information & Callouts

Fish Fry

- June 13, 14 and 15
- Planning meetings April 18, May 9 and June 4

Mikes Carwash Tickets

- Tickets are \$8 a piece
- Fund scholarships
- sold month of April

150th Commemorative Coins

- available for \$5.00 each, while quantities last
- contact Randy Bradley or Clyde McAdams to secure your coin

Notice for 2013 Dues

Brothers, if you have not paid your dues for 2013 they are now PAST DUE and you may be up for lapse of membership. If you are having a problem paying, please call us and let us know so we may "work with you" to get them paid. If you have a question or simply cannot pay your dues please contact me at your earliest convenience.

If contacting me via email please type in Dues SP #270 in the subject line.

Please Contact:
Clyde McAdams, Secretary
317.882.1140
cmmcadams@att.net

Greetings from the East

This is a welcome to all the members of Southport Lodge in 2013. Another year is upon us and as Master this year I am looking forward to working with all the officers and craftsmen to put on the degree work for our new members. As Master, I look forward to my role and fulfilling it to the best of my ability.

However, it also takes the other officers to make the degree work successful. This includes the craftsmen who come to participate. Remember, you don't necessarily have to be an officer to participate, but it does bring things full circle and helps when you have a nice crowd. Haven't been to Southport Lodge in a while? Come back and check a degree out! All are welcome, especially the Brothers we haven't seen in a while. If you can come and participate, it also helps the officers show the new members what Masonry is really about. So far this year, we've had good degree work and are looking forward to the rest of the year!

Fraternally,
Paul Gartin
Worshipful Master



Newly Raised Master Masons

Please welcome our new brothers:

Kenneth Ray Alston.....2/25/2013
 Jeffrey W. Baker.....2/25/2013
 Brandon Lee Naylor.....2/25/2013
 Joshua Wooten.....2/25/2013

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Masonic Education

We as Master Masons wear Masonic Rings, but there are other rings no less mysterious and even supposedly magical. Rings have been esteemed as far back as ancient times. Rings do impress their worthiness upon us and our countenance. Happy, sad, terrible, bold or fearful are those which have worn such rings. In the distant past, it was thought that rings made under a certain "star" or type of Moon would give a fortunate aspect to said ring. Rings made of certain metals were said to grant enormous virtues to the wearer. Inscriptions also of a magical variety were said to grant the wearer of such rings powers beyond those of mortal men. In Philostratus we read that Jarchus, a wise Indian Prince bestowed seven rings for seven different planets to Apollonius, who wore one different each day and by their "gift" lived to be over 130 years old! Additionally, Moses the law-giver, being supposedly skilled of Egyptian magic is said to have made rings of love and oblivion. According to Eudamus, a philosopher he knew made rings protective against the bite of serpents and bothersome evil spirits. Plato mentions Gyges, the King of Lydia had a ring of power with a seal on it which when Gyges turned the seal inward toward the palm of his hand he became invisible! With this "invisibility ring" Gyges killed the present King, and became king of Lydia himself. So it is said, that one should be careful with the wearing of rings and not put them on unless one is able to control the content thereof.

Tidings from the West

Brothers, we made it through the winter and now it is time to thaw the trestle board out and bring back brotherly love and friendship. And it can only be spread with communication with which we will need your help! We need you to help and improve our system. We need the proper information from you to make our systems work and update our rosters. It is every Master Mason's obligation to keep the Secretary of Southport Lodge informed by making sure we have all your correct contact information. We have lost members because of poor communications. Won't you please take some time and update your contact information, including phone numbers, email, and address. Carrier pigeon doesn't count anymore! Please send us your new contact information so that Southport Lodge will be better able to serve you. The information we receive from you will also be used to inform Brothers of our events which our lodge is having and you and your family may wish to attend. We are also looking for volunteers for committees, including our famous fish fry and to help with grounds keeping. If you are interested in volunteering, please call and leave a message with the Secretary Clyde McAdams (Ph: 786-3144) and he will inform us. Thanks for your cooperation.

Fraternally,
Barry Maxwell
Senior Warden

Craft Club

Hello Craft,

I was elected for a second term as Craft Club President and would like to first thank all those brothers that made 2012 another successful year. As you may be aware there is a second-term curse for U.S. presidents in which they are less successful than their first term. These have been plagued by major scandals, policy inertia, some sort of catastrophe or other problems. I don't foresee this so called curse affecting us in having another successful year.

I want to recap a couple events we've already had this year and discuss others that are fast approaching. On Saturday, March 2nd we held our third annual **chili cook off** in which we had six very tasty entries. The winner was Judith Bushor, mother of our Senior Steward, Charlie Bushor. On Saturday, March 16th we held one of four **breakfasts** we will have this year. As you may be aware in the past our breakfasts haven't been well attended. We are doing another trial run to see if they are something we bring back on a regular basis. We will hold two more this year; April 20th and May 18th. Please come out and support your Lodge. Breakfasts are from 7:30am to 10:30am for \$6 all you can eat.

The **fish fry** is right around the corner; June 13-15, and we will be having meetings on April 18, May 9 and June 4 all at 6pm. If you are interested in being a committee member or just want to come and participate I encourage you to come to the meetings or get in contact with me if you are unable to attend.

I am looking forward to another great year and hope to see you and your family at one of our future events.

Fraternally,
Jarrett Hill
Craft Club President and Fish Fry Chairman

Committees	
Good Cheer (sick) Visitation Richard S. Blocker, PM Bill Freese	782-3971 787-5425
Funeral Committee Eric Ruckersfeldt, PM Charles Davaney All Officers	612-1356 888-8401
Masonic Relief Board Robert D. Sexton, PM	882-9895
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Masonic Education All Officers	
Craft Club Jarrett B. Hill, JD, Pres Charles Davaney, Vice Pres Chris A. Smallwood	319-0659 888-8401 787-6434
Custodian John Winkler	787-0844

Greetings from the South

Greetings from the south. As we have began the new year and doing well, I am excited for all the additions to our lodge. It's great to see so many brethren from other lodges also. What a great time we've been having. I encourage you all to come join us and see the work your officers have been accomplishing. I hope to see many of you throughout the year.

Yours fraternally,
 Aaron Smith
 Junior Warden

Southport Organist Honored for Service to Scottish Rite



The 145th Indiana Council of Deliberation, which is the annual meeting of the five Indiana Scottish Rite Valleys, was held in French Lick on June 29-30, 2012. During the closing banquet, Brother John Winkler, organist for Southport Lodge, was invested with the Meritorious Service Award (MSA) after being elected to receive it at last year's Council of Deliberation meeting. The MSA, or red hat, is bestowed on a Scottish Rite member by the Council of Deliberation in recognition of outstanding service to the Craft, and particularly to the Valley. John's long-time service to the Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis includes participation in the chorus, degree work, and serving as the Valley's Assistant Organist.

This recognition speaks very highly to the quality and character of leadership that Southport Lodge has long enjoyed. Please join me in congratulating John and thanking him for his tireless dedication to Masonry.

--Tim Hopewell, MSA, PM.

Trestle Board	April	May	June
Stated Meeting (1 st Mon)	1	6	3
Fellow Craft (2 nd Mon)	8	13	10
Entered Apprentice (3 rd Mon)	15	20	17
Master Mason (4 th Mon)	22	28	24
Craft Club (3 rd Thu)	18	16	20
Masonic Home Visitation (3 rd Sun)	21	19	16
Eastern Star (1 st Wed)	3	1	5
Breakfast (3 rd Sat)	20	18	
Fish Fry			13,14,15

** Please call the event line 317.824.7350 for latest information

Officers

Worshipful Master

Paul W. Gartin
435-3241

Senior Warden

Barry D. Maxwell
856-6128

Junior Warden

Aaron L. Smith
441-5536

Organist

John Winkler
787-0844

Kevin L. Roberts, PM
787-6171

Secretary

Clyde V. McAdams
882-1140

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363-9400

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782-3971

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Jeffrey C. Britt
787-8288

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238-0370

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**Calling all
Euchre
Players**

Fun & lunch each Tuesday
and Friday at your lodge,
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Lunch is \$1.00. If you don't
have any money, you can't
be hungry.

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