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Meetings: First Thursday, 7:30 PM.

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Tidings from the East Brothers!

October is upon us and the end of the year is rapidly approaching. September was a very busy month and we definitely accomplished good things.

On September 9<sup>th</sup> we passed Robert J Thompson to the degree of a Fellow Craft. On September 16<sup>th</sup> we raised Adam Wagner to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Many thanks to all the Brothers that pitched in to make these degrees go off seemingly effortless.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> we had our Lodge of Instruction with Leo Lodge #224. A special thank you to our JW Phil Thomas who prepared an excellent meal that was enjoyed by all. I was very proud of Huntertown's performance during the L.O.I. and a thank you to all the officers that displayed excellent proficiency.

Sadly, on September 6<sup>th</sup>, Willard Hankins 50-year member was called to the Celestial Lodge. We held a Masonic Service on the 8<sup>th</sup> in Churubusco at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, Huntertown hosted its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Outing. Every lodge within a 20 mile radius of Fort Wayne was invited to attend. While the attendance was sparse, the Brothers, family and friends that did attend had a great time. I won't bore you with the details, but several really incredible shots were hit and it gave us plenty to talk about over the dinner.

Important October Dates:

7<sup>th</sup> Regular Stated

14<sup>th</sup> Master Mason Degree for Robert Thompson at 7:30pm, dinner at 6:30pm

30<sup>th</sup> Grand Masters Open House from 10:00am – 2:00pm

30<sup>th</sup> Family Appreciation Night Potluck 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Brothers, one of the things that I enjoy most about Masonry is the friendships and conversations that I am able to have with Brothers throughout the region. Sharing our ideas and opinions about what makes Masonry great, and areas that we need to work to improve. In speaking with several Brothers this month a common theme kept reoccurring. The statements, "we are not paying enough attention to and taking care of our older Brethren" was quoted to me on at least three separate occasions. And I agree.

So starting in October, I am going to solicit several of our active younger members of Huntertown #689 and start of process of closing the gap between our active and in-active Brothers. We are going to place phone calls, send letters, send e-mails or whatever means are best received by our Brothers who do not frequently attend our meetings and degree works, and reach out to them and let them know that we still care. As we all understand, Masonry is not an age dependant

endeavor, it applies to us all. And I am hoping that the wisdom and insight of some of our more tenured excellent members might be passed to the next generation of GREAT men!

Fraternally,

Kurt Begue WM