

Tippecanoe Lodge 492 Trestle Board 12/30/2023

Happy New Year Brothers

Thank you for your trust in placing me back in the East for this momentous year. This year we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of our Charter and hopefully land that charter in a new permanent location. I do have a couple of goals for this year that I need your help on achieving:

- **A Complete Officer Line** – Already complete – We have a full line of officers for 2024. While they are mostly Past Masters, we need to build a firm foundation for the future.
- **Masonic Education at Each Stated Meeting (All Year)**
- **A Year of Homecoming (All Year)** – We have lost several long-term members to the stresses of multiple transitions and intense discussions within the lodge. I would like to welcome these former pillars of our lodge back into the
- **A Celebration of 150 (Q1-3)** – We have the opportunity to celebrate our charter. We will do this in two ways.
 - A celebration with adult family members of the charter at a TBD location including a publicly acceptable seven toasts.
 - A formal rededication in August – October of the charter by the Grand Lodge Officers
- **A Permanent Location (Q1/2)** – We will work to finally move our charter to a final location – we will need input on this.
- **Updating the Lodge Bylaws (Q3/4)** – We need to refresh the bylaws to ensure alignment with current and future practices.

You will notice that new membership is not a main goal for 2024. This is quite purposeful as my hope is we redouble our efforts to be good Masons. If we do this, I am sure that new members will follow.

Upcoming Key Events:

- Thursday, January 4, 2024 | Stated Meeting | A recorded lecture on the Ancient Charges from the [Whence Came You Podcast](#) and an Overview of the [Regius Manuscript](#)
- Thursday, February 1, 2024 | Stated Meeting | SGW Randy Siepel masonic education on a chapter from the book of Psalms | Discussion of Lodge in a Box

- Thursday, March 1, 2024 | Stated Meeting | Working Discussion on a permanent move of the Charter & Rededication Update | Set a Location for a Feast of Celebration in the End of May (Seven Toasts)
- Thursday, April 4, 2024 | Stated Meeting | A Visit from the Deputy Grand Master with Announcement
- Thursday, May 2, 2024 | Stated Meeting | Update on Charter and Rededication
- Thursday, May 23, 2024 | Feast of Celebration of the Charter of our Lodge at a TBD eating establishment (Seven Toasts)

Thank you for your trust,
Andrew (Andy) Stephens, PM
Worshipful Master, Tippecanoe Lodge 492
The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana