

Invisible Lodge Intl. Inc.

The Honorary Association of Masonic Magicians
at Work Under the Jurisdiction of the Known and Unknown World

TRESTLEBOARD

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**Don't miss our Annual Stated Meeting
Sunday, September 2 at 7am
at the TAOM Convention in Corpus Christi, TX**

This year the TAOM convention is dedicated to the
memory of Brother JK Miller

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Trestleboard 6/30/07



President's Message

Dear Invisible Lodge Members,

As you may already know, this year we lost our long time president John Miller. He was a huge asset to our organization doing almost all of the work running our lodge himself. The down side to him doing everything on his own, is that he alone knew what was what, and unfortunately some of our records passed with him. Never the less, we are working hard to get as much of the information necessary to continue on, from his family.

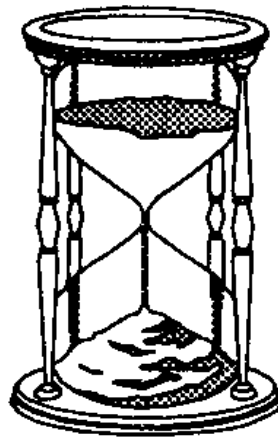
With the passing of John K. Miller, we ALL have a lot of work to do. It will require us to pull together to keep the IL growing. John knew a number of you personally. Please help keep John's memory alive. John's son Brad Miller will be sending me the IL material as he cleans John's home. I do not have a current membership list. If you will please send me your name, address, phone number, email address and your IL number to IL2007KF@aol.com or Kenneth Foerster, 3213 Peachtree St., Corpus Christi, TX 78410. If you have not paid your dues for 2007, please do that also. It will take time for us to complete all these lists but we are working on it already.

As previously stated, we are still trying to get information together from Johns' estate and also working to prevent lost information in the future. I do not have complete records from all the previous ILI Presidents. A number of IL members have asked for an IL membership

card. I will try to get them to you ASAP. Brother "JR" Knight the new Editor of the Trestleboard has also taken on the printing of membership cards along with his former duties of membership and our IL awards certificates. As we figure out what time period you joined in, we will have them printed and sent to you. John was in the process of getting names to JR that he needed for certificates and

awards, but passed away before the list was completed.

So if you have not yet received your membership packet please take the time to drop JR an email so he can get you into the system and get your stuff printed. Please include all of your contact information so that he can also update our contact list.



When you are reading this, you have received the first Trestle Board of 2007. The printing and postage had to be paid for by transferring money from savings to checking. I paid for the printing of the letters I mailed out in April. Of the 200 letters sent, 23 were returned because of bad addresses, 42 were replies to the update, only one included the 2007 Annual Renewal Fee. Four were from widows. I have received only 1 IL Meeting report; it was for the convention in Columbus, Ohio. Please send check in sheets and meeting minutes and any money collected at conventions to me ASAP especially any information you might have for any new applicants since December 2005.

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John Kilbourn Miller

USAF Captain John Kilbourn Miller was born May 17, 1930, of Lockport, New York, passed away Monday February 12, 2007, at his Irving home of over 40 years. He was a man of many facets; retired Air Force, university of Omaha graduate, 32nd degree Master Mason, Magician, Entrepreneur, Businessman, Community Leader, Civic Volunteer, Instructor, World Traveler, Storyteller and Collector.



John was the oldest of three brothers, son of George John Miller and Elizabeth Pierce Kilbourn-Miller. Survived by his children Bradley P. Miller and wife, Rita Miller, Tawn L. Miller-Armstrong and husband Richard A. Armstrong.

His many interests and community activities included; President of the Invisible Lodge, Irving based Magic Dragon store owner, Mason of the Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite Shrine Temple, member of T.A.O.M., I.B.M., Magic Circle of London, Magic Castle, Society of American Magicians, International Fellowship of Christian Magicians, International Clowns of America, Collector's Workshop, Dallas travel Club, past president of Toastmaster's International to name a few. His love of scouting continued beyond Eagle Scout achievements into recent years as a volunteer and docent

at the National Boy Scout Museum.

He was an instructor at Irving's Northlake College of over twenty years in the Electrical Technology program. Known to any as Professor J.K. he will be remembered for his uncommon leadership, zest for life, droll wit, and his love of people and good friends. A Memorial Service was held on Monday February 26, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. at the DFW National Cemetery,

reception followed. In memory of John, donations may be made to local charities.

Past Presidents

1. 1953 - Sir Felix Korim, OH
passed 10/14/1986
2. Dr. Zina Bennett, MI
3. Don Lewis, OH
4. Dr. Herman Synder, OH
5. 1973 - William I Joy, OH
passed 12/11/1996
6. 1989 - Artie C. Kidwell
7. Howard M. Flint, OH
b. 9/16/1941
8. 1993 - Ron Mai
9. 1999 - Joseph E. Elliott
10. 1999 - 2007 - John K. Miller, TX
born 5/17/1930 passed 2/12/2007
11. 2/2007 - Kenneth Foerster, TX
born 12/26/1939

The Editor's Notes

Dear Invisible Lodge Members,

I want to start as Editor by letting you know my philosophy about treasle-boards. But first let me thank our new president Brother Ken for his confidence. I would also like to apologize to all of you for this taking to long getting out. Some of you know that Robin, Anthony, Kuma and I started moving back to our home in California just after John Miller's passing, and we are still trying to get settled in, both at home and in our new jobs. Even though my job has me working lots of hours with quite a bit of traveling, I plan to get you information much more quickly in the future.

Now to my TB philosophy and plan thereof; I have always thought of a TB as not only a way to disseminate news of upcoming events but also as a vehicle to make people think, smile, maybe even, if we're lucky, laugh. Having said that, please don't look for a bunch of filler, I am definitely a less is more kind of guy. I don't plan to search for items to fill pages, as a matter of fact; some TB's might only be a couple of pages long. I would also love to use the TB to give others a voice. There are many very good writers out there, much better then me by the way, that I would love to see contribute their whit, so with that said, I am inviting all of you to send in your words of wisdom & tricks and I will add them in a timely manner. For info on how to submit please look for the boxed "SUBMISSION INFO" in this and every issue.



I would also love for the TB to be used as a place for features and interviews about our members. I'm a member of a few blue lodges, but by far my favorite is SW Hackett Lodge in San Diego CA. Besides the exceptional comradely, they hold Masonic information sessions at lodge. These consist of a 10 to 15 minute overview of the evening's topic during lodge, followed by an in-depth discussion after lodge that usually goes on for hours. The month that they asked me to do one, they request I do it on Magical Masons. During my studies I not only found all of the obvious names that come up when talking about Magical Masons, but also names that we've all heard of that I didn't know were Masons, both from the past as well as in the present. All of whose stories are fascinating and full of humor. Just have dinner with Lee and Helene, John and Tammy, or Bill and Ruth some night and you'll know exactly what I'm talking about. Good stuff!!!

Now let's talk about our website. A few of you have already emailed me requesting info about our new Member's Only site. This site is not quite ready yet, but when it is, I plan to open it ONLY to ALL members that request access. **KNOCK AND IT SHALL BE OPENED UNTO YOU.** When the site is finished, soon I hope, those of you that have

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I sent JR some lists of past awards recipients for inclusion in our TBs. If you received one of these awards previously and your name was omitted, please let us know so your name can be added. A number of brothers have passed away. If you know of any please send JR their obituary or their name and the date they past away I will do my best as president but remember this job didn't come with instruction or a full set of records, so I will need input from each and everyone of you. Thanks in advance for all of your help!

We are planning to not only keep the IL going but also have people in back-up positions to prevent lost information in the future. Roger Miller is our First VP and Bill Pitts is 2nd VP. We are discussing making the positions in 2 or 3 year terms to not only prevent burn out but also lost

Wizard's Masters Award 33°

The Masters award is presented to those Brothers who have achieved the 33° in Masonry It reflects the high regard in which we hold these Brothers and their proficiency in the Masonic Craft.

1. Earl N. Schnoor, Davenport, IA
2. Wayne Sanderson, Midland, MI
3. Jerry Rosen, Los Angles, CA
4. W. Reese Hart, Pauleys Island, SC
5. H. Claude Enslow, Kansas City, MO
6. Dean L. Hart, Lakeland, FL
7. Frank E. Romack, St. Joseph, IL
8. William E. Parker, Mechanicsburg, PA
9. William R. Hart, Washington, CD
10. Jack Wilson, Louisville,KT
11. Eytan Ayalon, Israel
12. Dr. S. Brent Morris, Laurel, MD
13. David L. Price III

records. We are also looking into ways to communicate more effectively.

Please Note: Everyone's ARF are due. If you paid your ARF to John thanks and please let me know so we can mark you paid. We know of some of the records for IL and IL members, but if you have any reports or finances please forward them to me. We are waiting for John's son Bradley, to get the rest of the information from John's house so we can reconcile our bank accounts and then close them out, as we can't afford to do business with them charging us high monthly fees! The bank accounts are running low and postage is going up.

Magically & Fraternally Yours,
Kenneth Foerster
ILI President

Lifetime Performance Recognition Award

1. John Calvert 2000
2. Lee and Helene Grabel 2004

ZINA BENNET AWARD

The ZB Award is presented to an IL member who has given five or more gratis performances before an audience consisting of Masonic Brothers and their dependants who reside in a Masonic Home for the Aged, a Masonic Orphanage or those children confined in a Shrine Hospital.

1. Jesse A. Smith Rockdale, TX
2. Roy Graziano Shreveport, LA
3. Robert Dinsmore Wichita, KA
4. Jesse Langston, Jr. Arlington, TX
5. James Russell Butler, GA
6. Eytan Ayalon, Israel

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knocked will be sent simple clues to figure out the login and password, these will change every year, and I plan to continue to make a game out of it.

Things you'll find on the MO site:

First of all and please don't take this a slight or in any way as a show of disrespect to my very good friend JK Miller, I was very fond of him, in fact we spoke on the phone the day before his passing. My family and I miss him very much. Having said that, every time Opie or I or anyone else for that matter, suggested putting the TB on the web, John would puff his chest and shout, "over my dead body!" Well. Can't you just see him smiling down on us now? Yes, I plan to put the TB on the MO website. You will be able to read it on line, download it to your computer, or print it out on paper. The photos will be in color, and I will also include stuff that doesn't fit in the printed TB version. Members will also be able to download

meeting booklets, forms, member contact lists etc. We might even put some videos, who knows. There's NO LIMITS to what we can do with it. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to toss it in the hat.

"JR" Knight

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SUBMISSION INFO

To submit anything for publication in either the TB or the Website please email me your article to magicalmason1111@yahoo.com. Please paste it in the email file, no attached text files please. Photos: please email me high resolution digital files as many as you like.

HARVEY AWARDS

1974 - Bill Pitts, Ft. Smith, AR
 1975 - C. E. Joy, Brookfield, OH
 1976 - David Price, Jr., Lebanon, TN
 1977 - Edward Mischell, ShortHills, NJ
 1978 - Edwin Hooper, Devon, England
 1979 - Robert Lynn, Waldwick, NJ
 1980 - Jack Greenberg, Pittsburgh, PA
 1981 - Jack Ahler, Kershaw, SC
 1982 - Walter Harmon, Richmond, VA
 1985 - Robert G. Schicker, Dover, DE
 1989 - John K. Miller, Irving, TX
 2000 - Chet Cowan, Lansing, MI
 2000 - William I. Joy, Brookfield, OH
 2001 - Don Stiefel, Corpus Christi, TX
 2002 - Lee Grabel, Alamo, CA
 2004 - Kenneth Foerster, Corpus Christi, TX
 2004 - Wm "JR" Knight, Murrieta, CA
 2006 - Jim Dunn, Killeen, TX

ORDER OF SIR FELIX KORIM

For 25 years of active membership

1. Bill Pitts
2. Herbert Zarrow
3. Jack Greenberg
4. Jesse Langston, Jr.
5. Don Potts
6. Jerome Jacobson
7. Bill Winzig
8. Artie C. Kidwell
9. Roger B. Miller
10. Don Stiefel
11. Lee Grabel
12. Carl Ballantine - 2002
13. Jim Dunn
14. Chet Cowan
15. Eytan Ayalon -2004
16. Kenneth Foerster -2006

Members attending the Invisible lodge meeting in Las Vegas during the World Magic Seminar.

Dale Lorzo

The meeting was short and most of the discussion was around the passing of Brother Miller.

Trevor Lewis brought a prospective

member with him who was elected after the proper initiation.

Trevor Lewis, our international V.P. for Wales and I, conducted a memorial for John during our meeting of the Invisible Lodge being held at the World Magic Seminar on Monday.



The members in attendance are: (left to right) Dale Lorzo, new member from Canada, Trevor Lewis, Riki Shirey, David Williams, Charles McBain, Fr. Charles Bouton and Stan Shirey.

Coming Soon - KonKlave II

Chairman Geoffrey Hansen & his Co-Chair Peter Reveen are currently working on a second IL convention, this time to be held in Las Vegas NV.

Treastleboard Adds

Please send your ad info & or business cards to JR for placement in the next TB issue.