

# St. James Lodge No. 47 F. & A.M.

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Stated Communications: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

## DECEMBER 2003 – JANUARY 2004

**Special for the 15th and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30**

### PAST EVENTS

**Dec 4** Exam. MM catechism; Necrology; Elect officers-'04  
**Dec 18** (Open/meal; 6:30) Installed officers-'04

WB Dedman's installation was a very special moment. Many PGMs were in attendance, including MWB Morris Shapiro, the senior living PGM, having been GM in 1961. RWB Harold Ballard commented that GM Cabuk wanted to be present but could not do so because of a conflicting prior commitment. About 135 persons attended the installation, including five Past Grand Masters and several current officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, and several members of other Lodges.

WB Wade, PM, says, "It is very easily true that being a member of St. James Lodge has been the very best thing that has happened to me since I graduated from Med. School in 1968, and serving as WM -- with all the members, PMs, and officers involving yourselves in such a helpful and constructive way, making my year as WM so rewarding and so memorable for me -- has been more than I could have ever aspired to."

The entire Lodge owes thanks to Frank's Smoke House for providing the excellent and delicious dinner which provided a choice of pork or brisket.

### Year 2004 Tentative Schedule Stated Communications

Jan. 1	SHORT MEETING
Jan. 15	<b>Special</b> E/A exam 6:30
	Grand Lodge Orientation/Resolutions 7:30
Jan. 22	<b>Special</b> , 2 FC degrees, 6:30
Feb. 5	Grand Lodge Report – Treasurer's Report
Feb. 19	<b>Program on Dyslexia (Open/meal 6:30)</b>
Mar. 4	<b>Guest Night (Open/meal 6:30)</b>
Mar. 18	Rededication & Re-obligation; 25 & 50 yr. Awards
Apr. 1	<b>Grand Master's Official Visit (Open/meal 6:30)</b>
Apr. 15	TBA
May 6	<b>Honesty &amp; Integrity (Open/meal 6:30) *</b>
May 20	TBA
	<b>(Begin Casual Summer Attire, except for Degrees)</b>
Jun. 3	TBA
Jun. 17	St. John The Baptist Program
Jul. 1	July 4 <sup>th</sup> Program
Jul. 15	Treasurer's Report & Committee Reports
Aug. 1	TBA
Aug. 15	TBA
	<b>(End Casual Summer Attire)</b>
Sep. 2	<b>Guest Night (Open/meal 6:30)</b>
Sep. 16	TBA
Oct. 7	<b>Past Masters' Night (Open/meal 6:30) *</b>
Oct. 21	Masonic Education Program
Nov. 4	St. John the Evangelist Program
Nov. 18	<b>Thanksgiving Program (Open/meal 6:30) *</b>
Dec. 2	Election of Officers for 2005
Dec. 16	<b>Installation of 2005 Officers (Open/meal 6:30)</b>

\* Represents possible entertainment

TBA = To Be Arranged

### Illness, News and Relief

Worshipful Brother Al Livingston is feeling better. He gets around with a walker. He does Not need oxygen, but tires easily. He looked MUCH better than when he was in the hospital. He has pulmonary fibrosis. The damage can not be reversed, but hopefully the treatment will halt further damage.



Brethren: The Installation was one of the most thrilling moments of my life. Not only was it a full house but may have been the most to ever visit the lodge. We had about 135 people. I know that many of those were my family, but they were only 18. The Attendance Committee, headed by Bro. Carlise Richard and his team, did an excellent job calling the members and getting them out.

On behalf of the lodge, I want to give special thanks to brothers Ken Streater, David Dodge, Dale Ducotes, "Mac" Little, Tim Atkins and others who participated in the clean-up and preparation of the Temple for the installation ceremony. This important work often goes unnoticed. It takes a lot of our brothers' time to get everything straight for a function, especially since we have been remodeling the Lodge.

Also there is another person that we take for "granite". That person is our one and only WBro. Lloyd Pence. I wanted to be involved in the remodeling of our Lodge, so I made it a point to go and check on the work being done on a regular basis. Well, behold, Lloyd was there before me. He has spent many hours of his time, for our Lodge, making sure that we get our monies worth. I know he can be a %^\$& once in a while and he has been around a long long time, but we need to put credit where credit is due. "THANKS LLOYD" for your time and efforts. we will be depending on you through this whole year.

The Installations were a success! Our meeting had so much Purple and Gold you would think it was a Grand Lodge Meeting or an LSU Ball Game. There were five (5) Past Grand Masters present, the Grand Senior Warden and the Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge. There were also members of the 13th and 16th District Grand Lodge present. Our special thanks to one and all for attending.

We have a good start in getting out the membership to attend our regular meetings. We need to build on it.

Thanks for such an enjoyable evening guys. I loved it! Please, let's come to the meetings and have some good fellowship and brotherly love.

Let's not forget our sick. If you know a Brother that is sick, let us know. Our Sick and Visitation Committee is ready and waiting to fulfill their obligation.

Fraternally, Frank

"Rays of Masonry" by Dewey Wollstein -1953

### THE STUDY OF SELF

Masonry, blessed with wisdom of the ages, points to the greatest of all lessons, the study of self. There is a distinction between thinking too much of self and knowing self.

A great teacher was asked if he could tell all the Law in as little a time as a man could stand on one foot. To which he answered: "What is hateful to thyself do not do to others." the sting of unkindness, the sharp blade of unfairness, the brutality of intolerance, are weapons that have been used against us. Have we used these weapons against others in our individual lives? Masonry tells us to consider well this question.

We must study self more and more in order to understand that unkindness is not of a lesser degree when we use it against others than when others use it against us. Tolerance begets Tolerance. Understanding begets Understanding. What comes back to us is in some strange way the very thing that we send out.

Masons, students of self and the science of Morality, will forever cry out against the enemies of mankind, Intolerance, Injustice and Greed. To become victors over these destroyers of life, we must know that we have looked upon them within our own being, and have removed them from self.

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**ST. JAMES LODGE - YEAR 2004 OFFICERS & COMMITTEES**

*ELECTED OFFICERS*

Worshipful Master—Frank Earl Dedman  
Senior Warden—Kenneth B. F. Streater, Jr  
Junior Warden—Mark Jeffrey Paxton  
Treasurer—William Daniel Zollinger, PM  
Secretary—Lloyd Gerald Pence, PM

*APPOINTED OFFICERS*

Chaplain—Calvin Lee Elliott, PM  
Senior Deacon—David Thomas Dodge  
Junior Deacon—William Ellis (Mac) Little  
Master of Ceremonies—Lynnwood Dale Ducote  
Senior Steward—Timothy Hilary Atkins  
Junior Steward—Robert Ronald Zinn  
Tyler—William Gordon D'Aubin

**COMMITTEES**

*FINANCE*

Stephen Mavor Selby, PM, Chairman  
Ben Francis Melanson, PM  
Kenneth B. F. Streater, Jr.  
Mark Jeffrey Paxton

*RELIEF -- DYSLEXIA*

James Edward Grady, Jr., PM, Chairman  
Ben Francis Melanson, PM  
Lawrence, Durell Wade, PM  
Lloyd Gerald Pence, PM  
Charles Ray Corkern, Jr., PM  
WM, SW, JW

*BUILDING (TEMPLE)*

James Daniel Dodds, Chairman (3 years)  
Worshipful Master—Frank Earl Dedman  
Secretary—Lloyd Gerald Pence, PM  
Kenneth B. F. Streater, Jr., (1 year)  
David Thomas Dodge (2 years)

*GUEST NIGHT & PROGRAMS*

George H. Jones, PM, Chairman  
Naresh.Sharma, PM  
Evan Ewell Cooper  
Gerard Adam Ruth  
Kenneth B. F. Streater, Jr.

*HONESTY & INTERGRITY*

Mark Jeffrey Paxton, Chairman  
William Ellis (Mac) Little  
Stephen Mavor Selby, PM

*MASONIC EDUCATION*

Lawrence Durell Wade, PM, Chairman

Mark Jeffrey Paxton  
Don Cannon, Jr.  
David Thomas Dodge  
Naresh Sharma, PM

*SICK AND VISITATION*

William Haskell Brown, PGM, Chairman  
Alfred James Blanchard  
Gerard Adam Ruth  
Lynnwood Dale Ducote  
WM, SW, JW

*COACHES & DEGREE PRACTICE*

David Thomas Dodge, Chairman  
C. Lenton Sartin, PM  
Statie Preston Eggers, PM  
Calvin Lee Elliott PM  
Stephen Mavor Selby, PM  
Naresh Sharma, PM  
James Edward Pecoraro, PM, Practice Coach

*REFRESHMENT*

Mark Jeffrey Paxton, Chairman  
William Ellis (Mac) Little  
Timothy Hilary Atkins  
Robert Ronald Zinn  
Kenneth B. F. Streater, Jr.

*ATTENDANCE, TELEPHONE & E-MAIL*

Carlisle Sheard Richard, Chairman  
Gerard Adam Ruth  
Kenneth B. F. Streater, Jr.  
Joseph George Richard, Jr.  
Alfred James Blanchard  
Don Cannon, Jr.

*LEGAL*

William Haskell Brown, PGM  
C. Lenton Sartin, PM

*NEWSLETTER & COMPUTER*

Don Cannon, Jr., Chairman  
Robert Ronald Zinn  
Joseph George Richard, Jr.

*FUNERAL*

Steven Allen Newman, Chairman  
David Bruce MacNealy  
David Thomas Dodge  
Don Cannon, Jr.  
William Ellis (Mac) Little

*GREETINGS*

Kenneth B. F. Streater, Jr., Chairman  
ALL PAST MASTERS & OFFICERS

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