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Monthly News Letter for August 2007 –September 2007

RECENT EVENTS

----- Casual Summer Attire, **!!!!except for Degrees!!!!**-----
Aug. 2 Masonic Education Program
Aug. 16 Timothy "Timbeaux" Hutchinson, Past Master of Trinity Union Lodge No. 372, spoke about the Ironman Challenge and his selected charity, Habitat for Hope. It is a 'double your pleasure' event as every penny pledged in his name is doubled by the Janus Charity Challenge and every penny goes to his designated charity. Mark Paxton presented him with a check from our Lodge for his next Ironman Challenge. Hutchinson's last selected Ironman charity was the Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation which benefits Childhood Learning Centers that conduct "no-cost" clinics for childhood speech, hearing and communication disorders throughout the State.

Hutchinson began marathon running when he was 15 years old and has participated in the Ironman Challenge since 2005. Ironman Challenge is an endurance triathlon that consists of a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bicycle ride, and a 26.2 mile run, all completed within 17 hours. Tim is now training for the Cajun man Triathlon on September 9 and the Ironman Florida on November 3. Let us wish him well in his feat.

Habitat for Hope is a non-profit organization in Memphis and Millington, Tennessee that exists to provide lodging, support, service and care to families who have children cancer patients at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

-----End Casual Summer Attire-----

FUTURE EVENTS

Sep. 6 ***Guest Night (Open/meal 6:30 PM)**
Sep. 20 EA degree
Sep. 28 **LoNM#9 Annual open TABLE Lodge**
Oct. 4 ***Past Masters' Night (Open/meal 6:30 PM)**
Oct. 18 TBA
Nov. 1st. John the Evangelist & Election of 2008 Officers
Nov. 15 ***Thanksgiving Program (Open/meal 6:30 PM)**
Dec. 6 **Install Officers for 2008 (Open/meal 6:30 PM)**

* Represents possible entertainment TBA = To Be Arranged

Masonic Education:

Every Tuesday at 5:00 PM there will be a tutorial practice of the Work for each Station of Lodge Officers conducted by Past Masters of St. James Lodge.

Other Masonic Events –

13th Masonic District meets quarterly on the first Sunday of the last month in each quarter, except the 2nd Sunday in September.

The next meeting of the 13th District is at 2:30 PM, Sunday, September 9, 2007 at Feliciana Lodge No. 31 at 14599 Highway 10 East, St. Francisville. All officers are obligated to attend.

Downtown York Rite Bodies meet regularly on the 1st Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Scottish Rite Baton Rouge Valley meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Consistory on Florida Boulevard with Advisory Council at 5:30, dinner at dinner, and meeting at 7:30 PM.

The Lodge of The Nine Muses, No. 9, F. & A.M., meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Red Room of St James Lodge. If you are interested in visiting, contact one of the members to find time, dress code and other details. Ernest Easterly, W.M., Ricks Bowles, S.W., Adib Shala, J.W., Sam Roberts, Treasurer, Larry Moore, Secretary, William Mollere, Chaplain, Naresh Sharma, Sr. Deacon, Danny Smith, Master of Ceremonies, Gerard Ruth, Sr. Steward, Robert Zinn, Jr. Steward, Kristopher Easterly, Tyler, Tim Atkins, Member.



Brethern,

I hope that everyone has had, or is having a great summer and staying cool. Football season is close, for those who are football fanatics. I believe there is even a game on Thursday August 30. Should be great football weather. With summer almost over, (can't tell by the heat) September is at hand, which means Guest Night is around the corner.

Put September 6th on your calendar and bring a guest. Larry Wade will speak on the history of Masonry in his usual eloquent manner and George Jones will take over the blue room. Our Secretary, Frank Dedman has promised a special home cooked dinner. Be sure to come and bring a friend.

Ironman Tim Hutchinson, Past Master of Trinity Union, spoke at the August 16th meeting, on the rigors of being an Ironman and the time and training involved. He also spoke about the charity that he sponsors "Habitat for Hope." He did a great job and St James thanks Tim for taking time from his rigorous training to talk to us. A token of our appreciation was presented in the form of a check to "Habitat for Hope." Good luck to Tim on his upcoming Ironman Challenge.

Remember Guest Night coming up. PLEASE come support your lodge and bring someone that you believe would be interested in Masonry.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Fraternally,

Mark Paxton, WM

If you haven't invited a guest to guest night,
You still have time to rectify that mistake.

Surely you know someone deserving of the chance to know us.

It only takes one mason to change someone's life by
inviting him to an open meeting.

There is no limit on how many people **you** can invite!

Don't YOU be the limiting factor.

WHO have you invited to the next open meeting?



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Brethren:

Lodge of Nine Muses No. 9 will be hosting the Annual Table Lodge on Friday, September 28, 2007 at the Camelot Club. M.W. Robert Hannon, PGM and Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Arizona, is the keynote speaker. Bro. Hannon has been intimately involved in Masonic leadership in the U.S. He is an excellent speaker. He is currently the S.G.I.G. in Arizona.

Camelot Club is located on Florida Blvd in downtown Baton Rouge in the Chase Bank building, on 21st Floor, between 4th and 5th Streets. Secure underground parking is available. Social hour will commence at 6:00 p.m. and the Table Lodge will open at 7:00 p.m. Your ladies and guests are welcome to attend. W. Bro. Bill Mollere will facilitate the Table Lodge formalities.

Cost is \$75, per person, and includes a fine meal and a souvenir "firing glass." Dress for gentlemen is dark suit and for ladies is evening dress. Seating will be assigned, kindly let me know if you wish to share your table with any particular attendees.

We request the attendees make their entrée choices, from the following:

6 oz. Filet Mignon (cooked medium) with a Mushroom Butter Jus

Pan Sautéed Snapper with Toasted Almonds & Sauce Amandine

Grilled Breast of Chicken topped with Spinach & Artichoke Florentine

We look forward to having you join us for this gala Masonic Table Lodge.

With fraternal regards,

Cordially and fraternally,

Naresh Sharma
 Lodge of Nine Muses No. 9
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"Rays of Masonry" by Dewey Wollstein -1953

THE MARCH OF MASONRY

There is no such thing as a state of Masonry. Masonry is forever the Mason learning, thinking, loving, praying and achieving, step by step, day by day. Every success opens the door to another opportunity for greater learning, for further progress, for steady improvement. We strive and fail, and find the truth that all success is created from the broken pieces of failure. Even as we grope in darkness and feel a sense of futility, we are in the process of growing, and Light comes to lead us into greater darkness, and out again into More Light.

What do we mean when we refer to Masonic failure? There is no failure in Masonry except that which comes when we lose sight of the real goal of achievement, the attainment of the Middle Chamber. All our efforts are wasted unless we forever keep in mind that Masonic education, Masonic training, Masonic study, must be

directed toward final triumph, which is at-one-ment with the Grand Architect of the Universe.

Masonry has been described as "the realization of God by the practice of Brotherhood." In those few words are revealed clearly the sole purpose of our Institution.

Why is Brotherhood a slow evolutionary movement instead of a natural and spontaneous condition? Why are there wars and why does man seek to destroy man and even the very earth, God's beautiful gift to man?

Because Brotherhood must be established upon a sharing of spiritual qualities. In all places where Masonry is firmly established, there you will find the natural union of hearts and minds and- peace. Let the skeptical and the enemies of Masonry ponder over this fact.

Masonry, let us remember, is "the realization of God through not the theory, but the practice of Brotherhood."

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