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FROM THE EAST

First, I apologize for succumbing to the scam about the planet Mars and its close proximity to earth that did not occur on August 27. One can find almost anything on the Internet, some of which is excellent, some is wrong, some is pure trash. "Spam" is prolific, as well as viruses, hackers, spyware and phishing, which can be damaging. However, the Internet is a good tool for useful purposes - it is fast, free of postage cost, and search engines for data and information are wonderful. Many of the new St. James Lodge members contact the Lodge via the Internet, and more are expected. Many Grand Lodges and Masonic Organizations have excellent web pages.

Again, we look forward to a successful Guest Night Open Meeting on Thursday, September 3 at 6:00 with dinner at 6:30 P.M.. It is an opportunity to honor our Ladies, friends, neighbors and prospective worthy brothers. Bro. Jim Robinson, Junior Warden, and his Stewards assure me that the meal of baby back ribs will be excellent. The number of printed invitations that have been taken from the sign-in desk indicates that a large crowd of seventy or more can be expected. M:W: Bro. Bill Brown, P.G.M., will give his usual thorough explanation of Masonry to our guests. Petitions for the Degrees in Masonry will be available upon request.

Our next Open Meeting with dinner will be Thursday, October 1. This year we will recognize and honor our Widows, Past Masters, and 25 & 50-Year Members.

Hope you are all having a wonderful summer,
Joe Richard, Worshipful Master, 2009

August 20, Thursday, Special Communication at 6:00 P.M. - One Entered Apprentice degree was conferred.

August 20, Thursday, Stated Communication at 7:30 P.M. - One Entered Apprentice degree was conferred.

FUTURE EVENTS

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

September 3, Thursday, Stated Communication **Guest Night** at 6:00/6:30 P.M. An excellent dinner is planned with an entree of baby-back ribs and with all the trimmings. A large crowd is expected and one of our Past Masters will explain Masonry to our guests.

September 13, Sunday, 13th District meeting at Central Lodge #442 at 11525 Sullivan Road, Central, LA, with dinner at 12:30, Relief Lodge at 1:30 and District Lodge at 2:30 P.M. (Note: that District meetings are usually on the first Sunday of the last month of each quarter, except in September it will be on the second Sunday, if the date falls in the week of Labor Day.)

September 17, Thursday, SPECIAL Communication at 6:00 P.M. to confer the second section of the Fellow Craft degree on one Candidate that was delayed due to an emergency. Also, have Proficiency Examination of two Fellow Crafts by Committee.

September 17, Thursday, Stated Communication at 7:30 P.M. will confer two Master Mason degrees.

October 1, Thursday, Stated Communication **Open Meeting** with dinner at 6:00/6:30 P.M. to recognize and honor our Widows, Past Masters and 25 & 50-year members. The program will be about the Downtown Historic District consideration.

Oct. 15 Tyler's Annual Report

Nov. 5 St. John the Evangelist & Election of 2010 Officers

Nov. 19 Rededication and re-obligation

Dec. 3 Installation of 2010 Officers, **Open Meeting**

Sickness and Relief

Sympathy is extended to W: Bro. Mark Paxton on the loss of his 91-year old mother, Emma Marguerite "Marge" Paxton on August 5.

A Masonic Funeral was held on August 6 for sojourner Bro. Tom Hamilton from Wichita Falls, TX.

Raise our prayers for the following, and any others you know to be in need: Mary Ann Brown, wife of M:W: Bro. Bill Brown, who went to M. D. Anderson on August 18 and possibly faces cancer;

Marion, wife of M:W: Bro. Harold Ballard who had a heart valve replacement in Lafayette on August 19;

W: Bro. Frank Dedman had his right knee replaced on August 24;

Bro. Joe Cooper is expecting an operation soon on his prostate and bladder;

W: Bro. Preston Eggers will possibly have vascular surgery soon.

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Subject: Update on Marian Ballard

Marian was doing well until Sat. night, when she had a set back with a racing heart, the staff got it under control and she is doing fine now (Sunday). She may have more apparatus removed today, if not then Monday.

Harold G. Ballard

Who was Francois-Marie Arouet? See a future newsletter issue for the answer.

From the Secretary's Desk: if you have not paid 2009 dues, YOU are now delinquent!

Consider a PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP at twenty (20) times current annual dues. This may be paid over 5 years.

Keep open meetings in mind-----Invite worthy guests.

You *Still* have *Time to invite a guest: 6:00/6:30 P.M*

Sep. 3 !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**Guest Night** !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Oct. 1 **Past Masters', Widows & 25/50 Yr.**

Dec. 3 **Installation of 2010 Officers**

RECENT EVENTS

August 6, Thursday, Masonic Funeral at 1:00 P.M. was held at Jefferson United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge for Bro. Thomas M. Hamilton, a sojourner from Faith Lodge 1158, Wichita Falls, TX. He was a dear friend of our W: Bro. David Dodge who presented a 50-year certificate to him this past April.

August 6, Thursday, Stated Communication at 7:30 P.M. - Sam Lato, Scout Executive, Istrouma Area Council, was present while the Lodge was at refreshment, to be recognized and receive our support for the Boy Scouts of America.

The Lodge Treasurer's Report for January through June 2009 was presented and distributed by W: Bro. Bill Zollinger. Fellow Craft degrees were conferred on two Brothers. One of those Brothers has moved to the Houston, Texas area and efforts are underway for a Lodge there to perform remaining Courtesy work for him.

August 15, Saturday, Wardens' Retreat at Woodworth, LA was attended by your Master and two Wardens.



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Other Masonic Events

Sunday, September 13, 13th District Lodge meeting at 2:30 P.M., Relief Lodge meets at 1:30, at Central Lodge #442 in Central, LA.

Acacia Shrine meets at 6:00/7:00 PM every 3rd Wednesday at 7991 S. Commerce Ave

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, meeting at 7:30 PM, and dinner at 6:30 PM

Livingston Certificate Association meets at 6:00 P.M with dinner, on the first Friday of each month at Hurd Murrell # 454 in Livingston, LA and Baton Rouge Certificate Association meets at 6:30 P.M. with dinner on the third Friday of each month at Trinity Union Lodge # 372.

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.

**It is my privilege and pleasure to invite you and your Lady, along with guests you wish to bring, to
the Lodge Of Nine Muses Number Nine, Free & Accepted Masons
Seventh Annual Table Lodge at seven o'clock p m on October 30, 2009.**

It will be at The Camelot Club in downtown Baton Rouge.

The speaker for this year's event is the Honorable William Henson Moore, III. Brother Moore represented the Sixth Louisiana District in the U. S. Congress and was a candidate for the United States Senate. He later served as Commissioner of the Panama Canal Consultative Committee, Deputy Secretary for the U. S. Department of Energy and was Deputy Chief of Staff for President George H. W. Bush during Bush's last year in office. Brother Moore was also CEO of the American Forest & Paper Association.

Our Social Hour will begin at six o'clock p m. Worshipful Brother William J. Mollere, SGIG, Orient of Louisiana, will again serve as our Master of Ceremonies and will call the Table Lodge proceedings to order an hour later.

We look forward to having you with us on this very special evening as we once again give honor to Freemasonry, Freemasons, and especially the wives, friends, and families that support all Freemasons in our Masonic endeavors. Please indicate by e-mail to me at the address below, if you will be able to join us that evening and include the names of those who will be in your party. Also, please indicate your preference of the following entrees.

**Fillet Mignon
Fish of the Day Almondine
Pork Tenderloin
Vegetarian**

**The cost for the evening is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per person.
Checks may be mailed to me at the address below**

Fraternally Yours Aye,

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