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FUTURE EVENTS

Jan. 3 - Stated Communication - Photo to be made of Appointed Officers. Officers please wear dark suit & tie. Inadvertently, a photograph of that group was not made that was suitable for publication.

Jan 17 - Stated Communication - M:W: Bro. Bill Brown will review proposed Grand Lodge Resolutions.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 @ 7:30 a.m. MM Four CANDIDATES St. John the Evangelist Day is December 27th.

W: Bro. Selby announced that the Baton Rouge Certificate Association meets on the 3rd Friday of each month at Trinity Union Lodge # 372 at 3950 Florida Boulevard with dinner at 6:30 p.m., and all Master Masons are invited.

Feb. 2 & 3, Sat. & Sun. - Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana - It will be at Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA.

Mark your calendars now for 13th Masonic District Meetings in 2008. The Lodge locations of 13th District meetings will be as follows:

March 2 - Central # 442 at 11575 Sullivan Road at Hooper Road, Central, LA

June 1 - Baker # 441 at 4807 Groom Road, Baker, LA

Sept. 14 - St. Albans # 28 at 1654 High Street, Jackson, LA

Dec. 7 - East Gate # 452 at 14592 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA

Sickness And Relief

At 12:33 a.m. January 1, 2008 W: Bro Lloyd Pence rang in the New Year in grand style by traveling to that undiscovered country and ringing the bells at the Pearly Gates. The family was with Lloyd. Lloyd has requested that there be no service of any kind and his wishes will be honored. We pray for his family .

Bro. Al Blanchard went in the hospital on Christmas after a fall suspecting a mild stroke, but was diagnosed with weakness from pneumonia.

W: Bro. Leo W. "Bill" Gagnon has had a recurrence of malignancy in his jaw and underwent a biopsy operation on Dec. 18.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Tony Kerr who lost his older brother, Ed, on December 9.

Emily Lyon, wife of Bro. Billy Lyon, was in the Our Lady of The Lake Hospital for several weeks with pulmonary problems.

W: Bro. Jim Grady, P.M. has developed pulmonary fibrosis and must now utilize oxygen to assist breathing.

Keep all our Brothers and their families in your prayers.

Other Masonic Events

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 6:30, 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. Master Ricks Martin Bowles; Senior Warden, Larry Houston Moore; Junior Warden Adib A. Shahla; Secretary Charles Daniel Smith; Treasurer George Samuel Roberts; Senior Deacon Naresh Sharma; Junior Deacon William Ellis Little; Master of Ceremonies Shane C. Crump; Senior Steward Timothy Hilary Atkins; Junior Steward Michael Carpenter; Chaplain Ernest St. Clair Easterly III; Tyler Robert Ronald Zinn, Members: Larry Wade, Alva Clay Smith; Clayton Johnson Borne, III; Glenn Cupit ; Jay L. Martin, Mike Carpenter, Kristopher Easterly Jr., Ernest Easterly PM

Special Notice: Please notify the Secretary, W: Bro. Dedman and Joe Richard if you change your address, telephone or email address.

Brethren,



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Christmas is a season to be shared with the people you love and a season to share in the promise of the upcoming New Year.

How does a Freemason view the Christmas holiday?

Many Christians believe that through Christ's birth on Christmas, God gave man the greatest gift of all. That same giving spirit can be found in the Masonic ceremonies. In the Entered Apprentice Degree, newly made Masons are reminded to practice charity.

I would like to personally thank Past Master Mark Paxton for his service to St. James Lodge as Master for the past year. I can only hope to continue in his footsteps and in the footsteps of the other Past Masters as I start my year as Master.

I would like to thank the Brethren for their confidence in me in electing me as Master for the upcoming year. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to serve as Master of a Lodge with the history of St. James Lodge #47.

Please mark your calendars for January 19, 2008. On that date, St. James Lodge will confer four Master Mason Degrees. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. and the final degree will be presented in full regalia. Please join us for this joyous event as four Master Masons are raised.

Finally, may the Christmas season remind all Masons to follow the Crafts universal tenets of faith, hope, and charity. It is my sincere hope that all the Brethren have had a joyous Christmas with family and friends and will have a happy and productive new year.

"Mac" Little, WM

RECENT EVENTS

St. James officers for 2008: are W:M: - William Ellis "Mac" Little; S.W. - Joseph George Richard, Jr.; J.W. - Timothy Hilary Atkins; S.D. - Dr. James William Robinson V; J.D. - Joe Arthur Bardwell; M.O.C. - Turhan Ak; S.S. - Christopher Granahan Dalton; J.S. - Robert Ronald Zinn; Tiler - Alfred James Blanchard.

Dec 2 - 13th District Meeting attended by "Mac" Little. W:M elect, et. al.

Then, at 6 pm, our Incoming W.M. meet with all incoming officers on the 2nd floor at the lodge. After, the chill of the evening was dispelled by an excellent Chili dinner by the incoming master's masterful wife. Cookies were served.

Dec 6th - St. James Lodge Officers for 2008 were installed by M:W: Bro. William H. Brown, P.G.M., assisted by Marshal: W: Bro. Naresh Sharma and Chaplain: W: Bro. Adib Shahla. Sixty people attended. An excellent meal was prepared by 'First Lady', Shanna Little. The lounge and dining hall were beautifully decorated by Shanna with assistance from Christine Robinson, wife of Dr. James Robinson, and Anna Paxton, wife of W: Bro. Mark Paxton. Entertainers were introduced by W: Bro. Bill Mote, P.M., from *The Broadmoor Belles* hand bell duo of Broadmoor Baptist Church. The *Belles* are Barbara Broome and Sandy Purdom, on the bells, accompanied by Bernadette FitzPatrick on keyboard and Pat Wafer on flute and percussion.

Dec. 20th - Stated Communication - One Entered Apprentice degree was conferred. At the recommendation of the Building Committee and the Finance Committee, a contract is to be executed with Cribbs Inc. to replace our roof. Work is to begin soon and to will take 30 working days.



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Year 2008
St. James Lodge #47 Tentative Schedule
Stated Communications

Jan. 3	TBA
Jan. 17.....	Grand Lodge Resolutions by M.W. Bro. Wm. H. Brown
Feb. 7	Grand Lodge Report
Feb. 21	Review Programs for Charity
Mar. 6	*Guest Night (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)
Mar. 20	Rededication & Re-obligation; 25 & 50 yr. Awards
Apr. 3	TBA
Apr. 17.....	Masonic Education Program
May 1.....	*Honesty & Integrity Program (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)
May 15	TBA
-----Begin Casual Summer Attire, except for Degrees-----	
Jun. 5	St. John the Baptist Program
Jun. 19.....	*Honor the Flag of Our Country Program
Jul. 3.....	4 th of July Program
Jul. 17.....	Treasurer's Report & Committee Reports
Aug. 7	Masonic Education Program
Aug. 21	TBA
-----End Casual Summer Attire-----	
Sep. 4	*Guest Night (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)
Sep. 18.....	TBA
Oct. 2.....	*Past Masters' Night (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)
Oct. 16.....	TBA
Nov. 6.....	St. John the Evangelist & Election of 2008 Officers
Nov. 20.....	*Thanksgiving Program (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)
Dec. 4.....	Installation of 2009 Officers (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)

* Represents possible entertainment
 TBA = To Be Arranged

- Notes:
- (1) The Grand Lodge of Louisiana meets February 2-3, 2008 at the Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA.
 - (2) The 13th Masonic District meets at 2:30 p.m. on the 1st Sunday of each quarter, except in September when it meets on the 2nd Sunday.
 - (3) The Baton Rouge Valley of the Scottish Rite, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month.
 - (4) Downtown York Rite meets at 8:00 a.m. on the 1st Saturday of each month.
 - (5) Acacia Shrine Temple meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
 - (6) Lodge of the Nine Muses meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Order of Eastern Star

Baker Chapter # 234 – 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7:30 PM at 4807 Groom Road, Baker
 Baton Rouge Chapter # 163 – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7:30 PM at 3950 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge
 Central Star Chapter # 23 – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 6:30/7:30 at 11525 Sullivan Road, Central
 Istrouma Chapter # 162 – 2nd & 4th Mondays 7:30 PM at 312 Dayton St. & Plank Rd., Baton Rouge
 Nova Stella Chapter # 36 – 1st & 3rd Mondays 7:30 PM at 286 East Pine Street, Ponchatoula
 Rising Star Chapter # 121 – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7:30 PM at 888 North Jefferson St., Port Allen
 St. Albans Chapter # 80 – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7:30 PM at 1654 High Street, Jackson

Other Masonic Bodies

Al Azar Grotto – 3rd Mondays 6:30/7:30 PM at 14468 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge
 Baton Rouge Court # 4 Order of the Amaranth -- 1st Mondays 7:00 PM at 3825 Government Street, Baton Rouge
 Mavis Royer Court # 18 Order of the Amaranth 3rd Thursdays 6:30/7:30 PM at 286 East Pine Street, Ponchatoula

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