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Monthly News Letter December 2008 – January 2009



Brethren,

Thank you for granting me the honor of being Master of St. James Lodge for 2009. We all look forward to an exciting and progressive year for our Lodge. I assure you I will work hard to merit the trust you have placed in me.

I have conferred the Past Master degree at several York Rite Festivals, even though I am not yet "Past." One principal lesson in the degree is "I will use my best endeavors to promote harmony, unanimity, and concord among the members." That is my intention while using the especial Master Mason Working Tool and Theme for the year 2009: "Spreading the Cement of Brotherly Love and Affection."

This year starts with a bang of fireworks and cheers as we confer two Master Mason degrees on Thursday, January 8, and, by special dispensation, all three degrees will be conferred in one day on Monday, January 19. It is our goal during this year to abide closely with the St. James Lodge By-Laws and the Handbook of Masonic Law for Louisiana. Our Committee structure was changed accordingly. Appointed Officers have accepted, Assistant Officers, which are new stations this year, have agreed to serve, Committee assignments are complete, and officers and committees' duties are defined.

As you may know, my career was in Civil Engineering – the building of long-life structures and utilities. The tools of that profession are accurate and detailed plans, and specifications that are clear and concise. I will attempt to use those talents in a manner that is to the benefit of Masonry, yet in a flexible manner that meets the lesson and theme stated above.

Your participation, help, and assistance is respectfully requested in all that we do together.

Wishing each of you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

JoeR W.M.

WB Little received his PM's Apron, Lapel Pen and Gavel. Mrs. Shanna Little received a Rosemary tree in appreciation of her efforts, supporting Mac's efforts and cooking for the lodge.

Bro. Rudy Perciful played piano and led members and guest in songs of the Season ending with America.

December 18, Thursday, 7:30 P.M. – We honored the eleven Brothers who died during 2008 with a Necrology Service. An educational talk was presented by Bro. Steve Newman about St. John The Evangelist's Day, December 27. Three petitions were received from Candidates for the degrees in Masonry. A Certificate of Proficiency was presented to W: Bro. Cal Elliott.

FUTURE EVENTS

Jan. 1, Thursday, 7:30 P.M. - Stated Communication - New Years Day. - Secretary's 2008 Summary Report.

Jan. 5 & 6, Monday, 5:30 P.M. - Monday & Tuesday - 5:30 P.M. Two-days of practice for M. M. degrees.

Jan. 8, Thursday, 6:30 P.M. – Special Communications to Confer M. M. degrees on two candidates.

Jan. 10, Saturday, Germania Lodge #46, New Orleans, Open meeting to install officers. Contact WM elect Glenn Cupit for details.

Jan. 13, Tuesday at 5:30 P.M. - Practice for E.A., F.C., & M.M. Degrees for Jan. 19

Jan. 15, Thursday at 5:30 P.M. - Special Communication to confer E.A. on one candidate.

Jan 15, Thursday at 7:30 P.M. - Stated Communication - Treasurer's report and confer E.A. on second candidate.

Jan. 16, Friday at 6:30 P.M. - Baton Rouge Certificate Association at Trinity Union Lodge.

Jan 19, Monday (Martin Luther King Holiday) at 1:30 P.M. - Special Communication by Special Dispensation from Grand Master Hennigan for E.A., F.C., with catechism after each degree, dinner at 6:00 P.M., followed by M.M. degree.

Sickness, Relief and Sorrow

Bro. Al Blanchard, the Tyler of St. James Lodge #47, joined the Celestial Lodge Above, December 12, 2008. He was staying with his daughter under Hospice care. A MASONIC FUNERAL was held on December 14. Brother Al will be missed and fondly remembered. Our prayers go to his family.

Thurman L. Brown, Sr., a Past Master of Trinity Union Lodge #372 and 32^o Mason of the Baton Rouge Scottish Rite. Departed this earth on December 10, 2009. Please keep the Brown family in your prayers.

Keep W: Bro. David Dodge in your prayers. He goes to Doctor on Jan. 19 for back surgery.

Other Masonic Events

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

Livingston Certificate Association meets at 6:00 P.M 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. 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.

Consider a PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP at twenty (20) times current annual dues.

RECENT EVENTS

December 4, Thursday - Approximately sixty members and guests enjoyed a dinner menu prepared by Mrs. Bettye Richard, consisting of Pork Roast, Dirty Rice, String Beans, salad and rolls. The Bread Pudding desert was delicious. 2009 Officers were invested by MWB William H. Brown, Installing Master, with WB Steve Selby as Installing Marshall and WB Mark Paxton as Chaplain. The new Worshipful Master's Theme for 2009 is "Spreading the Cement of Brotherly Love and Affection".



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Year 2009 Schedule		Jul. 2	Reports by Treasurer & Fin./Invest. Comm.; & 4th of July
Jan. 1	Secretary's Annual Report	Jul. 16	*TBA
Jan. 15	2009 Budget, Treasurer's & Fin./Invest./Audit Report	Aug. 6	*TBA
Feb. 5	Charity Budget; Grand Lodge Pre-filed Resolutions	Aug. 20	*TBA
Feb. 7-8	(Sat. & Sun.) Grand Lodge Annual Communication	-----End Casual Summer Attire-----	
Feb. 19	Grand Lodge Actions Report & Presidents' Day	Sep. 3	*Guest Night (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)
Mar. 5	*Guest Night (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)	Sep. 17	*TBA
Mar. 19	Rededication & Re-obligation	Oct. 1	*Past Masters', Widows & 25/50 Yr. (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)
Apr. 2	Bagpipes Entertainment	Oct. 15	Tyler's Annual Report
Apr. 16	Honor 60-year Members	Nov. 5	St. John the Evangelist & Election of 2010 Officers
May 7	By-Laws of St. James Lodge	Nov. 19	*TBA
May 21	Grand Master's Visit & H. & I. Awards (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)	Dec. 3	Installation of 2010 Officers
-----Begin Casual Summer Attire, except for Degrees-----		* Represents possible entertainment or program. Open meeting , TBA = To Be Arranged	
Jun. 4	*TBA		
Jun. 18	St. John the Baptist Program & Flag Day		

Year 2009 Committees

Finance/Investments/Audit (By-Laws 3)
 Dr. Stephen Selby, P.M. Chairman
 Calvin Elliott, P.M.
 Ben Melanson, P.M.

Relief & Sickness Visitation (By-Laws 3+3)
 Joe Richard, W.M., Chairman
 Tim Atkins, S.W.
 Dr. Jim Robinson, J.W.
 Judge William Brown, P.G.M.
 Frank Dedman, P.M.
 Gerald De La Cruz

Building (House) (By-Laws 2+3)
 Joe Richard, W.M., Chairman
 Frank Dedman, P.M., Secy.
 David Dodge, P.M. (1 year)
 Adib Shahla, P.M. (2 years)
 Turhan Ak, J.D. (3 years)

Guest Night & Entertainment
 Tim Atkins, S.W., Chairman
 Dr. Larry Wade, P.M.
 Dr. George Jones, P.M.
 Naresh Sharma, P.M.
 Judge William Brown, P.G.M.

Honesty & Integrity Awards
 Mark Paxton, P.M., Chairman
 Adib Shahla, P.M.
 William Mote, P.M.
 John Staples
 Steve Newman

Coaches, Degree Teams & Practices
 Calvin Elliott, P.M., Chairman
 Tim Atkins, S.W. (Coordinate, recruit & schedule)

David Dodge, P.M.
 Preston Eggers, P.M.
 Mark Paxton, P.M.
 Judge Lenton Sartain, P.M.
 Dr. Stephen Selby, P.M.
 Naresh Sharma, P.M.
 Ken Streater, P.M.

Masonic Education
 Joseph Reynolds, Chairman
 Chris Gaspard
 Joe Bardwell, J.D.
 Ken Streater, P.M.
 David Dodge, P.M.
 William Little, P.M.

Refreshment
 Dr. Jim Robinson, J.W., Chairman
 George Scanlan, M.C.
 John Tilly, S.S.
 Bob Zinn, J.S.
 Ed Cailleateau, Asst. S.
 Norman Martinusen, P.M., Asst. S.

Attendance & Telephone
 Tim Atkins, S.W., Chairman
 Billy Lyon
 Carlisle Richard
 Norman Martinusen, P.M., Asst. S.

Legal
 Ben Melanson, P.M., Chairman
 Judge William Brown, P.G.M.
 Judge Lenton Sartain, P.M.
 Jonathan Wagner

Publicity & Newsletter
 Bob Zinn, J.S., Chairman & Editor
 Turhan Ak, J.D. (Mailing)
 Joe Bardwell, S.D. (Mailing)
 A. J. Meek (Photographer & newspaper contact)

Gerald De La Cruz (Asst. Photographer)

Funeral
 Steve Newman, Chairman
 Calvin Elliott, P.M.
 Frank Dedman, P.M.
 David MacNealy
 John Tilly, S.S.

Charity Fund Distribution
 William Little, W.M., Chairman
 Judge Lenton Sartain, P.M.
 David Dodge, P.M.
 Mark Paxton, P.M.

Greetings & Visitor Exam (By-Laws 6+)
 Joe Bardwell, S.D., Chairman
 All Past Masters
 Dr. Larry Wade, T.
 Mike Stinson, Asst. T.

Information Technology
 George Scanlan, M.C., Chairman (Database)
 Peter Dieterich (Web Page Maintenance)
 Joe Richard, W.M. (Email)

Notes:
 (1) Worshipful Master is Ex-Officio Chairman of all Committees, except the Finance Committee. (H.O.M.L. Edicts, p. 97)
 (2) No elected Officer may serve on the Finance Committee. (H.O.M.L. Edicts, pp. 72 & 75)
 (3) Secretary is exempt from serving on Committees (By-Laws, Art. VI, Sec. 4), except Building/House Committee (By-Laws, Art. VII, Sec. 3)
 (4) Tyler is exempt from serving on Committees (By-Laws, Art. VI, Sec. 5)

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