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DECEMBER 2004—JANUARY 2005



My Brothers,

It is a great honor and responsibility to sit in the East at St. James lodge. Thank you for the honor.

I know that I can count on each one of you to help me with this awesome responsibility.

I would like to emphasize the theme of **Greater Involvement in Masonic Endeavors** in 2005

2004 was a very good year for our great Lodge. All of the repairs we started to the Lodge were completed. We had a great master and accomplished many good things. The open meeting drew good crowds. Many new Brothers came into our fraternity.

In 2005, I would like to continue this trend. We should each be able to find at least one friend or neighbor that we can bring to the light of Masonry.

It will be difficult for us to do better this year than last year, but we must aim to do so from the start of the year, otherwise we may fall short.

Also, we need to re-evaluate our charity programs. Our present project, "The Dyslexia Clinic", has not been as successful as we had hoped. I feel we should consider other avenues this year, such as CASA and Battered Women organizations. I would also like to pursue a working relationship with the Boy Scouts of America, possibly even sponsor a troop.

I welcome any suggestions or thoughts on these matters.

Let's all work together to have a great year!!

Ken Streater, W.M.

"The holiday gift" for the Mason that has everything:

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP

Forms for Perpetual Membership are available from Secretary Pence. The Perpetual Membership fee is a minimum of twenty (20) times the current annual dues of \$54.50 in one installment of \$1,090, or five (5) annual installments of 4.52 times the annual dues, or five annual installments of \$246.34 each.

RECENT EVENTS

Dec. 2 Election of Officers for 2005

Congratulations to all elected officers:

ELECTED OFFICERS

Worshipful Master – Kenneth B. F. Streater, Jr.

Senior Warden – David Thomas Dodge

Junior Warden – Jeffery Mark Paxton

Treasurer – William Daniel Zollinger, PM

Secretary – Lloyd Gerald Pence, PM

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Chaplain – Calvin Lee Elliott, PM

Senior Deacon – William Ellis Little

Junior Deacon – Anthony Bronold O'Conner

Master of Ceremonies - Timothy Hilary Atkins

Senior Steward – James W. Robinson, Jr.

Junior Steward – Robert Ronald Zinn

Tyler – Alfred James Blanchard

See other side for committees.

The Examination Committee Reported that Bro. Joshua Gresham Gunn was deemed proficient in the Master Mason catechism and congratulations to him are in order.

Dec. 9 Special, 5pm initiated 3 entered apprentices

Dec. 16 **Installation of 2005 Officers(Open/meal 6:30)**

A great dinner was served, catered by Frank's Restaurant. We had about 70 in attendance. Installation was performed by MW Sartain with the assistance of MW Brown. MWM Kleinpeter and his wife were in attendance along with too many other distinguished guests to list here.

Other Masonic Events - Downtown York Rite Bodies meet regularly on the first Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Scottish Rite Baton Rouge Valley meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Acacia Shrine Temple meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

FUTURE EVENTS

Year 2005 Tentative Schedule, Stated Communications

Jan. 6 TBA

Jan. 20 Grand Lodge Resolutions by MWBr Bill Brown

Feb. 3 Review of our Programs for Charity

Feb. 17 Grand Lodge Report

Mar. 3 **Guest Night (Open/meal 6:30)**

Mar. 17 Rededication & Re-obligation; 25 & 50 yr. Awards

Apr. 5 **Grand Master's Official Visit (Open/meal 6:30)**

Apr. 19 TBA

May 5 **Honesty & Integrity (Open/meal 6:30) ***

May 19 TBA

(Begin Casual Summer Attire, except for Degrees)

Jun. 2 St. John The Baptist Program

Jun. 16 July 4th Program

Jul. 7 TBA

Jul. 21 Treasurer's Report & Committee Reports

Aug. 4 TBA

Aug. 18 TBA

(End Casual Summer Attire)

Sep. 1 **Guest Night (Open/meal 6:30)**

Sep. 15 Remembrance Night: Deceased Brothers

Oct. 6 **Past Masters' Night (Open/meal 6:30) ***

Oct. 20 Masonic Education Program

Nov. 3 St. John the Evangelist Program

Nov. 17 **Thanksgiving Program (Open/meal 6:30) ***

Dec. 1 Election of Officers for 2006

Dec. 15 **Installation of 2006 Officers(Open/meal 6:30)**

* Represents possible entertainment

TBA = To Be Arranged

Sickness and Relief

Joe Richard reports that BlankA Past Master of St. James Lodge, Cecil Loechelt, is in Room 370 in Our Lady of The Lake Medical Center. He has been there about a month following an operation and is expected to be there about a week longer.

St. James Lodge Committees for 2005

FINANCE

Stephen Mavor Selby, PM, Chairman
Ben Francis Melanson, PM
David Thomas Dodge, SW
Timothy Hilary Atkins, MC

RELIEF – BLOOD BANK – DYSLEXIA

Ben Francis Melanson, PM, Chairman
Lawrence Durell Wade, PM
Lloyd Gerald Pence, PM
William Daniel Zollinger, PM
WM, SW, & JW

BUILDING (TEMPLE)

Frank Earl Dedman, PM
David Thomas Dodge, SW, Chairman
Lloyd Gerald Pence, PM
Adib Shahla, PM
Kenneth B. F. Streater, Jr., WM

GUEST NIGHT & ENTERTAINMENT

Anthony Bronold O’Conner, Chairman
David Thomas Dodge, SW
George H. Jones, PM
Gerard Adams Ruth
Naresh Sharma, PM

HONESTY & INTEGRITY

Gerard Adam Ruth, Chairman
William Ellis Little, SD
Stephen Mavor Selby, PM

MASONIC EDUCATION

Lawrence Durell Wade, PM, Chairman
David Thomas Dodge, SW
Timothy Hilary Atkins, MC

GREETINGS

William Ellis Little, SD
All Past Masters

COACHES & DEGREES

David Thomas Dodge, SW, Chairman
Frank Earl Dedman, PM
Calvin Lee Elliott, PM
C. Lenton Sartain, PM
Stephen Mavor Selby, PM
Naresh Sharma, PM

REFRESHMENT

Mark Jeffrey Paxton, JW
Timothy Hilary Atkins, MC
James W. Robinson, Jr., SS
Robert Ronald Zinn, JS

ATTENDANCE, TELEPHONE & EMAIL

Timothy Hilary Atkins, MC, Chairman
Alfred James Blanchard, T
Joseph George Richard, Jr. (Email)
Kenneth B. F. Streater, Jr., WM

LEGAL

C. Lenton Sartain, PM, Chairman
William Haskell Brown, PGM

NEWSLETTER

Robert Ronald Zinn, JS
James W. Robinson, Jr., SS
Lawrence Durell Wade, PM
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FUNERAL

Steven Allen Newman, Chairman
William Ellis Little, SD

CHARITY FUND

C. Lenton Sartain, PM, Chairman
Billy Harold Lyon

SICK & VISISTATION

William Haskell Brown, PGM, Chairman
Gerard Adam Ruth
Alfred James Blanchard, T
WM, SW, JW

My thanks for the contributions to this issue of the news letter! Send newsletter submissions to Bob Zinn, bz@chem.lsu.edu

Did You Know?

The Trowel Used by George Washington to lay the Cornerstone of the Capitol at Washington in 1793 has been used since by seven other Presidents of the United States for great and important undertakings

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