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Monthly News Letter for December 2006 – January 2007



Happy New Year to one and all!

I hope everyone had a safe and great holiday season.

This year starts off with a bang.

The first meeting in January (1/4/2007) is, in fact, the 100th Anniversary of OUR Lodge meeting in the current building.

Brother Wade has put the finishing touches on what promises to be a great night honoring the momentous occasion. I hope that you can make an effort to witness this historic meeting.

The Grand Lodge meeting is at the end of this month. Most Worshipful Bill Brown will give a report on the Grand Lodge Resolutions at the second stated communication in January. The Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens are scheduled to attend the meeting at the end of month and all Master Masons are invited to attend. This year the meeting will be in New Orleans, LA.

Remember that the first meeting in March is guest night and it will be upon us before you know. Please start thinking about inviting your guests. This is a great way for Masonry to grow and get people aware of what we do and what we are.

I pray that everyone has a prosperous and Happy New Year. See you on the 4th of January to celebrate OUR 100th Anniversary.

Mark J Paxton, WM

RECENT EVENTS

Dec. 7 Officers for 2007 were installed:

W.M. - Mark Jeffrey Paxton
S.W. - William Ellis "Mac" Little
J.W. - Joseph George Richard, Jr.
Treasurer - William Daniel Zollinger, P.M.
Secretary - Frank Earl Dedman, P.M.
Chaplain - Ben Francis Melanson, P.M.
Senior Deacon - Timothy Hilary Atkins
Junior Deacon - Dr. James William Robinson, Jr.
Master of Ceremonies - Joe Arthur Bardwell
Senior Steward - Turhan Ak
Junior Steward - Robert Ronald Zinn
Tyler - Alfred James Blanchard

A fine meal was served, by Frank's and enjoyed by all.
Dec. 14 - We congratulate our newest Master Mason, Bro. Gerald Tarnate Delacruz, who was raised at a Special Communication. Brother Gerald left on Dec 18 for a visit to the Philippines, where he plans to attend the Lodge to which his father and grandfather belonged.

Dec. 21 - Necrology Program honored recognized members who joined the Celestial Lodge Above during the past year, which included:

Rev. HARRY EVANS ALLEN, 11/4/2006; ROBERT "BO" EUGENE CULPEPPER 7/25/2006; AMOS PONDER HEWITT, SR., 11/26/2006; AUDIS CHALTON HILL, Aug. 2006; CHARLES HARTLEY MATHIS, JR., Bef 2006; FRANK ALTON MCGRAW, 4/23/2006; DEWEY VAN O'MIRE, 4/23/2006.

Also recognized were newly raised Master Masons for 2006: JOE ARTHUR BARDWELL, 2/16/2006; JARED WILLIAM BRADLEY, 9/16/2006; EDWARD OVERTON CAILLETEAU 10/12/2006; CHRISTOPHER GRANAHAN DALTON, 9/16/2006; GERALD TARNATE DELACRUZ, 12/14/2006; CHRISTIAN COREY GASPARD, 9/16/2006; and JOSEPH "JAY" MICHAEL REYNOLDS, 9/16/2006.

A program recognizing St. John The Evangelist, whose birthday is recognized as December 27, was given by Brother Steve Newman, ending with a beautiful poem recited by Bro. Newman.

FUTURE EVENTS

Jan. 4 - Centennial Celebration of the Temple Building for St. James Lodge No. 47, F.& A.M. at 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 18 - Report on pre-filed Grand Lodge Resolutions by M.W. Brother William Haskell Brown, P.G.M.

Jan. 29-30 - Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, F.& A.M. at Astor Crowne Plaza, 739 Canal street, New Orleans, LA.

Feb. 1	Grand Lodge Report
Feb. 15	Review Programs for Charity
Mar. 1	*Guest Night (Open/meal 6:30 PM)
Mar. 15	Rededication & Re-obligation; 25 & 50 yr. Awards

* Represents possible entertainment TBA = To Be Arranged

REMINDER: Invite guests to open meetings!

Other Masonic Events –

- (1) Grand Lodge meets January 29-30, 2007 at Astor Crowne Plaza, 719 Canal Plaza, New Orleans, LA (504-962-0500).
- (2) 13th Masonic District meets at 2:30 p.m. on 1st Sunday of each quarter, except the 2nd Sunday in September.

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 7:30 p.m. Acacia Shrine Temple meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

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

A quote from Francis Bacon's essay on Goodness: "If a man be gracious and courteous to strangers, it shows he is a citizen of the world, and that his heart is no island cut off from other lands, but a continent that joins to them. If he easily pardons and remits offences, it shows that his mind is planted above injuries, so that he cannot be shot."

According to Homer, "All strangers and beggars are from Zeus,"

OUR MASONIC BROTHER FRANK DEDMAN

Always it is a pleasure to meet up with Frank Dedman, of St. James Masonic Lodge. He has a very pleasant and inspirational manner about him.

The dinners at the Lodge--he furnishes fine food to Brothers and guests alike.

He is a Brother who fosters the light of Masonry. There are many things he has done and still does for the benefit and preservation of the craft.

Ed Lane 12/27/06

Gifts

By E. D. Lane 12/16/06

I was given two Eyes with which to see,
Two Ears with which to hear,
Two Legs with which to walk and kneel,
Two Arms, and Hands, with which to hold,
And a Brain with which to think and behold.

Each of these I use in Masonry.

My Eyes see the light of Masonry shine.
My Ears hear about Masonry's wonders.
My Brain lets me understand.

My Arms and Hands held the Bible
In a certain way upon the altar
When I took my obligations
While kneeling on Legs and Knees.

My Brain is used to remember
The symbolic Penalties
If I fail to live up to the obligations
To which I did Promise and Swear.

Light of Masonry

E. D. Lane 11/19/06

May the blessing of the light of Masonry be with you.
With the light shining within you
May your heart glow
Like a hearth fire burning.

May the light of Masonry shine from your eyes
Like the light shining on the altar of the Lodge Room,
To comfort and help the lonely ones around you.
And, as you walk along the road of life,
May you have a kind word for those you meet along the way.

The strength and power of the light of Masonry
Be with you in all seasons,
Through the heat of summers
And the cold of winters.

Masonic Brother

Lloyd Pence, Masonic Brother Supreme.

So much he has done for Masonry—

Admirable and commendable,

A guy like him has done it from the heart;

Has helped many to get a new start

To see the light of masonry.

May God bless him, reach out, put his arms around him, and
keep him safe from harm.

E.D. Lane 10/6/06

Asking Questions

By E.D. Lane 10/4/06

Must recognize to whom or to what
to ask a question—For example:

Four Leaf Clover

He picked a four leaf clover
He asked it as he plucked each leaf,
"Does she love me or does she not?"
He was left only to imagine.

He got no answer.

[Lucky clover? -bz-]

Still no answer

"How now Brown Cow?"

He heard only a moo.

[Must have been a moot point -bz-]

[To Whom do YOU ask YOUR important
Questions, my Brothers?

Now THAT is an important question. -bz-]

On ThanksGiving Day, 2006

By E. D. Lane

I am Thankful for the many things around me. I am thankful for the sun that shines and for the moon that's on its way. I am thankful for the birds in flight, the flowers in bloom and the graceful trees. I am thankful I have friends and caring families.

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