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Stated Communications: 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

Monthly Newsletter December 2011 – January 2012



I would like to thank the members for electing me as the Master of our Lodge for 2012. It is a privilege and an Honor.

I am humbled by that Honor. I will work hard and do my best to uphold the traditions of St. James Lodge and earn the trust and confidence you have placed in me.

The *Installation of Officers' Day* was very exciting and a memorable one for me. My thanks, to all that made it possible.

During the coming year, I would like to emphasize improving Communication, Masonic Education, membership and attendance.

Improvement in these areas will help our lodge continue its trends and traditions.

With YOUR help, the help and guidance of our talented members, we can achieve our goal and overcome the challenges of the coming year.

I am also asking each member to participate in each and every event on our schedule. YOUR participation will make our meetings more meaningful for all.

In our second meeting on December 15, after enjoying a good meal and fellowship with the brethren, we conferred an Entered Apprentice Degree and recognized the St. John, the Evangelist day.

At this special time of the year, I wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Enjoyable Kwanza, Beautiful Bodhi, Ecstatic Eid-al-Adha and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Turhan Ak, Worshipful Master

A Knights Templar Honor Guard of Past Commander Adib Shahla and Captain General Robert Schaff, in full winter uniform, performed for the officers' installation.

The Installing Team consisted of Worshipful Brothers Frank Dedman, Master; Naresh Sharma, Marshall; and Dr. Stephen Selby, Chaplain. Officers Installed for year 2012 were:

ELECTED	APPOINTED
Turhan Ak, Worshipful Master	Shane Marchand, Senior Deacon
George Scanlan, Senior Warden	Jeff Maynor, Junior Deacon
Joe Bardwell, Junior Warden	John Amador, Master of Ceremonies
Bill Zollinger, P.M., Treasurer	Dillion Mathies, Senior Steward
Mark Paxton, P.M., Secretary	Bob Zinn, Junior Steward
Ben Melanson, P.M., Chaplain	Ken Streater, P.M., Tyler

Thursday, December 15, 2011 - recognition of St. John The Evangelist day on December 27. and initiation of one (1) Entered Apprentice Mason.

FUTURE EVENTS

Practice every Monday at 5:30 pm at the Lodge.
All officers are requested to attend practice. It REALLY is a lot more fun with YOU there!

Tentative 2012 Schedule of Stated Communications	
5-Jan	Necrology Service for the eight (8) members who died during 2011, Secretary's Annual report
19-Jan	2011 Budget, Treasurer's & Fin./Invest./ Audit Report
2-Feb	Charity Budget; Grand Resolutions
16-Feb	Grand lodge Actions Report & President's Day
1-Mar	Guest Night (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)
4-Mar	13 th Masonic District Lodge
15-Mar	Rededication & Re-obligation
5-Apr	Entertainment
19-Apr	Honesty & Integrity Awards (Open / Meal)
3-May	TBA
17-May	Grand Master's Visit (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)
Begin Casual Summer Attire	
3-Jun	13 th Masonic District Lodge
7-Jun	TBA
21-Jun	St. John the Baptist Program & Flag Day
5-Jul	4 th of July celebration
19-Jul	TBA
2-Aug	Report by Treasurer & Fin./Invest. Comm.;
16-Aug	TBA
End Casual Summer Attire	
6-Sep	Guest Night (Open / Meal 6:30 PM)
9-Sep	13 th Masonic District Lodge
20-Sep	TBA
4-Oct	Past Masters, Widows & 25/50/60 Yr (Open / Meal 6:30PM)
18-Oct	TBA
1-Nov	St. John the Evangelist & Election of 2012 Officers
15-Nov	Thanksgiving Banquet, Veterans' Recognition (Open / Meal)
2-Dec	13 th Masonic District Lodge
6-Dec	Installation of 2012 Officers
20-Dec	Necrology Service

Bring guests!

Start inviting guests: 6:00/6:30 P.M
March 1, April 19, May 17, September 6, October 4, November 15

Invitations are available on the "sign-in" desk.

RECENT EVENTS

Thursday, Dec 1, 2011 - Installation of Officers for 2012
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Visiting Past Masters from other Lodges were Bill Womack, Istrouma #414; James LaFleur and Robert Schaff, Doric #205; Charles LePere, Acacia #116.



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PLEASE notify our Secretary, W.Bro. Mark Paxton and W.Bro. Joe Richard whenever your mailing address, email address or telephone number changes.

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, dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM, at the Consistory on Florida Boulevard. The Advisory Council meets at the Consistory at 6:00 P.M. on the 4th Monday of the month.

Livingston Certificate Association meets at 6:00 P.M with dinner, on the first Friday of each month at Hurd Merrill Lodge # 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.

Lodge of the Nine Muses #9, F&AM, meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM. If you are interested in visiting, contact one of the members for dress code and other details.

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Year 2012 Committees

- 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)

<p><u>Finance/Investments/Audit (By-Laws 3)</u> <i>Dr. Stephen Selby, P.M. Chair</i> Calvin Elliott, P.M. Ben Melanson, P.M.</p> <p><u>Relief & Sickness Visitation (By-Laws 3+3)</u> <i>Turhan Ak W.M., Chair</i> George Scanlan, S.W. Joe Bardwell, J.W. Judge William Brown, P.G.M. Frank Dedman, P.M. Gerald De La Cruz</p> <p><u>Building (House) (By-Laws 2+3)</u> <i>Turhan Ak, W.M., Chair</i> Mark Paxton, P.M., Secy. Joe Bardwell S.W. (1 year) Shane Marchand, (2 years) Tim Atkins, P.M.,(3 years)</p> <p><u>Guest Night & Entertainment</u> <i>Dr. Jim Robinson, P.M. Chair</i> Dr. Larry Wade, P.M. Dr. George Jones, P.M. Naresh Sharma, P.M. Judge William Brown, P.G.M. George Scanlan, S.W.</p> <p><u>Honesty & Integrity Awards</u> <i>Mark Paxton, P.M. Chair</i> Adib Shaha, P.M. William Mote, P.M. Steve Newman</p>	<p><u>Coaches, Degree Teams & Practices</u> <i>Dr. Stephen Selby, P.M. Chair</i> Tim Atkin (Coordinate, recruit & schedule) David Dodge, P.M. Joe Bardwell, J.W. (Practice Coach) Judge Lenton Sartain, P.M. Naresh Sharma, P.M. Ken Streater, P.M. Jeffrey Maynor, J.D. Shane Marchand, S.D. Joe Richard, P.M.</p> <p><u>Masonic Education</u> <i>Dr. Larry Wade, P.M., Chair</i> Jeffrey Maynor, J.D. Joe Bardwell, J.W. Ken Streater, P.M. David Dodge, P.M. William Little, P.M.</p> <p><u>Refreshment and Kitchen Duties</u> <i>Dr. Jim Robinson, P.M., Chair</i> Joe Bardwell, J.W. Dillion Mathies, S.S. Bob Zinn, J.S. John Amador, M.of C</p> <p><u>Attendance & Telephone</u> <i>Joe Bardwell, J.W., Chair</i> George Scanlan, S.W. Tim Atkins, P.M. Jeffrey Maynor, J.D. Norman Martinusen, P.M.,</p>	<p><u>Legal</u> <i>Ben Melanson, P.M., Chair</i> Judge William Brown, P.G.M. Judge Lenton Sartain, P.M. Jonathan Wagner</p> <p><u>Publicity & Newsletter</u> <i>Bob Zinn, J.S., Chair & Editor</i> George Scanlan, S.W. Joe Bardwell, J.W. Volunteer. (Photographer & newspaper contact) Gerald De La Cruz (Asst. Photographer)</p> <p><u>Funeral</u> <i>Steve Newman, Chair</i> Calvin Elliot, P.M. Frank Dedman, P.M. David MacNealy Jeffrey Maynor, J.D.</p> <p><u>Charity Fund Distribution</u> <i>William Little, P.M., Chair</i> Judge Lenton Sartain, P.M. David Dodge, P.M. Steve Newman</p> <p><u>Greetings & Visitor Exam (By-Laws 6+)</u> <i>Joe Bardwell, S.D., Chair</i> All Past Masters Jeff Maynor, J.D. Mike Stinson, Asst.</p> <p><u>Information Technology</u> <i>George Scanlan. S.W. Chair (Database)</i> Bob Zinn, J.S. (Web Page Maintenance) Joe Richard, W.M. (Email)</p>
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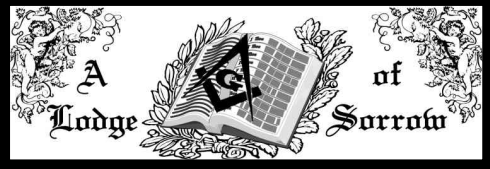
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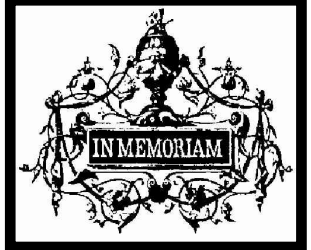
Fred Ladner. P.M., and his wife Mary (At home)
John Lucas (Care home in Carencro)
Mary Ann Brown (wife of M:W: Bro. Bill Brown (At home)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

W: Bro. Dr. George Jones, P.M. St. James Lodge 1992, received a Certificate from Downtown York Rite Bodies on Saturday, December 3, 2011 for sixty-five (65) years of service to York Rite.



MEMORIAL.



Paul Haralson Leonard III, age 86, demitted to the Celestial Lodge on December 21st. Keep his family and friends in your prayers.

Dr. Barry Charles Scott, age 66, demitted to the Celestial Lodge on December 6th. Keep his wife, Elizabeth, family and friends in your prayers.

Brothers who demitted to the Celestial Lodge during the month of November were:

Fraser Edmund Landreneau, M.D.
Edward Bohnam Stover Jones
Thomas George Wells, Jr.

They joined these Brothers who departed earlier in the year:

Carlisle Sheard Richard
Jim Theman Huff
Harvey Henry Williams, Jr
Philip Kilpatrick Jones
Statie Preston Eggers

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

- 1/2 JOHN BILISOLY
- 1/2 EWELL LITTLE
- 1/3 MICHAEL "Mickey" HUGHES
- 1/8 DONALD PARK
- 1/9 PETER DIETERICH
- 1/10 BRIG GEN. THEODORE NEWNAM
- 1/14 ROBERT BELL III
- 1/14 GUILLERMO LEAL IV
- 1/15 RUDY PERCIFUL JR
- 1/15 RYAN SALTER
- 1/19 EVAN COOPER
- 1/19 EARL FRANKLIN JR
- 1/23 RICHARD BLACK
- 1/24 DEREK MOORE
- 1/30 WILLIAM BROWN

If you know these lodge members well, please contact them and let them know that we have been missing them at lodge. Also, remind them to pay their dues:

Daniel E Cox
Christopher Dalton
Earl E Franklin, Jr
Sloan Richard
John Tharp
Steven Ward

He Who Enters Here Ceases to be a Stranger

"From ancient times, no master or fellow could be absent from his Lodge, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure, unless it appeared to the master and wardens that pure necessity hindered him. Be very cautious whom you recommend as a candidate for membership, for, one false step on this point may be fatal. If you have a good Lodge, keep it select."