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Monthly News Letter for February 2007 – March 2007



Brethren,

March 1st is **GUEST NIGHT**.
Have **you** invited **your**
guests?

This guest night will have a little different flair; we will have to see what Brother Jones has "cooked" up for the guests. I am sure it will be something you do not want to miss.

Another Grand Lodge meeting has come and gone and, as Brother Richard stated, Peace and Harmony prevailed. The meeting did not have any major controversial issues and, as Grand Lodge meetings go, it was peaceful. The turnout seemed to be small compared to previous Grand Lodge meetings I have attended, which invites the questions: 'Would it be better to have the Grand Lodge meetings in a centrally located city like Alexandria?' and 'Would more Masons be likely to attend the meeting?'

Let us pray for quick recoveries by Brother Staples and by Brother Ak's wife Jeanette.

I wish every one a safe Mardi Gras. Don't forget to invite your guests for March 1st. See everyone at GUEST NIGHT.

Mark Paxton

The membership of St James Lodge has remained stable over the past 5 or so years at 200 members.

Thursday, March 1st is "GUEST NIGHT" which is an open meeting. Fellowship is at 6:00 and a good dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. When you get this newsletter, it is still not too late to invite friends, neighbors, and work associates who may desire more light about Freemasonry.

That is all from the South,

JoeR

RECENT EVENTS

Past Events:

Feb. 1 Joe Richard gave the Grand Lodge Report.
Feb. 15 A Fellow Craft Degree was conferred.

FUTURE EVENTS

Mar. 1 ***Guest Night (Open/meal 6:30 PM)**
Mar. 3-4 Reunion of Baton Rouge Valley, Scottish Rite
(Tentative date), Baton Rouge Consistory.
Mar. 11 Grand Chapter & Grand Council of Louisiana
Alexandria, LA.
Mar. 15 Rededication & Re-obligation; 25 & 50 yr. Awards
Apr. 5 TBA
Apr. 19 Masonic Education Program
Apr. 22 Grand Commandery of Louisiana
Houma, LA.
May 3 ***Honesty & Integrity Program (Open/meal 6:30 PM)**
May 17 TBA
-----Begin Casual Summer Attire, except for Degrees-----
Jun. 7 St. John the Baptist Program
Jun. 21 *Honor the Flag of Our Country Program
Jul. 5 4th of July Program
Jul. 19 Treasurer's Report & Committee Reports
Aug. 2 Masonic Education Program
Aug. 16 TBA
-----End Casual Summer Attire-----
Sep. 6 ***Guest Night (Open/meal 6:30 PM)**
Sep. 20 TBA
Oct. 4 ***Past Masters' Night (Open/meal 6:30 PM)**
Oct. 18 TBA
Nov. 1 St. John the Evangelist & Election of 2008 Officers
Nov. 15 ***Thanksgiving Program (Open/meal 6:30 PM)**
Dec. 6 **Install Officers for 2008 (Open/meal 6:30 PM)**

* Represents possible entertainment TBA = To Be Arranged

REMINDER: Invite guests to open meetings!

Other Masonic Events -

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, Member.

Memorials

Our Brother, Rev. John Blackburn Rhea, who lived in Lake City, TN, joined the Celestial Lodge on June 29, 2006.

Our prayers go out for his families and friends.

Sickness and Distress

Brother John Staples had a hip replacement and is expected to be in the Baton Rouge General rehabilitation unit in room 540 at 3600 Florida Boulevard until February 27. John goes to rehab about 3-1/2 hours each day, but welcomes visits or phone calls at 387-7540. He is in good spirits and says he is recovering quickly.

Jeanette Ak, the wife of Brother Turhan, had a difficult time during 5 weeks in OLOL. She is now in rehabilitation and recovering from a cancer operation. She is in Tower Room 448 at OLOL Medical Center, phone 765-5448, and is expected to be home soon. She is hopeful there will be no further treatments needed.

"Rays of Masonry" by Dewey Wollstein -1953

DEGREES AND LIFE

We cannot introduce innovations in Masonry. However, this does not mean that we cannot put something of ourselves into Masonry. It is the responsibility and duty of everyone who has a part in conferring the degrees to not only speak the words but to deliver their meaning. His own heart must reach the heart of the candidate. Together with the words there must be a feeling that the lessons are not related to life, but are life.

Moral lessons are taught men by good mothers and good fathers. Men are morally qualified before they are qualified to become Masons. The great purpose of Masonry then is to make possible a system of moral development which will widen the path of improvement.

When the lessons of Masonry fail in the objective of creating a living philosophy, a philosophy that helps to make life a richer, fuller experience, then the greatest good is lost.

A great poem becomes even greater when one takes the time and effort to study the state of mind of the author, and to clearly understand the thought and inspiration behind the printed words.

So it is with the lessons of Masonry. We must take that which is warm, pulsating, alive, and drive it into the heart of the candidate.

Memories

Fond memories are to be treasured
Good ones are to be remembered
Joy is when good ones are recalled
Ed Lane 2/12/07

Bad ones are to be buried.
Bad ones are to be forgot.
Joy is not where bad ones dwelled.

ASHLAR

The Ashlars are a symbol of Masonry.
They remind us in this way:
On the day you were born
You were like a rough cut stone.

But, when your life is over on this Earth
You will have had your ups and downs
Will have shed a few tears,
Will have had some fears.

At the end, when your life is over
You will have worked that rough cut stone
Making it smooth, brightly shining,
Like the life you've left behind.

Ed Lane
St. James Lodge 2/11/07

Your article could have been here.

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