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Monthly News Letter February 2008 – March 2008



Brethren,

The first meeting in March has traditionally been "Guest Night" at St. James Lodge. This means that this year Guest Night falls on March 6th.

Guest Night is an evening when members of a club or Lodge bring their friends and guests. Please bring your spouse and encourage any guests you invite to bring their spouse as well.

Guest Night allows us to display the craft of Masonry to interested men. People are interested in Masonry for a variety of reasons. Some are attracted by the fraternity's emphasis on high ethics and time honored virtues. Some find our commitment to charities to be very appealing. Whatever the reason for a man's interest in Masonry, we owe it to the individual and to the craft to answer his questions and encourage him in his quest for Masonic light.

Masons have every right to be proud of the craft's contribution to humanity. However, we must remember that our greatest contribution to humanity might very well be the institution of Freemasonry itself. Freemasonry builds better men and thereby builds a better world.

Fellowship with our guests gives us an opportunity to share with them the impact that Masonry has had on our lives. Each new guest also gives us an opportunity to again experience the wonderful lessons inherent in Masonic teachings. Please take the opportunity to introduce yourself to our guests and make them feel welcome.

William E. Little, W.M.

RECENT EVENTS

Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Stated Communication - Bro. John Tilly was examined in the Master Mason esoteric work and passed well. A monetary gift was made by St. James Lodge to W: Bro. Lenton Sartain, President, Childhood Learning Center of the Baton Rouge Scottish Rite. The report on the 2008 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge at Bossier City was given. Elected as incoming Grand Master is Most Worshipful Bro. Lloyd E. Hennigan, Jr. from Jena and the incoming Junior Warden is Right Worshipful Beverly J. Guillot from Baton Rouge. The most significant Grand Lodge action was to approve an increase in per-capita dues of \$1.00 per year for each year of the next ten years. An Entered Apprentice degree was conferred before a large audience of 39 members. The degree team was largely composed of newcomers to the various stations, from the east to the west and north to the south, and each one is complimented for "good work."

Feb. 15, Friday at 6:30 p.m. the Baton Rouge Certificate Association met at Trinity Union Lodge at 3950 Florida Boulevard. St. James Lodge had six (6) members in attendance. For any Mason interested in learning the work, the Association meets there at that time on the third Friday of each month

Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Stated Communication - W: Bro. Little gave a talk to the Lodge titled President's Day Remembrance, which reminded us that 14 of the 43 Presidents of our country have been Masons. It was reported by the Building (Temple) Committee that

the roof replacement is more than half completed and progress is good. Those with keys to the building were cautioned that the new front door 'hangs' when closing, so caution should be used when closing and locking the door until repairs are made. The Finance Committee's presentation of a budget for 2008 was deferred until the March 20 Stated Communication, when the roof work will be completed and the source of funds to pay for the work will have been determined. The Honesty and Integrity Committee reported they plan to have three student recipients for May 1. A motion passed to continue the award of \$500 to each recipient.

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIPS - W: Bro. David Dodge reminds that *now*, while St. James Lodge dues are \$59.50 per year, *before* the per-capita dues increase takes effect, is the time to start YOUR Perpetual Membership for 20 times annual dues. You just pay 4 times this years annual dues, for 5 years, and you are a perpetual member forever.

FUTURE EVENTS

Mar. 2, Sunday, at 2:30 p.m. is 13th District Lodge meeting at Central Lodge # 442 located at 11575 Sullivan Road at Hooper Road. W: Bro. Frank Dedman invited all who wish to ride with him to meet at his home at 1:30 p.m.

MARCH 6 at 6:30 p.m. is GUEST NIGHT.

Shanna, the wife of W: M. Little will cook a dinner of lasagna with trimmings and finished off with apple pie alamode.

IF YOU forgot to invite YOUR GUESTS, THERE IS STILL TIME!

Mar. 20 is scheduled to be a recognition of 50-year members, but the Certificates have not yet been received from Grand Lodge.

Sickness And Relief

Remember our ill members and their families:

Both W. Bro. Jim Grady and Bro. Wiley Noble are having respiratory problems and must use oxygen full time.

W: Bro. Bill Gagnon is fighting a recurrence of cancer in his jaw and taking chemotherapy.

Bro. Al Blanchard, our Tyler, is experiencing poor heart and diabetes conditions.

The father of Bro. Chris Dalton, Mr. Augustine Dalton, had a stroke on Wednesday, Feb, 20 and is in OLOL Hospital.

Keep all of these Brothers and their families in your prayers.

Nothing more, from the West, Joe R

Other Masonic Events

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

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.

Master Ricks Martin Bowles; Senior Warden, Larry Houston Moore; Junior Warden Adib A. Shahla; Secretary Charles Daniel Smith; Treasurer George Samuel Roberts; Senior Deacon Naresh Sharma; Junior Deacon William Ellis Little; Master of Ceremonies Shane C. Crump; Senior Steward Timothy Hilary Atkins; Junior Steward Michael Carpenter; Chaplain Ernest St. Clair Easterly III; Tyler Robert Ronald Zinn, Members: Larry Wade, Alva Clay Smith; Clayton Johnson Borne, III; Glenn Cupit ; Jay L. Martin, Mike Carpenter, Kristopher Easterly Jr., Ernest Easterly PM, Gerard Adam Ruth.

Special Notice: Please notify the Secretary, W: Bro. Dedman and Joe Richard if you change your address, telephone or email address.



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President's Day Remembrance

This Monday, February 18, 2008, was President's Day, that day when we, as a nation, honor the 43 men who have occupied the highest office in the nation since 1789, when the first presidential oath was taken by George Washington.

Of importance to us, Washington was the first of fourteen chief executives who have also been Masons.

- George Washington became a Mason in 1753, at age twenty. Washington is the only president who served as his lodge's Master while president. Washington laid the United States Capitol's cornerstone while acting as the Grand Lodge of Maryland's Grand Master pro tem.

Washington was buried with Masonic honors. Washington described Masonry as being "founded in justice and benevolence," and "the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race."

- James Monroe: Except for membership records, little is known concerning Monroe's Masonic life.

- Andrew Jackson served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

- James K. Polk served as his lodge's Junior Warden. Polk assisted in laying the cornerstone of the Smithsonian Institution.

- James Buchanan served as his lodge's Master in 1823. Buchanan also served as District Deputy Grand Master in Pennsylvania. When a statue of Washington was dedicated in Washington Circle, Washington, D.C., Buchanan delivered the address. Buchanan was buried with Masonic honors.

- Andrew Johnson participated in five Masonic cornerstone ceremonies during his presidency. Johnson was buried with Masonic honors.

- James A. Garfield was a member of three different lodges, serving as Chaplain in one of them. Garfield's funeral was attended by several Masonic groups.

- William McKinley sought Masonic membership after observing the fraternal kindness exchanged between Masons during the Civil War. In

1901, McKinley said that the brotherhood of fraternal societies was similar to the brotherhood of "equal citizenship" in the United States

- Theodore Roosevelt: On several occasions while president, Roosevelt participated in Masonic ceremonies. In 1902, Theodore Roosevelt said, "One of the things that attracted me so greatly to Masonry ... was that it really did live up to what we, as a government, are pledged to - treating each man on his merits as a Man."

- William H. Taft: While in office, Taft participated in various Masonic activities. His portrait was taken at the White House wearing Washington's Masonic regalia.

- Warren G. Harding: Three years prior to his death, Harding became a Mason. Harding was very active Masonically, joining several of the appendant bodies.

- Franklin D. Roosevelt was a Mason for 34 years, participating in numerous Masonic activities, including his son Elliott's raising in 1933. Roosevelt said, "The more I came in contact with the work of the Masonic Fraternity, the more impressed I am by the great charitable work and the great practical good which we are carrying out."

- Harry S. Truman became a Mason in 1909. Truman served as Grand Master of Missouri in 1940. Truman's Masonic funeral service was watched by millions on national television. Truman wrote, "The greatest honor that has ever come to me, and that can ever come to me in my life, is to be Grand Master of Masons in Missouri."

- Gerald R. Ford: The Scottish Rite honored Ford by electing him to its 33rd degree.

A man does not have to be a Mason to be a good president, but some of our greatest presidents have been Masons. They not only served the fraternity, but they also served the nation as a whole by teaching us how to get along in society, respect the equality of everyone, tolerate the differences among people, and take action for that which is right.

Presented to St. James Lodge No. 47 on Thursday, February 21, 2008
 by Worshipful Master William "Mac" Ellis Little

Finance and/or Investments

Dr. Stephen Mavor Selby, P.M., Chairman
 William Daniel Zollinger, P.M.
 Ben Francis Melanson, P.M.
 Calvin Lee Elliott, P.M.
 Frank Earl Dedman, P.M.

Relief

Ben Francis Melanson, P.M., Chairman
 Dr. Lawrence Durell Wade, P.M.
 Frank Earl Dedman, P.M.
 William Daniel Zollinger, P.M.
 William Ellis Little, W.M.
 Joseph George Richard, Jr., S.W.

Building (Temple)

David Thomas Dodge, P.M. (2 years)
 Frank Earl Dedman, P.M.
 Adib A. Shahla, P.M. (3 years)
 Gerard Adam Ruth (1 year)
 Turhan Ak, M.C.

Guest Night & Entertainment

Joseph George Richard, Jr., S.W.
 Dr. Lawrence Durell Wade, P.M.
 George H. Jones, P.M.
 William Haskell Brown, P.G.M.

Honesty & Integrity

St. James Lodge No. 47, 2008 Committees

Mark Jeffrey Paxton, P.M., Chairman
 Adib A. Shahla, P.M.
 William Eugene Mote, Sr., P.M.
 Gerard Adam Ruth

Coaches & Degrees

Joseph George Richard, Jr., S.W.
 Calvin Lee Elliot, P.M.
 C. Lenton Sartain, P.M.
 Naresh Sharma, P.M.
 Dr. Stephen Mavor Selby, P.M.
 David Thomas Dodge, P.M.
 Kenneth Bell Fredrick Streater, Jr., P.M.
 Mark Jeffrey Paxton, P.M.

Masonic Education

Dr. Lawrence Durell Wade, P.M., Chairman
 Dr. James William Robinson, Jr., S.D.
 Joe Arthur Bardwell, J.D.

Refreshment

Timothy Hilary Atkins, J.W., Chairman
 Christopher Granahan Dalton, S.S.
 Robert Ronald Zinn, J.S.

Attendance, Telephone & Email

Timothy Hilary Atkins, J.W., Chairman
 Christopher Granahan Dalton, S.S.
 Alfred James Blanchard, T.

Joseph George Richard, Jr., S.D. (Email)

Legal

Ben Francis Melanson, P.M., Chairman
 William Haskell Brown, P.G.M.
 C. Lenton Sartain, P.M.

Newsletter

Robert Ronald Zinn, J.S., Chairman
 Turhan Ak, M.C.

Funeral

Steven Allen Newman, Chairman
 Calvin Lee Elliot, P.M.
 Frank Earl Dedman, P.M.

Charity Fund

C. Lenton Sartain, P.M., Chairman
 William Ellis Little, W.M.

Greetings

Dr. James William Robinson, Jr., S.D.
 All Past Masters

Sick & Visitation

William Haskell Brown, P.G.M., Chairman
 Joseph George Richard, Jr., S.W.
 Timothy Hilary Atkins, J.W.
 Alfred James Blanchard, T.

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