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FROM THE EAST

This year, The Grand Lodge was held in Alexandria, LA. St. James Lodge was there, represented by Brothers John Tilly, Joe Bardwell, and your truly.

Our Grand Master for this 2010 year is Most Worshipful Woody D. Bilyeu. Our best wishes to him for a great year.

One of the most interesting resolutions passed assured that next years Grand Lodge Meeting will be in Baton Rouge. Other resolutions passed, failed, or were tabled. As your representatives, our voting was sometimes with the majority and at other times in the minority, but we always voted as instructed by the body of the Lodge.

As the voting progressed, Brother Tilly was ask by a brother in back of us "How many times can you vote No?". We did, of course, vote YES on the resolutions that the Lodge favored.

Guest Night with Open Lodge and a Meal is March 4th, Thursday at 6:30 P.M.

This is always a very special time of the year for our Lodge as it is our chance to encourage the interest in Masonry and see that it increases in our everyday lives.

We have the chance to bring our friends and share with them our love of the craft and introduce them to our Masonic Brothers.

See you at Open Lodge and be sure and bring the Wife and Children as there will be plenty to eat.

Most of all, **bring your friends.**

Keep making good men better!

Timothy Atkins,
Worship Master 2010

Sunday Mar 7 at 2:30 P.M. - Thirteenth Masonic District Lodge will meet at Baker Lodge No. 441 at 4807 Groom Road. All Officers, especially the three principal officers, are encouraged to attend. Dinner is at 12:30 and Lodge of Relief is at 1:30.

Mar. 18 Rededication & Re-obligation

Apr. 1 TBA

Apr. 15 Grand Master's Visit & H/I Awards (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)

May 6 By-Laws of St. James Lodge

May 20 Honor 60-Year Members

-----Begin Casual Summer Attire, Except for Degrees-----

Jun. 3 TBA Education

Jun. 17 St. John the Baptist Program & Flag Day

Jul. 1 TBA

Jul. 15 Reports by the Treasurer & Fin/Invest. Comm.; & 4th of July

Aug. 5 TBA

Aug. 19 TBA

-----END Casual Summer Attire-----

Sept. 2 Guest Night (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)

Sept. 16 TBA

Oct. 7 Past Masters', Widows & 25/50 Yr. (Open/Meal 6:30PM)

Oct. 21 Tyler's Annual Report

Nov. 4 St. John the Evangelist & Election of 2011 Officers

Nov. 18 TBA

Dec. 2 Installation of 2011 Officers (Open/Meal 6:30PM)

Sickness and Relief

W.B. Preston Eggers is doing much better;

W.B. Bill Zollinger, Treasurer, had orthoscopic surgery for bladder cancer, the operation was successful, the Doctors believe they removed the malignancy, and Bill is doing well.

The report that Bro. Ruth was to have heart bypass surgery is untrue.

Please keep our sick Brothers and their families in our prayers.

Fraternally,

JoeR, P.M.

Did you know that you can read the news-letter on-line at <http://www.stjameslodge47.org> ?

Brethren,

Louisiana Masonic License Plates are ready to order! You may get all the information, including fees & forms, from the computer or you may go to a Department of Motor Vehicles office.

Computer access:

Go to the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles ExpressLane website ----- <http://omv.dps.state.la.us>

Under "Vehicle Services"

Click on: "Special Plates"

Click: Continue

Enter the License Plate number you are replacing

Click: Submit

Scroll to: "Organization/Service"

Click on: "Grand Lodge"

Enter current license plate number and click: "submit"

Under "Select One", scroll down to Organization/Service

Continue down and "click" on Grand Lodge

Click on: "Ordering Details"

Click on: "Order Form"

Fill out form, print and mail with proper documentation

(Copies of: Registration Cert., Proof of Insurance, Dues Card & Check)

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Consider a PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP at twenty (20) times current annual dues. This may be paid over 5 years.

Keep open meetings in mind-----Invite worthy guests.

It is NOT too early to start thinking about
inviting a guest: 6:00/6:30 P.M

March 4, April 15, Sept 2, October 7 and Dec 2

RECENT EVENTS

Feb. 4 The Worshipful Master recognized Brother Nicholas Auck, the Eminent Commander of Plains Commandery No. 11, Knights Templar, for the year 2010. Brother Auck thanked St. James and invited all Master Masons to consider joining the York Rite Bodies. He encouraged all York Rite Masons to attend the meetings on the First Saturday of each month.

MW Brother William H. Brown reviewed 15 Resolutions to be considered at The Grand Lodge of Louisiana. St. James Lodge did not approve Resolutions 1 thru 14. Resolution No. 15 was approved by a majority of the Lodge. Our thanks to MW Brown for his work on this matter.

Feb. 6-7 (Sat. - Sun.) Grand Lodge Annual Communication

Feb. 18 Grand Lodge actions report was made by Bro. John Tilly and Presidents' Day Recognition talk was given by Bro. Jim Robinson. One petition for Plural Membership was read and received.

FUTURE EVENTS

Mar. 4 Guest Night (Open Meal 6:30 PM)



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PLEASE notify our Secretary, W.Bro. David Dodge and W.Bro. Joe Richard if you change your address, email address or telephone number.

Other Masonic Events

The next 13th Masonic District meetings will be lunch, Relief Lodge and District Lodge at 12:30/1:30/2:30 P.M. March 7 at Baker Lodge No. 441.

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 will meet 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 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting on Wednesday, March 10th, will be in the Red Room at St. James Lodge. Bro. Mike Carpenter, PhD, will discuss techniques to assist Masons when researching Masonic topics and preparing papers to communicate the results of their scholarship. If you are interested in visiting, contact one of the members for dress code and other details.

Ever Master Mason is given a copy of "THE LOUISIANA MASONIC MONITOR." It was first issued in 1921 and last reprinted in 1988. It contains descriptions and lectures Of The Degrees Of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason And Other Masonic Ceremonies. We continue the quoting in the article from the December 2009 newsletter.

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CONSTITUTION

The Constituent Lodges (Article VII, Section 10, p. 9) – "Constituent Lodges of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana are distinct legal corporations by virtue of the several Legislative Acts of the State of Louisiana....."

Dues, Fees and Assessments (Article VIII, Section 3, p. 10) – "Lodges shall not charge less than ninety dollars (\$90) for conferring the three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason. The Lodges may charge such sums for affiliation and the dues of members as each may think proper." (See St. James Lodge By-Laws).

GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE

Constituent Lodge's Committee on Charities and Benevolences (Article III Duties of Committees, Section 8., p. 23)

1.) "Each Constituent Lodge is authorized to set up a Committee of all of its elected officers titled Lodge Committee on Charities and Benevolences which shall have an appropriation of at least \$100 per annum for charitable and benevolent purposes."

Special Rights and Duties of Constituent Lodges (Article V, Section 1., pp. 25 & 26)

1.) "Every chartered Lodge shall elect its officers once a year, said election to be held during the months of November or December, and the officers elected shall be installed by a Master or Past Master on or before the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist."

2.) The Master can only be one who has served as Warden, even for part of a term.

3.) "Nomination for office in a constituent Lodge is prohibited."

4.) "No officer can be installed by proxy."

Communications of Constituent Lodges (Article V, Section 2, p.26)

1.) Quorum: "No business of a character affecting the financial affairs of a Lodge, the disposal of property, the standing of any of its members, candidates or applications for membership, or the election of its officers shall be transacted unless there be present five members of the Lodge of whom one must be the Master or a Warden."

2.) Special Meeting: "At no special meeting shall any business be transacted except the particular business which the meeting was called to consider."...

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