

# St. James Lodge No. 47 F. & A.M.

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## Monthly Newsletter February 2011 – March 2011

### RECENT EVENTS

*Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Stated Communication* – An excellent repast was enjoyed by all at 6:30 P.M. The 7:30 meeting remembered our dear Departed WM. Eggers. The Lodge of Sorrow drapes were removed from the alter.

*February 12 – 13 (Sat. & Sun)* Grand Lodge Annual Communication: Monroe

*Feb 17 Stated Communication* - A delicious dinner of barbequed ribs, sweet potatoes, cabbage, rolls and ice cream was enjoyed by all after prayer at 6:30 P.M. The 7:30 meeting had tremendous turnout with 42 attendees, including W: Bros Jack Claunch of Trinity Union # 372, Bill Womack of Istrouma # 414, and Bro. Calvin Barnhill of Montgomery # 163, Montgomery, LA..

Also visiting for part of the meeting were three Entered Apprentices and one Fellow Craft. One Entered Apprentice was examined in his catechism and two Fellow Craft degrees conferred.

It was a pleasure to see Bro Jim Huff back in Lodge after his accident. We are glad to see his foot and ankle healing well.

*Feb 24 Masonic Funeral* – for Bro. Philip Kilpatrick Jones

### 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 at practice!**

<b>March 3</b>	<b>Guest Night (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)</b>
<i>March 6 (Sunday 2:30 PM) 13th Masonic District Meeting</i>	
March 17	Rededication & Re-obligation
April 7	Entertainment
<b>April 21</b>	<b>Honesty &amp; Integrity Awards (Open / Meal)</b>
May 5	TBA
<b>May 19</b>	<b>Grand Master's Visit (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)</b>
Begin Casual Summer Attire	
June 2	TBA
<i>June 5 (Sunday 2:30 PM) 13th Masonic District Meeting</i>	
June 16	St. John the Baptist Program & Flag Day
July 7	4th of July celebration
July 21	TBA
August 4	Report by Treasurer & Fin./Invest. Comm.;
August 18	TBA
End Casual Summer Attire	
<b>September 1</b>	<b>Guest Night (Open / Meal 6:30 PM)</b>
<i>September 11 (Sunday 2:30 PM) 13th Masonic District Meeting</i>	
September 15	TBA
<b>October 6</b>	<b>Past Masters, Widows &amp; 25/50/60 Yr (Open / Meal 6:30PM)</b>
October 20	TBA
November 3	St. John the Evangelist & Election of 2012 Officers
<b>November 17</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Banquet, Veterans' Recognition (Open / Meal)</b>
December 1	Installation of 2012 Officers
<i>December 4 (Sunday 2:30 PM) 13th Masonic District Meeting</i>	
December 15	Necrology

Greetings from the East!



In February, our Lodge furthered Masonic learning with an excellent *St. John the Baptist* talk by Brother Newman.

An Entered Apprentice Catechism, performed in open lodge, was followed by two Fellow Craft degrees. The practice and dedication of this and previous degree teams is clearly evidenced in the excellent performances that our Brothers delivered. The diligence of the coaches in teaching the required material for these respective degrees is clear. We continue to be indebted to these Masons for their commitment and hard work and we look forward to their continued diligence.

An increase in attendance seems to have occurred with the advent of sitting down to hot meals, with accompanying fellowship and conversation, at the dinner tables. I would like to thank you for your support of the "Red Apple" fund in sustaining this endeavor.

On March 20 at 23:21 UTC, the earth experiences a vernal equinox, wherein the earth's axis is not tilted toward or away from the sun, thus us giving equal time for day and night. Our predecessors were well aware of this event, celebrating it in various religious and secular forms.

Once again, the universality of religions celebrating the same event can give us pause for reflection. At this time of year many faiths celebrate the rebirth of life, so too, may we as Masons, renew our zeal for helping others. Charity rewards both giver and recipient and enhances our spiritual selves.

We are fortunate to be blessed with the company of like minded individuals. It is always a pleasure to meet Brother Masons on such a regular basis. March 3rd will be a "Guest night" and will afford us the ability to introduce Masonry to others who may also be so inclined.

May Peace and Harmony prevail,

James William Robinson Jr V, Worshipful Master

## Bring guests!

You are encouraged to invite guests for the special meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

You may wish to invite guests to the open Lodge meeting on **April 21, May 19, September 1, October 6, November 17**  
**Invitations are available on the "sign-in" desk.**  
**Take at least 2 invitations and use them.**



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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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7991 S. Commerce Ave.

Downtown York Rite Bodies meet regularly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

Valley of Baton Rouge meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7 to 9 PM, at the Consistory on Florida Boulevard. The Advisory Council meets at the Consistory at 6:00 P.M. on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

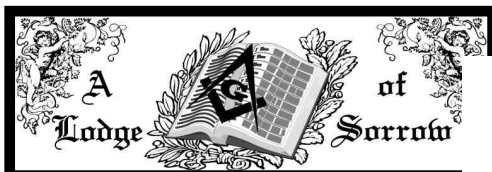
Lodge of the Nine Muses #9, F&AM, meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> will be held in the Red Room at St. James. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM. If you are interested in visiting, contact one of the members for dress code and other details.

200th Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana summary (see previous newsletter for subject of each resolutions)

Resolution # 1: DEFEATED  
 Resolution # 2: DEFEATED  
 Resolution # 3: DEFEATED  
 Resolution # 4: DEFEATED  
 Resolution # 5: DEFEATED  
 Resolution # 6: PASSED after it was amended.

Resolution # 7: PASSED  
 Resolution # 8: PASSED  
 Resolution # 9: PASSED  
 Resolution # 10: PASSED  
 Resolution # 11: DEFEATED  
 Resolution # 12: WITHDRAWN  
 Resolution # 13: DEFEATED  
 Resolution # 14: DEFEATED  
 Resolution # 15: PASSED  
 Resolution # 16: PASSED

Resolution # 17: PASSED AFTER AN AMENDMENT GIVING LODGES 30 DAYS.  
 Resolution # 18: DEFEATED  
 Resolution # 19: DEFEATED  
 Resolution # 20: DEFEATED  
 Resolution # 21: PASSED  
 Resolution # 22: WITHDRAWN  
 Resolution # 23: PASSED  
 Resolution # 24: DEFEATED  
 Resolution # 25: DEFEATED



Brethren, with much sadness we notify you that our dear Brother

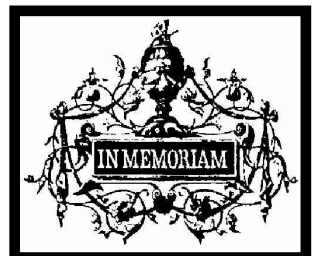
**PHILIP KILPATRICK JONES,**

50-year members and friend of St. James

Lodge, demitted to the *Celestial Lodge Above* on Wednesday, February 19, 2011, and is now in the company of the Great Architect of the Universe and his son Jesus Christ.

Philip was 90 years of age and was raised in St. James Lodge on November 29, 1956

Bro. Philip was a retired distinguished attorney for the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, and an accomplished life-long citizen of Baton Rouge.



The Brother of Most Worshipful Bro. Bill Brown died recently in Little Rock. Condolences go to Bill and Mary Ann Brown.

WBro Joe Richard

Begin forwarded message:

From: [rjhutch@eatel.net](mailto:rjhutch@eatel.net)

Date: February 17, 2011 10:05:49 AM CST

Subject: Visit

Brethren: I made my first official visit and have set up 18 other official visits. I look forward to seeing you all. If I can do anything for you, please let me know.

I will send you a copy of the new Handbook of Masonic Law on PDF as soon as it becomes available and will send you a list of Masonic Etiquette you may want to include in your education classes.

Don't forget District Lodge on March 6th at Central Lodge #442.

Bob Hutchinson DDGM

Official Visits for 2011

Baton Rouge Scottish Rite, Monday February 14, 2011,  
Fairfields Lodge #425\*\*Visit Made, Tuesday February 15, 2011,  
Trinity Union Lodge #372, Monday Feb. 21, 2011,  
Central Lodge #442, Monday Feb. 28, 2011,  
Fordoche Lodge #292\*\*\*\*, Tuesday March 1, 2011,  
St. James Lodge #47\*\*\*\*, Thursday March 3, 2011,  
Central Lodge #442, District Lodge Meeting, Sunday March 6, 2011  
Acacia Lodge #116\*\*\*\*, Tuesday March 8, 2011,  
Lodge of Nine Muses #9\*\*\*\*, Wednesday March 9, 2011,  
Blazing Star Lodge #212, Thursday March 10, 2011,  
St. Albans Lodge #28, Monday March 14, 2011,  
Istrouma Lodge #414\*\*\*\*, Tuesday March 15, 2011,  
Slaughter Lodge #475, Thursday March 17, 2011,  
Livonia Lodge #220, Friday March 18, 2011,  
Milford Lodge #117\*\*\*\*, Thursday March 24, 2011,  
New River Lodge #402, Monday March 28, 2011,  
Feliciana #31, Monday April 4, 2011,  
Olive Lodge #52\*\*\*\*, Tuesday April 5, 2011,  
Baker Lodge #441\*\*\*\*, Monday April 11, 2011,  
Plains Lodge #135\*\*\*\*, Tuesday April 19, 2011,  
Eastgate Lodge #452\*\*\*\*, Tuesday May 3, 2011,

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