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Monthly News Letter for January 2007 – February 2007



100 years!

24 regular meetings a year.

2400 regular meetings.

Held in our lodge building.

How many did *you* attend?

The 100th anniversary was a great success. My special thanks to all that helped make this historic event possible.

Many people told me how pleased they were, including the Grand Master.

Once again it is that time of year. The Grand Lodge of the Great State of Louisiana is meeting on the 29th and 30th of January in New Orleans. A little early this year but not too early to get 12 or was it 13 resolutions to vote on. Most Worshipful Bill Brown did his usual excellent job reviewing the resolutions. A report of the meeting will be given at the first meeting in February.

Guest Night is rapidly approaching. Be sure to invite guests and bring your wife.

There will be a special treat at this event we may even learn some useful information, at least that is what Brother Jones has informed me. I don't think that enough can be said about Guest Night. It is the one way that we can make others aware of what Masons are and what Masons do. Please be sure to come and bring a guest.

As always, this is your Lodge, and if there is anything that I can do to improve the Lodge let me know!
See you in Lodge.

Mark Paxton, Worshipful Master

RECENT EVENTS

Past Events:

The Temple Building Centennial Celebration on January 4, 2007 was a great success and well attended, in spite of the deluge in Baton Rouge. About 100 members and guests attended. The decorations and hors d'oeuvres were enjoyed by all. The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Louisiana, Clayton J. Borne III, and Grand Senior Deacon, W. Bro. W. Henry Thibodaux were received with Public Grand Honors. The Master of Ceremonies for the program, W. Bro. Naresh Sharma, gave a summary of the 1907 history of Baton Rouge highlighting the influence of our Masonic Brothers. W. Bro. Ben Melanson gave a review of the minutes that pertained to our Building from 1904 to 1907. The meeting was closed by M.W. Grand Master Borne in the summary manner. We give thanks to W. Bro. Larry Wade and his Committee that planned the Celebration.

January 18 -- Twelve pre-filed Resolutions to be considered by Grand Lodge were read by M.W. Bro. Bill Brown and considered and discussed by the Lodge.

DUES are OVERDUE!

W. Bro. Frank Dedman, Secretary, asked that the membership be reminded: those who have not paid their dues for 2007 are now over due!

Please submit dues NOW to avoid a second mail notice.

FUTURE EVENTS

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| Jan. 29-30 | The Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel in New Orleans. |
| Feb. 1 | Grand Lodge Report |
| Feb. 15 | One or two Fellow Craft Degrees will be conferred, and the Charity Program for 2007 will be considered. |
| 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 |

* 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

HEADLINES January 18, 2007:

Chuck McCoy, local banking, community leader, dies:
Charles "Chuck" McCoy, who helped turn Louisiana National Bank (now Chase Bank) into the biggest financial institution in Baton Rouge and won national acclaim for his banking innovations such as the drive-thru branch, died last night at the age of 86....
Brother McCoy was a member of St. James Lodge.

Sidney E. Coxe, Sr. - joined the celestial lodge on January 16, 2007

Our prayers go out for their families and friends.

Sickness and Distress

Bro. John Staples returned home from rehabilitation after a fall that broke a hip and shattered an elbow. John would welcome calls, cards and visits.

We are happy to see W. Bros. Preston Eggers and Bill Mote doing well after long illnesses.

We pray for Brother Ak, his wife and that her recent surgery went well.

Masonry's light is a beacon brightly shining
for those who seek it and live by its teachings.
Masonry provides symbolic tools for my betterment.
For example, the square is a symbolic tool,
a reminder to deal on the square
with everyone
while traveling through life.
When I lay down those tools, at death, it is my hope it will be said,
"Well done, good job;
honest and honorable brother,
well done".

E. D. Lane

St. James Lodge

"Rays of Masonry" by Dewey Wollstein -1953

THE UNEVEN BATTLE

We deplore the inequalities of life, and especially do we dwell on the disadvantages that honesty suffers at the hands of dishonesty, and truth at the hands of falsehood.

If the avowed enemies of Masonry expound a system of propoganda which foundation is falsehood, by what means can Masonry carry the struggle to a successful end?

"Hitlerism" arrogantly disclosed its fiendish disregard for Truth, and boasted of its plan to make falsehood become "Accepted Truth" through constant repetition.

Is not here the answer to our question--more clearly written into the pages of history than the strongest words?

There was the temporary victory of evil and of falsehood. There is always the temporary victory of evil. It thus feeds the vanity of villainy and instills an intoxicated confidence that results in destruction.

Masonry must fight the evils of our day just as it has fought through the centuries. Our only weapon is the Mason trained in the art of Masonry who lives, who speaks, who writes the Truth.

The final victory will be through a force unknown to despots, the moral force of the individual, his great faith, his sacrificial deeds, his unwaning hope.

"The Old Past Master" by Carl Claudy -1924

PREFACE

Masonry teaches the young and untried brother to apply to his elder brethren for instruction in the art and assures him that they will always be as ready to teach as his is ready to learn.

The author took this comforting assurance literally and seriously. To many "Old Past Masters", and not all of them have been through the chairs!... he owes anything of Masonic wisdom which may have filtered through his pen to these pages. It is given to few to originate in this world; if to him has come opportunity to report to the many what would otherwise perhaps have been but the learning of the few, he is more than content, even if there be nothing within these pages which he can claim as his own.

A guide post never gets anywhere, but it points the way!

Carl H. Claudy

Your article could have been here.

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