

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

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Stated Communications: 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

Monthly Newsletter---- January 2012 – February 2012

FUTURE EVENTS

Practice every Monday at 5:30 pm at the Lodge.
All officers are requested to attend practice

Tentative 2012 Schedule of Stated Communications	
2-Feb	Charity Budget; Grand Resolutions
4,5 Feb	Grand Lodge meeting in Baton Rouge.
16-Feb	Grand Lodge Actions Report & President's Day, Master Mason's degree.
1-Mar	Guest Night (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)
4-Mar	13 th Masonic District Lodge
15-Mar	Rededication & Re-obligation
5-Apr	Entertainment
19-Apr	Honesty & Integrity Awards (Open / Meal)
3-May	TBA
17-May	Grand Master's Visit (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)
<i>Begin Casual Summer Attire</i>	
3-Jun	13 th Masonic District Lodge
7-Jun	TBA
21-Jun	St. John the Baptist Program & Flag Day
5-Jul	4 th of July celebration
19-Jul	TBA
2-Aug	Report by Treasurer & Fin./Invest. Comm.:
16-Aug	TBA
<i>End Casual Summer Attire</i>	
6-Sep	Guest Night (Open / Meal 6:30 PM)
9-Sep	13 th Masonic District Lodge
20-Sep	TBA
4-Oct	Past Masters, Widows & 25/50/60 Yr (Open / Meal 6:30PM)
18-Oct	TBA
1-Nov	St. John the Evangelist & Election of 2012 Officers
15-Nov	Thanksgiving Banquet, Veterans' Recognition (Open / Meal)
2-Dec	13th Masonic District Lodge
6-Dec	Installation of 2012 Officers
20-Dec	Necrology Service

February Birthdays

2/1	JOHN OZIER
2/2	GORDON MORRIS SR
2/7	JOHN FETZER
2/7	ANTHONY O'CONNOR
2/9	ROBERT HUTCHINSON
2/10	JASON DORE
2/15	JOSHUA BARNHILL
2/15	MARK PAXTON
2/19	WALTER STONE
2/21	KENNETH BARNETTE
2/21	JAMES BLACK JR
2/22	DAVID CATTAR JR
2/24	JOHN TILLY
2/27	THOMAS WELLS JR



As we leave the year 2011 behind, we look forward to the New Year, fulfilling our obligations in Masonry and upholding the principles of St. James Lodge.

In our December 15th meeting, we conferred one Entered Apprentice degree and St. John the Evangelist program presented by Brother Steve Newman.

Our first meeting of the new year, on January 5th honored our recently departed Brothers as WBr. Ben Melonson called out their names (see last months newsletter). We also discussed rental of the first floor.

Our second meeting, on January 19th, Brother George Scanlan, SW, presented 13 pre-filed Grand Lodge Resolution for 2012. Following a review and discussions, a vote was taken on each of the resolution and our Lodge's decisions will be presented during the Grand Lodge communication. This year, the Grand Lodge communication will be in Baton Rouge, La., on February 4th & 5th. The Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens will attend, however, any members who wish to go are invited to attend. Also, in our meeting, Treasurer, Worshipful Brother William Zollinger presented the 2011 Audit Report and the proposed 2012 budget.

Please keep in mind that our first guest night is rapidly approaching. It will be on March 1st. Please be sure to bring your wife or a friend and invite a guest to the lodge for an evening of dining, brotherhood and entertainment.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our meetings and am always open to any ideas that will improve our lodge.

Stay Well and Happy.

Turhan Ak, Worshipful Master

Bring guests!

Start inviting guests: 6:00/6:30 P.M

March 1, April 19, May 17, September 6, October 4, November 15

Invitations are available on the "sign-in" desk.

RECENT MASONIC EVENTS

5-Jan Necrology Service for the eight (8) members who died during 2011, Secretary's Annual report

19-Jan 2011 & 2012 Budgets, Treasurer's & Financial/Investment/Audit Report, vote on Grand Lodge Proposals.



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Other Masonic Events

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 meets 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. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM. If you are interested in visiting, contact one of the members for dress code and other details.

Your article could have been here. Submit articles to Bob Zinn, N5bz@cox.net

If you know these lodge members well, please contact them and let them know that we have been missing them at lodge. Also, remind them to pay their dues:

Daniel E Cox
Christopher Dalton
Earl E Franklin, Jr
Sloan Richard
John Tharp
Steven Ward

READERS' DIGEST VERSION 2012 RESOLUTIONS BEFORE GRAND LODGE

1. From Dominique You Lodge #468 - If a Brother dies before being Raised, at the option of the Master, a Masonic Funeral Service may be performed.
2. From Various Brethren = Grant CLIFFORD WHITEHEAD the title of Emeritus District Grand Lecturer for his many years of service to the 5TH District and the State.
3. From Various Brethren - Authorize the Permanent Committee on Work to create and publish a coded guide for floor-work for opening, conferral and closing, of the three Degrees.
4. From Ed Durham, GSW - To set the 203rd Grand Lodge Session for Shreveport/Bossier City to begin on Saturday, February 1, 2014 or on Monday, February 3, 2014.
5. From Feliciana Lodge #31 - If a petitioner is rejected for Degrees or Advancement, after six months has passed, he may re-apply, and he may apply to another Lodge if the first Lodge, by majority vote grants a waiver, or to another Lodge after three years have passed.
6. From the Perpetual Membership Committee - adding Section R - creates Honorary Perpetual Membership for \$240 with 75% going to the Lodge and 25% going to Grand Lodge.
7. From Jeff Webb & others - Keeps the 200th Anniversary fee or \$.50 per member per year and re-directs it to help fund the Masonic Library/Museum.
8. From Jeff Webb & others - The Board of Budget & Control assists in preparing budgets for all Grand Lodge bodies except the Board of Masonic Charities, Grand Lodge Cemetery, Perpetual Membership, and adds the Masonic Learning Center and the Masonic Library! Museum - all are governed by elected Boards.
9. From several Past Grand Masters - Creates a Registration Fee of \$10.00 per person attending Grand Lodge to help pay for meeting facilities.
10. From Ed Collins, Choudrant Lodge #339 - Gives an EA a membership card and tells him he has 1 year to stand a full examination, gives an FC a membership card and tells him he has 1 year to stand a full examination. (honestly, the wording is very unclear as to its real intent.)
11. From Ed Collins, Choudrant Lodge #339 - Allows a Lodge to open and transact certain business in the MM, FC, or EA depending on who is in attendance - thus allowing FC's and EA's to sit in Lodge during regular business.
12. From the Grand Lodge Officers - To enact the Edict of GM Guillot and create a Board of Directors to manage Perpetual Membership - 5 members rotating one on each year.
13. Yellow Pine lodge #282 - Authorizes the Foreign Correspondence Committee or any other - appropriate committee to initiate correspondence with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Louisiana, F&AM, to determine its regularity.