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Monthly News Letter July 2008 – August 2008



Brethren,

On July 3rd, St. James Lodge hosted William E. Free, Deputy District Grand Master of the 13th Masonic District. DDGM Free shared with us some of the initiatives being proposed by Grand Lodge.

On July 17th, Brother Jim Seager demonstrated an automated external defibrillator (AED) and answered the questions of his brethren. According to the American Red Cross, in the time it takes to read this column, sudden cardiac arrest will have claimed another victim.

Statistics show that more than 200,000 Americans die of sudden cardiac arrest every year. However, up to 50,000 of these deaths can be prevented if an AED--similar to the unit Brother Seager will be donating to the Lodge--is available.

August is the month that schools start for our students. Let us strive to continue to educate ourselves and our brethren concerning Masonic principles and ritual.

Guest Night will be held on September 4th. It is not too early to begin talking to your friends about their interest in Masonry. Please remember that in order to continue having a vital Lodge, new men need to be exposed to the Masonic ideals.

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Glenn Cupit, Germainia #40, New Orleans, LA; WBr. Jack Claunch, Trinity Union #372, Baton Rouge, LA; WBr. Bill Womack, Istrouma #414, Baton Rouge, LA; three FC attended the meeting, two from St James Lodge #47, and one from the Lodge of the Nine Muses, #9 and at least one other EA mason also attended for a total of 26 or 28 brothers sharing brotherhood.

Thursday July 17th at 7:30 P.M. Stated Communication - At 6:00 P.M. an informal gathering of new initiates and old members enjoyed fellowship over a steak and potato dinner. Thirty Two members and guests were present. EA and FC were called in for an interesting demonstration of CPR and use of an AED (see 'From the East'). Afterwards, the RW Jimmie D. Duncan, District Grand Lecturer was presented. Guests were introduced including Bro. Bill Little of Milford Lodge # 405 in Indiana, Bro. Jonathan Bossier

Monday June 21, practice was held for MM degree.
Thursday June 24, Special to raise two Master Masons.

Friday June 27th at 7:30 PM W.Bro. Glenn Cupit says he will hold a "mini-cackle", firing up his Cupit & Cunningham 1965 AA/FD cackle car on nitro at Gerry Lane Hummer. He will fire it up shortly after dusk. He will conclude at 9 PM. He says he will be honored if you can attend. He will supply ear-plugs.

FUTURE EVENTS

Aug. 7 Masonic Education Program
Aug. 16 Wardens Retreat
Aug. 21 TBA

-----End Casual Summer Attire-----
Sep. 4 Guest Night (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)
TBA
Sep. 18 Past Masters' Night (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)
TBA
Oct. 2
Oct. 16 St. John the Evangelist & Election of 2008 Officers
Nov. 6 **Thanksgiving Program (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)**
Nov. 20 **Installation of 2009 Officers (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)**
Dec. 4

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIPS - Now, while St. James Lodge dues are \$60.50 per year, is the time to start YOUR Perpetual Membership for 20 times annual dues, in a lump sum, OR 20 times annual dues PLUS interest over 5 years, and is calculated at 4.52 times annual dues, to allow for the interest factor.

Sickness, Relief and Sorrow

Remember our ill members and their families:

Nancy Grady (wife of W: Bro. James E. Grady) says Worshipful Brother Jim is very ill, eating very little, barely speaking and taking only liquid medication, requires oxygen, and sleeps most of the time. She and Jim requests no visitors or phone calls, but welcome your cards and prayers.

Bro. Joe Bardwell underwent surgery for prostate cancer on July 1st. We pray for his quick recovery.

Bro. Al Blanchard continues to struggle with congestive heart failure and diabetes as his wife, Peggy, continues to have back and joint pains.

Bro. Payne Fletcher, a 50 yr. Member of St. James died June 23.

For these and all worthy brothers in need, we pray swift relief.

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

Livingston Certificate Association meets at 6:00 P.M on the first Friday of each month at Hurd Murrell # 454 in Livingston, LA and Baton Rouge Certificate Association meets at 6:30 P.M. on the third Friday of each month at Trinity Union Lodge # 372.

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.

RECENT EVENTS

-----Casual Summer Attire, except for Degrees-----

Thursday, July 3rd at 7:30 P.M. the District Deputy Grand Master, District 13, R:W: Bro. William Free reported that GM Hennigan encourages all Lodges to support Dyslexic programs, the Rainbow Girls and De Molay programs. Bro. Free said all Lodges should be involved in Community Functions and spread the word about Masonry. The WM spoke on how Freemasonry was established in the United States.

Monday, July 7th at 5:00 PM Practice was held for the E.A. Degree

Thursday, July 10th at 6:00 P.M. Special Communication conferred one Entered Apprentice degree. WB Mark Wandrei of Tipton Lodge #33, Logansport Indiana, presented the Apron. Also present were Tom Todd and David M. Wandrei also from Tipton Lodge; WBr.



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LIGHT OF MASONRY

May the light of Masonry shine within you,
 like the light shines on the altar of the Lodge Room.
 May the strength and power of the light of Masonry be with you in all seasons----
 thru the warmth of spring times,
 thru the heat of summers,
 thru the cold of winters.
 And, as you walk along the road of life,
 may you have a comforting,
 kind word for those you meet along the way.

E. D. Lane

"Rays of Masonry" by Dewey Wollstein -1954

WE MUST MAKE THE FUTURE

A great deal is being written of Masonry's part in the future. It seems that we often travel a circuitous route to arrive at some conclusion that should be found very close to home. There are two points to consider.

The influence of Masonry- its value to society- and the efforts that we as individual Masons are willing to extend in order to continue to make Masonry a vital, living power. Let us no longer dwell on what is going to happen to Masonry in the future. Let us dwell on how we will make a world which will naturally seek an institution that has been throughout the ages the stronghold of Brotherhood.

Masonry, through Masons, doing, living, and expounding the principles of our Institution will create a decent future. Masonry with the courage to carry the Banner of Freedom, of Tolerance, of Justice, will march forward

into the future that it made for the benefit of all people. The challenge is here. Masonry is not caught in the grip of conflicting economic theories. Our Institution has espoused the cause of Man, not of groups. Masonry has taught a Universal Religion, not a narrow dogma. Masonry has made the plane upon which all men may meet on the level of equality. Unless Masonry's place be secure in the future, there is no future.

The future is being made today. If a world is being made in which there are only dollar and machine values, a world in which culture and dignity are no longer factors, a world in which sound morality has no market, then we must bestir ourselves in order to bring about a future that will insure Masonry's place.

We must not be content to see what the future will bring. We must create it today.

"Rays of Masonry" by Dewey Wollstein -1953

THE UNION OF HEARTS

He who seeks Masonry as an avenue for financial gain will be forever disappointed. Masonry promises no monetary reward and religiously keeps its promise. But those who knock at the door of Masonry seeking the path of self-improvement, and yearning for the association of kindred minds and hearts, should never be disappointed.

The culmination of all Masonic teaching is Universal Brotherhood, and each lodge must justify its existence by presenting a pattern of Brotherhood. There is no half-way mark in Masonry! We must increase our privileges and our responsibilities, or else we are not progressive. Masonry that we derive from books and study is only of value in its relation to our association

with our fellowmen. We are told many times today how close we are to all parts of the world. Men are no closer to each other than their ideals, their hopes, their aspirations and their desires. Men thousands of miles apart may be closer than men who live in the same block. Transportation will never be stronger than the cable-tow that unites the hearts of men.

We who are Masons, who are joined together by the lasting materials of which true Brotherhood is formed, should appreciate the privileges that our membership offers. Our Masonic teachings, our tenets and principles lead to the joy of Masonic association. All vestige of "stranger" has been removed. There is an unobstructed path from heart to heart.

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