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Monthly News Letter for July 2007 –August 2007

RECENT EVENTS

June 19, W. Bro. Larry Bossier shared his personal experiences with the pain of dyslexia and the blessing of finally being able to read, after proper therapy.

He brought us Thanks from Livonia Lodge #220 for our financial aid with their Dyslexia Program. He also reported that the Grand Lodge Dyslexia Committee may consider expanding support to include Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) as there appears to be a link between Dyslexia and ADD.

Visitors at St. James were W. Bro. Gilbert Eaves from Livonia # 220 and Bro. Robert L. Cargo from Birmingham (AL) # 829.

It was announced that Bro. Evan Cooper will leave August 2 for 18 months deployment to Iraq. Congratulations to Bro. Cooper on being selected for promotion to Commander in the U. S. Navy. May the Great Architect of The Universe protect him. Prayers are also requested for W. Bro Bossier's 18-year old son, soon to leave for training and service in the U. S. Marine Corps.

A petition for reinstatement was received from a member suspended for non-payment of dues in 2005. One new member petition was received. A ballot passed on a petitioner to receive the degrees.

The following resolution was received on June 21, 2007, and at the communication on July 19, 2007 was introduced by W. Bro. Stephen Selby, discussed, and passed:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

"That the Treasurer of The Lodge purchase Perpetual Memberships for members who attain the status of "50 year member" in the Lodge, with the proviso that the member involved has not already purchased or had purchased for him a Perpetual Membership

AND FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED:

That the Treasurer of the Lodge, as the funds become available as determined by the Lodge finance committee, purchase Perpetual Memberships for those members who have previously attained 50 years of membership in The Lodge, commencing with the most senior 50 year member and working backward until the least senior living "50 year" member has a Perpetual Membership established in his name, again with the proviso that a Perpetual Membership has not previously been purchased in that member's name."

July 26, 6:30 pm, A Special Communication conferred two Entered Apprentice degrees.

FUTURE EVENTS

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

Aug. 2 Masonic Education Program
Aug. 16 TBA

-----End Casual Summer Attire-----

Sep. 6 ***Guest Night (Open/meal 6:30 PM)**
Sep. 20 TBA
Sep. 28 **LoNM#9 Annual open TABLE Lodge**
Oct. 4 ***Past Masters' Night (Open/meal 6:30 PM)**
Oct. 18 TBA
Nov. 1 St. John the Evangelist & Election of 2008 Officers
Nov. 15 ***Thanksgiving Program (Open/meal 6:30 PM)**
Dec. 6 **Install Officers for 2008 (Open/meal 6:30 PM)**

* Represents possible entertainment TBA = To Be Arranged

Masonic Education:

Every Tuesday at 5:00 PM there will be a tutorial practice of the Work for each Station of Lodge Officers conducted by Past Masters of St. James Lodge.

Other Masonic Events –

13th Masonic District meets quarterly on the first Sunday of the last month in each quarter, except the 2nd Sunday in September.

The next meeting of the 13th District is at 2:30 PM, Sunday, September 9, 2007 at Feliciana Lodge No. 31 at 14599 Highway 10 East, St. Francisville. All officers are obligated to attend.

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. Scottish Rite Baton Rouge Valley on the 2nd Monday of each month with 5:30 Advisory Council, 6:30 dinner, and 7:30 PM meeting.

See special announcement for LoNM Table lodge on next page.

Brethren,



Summertime is in full swing and I hope everyone is having a great and safe summer.

As always, come down to the lodge, enjoy the fellowship of your Brothers and cool off. If there is anything that we can do to help make your lodge better please let us know.

I would like to again thank W. Bro Larry Bossier for speaking to St. James Lodge on July 19, updating us on the progress of the dyslexia program that St James has and will, as needed, continue to help sponsor. Brother Bossier added a personal touch to his talk and to the program telling how he grew up with this affliction. Great job and thanks again for a great talk Brother Larry. Also, Larry has asked for a representative from St James Lodge to be on a dyslexia committee with Livonia and Fordoche Lodges. Volunteers contact me!

It is not too early to invite your guests for Guest Night on September 6. It is a good way to introduce someone to Masonry. Bring a friend, have a good meal and be entertained all at one low cost.

Mark you calendar. The second meeting in August Brother Tim Hutchinson will visit St James Lodge and talk about his adventures. The Tim Hutchinson's Ironman Charity Challenge will be his topic and he will talk about the challenge and the charity he supports. St James is helping sponsor Tim so come out and support a brother and his charity.

Continue to have a safe summer and don't forget to invite your guests for September 6.

Fraternally,

Mark Paxton WM

Most Masons look back on their first glimpse of Masonry
as a life changing experience

How many people have YOU invited to our next open meeting?

It only takes one mason to change someone's life by
inviting him to an open meeting.

There is no limit on how many people **you** can invite!

Don't YOU be the limiting factor.

WHO have you invited to the next open meeting?



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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.

Postal Changes - In May the USPS forced our non-profit bulk mail newsletter to be "machinable" by the addition of a wafer tab seal, which cut our mailing costs to almost half of the old cost. Therefore, it will be a long time, if ever, before it is economical to send the newsletter by e-mail to most and at \$0.41 each to remaining members. The Newsletter will still be available at the St. James Lodge website shown in the heading. Members are invited to express their opinions about the Newsletter mailings to the Lodge Officers.

Annual Table Lodge
 Friday, September 28, 2007

M. W. & ILL. ROBERT HANNON, 33^o S. G. I. G. of Arizona, Past Grand Master of Arizona, Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar is the Keynote Speaker.

Lodge of Nine Muses No. 9, F&AM, presents The Annual Table Lodge at the Camelot Club in downtown Baton Rouge.

The social hour starts at 6:00 p.m.
 The Table Lodge will open at 7:00 p.m.

We are fortunate to have M.W. Robert Hannon, as the keynote speaker.
 M. W. Hannon has been intimately involved with Masonic Renewal in the U.S., he is leader extraordinaire and an extremely good speaker.
 Tickets for the Table Lodge are \$75 per person and include a souvenir "firing" glass.
 Dress is formal for Lodge members.

Brethren kindly spread the word among your friends, Masons and non-Masons. I would appreciate your letting me know at your earliest as to how many will be in your party. This will help me allocate tables and arrange seating of our members and their guests.
 Let us make this our best Table Lodge.
 With kind fraternal regards,
 Cordially and fraternally yours,
 Naresh Sharma.

Your article could have been here.

Send articles to Bob Zinn, bz@chem.lsu.edu

"Old Tiler Talks" by Carl Claudy -1924

DISCOUNTS

"You know Briggs, the tobacco man?"

"I buy my cigars from him," answered the Old Tiler.

"Have a cigar that Briggs didn't sell!" answered the New Brother, offering his case. "I have bought my last one from Briggs!"

"Too expensive?" asked the Old Tiler. "Thank you for a match, too, I'll supply the habit, though!"

"Much too expensive!" agreed the New Brother. "Briggs is a member of this lodge and I wanted to give him my trade, but he doesn't appreciate it."

"I always found old Briggsy a very decent sort of chap," answered the Old Tiler, surprised. "We have bought lodge smokes from him for years. Many brethren give him their trade. What's he done to you?"

"Sent me a bill marked 'please remit!' That's something I don't like. My credit is good. I always pay my bills."

"Why did Briggs do it?"

"I suppose he wanted the money! I had intended to pay the bill, but I was short last month, so I let it go over. And then comes this insulting note!"

"Pay full price for the good?"

"Oh, no. Briggs always gives a little discount to the members of his lodge."

"As a piece of Swiss cheese you are the smallest round hole filled with bad air I ever saw!" snorted the Old tiler, disgustedly.

"First you ask for and take a discount, because of a common brotherhood, then you keep your brother waiting for his money, and finally you get peeved when he asks you for it and you propose to take your trade elsewhere. I have heard of small potatoes and a few in a hill, but I didn't know we had nubbins in this lodge that grew in hills all by themselves!"

"Why, how you talk!" responded the New Brother, indignantly. "Is it your idea of brotherhood to talk to me that way?"

"It surely is! In the most friendly manner I am reminding you of your faults! You treat Briggs in a most un-Masonic way and then grouch about the way he treats you! Asking for discounts because of a common Masonry is a most un-Masonic practice. You don't say to a merchant, 'Mr. Jones, you and I belong to the same church, therefore give me a discount.' You don't say,

'Mr. Brown, you and I belong to the same country club, therefore give me a discount.' You don't say, 'Mr. Smith, you and I graduated from high school in the same class, therefore give me a discount!' But you do say to old Briggs, 'Briggs, you and I belong to the same lodge, therefore give me a discount. If you don't, I'll buy elsewhere. And if you favor me I'll keep you waiting for your money and when you ask me for it I'll get peeved!'

"Masonry is not a purchasing society, a mutual benefit association, or a cooperative buying plan. When a Mason can buy from a Mason it is a pleasant custom to do so. Members who can help each other financially without loss to themselves should do so. But we should not use our common Masonry as a lever to make men favor us financially. We shouldn't demand discounts. Masonry should make us charitable, not irritable. We shouldn't visit on a brother the sins we commit. You were delinquent about that bill. Instead of being peeved, you should pay without taking a discount, and apologize to old Briggs for being so negligent of your obligation!"

"Like vaccination, Masonry either takes or it doesn't. If, seeing another Mason, you say to yourself, 'He wears the same pin I do. I wonder what he will do for me?' Masonry hasn't taken with you. But if you say, 'That chap wears a Masonic pin! I wonder what I can do to help my brother?' your Masonry has taken.

"Briggs likes to favor his brethren. Most of us won't let him give us discounts. I pay Briggs just what I'd pay any other cigar merchant, and glad to. I even walk out of my way to buy from Briggs, because I like to help him. The lodge takes no discount when it purchases cigars. Why should it? It's not an object of charity. Briggs ought not to have to subsidize as customers his own lodge members. Yet you complain of a bill!"

"Wait a minute! I didn't think. I'm on my way now to buy a whole lot of cigars from Briggs at the best price and pay my bill and tell Briggs I am sorry and..."

"Oh, I knew all that before!" grinned the Old Tiler. "You are not a bad potato, you know, just a little one. But you will grow!"

"And one of those boxes of cigars is for you!" ended the New Brother.

"Discount offered me for lending yourself to be my verbal chopping block!" grinned the Old Tiler.

"Not at all!" cried the New Brother. "Payment in full for half an hour's conversation!"

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