

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

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## Monthly Newsletter----- July 2011 – August 2011



Brethren:

The Istrouma Area Council, Boy Scouts of America helped us celebrate the founding of our country with the presenting of the colors and a presentation. Our opportunities, freedoms and privileges came at a price. We enjoy the fruits of the labors and sacrifices of those that came before us in establishing this country. August is a month to prepare us to do the same. In the United States, August is "Back to School Month", a time to lay the foundations of our own life. These foundations may enable one to provide further advancements.

August is also "What will be your legacy month". As Masons we strive to provide a legacy of charity, the foundation of our fraternity. The daily life of a Mason is guided, sustained and nourished by the source of Holy Light. Brothers provide attentive ears, instructive tongues and faithful breasts. This is to be our legacy as masons. This is to be our contribution for the brief duration we are allowed to spend on this earth during our ephemeral lifetime. Fulfilling this legacy may not always be easy, appreciated or without sacrifice. As time prevails and our Maker embraces us, our legacy is established for eternity. As Masons, our life becomes a life fulfilled, a life to be celebrated.

"Live a life of no regrets", "make the world a better place for our having lived in it" are guides for our legacy as Masons.

May Peace and Harmony prevail,

James W. Robinson, Worshipful Master

October 6	Past Masters, Widows & 25/50/60 Yr (Open / Meal 6:30PM)
October 20	TBA
November 3	St. John the Evangelist & Election of 2012 Officers
November 17	Thanksgiving Banquet, Veterans' Recognition (Open / Meal)
December 1	Installation of 2012 Officers
December 4 (Sunday 2:30 PM)	13th Masonic District Meeting
December 15	Necrology Service

### SICKNESS and RELEF

Brethren, please keep W: Bro. Fred Ladner and his wife Mary in our prayers. Bro. Joe Cooper reports that Fred is at St. James Place undergoing rehabilitation from a stroke, and Mary is recovering from a fall and broken bones

We have many more members and families to remember who are infirmed or bereaved.

We as Masons must all keep up our good work.

Fraternally,  
Joe Richard

Brethren, The Great Architect Of The Universe issued the "Call Home" to Bro. Harvey Henry Williams, Jr., a 50-Year member, who was raised a Master Mason in St James Lodge No. 47 on September 10, 1953. He passed to his heavenly abode to be with his Great Master on Sunday, July 10, 2011. Services were held Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at Resthaven Funeral Home. Remember his wife Willie Zell and his family in our prayers.

Fraternally,  
Joe Richard

Double Tragedy struck the Robinson family!

It was with great sadness that the members of St. James Lodge learned of the passing of Winifred Nixon Robinson on Saturday, July 9, 2011. Winifred was the wife of Bro. Dr. James W. Robinson, Sr. and the mother of Worshipful Master James W. Robinson, Jr.

Second Tragedy, Worshipful Master Robinson's Mother-in-law, Chris Mary Remel, left this earthly realm on Thursday, July 28, 2011.

Keep Worshipful Master Robinson his wife Christine, Brother James W. Robinson, and all their relatives in your prayers.

Fraternally,  
Joe Richard

Masonic Restoration Foundation Second Annual Symposium will be: Friday, August 19 at 7:30pm - August 21 at 12:00pm at: Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22

George Washington Masonic Memorial  
Alexandria, Virginia

Register NOW for the Symposium at <http://aw22.org/mrf>

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

## Bring guests!

to the open Lodge meetings at 6:00 pm  
on **September 1, October 6, November 17**

### RECENT MASONIC EVENTS

July 7<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. See 'From the East, above.  
July 21 Regular Meeting  
July 30, August 6 Downtown York Rite Festival

If you have been missing the Lodge meetings, you have been missing some very good meals!

### FUTURE MASONIC EVENTS

**Practice every Monday at 5:30 pm at the Lodge.**

Casual Summer Attire (except for degrees)

August 4	Report by Treasurer & Finance Committee
August 18	TBA
End Casual Summer Attire	
September 1	Guest Night (Open / Meal 6:30 PM)
September 11 (Sunday 2:30 PM)	13th Masonic District Meeting
September 15	TBA



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Other Masonic Events

Acacia Shrine meets at -7:00 P.M. every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7991 S. Commerce Ave. A meal is served at 6:00 P.M.

Downtown York Rite Bodies meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast served 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 P.M., 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 Pine Grove Lodge #288 in Ponchatoula, 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, Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge.

Lodge of the Nine Muses #9, F&AM, meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup>. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM. If you are interested in visiting, contact one of the members for dress code and other details.

58<sup>th</sup> annual gathering of **The International Masonic Lodges Named for St. Alban** October 7-9, 2011 at St. Albans Lodge # 28 Jackson Louisiana Information on the Gathering is available on the Association website at: <http://www.stalbanslodges.org/> The website for St. Albans Lodge # 28 F&AM can be found at: <http://stalbans.brla.us/>

Ever Master Mason is given a copy of "THE LOUISIANA MASONIC MONITOR." It was first issued in 1921 and last reprinted in 1988. It contains descriptions and lectures of the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason and other Masonic ceremonies. We continue quoting from the Louisiana Grand Lodge HANDBOOK OF MASONIC LAW in the article from the October 2010 newsletter.

FUNERALS (p. 83 – "Although a member demitted for over a year, or one suspended for non-payment of dues, has lost his right to a Masonic funeral, the Lodge has the right to conduct such services, which may be done even subsequent to the burial of the former member, but one who is otherwise suspended or expelled shall not, under any circumstances, receive Masonic burial."

JURISDICTION, RESIDENCE AND WAIVER (pp. 85-86) – "Twelve (12) months continuous residence in Louisiana is required to make a person eligible to apply for the degrees in Masonry and one who has resided continuously for twelve months in the State of Louisiana and has established his legal domicile herein, is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. Citizenship thus acquired shall not be lost by temporary absences from the State of Louisiana if the person did not acquire and never intended to acquire domicile outside the State of Louisiana or is a member of the armed forces of the United States who is assigned elsewhere or a state or federal employee who is assigned elsewhere, provided the absentee has not come under the jurisdiction of any other Grand Lodge. The residence requirement set forth herein shall not apply to a mariner without fixed place of residence or to a member of the armed forces of the United States who is assigned to duty within the State of Louisiana and who is not subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of any other Grand Lodge. The requirement of residence in the State of Louisiana, except as set forth herein, cannot be waived by the Lodge or even the Grand Master."

**LODGE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES (pp. 89-93)**

1.) "There must be at least 5 (five) members of the Lodge, which must include at least one of the principal officers, for the transaction of all business of the Lodge. A Lodge may be opened with less than 5 (five) of its members present provided that one of the three principal officers is present and no business of the Lodge is transacted until a quorum is present."

2.) "A Lodge cannot be opened in Regular meeting on any other day, nor at any other hour of the regular day, than that fixed in the by-laws, provided, however that the Lodge may be opened in regular meeting at an earlier hour if no business is transacted prior to the regular meeting time."

3.) "A Lodge must be opened on the Master Mason degree to transact business and must give due and timely notice to its members before taking action upon investments, increasing debts, disposing of property, making any appropriation, or transacting business of any unusual nature, provided that the Lodge may be opened on the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Degree at a special meeting called for the purpose of conferring the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Degree, or for conducting a Lodge trial in accordance with Article VI, Section 9 of the General regulations."

4.) "The work and transaction of the Lodge shall be properly recorded in the Minute Books." (See p. 90 for list of requirements.)

5.) "The only business that can be done at Labor in a subordinate degree is the conferring of the degree, hearing the examination of the candidate, and disciplining one in that degree only. The proficiency of a candidate can be considered only in a Lodge of Master Masons."

6.) "A stated meeting, falling on a holiday, cannot be called off, and Grand Master has no power to grant a dispensation therefore."

7.) "No Masonic services or meeting shall be held between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Sundays, so as not to interfere with the members of the Fraternity attending their regular church services."

8.) "All Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction are prohibited from holding any communications (funerals excepted) during the session of the Grand Lodge."

9.) The Master has the power to call special or emergent communication only after due notice, in advance, to the members, within hail, has been given, stating the purpose of the meeting. No business shall be transacted except that for which the meeting is called."

10.) "No stated or special meeting of a Lodge can be called to refreshment, or called off the same day or night, until another date of meeting. No Lodge can remain open indefinitely, but must be closed when the business of the meeting has been completed (Lodge of Sorrow excepted)."

11.) "A special meeting called to confer the Entered Apprentice or the Fellow Craft Degree may be open or closed on the degree conferred."

12.) "Profanes cannot be admitted to a Lodge at labor. The Lodge must first be opened on the Master Mason degree, then called to refreshment, after which profanes may be admitted and the public program or activities completed, immediately after which the public may be dismissed, and Lodge tiled and closed in due and ancient form."

13.) "All activities in the social rooms, reception rooms and other separate rooms shall be under the sole and exclusive jurisdiction and control of the Lodge. These rooms may be used for wedding receptions for members, for dancing, for parties, for banquets, and for purposes of civic and patriotic organizations such as Red Cross, Community Fund, and the like."

14.) "A Lodge shall not meet outside the Lodge Hall without a dispensation from the Grand Master."

15.) "A Lodge may conduct affairs for entertainment and social purposes, such as fish fries, barbeque parties, dances and receptions, but the Lodge may not hold, or pay for, any affair at any place where gambling takes place in any part of the building, or in the same part of any building where liquor is dispensed or sold."

16.) "A Lodge may participate in outside activities with a non-Masonic organization, when such participation is sanctioned by a dispensation from the Grand Master." (to be continued)