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Monthly Newsletter June 2009 – July 2009



FROM THE EAST:

Year 2009 in St. James Lodge - Brethren, no one is indispensable, and we are all needed to participate. As the Lodge recently witnessed, even though the Master was absent due to an emergency, scheduled events continued. The Degrees on June 18 and 20 went well because of you who stepped forward and did multiple parts. Sincere thanks are given to all who so willingly took part in those Degrees. A special "thank you" to our Senior Warden for his excellent recruiting and coordinating, to our most faithful Degree Team Members who participate regularly and to our Past Masters that untiringly support us all. We are very happy for our new Master Masons and welcome Bro. Terry Steven Newgard and Bro. Scott Nicholas Nelson.

Brethren, pat yourselves on the back for conferring twenty-one (21) Degrees, including nine (9) Master Masons, so far during 2009. Through the diligence of our excellent Secretary and with nudging from some Brothers, we have even been able to process one or two Petitions for Advancement by Brothers whose year expired.

So far this year, attendance has been strong with as many as seventy (70) members and guests attending the Open Meeting on May 21 for the Official Visit by our Grand Master and his Official Family, combined with Honesty and Integrity Awards.

A rebirth in Masonic interest and St. James Lodge is obviously occurring via the Internet. The Lodge's web site at <http://www.stjameslodge47.com> and the Grand Lodge web site at http://www.la_mason.com are serving us well. Thanks to the Lodge for their consent for your Master to extend our domain name for six (6) more years through 2016 at a reduced rate. Lately, we are getting about three (3) inquiries each week that are referred to us to by the Grand Lodge. Rest assured that inquiries are responded to promptly and exploratory meetings are held with prospective petitioners. Membership in St. James Lodge is now at 191 which is seven (7) above what it was at the end of 2008.

Fraternal best wishes for a happy summer,
Joe Richard, Worshipful Master, 2009

Thursday, May 28, 6:00 P.M. – SPECIAL COMMUNICATION – conferred two (2) Entered Apprentice Degrees.

-----Begin Casual Summer Attire, except for degrees-----
Thursday, June 4, 7:30 P.M. - STATED COMMUNICATION - Received R:W: Bro. Scott Broderick, DDGM and PM of St. James Lodge in 1984 and recognized W: Bro. Jessy Griffith, P.M. of St. James Lodge in 1977. Honesty & Integrity Award was made to Mr. Robert Gregory Lloyd from University High School.

Sunday, June 15, 2:30 P.M. - 13th District Lodge met at Olive Lodge #52 in Clinton with St. James represented by only the Master and one member.

Thursday, June 18, 7:30 P.M. - STATED COMMUNICATION - Recognized Flag Day (June 14) and St. John the Baptist Day (June 24). Conferred Master Mason Degree on Bro. Terry Steven Newgard. Congratulations, Bro. Newgard.

Saturday, June 20, 8:00 A.M. - SPECIAL COMMUNICATION - Conferred, by dispensation from the Grand Master, both the Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees on Bro. Scott Nicholas Nelson. Congratulations, Bro. Nelson.

FUTURE EVENTS

-Continue Casual Summer Attire, **except for degrees**-- Some degrees and practices will be announced later.

Thursday, July 2, 7:30 P.M. - STATED COMMUNICATION – Recognize St. James Lodge's 165th year (June 25, 1844) & Independence Day (July 4) Charity presentations to Boy Scouts of America, DeMolay & Louisiana Youth Foundation.

Monday, July 6, 5:30 P.M.- Practice for Degrees.

Thursday, July 16, 7:30 P.M. - STATED COMMUNICATION – **Open Meeting with guests, but NO meal.** Program by Smiley Anders. Guests are welcome.

Monday, July 20, 5:30 P.M. – Practice for Degrees.

Saturday, July 25, 7:30 A.M. - SPECIAL COMMUNICATION to confer all three (3) Degrees by Dispensation from the Grand Master.

Aug. 6 Rededication and Re-Obligation

Aug. 20 Treasurer's & Financial Investment Committee Report

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

Sep. 3 *Guest Night (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)

Sickness and Relief

We wish continued relief for W: Bro. David Dodge following his back surgery on June 18. Our prayers continue for Bro. Ed Lane and other Brothers and members of their families who are sick.

We celebrate the good news that our WM is feeling better, after the scare he gave us.

From the Secretary's Desk: if you have not paid your 2009 dues, they are now delinquent.

Consider a PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP at twenty (20) times current annual dues. This may be paid over 5 years.

Keep open meetings in mind-----Invite worthy guests.

You *Still* have *Time to invite a guest: 6:00/6:30 P.M*

Sep. 3 Guest Night
Oct. 1 Past Masters', Widows & 25/50 Yr.
Dec. 3 Installation of 2010 Officers

RECENT EVENTS



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Other Masonic Events

There was a Masonic Service for Connell Lee Sullivan, a 52 year member of Trinity Union Lodge, Sunday June 21, 2009 at Rabenhorst East on Florida Blvd, conducted by WBro. Cal Elliott PM of St. James Lodge.

Our prayers go out, for Bro Sullivan's family and friends.

Sunday, June 7, 13th District Lodge meeting at 2:30, Relief Lodge meets at 1:30, at Olive lodge #52 in Clinton.

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 at the Consistory on Florida Boulevard with Advisory Council at 5:30, meeting at 7:30 PM, and dinner at 6:30 PM

Livingston Certificate Association meets at 6:00 P.M with dinner, 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. with dinner 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.

Quotes from

INTRODUCTION TO FREEMASONRY

MASTER MASON

By CARL H. CLAUDY

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The Tiler stands watch and ward not to keep the door from others, but to see that none uses it improperly. Thus are we to keep the secret joys and ambitions of our brother close in our hearts until he wants them known, but also, by sympathy and understanding, help him to maintain them. "Do you stumble and fall, my brother? My hand is stretched out to prevent. Do you need aid? My hand is yours - use it. It is your hand for the time being. My strength is united to yours. You are not alone in your struggle - I stand with you on the Fourth of the Five Points and as your need may be, so, Deo volente, will be my strength for you."

So must we speak when the need comes. It makes no difference in what way our brother stumbles; it may be mentally; it may be spiritually; it may be materially; it may be morally. No exceptions are noted in our teachings. We are not told to stretch forth the hand in aid if, and perhaps, and but! Not for us to judge, to condemn, to admonish ... for us only to put forth our strength unto our falling brother at his need without question and without stint.

For of such is the Kingdom of Brotherhood.

More sins are committed in the name of the Fifth of the Five Points than in the name of Liberty! Too often we offer counsel when it is not advice but help that is needed. Too often we admonish of motes within our brother's eye when our own vision is blinded by beams.

Reread here Amos VII in the Fellowcraft's Degree.

"In the midst of my people Israel" - not in the faraway land; not across the river; not up on the mountain top, but in the midst of them, close to them, an intimate personal individual plumb line! So are we to admonish our brother; not by the plumb, the square, the level we are each taught to carry in our hearts, but by his plumb, his square, his level. If he build true by his own tools, we have no right to judge him by ours. He may differ from us in opinion; he may be Republican where we are Democrat, Methodist where we are Baptist, and Protectionist where we are Free Trade - we must not judge him by the plumb line of our own beliefs. When we see a brave man shrinking, a virtuous man abandoning himself to vice, a good man acting as a criminal - then is his building faulty judged by his own plumb line, and we may heed the Fifth of the Five Points and counsel and advise him to swing back true to his own working tools. So considered, these teachings of Masonry, concerned wholly with the relations of brother to brother become a broad and beautiful band of blue - the blue of the Blue Lodge - the true blue of brotherhood.

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