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

Monthly Newsletter June 2010 – July 2010

RECENT EVENTS

Thursday, June 3, 7:30 P.M. - Stated Communication - Welcome to Bro. Jim Theman Huff, Jr., who was elected as a new plural member. Bro. Jim is a Chemical Engineer and farmer. Welcome also to William Trevor Smith, who was conferred the degree to be our newest Master Mason. Trevor is a recent attorney graduate.

Sunday, June 6, 12:30/1:30/2:30 P.M. - 13th District Lodge met at Trinity Union Lodge # 372 at 3950 Florida Boulevard.

Thursday, June 10, 6:00 P.M. - Special Communication - One Entered Apprentice degree was conferred. Thanks to W: Bros. Jack Claunch from Trinity Union Lodge and Bill Womack from Istrouma Lodge who participated in the degree team.

Thursday, June 17, 7:30 P.M. - Special Communication - Two Investigation Committee reports were made and one ballot to receive the degrees in Masonry was held. One Fellow Craft degree was conferred.

Saturday, June 28 at 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM - Masonic Awareness Day - at the Scottish Rite Consistory at 14598 Florida Boulevard. There will be several significant Masonic speakers. Lunch will be served at noon.

Saturday, June 26 at 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Blood drive in Central at the Bloodmobile at Wal-Mart on the corner of Wax and Sullivan Roads in Central, LA.

FUTURE EVENTS

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

Thursday, July 1, 2010 at 7:30 PM - Stated Communication - T.B.A. Possibly Treasurer's semi-annual report.

Thursday, July 15, 2010 at 6:30 PM - Stated Communication - Fellowship Banquet will celebrate the June 24 observation St. John the Baptist Day.

Saturday, July 17, 2010 at 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Blood drive in the Bloodmobile at Oak Point Shopping Center at corner of Greenwell Springs and Sullivan Roads in Central, LA.

Aug. 5 TBA

Aug. 19 TBA

-----END Casual Summer Attire-----

Sept. 2 Guest Night (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)

Sept. 16 TBA

Oct. 7 Past Masters', Widows & 25/50 Yr. (Open/Meal 6:30PM)

Oct. 21 Tyler's Annual Report

Nov. 4 St. John the Evangelist & Election of 2011 Officers

Nov. 18 TBA

Dec. 2 Installation of 2011 Officers (Open/Meal 6:30PM)

Sickness and Relief

W: Bro. David Dodge is recovering well from a knee replacement, but medication changes have temporarily upset his blood pressure.

W: Bro. Frank Dedman has overcome his hernia repair operation and will return to Lodge.

We are grateful that Bro. "Fred" Frederick is at home and recovering from heart valve and pacemaker operations.

Fraternally,
JoeR P.M.



FROM THE EAST

Well !! Who knows it's HOT!HOT!HOT!?! Everyone! Do you know how hot?

St. James Lodge has been blessed, this year, with new members. We are continuing to receive petitions and will confer an Entered Apprentice Degree on Thursday, July 1st, at 7:30 p.m. More E.A. degrees are coming.

Brothers, do you remember our annual St. John the Baptist dinner last year, with a Steak and Potato menu and the thirty brothers who enjoyed the festive event with you?

On July 15th St. James Lodge will have a festive event in honor of THE St. James, with a menu of BBQ brisket, roasted chicken, cowboy beans, corn, potato salad, fresh garden salad, banana pudding and Melissa's bread pudding.

This will be an event that you will talk about for a long time. The dinner is for Masonic brothers of any degree, only.

I hope to see you on July the 15th at 7:30 p.m. The Lodge will open and then go to refreshment and at that time we will start our festive dinner celebrating St. John the Baptist.

Let us share something different in our lives that we all enjoy – good food, and good fellowship along with brotherly love for one another.

See you soon.

Making Good Men Better.
Timothy H. Atkins
Worshipful Master

Message from our secretary:

"DUES are now OVERDUE!"

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.

It is *NOT* too early to start thinking about **inviting a guest** :
6:00/6:30 P.M

Sept 2, October 7 and Dec 2



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PLEASE notify our Secretary, W.Bro. David Dodge and W.Bro. Joe Richard whenever your address, email address or telephone number changes.

Other Masonic Events

The next 13th Masonic District meetings will be lunch, Relief Lodge and District Lodge at 12:30/1:30/2:30 P.M. July 4th at Trinity Union Lodge No. 372.

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 will meet 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 on Wednesday, July 14th will be a Stated Communication at 6:00 PM and will be held in the Red Room at St. James Lodge. If you are interested in visiting, contact one of the members for dress code and other details.

NOTICE

St. James Lodge is requested to participate in the Blood Bank Drive of Trinity Union Lodge # 372, since their bank was emptied for Bro. Fredrick. The drive is July 17th at 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Oak Point Shopping Center, corner of Greenwell Springs Road and Sullivan Road, Central, LA.

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 the quoting from the Louisiana Grand Lodge HANDBOOK OF MASONIC LAW in the article from the June 2010 newsletter.

BY-LAWS (p. 71-72) – "Articles in the By-Laws can be abrogated or annulled or changed only by the due process of repeal, or amendment, subject to the approval of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence or the Grand Master."

The Master "must interpret existing law according to general usage and permit the Lodge, by majority vote, to decide questions before it."

Any article of the By-Laws of a Lodge shall be null and void:

- 1.) *That attempts to authorize any officer other than the Master to name an appointive office.*
- 2.) *That permits an elective officer to be a member of the Finance Committee.*
- 3.) *That includes several other provisions regarding rights and duties of the members and of the Lodge.*
- 4.) *That permits a visitor to sit in the Lodge merely on presentation of a membership card, without being vouched for or being examined.*

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY (p. 73) – "A Certificate of Proficiency, provided by the Grand Lodge, shall be issued by the District Grand Lecturers to each qualified brother, to be in effect for two (2) years from date of issue. A certificate holder who passes his thirteenth (13th) examination shall be issued a lifetime Gold Certificate of Proficiency."

CHARITY (p. 73-74) – "The dispensing of charity to wives, widows, orphans, mothers, sisters and daughters of the brethren, wheresoever dispersed, is a sacred obligation of all Masons and all Lodges. This is not to imply that Masonic charity must be restricted to those with Masonic connections."

CIRCULARS AND PUBLICATIONS (p. 74)

- 1.) *"Every communication from the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and other Grand Lodge officers, to the Lodges and to the brethren must be read in open Lodge at the first regular meeting after the receipt of the same."*
- 2.) *"No constituent Lodge shall permit the names of its applicants or candidates to appear in any publications or to be sent to its membership, except as part of the necessary notice to sister Lodges."*

COMMITTEES (p. 75)

- 1.) *"The Master appoints all committees of the Lode except as provided in the Lodge By-Laws for the Relief Committee and the House Committee."*
- 2.) *"A member may hold membership in two or more committees of a Lodge at the same time."*
- 3.) *"An elected officer of a Lodge cannot serve on the Lodge Finance Committee."*

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