

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

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## Monthly Newsletter March 2009 – April 2009

### RECENT EVENTS

March 5, 6:30 P.M. - *Guest Night* - Open meeting with delicious meal of brisket and all the trimmings. Good attendance approached 60 and prospective Mason guests were seven. The program consisted of an excellent talk on Freemasonry And Its History by W: Bro. Dedman, and the usual excellent remarks by M:W: Bro. Bill Brown who explained the Lodge room, furniture, officers' stations, paraphernalia, and how to join. After Guests were excused, one Petition was accepted and referred to Committee, a ballot on a different Petition was held and a Special Communication was Called for 6:30 P.M., Thursday, March 12 to confer an Entered Apprentice Degree. Sickness and Relief reports were made. A supply of new Past Masters aprons was obtained. Gifts to Charity were announced.

March 9 - The 162<sup>nd</sup> Louisiana Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons awarded **JOSEPH GEORGE RICHARD, JR. The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons DISTINGUISHED MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL** for rescuing Ascension Chapter No. 49 from becoming inactive. Worshipful Master, Joe has served as the head of each body of the DOWN TOWN YORK RITE BODIES. The D.M.S. Medal is awarded (only one per state) and only when a truly worthy companion is identified. **CONGRATULATIONS JOE!**

March 12, 6:30 P.M. - Special Communication - The Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred on one candidate.

March 19, Two EA's found proficient and Passed to FC. Two petitions were received. Visitors were: R.W. Bro. Scott Broderick, DDGM; W. Scott Tremie, Master, Fairfields #425; W. Jack Claunch, PM, Trinity Union #372; W. Bill Womack, PM, Istrouma # 414. Bro. Geo Scanlan described RAM Distinguished Service Medal.

Congratulation to Bro. Edward St. Martin Coleman on being received as a plural member from Pine Grove Lodge # 288 in Ponchatoula, La.

### FUTURE EVENTS

**Officers and Degree Team Practice - each 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 5:30 p.m.**

### OPEN MEETING

**Ladies & Guests Invited for hors d'oeuvres  
at 6:30 P.M. Thursday, April 2  
Entertainment - Scottish/Irish Observance**

Monday, April 6 -- Practice.

Thursday, April 16 -- Stated Communication - Recognize 60-year members & a holder of Gold Proficiency Certificate for over 26 years of service teaching Masons. Bro. Ed Cailleateau talk on M:W: Bro. Ben Franklin.

Monday, April 20 -- Practice.

Monday, May 4 -- Practice.

Thursday, May 7 -- Stated Communication

Thursday, May 14 -- Possible Special Communication to confer degree(s).

Monday, May 18 Practice.

**Thursday, May 21 6:30 P.M.** Stated Communication - **Open-dinner** - Honesty & Integrity Awards; Reception of Grand Master of Masons of the State of Louisiana & his official family & G.M.'s. talk on H & I.

### Sickness and Relief

Prayers are requested for the following brothers: W:Bro Lenton Sartin is recovering from a left carotid artery repair. W:Bro Ken Streater lost his adopted mother recently. Bro. Zinn is feeling better. Thanks to all for their concern.



Brethren,

Thursday, April 2 will be an eventful Open Meeting night at St. James Lodge 47. Ladies are invited. It will be just like other Open Meetings with the Lodge opened early, special light refreshments (no sit-down dinner) at 6:30 P.M., with guests invited into the Lodge for the program. Business will be conducted after guests are excused. The program will honor Scotsmen and Irishmen by recognizing National Tartan Day/Week (April 6-12). You are welcome to come wearing kilts, or at least your favorite vest or woolen tie in Scottish plaid. Even Cajuns, such as myself, will be permitted to participate under the guise of "Swamp Irishman." The Lodge will be honored by members from the Caledonian Society, led by none other than a member of St. James Lodge, W: Bro. Larry Bossier. The bagpipes will play "Highland Cathedral," some Scottish jigs, and conclude with "Amazing Grace." A talk on Scottish History will be presented by W: Bro. Ricks Bowles, Worshipful Master of The Lodge of Nine Muses.

History and the Presidents of the United States take the center front at this time of year. Recent Masonic Education program talks have been presented in our Lodge about Presidents' Day, Masonic Presidents, and George Washington. On Thursday, April 16, that thread will continue on another founding father of our Country, the first Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, Benjamin Franklin. That talk will be given by none other than one of our in-house historians who is a member of Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), Sons of American Revolution (SAR), and Military Order of the Stars and Bars (MOSB). Come to Lodge meeting on April 16 to hear Bro. Edward O. Cailleateau.

Masonry at St. James Lodge is healthy. The flurry of petitions, degrees, and inquiries continues. Since the first of January, degree work has included two Master Masons, two Fellow Crafts, and three Entered Apprentices.

Look ahead to the Official Visit on May 21 by the Grand Master of Masons of the State of Louisiana on May 21. We expect a large turnout, since it will also be Honesty & Integrity Awards.

Joe Richard, Worshipful Master

### 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.

Still Time to invite a guest: April 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:00/6:30 P.M

May 21 Grand Master's Visit & H. & I. Awards  
Sep. 3 Guest Night  
Oct. 1 Past Masters', Widows & 25/50 Yr.  
Dec. 3 Installation of 2010 Officers



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Other Masonic Events

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**How To Memorize**  
**(DeMolay Memorization Method)**

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 There are as many ways to memorize as there are individuals to learn the Ritual. We will present here a way that is organized, systematic, easy and effective. It is a method that has worked well for all who have tried it. First, let us put to rest any lame excuse that there are people who cannot memorize. The following method has been used successfully by Brethren of all intellectual levels and by some with learning difficulties and handicaps. Motivation and determination married to a systematic approach produces amazing results.

Preliminary Steps to Memorization:

Read through your part several times before attempting to memorize it. On the second reading stop at every word that is unfamiliar to you either because of its meaning or pronunciation. Look it up in a dictionary. To perform our ritualistic work well, we must understand what we are saying. There is no other way for us to impart the meaning of what is written.

Once this understanding is achieved, read through the part, paying particular attention to the punctuation. Periods, commas, semi-colons, dashes and other punctuation marks are signposts that direct us to our destination: Proper Interpretation and Presentation.

**Now you are ready to begin memorizing. Here's how:**

1. Start with the first few words or phrases of the first sentence and repeat it to yourself several times. Then add the remainder of the first full sentence, or, if the sentence is quite long, add another phrase to the preceding one(s) until the complete sentence is completed. Now repeat the sentence aloud five times perfectly in succession. When this has been accomplished, move on to the next sentence and repeat the process.
2. When the second sentence has been said aloud five times perfectly in succession go back and add the first sentence to it and repeat both aloud five times perfectly in succession. Repeat this process of memorization, addition and review until the entire part has been completed.

Once the ritualistic work has been learned in this fashion and the entire part has been repeated aloud five times perfectly in succession it will remain in your conscious and subconscious memory forever!

Excerpts from "Handbook of Masonic Law"

**Quorum: (General Regulations, Art. V, Special Rights and Duties of Constituent Lodges, Sec. 2..) "No business of a character affecting the financial affairs of a Lodge, the disposal of property, the standing of any of its members, candidates or applicants for membership, or the election of officers shall be transacted, unless there be present five members of the Lodge, of whom one must be the Master or a Warden. At no special meeting shall any business be transacted except the particular business which the meeting was called to consider."**

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