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Monthly Newsletter March 2010 – April 2010



FROM THE EAST

My Brothers!

Our Lodge will hold a Guest Night and Dinner on Thursday, April 15th at 6:00pm at St. James Lodge, 315 Convention Street.

Participation in this annual event is a wonderful experience. We get to see our Brothers, their wives and children, some of whom we may not have seen for some time.

We will also meet visitors and their wives as they check out *The Masonry* that you have enjoyed for years.

Our annual Honesty and Integrity awards will be presented. You will have the chance to meet the worthy recipients and their proud families. We have a chance to show them how we value honesty and integrity.

This will also be your opportunity to see, hear and talk to our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Woody D. Bilyeu.

The Grand Master will speak about Louisiana Masonry and help us close the nights festivities.

Help me make sure everyone feels at home and welcome.

Remember... *Participation* depends on each of you.

Keep making good men better!

Tim Atkins

Worshipful Master 2010

Monday, March 8, 5:30 P.M. - Practice Thursday, March 11 at 7:30 P.M. Special Communications - One Entered Apprentice degree was conferred.

Sunday to Tuesday, March 14-16 - Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons held its Convocation and Grand; Council Cryptic Masons held its Assembly at Alexandria, LA. Downtown York Rite was represented by Bro George Scanlan and W: Bros. Ken Streater and Joe Richard. The incoming Grand High Priest is Most Excellent John Richter and the incoming Grand Illustrious Master is Most Illustrious Vernon Atkinson. For the 2nd Masonic District our District Deputies are Vernon Eugene Dawson, DDGHP and George Scanlan, DDGIM. Based on recruitment performance, Washington Chapter No. 59 RAM received the Travelling Bible for the next 6 months.

Thursday, March 18, 7:30 P.M. Stated Communication - The 2010 Charity Budget was adopted at \$15,000 total and four (4) Fellow Craft degrees were conferred.

Friday, March 19 at 6:30 P.M. Baton Rouge Certificate Association meets at Trinity Union Lodge No. 372.

Monday, March 22 at 5:30 P.M. - Officers Practiced to Receive the Grand Master.

FUTURE EVENTS

Practice every Monday at 5:30 pm at the Lodge

Apr. 1 Stated communication.

Monday, April 5 at 5:30 P.M. - Officers Practice to Receive the Grand Master.

Apr. 15 (Open/Meal 6:30 PM) Open Meeting with dinner for Presentation of Honesty and Integrity Awards and for receiving the Grand Master.

May 6 By-Laws of St. James Lodge

May 20 Honor 60-Year Members

-----Begin Casual Summer Attire, Except for Degrees-----

Jun. 3 TBA Education

Jun. 17 St. John the Baptist Program & Flag Day

Jul. 1 TBA

Jul. 15 Reports by the Treasurer & Fin/Invest. Comm.; & 4th of July

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.B. Preston Eggers is doing much better; but his wife, Doris, fell and broke her femur and is now recuperating in Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital.

It was great seeing W.B. Bill Zollinger, at our meeting on the 18th. Bro. Edison "Fred" Frederick had a heart cauterization on Mar 18th. WBro. Jimmy Galloway, past Venerable Master Scottish Rite had a pacemaker installed and will be recuperating for about 6 weeks. Please keep our sick Brothers and their families in our prayers.

Fraternally,
JoeR, P.M.

Did you know that you can read the news-letter on-line at <http://www.stjameslodge47.org> ?

Recent rumors to the contrary, St. James Church has NOT sold their 4th street parking lot.

Lodge officers and members with permission to park there on Meeting-Thursday-nights still have such permission.

Reminder: the 'orange' card must be displayed on your dash.

Thanks to WBr. Steve Selby for this information.

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

**April 15, Sept 2, October 7
and Dec 2**

RECENT EVENTS

Thursday, March 4 at 6:30 P.M. - Stated Communication - Guest Night - After a pork chop dinner, M:W: Bill Brown and W: Bro. George Jones presented the program on the Lodge and its furniture and a history of Masonry.

Sunday, March 7 at 2:30 P.M. - 13th Masonic District Lodge met at Baker Lodge #441. St. James Lodge had 6 attend.



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PLEASE notify our Secretary, W.Bro. David Dodge and W.Bro. Joe Richard if you change your address, email address or telephone number.

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. April 4 at Baker Lodge No. 441.

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, April 14th, will be in the Red Room at St. James Lodge. If you are interested in visiting, contact one of the members for time, dress code and other details.

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 in the article from the February 2010 newsletter.

Relief by Constituent Lodge (Article V, Section 6 & 8, p. 27)

1.) "The Master and Wardens of each Lodge shall constitute a Relief Committee, shall visit and attend the sick and distressed worthy brethren, their widows and orphans, living in the vicinity of the Lodge, and contribute such assistance as their circumstances may require and the funds of the Lodge will permit."

2.) "Whenever a brother Mason, in good standing, shall have expressed his desire that the usual Masonic burial service shall be performed over his remains, or when his nearest relatives, family or friends request it, it shall be the duty of the Lodge to which he belonged, or (if a sojourning brother) in whose vicinity he shall have died, to attend his funeral and perform the service."

Initiation, Advancement and Affiliation (Article VI, Sections 1 through 13, pp. 28 – 35)

1.) "Every candidate for initiation into Masonry must be at least eighteen years of age before making application and except he be a mariner, must have been a (bona fide) resident of the State of Louisiana continuously for twelve months before filing his application." Such residence in the state, once acquired, shall not be lost by temporary absences therefrom, or even removal to another state, if the applicant has not acquired, or intended to acquire permanent residence elsewhere or has not come under any other Masonic jurisdiction. These restrictions as to time of for residence shall not apply to a CITIZEN of the State of Louisiana who is a federal or state employee or a member of the U.S. armed forces."
(For a clearer and more detailed description of this residency requirement see Digest of Edicts, JURISDICTION, RESIDENCE AND WAIVER, pp. 85-86.)

2.) Applicants must use the Petition form issued by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and answer all questions completely and truthfully, be able to speak, understand, read and write the language used in the Lodge, sign his full, legal name, make a pledge of honor that he believes in God, and answer specific questions.

3.) An applicant's Petition to join a Lodge must be signed by two members in good standing of that Lodge who personally know the applicant and vouch for and recommend him.

4.) When a Petition is received by motion of the Lodge, the Master shall appoint an Investigation Committee of three members. At least two members shall personally contact the applicant at his home, make strict inquiry into the truth of all information provided in the Petition and the moral character and qualifications of the applicant, conduct an investigation of him locally, and certify such to the Lodge within four weeks of their appointment. An unfavorable report by a member of the investigating committee has the character of a black ball, in which case the identity of the committee member must be protected. No discussion on an applicant shall be had except for purposes of identification.

5.) Before a ballot is spread, it is presented in turn to the Junior Warden, Senior Warden, and Master to ascertain that the box is empty and that it has the minimum of twenty-four (24) white balls and seven (7) black cubes.

6.) At least five members must be present when a ballot is taken and all members present shall be required to vote. No one may enter or leave the Lodge during balloting, except for the Senior Deacon to relieve the Tyler so he may vote.

7.) After the ballot is spread, it is presented in turn to the Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon and Master.

8.) The result of a ballot for membership must be secret and must be unanimous.

[to be continued]

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