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Monthly Newsletter March 2011 – April 2011

RECENT EVENTS

2/19/2011 -- Philip Kilpatrick Jones, a 50-year member of St. James Lodge, was called to the Celestial Lodge by the Great Architect of the Universe on February 17, 2011. A Masonic Funeral Service was conducted by W.B. Frank Dedman with other Brothers attending.

3/3/2011-- 48 attended our Guest Night. A good dinner of Cornish hen, potatoes, peas and carrots, and ice cream cake was enjoyed by all. R:W: Bro. Robert J. Hutchinson, District Deputy Grand Master, a plural member of St. James and PM of Trinity Union # 372 gave a program on early Masons and the history of Masonry. Singing from Cats and Sound of Music, and narrative entertainment was provided by Mrs. Celeste Veillon from Gonzales. Visitors included Bro. Kevin Stevens from Acacia Lodge # 116 in Plaquemine, W:B: Walt Freeman, Worshipful Master, of Trinity Union # 372, W:B: Bill Womack, PM, Istrouma # 414, W:Bro. Jimmie Dean Dunkin, District Deputy Grand Lecturer. Six prospective Candidates attended, three Petitions were requested, two Petitions were received and one plural Petition was received.

3/17/2011 Congratulations to Bro. Joshua Seth Barnhill and Bro. Vivek K, Lal Das on being Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. One petition was received, one Investigation Committee Report made, and one ballot held. 33 Masons attended.

Visitors welcome were Calvin Barnhill from Montgomery # 168, who came to see his son Joshua receive his degree, W:M: Walt Freeman from Trinity Union # 372, and Bro. Kevin Stevens from Acacia # 116, who has moved from Plaquemine to Baton Rouge.

FUTURE EVENTS

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

April 7	EA degree. Please attend!
April 21	Honesty & Integrity Awards (Open / Meal)
May 5	TBA
May 19	Grand Master's Visit (Open/Meal 6:30 PM)
Begin Casual Summer Attire	
June 2	TBA
<i>June 5 (Sunday 2:30 PM) 13th Masonic District Meeting</i>	
June 16	St. John the Baptist Program & Flag Day
July 7	4th of July celebration
July 21	TBA
August 4	Report by Treasurer & Finance Committees
August 18	TBA
End Casual Summer Attire	
September 1	Guest Night (Open / Meal 6:30 PM)
<i>September 11 (Sunday 2:30 PM) 13th Masonic District Meeting</i>	
September 15	TBA
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
<i>December 4 (Sunday 2:30 PM) 13th Masonic District Meeting</i>	
December 15	Necrology

Greetings from the East!



In March, our Lodge hosted Guest night, enabling prospective Masons the opportunity to become acquainted with the fraternity. This was facilitated by Deputy Grand Master Bob Hutchinson, who presented an inspiring talk about the organization. Delightful entertainment was provided by Celeste Veillon, who asked that the donation in her name go to Wounded Warriors.

Once again, the practice and dedication of this and previous degree teams has been clearly evidenced. I want to thank you for the excellent performances that you, my Brothers, delivered and for the diligence of the coaches in teaching the required material for these respective degrees. The two Master Mason degrees delivered were superb. We continue to be indebted to these Masons for their commitment and hard work and we look forward to their continued diligence.

The steady increase in attendance has been maintained with the advent of the regular 'sit down hot meals with accompanying conversations' at the dinner tables. I would like to thank you for your support of the "Red Apple" fund in sustaining this endeavor.

April 1 has been called April Fool's Day or All Fools Day in Europe, allegedly because the beginning of the New Year was changed from spring to winter, and those not knowing of the change being fools. Though such is not an issue in modern cultures, enlightenment of individuals remains a vibrant force. As masons, we become enlightened to many dynamics, particularly charity. We should all remember our Brothers in the recent disasters, that are supported by the Masonic Services Association.

We are fortunate to be blessed with the company of like-minded individuals. It is always a pleasure to meet Brother Masons on such a regular basis. On April 21st we will celebrate "Honesty and Integrity" at "Guest night", affirming the ideals that we as Masons embrace.

May Peace and Harmony prevail,

James William Robinson Jr V, Worshipful Master

Bring guests!

to the open Lodge meetings at 6:00 pm
on **April 21, May 19, September 1,**
October 6, November 17



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PLEASE notify our Secretary, W.Bro. Mark Paxton and W.Bro. Joe Richard whenever your mailing address, email address or telephone number changes.

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.

Valley of Baton Rouge meets on the 2nd Monday of each month, dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7 to 9 PM, at the Consistory on Florida Boulevard. The Advisory Council meets 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 formal meeting on April 13th will be held in the Red Room at St. James. There will be a Fellow Craft Degree. The meeting starts at 6:00 PM. Practice for the degree will be held on April 6th at 6:00 PM. Light refreshments are served before the Lodge meeting. If you are interested in visiting, contact one of the members for dress code and other details.

From: Glenn Cupit glenncupit@msn.com Date: Sun, 20 Mar 2011 11:54:02 -0700

Guys & Girls,
Please join Betty & I at Germania's annual Crawfish boil, Sat, May 28, at
Germania Lodge #46,
4415 Bienville St,
New Orleans, Louisiana 70119
\$10.00 per person, under 12 free. Noon till.
Please RSVP, so the amount of crawfish to buy can be determined.
Open event for family and kids.
Bring family & kids!
Mark your calendar.
Best regards,
Glenn

Sickness and distress

We understand that WBr Cal Elliot has been under the weather. We wish him fast and speedy recovery. Get well quick Cal, we are missing your guiding hand at our practice sessions and lodge meetings.

"Rays of Masonry" by Dewey Wollstein -1953

"WHO CAN BEST SERVE"

Throughout our lives we are involved in a competitive system. There may be a great deal of merit in the struggle through competition up to a certain point.

The child comes home with his report card and a grade B. The first question the fond parent asks is: "What did George get on his report card?" So firmly entrenched are we in this system that our grades are only relatively important.

Competitive sport is good so long as the contestants have due regard to the rules of the game. A system of competition in business is good so long as Public Opinion insists that moral laws are obeyed.

Masonry, wise in the wisdom of the centuries, establishes an ideal system, one that makes it possible for all men to advance, and not at the expense of his brother. The Mason is forever engaged in the struggle to improve self, to find a higher spiritual center for self. All Masons are participants in this "competitive system."

The goal is not fame or fortune, gold or jewels, power and authority, but only "Who Can Best Serve."

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