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Brethren,

Summer-time is now upon us, crawfish season is drawing to a close, the high spring river levels are receding, fishing is getting super good (see The Advocate Sports page

on Thursdays). It is time for families to enjoy the Great Outdoors, vacations and summer time activities.

With eight fatal water craft accidents having occurred in late May, it is well to remind all of us boaters to practice water craft safety - have sufficient personal floatation devices and wear them at all times, especially at dawn, dusk and at night; practice safe waterway traffic "rules of the road; have appropriate workable safety equipment on board - running lights, lights, flares, horn, rope, anchor, tools, food, and water." Just like aircraft pilots do, perform a walk around inspection before you leave, verify workable tail lights, tire inflation, and that the trailer hitch and safety chains are in sound condition. Is your trailer license, inspection sticker, and boat registration up to date? You may even enroll in a Boat Safety Course from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Visit BOAT ED at <http://www.boat-ed.com/la/index.htm>. Be careful, both on the highways and on the water, and enjoy a safe summer.

Degree activity at St James Lodge continues, but at a slower pace through the summer. In 2009, through May, we have conferred eighteen (18) degrees, including the raising of seven (7) Master Masons. Thanks to our hard working Senior Warden, Tim Atkins, and all the members who participated in the Degree Teams to the advancement of St. James Lodge No. 47. If you have not yet participated, you can start by learning one of the short lectures, such as "Tools" in the Monitor and volunteering to "get your feet wet."

Our Junior Warden, Dr. Jim Robinson, will be planning and organizing a Saturday "work day" at the Lodge during the summer with the Stewards, other Officers, and all able-bodied members. The need is to replace light bulbs in all rooms; clean light fixtures; polish glass and furniture, coat racks, and panels; remove and re-paint Fire Exit panes; thoroughly clean rest rooms and the second floor kitchen; spot clean carpets; verify proper plumbing operation and replace required faucet stems, seats and washers; clean and organize second floor storage safe and office area; and mend whatever needs it.

Remember that the first Thursday in September, September 3, is our semi-annual Guest Night. Start now to cultivate and invite worthy prospective members, pick up some invitations and envelopes from the sign-in desk, mail them, then follow up with reminder conversations and calls. Let our goal be to fill all 108 possible seats in the dining room and get at least 25 petitions.

Joe Richard, Worshipful Master

Investigation Committee report was made, two (2) ballots for degrees were cast, and one (1) Fellow Craft Degree was conferred. Visitors included Bro. Greg Walters from Washington Lodge # 1 in Fayetteville, AR, W: Bros. Jack Claunch from Trinity Union # 372 and Bill Womack from Istrouma # 414.

Thursday, May 14 - 6:00 P.M. Special Communication - Four (4) Master Mason Degrees were conferred, three (3) of which were Courtesy Work for other Lodges. Congratulations to Brothers Sean Johnson, St. James #47; Rev. David Bricker, Hope #145; Wade Henderson, Fairfields # 425; & Jarred Schmidt, Milford #117 on becoming Master Masons. Guests included W: Bro. Al Franks, P.M. and G.St.B., & Bros. Ron Stevenson and Conrad Gautier, Hope Lodge; W. Bro. Jimmie Dean Dunkin, DDGL (13th), Trinity Union; W: Bro. Robert Smith, Uncle of Bro. Henderson, W: Bro. Percy Lee, & Bro. Warren Beard from Fairfields Lodge; W: Bros. Wally Settoon, John Calhoun and Charles Williams, and Bros. Bob Calhoun, Geoffry Bain, & Bill Willis from Milford Lodge; W: Bro. Nick Auck from Arkansas # 458; and Bro. Jimmie Johnson, grandfather of Sean Johnson, from Rosepine # 290.

Thursday, May 21 - 6:00 P.M. Stated Communication - Grand Master J. F. "Jeff" Webb and members of his Official Family were received at an **Open Meeting** where awards were made to our Honesty and Integrity recipients. The H&I recipients were Megan Renee Rushing from Runnels High School and Julie Renee Bourgeois from Baton Rouge Magnet High School. Not able to attend, due to a school program conflict, was Robert Gregory Lloyd from University High School, who will be honored on June 4. The attendance of 70 was excellent and so was the food and decorations, thanks to Bro. Robinson, Christine Robinson and Bettye Richard. Other Grand Lodge members attending were R.W. Bros. Woody Bilyeu, D.G.M., and B. J. Guillot, G.S.W., and W. Bros. Wm. Mollere, G.C., and W. Bro. Al Franks, G.St.B. Anita, the wife of Grand Master Webb attended. Grand Master Webb gave an excellent talk on the Honesty and Integrity Program and a History of Masonry. The Grand Master was presented with gifts of appreciation for him and his wife.

Wednesday, May 27 - Masonic funeral for Bro. William E. Cooper, Jr., Alexandria Lodge # 398, father of Bro. Evan Cooper

Thursday, May 28 - 6:00 P.M. Special Communication - Two (2) Entered Apprentice Degrees to be conferred.

FUTURE EVENTS

-----Begin Casual Summer Attire, except for degrees-----

Some degrees and practices will be announced later.

Thursday, June 4 - 7:30 P.M. Stated Communication - Present one Honesty & Integrity Award. Review of our Lodge By-Laws.

Thursday, June 18 - 7:30 P.M. Stated Communication - Observances of Flag Day (Sunday, June 14) and St. John the Baptist Day (Tuesday, June 24).

Jul. 2 4th of July Independence Day & Boy Scouts of America

Jul. 16 Special program by Smiley Anders

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)

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: 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 **WOW, what a busy time:**

Thursday, May 7 - 7:30 P.M. Stated Communication - Communications were read from Grand Master Webb: 1. He has appointed a Grand Lodge Planning Committee, and 2. He issued a letter with attachment "Proficiency Examination of Candidates Policy." One Petition for Advancement was received, one

Sickness and Relief

Please, continue to pray for our sick Brothers and their families:

The family of Bro. Evan Cooper on the death of his father Bro. William E. Cooper, Jr.; the father of Bro Coleman, Mr. Eddie Coleman, Sr. with his cancer treatments; W: Bro. Larry Wade as he recovers from a serious allergy attack; Bro. Ed Lane as he recovers; W: Bro. David Dodge as he approaches surgery for back pain relief; and W: Bro. Lenton Sartain as he continues to recover.

Also, pray for safe travels and summer activities for all our Brethren and their families.



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NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Letters acknowledging receipt of 2009 Charity Donations by St. James Lodge have been received from Pointe Coupee Dyslexia program, Fardoche Lodge, Livonia Lodge, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, St. Vincent dePaul Pharmacy, O'Brien House, Baton Rouge Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Hearing Center, and Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. The remaining approved donations will be made soon.

Other Masonic Events

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.

From: Martin, Paul J 'pjm1953@hotmail.com'

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 2:36 PM

To: Baton_Rouge

Subject: Day the War Stopped on LPB

I just got a call from LPB today telling me that The Day the War Stopped will be broadcast on June 6th 2009 at 7:30 pm on LPB-2 which is COX channel 11 or 27-2 over the air with a digital converter box or digital TV. This will be the film from last year's reenactment of the burial of Commander John Elliot Hart of the Federal gunboat Albatross in St. Francisville June 13th 1863.

Paul Martin

The Grand Lodge of Illinois through their new Outreach Program sent these springtime hints as to how to assist our worthy maturing Brothers, their widows and orphans:

- ▣ Help to clean up or plant flowers
- ▣ Assist with light spring cleaning tasks around the house, such as washing a large window
- ▣ Welcome springtime by sharing a picnic lunch or taking a morning or evening walk
- ▣ Share information about home safety modifications
- ▣ Discuss local events or programs and services available at your local Senior Center

Regarding Safety Modifications, the GL of ILL further points out:

Did you know that the design of one's home can play a critical role in the ability of an older person to live safely and independently? Simple changes such as the installation of grab bars in the bathroom or lever handles on water faucets can allow an older person to live on their own and to conduct daily activities that would otherwise be difficult for a frail person to complete. One out of every three Americans age 65+ falls down every year. Such accidents claim more lives of the older population than cancer, stroke, and heart disease combined. One-half of all home accidents can be prevented by simple modifications. Making an older person's home safe from common accidents can be as easy as placing a night light in a bedroom or removing scatter rugs from floors. You can share this information with members and widows to make their homes accessible and safe for their independent living.

Of course, I vaguely remember that one of these 65+ members knocked me down once upon a time. I suppose that I could turn the other cheek and install some safety handles. Does your lodge do anything special, or have you any good anecdotes to share?

Fraternally,

Tarence Evans Ake

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