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Monthly Newsletter November 2009 – December 2009



FROM THE EAST

A LOOK BACK ON 2009

Being Master of St. James Lodge No. 47 has been a great honor and privilege for which I thank all of my Brothers, you who have done the work while I had most of the fun.

My Special Thanks are given to:

1) All 22 of our Past Masters for their guidance, leadership and continuous participation in St. James Lodge. Also, thanks for their serving as Coaches and providing leadership in Investigation Committees, degree teams, Guest Nights, and Honesty and Integrity programs.

2) My dear friend and our Secretary, Worshipful Brother Frank Dedman, for his dedication as Secretary the past four years, and for his help and patience with teaching me the ropes.

3) Brother Bob Zinn for his ever faithfully editing of our Newsletters. Also, thanks to Brother Turhan Ak for mailing them, and Worshipful Brother Preston Eggers for his relationship with the Louisiana Associated General Contractors that allow them to print and fold them.

4) Brother Tim Atkins for his diligence in managing and recruiting teams for 34 degrees and 14 Master Mason degrees this year.

5) Worshipful Brother Cal Elliott who regularly provided quality training to our Officers and Degree Teams on 1st and 3rd Monday practices, as well as being our in-house authority and guide on Masonic Law.

6) Brother Jimmy Robinson, together with his Stewards, for providing us with delicious meals and refreshments.

7) Our appointed Officers and Standing Committees who served very well this year by their work and assistance whenever required or called upon.

8) The patient and supportive wives of our members and officers, especially my Bettye.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

1) The Lodge was honored on May 21 by our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother J.F. "Jeff" Webb, his wife Anita, and members of his official family, who were properly received, in conjunction with Honesty and Integrity Scholarship Recognitions and Awards.

2) On June 4 we properly received the District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Scott Broderick, who was Master of St. James Lodge in 1984.

3) In addition to our usual programs, observances, and recognitions we made Charity donations totaling \$13,200 to various organizations.

4) Interesting programs when the Lodge was at refreshment were by Smiley Anders, noted columnist, and Davis Rhorer, Executive Director, Downtown Development District.

STATUS

1) We had 5 open dinner meetings - one for Officer Installation, one for receiving our Grand Master with Honesty & Integrity Awards, two for Guest Night, and one honoring Widows, Past Masters, and 25 & 50-year members.

2) I am happy to report a membership increase from about 190 at the beginning of 2009 to about 198 at year end. Degrees conferred were 34. Fourteen (14) Master Masons were raised, 3 of which were Courtesy Work for other Lodges. We gained 4 plural members and hopefully will lose no one for Non-Payment of Dues.

3) Sadly, I report that this year we lost 4 members to the Celestial Lodge Above – **Brothers Gordon Rene Gisclard, Jr., Erol Kozdereli, Leon Coates Hendry, and Robert Roy Barnes.**

FUTURE TIDINGS

Do good Work; Continue to spread the cement of Brotherly Love and Affection; and continue to improve ourselves in Masonry. My best wishes and cooperation are offered to Worshipful Master elect, Brother Tim Atkins, and his officers and Committees.

Merry Christmas and A Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous Year 2010 to all.

Joe Richard,

Worshipful Master 2009

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.

You *Still* have *Time to invite a guest*: 6:00/6:30

P.M.

Dec. 3 Installation of 2010 Officers

RECENT EVENTS

Monday, November 2, 5:30 P.M. - **Officer and Degree Team Practice was cancelled due to insufficient attendance!**

Thursday, November 5, 7:30 P.M. - Stated Communication - One Petition for Plural membership was received, an Investigation Committee was appointed and two Proficiency Examination reports were accepted. Officers for 2010 were elected: W.M. Tim Atkins, S.W. Jim Robinson, J.W. Joe Bardwell, Treasurer Bill Zollinger, P.M., and Secretary David Dodge, P.M.

Thursday, November 12, 6:30 P.M. - SPECIAL Communication - Received Proficiency Examination Reports and two Fellow Craft Degrees were conferred.

Monday, November 16, 5:30 P.M. - Officers and Degree Team Practice for Fellow Craft and Entered Apprentice.

Thursday, November 19, 7:30 P.M. - Stated Communication - One Petition for Plural Membership was received and Investigation Committee appointed. Two Investigation Committee Reports were received and two Ballots held. It was prayerfully noted that Bro., Robert Roy Barnes joined the Celestial Lodge Above on November 16, 2009.

Saturday, November 19, 9:00 A.M. - SPECIAL Communication - Two Entered Apprentice Degrees were conferred.

FUTURE EVENTS

Thursday, December 3, 6:00/6:30 P.M. - Stated Communication - **Open/Dinner meeting** for Installation of 2010 Officers. Two Investigation Committee Reports to be received and Ballots held.

Monday, December 7, 5:30 P.M. - Officers and Degree Team Practice. *You* are hereby summonsed!

Saturday, December 12, 8:00 A.M. - Breakfast; receive two Fellow Craft Proficiency Examination Reports, and confer three Master Mason Degrees.

Sickness and Relief

Brethren, with mixed emotions for **Brother Robert Roy Barnes** and his family at the sorrow for their (and our) loss, and with the joy of fulfillment of the eternal promise into the "Celestial Lodge Above" with the Great Architect Of The Universe, you are notified of his demit on Monday, November 16, 2009. Brother Roy was 82 years old, a 50-year member of St. James Lodge No. 47, F.& A.M. which he joined in 1950, and he has been a 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason for 55 years.

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



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Other Masonic Events

Sunday, December 6, 13th District Lodge meets at 2:30 P.M. at Fairfields Lodge # 425 located at 10484 Mammoth Drive, Baton Rouge.

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 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.

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.

Getting to know our new Master:

TIMOTHY HILARY ATKINS (Worshipful Brother Elect)

Tim Atkins was born May 30, 1949 in Washington, D.C. He lived in Huntsville, AL from 1952 until 1967 and graduated from Huntsville High School. He attended Louisiana Tech University in 1967, first taking Agriculture, transferred to Geology in the School of Engineering, and graduated in 1974.

He worked for Atlantic Richfield until 1987, attended University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and in 1992 passed the Surveying exam to become a Registered Surveyor in 1992. In 1990 he moved to Baton Rouge. He worked as a surveyor for various companies and governments from 1992 until retiring in 2008.

His wife Melissa is a Nurse and they married in 1980. His children are son Ian, age 30 from a prior marriage, and daughters Hilary, age 25, and Rebecca, age 8.

Tim became a Mason in St. James Lodge # 47 in 2002, and began his work through "the chairs" in 2004 as Senior Steward. During 2009 he has been Senior Warden, whose duty it has been to recruit and schedule Degree Teams for 30 degrees, including 14 Master Mason degrees, so far this year. He is also an active member of the Lodge of Nine Muses # 9, F. & A.M. and Downtown York Rite Bodies.

Tim is an avid student of history and collector of antiques and Masonic pins and artifacts.

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 our extracts from this document.

Landmarks Recognized

LANDMARKS RECOGNIZED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA (Adopted Feb. 14, 1989). (These ancient landmarks originate with the Regius Poem or Halliwell Manuscript from the late 1300's to mid 1400's, and subsequently modified by the "General Regulations" of the Grand Lodge of England in 1721, Anderson's Constitution by Rev. Dr. Anderson in 1723, and Landmarks of Freemasonry by Albert G. Mackey in 1858. (By-Laws of St. James Lodge requires the Master to see that the laws and regulations of The Grand Lodge are duly obeyed and enforced, not suffering any of the ancient landmarks to be removed.) (Landmark # 23: "Every Master, before closing his Lodge, may give or cause to be given, a lecture on Masonry, or a part thereof.")

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