

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

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## Monthly News Letter for November 2006 – December 2006



I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving and will have a safe and holiday season.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lodge for electing me as Master for the coming year. I appreciate the confidence that you have bestowed upon me and the opportunity to continue the great legacy that St. James has had, and will have.

I look forward to serving as your Master and I will do my best to continue making St James the best possible lodge.

I hope that we can continue with our charity programs and look into some other programs in the coming year. If any brother has any ideas for new programs, please do not hesitate to discuss with me or bring them up in a meeting.

Remember this is your lodge.

Brother Wade has some big plans for **January 4, 2007, the 100th Anniversary of St James Lodge at 315 Convention St.** The first meeting held at our present location was held on January 4, 1907. Please make an effort to attend as this is going to be a monumental event. Don't forget to **BRING A GUEST.**

As we start the Holiday season my prayer, for each of you, is that you have a safe, stress free, and pleasant Christmas. Enjoy the time with family and friends and let us not forget the troops that are not able to be with their families, those men and women who are protecting this great country of ours. Let us pray for them.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
Mark Paxton

### RECENT EVENTS

Nov. 2 St. John the Evangelist & Election of 2007 Officers  
Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> LO9M annual Table Lodge (Open)  
Nov. 16 \*Thanksgiving Program (Open/meal 6:30 PM)  
Nov. 30 Special 2 FC degrees

### FUTURE EVENTS

Dec. 7 Install Officers for 2007 (Open/meal 6:30 PM)  
Dec. 21 Necrology & St. John the Evangelist Program

## Year 2007

## Tentative Schedule Stated Communications

Jan. 4 Temple Building Centennial Celebration  
Jan. 18 Grand Lodge Resolutions by M.W. Bro. Wm. H. Brown  
Feb. 1 Grand Lodge Report  
Feb. 15 Review Programs for Charity  
Mar. 1 \*Guest Night (Open/meal 6:30 PM)

Mar. 15 Rededication & Re-obligation; 25 & 50 yr. Awards  
Apr. 5 TBA  
Apr. 19 Masonic Education Program  
May 3 \*Honesty & Integrity Program (Open/meal 6:30 PM)  
May 17 TBA  
-----Begin Casual Summer Attire, except for Degrees-----  
Jun. 7 St. John the Baptist Program  
Jun. 21 \*Honor the Flag of Our Country Program  
Jul. 5 4th of July Program  
Jul. 19 Treasurer's Report & Committee Reports  
Aug. 2 Masonic Education Program  
Aug. 16 TBA  
-----End Casual Summer Attire-----  
Sep. 6 \*Guest Night (Open/meal 6:30 PM)  
Sep. 20 TBA  
Oct. 4 \*Past Masters' Night (Open/meal 6:30 PM)  
Oct. 18 TBA  
Nov. 1 St. John the Evangelist & Election of 2008 Officers  
Nov. 15 \*Thanksgiving Program (Open/meal 6:30 PM)  
Dec. 6 Install Officers for 2008 (Open/meal 6:30 PM)

\* Represents possible entertainment TBA = To Be Arranged

### REMINDER: Invite guests to open meetings!

#### Other Masonic Events –

- (1) Grand Lodge meets January 29-30, 2007 at Astor Crowne Plaza, 719 Canal Plaza, New Orleans, LA (504-962-0500).
- (2) 13<sup>th</sup> Masonic District meets at 2:30 p.m. on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each quarter, except the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in September.

Downtown York Rite Bodies meet regularly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Scottish Rite Baton Rouge Valley meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Acacia Shrine Temple meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

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. Ernest Easterly, W.M., Ricks Bowles, S.W., Adib Shala, J.W., Sam Roberts, Treasurer, Larry Moore, Secretary, William Mollere, Chaplain, Naresh Sharma, Sr. Deacon, Danny Smith, Master of Ceremonies, Gerard Ruth, Sr. Steward, Robert Zinn, Jr Steward, Kristopher Easterly, Tyler, Tim Atkins

### Sickness and Sorrow; we report:

Bro. Dr. Barry Scott was back in OLOL hospital, and his father recently died.

Also, W. Bro. L. W. "Bill" Gagnon, PM 1996, was in Touro Hospital in New Orleans. He was operated on 11/2 to remove malignancy from his tongue and to sample lymph glands.

Bro. Paul Roberts, who now lives and works in California, reported that his grandfather, Bro. Sam Roberts, was recovering from surgery.

Amos Ponder Hewitt, a 50-year member of St. James Lodge, was 84 years old when he joined the Celestial Lodge Above on Nov 27th.

Congratulations to Brother John B. Staples, an avid LSU alumni and supporter, upon his induction into the LSU Hall of Honor on Saturday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day.

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2007 LODGE OFFICERS

|                     |                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Worshipful Master * | Mark Jeffrey Paxton            |
| Senior Warden *     | William Ellis Little           |
| Junior Warden *     | Joseph George Richard, Jr.     |
| Treasurer *         | William Daniel Zollinger, P.M. |
| Secretary *         | Frank Earl Dedman, P.M.        |

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| Chaplain             | Ben Francis Melanson, P.M.      |
| Senior Deacon        | Timothy Hilary Atkins           |
| Junior Deacon        | Dr. James William Robinson, Jr. |
| Master of Ceremonies | Joe Arthur Bardwell             |
| Senior Steward       | Turhan Ak                       |
| Junior Steward       | Robert Ronald Zinn              |
| Tyler                | Alfred James Blanchard          |

\* Denotes elected officers. Others are appointed

Something different this month, Poets Corner, so if you have a poem you wrote or like, submit it.

Brotherly Love

By E. D. Lane, 10/26/06

May the blessing of light be upon you,  
Light on the outside, light on the inside.  
With God's light shining upon you  
May our heart glow with warmth  
Like a hearth fire burning  
To welcome friends, strangers alike.

May the light of God shine from your eyes  
Like a candle glowing in a window  
To light up and to help a lonely traveler

May the winds of God's Heaven  
Rain softly on your head  
So as to Refresh your soul  
And to wash your spirit clean

As you walk along the road of life  
May you always have a kind word  
For those you meet along the way

May you understand the Strength & Power of God  
In Thunderstorms and in the Snows of winter,  
And find quiet peace in the beauty of creation,  
of summer's sunrise and sunset.

And when you come to realize  
you are not insignificant in this vast universe  
but that you are an important part of God's Plan,  
May God watch over you  
and keep you safe from harm.

A Heartfelt Prayer

by E. D. Lane 10/26/06

A Storm within me rages  
It wears against my soul  
But my faith is anchored in you, God,  
Please help me keep control.

So many times I have failed you  
But still, you held my hand,  
I am glad I can talk with you,  
You always understand.

You have never stopped loving me  
Although trials have turned me cold.  
Your faithfulness has been so sweet  
Your trust has touched my soul.

I do reach out to you  
Please help me reach my goals  
I am so glad that I know you  
With you I feel secure.

My soul cries out for me to stand  
Upon your faithful word.  
I do believe you'll always help  
me through the storms of life.

I need your strength each day  
for I am weak and frail  
because the ill winds that blow  
I can not handle on my own

Because of you, Dear God,  
If I always live a pure life,  
I know that Heaven will be my eternal home.

Send articles to Bob Zinn, [bz@chem.lsu.edu](mailto:bz@chem.lsu.edu)

This poem was sent by Brother Dennis Shaw (Hanover Lodge # 799, Melbourne, Australia) as part of a tribute to be read at WBro. Pecararo's funeral.

The Bridge Builder

by Will Allen Dromgrode, 1934

An old man, going a lone highway,  
Came at the evening, cold and gray,  
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,  
Through which was a flowing sullen tide.  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;  
But he turned when safe on the other side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,  
"You are wasting strength with building here.  
Your journey will end with the ending day:  
You never again must pass this way:  
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide --  
Why build you a bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head:  
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,  
"There followeth after me today  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm that has been naught to me  
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.  
He, Too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building a bridge for him."

If you change phone, address or e-mail, PLEASE send updated information to Joe Richard [jgr2@cox.net](mailto:jgr2@cox.net)



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