

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

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## Monthly Newsletter---- November 2011 – December 2011



*The First Thanksgiving at Plymouth*  
By Jennie A. Brownscombe (1914)



In the month of November, we are reminded of the events of the year we are grateful to have received.

Personally, I am thankful that I have been a part of such a dynamic fraternal organization. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Worshipful Master for the year 2011. St. James Lodge is rich with exceptional talent in "the line" and among its general membership. We look forward to Brother Turhan Ak's leadership for the year 2012. As I end my year of service as Worshipful Master to St. James Lodge, I look forward to increased development and success under the exceptional leadership of Brother Ak. We wish Turhan AK and his Officers our very best in the year ahead.

During the past year, Brothers and guests have shared some wonderful experiences and created special memories as we enjoyed Guest Night Open Meals at St. James. These open meals have also provided the opportunity for family and friends of the Lodge to interact over a meal and entertainment. Most importantly, open meals provided an opportunity for us to introduce and educate prospective members and their families to our Masonic Fraternity. Funding for the entertainment was channeled into many local charities and non-profit organizations whereby local artists performed for our Lodge in exchange for a contribution from St. James Masonic Lodge to a charity or non-profit organization of their choosing.

Performers pledged their funds to charities and/or their own non-profit organizations, to name a few: Wounded Warriors, Baton Rouge Music Club LSU Scholarships, and Guitar Ministries. St. James Brothers and Guests were entertained and educated with the following performances:



Celeste Veillon,  
Artist-Pianist  
March 3, 2010



John Duplantier,  
Pianist/Keyboard  
April 21, 2011



Scottish Bagpipers Society  
May 19, 2010



Baton Rouge Horn Club  
September 1, 2011



Sweet Adelines  
October 6, 2011



Dulcimer Society  
November 17, 2011

This past year, our lodge conferred four Entered Apprentice degrees, five Fellow Craft and five Master Mason degrees. We could not have accomplished this significant success without the diligence and dedication of Turhan Ak and the degree teams assembled by him. St. James degree teams remained focused and delivered outstanding commitment to these efforts. It goes without saying that the efforts of the Turhan AK and St. James degree teams may well determine the future and continued longevity and service of St. James Masonic Lodge.

We have honored Abby TerHaar and Robert Whitley for their outstanding achievements, exemplified in the Honesty and Integrity Awards and our Brothers Jeff Maynor and Joe Bardwell for their proficiencies.



Additionally, the importance, the significance and the history of Masonry was provided by our Brothers for family, friends and prospective members.



MWBro Sharma



MWBro Wade

These programs enabled the brothers to come together and "break bread" with their friends and family and enjoy fellowship and brotherly love.



All accomplished during 2011 was possible through the foresight and direction given by the Past Masters and the dedication and hard work of the Officers and devoted Brothers of St. James Lodge. I want to thank and recognize the following for their contributions "above and beyond the call of duty": Brothers Turhan Ak, George Scanlan, Ben Melanson, Bob Zinn, Mark Paxton, William Zollinger, Frank Dedman, Shane Marchand, Joe Bardwell, Jeff Mayor, Steve Newman, Bill Brown, John Tilly, Norman Martinusen, Joe Richard, Naresh Sharma, Larry Wade, my wife Christine, my parents, my family and friends, all who helped make this year a success.

May Peace and Harmony Prevail,

James W. Robinson. WM St. James Lodge #47. 2011



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**RECENT MASONIC EVENTS**

*Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>* - A Gold Proficiency Certificate for 25 years of Masonic ritual certification was presented at St. James Lodge No. 47 on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> to Naresh Sharma, Past Master, by Harold G. Ballard, Past Grand Master of Masons of the State of Louisiana, and by Jimmie D. Dunkin, District Grand Lecturer. Veterans were recognized and each stated their branch and dates of service.

The elected officers for 2012 are:

Worshipful Master	Turhan Ak
Senior Warden	Henry George Scanlan
Junior Warden	Joe Arthur Bardwell
Treasurer	William Daniel Zollinger PM
Secretary	Mark Jeffrey Paxton PM
Chaplain	Ben Francis Melanson PM
Senior Deacon	Ronnie Shane Marchand
Junior Deacon	Jeffrey Davis Maynor
Master of Ceremonies	John Louis Amador
Junior Steward	Robert Ronald Zinn
Senior Steward	David Dillion Mathies
Tyler	Kenneth Bell Frederick Streater PM

Timothy Hilary Atkins, P.M., was elected to the Building (Temple) Committee for three (3) years.

**Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** - A delicious Thanksgiving Dinner was followed by a talk on history of Masonry by Dr. Larry Wade, P.M.. Everyone then retired to the Lodge Room for entertainment by ten (10) musicians from The Lagniappe Dulcimer Society, led by Jack Stallings. A visiting Bro. Brandon Jolicoeur attended from Slidell Lodge No. 311.

**FUTURE MASONIC EVENTS**

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

<b>December 1</b>	<b>OPEN MEETING.</b> Installation of 2012 Officers
<i>December 4 (Sunday 2:30 PM) 13th Masonic District meets 12:30/1:30/2:30 at Fairfields Lodge # 425 at 10484 Mammoth Avenue, B.R.</i>	
December 15	Entered Apprentice Degree, St. John the Evangelist, & Necrology Service

December, January birthdays.

- 12/2 JOHN AMADOR
- 12/4 CHARLES CORKERN JR
- 12/6 WILLIAM MOTE SR
- 12/11 VIVEK LAL DAS
- 12/13 WILLIE ADAMS
- 12/15 EDWARD CAILLETEAU
- 12/16 HENRY SCANLAN JR
- 12/18 FRANK ALLISON
- 12/19 DR . LAWRENCE WADE
- 12/24 LYNNWOOD DUCOTE
- 12/25 WENDELL SHIFLETT
- 12/26 ALVA SMITH
- 12/27 ROBERT HOOVER
- 12/29 JOHN LUCAS
- 12/30 TERRANCE DIER

**SICKNESS and RELIEF**

It is good to see W: Bro Cal Elliott recovering from recent illness, and W: Bro. David Dodge has recovered from a bicycle fall. Both Brothers are back in Lodge.

W:B: Fred Ladner is back home  
 M:W:B: Bill Brown is recovering from a light stroke.  
 M:W:B: B.J. Guillot is at home sick with the Flu.

Our thoughts and best wishes are with our Brethren who can no longer attend Lodge due to age and infirmity. We should make an effort to call or visit them when we can.

**Other Masonic Events**

Acacia Shrine meets at -7:00 P.M. every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7991 S. Commerce Ave. A meal is served at 6:00 P.M.

Downtown York Rite Bodies meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast served at 7:30 a.m.

Valley of Baton Rouge meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7 P.M., at the Consistory on Florida Boulevard. The Advisory Council meets at the Consistory at 6:00 P.M. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month.

Livingston Certificate Association meets at 6:00 P.M with dinner, on the first Friday of each month at Pine Grove Lodge #288 in Ponchatoula, 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, Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge.

Lodge of the Nine Muses #9, F&AM, meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. If you are interested in visiting, contact one of the members for dress code and other details.

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

# St. James Lodge No.47 YEAR 2012 COMMITTEES

## Finance/Investment/Audits

### (By-Laws3)

Dr. Stephen Selby, P.M. Chairman  
Calvin Elliot, PM  
Ben Melancon, PM

## Relief & sickness Visitation

### (By-Laws 3+3)

Joseph George Richard, Jr., P.M.  
Chairman  
George Scanlon, SW  
Judge William Brown, PGM  
Frank Earl Dedman, PM  
Joe Cooper

## Building (House) (by-Laws 2+3)

James Robinson, PM  
Mark Paxton, PM secy  
David Thomas Dodge, P.M.(3yrs)  
Joe Arthur Bardwell (2 yrs)  
Ronnie Shane Marchand Jr.D  
Tim Atkins PM (3years)

## Guest Night & Entertainment

James Robinson, P.M.  
Dr. George Jones, PM  
Naresh Sharma, PM  
Judge William Brown PM  
James Robinson P.M.  
Dr.Larry Wade PM

## Honesty & Integrity Awards

Mark Paxton, PM Chairman  
Adib Shahla, PM  
William Mote, PM  
John Staples  
Steve Newman

## Coaches, Degree Teams & Practices

Dr Stephen Selby, PM Chairman  
Kenneth Bell Fredrick Streater, Jr., P.M  
Joe Bardwell  
Calvin Lee Elliot, P.M.  
Judge Lenton Sartin, PM  
Naresh Sharma, PM  
Mark Jeffrey Paxton, P.M.  
David Thomas Dodge, P.M.  
Joseph George Richard, Jr., P.M.

## Masonic Education

Frank Earl Dedman, P.M.  
Joe Bardwell  
Ken Streater, PM  
David Dodge, PM  
Calvin Lee Elliot, P.M  
Jeff Maynor  
Dr.Stephen Selby PM  
Dr. Lawrence Wade PM

## Refreshments & Kitchen Duties

Joe Bardwell  
Dillion Mathies  
Bob Zinn, SS  
Dr. James Robinson P.M.  
John Amador

## Attendance & Telephone , E-Mail

Timothy Hilary Atkins, P.M.  
Joseph George Richard, Jr., P.M.  
George Scanlan  
Joe Bardwell

## Legal

Ben Melanson, PM  
Judge Willaim Brown, PGM  
Judge Lenton Sartin, PM  
Tarek Shahla

## Publicity & Newsletter

Bob Zinn, Editor  
George Scanlan  
Joe Bardwell  
Joseph George Richard, Jr., P.M.  
Jim Robinson, P.M.

## Funeral

Steve Newman, Chairman  
Calvin Elliot, PM  
Frank Dedman, PM  
David Dodge PM

## Charity Fund Distribution

William Little, PM  
Judge Lenton Sartin, PM  
David Dodge, PM  
Mark Paxton, PM  
Dr.Jim Robinson PM

## Greeting & Visitor Exam (By-Laws 6+)

All Past Masters  
(Tyler).

## Information Technology

George Scanlon, JW Chairman  
(Database)  
(Web Page Maintainance)  
Joe Richard, PM  
Dr. Jim Robinson, PM