

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

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## Monthly Newsletter October 2010 – November 2010



### FROM THE EAST

I want to thank each of you for your confidence and support throughout this year.

As the year draws to a close, I look back.

This year, as Worshipful Master of St. James Lodge, has been a wonderful experience. It has taught me a lot.

The privilege of being Master of a lodge is obviously quite rewarding, but the opportunity to work closely with; and get to know; many wonderful brothers in our lodge and across our state was unexpected lagniappe.

Our Masonic work this year has progressed at a record pace, when compared with recent years.

I know that the pace sometimes makes it difficult for many of you and I want you to know how much I appreciate all the hours you have spent practicing your parts and helping with the many 'specials' and regular meetings.

Our reward can be seen in the many new faces in the lodge. The new brothers are making swift progress. Some will have certificates of proficiency by the end of 2011.

Our new brothers are a wonderful group of men and will provide the craft with leadership in the years to come.

Although I sometimes feel old, I am young in masonry. I plan to be active in Masonry and hope to be involved with many of you in Masonic Leadership rolls.

I ask for your help. Volunteer for roles and attend practice, PLEASE! Help the new master.

All in all, this has been a GREAT year in Masonry at St. James Lodge. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of it.

Making Good Men Better.

Timothy H. Atkins  
Worshipful Master,  
St. James Lodge, 2009-2010

Message from our secretary:

**"2010 DUES are now OVERDUE!"**

### Invite worthy guests!

It is NOT too early nor too late to  
*invite a guest: 6:00/6:30 P.M*

## Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Invitations and Envelopes are available on the "sign-in" desk.**

### RECENT EVENTS

Welcome and congratulations: New Master Masons, raised on 9/23/2010: Bros. Jason Paul Dore, Jeffrey Davis Maynor, Manuel Gerardo Rendon, and Tarek Philip Shahla

*Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 6:00 PM* - Special Communication - Four Master Mason Degrees were conferred

**Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 6:00 PM** - Stated Communication - Open meeting with guests and dinner honoring our 25/50 year members, Past Masters, and Widows..

*Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 6:00 PM* - Special Communication - One Fellow Craft Degree was conferred. An Investigation Committee Report was made and balloted upon.

*Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 6:00 PM* - A meeting of the Past Masters was held with Bro. Jim Robinson, Senior Warden to assist in planning for 2010 and to review proposed Committees.

*Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 6:00 PM* - Special Communication - Three Master Mason Degrees were conferred.

### FUTURE EVENTS

**Practice every Monday at 5:30 pm at the Lodge. All officers are requested to attend practice. It REALLY is a lot more fun with YOU there!**

*Thursday, November 4, 2010 at 7:30 PM* - Stated Communication - Election of Officers, St. John the Evangelist Recognition Program, and receiving Committee Reports for Investigations, Examinations.

*Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 7:30 PM* - Stated Communication - TBA

**Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 6:00 PM** - Stated Communication - Installation of Officers for 2010 - **OPEN MEETING** with Guests and dinner.

*Sunday, December 6, 2010 at 12:30 / 1:30 / 2:30 PM* - 13th Masonic District Meeting at {?????} Lodge.

### Sickness and Relief

Continue your prayers for the sick and distressed Brothers and members of their families, the widows and children of our Brothers who have gone to the Great Architect's Celestial Lodge, our Armed Services men and women, the elected and appointed leaders of our City, State and Nation, and for the Country of the United States of America.

Fraternally,  
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Other Masonic Events

Acacia Shrine meets at 6:00/7:00 PM every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7991 S. Commerce Ave.

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, dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM, at the Consistory on Florida Boulevard. The Advisory Council will meet 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The meeting on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> will be a Stated Communication. We gather at 6:00 PM. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM in the Red Room St. James Lodge building. If you are interested in visiting, contact one of the members for dress code and other details.

Honors: At the Scottish Rite Reunion on Saturday October 23, Bros. Gerald Tarnate de La Cruz, Jeffrey Davis Maynor, and Manual Gerardo Rendon became 32nd Degree Masons, and Bro. George Scanlan was awarded his blue cap for 50-years of membership.

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 the quoting from the Louisiana Grand Lodge HANDBOOK OF MASONIC LAW in the article from the July 2010 newsletter.

**CONFERRING DEGREES (pp. 75-77)**

- 1.) "No candidate shall receive more than one degree at one and the same communication without a special dispensation from the Grand Master."
- 2.) Immediately before the conferring of any degree, the "Edict" shall be called to the attention of the members present.
- 3.) "The Entered Apprentice Degree may be conferred on a candidate at the same meeting at which he was elected to receive it, but, under no circumstances, after the expiration of one year from date of such election."
- 4.) "The first section of the Entered Apprentice Degree shall be conferred upon only one candidate at a time, and no candidate who has not already received the Northeast Corner Lecture and the Lesson of Caution shall be permitted to witness any part of the initiation of succeeding candidates."
- 5.) "No more than five candidates may be obligated in the Fellow Craft or Master Mason Degree at one time."
- 6.) "A suitable second section lecture (staircase) must be given in the conferring of the Fellow Craft Degree."
- 7.) "A suitable explanatory or interpretive lecture on the meaning of the degree must be given at the conclusion of the conferral of the Entered Apprentice and Master Mason Degrees."

**COURTESY WORK (pp. 78-79)**

- 1.) "A request for the degree or degrees to be conferred by another Lodge, to which a candidate shall have been elected, shall be in written form and signed by the Secretary of the Lodge of origin with its seal affixed thereto."
- 2.) "Courtesy work should be done without charge."
- 3.) "No Lodge in this Grand jurisdiction shall confer the degrees by courtesy on a candidate from another Grand Jurisdiction, if that candidate would not be eligible for the degrees under Louisiana Masonic Law, were he a resident of this state."

**ESOTERIC WORK (P. 81)** – "The use of written or printed coded memory aids prepared by the Permanent Committee on Work are allowed in the teaching the rituals of catechism, opening, conferring, and closing the Lodge in each of the three degrees, but not for the use during the opening and closing the Lodge, in any degree and/or the conferring of degrees."

**FLAG (p. 82)** – "The Flag of the U.S. shall be displayed from the highest elevation in the Lodge and to the right of the Master during every communication. The salute shall be by placing the right hand over the heart. The pledge of allegiance must be given at all meetings and all members of this Grand Jurisdiction shall stand, salute and recite the pledge."

To be continued.

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