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## Monthly News letter for September – October 2005



### FROM THE EAST

PLEASE Invite Guests for our upcoming open meetings and meals! If they say they can't make one meeting, invite them to another.

REMAINING OPEN MEETINGS, this year:

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, and Dec. 1<sup>th</sup>

By now, you are aware of the extraordinary circumstances existent in Baton Rouge and Louisiana in General.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have laid waste to much of Louisiana, the full extent of the damage is yet to be known, but at least two New Orleans Lodges have been flooded. They will need our help to recover from these storms.

We are 'called' and 'called upon' to do our duty as human beings and as masons, to bring aid and relief to our impoverished fellow human beings, many of whom have lost everything they ever owned.

These ARE the times that try our souls.

In the coming months, we will all be asked to dig in and do our part to help our distressed brothers. I know that each of you will do all you can, and more, to help.

Ken Streater, W.M.

### RECENT EVENTS

August 27 (Saturday): St. James accepted a request, by M.W.: Grand Master Harold Ballard, to host a Masonic Play titled "A Rose Upon The Altar" at a **special open meeting**. The Play was well attended, the meal was good and the play was divine food for the soul. The feast was enjoyed by all, as the lack of dry eyes attested.

Our September 1 annual GUEST NIGHT Open Meeting had to be cancelled due to 'civil unrest' in the downtown area due to the sudden influx of hurricane survivors from New Orleans. Never the less, despite dispensation allowing the lodge to cancel the meeting, a few hardy souls (and several important visitors) attended while the lodge's traditions were maintained as the lodge was opened and closed in proper manner.

Sep. 15 we remembered our: Deceased Brothers and discussed hurricane Katrina and the needs of those in distress.

### FUTURE EVENTS

Oct. 6	<b>Past Masters' Night (Open/meal 6:30)</b>
Oct. 20	St. John the Evangelist, Masonic Education Program
Nov. 3	Election of Officers for 2006
Nov. 17	TBA
Dec. 1	<b>Installation of 2006 Officers(Open/meal 6:30)</b>
Dec. 15	TBA

### Other Masonic Events -

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, U.D., 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, Jim Pecoraro

Nov. 9 **Lodge of 9 Muses: Open Table Lodge**  
At the Camelot Club, Brother Robert Davis, 33°, Grand Cross, Executive Secretary of the Valley of Guthrie, will be the keynote speaker. See any member for tickets.

### Sickness and Relief

Remember our sick brethren, which include Dr. Barry C. Scott and Dr. Thomas P. Raggio, as well as those left homeless by Katrina and Rita

News from Joe Richard:

W: Bro. Preston Eggers has shingles and resulting neurological effect and has been very sick.

The current exhibit in the Heritage Room on "Our Scottish Heritage" is in loving memory of Miller D.M.F. Dial (May 2, 1924 - May 20, 2005). Miller was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and a founding member of the Caledonian Society. Miller was a long-time member of First Presbyterian and active in our mission program in Mexico. He was always the coordinator of the Heritage Room display on "Our Scottish Heritage", sharing his collection of Scottish artifacts.

"Rays of Masonry" by Dewey Wollstein -1953

### THE PRICE OF SECURITY

Security cannot be given. It must be earned. The breadwinner of the family is really learning the lesson of self-discipline in his struggle to gain financial security. The fear that he might not provide for his family is the dynamic force that is being used for self-improvement. It is the spotlight that focuses his responsibility. A destructive fear is that which has to do with circumstances and conditions that are entirely beyond man's domain. It is this destructive fear that leaders of government use today. There is an attempt to give a false security which requires nothing of the individual in return. Propaganda of destructive fear has paralyzed the minds of the masses. If you vote for this issue, your security will be enhanced; and if you vote for that issue, your security will be taken away. Men who aspire for high offices assume the role of fakirs who can ignore physical laws at their convenience.

The Ruler of the Universe has provided the opportunity for security to all men- the opportunity is open to all who think and act in accordance with Natural Laws of Right, and such a security follows the unchangeable Law of Compensation. It must be earned and there is nothing miserly about the compensation it brings; physical, mental, and spiritual contentment. The wisest officers in government are those who do not stand between God and man.

"Old Tiler Talks" by Carl Claudy -1924

TWO-FACED!

"I'm sorry, but I don't like him. I think he's two-faced," snapped the New Brother to the Old Tiler.

"Of course he is two-faced. Every one is," assured the Old Tiler.

"What do you mean? I am not two-faced!"

"If you are not, you are the single exception to all the rest of humanity!" grinned the Old Tiler.

"Why, Old Tiler, to be 'two-faced' is to be deceitful! I am not deceitful!"

"When we define what 'two-faced' means I have as much right to my idea as you to yours. I do not say you are two-faced according to your definition. But I do say you, I, every one is two-faced according to my definition. That's what you became a Mason for, to learn to see the other face."

"You amaze me," answered the New Brother. "I don't understand you."

"That's one of your other faces talking!" responded the Old Tiler. "You are amazed when you don't understand. Why should you be amazed when you don't understand? Most of us understand so little, seems to me we ought to get used to it without being amazed every time it happens."

"What do you mean?" The New Brother's voice trailed off into silence. The Old Tiler laughed.

"It's so easy to tangle you up in a snarl of words, I really shouldn't find sport in it," he chided himself. "But I'll try to untangle the snarl. Every man has an inside and an outside. Animals have only one side, as far as human beings are concerned. They look angry when they are; they purr or wag their tails when they are pleased; they growl or meow or Bray when they are hungry and are gentle when they are contented. Man conceals his emotions. He doesn't want every one to know how or what he feels. He has the inhibition of etiquette.

"Do you know what etiquette is? Probably not. It had its origin in the heart of an indulgent French king, who listened to the complaints of his gardener that the royal court walked all over his flowers. So the king caused to be put in the gardens a line of 'estiquet' -little tablets- and issued an order that the ladies and gentlemen of the court should walk within the 'estiquet'. The word gradually took on the meaning we give it; the established usages of our society, to walk within which is to be gentle, to walk without which is to be rude. When we walk 'within the etiquette' although we'd rather race over the garden, we conceal our real selves and our desires for the sake of our fellows. Therefore we are two-faced;

we turn one outward face to the world, and carry, perhaps, a rebellious inner one so unlovely that we hide it."

"Masonry teaches man to make the hidden face lovely, and to see past the stony and frozen outer face to the inner and pretty one. You call Brother Smith two-faced, and from your standpoint, meaning deceitful, you are wrong. But from my standpoint, meaning conceal, you are right. Brother Smith conceals a heart of gold under his forbidding face. He is the shyest man in the lodge. To protect himself he wears that stiff and 'don't touch me' expression. Inside he is warm-hearted and pleasant, and therefore, is two-faced according to my meaning.

"You are two-faced, my brother. You come out here with a statement or question, expecting me to straighten you out. Often you say something you do not believe, just to hear what I'll say about it. You conceal the truth of your thought in order to get at the truth of mine and-

"How did you know that? It's true, but I..."

"Why, boy, I have been a Mason since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary!" laughed the Old Tiler. "Did you think your short time in the fraternity and less than a score and a half years in life could fool this old fossil? I knew you, like all other men, had a concealed as well as an outward one. Your concealed face is eager and interested. Your outer one has a shamefaced pride in knowing as much as other men. You are still so much a boy you don't want to be thought a boy, just as if being a boy wasn't the most beautiful state there is for the he-person. And so you try to be a know-it-all, and a devil-of-a-fellow, and an old-and-experienced-man-of-the-world and a Mason-of-erudition, and to carry out this little play, which fools people like you, but not the old hands like me, you pretend while you really want to know about it all."

"Why, you two-faced Old Tiler!" cried the New Brother aghast yet laughing. "I'll say you are two-faced, and in my meaning, at that, I never guessed you knew it!"

"The time wasn't ripe to tell you," grinned the Old Tiler. "To my certain knowledge no brother in our lodge is two-faced in your meaning of the word. Every one of them has a hidden face, but most of those are pleasant. Masons learn to show their hidden faces to their brethren, so I have just showed you mine."

"Do you think I'm grown up?" asked the New Brother, wistfully.

"If you were all grown up, you'd know all this without being told," answered the Old Tiler. "Go along with you, boy! You'll grow up soon enough. Especially if you show that hidden face."

"It's on exhibition from now on!" announced the New Brother.

My thanks for the contributions to this issue of the news letter! Send newsletter submissions to Bob Zinn, [bz@chem.lsu.edu](mailto:bz@chem.lsu.edu)

From: Wayne Ezelle To: Harold Ballard Sent: 9/27/2005 11:37:50 AM  
Subject: 15th Masonic District

MW Brother Ballard:

...I have attempted to check on the status of the Lodges in the 15th Masonic District. Although I have not been contacted by the Grand Lodge concerning the status of Lodges affected by the Hurricanes, except by one blanket e-mail which did not specifically address this issue, I am providing a minimal amount of information to which I have knowledge concerning the same for your edification.

**Triumph Lodge No. 422 (Buras)** I spoke with WM Jay Bubrick, who advised, that although he has not been able to go to the Lodge, he believes all may be lost. He as well as many of those members of the Triumph Lodge lost everything. He had also indicated they may talk to the Belle Chasse Lodge members about meeting in their facility in the future.

**Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 415 (Jefferson)** I spoke with Steve Wilson, PM, Secretary, who indicated they faired somewhat well but with building damages and believes all of their members are pretty much accounted for.

**Square & Compass Lodge No. 417 (Kenner)** WM Will Baber indicated the Lodge did well through the storm and that they would welcome other Lodges who may have been displaced by the storm(s) to meet in their facilities.

**Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 428 (Arabi)** Mike Meitin, Secretary, is now in Ripley, Tennessee. I attempted to reach the WM Gene Gurtner but was unable to do so. Mike noted he has not been to the Lodge however, he did review some aerial photographs and it appears air conditioning units from a nearby building landed on their new roof and may have fallen through. Their annex, for eating, appeared to have suffered considerable damage. He also stated a member, deputy sheriff, stopped by the building and it seems as if the building had about 6' of water. He is unaware of the whereabouts of all of the members and contacts those as he can. He does not know when they will be allowed to return to St. Bernard Parish.

**Belle Chasse Lodge No. 469 (Belle Chasse)** WM Kenneth Burtucci says he drove by their Lodge to look at it but did not go in. He said it appears

they may not have received much damage from the storm. WM Bertucci's business suffered considerable strom damage and looting. Marrero Lodge No. 479 (Marrero) WM Bobby Verret stated the Lodge building suffered a great deal of damage from wind, i.e. shingles, siding, roofing material, etc. He also believes but has not confirmed that there may be some damage from rain.

**Progressive Lodge No. 262 (Reserve)** Don Wildenfeld, PM, Secretary, said they suffered little damage from the storms.

**Dominique You Lodge No. 468 (Reggio)** I have not spoken to any member of Dominique You Lodge. My understanding is the building is still standing.

**Metairie Lodge No. 444 (Metairie)** I was unable to reach the WM or Secretary of Metairie Lodge. I did drive by the Lodge and it appears they sustained some damage.

**William D. White Lodge No. 408 (Gretna)** I spoke with Bobby Verret, WM of Marrero Lodge and a police officer for the city of Gretna. He is not a member of William D. White however, he did note the Lodge appears to have suffered wind and possibly rain damage, the extent of which is not known. I was unable to reach the WM or Secretary of the Lodge.

**Indivisible Friends Lodge No. 404 (Terrytown)** I was unable to reach the WM or Secretary of the Lodge. I did drive by the Lodge and it does not appear to have readily visible damage from the street.

**Hermitage Lodge No. 98 (Metairie)** I left messages for the WM to call me and advise as to how their Lodge and members faired. I received no return call. The WM is a police officer for the city of Gretna. This Lodge rents from another Masonic body.

**Alpha Home Lodge No. 72 (Kenner)** I was unable to reach the WM or Secretary of the Lodge however, based upon the conversation with Will Baber, WM of Square and Compass Lodge from whom Alpha Home rents, I would suppose there would be no problems.

**Sts. John Lodge No. 153 (Marrero)** My home Lodge rents from Marrero Lodge, which was previously addressed.

With kindest regards, I remain, Fraternaly, R. Wayne Ezelle, Jr. DDGM 15th District



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