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Monthly Newsletter September 2009 – October 2009



FROM THE EAST

Your Worshipful Master for 2009 can see the light at the end of the tunnel for his year and is finally getting comfortable with what he is supposed to be doing. I appreciate the cooperative spirit and the many offers of assistance given to me by the Brothers. This year has been great fun and a pleasure for me. Thank you for the honor. Your Officers and Degree Teams have really contributed heavy efforts throughout the year, and it is not over yet. All of the members have also contributed heavily to numerous Charities by means of your dues, because it was fortunate that the Lodge has not been burdened in 2009 with building, air conditioning and roofing repairs.

Guest Night on September 3 was successful with 65 attending and five petitions requested. Fortunately, there have been no hurricanes to affect us as in the years 2005 and 2008. Our membership total is holding even at 200 members with average regular meeting attendance ranging from about 20 to 30.

At the meeting of the 13th Masonic District on September 13, St. James Lodge has again received the Achievement Award from the Grand Lodge for the year 2008 under Worshipful Bro. "Mac" Little. St. James Lodge can be proud of its many continuous years of recognition.

Congratulations to Brothers Daniel Earl Cox and Brian Barron Schmolke on receiving their Master Mason Degree on September 17.

There will be an Open Dinner meeting on Thursday, October 1 to recognize and honor our Widows, Past Masters, and 25 & 50-Year Members. A program speaker of interest will be Mr. Davis Rhorer, Executive Director, Downtown Development District. Our Deacons have contacted our Widows to attend. Please invite guest prospects and your ladies.

Football, hunting, hiking and fall gardening fills the air. My wish is for health and happiness for all during this gorgeous Indian Summer Fall Season. May the Great Architect bless and protect you all.

Joe Richard
Worshipful Master 2009

September 13, Thursday, at 2:30 P.M. the 13th Masonic District met at Central Lodge # 442 attended by the W.M., S.W., & S.D.

September 17, Thursday, at 6:00 P.M. Special Communication to confer the second section of the Fellow Craft Degree, followed by the Fellow Craft Proficiency Examination of two candidates.

September 17, Thursday, at 7:30 P.M. Stated Communication - A charity donation was made to W: Bro Tim Hutchinson for his Team Running on Faith on December 5 in Memphis to benefit the St. Jude Children's Hospital. Two Master Mason Degrees were conferred. Following the degrees, the Master Mason esoteric work was communicated to both Candidates, who both wanted to be coached.

FUTURE EVENTS

October 1, Thursday, at 6:00/6:30 P.M. Stated Communication - **Open Dinner meeting to honor our Widows, Past Masters and 25 & 50-year members.** Speaker will be Mr. Davis Rhorer, Executive Director, Downtown Development District.

October 15, Thursday, at 7:30 P.M. Stated Communication - Rededication and Re-obligation. Possibly, confer one Entered Apprentice Degree.

November 5, Thursday, at 7:30 P.M. Stated Communication - Election of Officers for the year 2010.

Nov. 19 Possible conferral of one or more Entered Apprentice Degrees.

Dec. 3 Installation of 2010 Officers, **Open Meeting**

Sickness and Relief

Give thanks that the wife of M:W: Bro. Brown, Mary Ann, received good news that her leg tumor is benign.

Continue to pray for recovery from surgery of W:Bros. Sartain, Dodge & Dedman, and success for the Doctors of W: Bro. Eggers, who faces abdominal hernia surgery on September 25.

Last month, we asked "Who was Francois-Marie Arouet?"

Hint: he is better known as Voltaire. See answer on next page

Your Officers in 2009

Resumé – Jim Robinson, Junior Warden

Jimmy was born on June 18, 1947 in Kidderminster, Worchester, England to Jim (Sr.) and Winifred Robinson, which makes him age 62 and accounts for his slightly British accent. He became a Naturalized citizen of the U.S. on Nov 10, 1966. His wife is Christine and they both have children by previous marriage.

Jim is currently a Professor in the Department of Liberal Arts at LSU at Eunice, LA. His college education was at LSU where he received degrees as Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, Master of Criminal Justice, and Doctor of Philosophy (1988). His major studies have been in Psychology, Sociology, Criminal Justice and Applied Statistics. In those fields he has authored or co-authored numerous publications and spoken at numerous conferences.

He lived in New York in the early 1960's before moving to Baton Rouge. He attended Lee High School in Baton Rouge, and with an interest in drama he has participated in many dramatic arts productions, including the Baton Rouge Little Theater.

He was raised in St. James Lodge on November 15, 2003. He entered the "line to the East" in 2005 as Senior Steward, and is now, as Junior Warden, responsible for meals and supervision of Stewards and the pantry. The Lodge can appreciate the work Jim does this year as being responsible for meals and refreshments and participation in practices and degree teams, when we realize that he gets up about 4:30 A.M. and drives about 80 miles each way to and from work each weekday.

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

From the Secretary's Desk: if you have not paid 2009 dues, YOU are now delinquent!

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

Oct. 1 Past Masters', Widows & 25/50 Yr.

Dec. 3 Installation of 2010 Officers

RECENT EVENTS

August 20, Thursday, at 6:00 P.M. Special Communication - one Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred.

August 20, Thursday, at 7:30 P.M. Stated Communication - one Entered Apprentice degree was conferred.

September 3, Thursday, at 6:00/6:30 P.M. Stated Communication - **Guest Night** with dinner. 65 attended, including 12 prospective members five petitions were requested, and one petition was received.



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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 Murrell # 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.

**It is my privilege and pleasure to invite you and your Lady, along with guests you wish to bring, to
the Lodge Of Nine Muses Number Nine, Free & Accepted Masons
Seventh Annual Table Lodge at seven o'clock p m on October 30, 2009.**

It will be at The Camelot Club in downtown Baton Rouge.

The speaker for this year's event is the Honorable William Henson Moore, III. Brother Moore represented the Sixth Louisiana District in the U. S. Congress and was a candidate for the United States Senate. He later served as Commissioner of the Panama Canal Consultative Committee, Deputy Secretary for the U. S. Department of Energy and was Deputy Chief of Staff for President George H. W. Bush during Bush's last year in office. Brother Moore was also CEO of the American Forest & Paper Association.

Our Social Hour will begin at six o'clock p m. Worshipful Brother William J. Mollere, SGIG, Orient of Louisiana, will again serve as our Master of Ceremonies and will call the Table Lodge proceedings to order an hour later.

We look forward to having you with us on this very special evening as we once again give honor to Freemasonry, Freemasons, and especially the wives, friends, and families that support all Freemasons in our Masonic endeavors. Please indicate by e-mail to me at the address below, if you will be able to join us that evening and include the names of those who will be in your party. Also, please indicate your preference of the following entrees.

**Fillet Mignon
Fish of the Day Almondine
Pork Tenderloin
Vegetarian**

**The cost for the evening is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per person.
Checks may be mailed to me at the address below**

Fraternally Yours Aye,

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Who was Francois-Marie Arouet?

He was a Frenchman, philosopher, satirist, playwright, and prolific writer who lived 1694-1778 and wrote during the period of European Enlightenment under the pen name Voltaire. He was an advocate of civil liberties, freedom of religion, and free trade, thus unpopular with the government authorities which caused him to be imprisoned or exiled several times. He was a self avowed deist, a friend of Masons, Frederick The Great and Benjamin Franklin, and was initiated into Freemasonry in Paris, a month before his death.