



## The Black Cube That Gives Masonry A Black Eye

By: M:W: Joe G. Cabuk, Jr. PGM

**T**his article has been written to consider the possibility that the Masonic ballot box may be used improperly by a Master Mason to reject candidates who are in truth good men who would become good members of the fraternity and that such rejections may in fact shine a harsh and unfavorable light upon both the Master Mason casting the black cube and upon the entire fraternity. The writer wishes to raise this issue only for the sake of discussion and thoughtful consideration. He does not intend specific criticism of any person's opinions in regard to this subject, although it is the writer's opinion that on occasion the black cube *has* been used improperly. The writer recognizes and accepts the opinions of others who may disagree.

In Louisiana, we use the ballot box for five decisions. First, it is used to accept or reject the petition of a non-Mason for membership in the Fraternity. Second, the ballot box is used to accept a brother Mason for affiliation. Third and fourth, it is used to accept a brother Mason for transfer of membership, or for plural membership. Finally, the ballot box is used to approve or reject the application of an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Mason for continuation of degree work after the allowable time has expired. For purposes of brevity, we shall limit our discussion only to the ballot for membership.

The ballot box procedure of the Masonic fraternity in Louisiana uses a secret ballot in which brothers use white balls to elect or black cubes to reject a candidate who wishes to join a lodge. The presence of even one black cube when a ballot is spread causes rejection, regardless of the number of white balls. This system gives to each individual Master Mason the power to block the admission of any man into a Louisiana lodge. This power of anyone Master Mason to use the ballot box to "black ball" any man who has petitioned a lodge for membership is absolute, and the brother exercising this power need not reveal either the fact or the reason that he is the one who cast the black cube. Indeed, our Law Book prohibits every Mason from attempting to learn *who* cast the black cube or *why* it was done.

This *one-vote-rejects* secret ballot system creates a potential problem because it gives each individual Master Mason absolute *power* but it does not balance that power by establishing a corresponding level of individual *responsibility*. It has been said, "Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." By giving the power of rejection without requiring the responsibility of publicly making the case for such rejection, we thereby cloak in secrecy the identity and motives of the person who casts the black cube. This system therefore sets the stage whereon mischief can, and does, occur.

When a Mason casts a black cube for unjust, uninformed, or petty reasons, at least six bad things happen: First, a good man is denied Masonic light and fellowship in a lodge and his pride and sense of self-worth are surely hurt; Second, his wife and family will also usually know he has been rejected and they will probably talk to their friends - they will surely not paint a nice picture of "the Masons" who rejected their loved-one; Third, the brothers who signed the petition are embarrassed; Fourth, the investigating committee is embarrassed; Fifth, the lodge is denied the

chance to put on the degrees and to enjoy the fellowship of a good man as he begins the Masonic journey; and Sixth, the Mason casting the improper black cube has committed a wrong against the petitioner, against his lodge, and against all his brother Masons, wheresoever dispersed. I suggest that the rejection of a good man who seeks Masonic light is a wrong deed done, and the effects of this wrong deed radiate outward into the community of both Masons and Profanes so that the wrongly-cast black cube gives all of Freemasonry a black eye.

Before a ballot is taken, the Louisiana Masonic Monitor recommends that the Worshipful Master read the entire application of the candidate, including how the Investigating Committee voted. The WM should also say "Brethren, we are about to ballot on the worthiness of Mr. (full name) to receive the degrees in Masonry. The white balls elect, the black cubes reject. Be careful of your ballot and ballot for the good of the Order."

What is "for the good of the Order?" Let us consider the case of a man who has submitted a Petition for Initiation. Let's say the lodge has processed his petition in the usual manner and it is now time to ballot. Before we ballot, think of this situation: two Master Masons who should know something about this man have signed the petition and brought it into the lodge; the lodge members have discussed and received the petition; three Master Masons on the Investigating Committee have visited the petitioner in his home and found him worthy and also signed his petition; at least four weeks have elapsed since the petition was received; and lodges within 25 miles of the petitioner's home have been notified of the petition and no protest has been received. No brother in the lodge has made any unfavorable comment against the petitioner.

Now the ballot is taken, and there is one black cube. The ballot is taken again and there is still one black cube. Why might this be? Consider these reasons why a brother Master Mason might cast the black cube:

- Perhaps he is the petitioner's medical doctor and he is aware of the fact that the petitioner is secretly using illegal drugs, but professional ethics don't allow him to tell the lodge about it.
- Perhaps he is a law enforcement officer and he is aware that the petitioner is involved in a financial scam, which will soon be made public.
- Perhaps he is a psychologist and he is counseling the petitioner's family for child and spouse abuse by the petitioner.
- Perhaps he is a banker and he is aware that the petitioner has been passing hot checks.
- Perhaps the petitioner is a police officer who gave one of the brothers a traffic ticket last week.
- Perhaps the petitioner is a loan officer in a bank which recently turned-down one of the brothers for a loan.
- Perhaps the petitioner is a lawyer and one of the brothers thinks there are too many lawyers in Masonry.
- Perhaps the petitioner is a car mechanic and one of the brothers thinks we don't need car mechanics with greasy fingernails in the fraternity.
- Perhaps the petitioner speaks poor English or is not well educated.
- Perhaps he is a banker and he is aware that the petitioner has been passing hot checks.
- Perhaps the petitioner is a police officer who gave one of the brothers a traffic ticket last week.
- Perhaps the petitioner is a loan officer in a bank which recently turned-down one of the brothers for a loan.

*continued on page 5*

# The Louisiana FREEMASON

**THE LOUISIANA FREEMASON** is the Official Publication of The Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, F & AM, 5800 Masonic Drive, Alexandria, Louisiana 71301. Published for the members of Lodges in Louisiana. **The Louisiana Freemason** will accept unsolicited articles, with the right to edit, and use when space permits. Articles and pictures become the property of the magazine. Any article or views expressed in this publication are those only of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the official position of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. The editorial policy of this publication grants free reign to the Editor, within the lines of Masonic principles and teachings.

Permission is granted to use the contents of **The Louisiana Freemason** for Masonic purposes, as long as credit is given to the source.

Address Changes should be sent to the Lodge Secretary who will notify the Grand Secretary on the proper form. DO NOT send changes of address to the Louisiana Freemason. Send all email, mail and/or material for consideration for publication in **The Louisiana Freemason** to:

W: Steven A. Pence, P.M. Editor  
The LOUISIANA FREEMASON  
105 Bayhills Dr.,  
Benton, LA 71006  
Email: storm52@bellsouth.net

## Editorial Committee The Louisiana Freemason Insert Edition

**Editor in Chief**  
Steven A Pence

**Contributing Editors**  
Naresh Sharma  
19414 Creekround Avenue  
Baton Rouge, LA 70817-1908

Dr. Lawrence D Wade, PhD MD  
3060 Valley Creek Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808-3169

## Committee to Supervise Publication of Louisiana Freemason

W: Steven A. Pence, P.M. (362) Editor  
105 Bayhills Dr., Benton, LA 71006  
W: Wiley G. Bell III, PM (398) **Chairman**  
99 Bayou Robert Road  
Alexandria, LA 71302  
W: W.A. Morris, P.M. (472)  
3904 Castle Road, Alexandria, LA 71303-3214  
M: W: Clayton J. Borne, III, G.M. (P.U.I.)  
433 Metairie Rd., Suite 100,  
Metairie, LA 70005  
W: E. Doyle Freeman, P.M. (311)  
415 Arrowwood Dr., Slidell, LA 70458-0908  
W: Richard D. Mahoney, P.M. (246)  
P.O. Box 369, Winnsboro, LA 71255  
W: David A. Roach, P.M. (221)  
6511 Misty Ln., Pineville, LA 71360  
W: Thomas R. Walker, Jr.  
11483 Millburn Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70815

# GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



The 196<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana was conducted in New Orleans at the Astor Crown Plaza on January 29 and 30, 2006 and was a wonderful event. The Grand Lodge was opened and business conducted using the Scottish Rite Ritual, and was a very unique and historical event. M: W: Chip Borne did an outstanding job as he has done all year and gave all the Brethren an opportunity to give the New Orleans area that feeling of brotherly love and Masonic affection from throughout the State, that united we will recover from the devastation of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina. Thank you, M: W: Sir for a job well done.

Your Grand Lodge Officers have begun development of a five year Business Plan for the Grand Lodge. This plan is being prepared for the orderly operation of the Grand Lodge for years to come. We will look at income and expenses and methods in which we can utilize the resources of the Grand Lodge to exist in today's environment. An important element is membership. We must do a better job in attracting new members and retaining our existing. We also must develop a public relations program to inform people of who we are. Masons do so many great things in our communities and support so many charities and philanthropies, but 85% of the American population does not have any idea about our great Fraternity. Decades ago the leaders and prominent citizens of our communities were known Masons and the population was incited to emulate these Brethren, but unfortunately at the present, prominent Masons are unknown as such in our communities for the most part. We must change and restore our position of prominence and community involvement throughout this State and Country.

We will present this blueprint of the business plan to the principal officers of the Lodges and Appendent Bodies in the next few months in the Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lake Charles, Monroe, New Orleans and Shreveport areas. These presentations will be approximately two hours duration and feedback and participation from the attendants is the most important part of the planning process. After feedback is received from the Lodges and Appendent Bodies a final plan will be derived and placed in action. This plan will also allow for the continuation of other pertinent Grand Lodge Programs as it is virtually impossible for a Grand Master to develop and implement programs in a one year time span. Brethren it is imperative that ALL the Lodges be an active participant in the planning process for this to be a successful venture.

On February 10, 2007, the cornerstone ceremony for the new Grand Lodge Administration Building was conducted. This was a historic event as we enter into a new world of technology and ways of doing business. The business operations of the Grand Lodge should be moved and underway in the new building by March 15, 2007. This is indeed an exciting and dynamic time for Masonry in Louisiana.

Thank each of you for your support and prayers for all of the Grand Lodge "Team". May peace and harmony prevail,

*Fraternally*  
**S. Bruce Easterly, GM**



*M: W: S. Bruce Easterly  
Grand Master  
State of Louisiana*

## Contents

<i>The Black Cube</i>	<b>1</b>
<i>M:W: Bro Joe G. Cabuck, Jr.-PGM</i>	
<i>The Grand Master's Message</i>	<b>2</b>
<i>M:W: S. Bruce Easterly-GM</i>	
<i>Grand Lodge of France GLNF</i>	<b>3</b>
<i>M:W: Bro Clayton J. Borne III-PGM</i>	
<i>The Masonic Harmonic</i>	<b>4</b>
<i>W: Lawrence D. Wade-M.D., PM</i>	
<i>Lodge Installations</i>	<b>5</b>
<i>continues to page 8</i>	
<i>Special Interests &amp; Awards</i>	<b>8</b>

## 2007-2008 OFFICERS

S Bruce Easterly, Grand Master  
Lloyd E Hennigan Jr., Deputy Grand Master  
J F "Jeff" Webb, Jr., Grand Senior Warden  
Woody D Bilyeu, Grand Junior Warden  
A Ray McLaurin, Grand Treasurer  
James A Walley, PGM Grand Treasurer Emeritus  
Roy B Tuck, PGM Grand Secretary  
Thomas P Brown, Grand Chaplain  
H Edward Durham, Grand Marshal  
Beverly J Guillot, Grand Senior Deacon  
Gary L Gribble, Grand Junior Deacon  
A Bruce Woods, Grand Sword Bearer  
Harry C Northrop III, Grand Pursuivant  
E Doyle Freeman, Grand Standard Bearer  
Travis M Holley, Grand Tyler  
Wiley G Bell, III, Grand Photographer  
Eric C Hahn, Grand Organist  
I C Turnley, MD PGM, Grand Physician

## The Louisiana FREEMASON

**M**y Brothers, you have afforded the grand honor of representing you and our Grand Lodge at the 8th World Conference of Regular Grand Lodges held in conjunction with the Annual Communication of the French National Grand Lodge (GLNF). It was an opportunity to meet with other brothers on a world level to understand more fully the true meaning and spirit of our brotherhood.

The Grande Loge Nationale Francaise (GLNF) or the French National Grand Lodge, is the only Regular Grand Lodge in France which follows Principles.



**Following the delivering of a paper, *Relevancy of Freemasonry in the 21st Century*, M: W: Bro Clayton J. “Chip” Borne and wife, Nancy, were invited to sit at the head table with the French Grand Master, Jean Charles Foellner, GLNF at the DiMedachi Palace in Paris which is now the home of the French Senate.**

Its Regularity is based on a strict adherence to the Time-honoured Landmarks and Ancient Charges of the Craft which have governed Universal Freemasonry since its inception, paramount among these Basic Principles: a belief in God, “Great Architect of the Universe”.

In 1913, a small group of Freemason, led by Edouard de Ribaucourt, faithful to the traditions and Principles of the Order, founded the National, Independent and Regular Grand Lodge for France, immediately recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England. In 1948, it changed its title to the present French National Grand Lodge.

The GLNF governs 1350 active Lodges organized in 32 Provinces. The Grand Master, elected for a three year mandate, is supported by a Board of General Purposes of

twelve members, and a Sovereign Grand Committee or Senate of nearly three hundred, representing the 36,000 members of the regular French Craft.

Since 1913, the French National Grand Lodge has strongly contributed to spreading traditional Freemasonry throughout France, the French-speaking countries and other parts of the world.

It brought the Light of Freemasonry by constituting a Grand Lodge in the following countries: Iran, Spain, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Portugal, Senegal, Benin, Russia, Madagascar, Guinea, Mali, Morocco, Andorra, Burkina Faso, Niger, Djibouti, Cameroon, Armenia, Mauritius and Ukraine.

Hall at 12 & 14 rue Christine de Pisan in Paris offers twenty-one temples and can accommodate over 1000 Masons every evening.

French *Royal Arch* Arch Freemasonry is totally integrated to the Grand Lodge. It works through 156 Royal Arch Chapters and numbers are over 3,300 Companions.

Royal Arch Masonry in France practices three different rituals with its Chapter:

- The English (Dogmatic/Aldersgate) ritual.
- The American (General Grand Chapter) ritual.
- The Scottish (Grand Chapter of Scotland) ritual.

*Sincerely and fraternally,*  
**Clayton J. “Chip” Borne III-PGM**



An Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge was called for the purpose of dedicating and laying the cornerstone of the new Grand Lodge Hall on February 10th. The building was open for visitors and guests to get a glimpse the facility. As construction began during M: W: Bro Clayton J Borne III-PGM’s year and will be completed during M: W: S Bruce Easterly-GM’s year, a joint ceremony was held. This historic event began with M: W: Bro Borne-PGM and was completed by M: W: Easterly-GM.



**M: W: Bro Clayton J Borne III-PGM and M: W: S Bruce Easterly-GM**

GLNF Lodges work according to six different rituals or workings, viz:

- *Scottish* Rectified Rite ritual by 13% of the Lodges.
- English *Emulation* ritual by 9% of the Lodges.
- Ancient & Accepted Rite Craft ritual by 48% of the Lodges
- Traditional French Rite ritual by 14% of the Lodges
- American *York* ritual by 4% of the Lodges
- *Standard* Scotland’s ritual by 2% of the Lodges.

The average age of a GLNF Mason is 51. Brethren aged between 40 to 60 make up 63% of the total membership. Yearly, GLNF welcomes some 3,000 initiates and consecrates between 30 and 40 new Lodges.

GLNF headquarters, the National Masonic

---

---

# THE MASONIC HARMONIC

By: W: Lawrence D. Wade, M.D., PM

**M**asonic Harmonics are **mystical** phenomena...not merely rational and certainly not of sentiment, alone. As with all things mystical, we can only talk about them...we cannot actually fully express them by means of mere words. Verbally, we can only project pale reflected images of them, and in so doing hope that we will have elicited, in our hearts, a more complete experience of their nature.

Iraq-born engineer and sculptor Alan Faith associates “Natural Harmonics” with, “...the abstract meaning of Cosmic Intelligence and the way that Intelligence achieves ITs [his emphasis] purpose by operating through our conscious and subconscious minds.” I’m sure we’d all agree that that’s a highly mystical statement. But if we think of the “Cosmic Intelligence” as the GAOTU, it may make more sense. It then comes out something like, “Natural Harmonics is the way the GAOTU achieves His purpose by operating through our conscious and subconscious minds.”

By definition, a harmonic is “pleasing.” And, it is, “...produced by a fundamental tone.” An harmonic **resonates** with other kindred harmonics — they are partial tones of the same fundamental tone.

A stringed instrument is well tuned only when each string is properly tuned to each other string and all are properly tuned to the **fundamental tone**. The instrument cannot be fully tuned entirely within itself. Only when its resonance has been adjusted to match a true, external, objective standard can it be played with other instruments. Only then does it have a place in the orchestra.

What “Fundamental Tone” of Freemasonry is responsible for producing resonating harmonic themes that can unify The Fraternity? What are the “Harmonic Tones” — the “Harmonics” — of that Fundamental Tone?

Is the answer to be found in the **ritual**? Yes, and no. If performed with fluency and with a depth of understanding that goes beyond rote memorization, our ritual will **reflect** the Fundamental Tone of Freemasonry. At its best, the ritual is one of several “Masonic Harmonics” — a partial tone that resonates with the Fundamental Tone of Masonry.

Neither is **Masonic Law** and Jurisprudence **identical with** our unifying theme...our “Fundamental Tone”. At best, Masonic Law can be used **in service of** that unifying theme...to guide the conduct of Masons and of Masonic bodies...to provide a structural and procedural framework within which we may then seek to **implement** that which is the essence of Masonry. But obviously, Masonic Law and Jurisprudence is not, itself, that essence...that Fundamental Tone. Masonic Law, too, may be a partial tone...a Harmonic...of the Fundamental Tone of Masonry.

**Masonic History**, for its part, can help us to shape our understanding of the “Masonic Fundamental” and of “Masonic Harmonics”, as experienced by those who have gone before us. It

**har·mon·ic** (här-mŏn“k) *adj.* **1. Music. a.** Of or relating to harmony. **b.** Pleasing to the ear. **c.** Characterized by harmony. **2.** Of or relating to harmonics. **3.** Integrated in nature. —**har·mon·ic n. Music. 1.a.** A tone in the harmonic series of overtones produced by a fundamental tone. **b.** A tone produced on a stringed instrument by lightly touching an open or stopped vibrating string at a given fraction of its length so that both segments vibrate. Also called overtone, partial, partial tone. **2.** A wave whose frequency is a whole-number multiple of that of another.

can thus suggest to us a compass bearing, as we strive to chart a course for the future that will assure that Masonry will be there for future generations. Yet even Masonic History is not fully one and the same with that mystical thread that is the wellspring of all that is Masonry. Here, too, we may at most speak of a partial tone — an Harmonic.

The **Philosophy** of Masonry probably lies closer to the heart of the matter. Surely, the essence of Masonry — the “Masonic Fundamental” -- is contained somewhere within the philosophy from which all that is Masonry arises. After all, our Philosophy embodies our Principles — our beliefs.

Principles are those beliefs to which we adhere that prevent us from drifting like spiritual feathers in the wind. Our Masonic Principles are the **Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth**. The thread — a “Masonic Harmonic” — runs through them all. But there remains a separate identity for the Masonic “Fundamental”, itself.

Each “Masonic Harmonic” reflects that ineffable realization in the heart and the mind of a Mason — that Masonic Awareness, the “Masonic Fundamental” — that makes possible all things Masonic — makes them even, one might say, inevitable.

In his novel, *Barnaby Rudge*, Charles Dickens wrote, “There are strings...in the human heart that had better not be vibrated.” The “Masonic Fundamental” is surely not among those. It is, quite to the contrary, good that this particular “string” should be “vibrated” and that its partial tones — the “Masonic Harmonics” — should reflect it. We can’t render them tangible, but we can know them, and we and others are better for our having done so. Even as we admit that these mystical tones cannot be weighed, measured, divided, or rendered into

words, we even then know that we can tune our hearts to their intangible pitch. We can know them. We can live them. We can sense them in all that is Masonic.



## Do The Numbers

Even without the advantage of analytical geometry and calculus (discovered later in the 17<sup>th</sup> century by Newton and by Leibniz), Johannes Kepler established between 1609 and 1619 the three laws of planetary motion. Kepler’s work made possible Newton’s later explication of the Law of Universal Gravitation.

Descartes, Kepler, Galileo, Newton and others insisted that it is not enough to understand the universe in spiritual terms of “perfections” and “purposes”; that it is necessary, too, to understand nature in terms of her mathematical laws. For these men, it did not suffice, for example, to conclude that a river flooded because “its spirit was angry”; they wanted to understand such phenomena in measurable numerical terms, so that something could be done to control them and thus to promote the happiness and wellbeing of humankind. Theirs was a charitable purpose. They changed the world.

Are we, the Masons of today, content to understand our Craft only in terms of qualities and purposes, our ritual, our three principal tenets, etc.? Should we not, in addition, give full attention to *quantitative* aspects of The Craft?

What is the **numerical magnitude** of the decline in membership, of my Lodge, of the Louisiana Grand Lodge, of Masonry in the U. S., and of The Craft throughout the world? What is the impact of that decline on the budgets of Louisiana’s constituent Lodges and of the Grand Lodge? What percentage of the members of any given Masonic body are now “life members” and no longer paying dues?

One of the four cardinal virtues is Prudence. Prudence would dictate that if future generations are not to be deprived of Masonry, entirely, today’s Masons should heed the numbers and begin to plan and work for “the lean years” to come or are they not already upon us?

In their wisdom, Masonic leaders in Louisiana have long since laid the foundations for us. **Perpetual Membership and The Grand Lodge Endowment Fund** are two ways in which Louisiana Masonry has exercised great Prudence in planning for the future. If you are not already a perpetual member, you should consider becoming one. And, each of us should regularly make any donation **or bequest** that we can to The Grand Lodge Endowment Fund.

*The Black Cube That Gives Masonry A Black Eye  
continued from front page*

Perhaps the petitioner is a lawyer and one of the brothers thinks there are too many lawyers in Masonry.

· Perhaps the petitioner is a car mechanic and one of the brothers thinks we don't need car mechanics with greasy fingernails in the fraternity.

· Perhaps one brother knows the petitioner, and he just doesn't like him and doesn't want him in the lodge.

· Perhaps the petitioner is a member of a church where the women wear their hair long and one brother doesn't like this church.

How do you feel about these reasons for casting a black cube? Where should the line be drawn? Each brother must decide for himself if any reasons are "right" and if any are "wrong."

We say that Masonry "Makes good men better." In the Address on Charity we tell new Master Masons that the cornerstone of our fraternity is Charity. We go on to explain that by Charity we mean the broader, grander, nobler Charity that regards *all men as brothers*. Note that we don't say "all Masons as brothers," but "all men as brothers." We explain to the new Master Mason that he is to practice the Charity that writes the faults of a brother on the shifting sands and his virtues on tables of enduring marble. If this is truly the case, does not a very strict standard apply to the Master Mason such that he must occasionally truly grit his teeth and, practicing that Masonic Charity which regards all men as brothers, vote "for" someone he doesn't like?

We can ask ourselves, what does the WM mean when he says, "we are about to ballot on the worthiness [of the candidate] to receive the degrees in Masonry?" What does he mean when he says "ballot for the good of the Order?" Does he mean the applicant must be "perfect," or only that he be a "good man?" Is anyone perfect? What is a "good man?" Does not Masonry demand of me that I suppress my dislike for a particular person and accept him as a Masonic brother unless there is clear evidence that he will bring discredit upon the fraternity? If I don't learn to subdue my passions in this way, is being a Mason helping the good man in me become a better man? If I truly don't like someone and think that I will have personal problems with him being in my lodge, is it OK to remain silent and just ballot with the black cube, even though everyone else in the lodge casts a white ball? Does anyone benefit from such behavior? Should a different standard apply to a man who is already a Master Mason, applying for Plural Membership in my lodge than for a man applying for the EA degree?

Do we truly understand that when a Masonic lodge has rejected a petitioner who is well-known and well-liked in the community, the news of the rejection will get out into the community at large, despite our efforts at keeping it a secret. The writer is aware of "talk" among

the non-Masons in his community about a "blackballing" which happened many years ago. It is a fact that the rejection of one good man will deter other good men from ever applying for the light Masonry offers to the world. Is there is a black cube which gives Masonry a black eye? Each brother must decide for himself. If you decide that there is such a situation, what can be done about it? Perhaps the best we can do is to discuss this subject openly in the spirit of Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love, and most of all— *Charity*.

## INSTALLATIONS

### SULPHUR #424 F. & A.M.



Sulphur Lodge #424 and Peace and Harmony #478 held a joint open installation of officers on Sunday, December 17, 2006, at the Peace and Harmony Lodge building. Peace and Harmony offered the use of their facilities to Sulphur Lodge until the Sulphur Lodge building could be rebuilt after suffering massive damage from Hurricane Rita. Sulphur Lodge hopes to return to their building by March 2007. Installing officers were, R:W: J. F. "Jeff" Webb, Grand Junior Warden, as Installing Master; R:W: Harry Northrop, Past District Deputy Grand Master for the 10th Masonic District, as Installing Marshal; and W: Bro John Butterrick, Associate Grand Photographer, as Installing Chaplain. By special request of the new Sulphur Master, the Installing Master and Installing Marshal traded stations for his installation. R:W: Northrop was instrumental in getting W: Bro James Golding into Masonry and signed his petition for membership into the Order.

R:W: Jeff Webb, GJW-Past Master of Peace and Harmony Lodge, had the privilege and honor of installing his son, Michael Webb, as Junior Warden. Mike Webb stated that the honor was all his.

### PEACE & HARMONY #478 F. & A.M.



## The Louisiana FREEMASON

LAKE CHARLES #165 F. & A.M.



*L:R Jimmie Leger-PM Secretary, Carl Webb-JW, W: Larry Hargitt-WM, Travis Batchelor-SW, Matthew Webb-Marshal, Ken Michel-PM Chaplain*

On Sunday, December 3, 2006, Lake Charles Lodge #165 and Rudolph Krause Lodge #433 held a joint open installation of officers at the Masonic Temple in Lake Charles. Installing officers were W: Bro: Richard B Smith, Installing Master; W: B: Thomas Kussmann, Installing Marshal; and M:W: Bro. Neil R Crain, PGM Installing Chaplain.

### RUDOLPH KRAUSE #433 F. & A.M.



*Front Row L:R Daniel Castoriano-SD, J Stephen Calhoun-PM Secretary, Terry McFarlane-JW, W: Pierre "Rocky" Schexneider-WM, David Scritchfield-PM SW, Mitch Darbonne-PM MofC  
Second Row L:R Archie Hickman-PM Tyler, Larry McCallister-PM Marshal, Jonathan Frasier-SD, John Butterick-PM SS, Fred Barton-JS*

### DEQUINCY #279 F. & A.M.

DeQuincy Lodge #279 F & AM held their annual installation and the Installing officers were W: Bro John Butterrick, Asso. Grand Photographer-Installing Master; W: Bro Jerry McCaig, PM DeQuincy Lodge-Installing Marshal; and W: Bro Daryl Johnson, 10th District Deputy Grand Master-Installing Chaplain.



*Front Row L:R John Butterrick, Ronald Fontenot-PM Treasurer, W: Michael Carlisle-WM, Lynne Spikes-PM Chaplain, Carl Burgess-PM Tyler, Daryl Johnson  
Back Row L:R Claude LeCompte-PM SD, Scott O'Pry-PM JS, Joseph Gilland-SW, Bill VanAernam-PM SS, Jerry McCaig, Troy Cooper-JW*

# The Louisiana FREEMASON

continued from page 5

## HAPARNOLD #457 F. & A.M.



Hap Arnold lodge installed officers for 2007, with the Installation Ceremony preceded by a dinner with Hap Arnold families. Installing Officer W Bro Hoyt S Hooper installed the following officers: James P Allen-Tyler, W: Bro Frederick G Arthur-Treasurer, Cory H Riggan - JS, Lawrence B Renfro-JW, W: Bro George B Gray-Secretary, W: Bro Richard S Feinberg-WM, W: Bro Patson C Houston-Master of Ceremonies, Sam S Cannon-SD, W: Bro Billy J George-Chaplain, George Dewain Spillman-SS.

## COLFAX #259 F. & A.M.



The installation was opened with retiring Master, Rev. Bro. David Trimbur serving as installing Master and Bro. Jerry McDaniel serving as installing Marshal. Those installed were: L to R; James H. O'Quinn, Secty. Lacy Chelette, Chap. Jerry G. McDaniel, Marshal. Robert E. Beauregard, Treas. Bobby G. Bryant, Junior War. John E. Futrell, Jr. Deacon, Carl B. LeMoine, Sr. W. John Gunter, W.M. Jerry P. McDaniel, S.D. David McGee, Tyler, finally, Bro David Trimbur, P.M.

## LITTLE FLOCK #236 F. & A.M.



Bro Tommy Ezell was presented his 50 Year Membership Certificate and lapel pin during a Stated Communication. Pictured above L:R R:W: J F "Jeff" Webb-GJW, W: Tracy Bowling-WM, Bro Tommy Ezell and John D McGraw-Secretary

*This is not an installation. However, it fit here and it was omitted from previous publication. The Ed*

## JOPPA #362 F. & A.M.



Joppa Lodge 2007 Officers were installed in December. Shown above Front Row L:R H Edward Durham-Installing Marshal, Joel T Haston-SW, Earl R Hancock-WM, Michael W Beeler-JW, M:W: Bro Ballard L Smith-PGM & Installing Master-Treasurer, Melvin M Regan-Installing Chaplain Back Row L:R J Michael Talley-SS, Chad C Driskell-SD, Rufus E Wilson-Tyler, D Clifton Brown-JD, James B Smith-JS, Steven A Pence-Secretary and R:W: S Bruce Easterly-DGM

## EAST GATE #452 F. & A.M.



East Gate's 2007 Officers were installed by Larry Moore-Installing Master, Carle Jackson-Marshall and Alvin Villeret-Chaplain. Officers installed for 2007 shown above Front Row L:R Joe McNeal, 2006 PM, Terry Wilson-JD, Willis Jones-SS, Ken Leggett-JS, Errol Villneurve-WM and Ronnie Walker-MofC Back Row L:R Charles Peabody-Treasurer, Stephen Kemp-SW, Jim Wingate-Secretary and Kristopher Easterly-JW

W: Bro William Mollere was recognized as a Special Guest and W: Villneurve-WM presented W: Bro Joe McNeal with a photo album for his accomplishments for 2006.

## ATKINS #266 F. & A.M.



W: Bro James P Allen, 2006 WM was the Installing Master for Atkins Lodge and was assisted by W: Bro Richard Hall-Installing Chaplain and W: Bro Jackie R Johnson-Installing Marshal. 2007 Officers are shown above Front Row L:R W: Bro Hoyt S Hooper-

Tyler, Terry L Harris-SW, Carey Allison-JW, Jimmy Holland-MofC and Joshua W Samuel-JS Middle Row L:R Charles E Glover-JD, W: Bro William R. Richards-Marshall and Sterling P Bretzman-SS Back Row L:R W: Bro James R Enkey-Treasurer, W: Cecil D Cryer-WM, W: Bro Richard L Hall-Chaplain and W: Bro James A Allen-Secretary

## H A ANDERSON #320 F. & A.M.



2007 Officers as shown in the above photograph Front Row: R:W: Tim Tuck-DDGM 8th District and MofC, W: Bro Philip Chaney-Marshall, David Jananavich-JW, W: John Walker-WM, W: Bro John Burns-SW, M:W: Bro Roy Tuck-PGM Grand Secretary, W: Bro William Preston, Jr.-Secretary, Don Ray English-SS and Sam Cangelose-JS Back Row: John Jett-JD, W: Bro Earl Byrd-Treasurer, Robert Rasumssan-SD, Robert Hannigan-Chaplain, W: Bro George Glover-MofC and Thomas Ray Parker-Tyler

## LEESVILLE #240 F. & A.M.



Leesville Lodge installed its 2007 Officers and are shown in the above photograph. L:R Paul Syck, Jr.-WM, Harold Lafoe-SW, Verine O Kennedy-JW, Finley Stanly-Treasurer, Daniel Willis-Secretary, Michael A Sismondo-SD, Paul D McCarthy-JD, Ronald Lawson-MofC, Brian Johnson-Chaplain, John D Schlittenhard-SS, Horace N Dondon-JS, John Billiot-Marshall and Jesse Campo-PM Tyler

## CENTER #244 F. & A.M.



2007 Officers for Center Lodge are shown above. Front Row L:R Billy Hughes-Treasurer, Bruce Thomas-SW, Earl Reese-WM, Terry Stewart-JW, Henry E Vernon-Secretary

continued on page 7

continued from page 6  
Center Lodge 2007 Officers

C. W. Jarrell-Chaplain. Back Row L:R Dallas Alford-SD, Patrick B Page, Jr.-SS, Kenneth Warner-JS and Jake Tagert-JD

[LITTLE FLOCK #236 F. & A.M.](#)



R: W: J F "Jeff" Webb-GJW was the Installing Master for 2007 Officers. Assisting him was John Norwood-Installing Marshal and W: Bro Randy Moore-Installing Chaplain.

Pictured L:R Front Row-Robert Smith-Secretary, Junior LeBeouf-SS, Howard Ellis-Tyler, R: W: Jeff Webb-GJW, W: James C Wells-WM, W: Bro John Norwood and Randy Moore-Treasurer. Back Row: Billy Guay-Chaplain, Dale Liley-JD, Tracy Bowling-Marshall, John D. McGraw-SW, Jason Heard-JW, Tom Ezell-JS and Dan Haigh-SD.

[SHONGALOO #352 F. & A.M.](#)



Shongaloo Lodge's officers for 2007 are Daniel C Moore-WM, Richard L Graham-SW, Patrick B Britt-JW, W: Bro John Stanley-Treasurer, W: Bro Waldo W Fuller, Jr.-Secretary (Photographer), W: Bro A Clay Strange-Marshall, W: Bro Robert R Charles-Chaplain, R. Brian Dennis-SD, W: Bro Rodger D Dew-JD, W: Bro William C Strange-MofC, W: Bro Kenneth F Sivils-SS, Jessie D Powell-JS and W: Bro Larry D Moore-Tyler

[SUNSET #438 F. & A.M.](#)



Sunset 2007 Officers pictured L:R Front Row: Tim Updegone-JW, Michael Lilley-SW, W: Bro Al Riser-Tyler and W: Bro Henry Moore-SS Second Row: Rex Bain-JD, W: Bro Chester Williams-Treasurer, W: Danny Jones-

WM, W: Bro Ron Sikes-Secretary, W: Bro Rex Coon-Marshall and John Rawls-SD Back Row: W: Bro A J Bell-Chaplain and Bobby Speights-JS

[UNITY #267 F & A.M.](#)



Unity Lodge's officers were installed by R: W: S Bruce Easterly-DGM and was assisted by W: Bro John Juneau-Installing Marshal. Pictured Front Row L:R Travis Verdin-SS, W: Bro Allen Porche, Sr.-SW, R: W: S Bruce Easterly-DGM, W: Daniel J Guidry-WM, Allen Porche, Jr.-JW and W: Bro Richard Porche-Secretary. Second Row Maxie Verdin-SD, Roy Breaux, Jr.-Treasurer, W: Bro Daniel Breaux-Chaplain, W: Bro Henry Brunet-Marshall and Ted Brewer-JD. Third Row: Bruce Kirkland-Tyler, Daniel Rivette-JS and Seth Benton-MofC. Not pictured John Juneau-Installing Marshal

[ST. JAMES #47 F & A.M.](#)



St. James 2007 Officers are W: Mark Jeffery Paxton-WM, William Ellis Little-SW, Joseph George Richard Jr.-JW, W: Bro William Daniel Zollinger-Treasurer, W: Bro Frank Earl Dedman-Secretary, W: Bro Ben Francis Melanson-Chaplain, Timothy Hilary Atkin-SD, Dr. James William Robinson, Jr.-JD, Joe Arthur Bardwell-MofC, Turhan Ak-SS, Robert Ronald Zinn-JS and Alfred James Blanchard-Tyler



L:R W Bro Richard B Smith-Installing Marshal, W: Bro Daryl Johnson-Installing Chaplain, M: W: Bro Neil R Crain-PGM Installing Master, W: Bro Rocky Schexneider-SD, Larry Miller-Marshall, Charles Perry-SW, W: Scott Henry-WM, W: Bro Neil Boudreaux-JS, Andrew Brewer-JW, Travis Batchelor-MofC and W: Bro David Scritchfield-JD

## The Louisiana FREEMASON

[COVINGTON #188F & A.M.](#)



Pictured: Front row L:R R:W: George Lupo-DDGM 18th District, Jerald R. Wahl, Sr.-Tyler, M:W: Clayton J. Borne, III-Grand Master, Anthony L. Pohlmann-WM, W: Bro Armondo Perez-DGL 18th. District. Second row: W: Bro Henry Marquez, Sr.-SD, Clinton Morgan-JW, Allen Billiot-JS, Michael Hall- SW, Allen Arellano-JD. Top row L:R Robert J. Tranchina, Sr.-Chaplain, Robert E. Goodrow, Jr.-MofC and James S. Blossman, Jr.-Secretary.

[BLANCHARD #447 F & A.M.](#)

Blanchard 2007 Officers are W: Bryan P Moore-WM, Jim Harbour-SW, W: Bro Terry Jewell-JW, W: Bro John D Autry-Treasurer, W: Bro Ben Terrell-Secretary, W: Bro Robert L Stuckey-Chaplain, W H "Bill" Tyler-SD, Johnny R Kemp-JD, Brian Firestone-MofC, Gary P Presswood-Marshall, W: Bro Lynn Arnold-SS, Audie L Arnold-JS and W: Bro John E Valentine-Tyler



L:R W: Bro D C Hall-Installing Marshal, R: W: S Bruce Easterly-DGM Installing Master, W: Bryan P Moore-WM and W: Bro Bill R Drake-Installing Chaplain

[CAMERON #439 F & A.M.](#)



continued on page 8

continued from page 7  
Cameron Lodge:

The Cameron Lodge building was destroyed by hurricane Rita, but the membership survived. The 2007 Officers were installed using the Lake Charles #165 building. The Worshipful Master, Scott Henry was installed by M: W: Bro Neil R Crain-PGM, also a member of Cameron Lodge. Plans are to build a new lodge in the Sweetlake area, on land donated by Charles Hackett. This location is also known as Hackett's Corner on Hwy 27 South.

## Special Interest

### OSIRIS TROWEL FIDELITY #300 F & A.M.

Osiris-Trowel-Fidelity Lodge, celebrating 100 Years in 2006, gathered together to receive a plaque from the Grand Lodge in recognition of reaching 100 years as an active Masonic Lodge.



L:R W: Bros Tony Wells, Glen Butler, Frank Spindler, W: Arnold Kinchen-WM, Raymond Johnson, Don Springler and Nick Randazzo

### FAIR PARK #436 F & A.M.

Fair Park Lodge #436 held its Homecoming Celebration in honor of their 55 chartered years on February 10th. Special invitations and program booklets were made in honor of this great celebration. Fair Park Lodge came into being due to the untiring efforts of Bros Sidney J. Caldwell, Jesse Bryan, J.E. Steffek, Ross Matlock, P.M. Kihneman, and R.D. Bayliss. All were members of Queensborough Lodge No. 418 at that time. Due to the rapid growth in the City of Shreveport and the development of the suburban areas, necessitated the formation of an additional lodge. Fair was chartered March 18, 1952.

W: Larry Rester-WM welcomed everyone and made special introductions. Bros Everett Bland and Walter Middlebrooks in attendance are two of the nine remaining Charter Members. Five 50-year members attended, along with nine Past Masters. All brought a special memento from the early years along with something from the Past Masters term of office. There were pictures of the Bros Sidney Caldwell and Jesse Bryan, first Masters of the lodge, ground breaking ceremony, cornerstone laying, group pictures of the night the charter was received, among a few. Stephen J. Lavery-PM Secretary, introduced W: Bro Glenn Ivy Jackson, PM from 1978, who gave an interesting talk on the history of the lodge.



Front: W: Bros Robert Salts, Stanley Welch, Stephen J. Lavery, Jimmy Raye, John T. Adams, Roy E. May, Richard Johnson Back: W: Bros W.T. Bacle, Glen I. Jackson, W: Larry Rester-WM, Everett Bland and Walter Middlebrooks (Charter Members)



L:R R.N. McElhaten, Walter Middlebrooks, Leon Bogue, Everett Bland, and Jimmy Raye, P.M. all 50 year members. Bros Middlebrooks and Bland are Charter Members

### GREENWOOD #409 F & A.M.

W: Bro Paul Celli presented the lodge with a special flag that flew in Falujah, Iraq at the Battle Square in honor of Greenwood Lodge. W: Bro Celli served most of 2006 with the Navy Engineers as Senior Chief with the 9th Naval Construction Regiment. Along with the certificate of authenticity signed by the regiment Commodore, W Bro Celli brought a piece of concrete from Run-Way Able, which the B-52 Enola Gay lifted off with the atomic bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima



L:R W: Jacob L chambers-WM and W: Bro Paul Celli

W: Bro John R Needles presented the Lodge with a Tyler's sword. The sword is adorned by Masonic emblems and the cross bar and on the end of the handle. The blade is stainless steel. W: Bro Needles will present this implement to every newly installed Tyler.



L:R W: Bro John R Needles and W: Jacob L Chambers-WM

## The Louisiana FREEMASON

### Awards

#### LIVE OAK #436 F & A.M.



Live Oak Lodge, #346 held their Christmas banquet with the Order of the Eastern Star chapter. Guests included students Ben Bonin and Cara Zaunbrecher, juniors at Lake Arthur High School, who were the recipients of the 2006 Honesty and Integrity Awards. The families of the recipients were present to witness the festivities. Pictured above are the recipients and Bro. Gerald Hartwell who presented the awards to the outstanding students who were voted on by the faculty of Lake Arthur High School.

#### SUNSET #438 F & A.M.



Sunset presented Honesty & Integrity Awards to four worthy students. Shown above are twins Daniel and Amy Olita, seniors at Byrd High; Corey Samuels, junior at Southwood High; and Kristina Foss, another senior at Byrd. The students were presented with the Grand Lodge certificates along with specially prepared certificates from Sunset Lodge that W: Bro Ron Sikes-Treasurer had ordered.

#### SPRING CREEK #184 F & A.M.



W: Clem Guthrie-WM, Joseph C Guthrie-SW and W: Bro John W Corkern (deceased)

Raised in late 2006, Bro Joseph Guthrie has been elected as Senior Warden for 2007. Bro Guthrie, a medical student at Chaubert Medical Center in Houma, joins his father, W: Clem Guthrie-WM, to conduct lodge business.