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The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge have received Legislative approval for a specialized license plate that prominently displays our Fraternity. The initial fee will be approximately \$85.00 and is renewable every 2 years. The renewal cost will be different than the initial fee.

Proceeds from the plates will be used to support our Fraternity.

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This Issue

This edition of the Louisiana Freemason includes all of the retrieved articles that were previously submitted earlier in the year (2009) as well as current Lodge news. I am comfortable saying that we are again able to publish on a regular schedule.

The next issue, Spring 2010 is being formatted as I have received installation articles from many Lodges. The cutoff for that issue is March 1, 2010 to insure arrival by April 1st.

The Ed

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren: The sands of the hour glass are running out, my tenure as Grand Master is almost over, but what a ride it's been! I am so thankful, and proud, that you honored me with the opportunity to serve as Grand Master. I have attempted to perform the duties and responsibilities of this lofty office to the best of my abilities. The brotherly love and support that I received in my travels has been phenomenal.

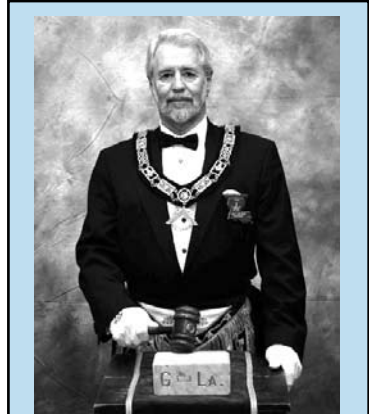
I have been most fortunate to serve, throughout my tenure in the Grand Lodge line, with a wonderful "team" of Grand Lodge officers. We established a Strategic Business Plan several years ago to set goals and give continuity to our long range planning. This procedure has proven successful and in order to keep it going, we have made

the Planning Committee an "official committee". Many of our original goals have been successfully completed and new ones have been incorporated into the Business Plan. I will attempt to briefly address a few points of the current plan (detailed plan available).

1) Membership: Our numbers are beginning to stabilize. The largest current decrease in membership is caused by demits and N.P.D.s. There is no "one answer" to this problem, but it is agreed; we must change the way we conduct our meetings and communicate with our Lodge members. Better Grand Lodge communication with the constituent Lodges, and the brethren, is essential and we are endeavoring faithfully to achieve this. Lodge meetings must be made more interesting and rewarding. This can be accomplished through the training and education of Lodge Officers. The Warden's Retreat and District Workshops provide good training.

Movies, books and the History Channel are attracting a new interest in our Fraternity and we must be able to respond to the questions: "What is Freemasonry?" and "What does Freemasonry do?" Be prepared to answer, if we can't identify ourselves, others may (incorrectly) do it for us. Most other Grand Jurisdictions, and appendent bodies, now agree that we should not be looking for quantity of members, but for quality of members. We must re-build our Fraternity on a solid foundation. As an aid in this search for quality members, we are encouraging education; especially in regard to the duties of the Investigating Committee. We have also introduced, on a trial basis, the Criminal Background Check Program as an aid to investigations.

2) Finances: The finances of the Grand Lodge are stable, thanks to the passing of a per capita increase, which was part of the original Business Plan. Although



*J. F. "Jeff" Webb
Grand Master
State of Louisiana*

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Masonic Education In Louisiana (...or the lack thereof)

by

James B. deMoss, PM Hope #145

Many Worshipful Masters are either un-aware or chose to ignore that it is their duty and responsibility to see that some form of educational program is implemented within their lodges during their tenure in office. The night they are seated in the East they are charged “to propagate the knowledge of the mystic art.” They will be reminded at the opening and closing of each meeting that they “are to give good and wholesome instructions or cause the same to be done.” Finely the twenty-third Landmark recognized by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana states “every Master before closing his lodge may give or cause to be given a lecture on masonry or a part thereof...”

Masonic education in our lodges has lain dormant far too long. Many Louisiana lodges have had little or no such programs conducted within their walls in years... We are failing miserably in the education of our members and ourselves. Brothers today know more about the NFL, NBA, MLB and NASCAR than they do about their own fraternity. Few brothers in any given lodge would be able to tell much more about the Craft than what was imparted to them on the nights they first received their degrees. This is not meant to upset, embarrass nor annoy anyone it is merely stated to prove a point. Surely the responsibility of teaching Masonry to the brother’s falls squarely on the shoulders of the individual lodges. We have nearly stopped teaching anything about Freemasonry in our lodges. This is not a recent trend, but a practice which has gone on way to long. This must be changed before it becomes the norm and the true goal of Freemasonry is lost.

Our lodges seem to hold much more interest and importance in the perfecting and performing our ritual and floor work than doing what we as masons are suppose to accomplish. As builders of men we are meant to educate and enlighten our membership in the teachings of masonry. Have we forgotten even how to teach these beautiful lessons or have we just lost site of the real mission of Freemasonry? “TO MAKE GOOD MEN BETTER” or is that just a catch phrase we shallowly use. If we haven’t forgotten, then when are we going to start doing the job of Master Masons?

We have been charged with the duty to make him a better man and citizen than when he first crossed the thresholds of our lodges. Our purpose is to help him develop and grow both morally and mentally. To accomplish this we are going to have to start giving him something more than ritual. Soon as he enters our lodge his education should begin this is one area we have been so lax. We have put forth no effort to teach him anything of masonry except for catechism and that only so he may quickly advance to the next degree. The memorization and parroting of the words of the catechism is, simply not enough. It is impossible to fully understand

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the reasoning and meaning behind the words he has just learned to recite if they are left forever unexplained. Make no mistake; ritual is an important building block in educating a brother. Ritual is the common ground on which all brothers meet. Though, its true objective can only be reached when the candidate truly understands the meaning behind what he experienced. Always be mindful that as all inspiring as our rituals may be, they are but a tool to start a brother's Masonic education. It's simply the beginning and not the end.

Today we focus more on the ritual and not on its message and intent. It is through this knowledge that a candidate is transformed into a true brother and mason. For some unknown reason the lodges seem to feel any further information learned should be his and not the lodge's responsibility. We fail to teach him or keep his interest awakened, active and sharp. That is one of the largest problems plaguing our fraternity today. We don't arouse his interest in Masonic philosophy. Few ever try to learn this on their own and rarely ever educate themselves about Freemasonry's principles. We are losing sight of the intent our founders had when they formed Freemasonry. It is through the teaching of this Masonic philosophy that self-improvement is taught and accomplished. We use these lessons to guide our actions on how we should conduct and live our lives. Otherwise we become just another charity or social club for men. We are meant to be much more than that.

The younger brothers today crave intellectual stimulation and Masonry offers us a great opportunity to fill this need. Masonry is a beautiful moral science full of many lessons and truths. They have a desire to understand these symbols and allegories of our rituals to help on their path to self development. We need to share these with our newest members before they get discouraged and leave us for good. A new member who is just starting his journey in our lodge his desire to learn about the Craft is at its greatest point. Now is the time to get him interested in exploring the teachings of our Order. Like a flame if it is not tended and feed it will soon die out. The same with a new member if information is not there to be given the desire to learn is soon snuffed... We need to help and encourage him to start this quest for light.

We have brothers who process this knowledge and we need for them to come forth and teach others how to spread this light. The remaining brothers need to get on the same learning curve with the new members until we too have a successful grasp of this knowledge ourselves. There is no way we can teach others what we do not know ourselves. Why not form a study group on off nights to share this knowledge? We do this to practice degree work why not education? These meetings need not be formal but with a format that not only would educate a new brother but enlighten the older ones. Many jurisdictions today are using the mentor system where the brother who teaches the catechism is also knowledgeable enough about masonry to impart some of the teachings of the craft along with the ritual. This needs to be done before the lack of knowledge translates into the lack of interest and he loses his desire to learn and joins the rank of the uninformed

Focus On Freemasonry

By

W: William J. Mollere, Grand Chaplain

The blessings of Thanksgiving Day had begun as I sat in the Chapel of St. Alban's Episcopal Church on the L S U Campus and a short devotional service was conducted prior to everyone enjoying the Thanksgiving Feast prepared by all of the members and their families - I was an invited guest of the Parish Committee Chair. The people were all friendly, in an Episcopal sort of way, and everyone wanted to get to the food. The last prayer allowed the "Amen", and off to the Hall of Food. As it turned out, I sat across from a man who had just petitioned my Mother Lodge, Trinity Union #372, and who was excited about becoming a Freemason. In his early-50's, divorced with two college-aged children, looking for something missing in his life - his family members had all been involved in the Masonic Family over the years, so he decided to finally join.

The conversation naturally moved to "why" he was finally seeking Freemasonry. He mentioned his father who was a 50+ year member who still loved to attend meetings, his mother who was a 50+ year member of Eastern Star and who still loved to attend, his younger brother had been in DeMolay and still talked about all of the activities he had enjoyed years before, and his older sister who had been a Rainbow and still kept up with her high school friends from her old Assembly. He had missed all of that - when he was younger, he was not interested in belonging to anything that the other family members belonged to back then - he had even rebelled concerning attending church as a young man - he just did not want any of "that". Then the "why".

Answering my question of "why", he saw after all of the years the friends, the close friends, the enjoyment of the fellowship, the "brotherhood" that he had heard mentioned so often, and he realized that he had missed "that" - and he needed that. It was a hole in his life that he wanted to close, to heal over. His focus had been misdirected through his own actions in youth, as a part of the "lost generation", and now he wanted to be a part of the "found generation". He had rediscovered his Faith and become very involved in his church; and as a talented musician, he had rediscovered wonderful music in religious worship - moving, meaningful, filled with a Message.

Then he saw what his parents were still enjoying. He started not by asking his family about Freemasonry; he started on the internet by searching and reading and going from website to blog to article to finally having some

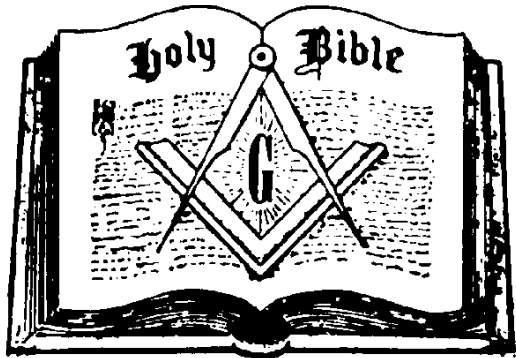
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conversations on Facebook with people who were Freemasons. Then, he mentioned it to his Father. The older man's face beamed - he did not think that his son was ever going to seek, to inquire, to ask. His search ended by receiving a petition and being accepted for Degrees - soon, very soon, he was assured.

As he related the story to me, sitting in a sacred room of a church, enjoying the blessings of the bounty from God, surrounded by thankful people, his eyes filled with tears of Thanksgiving for the step that he had taken, the joy he had given his Father, and the acceptance that he had received. As he paused, I pointed out to him about ten other men sitting in that Hall who were Freemasons, all quietly going about being thankful and surrounded by family, each enjoying blessings of life, and soon to be his Brothers in Freemasonry. His focus in life had changed from not wanting any of that, to wanting what he had missed for so long - to be a part of what he had observed from his family's memberships in the Family of Freemasonry. I think the setting and the day for the conversation were perfect. A true Thanksgiving for him to enjoy, and a blessing of thanksgiving for me to realize again - God works focusing in mysterious ways sometimes.



we have gone through some difficult financial markets, the Grand Lodge accounts have done well. We have also increased our income from the lease of the baseball park and the farmland. Grand Lodge expenses have been trimmed and are being monitored closely. The development of our Grand Lodge property has lagged expectations do to the current real estate market conditions.

To enhance revenue we introduced the Louisiana Masonic License Plate program. 100% of the extra vanity plate charge will go to Masonic Charities, a great way for you to contribute. The renewal of the License Plates will produce a continuous cash flow and will give Masonry good public exposure. The purchase of the new Masonic license plate will be made available through the Louisiana Department of Motor Vehicles, please check this out.

We have also established the Grand Lodge Library/Museum Foundation and incorporated it as a 501 (c)(3) charity. This will enable us to solicit tax deductible donations and apply for various grants. These funds will be used to create a Library/Museum which will preserve the heritage and history of Louisiana Freemasonry. As the Library/Museum will be located in our new Grand Lodge Office, it will be able to pay its share of rent and utilities to Grand Lodge fraternal, thus increasing our Fraternal operating capital cash flow. More especially, it is our responsibility to care for and preserve our artifacts and historical documents for the benefit of future generations of Freemasons.

3) Public Awareness: This year we officially adopted the “Kids Safety Fair” as one of our Community Outreach Programs. This program has proven to be very successful and can be a great benefit to the children of the community by teaching safety. The “Kids Safety Fair” is a good way to expose the community to Masonry and its philanthropy.

There are many other community projects and charity fund raisers, such as the Bayou Fellowship Fishing Rodeo, that expose Masonry to the community. And don't forget to have a few “open meetings”, such as Bring-A-Friend and the Honesty and Integrity Awards, to open the doors of your Lodge to the public. These projects can bring Lodges and the brethren together by giving them a sense of purpose.

4) Charity: The main philanthropy of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana is the Masonic Learning Center, the Dyslexia Classes. This program has been a great success in the past; however, in an effort to bring this program to a higher level, the Board of Directors has hired a new Administrator. It will take the effort of the local Lodges, working together with the Administrator, to enable this program to progress. Don't forget, this is our primary philanthropy, by choice of the membership, and we should support it with our efforts and financial contributions. We strongly encourage everyone to attend a Dyslexia Class Graduation Ceremony; it will melt your heart to see what you and your contributions have done to promote the welfare and happiness of a child who suffered from the problems of dyslexia.

5) Information/Technology: The Grand Lodge website is continuously being up-graded. Reporting by Lodge Secretaries is strongly encouraged, bring your

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Grand Master's Message:

Lodge on-line. Most of the programs listed above; Kids Safety Fair, Criminal Background Check, Masonic License Plates and others, are available on the Grand Lodge website.

6) Other Projects: We are studying the possibility of the re-districting the State. Changes in demographics over the years have dictated this study.

We currently have a committee working on our 200th Anniversary Celebration to be held in New Orleans in 2012. Let's make this historic event a great success; it will attract much public attention to the Craft. We are also studying several options to enhance our Fraternal Endowment funds and our Charity funds.

The labor required in the successful performance of these tasks is great, but the reward will be magnificent. These projects will only come to fruition with the work and support of all.

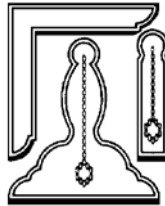
Masonry has been very effective in changing societies, from the enlightenment period to the founding of this great Country of ours. We must not let society change our Fraternity; we must get back to the basics and make a difference in the society of today.

May God bless each of you and our beloved Fraternity.

Sincerely and fraternally,

J. F. "Jeff" Webb

Grand Master, 2009-10



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Masonic Education...:

and uninterested and seldom attending masons. If we do not start some form of educational program within our lodges to teach the lessons of masonry nothing will ever be done. We need to change the attitudes and thinking of the lodges because we have all grown far too complacent in the way things are being done; we have the tendency to resist any change, discourage and reject most suggestions on how to improve, or even start a lodge's educational process. Many brothers do not see the problem within the lodge and believe we are doing a good job in raising men into our order. I feel we are trying to advance the candidates along at too a fast pace. When they become Master Masons they may know their catechisms, some far better than others but with little knowledge except the bare ritualistic elements of Freemasonry...

We are capable of restarting the process of teaching Masonry in our lodges. It is our duty and obligation to see that it starts. Place designs upon the trestle boards of your lodges for your brothers to follow. It may be difficult starting such a program in your lodge but take joy in the fact that you put forth the effort to make a positive change that will help your brothers, your lodge and Louisiana Freemasonry.

Centennial Celebration

100th Anniversary George Washington Monument

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n February 22, 1910, George Washington's 178th birthday, Masonic leaders from across the nation met in Alexandria, Virginia and formed an association for the purpose of building a great memorial to honor America's foremost Freemason. February 22, 2010, the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, will be a day of great festivities.

In honor of the occasion, the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, hosted by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, will be held in nearby Arlington. Delegates will attend the Association's Annual Meeting and celebrate the 100th Anniversary and Washington's 278th birthday at the Memorial.



At the Annual Meeting, a new portrait of George Washington as a Freemason will be unveiled. Painted by local artist, Christopher Erney, the portrait will be a new interpretation of Washington. Prints of the portrait will be available at the meeting. Complementing the portrait is a new video. It presents George Washington as the inspiration for the founding of America and explores the founding of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. Underwritten by the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma, it will be available on DVD and as a download from the Memorial's website for Masonic education.

The Memorial's new logo to commemorate the occasion was also designed by local artist Christopher Erney. The logo combines the Washington Family Crest with numerous Masonic symbols. Its Square and Compasses is taken from the Memorial's 1923 cornerstone affirms the Association's motto "In Memoriam Perpetuum" as it supports Freemasonry in a new century of service.

Following the Annual Meeting, the International Order of DeMolay will rededicate the colossal bronze statue of George Washington in Memorial Hall and reaffirm the role of DeMolay young men in Freemasonry. The statue was a gift to the Memorial from the DeMolay and 2010 marks the 60th Anniversary of its unveiling by President and Past Grand Master Harry S. Truman.

On display during the celebration will be the Trowel and Gavel used at the 1793 Cornerstone Laying of the United States Capitol by George Washington and the 1752 Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 Bible upon which a young Washington took upon himself his Masonic obligations.

The new White House Stones Exhibit will be inaugurated at the celebration. Each stone in the exhibit is marked by one of the Scots Masons who helped build the White House in the 1790s. The stones were discovered during the restoration of the White House by President Harry S. Truman in 1948. President Truman had the stones labeled and one was sent to each U.S. Grand Lodge and other Masonic organizations. The Exhibit reassembles nearly 50 stones. The Exhibit also includes minute books from Lodge No. 8 of Edinburgh recording the stonemasons' marks and noting those who have "gone to America." A matching Minute Book of Federal Lodge No. 1 will show those Scots masons forming the first lodge in 1793 on White House grounds. The exhibit is supported by the Ancient and Accepted Scottish

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Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, Valley of Washington, Orient of the District of Columbia, and by the Grand Lodge, F.A.A.M., of the District of Columbia.

A gala reception will be held in Grand Masonic Hall and while the Annual Meeting is being held the ladies will enjoy an entertaining program in the North Lodge Room. A Centennial Celebration souvenir booklet containing a brief history of the Association including historic and current photographs will be distributed and several commemorative gift items will also be available and on display.

2010 is a unique celebration year for the Memorial Association. Together we are celebrating 100 years of dedication to Freemasonry's greatest brother and honoring the countless brothers who built and sustain the Memorial. Equally important, 2010 marks a pledge of rededicated service, trusting in God that the century ahead will be filled with success and achievement. The Association shines as a bright light of Masonry as it fulfills its mission: "To inspire humanity through education to emulate and promote the virtues, character and vision of George Washington, the Man, the Mason and Father of our Country." To learn more, please visit the Memorial's website: www.gwmemorial.org

Since its inception, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association has used as its logo the Washington Family crest with a Masonic square, compasses and "G" emblem and the motto "In Memoriam Perpetuum." For a new century of service, a new logo has been created. Keeping the same elements, it enhances the Association's Masonic identity. Virginia artist Christopher Erney began his design by enlarging the Washington family crest to make it the focus of the seal. Rather than a generic Masonic emblem, the new logo employs the one carved into the Memorial's 1923 cornerstone. The cornerstone was laid by then president, Calvin Coolidge, and every U.S. Grand Master, using the same trowel as used by Washington for the U.S. Capitol.

The new design replaces the foliage that surrounded the crest with tools, emblems and symbols of Freemasonry. On either side of the crest are pillars representing Jachin (strength) on the left and Boaz (to establish) on the right. The pillars are topped by terrestrial and celestial globes representing Freemasonry universal and a Freemason's charity. Acacia vines of remembrance encircle the pillars. Complementing the globes is the sun in its glory above and the crescent moon below. Connecting the two lesser lights as the crest's border is a cable tow. At the right, pomegranates represent abundance; on the left a sheaf of wheat represents wealth. Within the wheat are five of the six working tools. The sixth, the Square of the Master, is found resting upon Washington's crest. The new logo is now the Association's trestle board to labor "In Memoriam Perpetuum." The new logo will be used in Association publications and webpages and widely available on new items in the Memorial's gift shop.



INSTALLATIONS

TRINITY UNION #372 F. & A.M.



*Front row L:R- M:W: Bro Harold Ballard, PGM, W: Terry Howes, WM, W: Bro Guy Jenkins.
Second Row L:R- Walter Freeman-SW, Everett Sanders-JW, Bob Hutchinson-Secy, Robert Young-Treas
Third Row L:R- Greg Avant-SD, Aubrey Brignac-MofC, Amos Smith-Tyler, Richard Harris-Junior Steward, James Williams-Chaplain*

Hosting an open meeting for the Thanksgiving Holiday and annual installation of officers for 2010, Trinity Union Lodge was truly blessed by the wonderful attendance. M: W: Bro Harold G Ballard, PGM served as Installing Worshipful Master and W: Bro Guy A Jenkins was the Installing Marshal.

W: Bro Terrell E Howes was installed as Worshipful Master, W: Bro Walter R Freeman as Senior Warden and Bro Jack Sanders as Junior Warden. W: Bro Robert L Young and Robert J Hutchinson will continue to serve as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

9th MASONIC DISTRICT LODGE

On November 1, 2009, the 9th Masonic District Lodge held its meeting at Boyce Lodge #273. M:W: Jeff Webb, GM installed the new officers. W: Raymond Edwards is the 2010 Master of the District Lodge

The hat worn by Bro. Edwards belonged to M:W: Bro. T.J. Pitman, PGM. The Masonic pin on hat belonged to Bro. Rudy Bordelon. Gifts to Bro. Edwards from Coleen Pitman and Dianne Bordelon.



JOPPA #362 F. & A.M.



Front Row L:R Mike Beeler, Ken Fuller, W: Al Kelly, WM, Gary Rushworth, M: W: Bro Ballard Smith, PGM, Mike Talley and W: Bro John Dark (runner up in the Master election with 1 vote). Back Row L:R Jim Allen, Rufus Wilson, Chad Driskel, Ed Durham, Jim Smith, Norvel Blaylock and Gary Gribble.

The Lodge installed its 2010 officers with M:W: Ballard L Smith, PGM as Installing Master, W: Bro H Edward Durham, Installing Marshal and W: Bro Gary L Gribble, Installing Chaplain.

Officers for 2010 are W: E Allen Kelly-WM, Gary T Rushworth-SW, Kenneth R Fuller-JW, M: W: Bro Ballard L Smith-PGM Treasurer, Steven A Pence-Secretary, Michael W Beeler-SD, James P Allen-JD, James B Smith-MofC, Chad C Driskell-Chaplain, J Michael Talley-Senior Steward, Norvel G Blaylock-Junior Steward and Rufus E Wilson-Tyler.

St. JAMES #47 F. & A.M.



1st row - Henry G Scanlan, W: Bro William D Zollinger, Turhan Ak, W: Timothy H Atkins, WM, James W Robinson V, W: Bro David T Dodge; 2nd row - Steve Newman, John W Tilly, Robert R Zinn, Joe A Bardwell; 3rd row - W: Bro Ben F Melanson and W: Bro Mark J Paxton.

The Officers for 2010 are Tim Atkins, Worshipful Master; Jim Robinson, SW; Joe Bardwell, JW; Bill Zollinger, PM-Treasurer; David Dodge, PM-Sec'y; Turhan Ak, SD; George Scanlan, JD; Ben Melanson, PM-Chaplain; Mark Paxton, PM-Tyler; John Tilly, MofC; Steve Newman, Senior Steward; and Bob Zinn, Junior Steward. The Installing Officer was M: W: Bro Bill Brown, PGM and the Installing Marshall was W: Bro Naresh Sharma.



W: Bro Joseph G Richard, Jr. PM passing the hiram to W: Timothy H Atkins.

INSTALLATIONS

LITTLE FLOCK #236 F. & A.M.

The Lodge installed officers for 2010 during a Special Communication. The Installing Master was M:W: J.F. “Jeff” Webb, GM. The Grand Master was assisted by W: Bro JuniorJ LeBeouf, Grand Hospitalier-Installing Marshal. and W: Bro Jason J Heard, Installing Chaplain.

Pictured Below L:R Howard S Ellis-Tyler, W: JuniorJ LeBouf-Installing Marshall, Bob McCoy-S.S., W:: Bro John H Burns-JW, Larry F Stamler-Sec’y, M:W: Jeff Webb, G.M, W: Bro Billy G Guay-Chaplain, W: Danny C Haigh-WM, I Carol Salley-JD, Craig E Smith-SW, W: Bro C Randy Moore-Marshal, W: Bro Robert W Smith- Treasurer



TEMPLE #448 F. & A.M.



W: Roy L Simmons, PM-WM W: Bro E Allen Kelly-PM Installing Master

Temple Lodge’s officers for 2010 were installed by W: Bro E Allen Kelly, Installing Master with assistance from W: Bro Fred G Arthur, Installing Marshal. There were 43 members, guests and visitors in attendance.

Officers for 2010 are W: Roy L Simmons-PM WM, John L Webster-PM SW, Gerald M Haygood-PM JW, Billy Joe Pace-PM Treasurer, Richard L Dubois-PM Secretary, Alvie L Bullock-PM SD, Reed W Holmes-PM JD, Frederick G Arthur-PM MofC, George A McAnn-PM Marshal, Benjamin Voss-PM Senior Steward, James O Harrison-Junior Steward, Don W Drury II-Steward, Richard M Dawson-Steward, James T Kelly-PM Chaplain and Kenneth R Fuller-Tyler.



CYPRESS #89 F. & A.M.

W. Bro. Steve Pence was the Installing Master for the installation of 2010 Officers for Cypress Lodge. Assisting him was W: Bro. C Jack Leachman as Installing Marshal. Also, during the installation, W: Bro. George W Horst, Jr., was presented with a Past Master Certificate and plaque for his leadership in 2009. Faine Miller-SW, W: Bro A Fred Langley-PM Treasurer and W: Bro Jeremy T Haas-PM Junior Steward will be installed during the first communication in January.



Front Row LR: W: George K Winham-PM WM, Scott Monceaux-JW, Herman Nash-JD, W: Bro Jack Leachman-PM MofC Back Row L:R W: Bro James E Covington, Jr.-PM SD, W: Bro George W Horst-PM Senior Steward, W: Bro Wayne L Seals-PM Tyler, W: Bro T H "Houston" Hill-PM Chaplain, Adrian K Winham-Secretary

HAP ARNOLD #457 F. & A.M.

Serving as Installing Master, W: Bro Hoyt S Hooper conducted the ceremonies for the 2010 Officers. Assisting him were R: W: Billy R Drake, DDGM-Installing Marshal and W: Bro Billy J Georgem Installing Chaplain. Hap Arnold has been blessed in the recent years to see numbers in membership and attendance steadily increasing.



Front Row L:R Lawrence B Renfro-PM Tyler; W: Bro E Michael Ironsmith-PM SW; W: G. Dwain Spillman-Worshipful Master; Alejandro Vega-JW; Donald D Heacock-Steward; W: Bro George B Gray-PM Secretary Back row: Arnauld Radermacher-SD; W: Bro Frederick G Arthur-PM Treasurer; R: W: Bill Drake DDGM; W: Bro Hoyt S Hooper-PM Marshal; W: Bro Billy J George-PM Chaplain; W: Bro Patson C Houston-PM-MofC and Sam Reveria-JD

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

Grand Master's Homecoming

Peace and Harmony Lodge #478 hosted a Homecoming Program, at Sulphur Lodge #424, for M:W: J.F. "Jeff" Webb, G.M. There were 25 members of the Grand Family in attendance. During the program, Mayor Randy Roach, from the City of Lake Charles, presented the Grand Master with a proclamation declaring the day as J.F. "Jeff" Webb Day. Mel Estes, representing Mayor Ron LeLeux, from the City of Sulphur, presented the Grand Master with a proclamation declaring March 7, 2009 as J.F. "Jeff" Webb Day. Police Juryman Dennis Scott, representing Hal McMillin, President of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, presented the Grand Master with a proclamation declaring March 7, 2009 as J.F. "Jeff" Webb Day. W: Bro. R.B. Smith, representing Congressman Charles Boustany, Jr., presented an American Flag, that was flown over the Nation's Capitol, and a letter of congratulations to Grand Master Webb. Calcasieu Parish Sheriff, Bro. Tony Mancuso congratulated Grand Master Webb on his election.



W: Robert J Faulk, Jr, WM of Peace and Harmony Lodge (M:W: Webb's nephew) acted as Master of Ceremonies for the event. The Grand Master's lifelong friends; W: Bro Philip Thibodeaux, GSD

L:R- M: W: Jeff Webb, W: Bro Richard Smith and seated W: Bro Harold Young

and W: Bro Rick Anderson, GJD presented a scroll containing facts about the Grand Master's life, but realizing the enormity of the crime they were about to commit, they recanted and did not read the scroll (and retained their dues



The Grand Master and son W: Bro Michael Webb



Phillip Thibodeaux and Rick Anderson.

cards). Dear friend W: Bro. R.B. Smith made cordial comments, as did the Grand Master's son, W: Bro Michael F Webb, Grand Sword Bearer.

W: Bro. Bo House, Recorder Habibi Shrine Temple, presented M: W: Webb with a Grand Master's Fez.

W: Bro Wallace R Labove, presented M: W: Webb, GM on behalf of the Masonic Motorcycle Riding Club with an Honorary Membership and a beautiful riding vest.



◀ *M: W: Jeff Webb and W: Bro Wally Labove*

The Grand Master and W: Bro Murray C "Bo" House

HAUGHTON #95 F. & A.M.

Charitable Donation

W: Johnny Byrd, WM presented a \$1,500 check to M: W: Bro Roy B Delaney, PGM pn behalf of the Lodge to support the 1st Masonic District's Masonic Learning Centers. W: Byrd stated, "MW Brother Roy has been the cornerstone of Masonry in not only the 1st District but statewide for a very long time and based on his contributions to the program and his wonderful support provided to the Lodge it was with great pleasure that the members of the Lodge were able to work to raise and present the money for such a great cause."



Front Row L:R - BJ Smith PM; W: Johnny Byrd, WM, M:W: Bro Roy Delaney, PGM; Don Sanford SW; and Carlton Anderson Back Row L:R William Oxford SW; Jack Hicks; Tommy Smith and Clarenc Robbins

M:W: Bro Delaney thanked the lodge for their continued support and talked about the future goals of the program and that he would continue to work with the Learning Centers.

ISTROUMA #414 F. & A.M.

50 Year Certificate



W: Bro Sam Riddle celebrated his 50th anniversary with the Fraternity with M: W: Bro Harold G Ballard, PGM conducting the presentation. This milestone was attended by many members and friends and a great meal was shared by all. Brother Riddle celebrated two 50 year anniversary milestones this year, his marriage and fifty continuous years as a Master Mason.

L:R M: W: Bro Harold G Ballard, PGM, W: Bro Samuel J Riddle, PM-Chaplain and W: Keith A Duncan, WM

LITTLE FLOCK #236 F. & A.M.

Grand Master received

The Lodge held a reception honoring M:W: J.F. "Jeff" Webb, Grand Master. M:W: Jeff Webb is a Past Master and Perpetual Member of Little Flock. A large crowd attended and six members of the Grand Master's Official Family accompanied him.

W: J Jason Heard, WM presented M:W: Webb with a plaque from the Lodge with the inscription "Guard the West Gate and Educate", the Grand Master's slogan. A good time was had.



L:R W: Bro Junior J LeBeouf, Grand Hospitaller, W: Bro Frederick R Anderson, Grand Junior Deacon, W: Bro Donald R Bush, D.G.L., Dist. 8, M:W: J.F. "Jeff" Webb, GM., W: Bro Philip H Thibodeaux, Grand Senior Deacon, R:W: Bobby E Williams, D.D.G.M., Dist. 8, W: Bro C Scott Weatherford, Grand. Inner Guard

CYPRESS #89 F. & AM

Honoring Veterans

The Lodge took advantage of the Grand Lodge's Certificate of Appreciation program that recognizes the unfaltering service many of our members provided to the Armed Force. An open meeting was attended by several veterans, their families and friends. The combined service of those pictured spans from WWII through the current Iraq war. Bro George Kevin Winham has served 3 tours there.

Two of our Veterans were unable to attend and presentations were made at their respective living facilities.



L:R W: Bro George K Winham, PM-Sec'y, W: George W Horst, Jr., PM-WM and W: Bro James E Covington. Seated is Bro Earl Lunsford, a Korean Veteran and Purple Heart recipient.



Bro Olin Wise, our 91 year old WWII verteran and W: George Horst, WM



L:R Bro N Fain Miller-JW, Bro Herman Nash, MofC, W: George Horst, WM, W: George Winham, PM-Secy and Bro Olin Wise Seated is Bro Blint Burks a Korean Veteran



L:R- Olin Wise (WWII), Houston Hill, Clyde "Jack" Leachman, George Keith Winham (USAF), Ray Overmery (USN), Adrian Winham (USArmy), George Kevin Winham (USArmy), George Horst (USAF), Aubrey "Fred" Langley (USAF), Robert Dixon (USAF) and seated Bobby Youngblood (USArmy)

ATKINS #266 F. & AM

Plaque Ceremony

Atkins Lodge hosted the Grand Lodge Emergent Communication for the purpose of laying a Masonic plaque at the new \$30 million Parkway High School in Bossier Parish. W: Carey C Allison welcomed M: W: J F “Jeff” Webb, GM and several members of his Official Family. The Grand Master was accompanied by the entire elected Grand Lodge office as well as R: W: Billy R Drake, DDGM 1st Masonic District, M: W: Bro S Bruce Easterly, PGM, M: W: Bro Roy B Delaney, PGM, W: Bro Howard F Entwistle, Jr., Associate Grand Chaplain, W: Bro H Edward Durham, Grand Marshal, W: Bro Philip H Thibodeaux, Grand Senior Deacon, W: Bro Bryan Price, Grand Organist and two Associate Grand Paparazzi. W: Bro Gary T Rushworth, Sr, Secretary of the 1st Masonic District Lodge and several members in the District were also in attendance.

M: W: Jeff Webb, GM presented ceremonial trowels to the Officers of Atkins Lodge and to Joe Huffman, Parkway High School Principal.



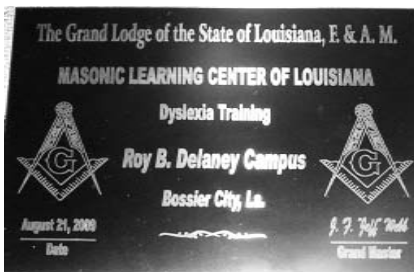
W: Carey Allison, WM accepts a ceremonial trowel from M: W: Webb.



L:R R: W: Bill Drake, DDGM 1st Masonic District, M: W: Bro Roy Tuck, PGM-Grand Secretary, M: W: Jeff Webb, GM, R: W: Woody Bilyeu, Deputy Grand Master and R: W: Frank DuTreil, Grand Junior Warden



M: W: Roy B Delaney, PGM and M: W: Jeff Webb, GM



The Grand Master and his Official Family was escorted to the 1st District’s Masonic Learning Center in Bossier City. M: W: Jeff Webb, GM asked M: W: Roy Delaney, PGM to provide a tour of the facilities and provide everyone with a brief history of the establishment of this campus.

M: W: Webb, GM gathered everyone into one class room and asked M: W: Delaney how the building is identified from the several Masonic Learning Centers in the state. After a brief silence, the Grand Master then unveiled a plaque and declared the facility to be forever known as the *Roy B Delaney Campus*, the real purpose for the tour.

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Awards

ASHLAND #196 F. & AM *Honesty & Integrity Awards*



L:R -W: James W Speir, WM, Spencer Foster, Tucker Madden, Autym Nichole Cheatwood, Amber Jade Treidel (all from Saline High), Adriana Wohletz, Sarah Dyson, Dakota Moreau, Wayland Morgan, Thomas Austin (all from Lakeview High) and W: Bro Thomas P Brown.

CENTER #244 F. & AM *Honesty & Integrity Night*



L:R - Chase Holden, Leah Sogner, W: Terry W Stewart, WM, Megan Passaro and Clint Vernon.

CENTER #244 F. & AM *Honesty & Integrity Night*



The guest, visitors and members enjoyed a delicious meal catered by George Seal and the program began with W: Terry Stewart welcoming everyone to the Lodge. Each student had chosen someone to give a short introductory talk. The guest speaker was Jackie Dale Thomas, director of Leadership and Developmental Student Activities at the University of Louisiana-Hammond. Ms. Thomas presented each student with a gift and plaque from the Lodge. Senator Ben Nevers sent the students a certificate from his office congratulating each on their achievement.

L:R - R:W: B J Guillot, GSW, Amanda R Price-Northshore High School, Brandon P Jolicoeur-Northshore High, Brandy R Vann-Northshore High and W: David B Way, WM. (Not pictured is recipient Alexandria B Faciane-Slidell High School)

ASHLAND #196 F. & AM *50 Year Certificates*

L:R -W: James W Speir-WM, Bro James T Rigdon, Bro Harry R Hathorn and W: Bro G Alexander Simpson. Brothers Rigon and Hathorn were the recipients.



DERIDDER #271 F. & AM *Certificate Night*



L:R -M: W: J F "Jeff" Webb, GM, Bro Clifford Allen Bradley, Jr and W: Charles A Bordelon, Jr. WM



Honored this year for 25 years were Bobby Alexander, Clifford A Bradley, Jr, Delbert Ernst, Salvatore Vitello and Richard West. 50 Year honorees were Ronald K Nelson, Glen Sims and Jackie Smith

MITCHELL #252 F. & AM *Honesty & Integrity Awards*

Mitchell Lodge in Converse presented the Honesty & Integrity Awards to five Converse High School Juniors. The Recipients of the awards were Julie Barrios, daughter of Brian and Brenda Barrios, Casey Fox, daughter of Frank and Judy Fox, Ashton Sistrunk, daughter of Donnie and Kathy Sistrunk, Zachary Ebarb, son of Holloway and Sheryl Ebard and Robert Carrier, son of Doug and Rhonda Byrd.

The guest speaker was M: W: J F "Jeff" Webb, GM. The Grand Master assisted W: Bro Paul C Burnitt in presenting the awards.

The students introduced their parents and each spoke briefly of their achievements and goals.

The fellowship continued after the close of the formal presentations in the dining hall. Light refreshments were served and the spirit of good will and friendship prevailed.



L:R - Robert Carrier, Ashton Sistrunk, M: W: Jeff Webb, GM, Julie Barrios, W: Bro Paul Burnitt, Casey Fox and Zachary Ebarb.



TEMPLE #448F. & AM *Honesty & Integrity*



L:R Emily Watkins W: James T Kelly, WM and Michael Graves

Temple Lodge in Bossier City held an open meeting for the presentation of the Honesty & Integrity Awards. The two students were selected from Airline High School, with assistance of the school faculty.

W: Bro Frederick G Arthur was the Master of Ceremonies and welcomed the members, visitors and guests to the Lodge. He presented the awards to Emily Claire Watkins and Michael Whitley Graves. The students' parents were in attendance among the gathering of over 60.

W: Bro Thomas P Brown was the guest speaker. Marcel Kelly, wife of W: James T Kelly, PM WM prepared the meal.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT #415 F. & AM *Award Program*



L:R -Cortney Spako, W: Robert Burke and Paul Le

Theodore Roosevelt in Jefferson held an open meeting for the presentation of the Honesty & Integrity Awards and Public Service Awards on behalf of the Lodge. The two students receiving the Honesty & Integrity Awards were Cortney Spako and Paul Le.

Sgt. Susan McCartney of the Jefferson



L:R -Sgt. Susan McCartney-JPSO, W: Robert Burke PM-WM and Firefighter Gene Jones

Parish Sheriff's Office and Fire Fighter Gene Jones of the Bridge City Fire Department were presented with Public Service Awards.

The Honorable Newell D Normand, Jefferson Parish Sheriff was in attendance and congratulated all of the recipients.

THE GRAND LODGE *Special Olympics*

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana is one of only three Gold Medal Level sponsors for the Louisiana Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics. W: Bro Donald R Buxton, Grand Torch Bearer deserves a round of applause for his coordination in the Grand Lodge's efforts.

The Run began on the steps of the capitol building, where presentations were made.



M:W: J F "Jeff" Webb, GM accepting the Sponsors Gold Award at the State Capital

ATHENS #136 F. & AM
50 Year Membership



L:R- Bro: Herma Anglin and W: Bro Alfred White



Athens Lodge held a special communication to celebrate a 50 year membership in the Masonic Lodge. Masons and guests were in attendance at the Lodge Hall for a ceremony honoring Bro Herman Anglin. After prayer and a brief welcome to all present, Bro. Anglin was conducted west of the Altar for the presentation. W: Bro Alfred N White, PM-Tyler, and fellow 50 year Mason, presented Brother Anglin with his 50-year certificate, credentials and lapel pin. Following the ceremony, the Masons and guests retired to the fellowship room to enjoy a delicious meal of fried catfish and all the trimmings. A wonderful evening of good food and wholesome fellowship was enjoyed by all in attendance.

CYPRESS #89 F. & AM
Special Presentation

Bro George Kevin Winham presented to the Lodge a US flag that had been flown over Camp Taji, Iraq. The flag was a token for the support he received from the Lodge while he was stationed there. The flags had to be flown at night as the Iraqi government would not permit any US flags to be raised or shown.

L:R- W: George W Horst, Jr.-PM WM and Bro George Kevin Winham, SFC La Army National Guard.



SHONGALOO #352 F. & AM
Widows Night



W: Rick Graham, WM is pictured with Viola Barnard, Sarah Craft Harmon, Dorothy Mouser, Cecil Harvey and Idelle Simms. Each presented with a rose and certificate.

EAST GATE #452 F. & AM *Blood Drive*

East Gate hosted their Metro-Area donor blood drive at Central Wal-Mart to assist Our Lady of The Lake hospital recover from a critical shortage of whole blood. The OLOL staff screened 47 potential donors with 42 being qualified to donate. This set an all time record for our drives. This donation equates to over 126 lives helped.

Kimberly Allen won a \$25 Gift Card provided by the Lodge.



Front L:R Brock Holzclaw-OLOL Technician, Bro Dorian "Brushes" Heroman. Back Row L:R OLOL Technicians Amanda Wochner, Donnie Dykes and Shannona LeBlanc

MILLERTON #245 F. & AM *25 & 50 Year Certificates*



Millerton Lodge, located in Haynesville, presented a 50 Year Membership Certificate to Billy Reid Beckham and a 25 Year Certificate to W: Bro James W Harris, Sr, PM-MofC. A Gold Certificate of Proficiency was presented to W: Bro Bobby Maxwell Ware. The presentations were made by W: Bro Billy D Ray, District Grand Lecturer 2nd Masonic District. He was assisted by R: W: W Glen Robertson, DDGM 2nd Masonic District.

L:R - R: W: Glen Robertson, DDGM, W: Bro James Harris, Bro Billy Beckham, W: Bro Bobby Maxwell and W: Bro Billy Ray, DGL

LIVINGSTON #160 F. & AM *Friend to Friend Night*

Hammond is the home to Livingston Lodge that was chartered in 1859. During the Lodge's annual Friend to Friend Night, W: Bro Terry C Cooper provided a brief talk on Masonry and history of the Lodge. W: Bro Charles R Morse, Lodge Historian provided information on three prominent members of the Lodge. W: Bro Morse spoke of Charles Rand, Dr. Augustus Gates and Eldridge Carroll.

A framed photograph of all of the United States presidents that were Freemasons was presented by W: Bro Morse in memory of Eldridge Carroll. Carroll was one of the early developers of UL-Hammond and designed the Strawberry Stadium football field. It is named Carroll Field in his honor.



L:R W: Bro Chuck Morse, Lodge Historian presents the portrait of US Presidents that belong to the Fraternity to W: Benjamin L King, WM.

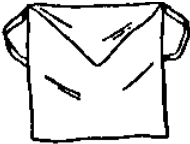


FAIR PARK #436 F & AM

Past Masters Night

The Lodge had 27 in attendance for its annual Past Masters Night. Everyone enjoyed an excellent meal provided by our Ladies and members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

W: Bro Harold H Goff, PM-Secretary of Greenwood Lodge #409 was the guest speaker.



L:R W: Bro Richard Johnson, W: Bro Roy E May, W: Bro Michael C Smith, W: Bro John T Adams, Newt McElhatten, W: Bro Walter T "Dub" Bacle, W: Bro Stephen J Lavery, W: Bro Harold H Goff, W: Bro N Keith McClung, W: Bro Robert S Salts, Jr., and W: Bro Billy G Clark.

PHOENIX #38 F. & AM

Recognition Night

Phoenix Lodge, located in Natchitoches held a Special Communication to honor a faithful brother, present 50 Year Membership Certificates and recognize two Past Masters.

W: Bro Dawson Bailey Thaxton was presented a plaque from W: Jeffery L Franks, WM on behalf of the Lodge that read "*Presented to D. Bailey Thaxton, PM. This memorial serves as a remembrance of the 42 years that you faithfully served as Treasurer of Phoenix Lodge #38 F &AM located in Natchitoches, serving from December 1966 to December 2008*". W: Bro Bailey was raised on April 20, 1946.

Receiving 50 Year Membership Certificates were Cecil Osborn and W: Bro A Curtis Masingill, Jr. W: Bro Michael A Watts presented Past Master pins to W: Bro Luther M Lee, Jr.-PM Secretary and W Bro John H McTyre-PM Treasurer.



L:R Cecil Osborn, W: Jeff Franks, WM and Curtis Masingill



L:R Luther Lee, Michael Watts and John McTyre

L:R W: Bro D Bailey Thaxton receives his plaque from W: Jeffery L Franks, WM ▶



EAST GATE #452 F & AM *New Master Mason*



East Gate Lodge, located in Baton Rouge held a special communication for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason Degree on Bro Greg Avant. Bro Avant is the Technology Services Manager for Ricoh Business Solution. Greg plans to become a member of the 13th Masonic District Certificate Masons.

Bro Avant's wife, Belinda, presented her husband with his Master Mason ring. Also present was Greg's good friend and Brother Michael W "Mickey" Calhoun, SW of T B Gilbert Lodge #423.

L:R W: Bro Charles R Peabody, W: Kristoffer S Easterly, WM, W: Bro Larry H Moore, Bro Greg Avant, W: Bro M "Jack" Claunch and W: Bro Carle L Jackson



L:R Bro Mickey Calhoun, Bro Greg Avant, Belinda Avant and W: Kristoffer Easterly, WM

CENTER #244

Past Masters & Award Night

The Lodge held its annual Past Master/Award Night with nine of the living Past Masters in attendance. Bros Dallas Alford, Richard Seals, Donald Spiers, Dudley Talley and Charles Watts were in attendance to receive their 50 Year Membership Certificates. Unable to attend was 50 Year recipient Alden Banks. Receiving 25 year Certificates were Bros Malcolm Fry and Henry Marquez, Sr.



*Front Row L:R Past Masters Gary Thomas, Billy Hughes, Henry E Vernon, Car Jarrell and Charles Rogers,
Back Row L:R Past Masters Earl Reese, Freddie Boyd, Jay J Piccinati and Mike Purvis*



L:R Charles Watts-50 Years, Malcolm Fry-25 Years, Dudley Talley-50 Years, Richard Seals-50 Years, Dallas Alford-50 Years, Donald Spiers-50 Years and Henry Marquez Sr.-25 Years.



TRINITY UNION #372 F. & A.M.

Appreciation Dinner

The Baton Rouge Chapter of the Eastern Star hosted a dinner for the members of Trinity Union Lodge for their continued support to and in the Chapter's activities.

W: Charles Daniel Smith, Jr., WM extended the Lodge's appreciation to the Chapter for their support and service to the Lodge. As this marked the end of W: Smith's tenure as Master, he presented each of his officers with a plaque of appreciation. W: Bro Robert Jule Hutchinson, PM-Secretary presented W: Bro Smith with his Past Master apron.



L:R -W: Bro Bobby Hutchinson-PM Secy and W: Bro Danny Smith, PM



L:R - W: Terry Howes, WM, Pat Lindsay, Secy OES, Melanie Jackson, Worthy Matron, Rex McKinler, Worthy Patron and W: Bro Danny Smith



TEMPLE #448 F. & A.M.

Veterans Honored

Temple Lodge participated in the Grand Lodge's Certificate of Appreciation for Veterans and held an open meeting to recognize and honor the many members that have served in the Armed Forces in combat.



Front Row L:R John Webster-Vietnam, James Kelly-Korean, James Allen-Vietnam, George McAnn-WW II, Fred Berry-WW II

Back Row L:R Reed Holmes-Vietnam, Harvey Rutland-Korean, Fred Arthur-Vietnam, Alvie Bullock-Vietnam, Billy Pace-Vietnam, Ben Voss-Korean-Vietnam

LIBERTY #123 F. & AM *Widows Night*



L:R - W: Bro Ed Durham, Mrs. Billie Coker, Mrs. Pauline Griffin, Mrs. Joyce Howell, Mrs. Ester Burr and Mrs. Mary Francis Bryant.



L:R - W: Bro Glenn G McFadden 50 Year Membership Recipient and W: Bro Ed Durham

Liberty Lodge held its annual Widows Night to honor the ladies of our departed brethren. W: Bro H Edward Durham, Grand Marshal was the guest speaker and assisted W: Leslie Badiali, WM with presentations of 25 and 50 Year Membership Certificates.



◀ **L:R - W:** Bro Jimmy G Mason 25 Year Membership Recipient and W: Bro Ed Durham

THE GRAND LODGE *Alexandria Veterans Home*



L:R - M :W: Bro Roy B Tuck, PGM-Grand Secretary, M: W: J F “Jeff” Webb, GM and M: W: Bro Joseph H Baker, PGM and President National Sojourners. Seated: Thomas Hebert, Veteran and resident

The VA Medical Center, Alexandria, Louisiana consists of the VHA facility located on Shreveport Highway, Pineville, Louisiana. The Alexandria VAMC also has Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC) in Lafayette, Louisiana serving Lafayette Parish and other surrounding parishes and in Jennings, Louisiana serving Jefferson Davis Parish and other surrounding parishes.

Officers at the Grand lodge paid a visit to the facility and the administrative staff there provided a tour and the opportunity to meet with many of the residents and patients served there. M: W: J F “Jeff” Webb, GM had the opportunity to express his appreciation to the Veterans for their service and sacrifices made on behalf of our country.

Lodge News

ALEXANDRIA #398 F. & A.M. Joint Meeting

Alexandria Lodge and Tranquility Lodge #2000 A.F. & A.M. Texas held a historic joint communication as this marked the first time Tranquility Lodge has met outside the state of Texas. Grand Lodge officers from both Grand Jurisdictions were in attendance as well as several members of the Fraternity. The Lodge hall was at seating capacity.

Tranquility Lodge was established by the Grand Lodge of Texas to commemorate Bro Buzz Aldrin's 1968 landing on the moon in the Sea of Tranquility and his authorization by the then Grand Master of Texas to claim Masonic Territorial Jurisdiction on the Moon for that Grand Jurisdiction. Brother Alrin reported his masonic duties as being performed upon his return to earth.

R: W: Elmer Murphy, III, PGM of Texas provided a history and purpose of Tranquility Lodge. (*Note: Past Grand Masters of Texas are addressed as Right Worshipful*). After the Lodges were closed everyone gathered in the dining hall for another hour of fellowship.

M: W: Jeff Webb, GM invited everyone to tour the new Grand Lodge facilities and asked M: W: Bro Roy Tuck, PGM-Grand Secretary to conduct the tour. Making sure the tour ended in the Masonic Learning Center classroom, M: W: Webb thanked Bro Roy for all of the work he has performed in establishing the dyslexia training program in Louisiana. M: W: Webb then proclaimed that the classroom will forever be known as the Roy B Tuck Classroom.



M: W: Jeff Webb, GM, R: W: Donald C Sargent, WM Tranquility Lodge and DDGM 21st District-Texas and M: W: W David Counts, GM-Grand Lodge of Texas.

(Note: Sadly R: W: Sargent passed away 3 weeks after this gathering)



M: W: Jeff Webb, GM presents M: W: Bro Roy Tuck, PGM-Grand Secretary a plaque commemorating the Roy B Tuck Classroom



The Grand Lodge Masonic Cemetery located at 400 City Park Avenue, New Orleans, LA, announces the completion of three, newly constructed columbarium sites on the premises of Cemetery 2 of the Grand Lodge Masonic Cemetery.

Each columbarium has 24 cremation niches on each side for a total of 48 niches for each columbarium. Choice of cremation niches are available for purchase on a first come, first serve basis.

As it is a Masonic cemetery, the purchaser must be either a Mason or the wife, child, parent, grandchild, grand-parent, brother or sister of a Mason.

The price for each niche is \$1,500.00. The purchase package price includes a bronze niche plate indicating the name of the person to be interred in said niche and the birth year date.

The Cemetery Sexton, Alfortish Enterprises, Inc., will process the sale of all columbarium niches. Their office telephone number is: 504-393-2026.

Please see the photo above for a view of the three newly constructed columbariums.

YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE

Recognition

M: W: Bro Roy B Delaney, PGM extended an invitation to M: W: J F “Jeff” Webb, GM to the 1st Masonic District Learning Center Volunteers dinner. The Grand Master and his Lady, Anita, graciously accepted and joined the 75 brethren and ladies in attendance.

M: W: Bro Delaney is also the Grand Govenor in Louisiana of the York Rite College and took this opportunity to present M: W: Webb, GM the York Rite College’s Service Award. Only one of these awards may be presented each year in each jurisdiction. The candidate is chosen based upon leadership, service,



M: W: Jeff Webb, GM and M: W: Bro Roy Delaney, Grand Govenor

moral and intellectual qualities. speaker and assisted W: Leslie Badiali, WM with presentations of 25 and 50 Year Membership Certificates.

TRINITY UNION #372 F. & A.M.

Family Day

W: Charles Daniel Smith, Jr., WM welcomed area Masons, their families and friends to the Lodge's Family Day event that is held on Labor Day. The Lodge provided an excellent meal as well as a musical presentation by the locally known bluegrass group, The Driskill Mountain Boys. The 5-man ensemble who picked classic bluegrass tunes wearing matching grey blazers, cowboy hats, and bolo ties hails from Clinton in East Feliciana Parish.



*Front Row L:R - Darrell Meyers, Victor Watts, Tommy Moran, Butch Cooksey, Adolphus Warrent and R: W: B J Guillot, GSW
Back Row L:R- Bobby Hutchinson, Sec'y, Robert Young, Treasurer, Jimmie Dunkin, JW and W: Danny Smith, WM*

PHOENIX #38 F. & A.M.

Special Presentation



Phoenix Lodge held an open meeting with a special purpose in mind. Senator Gerald Long of Louisiana's 31st Senatorial District presented M: W: J F "Jeff" Webb, GM with a Legislative Commendation recognizing the Grand Master's Masonic Work. The commendation was enacted by passage of a Senate Bill introduced by Senator Long.

L:R - M: W: Bro Roy B Tuck, PGM-Grand Secretary, Senator Gerald Long, M: W: J. F. "Jeff" Webb, GM and R: W: Bobby E Williams, DDGM 8th Masonic District

FELICIANA #31 F. & A.M.

Mason for the Century

Feliciana Lodge #31 expresses its sincere appreciation and love for W. Bro. Rarick for his dedication to his Brothers and the craft of Freemasonry as a whole, Feliciana Lodge #31 name W. Bro. John Richard Rarick, Sr. as "Feliciana #31's Mason of the Century" for the 20th century for his immeasurable contributions to the Lodge and the community during that time, having passed rigorous examination upon his first entering the Lodge as a "Yankee" Mason in 1957 and has since served Feliciana Lodge #31, St. Francisville and the State of Louisiana with unfaltering



trust and dedication, that W. Bro. Rarick hereafter be considered a tried and true "Southern Mason" and gentleman, these resolutions be permanently recorded in our archives so that future generations may learn of our love and admiration of our virtuous Brother.

The Grand Master

Masonic Antique Car Show

M: W: J F “Jeff” Webb, GM owns several rare antique vehicles and uses them in various parades and shows. The Grand Master entered two of his prize possessions in an Antique/Rare Car show. His 1956 Eagle and 1952 Chevy pickup, named Hiram, both took 1st place honors.



M: W: Jeff Webb, GM stands next to his ‘52 Chevy, Hiram.

M: W: Webb, GM assured the judges that although he is the Grand Master of Masons in Louisiana and all of the judges were Masons, that fact should not influence their final decision. It was determined that the judges’ membership cards were returned to them upon announcement of the Grand Winner.

Pennsylvania Academy of Masonic Knowledge

Stanley Cup

M: W: Bro Clayton J “Chip” Borne, III, PGM had the privilege of being invited to speak at the prestigious Pennsylvania Academy of Masonic Knowledge at the dynamic Masonic Retirement Community at Elizabethtown, Pa. where he spoke on the “Relevancy of Masonic Regularity”.

The first speaker of the day was Bro. Robert A Goodman, M.D., Brownstone Lodge #666, Hershey, PA, whose topic was “Forged on Ice: Freemasons within the Hershey Bears and Hockey Hall of Fame”; the majority of which players/ Brothers were present and fielded questions.

The highlight of the day was the appearance of the “Stanley Cup”. The Cup is awarded annually to the National League Hockey Champions.



L:R Brother Goodman, R: W: Thomas W Jackson, Executive Secretary of the World Conference of the Masonic Grand Lodges and M: W: Bro Chip Borne, PGM



The Grand Master

Grand Lodge of England Trip

On Sept. 7, 2009, M:W: J.F. “Jeff” Webb, G.M., along with his son W: Michael Webb, G. Sword Bearer and his son-in-law W: Scott Weatherford, G. Inner Guard, visited the United Grand Lodge of England. After touring Freemason’s Hall they attended Remus Lodge #4760 and witnessed a Fellowship degree. Following the meeting all



M: W: Jeff Webb, GM and M: W: Peter G Lowndes, Provincial Grand Master of the UGL of England

retired to a local restaurant for a “festive board”. Toasts and tributes were given to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and to its Grand Lodge officers.

On Sept. 9, 2009 M:W: “Jeff” Webb, G.M. attended the U.G.L. of England’s session and was received with great pomp and pageantry. After the meeting, a cocktail party and festive board was held at Freemason’s Hall, truly an experience to remember.



L:R W: Paul Allen, WM of Remus Lodge #4760 and, M: W: Jeff Webb, GM



L:R W: Bro C Scott Weatherford, Grand Inner Guard, M: W: Jeff Webb, GM and W: Bro Michael F Webb, Grand Sword Bearer at Remus Lodge #4760 that meets in Freemason’s Hall



R: W: Jonathan Spence, DGM of the UGL of England and M: W: Jeff Webb, GM

SABINE PARISH

Learning Center Graduation



L:R M: W: Jeff Webb, GM, (students) Trey Weeks, Tyler Lewing, Jackson Kleven, Jimmy Layton Jamison, Corley "Ivy" Jackson, IV, Alaina Jackson, Allison Delatin, M: W: Bro Roy Tuck, PGM-Grand Secretary Chairman Masonic Learning Centers of La.

Back Row: L:R W: Bro Vernon R Atkinson, Assistant Director, W: Alonzo G Smith, PM-WM Many Lodge #411 and R: W: Lorin R "Moon" Mullins, DDGM 8th Masonic District.

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The first group of Sabine Parish students completed the Dyslexia Training Program. Their certificates were presented during graduation ceremonies conducted at Many Junior High School. The ceremonies were well attended by parents, local residents and members

of the Fraternity. The testimony of students, parents and teachers relative to scholastic improvement made by the students was truly heart-warming. Mrs. Tina Cook, our teacher/facilitator, did a great job with these students and our program.

VINTON #364 F. & A.M.

Honesty & Integrity

Vinton lodge 364 was greatly honored to have M: W: J F "Jeff" Webb, GM presenting the Honesty & Integrity Awards to Zachary Turner and Clinton Schaefer on November 28, 2009. W: Bro Vance L Hill, PM-Treasurer was the Master of Ceremonies and assisted in presenting the award along with W: James W Gore, WM. There were over 40 guest and members present, including Kenneth Stinson, Mayor of Vinton.

Mrs. Rhonda Guidry of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Mr. Mitch Manuel Principal Vinton High School both gave exceptional introductions for both of the students. Bro Rev Robert Dale Tatum,



L:R W: Bro Vance Hill, Zachary Turner, Clinton Schaefer, M: W: Jeff Webb, GM and W: James Gore, WM

Chaplain provided the Invocation and Benediction.



MERRYVILLE #329 F. & A.M.

Past Masters Night

Merryville Lodge #329 F & AM celebrated its 100th Anniversary at an open meeting with W: Johnny R Smith, WM hosting the event The guest speaker was M:W: J. F. “Jeff” Webb, Grand Master of Masons for the State of Louisiana.



Present were: “Country” Smith, friend of Webb from Sulphur, LA, presently living in Texas, W:.M.:Johnny Smith, M:.W.:Jeff Webb, Robert H. “Bob” Thompson, 62 year member and present at the 50th Anniversary celebration in 1959, Worshipful Brother Mance E. Neely, District Deputy representing the Grand Lodge of Texas.



M:.W.: Webb and W:.M.: Smith exchanged gifts in commemoration of the event.



Louisiana Grand Lodge members present with W:.M.: Johnny Smith. Front row from left, W:.Bro. John Butterick, W:. Bro. Philip Thibodeaux, Smith, Webb, W:. Bro. Harold Young. Back row from left, W:.Bro. Frederick Anderson, W:. Bro. Michael Webb, W:.Bro. Clyde Morgan, and Right Worshipful Brother Thomas Threet.



M:W: Jeff Webb, GM, Joy Beth Williams, Grand Conductress representing the Eastern Star Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana and W: Bro Harold Young.



LITTLE FLOCK #236 F. & A.M.

50 Year Certificate

Little Flock Lodge located in Negreet presented W: Bro. Argus Moore his 50 Year Membership Certificate. lapel pin and credentials. M: W: Jeff Webb, GM and R: W: Bobby E Williams, DDGM 8th Masonic District graciously made the presentations.

W: Bro Moore was Master of the Lodge in 1970



L:R R: W: Bobby Williams, DDGM, W: Bro Argus Moore and M: W: J F "Jeff" Webb, GM.

SAM B DRYFUSE #396 F. & A.M.

Community Involvement



The Brethren of Sam B. Dryfuse Lodge, located in Jefferson, presented a donation collected from its members to the Jefferson Parish Second Harvest Food Bank. We were told that the donation provided 800 meals for the needy during the Thanksgiving Holiday.

L:R Bro Harold A Ostendorf, Jr.-JW, Melanie Stevens-Co Director Second Harvest, W: Fred A Falgout-PM WM and W: Bro John J Rodi, Jr.-PM Sec'y

AJAX #325 F. & A.M.

Honesty & Integrity Awards



L:R W: Bro Michael Watts, Matthew Walker, Ashleigh Daniels, Katy Jordon, Leighton Kniffin and W: Keith Birdwell-PM WM

The Lodge held its annual Honesty & Integrity Awards and the recipients were Matthew Walker of Converse High, Ashleigh Daniels and Katy Jordon of Natchitoches Central and Leighton Kniffin of St Mary's High. W: Keith L Birdwell, PM-WM presented the students with their certificates and savings bonds. W: Bro Michael Watts, Past DDGM was the guest speaker.

WESTLAKE #443 F. & A.M.

Past Masters Night

W.:M.: J. Briggs Becton hosted Past Master's Night at Westlake Lodge #443 with special invited guests, M.:W.: J. F. "Jeff" Webb, Grand Master, and the ladies of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter #228.

Prior to the meal and Open Meeting, M.:W.: Webb led a round of "Happy Birthday" for Bro. Nolan Gamble, 77, and W.:B.: Frederick Anderson, 65, Grand Junior Deacon.

Sisters Mary Slaydon and B. J. Morgan led a program called "Educate" in honor of the Grand Master's program for the year, with each of the Star Points referencing their connection to educate. A gift card was then presented to M.:W.: Bro. Webb to help defray the cost of his travels this year as Grand Master.

Pics: Eastern Star (1) Slaydon, Morgan;



L:R Mrs. Frederick Anderson, Mrs. Jeff (Anita) Webb and M: W: Jeff Webb



Mary Slaydon and B J Morgan



Members of the Order of the Eastern Star with the Grand Master and his Lady

(2) Morgan, Grand Master; (3) Sisters.

A new plaque has been made listing all of the Westlake Lodge Past Masters and was presented to their representative, Harold Young, PM, senior living past master.

A 50 Year Scottish Rite award was presented to James Arthur Mims, Sr., Past Master of Westlake Lodge, by the Grand Master and W.:B.: Richard B. Smith, 33° Personal Representative for the Valley of Lake Charles.



L:R W: Briggs Becton, W: Bro Harold Young and M: W: Jeff Webb, GM



L:R M:W: Jeff Webb, GM, W: Bro James Mims, and W: Bro Richard Smith

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Past Masters Night (continued)



24 Past Masters were in attendance.



L:R M:W: Jeff Webb, GM, W: Bro Pat McFatter and W: Briggs Becton



L:R M:W: Jeff Webb, GM, W: Bro Clyde Morgan and W: Briggs Becton



L:R M:W: Jeff Webb, GM and W: Duane Anthony, the Grand Representative for the State of Louisiana near the Grand Lodge of Texas

A Perpetual Membership Certificate was presented to Prentice “Pat” McFatter, Past Master of Westlake Lodge #443.

In 1998, Westlake Lodge had eight Perpetual Life Members, no Honorary Perpetual Members, and no Memorial Perpetual Members. The vision of W.:B.: Clyde Morgan at that time was to have a Perpetual Membership for all living and deceased members of the Lodge. A Hot Tamale Fund Raising project was started, and through the efforts of many of the Westlake Lodge members and ladies of the Order Of Eastern Star Chapter #228, the project has generated just under \$105,000. By the end of the year 2009, the Lodge will have 155 Full Perpetual Memberships, 17 Honorary Perpetual Memberships, and 130 Memorial Perpetual Memberships. With six memberships to go, the Lodge is expecting to reach 100% participation by the spring of 2010. In honor of his vision and undying efforts, W.:B.: Clyde Morgan was presented a plaque featuring a hand-made gavel by the late Melvin “Doc” Eastman, Past Master of Westlake Lodge. After the meeting, one of the six remaining non-perpetual members asked for an application The number is five!

Bro. Duane Anthony, the Grand Representative for the state of Louisiana near the Grand Lodge of Texas was in attendance. Bro. Anthony lives in Orange, TX.

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