



The Lantern

Bringing Light To 123

Fall 2010



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October 13, 2010 Brothers of Lafayette Lodge 123 and their guest met for dinner at 6:00pm at the New York Café for Fellowship. Among those in attendance were Worshipful Master Dan Jones, Senior Warden Keith Henry, Junior Warden James Lane, and many Past Masters. The Location was recommended by Wick Dixon, Past Master. All of the Brothers and their guest had a great time. Conversation and good times were plentiful.



Dues Statements went out the week of October 10th. Dues for 2011 will once again be \$96.50, which includes a \$20.25 per capita for the Grand Lodge Operating Fund, \$2.00 for the Grand Lodge Endowment Fund, \$1.00 for the Grand Lodge Trustees, \$.50 for the George Washington Memorial, \$.25 for the Heritage Foundation, and a \$16.50 assessment for the Indiana Masonic Home. A new feature to soon be added to our website will allow members to pay their dues through PayPal.

July 2010 a picnic was held at the Merou Grotto for the Brothers of Lafayette Lodge 123, their families, and friends. A rain storm broke out during the picnic so it was moved inside, but the rain did not dampen anyone's spirit as the good times continued indoors. We hope to make this an annual event.



UPCOMING LAFAYETTE LODGE 123 EVENTS

- October 27 – MM Degree @ 7:00pm (*Master Masons Only*)
- November 3 – Stated Meeting @ 7:00pm, Chili Dinner @ 6:00pm (*Open to all Masons*)
- November 8 – Demolay Call-Out from 7:00pm until 9:00pm (*Boys 12 and older and their Families*)
- November 17 – MM Degree @ 7:00pm (*Master Masons Only*)
- November 19 – Past Masters and Widows Dinner @ 6:00pm (*Invitation Only*)
- December 1 – Stated Meeting / Elections @ 7:00pm, Beef & Noodles Dinner @ 6:00pm (*Open to all Masons*)
- December 5 – Chili Cook-Off from 1:00pm until 4:00pm (*Open to the Public, Free-will Donation*)
- December 5 – Lafayette / West Lafayette Christmas Parade @ 2:00pm – Theme: Sounds of Christmas
- December 5 – Children's Christmas Party @ 5:00pm (*Open to those with a Masonic Affiliation*)
- December 15 – Installation of Lafayette Lodge 123 Officers @ 7:00pm
- December 18 – MM Degree @ 11:30am (*Master Masons Only*)
- December 27 – Feast of Saints John held at Lafayette Lodge (*More information to come*)

LAFAYETTE LODGE 123 ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

- November 20 – All You Can Eat Breakfast from 6:30am until 10:00am (*Open to the Public*)
- December 18 – All You Can Eat Breakfast from 6:30am until 10:00am (*Open to the Public*)
\$5.00 ages 13 and older, \$2.50 ages 5 - 12, Under 4 free

MASONIC JOKES

A man is walking through the recreation ground of his local park when he notices a huge fight in full fury on the football pitch he is passing. "What's going on?" he asks a spectator watching from the side-lines. The other replies "It's a match between the Masons and the Knights of Columbus." "What's the score?" asks the first man. "I don't know it's a secret."

A little before Lodge is about to open an old man totters up to the Tyler and says, "I'm here to receive my 2nd degree." Well, they all look at this guy, who is really old, and they ask him to explain. "I was entered on July 4, 1922. Now I'm ready for my 2nd degree." So they go scurrying for the records, and sure enough, there was his name, entered on July 4, 1922. "Where have you been all these years? What took you so long to be ready for your 2nd?" they ask. He replied: "I was learning to subdue my passions!"

How many Masons does it take to screw in a light bulb? Well after much research, this tricky question can now finally be answered. It takes 20, as follows:

- 2 to originally decide that the light isn't working.
- 1 to pass the problem onto the Worshipful Master.
- 3 to form a committee.
- 2 to check out the type of light bulb the Knight's of Saint Columbus use.
- 3 to argue about it.
- 5 to plan the fund-raising dinner to raise enough money for the bulb.
- 2 to complain "that's not the way we used to do it."
- 1 to borrow a ladder, donate the bulb and install it.
- 1 to order the brass memorial plate and have it inscribed.

FROM THE EDITORS DESK

Well it has been a while since I have done a newsletter so I figured with all the events coming up through the end of 2010 it might just be a good time to do one. As you can see we plan on being very busy through November and into December. I think it will be a pretty exciting final 2 months of the year.

Since the beginning of the year there have been many changes in our lodge, due to surgeries - well mine, Brothers moving, and other reasons, but we have never lost sight of our goals, to make Men better through Masonry. It has been great to see all the new Brothers who have come into Masonry through our lodge.

Another quick note I would like to include here is that there are many appendant bodies in Masonry. They include the York Rite with their family dinners, the Scottish Rite with its many family parties through-out the year, the Order of the Eastern Star, which is open to Masons, their wives, and other female members of their family over the age of 18, and for the younger members of the family there is Demolay for boys 12 and older, Job's Daughters for girls 10 and older, and Rainbow Girls for girls 11 and older. I mention this only to show that even though Masonry is for men, there is something in it for their families as well.

CLOSING PRAYER

Now is the time we part and until we come together again I pray that the Grand Architect of the Universe watch over you and your families, and guide you with a knowing touch. Amen

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