



Germania Lodge No. 46, F. & A. M.

4415 Bienville Street New Orleans, Louisiana 70119

TRESTLE BOARD



JULY 2003

GRAND MASTERS RELAY TEAM FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS, JUNE 21

The skies were dark, it had been storming most of the day, phones were ringing, "is the run still on?" A call by cell to the relay team informed us that they were on the way to New Orleans, on time, and possibly a little early. Yes, was the reply and like a small miracle blue sky emerged and the team along with myself and the DDGM for the 16th district, RW Lee Daspit proceeded, to run from the lodge down a pre arranged route thru City Park. Seven members of the team headed by Bro. Stan Elpers of De Quincy finished the race and collected approximately \$500 and pledges for much more, most of it coming from 16th district lodges and private donations from members and their families. The team said it was the first time they had a DDGM run with them, the first time in New Orleans in four years and the best fellowship! Germania members present prided themselves for supporting such a noble cause. The team supports themselves with their own vacation and pay their own expense just for the love of supporting Special Olympics.

Bro. Johnny Brown of the team whipped out his Wayne Toups signature Cajun accordion during refreshments after the run and started playing Cajun music. We told him that we had a fair amount of musicians in our lodge and tried to sign him up but he said it was a little to far to travel for meetings, he lives outside of Lake Charles. Unfortunately the team still had a date in Independence that afternoon and had to leave. We discussed having them next year on a Saturday and making it an "EVENT"! They all agreed it was a good idea.

Special thanks to Bro. Eldred Gilmore, his wife Althea and daughter Francine for getting the food and having everything set up for the event.

Very special thanks to Dwayne Roberts of the Jerusalem Temple Motorcycle Escort. No one really expected the escort to show up because of the bad weather but lo and behold, there was Dwayne on his beautiful Harley. He really made a difference; he followed the runners and gave us great visibility and protection.

Klaus "Joe" Kueck P.M. Secy.

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

Michael Poll P.M.	7/22/1975 - 28 yrs.
Larry Tomlinson P.M.	7/22/1981 - 23 yrs.
Alan Cox	7/14/1982 - 21 yrs.
Billy Carter	7/10/1991 - 12 yrs.
Patrick Kueck	7/14/1993 - 10 yrs.
Ian Cairns P.M.	7/23/1997 - 06 yrs.
Robert Rapp	7/22/1998 - 05 yrs.
Wayne Plaisance	7/25/2003 -

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Wayne Michael Plaisance to our lodge. He was raised on June 25, 2003. Bro. Wayne learned his catechism well and is excited about getting active in Masonry. There were many distinguished guests from at least four lodges at the degree that was preformed by the Denver Degree team.

Also, we have a new custodian. When Bro. Clayton Money became a father he realized it wasn't the best environment for an infant so he decided to move to base housing where he is stationed in Belle Chase. Bro. Money did a good job as custodian and has been active in lodge functions. Thank you Bro. Money. The vacancy is being filled by Kenny Cox, no relation the Cox's that are members of the lodge. Mr. Cox is not a member of the craft but the apartment was an ideal situation for him. He is retired and a jack of all trades. He is very excited about being our custodian and promises to stay on top of his duties. He is a personal friend of W.M. Steele and most of you guys know him from the many functions where he has been our bartender.

We also filled our vacancy for tyler, Bro. Andy Boudreaux resigned for personal reasons two meeting ago and we filled the vacancy last meeting. Thanks to Bro. Boudreaux for the time that he filled the position, he did a great job in setting up for meetings and keeping inventory of our paraphernalia. The position has been filled by Bro. Pete Bozes from Etoile Polaire #1. He said he will get things organized to where it will be easy for him to set up for meetings. Welcome Bro. Pete!

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Members on role	90
Dues not paid for 2002	2
Dues not paid for 2003	16

Please check your dues card, if it isn't a 2003 send in your dues or give me a call.

HUMOR (thanks Bro. Tibodaux)

An old man lived alone in Idaho. He wanted to spade his potato garden, but it was very hard work.

His only son, Bubba, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament.

Dear Bubba,

I am feeling pretty bad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my potato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. If you were here, all my troubles would be over. I know you would dig the plot for me.

Love Dad

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

Dear Dad,

For heaven's sake, dad, don't dig up that garden, that's where I buried the BODIES.

Love Bubba

At 4 a.m. the next morning, F.B.I. agents and local police showed up and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left. That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

Dear Dad,

Go ahead and plant the potatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.

Love Bubba

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

For the forth year in a row we will be joining Indivisible Friends #404 for joint meetings in July. The first meeting, July 9, 7:30 p.m., will be at their lodge. The address for Indivisible Friends is #39 Fairfield Ave. Gretna, call for directions or a ride. The second meeting will be at Germania, July 23, 7:00 p.m. We will be presenting 50 year awards to four members although only two will be present. Brothers Stanley Schexnayder, Raymond Slottness, Ernest Freund and Albert Rohr have all achieved that 50 year milestone! Please come enjoy great fellowship with brothers from another lodge and celebrate 50 years of Masonry for these four brothers. Bro. Raymond Slottness will be out of town for the meeting so we are traveling to his other lodge (he took a plural with Bayou Lacombe Lodge) on July 15 to present him with his 50 year certificate and pin. If you are interested in traveling with us to make the presentation give W.M. Steele or myself a call. Bro. Freund now resides in Delaware and no one was interested in a short road trip.

On Saturday, July 19, we are calling a special to catch up on our degree work and have some fun. Starting at 9:00 a.m. we will have a F.C. degree followed by an EA degree. We hope to wrap up around 12:30 and barbeque. **Please let us know if you will attend so we can prepare the proper amount of food** If you would like to assist with refreshments please call W.M. Steele, he will appreciate you very much. Ladies and children are invited.

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JULY 9, 7:30 P.M. JOINT MEETING AT INDIVISABLE FRIENDS #404, GRETNA

JULY 19, EA AND FC DEGREE STARTING AT 9:00 A.M.

BARBEQUE AFTERWARDS – LADIES AND CHILDREN INVITED.

JULY 23, 7:00 P.M. JOINT MEETING WITH INDIVISABLE FRIENDS #404 AT GERMANIA

50 YEAR CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED.

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