

Louisiana Supplement

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Louisiana York Rite Calendar 2009

June 12 – 14, 2009
August 1, 2009

August 22, 2009
August 22, 2009
August 29, 2009

The Day the War Stopped
Houma York Rite Festival
M: W: J. F. "Jeff" Webb Class
Baton Rouge York Rite Festival
Shreveport York Rite Festival
Baton Rouge York Rite Festival
(continued) and Inspection

Dudley Theriot Class – Lafayette, LA April 25, 2009



Congratulations to the Lafayette York Rite Bodies and all who participated in the Dudley Theriot York Rite Festival in Lafayette. You did a great job. There were 17 candidates for the Chapter and Council and 16 for the Commandery. Around 60 people were there for the festival. The food was great! The success of this festival will inspire other York Rite bodies throughout the state.

The Day the War Stopped June 12 - 14, 2009 at St. Francisville, LA

Come and join in an event rich in history and Masonic tradition. It is a delight to travel back in time to participate in the historic events that took place during the Civil War. These events span several days and include activities for every member of the family. **The children will enjoy** the civil war re-enactments as much as the guys--especially the black powder and musket demonstrations; **the ladies will enjoy** the plantations and grave side histories (in most cases the person representing the individual in the grave is a direct descendent) and the cemetery is a wonder to behold--it contains one of but a handful of Egyptian tombs in the nation, complete with upside down torches. **The ladies may also enjoy** antique shopping found within walking distance as well as the play that focuses on the life of Commander Hart's wife. **For the Masonic enrichment of all masons:** in the church, be sure to note the Knight Templar symbol marking the spot where the minister who performed the Christian service for Commander Hart is buried--the minister was from Schenectady, New York as was Hart. The part of the Confederate Commander is a played by his direct descendant, W. W. Leake, who is secretary of Feliciana Lodge, No. 31.

The Lodge Room of Feliciana No. 31 is worth the trip to see some very remarkable Masonic and Presidential memorabilia. The current lodge dates back to 1922, however, the original Lodge room goes back to the 1820's, and features a vaulted blue ceiling with stars carved into it and an all seeing eye carved into the wall in the east above the Master.

For those want to make this more than a day trip, there is a very reasonable Best Western in St. Francisville, as well as a number of wonderful Bed and Breakfasts in the old downtown and among the plantations. Also note, the reputedly most haunted property in the United States is the Myrtles, located just a ten minute ride (if that) from the Lodge. The Myrtles is open for tours and may offer accommodations as well.

All events will be in downtown St. Francisville (about 30 minutes north of Baton Rouge on U.S. 61) unless otherwise noted.

June 12, Friday

7:00pm Graveside Histories at Grace Episcopal Churchyard
8:00pm Open House and Historical Presentation at Feliciana Lodge No. 31

June 13, Saturday

10:30am ----- Parade (go to Lodge for lineup instructions before 10:00am)
11:30am -12:30pm -- Lunch at the Lodge
12:30pm-1:30pm ----- Performance: Vintage Dancers at Jackson Hall (part of Grace Episcopal Church--single story gray building to left of the Church as you face it)
1:30pm-2:30pm ----- Drama of the Masonic Burial of Commander John Hart
Events at Oakley Plantation --- (Audubon State Historical Park--place where John Audubon created many of his famous bird paintings)
2:30pm-5:00pm --- Civil War Encampment (come see life as a Civil War soldier)
3:00pm ----- Black Powder and Musket Demonstration
4:00pm ----- Civil War Costumes
6:00pm-8:00pm --- Civil War Dancers (life at Tara GWTW)
7:30pm-9:00pm --- Candlelight Tours of Oakley Plantation

June 14, Sunday - Attend Church at Grace Episcopal At Locust Grove Cemetery

2:00pm ----- Talk on Sarah Knox Taylor Davis (daughter of U.S. President Zachary Taylor; Wife of C.S.A. President Jefferson Davis)
2:00pm to 4:30pm -----Gravestone Rubbing Class (Genealogical research or family histories)

At Rosedown Plantation

1:00pm-3:00pm ----- Civil War Medical Demonstration and Burial Techniques
See: www.daythewarstopped.net/story.html for a very short version of the story of the event. **Contact Person: Shirley Ditloff, Phone: 225.635.4791**

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