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*Editor's Note:* Due to extreme circumstances, the February-March Trestleboard was not produced. Ill. William J. Mollere's *Final Word* for that issue, although with references to the *upcoming* Grand Lodge Session, is still very timely and contains information and thoughts to share with our members. In lieu of the Editor's *Opening Salvo*, I am running Bill's article in its entirety.

## *The First Word* "200 Years"

A special year of celebration begins for Louisiana Freemasonry – as you read this article, the newly elected Leaders of your Valley have completed the Annual Certification Conference, this year held in Baton Rouge, and returned to you with better plans and ideas for a full year of successful Scottish Rite. Hopefully, the time spent at the Conference with experts like Ill. Greg Klemm and Bro. Edward Witas and some of our own home-grown experts will have positive and beneficial effects for you and your Valley – the program was a little different from past Conferences and fellowship and building Brotherhood were the themes.

We also have some Leadership re-appointments and changes. Most Orient-appointed Leaders have been asked to continue for an additional two-year appointment in each Valley. Ill. Clayton J. Borne, III, 33°, PGM, has been appointed Personal Representative for the Valley of New Orleans. Ill. Charles L. McCarty, 33°, long-serving Personal Representative and good friend and Brother, has become Emeritus Personal Representative and taken on the appointment of Orient Financial Advisor – at age 85, Bro Charlie's wisdom, knowledge and experience are still most appreciated. Other appointments will be announced in later issues.

We also begin another important event, very soon many of us will gather in Baton Rouge for the Annual Grand Lodge Session – completing one year under the leadership of Ill. and Most Worshipful Beverly Joseph Guillot, 33°, Grand Master, and beginning a new year with the leadership of Ill. and soon-to-be Most Worshipful Frank Nadau duTreil, Jr, 33°, Deputy Grand Master. We begin a celebration of anniversary too – 200 years ago in New Orleans, five Lodges gathered and formed our Grand Lodge – in April, 1812, Louisiana became a State and shortly thereafter, the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Free & Accepted Masons, was chartered, and with the authorization of the Louisiana Legislature. Masonry had existed in Louisiana for perhaps 70 years prior to the Grand Lodge being chartered, when French Rite and Scottish Rite Masonry came with the early settlers and flourished in the new, free atmosphere of a colony with French, Spanish, German people seeking a new life. Even going underground during the Spanish period of persecution, 1765-92, did not keep Freemasonry from growing in the hearts and minds of good men. With the independence of a new United States along the eastern seaboard, brash, eager, out-spoken Americans began arriving in New Orleans for commerce and business in the early 1790's, and these new citizens of a new, free country brought

York Rite Masonry with them to New Orleans. The ingredients of the "Masonic Gumbo" were complete and the spices of brotherhood and fraternity added the required mix for re-emergence from back-alleys and hidden meeting places with Lodges using French, Scottish and York Rite rituals meeting and seeking new charters from France, Jamaica, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and New York. It was an exciting time for Masonry in Louisiana. In 1812, with a Mason as President of the United States, James Madison, and with a Mason as Governor of Louisiana, William Claiborne, the new Grand Master, Pierre DuBourg, had perhaps the ultimate support politically for a Grand Lodge of any Masonic organization ever newly formed. Following his Installation, Grand Master DuBourg and his Officers attended Mass at St Louis Cathedral, celebrated by his Brother, the Bishop.

The Grand Consistory of Louisiana, based in New Orleans, had been chartered the year before, 1811, and was recognized as a firm foundation for Freemasonry to grow and expand upon. For 200 years, Scottish Rite has continued to support and assist in growing Masonry in Louisiana – throughout the history of our State, Scottish Rite has supplied leadership and guidance and assistance whenever called. Regionally organized in five locations, these centers of Freemasonry have used ritualistic lessons to display philosophical, intellectual and character-building Degrees that bring a Mason to the final lessons of balance and equilibrium in life; never trying to be better than others but to be better than himself; always using Faith, Hope and Love; practicing Charity in its truest sense; and, never forgetting that GOD is the ultimate center of all being.

This year, may we all join in this glorious Bicentennial celebration of Freemasonry being formally organized in Louisiana and support our Grand Lodge and our Grand Lodge Officers. We must never forget in Scottish Rite that our Mother Lodge is the base of Freemasonry, and always support and regularly attend our home Lodge. We can never forget to appreciate what so many have given to us to ensure the continued existence for 200 years of Masonry in Louisiana that we today enjoy; but always remembering that the next 200 years is our responsibility. May we be worthy of that trust committed to us.

As the New Year began on January 1, it was time again to make Resolutions – perhaps you go through the exercise each year too. This year, mine came in a note from a Brother and the ideas seemed so Masonic and were too good not to take as my own and to share and pass to others: Life is too short for drama or petty things, so laugh hard, love truly and forgive quickly. Live while you are alive. Forgive now those who made you angry or cry because you might not get a second chance. And always remember that GOD answers our prayers in His time, not ours.

May your 2012 be your best, and thank you for your continued commitment to Freemasonry and to Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

*Bill Mollere*

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**Master Craftsman Program**



The following members have recently completed Master Craftsman Course I or II and have received or should shortly receive their certificates and lapel pins.

**Baton Rouge**  
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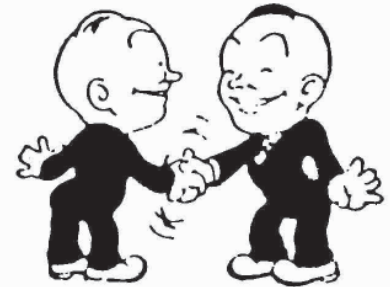
In February, Ill. William J. Mollere, 33° SGIG was elected to the office of Grand Junior Warden for the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana. In March, Sir Knight Mollere was elected as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Louisiana.

We are extremely fortunate to have him in our Fraternity, serving in so many capacities of leadership and to be able to call him friend and brother. Congratulations, Bill.

*As we must account for every idle word, so must we account for every idle silence.*

*Benjamin Franklin*

**Someone is waiting for you**



**to invite him to become  
 a Scottish Rite Mason . . .  
 Don't disappoint him.**

*Doubt, the essential preliminary of all improvement and discovery, must accompany the stages of man's onward progress. The faculty of doubting and questioning, without which those of comparison and judgment would be useless, is itself a divine prerogative of the reason.*

*Albert Pike*



**Calendar of Events**

**Grand Lodge**

**Quarterly Meeting**

Alexandria April 21

**Supreme Council**

**RiteCare® Conference**

Dallas September 13-15

**Orient of Louisiana**

**Conference of The Orient**

Monroe April 28

Lake Charles November 13

**Reunions**

Shreveport April 28-29

Baton Rouge June 23-24

Monroe June 30

**York Rite**

**York Rite College**

Alexandria May 5

# The Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation

## Scholarship Awards

The Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation is proud to announce that the following Scholarships have been awarded:

### Speech and Language Scholarships

#### *University of Louisiana*

##### *Monroe*

Sara Chauhan  
Brian Kendall  
Chelsey Martin

#### *Southeastern Louisiana University*

##### *Hammond*

Anna Pate  
Christian Carrasco

#### *University of Louisiana*

##### *Lafayette*

Nada Joran  
Jessica Martin

#### *Louisiana State University*

##### *Shreveport*

Joanna Gray  
Rachel Guillory



## Foundation Update

The Foundation held its annual meeting and election of officers in February in Baton Rouge in connection with the Grand Lodge Annual Session. Due to time constraints, your Clinic Administrators for the five Speech and Language Centers were not able to present their annual reports. They are printed here so that our members may know the cost associated and services provided at the Centers.

*Fraternally,*  
*S. Bruce Easterly, 33° PGM*  
*President*



## Admiral E A Barham Scottish Rite Speech & Hearing Center

The Admiral E. A. Barham Scottish Rite Speech and Hearing Center was active this past year as in the past. The Center treated 45 patients and with the dedication of three graduate clinicians from the Department of Speech Pathology at ULM each semester, we as Scottish Rite Masons can be justly proud of their achievements. To be involved (actively) in helping is the reason for this pride.

The Scottish Rite Foundation of Louisiana has furnished the funds for scholarships for our clinicians and we are truly grateful. However, with the lack of funds, statewide, we have been informed that next year, we will be allotted funds for only two graduate clinicians. This means that we will not be able to assist as many children this year as in the years since the Center began in 1998. For those of you who are not aware, the Foundation receives donations in honor of, or in memory of our Scottish Rite Brethren or other friends we would like to honor or memorialize. Please give this suggestion serious thought as well as action.....Donate today!

## Shreveport Scottish Rite Speech & Hearing Center

The Shreveport Center continues to provide quality therapy. Since its inception in 1988 the Center has seen 988 clients.

During 2011, the Shreveport Center saw 29 clients at the Scottish Rite Temple and 4 clients at the satellite location. 2011 expenses at these two locations were \$22,040.00. Additionally, three graduate clinicians received scholarship awards totaling \$6,500.00. The total expenditure in 2011 was \$28,540.00.

Our Center continues its close relationship with LSU-Health Science Center's Department of Speech-Language Pathology and the Mollie E Webb Speech and Hearing facility. The graduate students gain the required clinical hours and experience at our Center, while the children benefit from invaluable treatment.

Thank you for your support and generosity to make this possible.

## Southwestern Regional Scottish Rite Childhood Learning Center

2011 was a productive and exciting year at the Southwestern Regional Learning Center. The Center provided speech and language evaluations and therapy services to ten children each semester, with 22 different children between the ages of 2 and 10 receiving services during the year.

During the year, 5 clients completed their therapy and were discharged from the program, no longer in need of intervention.

The Center funded children in three different programs, including:

- Summer Language and Literacy Project for struggling readers and writers, with or without dyslexia.
- Communication Preschool for young children ages 2-5 to receive therapy services in a structured play environment.
- Individual treatment session.

The total funds utilized through the Center was \$13,200.00. This amount does not include the scholarship awards. It is our distinct pleasure to continue to provide speech and language evaluations and therapy services to the children in the region.

## Baton Rouge Scottish Rite Speech & Language Center

The Baton Rouge Center began 2011 with twelve children receiving therapy and we closed the year with a total of eighteen clients receiving over 300 hours of therapy.

The Baton Rouge Valley donated Apple® iPads and this new technology was used to assist the children with interaction. New single-message "talkers" were placed in various locations in the Center and used in therapy.

The Center continues to promote the services in the community and became a member of the Baton Rouge Area Chamber of Commerce in September. This affiliation will allow us to keep the professional community informed of our efforts.

Dr. Alissa Mendoza presented a semi-

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### The Steamboat *New Orleans*

The *New Orleans* was the first steamboat on the western waters of the United States. Its 1811-1812 voyage from Pittsburgh, Pa. to New Orleans, La. on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers ushered in the era of commercial steamboat navigation on the western rivers.

The *New Orleans* was a joint venture of Robert Fulton (1765–1815), Robert R. Livingston (1746–1813), and Nicholas Roosevelt (1767–1854 Great Uncle of President Brother Theodore Roosevelt). Fulton had successfully commercialized the steamboat on the Hudson River with his *Clermont* in 1807 and Livingston was a wealthy New York politician and inventor. Fulton became familiar with the Ohio River while at Pittsburgh in 1786, and Livingston helped negotiate the Louisiana Purchase while minister to France from 1800 to 1804; it was during this time that the two met. Both men realized the great potential for steamboat traffic on the western waters; accordingly, within twelve days of the completion of the *Clermont's* first voyage, they began to plan for the introduction of a steamboat on the western rivers. They consulted Nicholas Roosevelt, an expert on all aspects of the steamboat and the inventor of the sidewheel method of steamboat propulsion, an innovation crucial for achieving practical speeds. At the time, Roosevelt manufactured copper and steam engines at the Soho Works on the Passaic River at Belleville, NJ, one of the best metal foundries in the nation. He had worked on a sternwheel steamboat for Livingston from 1798 to 1800 but stopped when he lost his government contracts for supplying copper for warships. In 1798, Roosevelt had unsuccessfully tried to convince Livingston to use sidewheels, but Livingston insisted on a sternwheel. However, after exhausting other options, sidewheels were the method Fulton and Livingston eventually used in the *Clermont*. Livingston and Fulton were in Roosevelt's debt, also because many of Fulton's highly-skilled workmen had been originally trained and employed by Roosevelt.

Roosevelt arrived in Pittsburgh in April or May 1809 with his young wife Lydia Latrobe Roosevelt, the daughter of his business partner Benjamin H. Latrobe, architect of the U.S Capitol. According to a notation by Fulton, Roosevelt was paid \$600 for an exploratory Mississippi expedition on June 28, 1809. Having built a flatboat, he soon commenced exploring the intended route for the steamboat to come. He carried letters of introduction to all the important people along the route (Cincinnati, Louisville, and Natchez, then insignificant towns, were the only places of any importance), but none, least of all the pilots and boatmen, believed he could ever navigate the western waters with a steamboat. During this test voyage, Roosevelt recorded depths and measured currents for later reference. He also found coal along the banks of the Ohio River, opening up new mines that would be a useful fuel source when the steamboat passed by later. Reaching New Orleans, La. on December 1, he returned to New York by sea, arriving on January 15, 1810. Roosevelt gave a favorable report to Fulton and Livingston, and the construction of the *New Orleans* immediately commenced in earnest. Designed by Fulton, the boat was built on the banks of the Monongahela River by a shipbuilder and mechanics brought from New York, and the majority of the machinery for the boat was built at New York and hauled to Pittsburgh by land because Pittsburgh did not have an establishment of sufficient capacity to do such work at the time. The single cylinder low pressure steple engine and the copper boiler were placed in the hold of the boat. That the *New Orleans* was a side-wheeler rather than

a stern-wheeler is supported by contemporary accounts, including the Louisiana Gazette and Advertiser noting on January 13, 1812 that she was detained by the breaking of "one" of her wheels, and an account of the ship's sinking in 1814 containing a reference to the "wheel on the larboard side." The pinewood used for planking was obtained from nearby forests and sent down the Monongahela. The boat included a mast and sails because Fulton thought the combination of steam and sails might be useful. The most accurate estimates put the *New Orleans* at 148 feet 6 inches long, 32 feet 6 inches wide, and 12 feet deep, with a tonnage of 371. This made it considerably larger than the barges, then the largest craft on the rivers, which rarely exceeded 100 feet in length. The total cost of the construction was about \$38,000, a considerable sum. The boat was first launched on the Monongahela, unfinished, in March 1811, but took many months to complete.

The *New Orleans* was taken on a successful trial trip around Pittsburgh on October 15, 1811, and finally set sail for New Orleans on October 20. Roosevelt was the captain, and his pregnant wife and young daughter accompanied as passengers. The crew consisted of the engineer Nicholas Baker, the pilot Andrew Jack, six hands, two female servants for Mrs. Roosevelt, a waiter, a cook, and a Newfoundland dog named Tiger. The people of Pittsburgh turned out en masse to witness the departure of the steamboat. The first night, Roosevelt and his wife were too excited to sleep, and so watched the shore, covered in almost unbroken forest, as it passed by. The pilot was reassured about the chances of success by the boat's ease of steering and uniformly quick speed. The next morning, October 21, the *New Orleans* was cheered by the villagers of Beavertown, Pa., who had seen the boat approaching down a straight stretch of the river.

On October 27, the boat passed Cincinnati; the residents were disappointed it didn't stop and thought they'd never see the *New Orleans* again. At midnight on October 28, the boat arrived in Louisville. Here, the local residents congratulated Roosevelt on his success, but told him they doubted they would ever see the boat again, because it would not be able to go upstream. To prove them wrong, he invited prominent citizens to a dinner on board the boat, and once everyone was on board, began powering upstream at a convincingly fast rate. For the next month, Roosevelt waited for the waters of the Ohio River to rise enough for the *New Orleans* to safely (albeit barely, with a draft of less than six inches) pass over the treacherous Falls of the Ohio. Though the portion of the trip on the Ohio had been largely peaceful and easygoing, the passage of the Mississippi was to be fraught with danger and uncertainty. The next major event was the occurrence, on December 16, of the New Madrid Earthquake, centered near New Madrid, Missouri. It was one of the strongest North American earthquakes ever recorded; seismologists estimate it was an 8 on the Richter scale. The earthquake negatively affected the journey by altering Mississippi landmarks such as river islands so much that the pilot had difficulty navigating. At some small river towns, villagers begged to be taken aboard to escape the desolation the earthquake had wrought. After barely escaping a canoe attack by the Chickasaw Indians, the *New Orleans* reached Natchez, Mississippi on December 30. Here, they met Zadoc Cramer, author of the Navigator, who was eager for any new information about the geography of the river. Continuing on, they reached New Orleans on January 10, 1812, and shortly thereafter began regularly plying between New

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# Valley of New Orleans News

The Oldest Scottish Rite Valley in the World - Chartered April 7, 1811  
 Albert Pike was Grand Commander of Grand Consistory of Louisiana

From April 1857-January 1859

Meets on the first Wednesday of every month



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**2012 Membership Fees were due  
 December 31, 2011**

## Calendar of Events

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| <b>Stated Communications</b>                             | <b>7:30 PM</b> |
| <b>Advisory Council</b>                                  | <b>5:00 PM</b> |
| <b>Wednesday, April 4th</b>                              |                |
| <i>On the Road: Wm D White Lodge-Gretna</i>              |                |
| <i>Ceremony of Renewal &amp; Remembrance</i>             |                |
| <i>18th Degree to open &amp; conduct program</i>         |                |
| <b>Saturday, April 29th</b>                              |                |
| <i>Advisory Council</i>                                  |                |
| <b>Wednesday, May 2nd</b>                                |                |
| <i>On the Road: Slidell Lodge</i>                        |                |
| <i>Mother's Day Program</i>                              |                |
| <b>Wednesday, June 6th</b>                               |                |
| <i>Regular Meeting - Guest Speaker</i>                   |                |
| <b>Summer Reunion Saturday June 30th</b>                 |                |
| <i>Honoring 200th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge</i>     |                |
| <b>Wednesday, July 4th - No Meeting</b>                  |                |
| <b>Sunday, July 8th</b>                                  |                |
| <b>Annual Family Day 1pm - 4pm</b>                       |                |
| <b>Tuesday, July 31st</b>                                |                |
| <i>Advisory Council</i>                                  |                |
| <b>Wednesday, August 1st</b>                             |                |
| <i>Bring a Friend Night - 25/50 Year Members honored</i> |                |
| <b>Wednesday, September 5th</b>                          |                |
| <i>Feast of Tishri - Reobligation Night</i>              |                |

## 2012 Officers

### Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

*Venerable Master:* Elmo J "Jay" Pitre, III, 32° KCCH  
*Senior Warden:* Edward A Reine, 32° KCCH  
*Junior Warden:* Leon T Roberts, 32° KCCH

### Pelican Chapter Rose Croix

*Wise Master:* Armond L Love 32°  
*Senior Warden:* Carl W Mixon, 32°  
*Junior Warden:* Bernard L Gould, 32°

### Eagle Council of Kadosh

*Commander* Quinton J Buras, 32°  
*1st Lt. Commander:* Darren J Hart, 32°  
*2nd Lt. Commander:* Eddie A LeBoeuf, III, 32°

### New Orleans Consistory

*Master of Kadosh:* Klaus J "Joe" Kueck, 32° KCCH  
*Prior:* Garland M Gisclair, 32°  
*Preceptor:* Donald E Freeze, 32° KCCH

### Treasurer All Bodies:

*Ion Lazar, 32° KCCH*

### Secretary All Bodies:

*Lloyd A Hebert, 33°*



## Note From Your Secretary

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of Louisiana Masonry, the New Orleans Scottish will have a Reunion on June 30th. A one time special fee structure will be offered. A Petition will only cost \$200 and the Perpetual Membership is offered at \$1812.



## Of Current Interest

With a united voice and with uplifted hearts the Brethren of our Valley congratulate and welcome our new Personal Representative, Ill. and M.W. Bro. Clayton J. Borne III 33° PGM and wish him a most fortuitous and productive tenure as we continue to strive toward the advancement of the Scottish Rite. We also wish all our Brothers a very Happy New Year, and we hope to see all of you at the meetings and Valley functions.

We closed out the year 2011 with a grand Holiday Celebration on December 1st, featuring a delicious feast and also a memorable performance by the Shrine Band. Our Venerable Master (2011) Ill.

Bro. Frank N. DuTreil 33° delivered an uplifting speech and conveyed warm holiday greetings to the members and families present.

We began the New Year with great excitement knowing that it would bring a period of unprecedented activity and even greater achievements through the efforts of our membership. Our Valley was well represented at the Scottish Rite Leadership Certification Conference held on January 28th in Baton Rouge – this is an annual event of great importance to our present and future leaders and is organized annually by our S.G.I.G. Ill. Bro. William J. Mollere 33° GJW.

The Valley held a most successful Robert Burns Night Supper event on February 25th which brought together more than 65 guests including members and their families. After the customary opening, Bro. Ion Lazar 32° KCCH introduced the Officers of the Knights of St. Andrew. Among those present were: Donald Sprigler (Knight Commander), Kenneth Bell (Knight Warden), Darren Hart (Knight Captain), Alan Wyatt (Knight Recorder) and numerous other Active and Emeritus members. Bro. Lazar then introduced the several recipients of the Grand Cross of St. Andrew which is the highest decoration that our Chapter can bestow. Also, all Valley Officers were introduced and received a warm round of applause. Bro. Lazar then introduced our keynote speaker and Program Host, W. Bro. Ian Cairns, 32°, who is already so well known to our Valley for having hosted several very successful Robert Burns Night Suppers in previous years. W. Bro. Cairns took over the proceedings and, along with his talented Team, delivered yet another truly authentic tribute to the memory of Robert Burns. The Program included a multi-course catered meal, the

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## In Memoriam

*Wendel George Liebe*

# Valley of Shreveport News

## Chartered October 26, 1913

### Meets on the second Tuesday of every month



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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tuesday, April 3rd**  
*Service of Remembrance* 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, April 10th - No Meeting**
- Spring Reunion** April 28-29
- Tuesday, May 8th**  
*Open Meeting* 6:00 PM  
*Mother's Day Program*
- Tuesday, June 6th**  
*Regular Meeting* 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, July 10th**  
*Open Meeting* 6:00 PM  
*Independence Day Program*
- Tuesday, August 14th**  
*Regular Meeting* 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, September 11th**  
*Open Meeting* 6:00 PM  
*Feast of Tishri*
- Tuesday, October 9th**  
*Regular Meeting* 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, November 13th**  
*Open Meeting* 6:00 PM  
*Thanksgiving Program - Special Choir*  
*Note: Advisory Conference meets at 5 pm before each meeting.*  
*The KCCH Club meets during the same month as the 1st District Lodge at 5:30 pm.*

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##### Secretary All Bodies:

Gary L Gribble, 33°



#### Cathedral Cavalcade

The Shreveport Scottish Rite Foundation will hold a fundraising variety show on June 9th. The show will feature dozens of our regional talent. Dr. Dan Gibbs, Director of the Minden Community Chorus, agreed to coordinate and manage the production. All proceeds will go towards the building of the handicapped entrance on the front of the building.

Please support the Shreveport Building Foundation by either purchasing or volunteering to sell tickets. The tickets will be available the first week of April for \$20 a piece. Donations are always welcome.

#### KCCH Club

The KCCH Club will meet after the Advisory Conference in April. Our goal, this year, is to contact each member of the Valley for a two-fold purpose. First, just to say: "Hello from your Valley." Secondly, this will enable us to update our membership contact information, looking for current E-mail addresses and phone numbers. It will take between 8-10 Club members to make the calling less tedious. After the initial contact, the Club will make a second call on special dates for the respective

member. It may be on a birthday or Scottish Rite anniversary. We sincerely hope the members will welcome the effort and inturn share a bit of their time during the calls for renewed fellowship.

If you are a KCCH Scottish Rite member, please join us for the kick-off meeting. You can contact Al Kelly-President KCCH Club by E-mail at eallenkelly@yahoo.com.

#### Venerable Master's Message

Ill. Robert Bazzell, 33° Venerable Master brings you the following: "I look forward to serving you this year April 3rd will be our Maundy Thursday Ceremony and the meeting for the month. It would be awesome to have you and your spouse in attendance that evening. Also, make a note to attend the Reunion scheduled for April 28th and 29th.

I am working to have meetings that are meaningful and enjoyable for everyone. As you read this I know that you have a need for fellowship and camaraderie among your brethren. Get away from your comfort zone and get to know your friends again."

Fraternally  
 Robert Bazzell



Articles respectively submitted by  
 Gary T Rushworth, Sr., 32° KCCH

#### IN MEMORIAM

- Gaylon E Alderman
- John E Bonnette
- Freddie W Brooks
- Milford G Busby
- L T Cohen
- William E Dowden
- Ernest L Finger
- Derl E Hay
- Edward Michael Ironsmith, III
- Oscar C LaBorde
- George A McAnn
- Melborn A McLeod
- Jerry C Marsh
- Calvin L Miller
- Clifton Roach
- Rufus G Self
- James C Smith
- Ralph W Turner

# Valley of Lake Charles News

Chartered October 16, 1923

Meets on the third Wednesday of every month

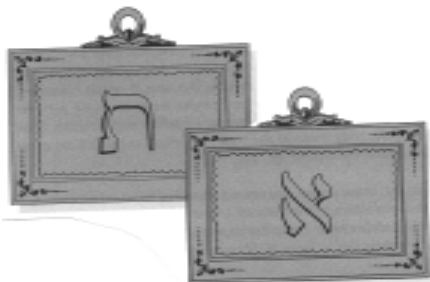


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**2012 Membership fees  
 were due on December 31, 2011**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:00**  
**Wednesday, April 18th**  
*Dr. Martha Jo Schexneider- Speaker*  
**Wednesday, May 16th**  
*Anniversary of the Consistory*  
*32° Degree Team presentation*  
**Back Door Lunch: Last Friday of every month.**



**2012 Advisory Board**

- Richard Smith - Chairman*
- Blake Ford*
- Clarence Callahan*
- Greg Bruce*
- Neil Crane*
- Rocky Schexneider*
- Keith Powell*
- Tom Kussmann*
- Ricky Venable*
- Shawn Richard*
- Matt Traylor*

**Personally Speaking**

Charles Kettering was the president of Dayton Engineering Labs Company, better known as Delco, a major supplier of component parts to the automotive industry during the middle of the twentieth century. Mr. Kettering was an engineer and inventor that held 186 patents for his discoveries. He was not only a talented thinker toward solving challenges of the unknown; he also was a great observer of the human condition. There are more than two dozen quotes attributed to him, many of which speak to the subject of failure.

A recently published article stated that 98% of those who fail do not really fail, they give up and quit. Charles Kettering said "It doesn't matter if you try and try and try again, and fail. It does matter if you try and fail, and fail to try again." He realized the truth in life was that you must try new things and be willing to fail until you find success. Scottish Rite Masonry teaches us that we must strive to act and walk uprightly in pursuit of moral, intellectual, and spiritual excellence of a Perfect Elu. We may often fail in these pursuits, but must never quit.

Another Kettering quote that I enjoy is: "My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there." At our stated communication on February 15, 2012, Brother Mount Wakefield Newby, 32°, purchased a perpetual membership in the Scottish Rite. The significant thing about this is that Brother Newby was born on March 1, 1928. He received the 32° Master of the Royal Secret on March 12, 2010 at age 82. Brother Newby, at age 84, is looking toward the future with great expectation and no plan to quit. I hope each of us will follow his lead and commit to the future of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

*Fraternally,  
 Richard B Smith, 33°  
 Personal Representative*



*L:R - Richard B Smith, 33°, Mount W Newby, 32° and "Rocky" Schexneider, 32° KCCH Venerable Master*

**2012 Officers**

**Lake Charles Lodge of Perfection**

*Venerable Master: "Rocky" Schexneider, 32° KCCH*  
*Senior Warden: Ricky A Venable, 32° KCCH*  
*Junior Warden: Thomas L Kussmann, 32° KCCH*

**Lake Charles Chapter Rose Croix**

*Wise Master: W Keith Powell, 32° KCCH*  
*Senior Warden: "Rocky" Schexneider, 32° KCCH*  
*Junior Warden: James R B Golding, 32° KCCH*

**Lake Charles Council of Kadosh**

*Commander: Thomas L Kussmann, 32° KCCH*  
*1st Lt. Commander: James R B Golding, 32° KCCH*  
*2nd Lt. Commander: J Briggs Becton, 32° KCCH*

**Shreveport Consistory**

*Master of Kadosh: Ricky A Venable, 32° KCCH*  
*Prior: Elton J Blanchard, 32° KCCH*  
*Preceptor: Thomas L Kussmann, 32° KCCH*

**Treasurer All Bodies:**  
*Clarence L Callihan, 33°*

**Secretary All Bodies:**  
*D Blake Ford, 32° KCCH*



**IN MEMORIAM**

- Travis W Batchelor*
- Barney S Foreman*
- Thomas Edwin Phillips, Sr.*
- Thomas Edwin Phillips, Jr.*

# Valley of Baton Rouge News

Chartered October 20, 1955

Meets on the second Monday of every month



**Baton Rouge Scottish Rite Temple**  
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**2012 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30**
- Monday, April 9th**  
Chapter Rose Croix presents the Service of Remembrance
- Monday, May 14th**  
Reception of the SGIG
- Monday, June 11th**  
Jeff Maynor presents program on St. John the Baptist
- SPRING REUNION JUNE 23-24**
- Monday, July 9th**  
B. J. Guillott, 33° presentation on the Council of Kadosh
- Monday, August 9th**  
Reception of M: W: Frank N duTreil, GM
- Saturday, August 18th**  
Annual Masonic Widows Night
- Monday, September 10th**  
Shane Crump presentation of the working tools of a Fellow Craft
- Monday, October 8th**  
La Bonne Marie hosts the Feast of Tishri
- FALL REUNION OCTOBER 27th**
- Monday, November 12th**  
Mike Carpenter presentation on the 13°
- Monday, December 10th**  
Election of Officers  
John Amador presents program on St. John the Evangelist  
Advisory Conference meets at 6pm before the Regular Meetings.

**2012 Officers**

**Baton Rouge Lodge of Perfection**

Venerable Master: Ricks M Bowles, 32° KCCH  
 Senior Warden: Larry H Moore 33°  
 Junior Warden: Charles M Powell, 32°

**Baton Rouge Chapter Rose Croix**

Wise Master: Freddie J Touchet, 32° KCCH  
 Senior Warden: William J Naquin, 32°  
 Junior Warden: James J Premeaux, 33°

**Shreveport Council of Kadosh**

Commander Brian L Watson, 32° KCCH  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander: Edward S Coleman, Jr., 32°  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander: H George Scanlan, 32°

**Shreveport Consistory**

Master of Kadosh: Eddie B Robertson, 32° KCCH  
 Prior: William E Womack, 32°  
 Preceptor: James M Stockner, 32°

**Treasurer All Bodies:**  
 Ben F Melanson, 33°

**Secretary All Bodies:**  
 Jimmie D Dunkin, 32° KCCH



**Personally Speaking**

As we embark upon this new year we are delighted to have Brother Ricks Bowles lead us as Venerable Master in the Lodge of Perfection. I would also like to thank all of the other officers who have committed to lead the Valley of Baton Rouge into 2012.

The next Reunion for the Valley of Baton Rouge is tentatively set for the week-end of June 23rd. We also look forward to seeing many of our friends and brothers.

As you can see, with the dawning of each new year, changes are inevitable and the same is in store for me. This will be my last submittal to the Trestleboard as the Personal Representative to the S.G.I.G. for the Valley of Baton Rouge. Due to work and family demands, I submitted my resignation as Personal Rep. to Brother Mollere. However, I have agreed to stay on as the Director of Work, so I won't be too removed from the Valley. Finally, I would like to thank each and everyone in Scottish Rite throughout the state who have assisted me during these last two years, but most importantly each of our members in the valley of Baton Rouge who have been so

supportive and helpful during my tenure in the Valley.

I know you, like me, will support the new Personal Representative. As said before, we only get out of an organization what we commit to put into the group. Brethren, best wishes and plan on making a belated new years resolution of attending your valley events.

Danny Smith, 33°  
 Personal Representative



**From the Secretary's Desk**

Brethren, the new year has started on a positive note at the Baton Rouge Scottish Rite and Petitions for the Spring Reunion are coming in. Some of you may know of the membership incentive options for 2012 ,celebrating 200th anniversary of the Grand Lodge.

Ill. William J. Mollere, 33°, SGIG has offered several ideas that would reduce fees for this year only. The Goal is to reach 200 new Masters of the Royal Secret, state wide. Only for the Spring Reunion, our Valley will offer a reduced Petition Fee of almost half the regular cost. For our members who have been pondering an Endowed Membership, now would be the time to make that decision. For this year

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**In Memoriam**

- Theodore Roosevelt Arthur, Jr.
- Henry Burr Betemps
- Hiram Eugene Brenner
- Elbert Lamar Brumfield
- Charles Morris Campbell
- Milton Joseph Chauvin
- Milton Parker Core
- Sidney Doras Goodspeed
- Charles Edward Julian
- Joe Malcom Lord
- Joseph Willie Mayberry, Jr.
- Fred Byron Moore, Jr.
- Erastus Perry Ritter, Jr.
- Barry Charles Scott
- Ralph Allen Shook
- Thomas Carter Whitehead



# Valley of Monroe News

## Chartered November 13, 1971

### Meets on the first Thursday of every month



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**2012 Membership fees are past due**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Dinner with Ladies 6:00 PM
- Program 7:00 PM
- Thursday, April 5th**  
Service of Remembrance
- Thursday, May 3rd**  
Special guest Speaker
- Thursday, June 7th**  
Special Program
- Saturday June 30th**  
Summer Reunion commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge
- Thursday, July 5th**  
Independence Day Program
- The Advisory Conference Meets on the third Monday of each month**



**2012 Officers**

**Monroe Lodge of Perfection**

Venerable Master: Travis M Holley, 33°  
 Senior Warden: C Alton Drummond, 33°  
 Junior Warden: H Glenn Jordan, 32° KCCH

**Monroe Chapter Rose Croix**

Wise Master: Jerry W Wicker, 32° KCCH  
 Senior Warden: Gerald H Houston, 32° KCCH  
 Junior Warden: Todd W Dixon, 32°

**Monroe Council of Kadosh**

Commander: Gerald R Wiese, 32° KCCH  
 1st Lt. Commander: James L Reagan, 32°  
 2nd Lt. Commander: William D Files, 32°

**Monroe Consistory**

Master of Kadosh: Jason C Brewton, 32°  
 Prior: E L "Bubba" Via, 32° KCCH  
 Preceptor: W Bryan Price, 32°

**Treasurer All Bodies:**  
 Roy McDuffie, 33° PGM

**Secretary All Bodies:**  
 Robert C Joyner, 33°



**Venerable Master**

Venerable Master Travis M. Holley 33° has established his goals for the year 2012. He is going to develop and maintain a balance between two program formats—information and entertainment. The Scottish Rite class schedule has changed from a Saturday to a week night. This is done in hopes of attracting individuals who, while being unable to commit a Saturday, might find that an evening class would be more advantageous to their schedule. And, finally, Venerable Master Holley is striving to increase attendance at regular meetings by 50%. These are lofty, but clearly attainable, goals with the assistance of the membership. Let us make a pledge to assist him in attaining these goals because all Scottish Rite Masons in our area will benefit.



**Membership & Fellowship**

We are well aware of the obvious decline in the membership in the Valley of Monroe over the past years. The elected and appointed officers can address the membership status with interesting, informative and entertaining programs and sound progressive leadership that will emphasize and promote the advantages of Scottish Rite membership, including the support of our fund raising and charitable efforts. The membership, in turn, can enthusiastically attend the meetings, participate in the enjoyment of good food, fellowship and camaraderie, support the leadership and, of utmost importance, promote the recruitment of new members and advance Scottish Rite Masonry.

All of us are aware of certain Brothers and friends in our Blue Lodges that, for one reason or another, have never joined the Scottish Rite. Take this opportunity to visit with these men and promote the Scottish Rite! The meetings, once a month, will provide an additional opportunity for Masonic fellowship. Remember that the ladies can attend and share a light supper and the planned program with the members. So, ask a Blue Lodge Brother to join you in seeking "more light" in Masonry through the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry!



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**IN MEMORIAM**

- Roger Dale Breland
- Milan Keith Borden
- Elbert Brader Clower, Jr.
- William Samuel Chapman
- Roy Talmadge Gray
- John Frederick Jones
- Clyde Worth Lester
- James Edward Lowry
- Billy Dee Terrell
- William Harvey Smith
- Ford Aswell Wallace
- Sebron Harris Wise

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**Service of Remembrance**

For many years, the Maundy Thursday Service was divided into two sections: the first, held on Thursday before Easter, referred to as the Extinguishing of the Lights and then, on Easter Sunday morning, the second portion, the Relighting of the Lights, was presented.

That was combined into a program called Remembrance and Renewal. Under the old format, the Extinguishing of the Lights, part of its presentation was a memorial to those Brethren who had passed to that Celestial Lodge above during the past year, including a calling of the roll; this is now contained in the Remembrance section.

The Relighting of the Lights, under the old format, was a re-dedication to those principles we had subscribed to on bend knee before the Altar; this is now the Renewal section which is simply a personal renewal of the pledges we had originally vowed and should cause each of the Brethren to remember and refresh his dedication to those principles that set a Brother apart as a better example of a God-fearing man.

The Service of Remembrance and Renewal, which is obligatory to all Scottish Rite Masons, will be held on April 5th at 6:30 P.M. Please come and remember that this is an open meeting so the ladies are welcome to attend and enjoy this beautiful program. See you on April 5th!

*Fraternally,  
Glenn Jordan, 32° KCCH*



**Master Mason of The Year**



*L:R - Travis Holley-33° Venerable Master, Woody Bilyeu-33° PGM Personal Representative, Richard James-32° KCCH and M: W: Frank duTreil, GM 33°*

Monroe Valley presented Brother Richard L James-32° KCCH a Past Master and current Treasurer of Robert W Cretney #420 as well as a Perpetual Member of Graham Surghnor #383 with their annual Master Mason of The Year honors on February 25th. Grand Master Frank N duTreil-GM, R: W: H Edward Durham-DGM, R: W: E J “Mickey” Durand-GSW, M: W: Bro Joseph H Baker-PGM Grand Treasurer, three Past Grand Masters and several appointed Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance to assist in recognizing a most deserving Brother.

Ill. Travis M Holley-33° Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening and M: W:

duTreil-GM was the featured speaker and assisted with making the presentation to Brother James. There are very few, if any, brothers in Louisiana that do not know Richard through his numerous positions and honors within the halls of Louisiana Masonry. Suffice to say, his Masonic resume is lengthy and its entries continue annually.

As Ill. Holley read the biography, all heads turned toward Richard and his lovely wife Janice. Brother James was truly surprised by the honor and his trademark smile broadened widely. Richard humbly accepted the honors and thanked the Monroe Valley for the prestigious award.

The Valley always takes this opportunity to invite all newly raised Master Masons and their spouses. Ill. Woody D. Bilyeu-33° PGM Personal Representative introduces them to the gathering and presents both the Mason and his wife with a pin on behalf of the Monroe Scottish Rite Bodies. The Valley was honored to have new Master Masons Bro Jim Stewart, Bro Carl Young and wife Denise, Bro Christopher Wallace and wife Amanda, Bro Brad Evans and Bro John Howard in attendance.



*L:R - Jim Stewart, Carl Young, Denise Young, Ill Woody Bilyeu, 33°, Christopher Wallace, Amanda Wallace, Brad Evans and John Howard*



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*New Orleans Valley-Of Current Interest:*

traditional haggis complete with bagpipes and the proper toasts, authentic Scottish music, a Scotch tasting, and a live music and poetry recital. Our Valley owes a tremendous debt of gratitude for the very hard work of our many dedicated volunteers who organized and executed this truly memorable event: Brothers Armand Love 32°, Donald Freeze 32° KCCH, Jack McDowell 32°, Alan Wyatt 32°, Kenneth Bell 32°, Anthony Radosti 32° KCCH, Leon Roberts 32°, Donald Springler 32°, David Krasner 32°, Raymond Fink 33°, and Ion Lazar 32° KCCH.

Please remember to mark your calendars for the Scottish Rite National Leadership Conference to be held on March 23-24 in St. Louis, MO. This is a landmark event which every two years brings together the top leadership echelons of our Fraternity to exchange ideas and strategies and to provide a training forum for our future leaders.

*Fraternally,  
Ion Lazar, 32°KCCH*

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Baton Rouge Scottish Rite Childhood Speech & Language Center.

**CENTER NEWS**

nar on Severe Disabilities at the Deep South Conference in Baton Rouge for the Louisiana Speech Hearing Language Association. We continue to provide space at the Center for the LSU Graduate Seminare in Augmentative Communication that is taught during the Fall semester. Dr. Mendoza continues to consult with the ALS group in Baton Rouge and we loan communication devices to patients with progressive neurological diseases.

There is always a standing invitation for our members and friends to stop and visit with us and see our program in action.



**Southeastern Louisiana Regional Scottish Rite Childhood Learning Center**

Your Southeastern Regional Learning Center-Hammond had another exciting and productive year. The Center provided speech and language evaluations and therapy services to twenty children during the year for a total of 354 therapy hours.

During the year, clients were identified through evaluation to fall in either a speech-sound disorder or a speech-language disorder. Further testing revealed that four children suffered additional issues with language delay.

The total funds utilized through the Center was \$17,920.00. This amount does not include the semester scholarship awards that the Foundation graciously provides to our graduate students. It is our distinct pleasure to continue to provide speech and language evaluations and therapy services to the children in the region.



**Scholarship Awards  
Shreveport Speech and Hearing Center**



John D Autry-Administrator for the Shreveport Center presented scholarship awards to Josie Gray (L) and Rachel Guillory (R).

**Scholarship Awards  
Admiral E A Barham Speech & Hearing Center**



Meg Moore, Heather McIntosh and Eunice Lo, shown left to right in the above photograph, served children in the Monroe Center providing much needed therapy. Each were grateful recipients of the Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation Scholarship Awards. They also grew as future professionals through their service to the children and their families who are seen at the Admiral E A Barham, 33° Scottish Rite Speech and Hearing Center. All three of these clinicians have completed their on-campus work and will began their internships in January. They will graduate in May of 2012 with the master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology.



During the preceding decades, and at an accelerated rate after the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, settlers rushed into the western lands via the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. However, there was no practical way to go upstream, so trade was limited. In order to go upstream, one needed to either row laboriously at low speeds, push a boat with poles, or be pulled by men walking on shore with tow-lines. Failing that, a return by sea from New Orleans to an eastern port, and then a traversal of the Appalachian Mountains, was necessary. The *New Orleans*, which achieved a downstream speed of eight to ten miles per hour and an upstream speed of three miles per hour, showed that upstream navigation was practical. In her first year of plying between New Orleans and Natchez, she averaged \$2400 in receipts per trip, making the round trip about once every three weeks. Factoring in expenses, this amounted to a net gain of upwards of at least \$20,000, which Zadok Cramer, author of the *Navigator*, described as "a revenue superior to any other establishment in the United States." However, the public doubted that steam navigation could succeed, and it was still more expensive than other methods. As a result, the carrying of freight on flatboats and keels actually increased. In addition, the riverbed was dotted with dangerous snags, gravel and sandbars, and the falls at Louisville effectively cut navigation in two. Eventually, the riverbed was cleared, and the Louisville and Portland Canal was built.

The intention of Fulton and Livingston was to have six boats running between the Falls of the Ohio and New Orleans and five between the Falls and Pittsburgh. On April 8, 1812, Fulton and Livingston secured, with the help of his brother Edward Livingston, a New Orleans politician, the enactment of a law granting them exclusive rights to the use of steam navigation on the Louisiana Territory's rivers for a period of 18 years. This was on the condition that they charge a freight rate of no more than three quarters the rate already charged by non-steam-powered boats. After the New Orleans began navigating the lower Mississippi, they attempted to prevent other steamboats from using the river, but Livingston died in 1813 and Fulton in 1815.

Following the *New Orleans*, several steamboats were built at Pittsburgh in the next few years, the *Comet* (1813), *Vesuvius* (1814), and *Aetna*. By about 1817, when there were twelve steamboats on the rivers, the skeptical public was convinced that steamboat navigation would work on the western waters, and within two years there were over sixty steamboats on the western waters. There were 143 steamboats on the river in 1826, and 233 had existed up to that time. The *New Orleans* sank near Baton Rouge, Louisiana on July 14, 1814. This set the pattern for the average lifespan of a steamboat, about three years.

M. W. Brother Robert R. Livingston in 1784, was appointed the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York. Brother Nicholas Roosevelt was a member of Holland Lodge, New York City, New York. Brother Benjamin Henry Latrobe was also a Freemason. Brother Robert Fulton, is often referred to as a Mason, as a member of Hiram Lodge in New York City, but his Masonic membership cannot be established factually. At least one Masonic Lodge was named for him - Robert Fulton Lodge #104, New York, NY.

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

BY

ROBERT L ROWE, II

We hear so little in open discussion, amongst the brethren, about the lessons of morality and virtue imparted in the degrees of the Rite. In helping a brother, locally, in his Master Craftsman studies, we both find it most rewarding and satisfying to discuss in detail the teachings of the individual degrees and moral lessons implied. This is beautiful material to study and provides a vehicle for spiritual self examination.

As I probe deeper into the allegorical and symbolic mysteries of our Craft, I find that I am rewarded with one pleasant discovery after another. These are the self satisfactory rewards, studying the Craft showers us with, that the Ancient Adepts hinted to us about.

We learned from them that the object of their worship was truth, represented by Light. They tolerated all creeds, professed but one in the same philosophy. They searched for Truth alone, taught only reality and had desire to lead all intelligences, progressively to Reason.

We learn the allegorical object of Masonry is the rebuilding of the Temple of Solomon, and is exemplified in the Northeast Corner Lecture. Additionally, another real object is the reconstitution of social unity, by the alliance of Reason and Faith.

We further learn that in obtaining such knowledge, in which every true Mason should apply to his thinking and behavior; he cannot push this wisdom onto anyone at any time. However, the most effective way is by providing a good example of himself to the world and especially the brethren.

We must be ever mindful of the three assassins of civility, peace and harmony; which are ambition, ignorance and fanaticism. These assassins, rather their predecessors, are still running about freely today. They are a disease of the human spirit; in which their main object is to destroy the greatness of the spirit of mankind.

The true Mason is the noble and dedicated Knight who embraces truth, honor and honesty, as his sword, shield and armor. He does not fear death in the cause of good for humanity. He knows that work and labor is worship and he does his work for the sake of the good of humanity, expecting no recompense.

And alas, in this short communication, the true Mason is aware of the masses and that anarchy alone flatters the prejudices of the multitude; and that absolute truths are not needed for the masses nor are they wanted. For it is more often than not that passion drives the masses and when passion is allowed to rule over the intellect, the tragedy of mankind revisits itself.

We as Masons have been at war with this human condition since our ancient beginnings, which is one reason that gives purpose to our cause - it is our symbolic opposite which gives us meaning.

These few thoughts are food for thought for every Mason. Let us each individually reflect upon these ideals and examine ourselves accordingly. The three assassins are alive and well. They are living again unhindered in the masses. Let us not let our guard down, for in due time they may reappear. Let us not regret re-learning what we have already supposed to have learned.

*Fraternally*  
Robert L Rowe, II, 32°  
Valley of Shreveport

**“KEEPERS OF THE DOOR”**

BY

**CARL CLAUDY**

"Darn the luck! I am assigned on a petition again and I am goingfishing tomorrow!" The New Brother looked dolefully at his notification slip.

"Why not see the applicant the next day?" asked the Old Tiler.

"Because he is going out of town. I got to see him tomorrow or else. And I want to go fishing. This committee stuff makes me tired, anyway. Say, if I get the Master to change my name to yours, will you do it for me?"

"Why, of course," answered the Old Tiler. "I am always proud to be one of the Keepers of the Door."

"Now that," said the New Brother, "sounds both interesting and dangerous. It's interesting, because I don't understand it, and experience has taught me that when I come at you below the belt, as it were, I usually get kicked pronto and unexpectedly. Please explain the door which you like to keep, where the honor is, what me and my committee work have to do with it, and remember that I am a poor orphan child alone in the wild anteroom with a raging Old Tiler, and not to be too hard on me?"

The Old Tiler did not smile. "I would laugh," he confessed, "only it's Masonry you are jesting about and it's not a jest. Yes, I will tell you about the door. I wish I could speak the word in capital letter. "Masonry is a structure of brotherly love, relief and truth, cemented with affection, erected on a square to God, and towering miles high above puny humanity, its foibles and its failings. Masonry is a structure of which we, its humble builders, are proud, because we know that we have built better than we knew. We have so built, partly because we have had help from so many men of so many past ages, and partly because we have had help we could neither see nor understand."

"Some look at our temple of Masonry and wonder. Some look, shrug shoulders and pass by. Some look at our temple of Masonry and see it not; others gaze on it and seek to enter."

"In this country there are nearly 16,000 doors to our temple of Masonry, through one of which a man must pass who would see it from the inside. There are so many doors in order that any man who desires, and who is fit, may find the door which is easy for him to enter. It is not true that it is 'hard to be as Mason.'"

"We only ask that an applicant be free-born, of age, a man, and of good character. He may be high or low, rich or poor, great or obscure, famous or unknown. If he is a good man we want him to see our temple from the inside as soon as he expresses a desire to do so. So we have 16,000 lodges -doors- to our temple of Masonry, that no man can say he came not in because he could not find a way."

"Certain things a man must do, inside our temple, and in a certain way he must live. If he lives the life, the temple is stronger. If he does not live the life, the temple is weakened."

"Hence, Keepers of the Door. Like any other symbol in Masonry, they are three; three brethren to keep each door safe, sacred and undefiled from the footsteps of evil men, self-seekers, the wicked, the blasphemous, the immoral. Those three who keep each door are not assigned to it for any length of time."

"Not theirs a service which may become onerous from time-taking and effort. The Master appoints three Keepers of the Door

for every man who tries to enter. Today there is you and John and Jim. Tomorrow it will be George and Jack and Will. The next day another three will keep the door, if any man raps upon it.

"With due humility, but infinite pride, I am the Guardian of the Locked Door. As Tiler I suffer none to pass within who have not the right. But the open door no one man may guard; it takes three".

"You were appointed tonight as one of those three. Some one has rapped at the door and now it stands ajar. To you it has been said, '*Keep thou the door; keep thou the faith; keep thou this thy temple pure and undefiled.*'"

"You do not want to labor. You want to go fishing. You ask me if I will do your work for you and I answer you, gladly, if so the Master shall find me worthy of the honor."

"I shan't ask him," he answered low. "I am ashamed. I didn't understand. I am not, I know, worthy of the honor, but as well as I know how, I will keep the door.."

"I thought you might," smiled the Old Tiler. "After all, no one will catch all the fish; there will be some left for you some other time."

"Not if it interferes with being Keeper of the Door," answered the New Brother vigorously.



**BE THE CANDIDATE**

BY

**DEWEY H WOLLSTEIN, PGM GEORGIA**

There is a danger line in every Mason's life. That is the point at which we cease to be the Candidate. It is when we become the audience of Masonry instead of remaining the participant. It is the point at which we lose the viewpoint of the Candidate and no longer seek a New Light.

We must witness the conferring of every degree through the eyes of one who has just knocked at the door of Masonry, and every word spoken to the Candidate should strike a responsive note with us. It is in this way only can one hope to be progressive in Masonry, and to catch again and again the inspiration that he received when he was really the Candidate. Any Mason who truly seeks Light will find something new in Masonry every time a degree is conferred. But he must be the Candidate. He must have the freshness of mind, the eager seeking for Light, that was his when he first entered Masonry.

If we look upon the degrees of Masonry in an impersonal way, and consider the ceremonies only as cold repetitions, then we can gain nothing from them. If we attain a small spiritual insight and refuse to grow in vision and wisdom, then even that First Light becomes extinguished. We cease to grow when we no longer seek the source that inspired us at the beginning.

Forever we must have an open mind, the courage, the desire to advance, the longing for More Light, all that we had when we first offered ourselves as candidates for the Mysteries of Freemasonry.

Forever and ever we must be the Candidate.

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*Baton Rouge Valley News-From the Secretary's Desk:*

only, the cost is reduced to \$1812.00 reflecting the year for the formation of the Grand Lodge.

Ricks Bowles, Venerable Master, has submitted his calendar of events for the year and each event promises to be most rewarding as well as informative. On April 9th, the Chapter Rose Croix will celebrate the Service of Remembrance. During the Regular meeting on May 14th, we will receive Ill. William Mollere SGIG with the Knights of St. Andrew providing escort. Each of the meetings will be enriched with presentations from various speakers related to the degrees of Scottish Rite, the signs and symbols.

Brethren, in March, I called Brother Charles Higgins, 32°, in Liberty, Miss. and had a very pleasant conversation with him. Bro Higgins turned 100 years young on January 15th. I know you will all join me in wishing him a belated Very Happy Birthday with many more to come!

Check your membership cards to make sure it says 2012 and you are current on your dues. The majority of you have already paid their dues, but there remains a small number of members that are currently in arrears. As you know, the Tyler will ask to see your current dues card when you attend the meetings.

La Bonne Marie will have their regular meeting March 29th. The meeting will be held at Unity Lodge #267 in Houma. Dinner and fellowship begins at 6:30 and the meeting starts at 7:30.

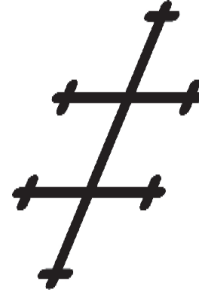
The Knights of St. Andrew are reorganizing and if you have any questions regarding membership or your current status, please contact Bro. Freddie Touchet, 32° KCCH Secretary either by phone at (985) 637-5352 or by E-mail: fj2chet@comcast.net. If you are a current member, please contact Brother Touchet and update your contact information. An updated membership list is being compiled and will be circulated when completed.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the next communication. Stated Meetings are always on the 2nd Monday of every month.

*Fraternally,  
Jimmie Dean Dunkin, 32° KCCH  
General Secretary*



## THE FINAL WORD



**Ill. William J. Mollere, 33°  
Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
"Quality/Quantity"**

It was again a pleasure to be included as a participant at the recent Annual Conference of Grand Masters of North America when a group of Freemasons decided upon Atlanta, Georgia, 800 strong, and met to discuss the State of Freemasonry in the Northern Hemisphere of the Americas. The Sovereign Grand Commander of our Scottish Rite, our own Ronnie Seale, encouraged the SGIG's and Deputies of the Scottish Rite's Southern Jurisdiction to attend to show support for each of our Grand Lodges – this year 24 SGIG's and Deputies, almost two-thirds, were in attendance – very impressive since it is voluntary. It was a proud moment to see our Louisiana Grand Lodge Officers, led by Ill. and MW Frank N. duTreil, Jr, 33°, gather with the Grand Lodge Officers from the other Grand Lodges in the United States, Mexico and Canada.

While some of the best fraternal business at the Conference was conducted in the hallways and around dinner tables and in the lounge areas, meaningful discussions occurred in the "Break-Out" Sessions that were offered on various topics. I attended several and found some interesting information on membership worth sharing with you. Since Grand Lodges' membership relates directly to our Scottish Rite's membership, all of our Grand Lodges' membership numbers directly impacts membership numbers in Scottish Rite. Curiously, there were "Yin & Yang" series of talks – one proposed instant gratification and speedy entry into Masonry; another encouraged slow and deliberate entry into our gentle Craft. The opposites intrigued me since many of our Scottish Rites confer work now in "One Day Reunions", and our mind-set is to then move on to the next Reunion. Some of our Valleys now offer only the mandatory Degrees – 4°, 14°, 18°, 30°, and 32° - give the new Masters of the Royal Secret their Bridge to Light, their Master Craftsman Packet, their lucite "ring" pyramid, Valley Jewel, Dues Card and hopefully a set of Valley By-Laws, and a ham and cheese po-boy. Then we wonder why in three years these bright, new, enthusiastic Masters of the Royal Secret become Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues. Yes, three years – statistics point out that is the typical period when many new members leave – they joined and did not find what they were looking for. WE FAILED THEM! Value of membership not realized! But, back to the Conference's Break-Out Sessions.

A recent Past Grand Master of a northern state with a large Masonic membership noted that in 1960, Masonic membership in the United States reached its high-point of 4.1 million members. In 2010, the membership was 1.3 million members. His state had

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*The Final Word - "Quality/Quantity":*

250,000 members in 1990 and currently has 110,000 members. His situation, not unlike all Grand Lodges, finds maintaining large buildings with rising insurance, property taxes, utilities and regular maintenance to be the main topics discussed during meetings – not discussing or practicing Masonry. He presented Masonry today as being divided into two main areas: Fraternal & Fiscal – Love your Brother & Pay the Bills. In his state, Masonry pays property taxes on its buildings with 31% of the Dues going to pay that fee – not the insurance or utilities, just property tax. How can any institution continue to exist under that fiscal burden with the number of members currently holding membership? His solution was simple – increase the number of members. He implemented "selective invitation"- seek and ask a man to join; a One Day Masonic Journey (all three Degrees in one day); District-wide conferals (many small Lodges could not confer due to member loss, so Districts formed teams); printed Rituals; relaxed dress code; balloting change to three cubes for rejection; shorter meetings with "useless" ritual procedures removed; adjusting fees to match CPI to keep up financial needs; and some other areas such as holding a Masonic Congress where all Masonic groups were invited to attend and offer new ideas and suggestions on "changing" Masonry's way of doing business to match the Twenty-First Century. Interesting ideas that resulted in approximately 4,500 new Masons being added to the roles over the last two years. The question of how many others were lost over that period went unanswered; and, how many of those 4,500 will maintain their membership after the two-year period is over-remember the comment above on the "three-year" loss figure. If 25% of the new members joined Scottish Rite, that would be over 1,000 new members, a good increase; but again, how many would join and then maintain their membership?

The opposite discussion was presented by a younger man who was from a western state, discussing what he believed men today are seeking in Masonry—a "quality experience". He belonged to a Traditional Observance (TO) Lodge where meaningful and enlightened tradition was practiced; all members dressed up (formal dress—tails for Degees, tux for regular meetings), a catered meal was enjoyed at each meeting, speakers from other areas were brought in to discuss different aspects of Masonry, each member was treated as being special to the Lodge, and Dues were \$1 per day. His point was that Masonry is perceived to be special and thus his Lodge treated it as special. When a man expressed interest in joining, he was invited to a Lodge Festive Board (meal), introduced and questioned as to his interests. After a period of several months of visiting, the Lodge might then extend a petition if all Lodge members agreed, and the initiation process began. The candidate, dressed in tux, was picked up at his home in a limosine, placed in a Chamber of Reflection at the Lodge, and only after several hours did the Degree work begin—all quality Degree work, all lectures, followed by an Agape (Festive Board). The new initiate was expected to deliver a paper on his experience and his perception of his initiation. The Lodge has a waiting list of interested men. His closing comment was that today men are seeking, searching, hoping to find a quality experience to fill their needs—he added that his Lodge is not "innovative" but it is "renovative".

Another Session presented by a mid-westerner involved retaining the members that we now have – how to we keep those whom

we have. The speaker had a simple formula: Obtain + Retain = Growth. Communicating with members is most important – across all age lines. A 52 year old communicates differently than a 22 year old, and the 82 year old has even more challenges communicating across these age lines. Yet, there are some absolutes that we must use to sustain Masonry—1. Fellowship, 2. Friendship, 3. Family relationships, 4. Community relationships, and 5. Chance to be a Leader. Lodges and Scottish Rite Valleys must provide these five absolutes. If local Lodges and Scottish Rite Valleys are not offering programs that provide relevance, value, what men are seeking and in the manner that they want it, the men will leave. If a member misses three meetings or events in a row, it is likely that he has lost his interest and will eventually drop off as a member—that third year after joining, when the Dues notice comes in and the "two year no pay" drop is enforced.

So using all of the pieces of information comes back to some basics—men want to belong to something that offers them value in belonging, they want fellowship, seek friendship, a chance to involve their family, be of use to their community, and be given a chance to lead in some area of the organization—basics. In some cases, Masonry has burdened itself with property—buildings—that are creating issues for members that have nothing to do with Masonry. In Louisiana, we have several Scottish Rite buildings that are jewels of architecture, have great Masonic symbolic value, inspire those who enter and see the magnificence of the structure and the meaning in the Degree presentations and staging. Yet, we labor to find ways to pay, maintain and keep these Temples of Freemasonry. I am certainly not in favor of returning to 1825 when all things Masonic met over taverns and mechantile stores, renting space. But a balance must be made if the Fraternal vs. Fiscal questions are to be properly addressed, and certainly not everyone is in favor of One-Day Masonic Wonders, written rituals, dressing down more than we tend to dress down today, or shelving "useless" ritual in opening & closing. But neither is everyone in favor of a long protracted initiatic processes where everyone dresses up in formal attire. Remember the "great lesson" of the Thirty-Second Degree—Balance, Equilibrium. Living in today's world is a challenge that most Masons today, due to generational differences and age, seem to present Masonry today with unanswerable questions.

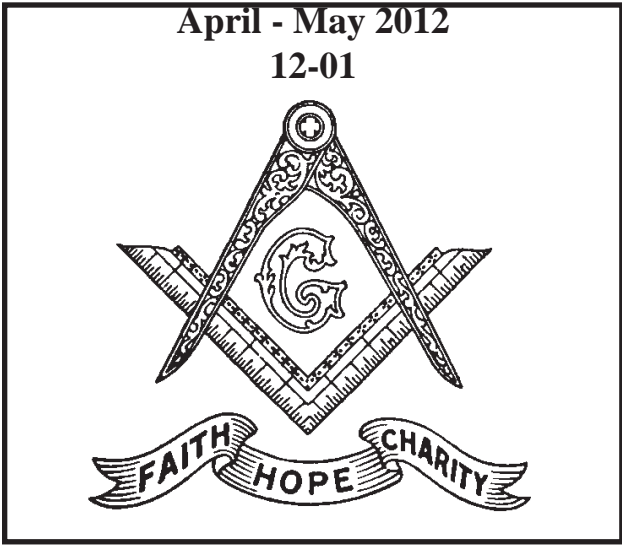
Scottish Rite offers answers and solutions through the lessons of our Degrees. The Journey from Entered Apprentice to Master Mason—Light from Darkness—is not fully understood by most who are Raised until later years of study and experiences of life. Continuing the Journey into Scottish Rite gives a man More Light through lessons of duty, practicing virtue, being faithful and just, practicing rectitude of life, being tolerant, doing good without recognition, being true, being wise, loving liberty, protecting the widow and the orphan, being better than oneself, loving honest work, practicing and teaching compassion, being humble and patient, reconciling all differences and quarrels with all people, loving GOD, inspecting our every action, and truly practicing Brotherly Love - impossible? You promised each of these during your Journey into Scottish Rite. Quality / Quantity – you decide what is correct for you in Freemasonry – we each have our expectations of what Masonry should be – practice the lessons of our Rite – the answers are there. Thank you for practicing the lessons each day.

*Bill Mollere, 33° S.G.I.G.*

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**SEC. 2.** Each state and territory within the general jurisdiction of this Supreme Council, unless otherwise ordered by the Supreme Council, is hereby declared to be a separate Orient within itself. Other like Orients may be created and defined by the Sovereign Grand Commander from time to time at and over territory or countries over which this Supreme Council has acquired or may acquire jurisdiction, who shall prescribe the boundaries of each such like Orient.



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**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

- ◆ Fulfill the promise of additional Masonic knowledge through education and training.
- ◆ Build a Positive Public Image of Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite.
- ◆ Support and expand our philanthropic activities.
- ◆ Provide a framework for effective leadership to ensure the stability and long-term success of the Fraternity.
- ◆ Provide a financial process to ensure the stability and long-term success of the Fraternity.

