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Scottish Rite **FULFILL-BUILD-PROVIDE**

## Scottish Rite

by

**William J Mollere, 33° SGIG**

*Ed Note: The following talk was presented, by Ill. Mollere, at a recent meeting of O K Allen Lodge #33, located in the center of art and culture in the western hemisphere. The piece is reprinted here, in part, for your enjoyment.*

...Tonight we remember - Scottish Rite in general and our five Louisiana Valleys in particular - we all know that Masonry was formalized in 1717 in London when several Lodges came together to form a Grand Lodge - but there were Lodges before that - early records show that in the 1350's minutes were being recorded in a Scottish Lodge - and many Lodges continued meeting after 1717 and operating by themselves - Masonry did not begin or did not all come together in 1717 - it was a beginning of Masonry as we practice it today. But please understand and know that there are still Lodges that operate today outside of that formal 1717 organization - many would argue with as much authority and regularity as any. We also know that in Charleston, SC in 1801, 9 gentlemen gathered to form our present day Scottish Rite Supreme Council - the formal organization that we know today - but Degrees of Perfection existed long before 1801 - a warrant or Charter was issued to a Lodge in New Orleans by a Lodge of Perfection in Bordeaux, France as early as 1753, and certainly the first charter of record came to New Orleans from France in 1761, proving that Scottish Rite degree elements were being practiced at least 40 years before anyone in Charleston, SC decided to form an organization called the Supreme Council. Today, Rites of Perfection still exist and even competing Scottish Rite Supreme Councils exist that are not recognized by our Scottish Rite - for instance: the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite working through the Grand Lodge of France (which is older and one originally recognized) is today not recognized by our Supreme Council, but the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite working through the National Grand Lodge of France is. But we must remember these times too - our heritage, our traditions, our beginnings are important - these all remind us of who we are - we must remember.

Scottish Rite - and why Scottish when it came from France? The term 'eccosis' is the original name - scotch, or really eccosis, is French for scotch - normally on the European continent, eccosis referred to more words than needed - or higher language, 'haute'. So Eccosis Masonry, or higher Masonry, 'haute' degree work degrees beyond the traditional three foundation degrees, began in France and spread quickly to Germany, Austria then Italy. The military orders incorporated the degrees into their initiations and "The Rite of Perfection" appeared by 1740 - it soon became a 25 Degree presentation and became known as the Order of the Emperors of the East & West. Nobles joined and it became a 'society' of gentlemen who were looking for an expression of society

needing more than the normal day-to-day routine. The early to late 1700's was a period of unrest in Europe when people who had survived the plagues, the Reformation and realizing the exploration opened a new world beyond the boundaries of their old countries, wanted more, riches from the New World poured in and a new merchant class developed, people had money - there was more out there than what they had been taught - an 'enlightenment' occurred - free thought, democratization, individual freedoms, religious freedom, papers and books became available, people owned a personal Bible, a middle class developed who wanted more than their parents had; but not just material things. Masonry offered that. Looking at the deeper meaning of life, fulfillment of ideals, devotion to GOD, family, neighbors and self - all needed by the new thinking class in Europe.

So Freemasonry grew quickly and the higher grades, haute Masonry, eccosis, grew even faster. Eccosis had and offered its own introductory Degrees - Entered Apprentice, Fellows of the Craft, Masters of Masonry - these came to the New World through the French - first to Haiti, the crown jewel of New World France - then to Louisiana. It was spread to the British Aristocrats who favored all things French - so Eccosis came to Jamaica, the British West Indies, and by the Dutch who provided the greatest trading opportunities.

Spain did not allow Freemasonry openly, but the middle class, merchants and agricultural founders favored this new form of freethinking - so Eccosis spread to the Spanish New World areas - Cuba, Venezuela, Columbia, Mexico - and the Portuguese welcomed it in Brazil - the New World had their own version of Freemasonry - eccosis, or Scotch Masonry - today called Scottish Rite. Today, if you travel outside of the old British Empire countries like the United States, Canada, South Africa, India - the areas where York Rites tyled Masonry is a strong part of the heritage - you will find Scottish Rite ritual - the old French, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch, Italian areas - they are all Scottish Rite-styled Masonry. The Germans and Scandinavians who founded countries practice a form of Scottish Rite also, but not the form we are used to viewing. Which is stronger, which is bigger, which is better - British based York, or European based Scottish? They both teach the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of GOD. Both teach Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love. Both teach charity, both teach us to look around and make things better than we found them - devotion to GOD, family, neighbors and self. Both are Masonry!

We all know that Scottish Rite organization is different - four Bodies in each Valley existing in an Orient of the Southern Jurisdiction - this does not include the "craft" or three foundation degrees - now we know what that means - but to the average normal human being that is gobbledy-gook - we also have the presiding officer called the Venerable Master of a Lodge of Perfection, but he is first among equals with the Wise Master, and the Commander of

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

Monroe

Michael Cash Melville

Lake Charles

Thomas E. Boggan



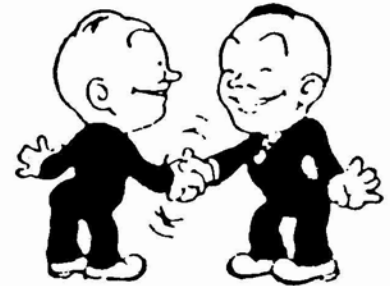
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Someone is waiting for you



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



May 18, 2013, 6 pm to Midnight EDT

**Calendar of Events**

Supreme Council

Celebrating the Craft May 18  
2013 Biennial Session August 24-27

Reunions

Shreveport April 27-28  
Monroe April 23  
Lake Charles September 21-22  
New Orleans April 6

# 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

*Louisiana State University  
Baton Rouge  
Katie Daigle  
Grant Ollenburger*



## Foundation News

The Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation held its annual meeting in February at Baton Rouge. The Foundation elected officers and made necessary appointments to the committees to insure continued growth and success of our programs. The many devoted Scottish Rite Masons, throughout our State, give of their time and resources to see that a premier service is available at our Speech and Language Clinics.

Our Centers provide multiple functions to the community. First and foremost are the services provided to the children that suffer from various forms of speech afflictions. Secondly, our Centers provide an avenue for the Graduate Students to perform a portion of the necessary clinical hours that are part of their course requirements.

And finally, the Foundation, through your generous donations, provides scholarship awards to relieve some of the financial burdens from the graduate students. Your tax deductible gifts to the Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation touch many lives, provide precious services and are reinvested in your communities.

Thank you for continued support

*Fraternally,  
S Bruce Easterly, 33° PGM-President  
Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation*



## Baton Rouge Scottish Rite Speech & Language Center *Introducing New Clinicians*



*Katie Daigle*

Ms. Katie was born in New Orleans and raised in Mandeville. Since her parents are LSU Alumni, she was excited to attend Louisiana State University after graduating from St. Scholastic Academy. Katie received her Bachelor's Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders in May 2012. She is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Speech-Language Pathology at LSU. Her interests include working with the pediatric population, especially those with autism and related spectrum disorders. She also enjoys learning about neurological disorders.

Grant Ollenburger was born and raised in the Southside of Chicago. He attended Augustana College for his undergraduate studies, in Rock Island Illinois, where he played 4 years of football. He has a twin sister (Greta) and a sister who is two years older (Jore), both still living in Chicago. Grant became interested in the field of speech-language pathology when he was a senior in high school. He had the opportunity to assist a kindergarten teacher 3 times a week for a few hours and found that he enjoyed working with children. Augustana has a terrific CSD program and a variety of hands on clinicals for students. Currently,

he enjoys studying speech and language development in children. In his free time he enjoys fishing and golf. Grant is not certain what areas he wants to pursue once he graduates from LSU Communication Disorders graduate program but he is looking forward to pursuing a career in the field of speech-pathology.



*Grant Ollenburger*



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Roy B Tuck, Jr.*

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*Did You Learn The Secret?:*

Kadosh and the Master of Kadosh – all strange titles. In the northern part of the United States, the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite – 15 states – the Commander-in-Chief presides from the Consistory. The Venerable Master's counterpart is called the Thrice Potent Master and he sits to the side. All very strange. In the York Rite in the United States, once you attain the Third Degree, the Master Mason, you are at the top – however in most British Masonic countries, you must receive the Holy Royal Arch Degree to finish your Masonic Journey. The Mark Master is extra, the Past Master is conferred only on Past Masters! The Council of Cryptic Masons is relatively new, only begun as a body in 1810 in New York City (they were originally part of the Sixteenth Degree of Scottish Rite). The Knight Templar Orders come from various origins, but the one that we know is also new – we will be celebrating the 150th Conclave of our Louisiana Grand Commandery on the March 15, this year. Scotch Masonry, as a body, is not that old – various Degrees came together and have been changed often – our latest 're-write' for our Degrees occurred just a decade ago – some of us are still not comfortable using the revised ritual! And to top it off, the old Fourteenth Degree ritual has been reintroduced! The Journey is different too – in the York version, evil, represented by three Assassins are captured and punished toward the end of the Master Mason Degree. In the Scottish version, the three Assassins are finally captured and punished in the 9th & 10th Degrees. The Scottish Rite is a more ecumenical form with Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Zoroastrian, Egyptian, Confucian and even Buddhist elements used to teach degree lessons. There is a very heavy Christian element in several of the Degrees, and even in older form degrees some anti-Roman Catholic language – not the religious teachings, but the hierarchical and bureaucratic governing authority. It is thought that when the Pope issued his statement against Freemasonry in the early 1740's it was in reaction to the teachings of the Enlightenment, so the Degrees responded by being anti-Pope. Quid pro quo. Remember our Freemasonry teaches freedoms of thought, word and deed, and Scottish Rite takes it further by pushing in the mid to late 1700's kings, emperors and high church cardinal princes out of their kingdoms, empires and city-states. So the reaction of one led the reaction of another. It was political, not philosophical or even theological. So other than Washington, Franklin, Revere, in our country, all York Rite Masons, you look at the other great revolutionaries and see they came from the Scottish Rite side – Garibaldi in Italy, Atatürk in Turkey, Bolivar in Venezuela Zapata in Mexico, Sanchez in Cuba, Protacio in the Philippines, even most of the French revolutionaries including all of Napoleon's brothers – all were Freemasons and all were Scottish Rite.

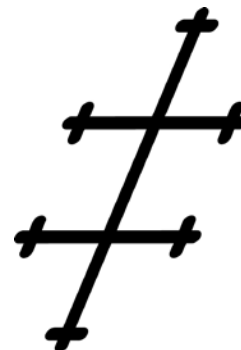
So why did these men all foment revolution? Why did they not leave well enough alone and just exist in their little Masonic Lodges reading minutes, opening and closing, then all going down to the pub for a cool one? Why do we today just sit and allow our politicians to pass rules, regulations and laws that make us angry – but do we do anything and react, do we revolt. Well some may say that the Tea Party Movement is a reaction. Once upon a time there was another Tea Party with some Masons who had decided that enough was enough. In Masonry, we are taught to be our Brother's Keeper, to care for those less fortunate – to seek relief for those

needing assistance. To right wrongs. We cannot allow Masonry to exist only in our Lodge Rooms, in performance of Degrees, in gatherings for quarterly meetings and annual Grand meetings – we have to go beyond. We learn our lessons in Masonry, but we need to take those lessons and practice them outside of Masonry. We know that no disharmony or political or sectarian arguments can even enter a Lodge, but sitting quietly outside the Lodge will never place Masonry's teachings and principles into action.

The Great Lesson of the 32nd Degree is Balance – Equilibrium – knowing the limits of self and reaching it and maintaining it – every day. The good and the bad, the high and the low, where and when to compromise and reach a level of enlightenment of self – not to be better than anyone else, but to be better than ourselves – Know Thyself and Be True. We must remember. We owe it to each other - we owe it to those who come along with us and to those who will come after us.

We have recently returned from Baton Rouge and a gathering of Brotherhood called Grand Lodge – we held a luncheon honoring and recognizing our Scottish Rite Honor men: Knights Commander, Inspectors General Honorary – all deserving of recognition for dedication and devotion to our Rite. Each has been rewarded for what he did, not what he thought about doing. Each used Masonry's teachings and principles and put them into action.

In Scottish Rite we seek Truth - we search for Truth - we perform Degrees with the intent of hoping all candidates will leave knowing that they must always want Truth - Truth manifest itself in so many ways. If we practice what we preach, if we remember what we hear, what we say, what we must do - if we remember - then we can become better people - we can become a true Family, we can benefit from being Scottish Rite Masons and enjoying the fellowship, the Brotherhood, the lessons of the Degrees can be remembered each day - - we must remember. **Bill Mollere**



### **Celebrating The Craft - May 18th**

Ready or not, come May 18th *Celebrating the Craft* will be BACK and BIGGER than last year. The show will air live from 6pm – Midnight (EDT).

The web event is similar in structure to a telethon but broadcast via the internet. It's a unique approach to raising money for the *Rebuilding the Temple Campaign* AND the Valleys. Each donation called in during the event is split 50/50 between the House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation, Inc. and 501(c)(3) local Valley or Orient charitable funds.

It is the goal to unite Valleys and Orients across the Southern Jurisdiction for a charitable cause that also pays tribute to Freemasonry with entertainment, celebrities, humor, and educational programming. All content and programming each year is new and fresh.

# 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

## 2013 Officers

### Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master: Edward A Reine, Sr., 32° KCCH  
 Senior Warden: Leon T Roberts, 32° KCCH  
 Junior Warden: Warren A Hintz, 33°

### Pelican Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master: Bernard L Gould 32°  
 Senior Warden: Klaus J "Joe" Kueck, 32° KCCH  
 Junior Warden: Donald E Freeze, 32° KCCH

### Eagle Council of Kadosh

Commander: Darren J Hart, 32°  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander: Eddie A LeBoeuf, III, 32°  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander: Kenneth K Bell, 32°

### New Orleans Consistory

Master of Kadosh: Garland M Gisclair, 32°  
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 Preceptor: Michael W Nastasi, 32°

#### Treasurer All Bodies:

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#### Secretary All Bodies:

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**Unpaid 2013 Membership Fees  
 are now in arrears**

### Calendar of Events

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|--|---------------------|
| Stated Communications                          | 7:30 PM             |
| Advisory Council                               | 5:00 PM             |
| <b>Wednesday, April 3rd</b>                    |                     |
| <i>Service of Remembrance</i>                  |                     |
| <b>SPRING REUNION</b>                          | <b>APRIL 6th</b>    |
| <b>Wednesday, May 1st</b>                      |                     |
| <i>On The Road Meeting</i>                     |                     |
| <b>Wednesday, June 5th</b>                     |                     |
| <i>Regular Meeting-On the Road</i>             |                     |
| <b>Wednesday, July 3rd</b>                     |                     |
| <i>Family Night - Independence Day Program</i> |                     |
| <b>Wednesday, August 4th</b>                   |                     |
| <i>Bring A Friend Night - Guest Speaker</i>    |                     |
| <i>25 &amp; 50 Year Certificates</i>           |                     |
| <b>Wednesday, September 4th</b>                |                     |
| <i>On the Road - Feast of Tishri program</i>   |                     |
| <b>Wednesday, October 2nd</b>                  |                     |
| <i>On The Road</i>                             |                     |
| <b>FALL REUNION</b>                            | <b>OCTOBER 11th</b> |



## Recent Valley News

Our Valley started the year in full force with the prospect of a wide variety of new and excited Programs that will appeal to all segments of the membership. Our 2013 Venerable Master, Bro. Edward E. Reine, Sr. 32° KCCH has put together an ambitious and forward-looking agenda for the next 12 months.

Our first meeting of the year took place at Louisiana Lodge #102 in Harahan. w. Our gracious hosts treated us to a delicious dinner and made us feel very welcome. The meeting featured an address by Ill. Bro. Clayton J. Borne III, 33° Personal Representative, who outlined various aspects of our Valley's mission for the year 2013 and beyond. Our Annual Elections were then conducted, and the new slate of Officers was promptly installed. The Annual Budget was then presented by our General Treasurer, Bro. Ion Lazar 32° KCCH, who explained top the membership various challenges and opportunities regarding our revenue sources. Our newly installed Venerable Master assumed his station and addressed the Brethren requesting their input on an ongoing basis regarding the Pro-

grams and events they would like to see at the Valley.

Our Annual Burns Night Supper was held on January 12 and was a great success with an attendance of over 65 members and guests. The Program featured a multi-course catered dinner, with the traditional Haggis and related toasts, a guided Scotch Tasting for each course, and Scottish poetry and music. Our Master of Ceremonies was, as in years past, Bro. Ian Cairns 32°, who again delivered a memorable tribute to the immortal Robert Burns and regaled us with authentic stories from his Scottish homeland. We sincerely thank the members of the Knights of St. Andrew who again volunteered to help make this event a great success: Ken Bell, Allan Wyatt, Ion Lazar, David Krasner, Donald Freeze, Donald Springler, Lee Roberts, Martin Reinschmidt, Anthony Radosti, Pat Nichols, John Miller, Eddie Leboeuf, and Klaus "Joe" Kueck.

Our February meeting featured a delightful Valentine's Day Program honoring our Ladies and their crucial contribution to our Masonic journey. This meeting was also part of our continuing "Valley on the Road" series which has been showing such positive results with attendance and participation. Venerable Master Reine identified the need for increased efforts in the areas of membership development and Scottish Rite Education in order to better address the needs of our membership. Our Valley looks forward to our Spring Reunion on April 6, and we urge the members to contact as many prospective Candidates as possible in order to assure a good turnout.

General Secretary Reinschmidt re-

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### **In Memoriam**

- L. Beier
- Dominco A. Carbone
- Henry Galler
- Frank C. Frandsen
- John W. Giardina
- Joe R. Stewart

# 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 9th**

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

**SPRING REUNION APRIL 27-28**

**Tuesday, May 14th**

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

Note: Advisory Conference meets at 5 pm before each meeting.

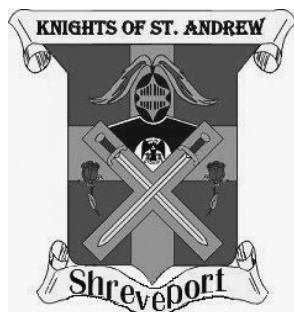
The KCCH Club meets during the same months as the 1st District Lodge (January April July & October) at 5:30 pm.



**KStA 2013 Officers**

*Knight Commander*  
*Knight Warden*  
*Knight Captain*  
*Knight Recorder*

*James B. Smith*  
*Samuel B. Owens*  
*W. Robert Laurents*  
*John F. Knox, Jr.*



**2013 Officers**

**Shreveport Lodge of Perfection**

*Venerable Master:* David L. Culligan, 32° KCCH  
*Senior Warden:* S. Bruce Easterly, 33° PGM  
*Junior Warden:* W. James Hill, III, 32°

**Shreveport Chapter Rose Croix**

*Wise Master:* Steven A. Pence 33°  
*Senior Warden:* T. Patrick Dickson, 33°  
*Junior Warden:* Frederick J. McAnn 32° KCCH

**Shreveport Council of Kadosh**

*Commander:* S. Bruce Easterly, 33° PGM  
*1st Lt. Commander:* Larry W. LaBorde, 32° KCCH  
*2nd Lt. Commander:* Steven A. Pence, 33°

**Shreveport Consistory**

*Master of Kadosh:* Carey C. Allison, 32° KCCH  
*Prior:* Samuel B. Owens 32°  
*Preceptor:* John F. Knox, Jr., 32°

**Treasurer All Bodies:**

E Louis McGee, 33°

**Secretary All Bodies:**

Gary L Gribble, 33°



**Knightly News**

After a celebratory meeting in January to mark Bro Robert Burns' birthday, the following day, the Knight attended a statewide meeting of the five Chapters of the KStA. The Shreveport Chapter had ten members and one Emeritus member in attendance.

Illustrious Brothers Bill Mollere-33° SGIG, Ballard Smith-33° Personal Representative Shreveport and Richard Smith-33° Personal Representative Lake Charles provided information and material so that each Chapter could reach its potential. A Knight from each Chapter was selected to form a "parliament" to represent the Knights of St. Andrew in Louisiana.

Knight Jim Hill, from our Chapter, was selected as Knight of the Laird. Bro Jeff Maynor, from Baton Rouge is the Knight Recorder; Knight Oma Lee from Monroe, Knight Eddie LeBouef from New Orleans and Knight Charles Bertrand from Lake Charles make up the five representatives.

The Shreveport Chapter of the KStA boasts a membership of fourteen (14) Knights, two (2) Charter Knights and thir-

teen (13) Knight Emeritus members. In addition, the Chapter has two Knights of St. Andrew Knight Chevalier with III. Brothers Gary Gribble-33° and Steve Pence-33°. These two members were responsible for establishing a chapter in Shreveport and provided unlimited resources that has allowed its continued success.

*Fraternally,*  
*James B Smith, 32° KStA*  
*Knight Commander*



**Master Craftsman Level II**

Brother Michael Darren West-32° KStA received his certificate and lapel pin for completing the Master Craftsman Level II course. Brother West is only the 9th member in Louisiana to have completed Level II. Also significant to note is the fact that Bro West has only been a member of the Valley since April 2012. Since then, he has completed both Master Craftsman study courses, squired as a Knight of the KStA Chapter and a member of the Stage Crew. Darren is also active in the York Rite Bodies and Shrine.



*L:R Ill. Ballard L. Smith-33° Personal Representative, Bro Darren West and David Culligan-32° KCCH Venerable Master*

**IN MEMORIAM**

*Kenneth R Barns*  
*Charles G Bryant*  
*James E Clark*  
*William B Davis*  
*Melvin Doggett*  
*Walter E Erwin*  
*Cook E Johnson, Jr.*  
*Walter A Point, Jr.*  
*Murrell Stansell, Jr.*  
*William D Wooley*

# Valley of Lake Charles News

## Chartered October 16, 1923

### Meets on the third Wednesday of every month



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**2013 unpaid Membership fees  
 are past due**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:00**

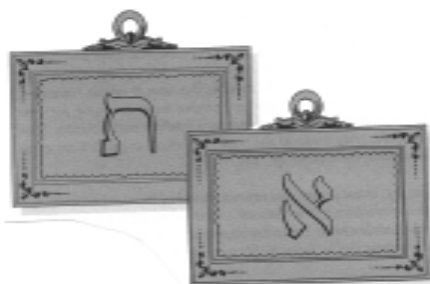
**Wednesday, April 17th**

*M: W: H Edward Durham-Grand Master*

**Wednesday, May 15th**

*Anniversary Observance*

**Back Door Lunch: Last Friday of every month. Except in November & December**



**2013 Advisory Board**

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

**Personally Speaking**

For 90 years, Lake Charles Scottish Rite Bodies have spread more Masonic light across Southwest Louisiana. In 1923, a group of Scottish Rite Masons belonging to the Valleys of New Orleans and Shreveport, came together to form the Valley of Lake Charles. Little could they know how many lives would be touched by their actions.

As the Brethren of the Valley of Lake Charles observe and celebrate 90 years of providing the Masons of Southwest Louisiana with the beautiful degrees, thoughtful good and wholesome instruction, and developing leaders for the craft, we are humbled to be the heirs to so rich a legacy. We honor the hundreds of brethren that came before us and we respectfully remember their service and leadership. They passed on a legacy of correct moral deportment embodied in the symbolism and allegory taught in the 29 degrees of the Scottish Rite. While we cherish our past, we know that we cannot expect to sit on our laurels or live in the past.

The Masons of 2013 are different than those of 1923. There are more demands placed on discretionary time for today's men, than was true of our forefathers. The information age has introduced new communication technology that connects people in real time with audio and video to nearly any point on the globe. Social media sites have people "meeting" in the "virtual world" of cyberspace for "chatting" and "tweeting." But none of these modern conveniences takes that place of face-to-face human contact that comes from fraternal fellowship.

As Scottish Rite Masons, we have a heritage that has been passed down through the ages, from generation to generation. Our latest generation needs to be exposed to the mysteries, the symbolisms, the allegory, and the knowledge that we can share with them. We will need to shift our practices from being a secret organization to being an organization with a few secrets. We need to challenge our new members to become involved by developing new

programs and opportunities to experience Scottish Rite Masonry. Likewise, we need to challenge ourselves to be good mentors and listeners to our newer members. After all, we want to have dedicated men with whom to leave our fraternity that will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Lake Charles Scottish Rite Bodies in 2023.

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



**2013 Officers**

**Lake Charles Lodge of Perfection**

- Venerable Master: Rickey A. Venable, 32° KCCH*
- Senior Warden: Thomas L. Kussmann, 32° KCCH*
- Junior Warden: James R.B. Golding, 32° KCCH*

**Lake Charles Chapter Rose Croix**

- Wise Master: Pierre "Rocky" Schexneider, 32° KCCH*
- Senior Warden: Oscar Abshire, 32° KCCH*
- Junior Warden: Elmer L. Edwards, 32° KCCH*

**Lake Charles Council of Kadosh**

- Commander: J. Briggs Becton, 32° KCCH*
- 1st Lt. Commander: J. Braxton Cole, 32° KCCH*
- 2nd Lt. Commander: W. David McCoy, 32°*

**Lake Charles Consistory**

- Master of Kadosh: Elton J. Blanchard, 32° KCCH*
- Prior: Jerry J. Manuel, 32° KCCH*
- Preceptor: William W. Bailey, 32°*

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

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

**IN MEMORIAM**

- Edward E Smith*
- Joseph Lowenthal*
- Albert C Steen*

# Valley of Baton Rouge News

## Chartered October 20, 1955

### Meets on the second Monday of every month



#### Baton Rouge Scottish Rite Temple

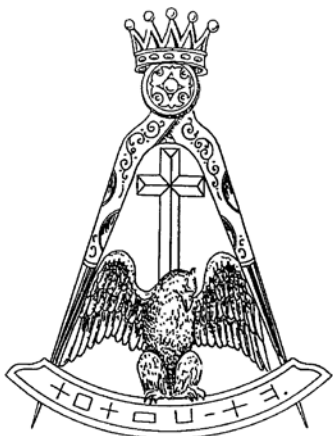
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**2013 MEMBERSHIP FEES WERE  
DUE BY DECEMBER 31st**

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30**  
**Monday, April 8th**  
18th Degree Discussion  
**Monday, May 13th**  
Regular Meeting  
**Monday, June 10th**  
Regular Meeting  
**Monday, July 8th**  
Regular Meeting  
**Advisory Conference meets at 6pm before  
the Regular Meetings.**



#### 2013 Officers

##### Baton Rouge Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master: Jeffery D. Maynor, 32°  
Senior Warden: Larry H Moore 33°  
Junior Warden: A. Nicholas Auck, 32° KCCH

##### Baton Rouge Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master: Michael F. Harrelson 32°  
Senior Warden: Richard L. Fox, 32°  
Junior Warden: H. George Scanlan, 32°

##### Baton Rouge Council of Kadosh

Commander: Brian L Watson, 32° KCCH  
1st Lt. Commander: Jeffery A. Knight, 32°  
2nd Lt. Commander: Joshua S. Barnhill, 32°

##### Baton Rouge Consistory

Master of Kadosh: Charles M. Powell 32°  
Prior: Corey G. Serigne, 32°  
Preceptor: W. Brian Harris, 32°

##### Treasurer All Bodies:

Ben F Melanson, 33°

##### Secretary All Bodies:

Jimmie D Dunkin, 32° KCCH

Brother Russ DeLaune is repairing some of the props for several degrees. If you have mechanical skills, brethren, your Valley needs your help desperately.

From time to time brothers drop by the office to pay dues or just see how things are going. Recently several brothers who arrived at the same time soon moved into the lobby continuing to share stories. Soon the conversation turned to why don't they do something like that more often. That led to visions of meeting to share conversation, to play cards, have biscuits and coffee from time to time in the lobby at the Consistory. It was brought out that they could have a casual lunch on a monthly basis and invite family members. By then I had joined the conversation and encouraged just that. Hopefully this does not become just a thought in passing, but will become a reality. Would that not be wonderful?

Easter Sunday will be March 31st and a joint program is planned with the York Rite Bodies Saturday evening, March 30th at 4:30 pm to observe Maundy Thursday and Easter. Mark this important date on your calendar.

April the 8th, at a Special Communication, the 18th degree will be presented with discussion. Dinner will be at 6:30pm. Meeting will start at 7:30pm.

On May 18th, 2013, CELEBRATING THE CRAFT will be televised from 6:00pm until Midnight (EDT). Check local programming for our time. The live presentation will feature never before footage from the HOUSE OF THE TEMPLE, Musical performances by winners of "Scottish Rite Has Talent". The video will highlight local Valleys and their members, as well as Masonic Scholars, leaders, and celebrities. Make plans to join in watching this event with your family and friends.

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#### From The Secretary's Desk

This year the Valley of Baton Rouge will be presenting selected Scottish Rite Degrees at Stated Communications. This will constitute our Spring Reunion, continuing through the Fall and will conclude with presentation of the 32nd Degree, Master of the Royal Secret in November. All the team captains should be working to get their degree teams ready. This will be a great opportunity to re-obligate ourselves by increasing our education with continued knowledge, particularly those Brethren who have seen only the obligatory degrees. So mark your calendar the second Monday of each month. We always have light refreshment. Come early and fellowship with the Brethren before each meetings.

Baton Rouge Scottish Rite has been blessed with several brothers who have been working on the Temple Building making repairs and general maintenance. Brothers Eddie Robertson and Fred Denham have been working in the Wardrobe Room doing long overdue repairs. Ill

#### In Memoriam

Richard Oliver Rush  
Dale Wilhelm Gustin  
Robert Grady Hazel  
Shelton Thames, Sr.



# Valley of Monroe News

## Chartered November 13, 1971

### Meets on the first Thursday of every month



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**2013 unpaid Membership Dues are now in arrears**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Dinner with Ladies 6:00 PM  
 Program 7:00 PM  
**Thursday, April 4th**  
*Guest Speaker*  
**SPRING REUNION APRIL 23**  
**Thursday, May 2nd**  
*Guest Speaker*  
**Thursday, June 6th**  
*Guest Speaker*  
**The Advisory Conference Meets on the third Monday of each month**



**Gumbo Fundraiser**

With the able assistance of members of Eastern Star No. 151, including Jamie Jo Maxwell and Gary Foster, who did the cooking, the Monroe Scottish Rite Bodies just completed a most successful fund-raiser. In addition, a special thanks is given to all of those who came to serve gumbo, pack take-out boxes, wash dishes and a myriad of other tasks that were necessary to make this the most financially successful Gumbo fund-raiser in the history of the valley. Cheers and accolades to all who worked so hard; it was greatly appreciated.

**2013 Officers**

**Monroe Lodge of Perfection**

*Venerable Master:* C. Alton Drummond, 33°  
*Senior Warden:* H. Glenn Jordan, 32° KCCH  
*Junior Warden:* Richard D. Mahoney, 32° KCCH

**Monroe Chapter Rose Croix**

*Wise Master:* Gerald H. Houston, 32° KCCH  
*Senior Warden:* Ronald D. Brazzell, 32°  
*Junior Warden:* C. Marcus Bailey, 32°

**Monroe Council of Kadosh**

*Commander:* James L. Reagan, 32°  
*1st Lt. Commander:* Will P. Gray, 32° KCCH  
*2nd Lt. Commander:* E. Felton Vickers, 32°

**Monroe Consistory**

*Master of Kadosh:* E. L. "Bubba" Via, 32° KCCH  
*Prior:* W. Bryan Price, 32°  
*Preceptor:* Prentice L. Wallace, 32°

**Treasurer All Bodies:**

Roy McDuffie, 33° PGM

**Secretary All Bodies:**

Robert C Joyner, 33°



**Spring Reunion**

It's that time again for the spring reunion. As you talk to people about the Scottish Rite, providing a petition if requested, remember that last year, largely due to the efforts of Travis Holley 33°, the Monroe Scottish Rite Bodies earned a net gain in membership. Please do not let that momentum falter; let us improve on last year's statistics. Also get involved—join a degree team, form another team to present a degree that is not currently being done, work on the stage crew, volunteer in the kitchen and so on. IF YOU ARE NOT INVOLVED, GET INVOLVED! See you at the reunion.



**Master Mason Of The Year**

The Monroe Valley presented Brother Bobby Wayne Harlan-32° KCCH with the Master Mason of The Year honors on February 23rd with 97 members, visitors and guests in attendance. Most Worshipful H Edward Durham-GM, R: W: E J "Mickey" Durand-DGM, R: W: William J Mollere-GSW, R: W: Will P Gray-GJW, M: W: Bro Roy B Tuck-PGM Grand Secretary, M: W: Bro Joseph H Baker-PGM Grand Treasurer, five Past Grand Masters and several appointed Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance to assist in recognizing a most deserving Brother.

Ill. Woody D Bilyeu-33° Personal Representative was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening and M: W: Durham-GM was the featured speaker and assisted with making the presentations to Brother Harlan.

Prior to announcing the honoree for the evening, several additional presentations were made. M: W: Ed Durham-GM presented C. B. "Buddy" Griggs, 32° KCCH with an Emeritus Award proclaiming Brother Griggs as an Emeritus Member of the Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee Buddy has served admirably as Co-Chairman of this committee for over 14 years and retires to attend to his dear wife.



*M:W: Ed Durham-GM and C B "Buddy" Griggs.*

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**IN MEMORIAM**

*Walter Albertis Collier, Jr.*

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minds our members to please take the time and send in their email addresses to the Office via email at [NOSRT@bellsouth.net](mailto:NOSRT@bellsouth.net) or by calling 504-522-3789. An updated email list is in the process of being compiled and will be utilized strictly for official reminders of meetings and events.

*Fraternally,*  
*Ion Lazar, 32° KCCH*



### From The Secretary's Desk

By now some of you may have received emails from me concerning the upcoming meetings and events. If you have an email address and have not received these emails from me, please send me a short email to [nosrt@bellsouth.net](mailto:nosrt@bellsouth.net), and I will add you to the list. All emails will be sent out via blind carbon copy. This way no one will see any one else's email address. This will be used strictly to communicate to you any changes to our schedule and to remind you about upcoming events

The New Orleans Valley now has an official mascot. I am pleased to introduce "Sir Jackson" or "Jack" as he is known to the staff here at the office. "Jack" is the canine companion of Brother Warren A Hintz, 33° and comes to visit us on a regular basis. As you can see he is quite the ham and makes himself at home when ever he comes for a visit. He is a rescue dog from the Jefferson Parish Animal Shelter and appears to be a mix of Pit Bull and Catahoula. So, if you come by the office and see "Sir Jackson" sitting behind



my desk don't be surprised

*Fraternally,*  
*Martin Reinschmidt, 32°*  
*General Secretary*



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Brethren check your dues card and make sure it is current. Remember to wear your Name Badges and Hats to the meetings. Hope to see you soon.

*Fraternally,*  
*Jimmie Dean Dunkin, 32°KCCH*  
*General Secretary-Personal Representative*



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*Monroe Valley News -Master Mason of the Year:*

The next order of business was for Ill. William J. Mollere, 33° SGIG-Grand Senior Warden to recognize a young member for an achievement. Brother M. Cash Melville is the most recent member to have completed the Master Craftsman I program. Ill. Mollere presented Cash with his certificate and lapel pin and encouraged Brother Melville to continue his search for additional knowledge by enrolling in the MC II. Cash was accompanied to this event by his fiancé, Emma Kate.



*L:R - Cash Melville, Emma Kate and Bill Mollere*

Finally, the time for honoring the 2013 Master Mason of the Year had come. As Ill. Brother Bilyeu read the biography, all heads turned toward the table where Wayne, Judy and their family were seated. Brother Harlan was truly surprised by the honor. Wayne humbly accepted the honors and thanked the Monroe Valley for the prestigious award.

Wayne Harlan was raised a Master Mason in 1983 at Eastern Star Lodge #151 and served as Worshipful Master in 2005. He joined the Monroe Valley of the Scottish Rite in 1984 and was invested with the distinction of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 2007. Wayne is better known for his culinary skills as he has cooked for the Dugdemonia High Twelve Club at the Winn Parish Fair, organizes the two fund raising activities in the Valley, heavily involved in the preparation of the meals at the Past Grand Masters meetings and cooks for many other lodge and church events annually.



*L:R - Woody Bilyeu, Mary Bilyeu, Wayne Harlan and M: W: Ed Durham-GM*

## THE FINAL WORD



**Ill. William J. Mollere, 33°**  
**Sovereign Grand Inspector General**  
***YES, IT IS ATTITUDE***

Our Grand Master of Masons, Most Worshipful and Illustrious Harris Edward Durham, 33°, is a wise man. He is wise because he has lived a good, full life and experienced many challenges and prevailed when adversities presented themselves, and he has been able to rise to the top in our beloved Fraternity with grace and style and an ability to see beyond. Over a month ago, he spoke at an evening gathering in the Valley of Monroe, and his words struck home – bull's-eye – right on! The banquet room was full and a delicious meal had been served; presentations were made and the purpose of the evening fulfilled; then our Grand Master rose to make the closing remarks.

Grand Master Durham said, “Masonry does not have a Membership problem; Masonry has an Attitude problem“. He went on to explain that our Brotherhood talks about Brotherhood, caring and taking care of each other, our widows, our orphans, those ill and sick and unable to attend our meetings and fellowship gatherings – we talk about Brotherhood. We lament the loss of members who demit or become suspended, and we talk about our Brotherhood. We hold Bring-A-Friend Events and tell the prospective Mason about our Brotherhood. We celebrate Honesty and Integrity Programs and trumpet to the honored young men and women Masonry's purposes and charities and how we are our Brother's keeper and we tell of our Brotherhood.

Yes, Attitude concerning Brotherhood is Masonry's challenge. When did you last practice that Brotherhood? Really practice it? How positive is your Attitude on Brotherhood? Did you pick up your telephone and call that Brother who just lost his loved one and ask how he and his family are doing? Did you stop by the home of that Brother who was just told that he had a health challenge that was life-threatening? Did you make that trip to the hospital to spend five minutes with your Brother who just had surgery or comfort his family anxiously sitting in the waiting room? Did you go to the funeral home to pay your respects to the wife of your Brother whom you sat next to in Lodge for twenty-five years? Did you stop by the widow's home at Christmas with a poinsettia or small gift? Did you check on that son or daughter of your Brother who had a car accident and was recovering from serious injuries? Did you call that Brother who had not been at Lodge in two months? When was the last time you brought a Brother to Lodge who can no longer drive at night? Did you care? Did you even notice? Did you practice that Brotherhood?

The Grand Master's comments came to this: Masonry does not have a Membership problem; Masonry today has an Attitude problem – the challenge today is for Masons to begin again being Brothers! Taking care of each other and those family members we promised to look after should be our Masonic priority. We talk the talk very well, but we do not walk the walk very well.

As it is in Freemasonry's Lodges, so it is in Scottish Rite. I resolved not to speak or dwell on Membership this year, and I will not. However, if you took the time and made the effort to join Scottish Rite, then you expected to gain something by becoming a Scottish Rite Mason. If you found what you expected, then you will continue to be a Scottish Rite Mason – hopefully every day you will and are practicing the lessons of Scottish Rite Masonry. Some may have joined for a reason not knowing what to expect – perhaps in days past, to become a Shriner, formerly a requirement. Perhaps someone joined to be able to say that he was a Thirty-Second Degree (32°) Mason. Some may have joined because a friend or Brother Mason belonged to Scottish Rite and a shared friendship or a family heritage influenced a Master Mason to seek Scottish Rite. But Attitude is also a big challenge in Scottish Rite. All of the questions asked above can be repeated here – when did you last practice Brotherhood in Scottish Rite? Have you helped your Valley call Brothers on their birthday? Have you mentored that candidate whose petition you signed – you promised to when you signed that petition.

Recently visiting a Valley's monthly meeting had me amazed at the attendance—it was an almost full room with Brothers visiting, talking, laughing, walking together. Handshakes were everywhere and with eye contact and a welcoming and pleasant word of greeting for everyone. Asking how it happened, the Venerable Master told me that over a year before, one Brother decided to shake everyone's hand who entered and greet each with a meaningful welcome and a smile—it was contagious and caught on and soon everyone was talking, visiting, laughing. There were no corners of the room with solitary Brothers left to themselves, no little groupings or cliques of four or five, but everyone was acting as a Brother. During the business meeting, reports on absent Brothers, Brothers who were ill, reports on family members with issues, and, good news on a new grandchild or vacations completed or positive health report were announced over and over. It was so exciting to be a part of that Brotherhood—that positive Attitude. And all because of one Brother who decided to make it happen. It became a challenge to me to check my reports – guess what? That Valley this year had a great Reunion, that Valley had the smallest loss due to suspensions, that Valley had restored many suspended Members, that Valley was working on Brotherhood. It took one Brother who decided to change the Attitude and practice Brotherhood. Oh to bottle that Brother or clone him and send him out all over our world of Masonry—a handshake, a welcome and a smile—Attitude!

Scottish Rite's lessons are deep and meaningful—yet, not for everyone. But for those of us who have chosen the Scottish Rite path and are on that continuing Journey toward More Light, we must remember the wise words of our Grand Master—it is Attitude. Brotherhood is our business; so, how is your business? A good dose of positive Attitude will improve your business—practice Brotherhood and have a positive Attitude. Thank you for continuing to have that positive Attitude and attempting to be the best Scottish Rite Brother possible

*Bill Mollere, 33° S.G.I.G.*

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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.

