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Scottish Rite *FULFILL-BUILD-PROVIDE*

100 Year Old Receives Facelift

The 100 year old Scottish Rite Temple, in downtown Shreveport, has seen its share of change. Recently, the entire front entrance of the building was reconstructed from the three iconic doorways and stairs all the way to Cotton street. Excavation was required to replace the footings in order to extend the entire porch way forward. After literally tons of concrete and masonry work, the landmark now has a fully functional wheelchair ramp with more than 100 balustrades added across the top front. A dedication was held on Saturday, March 11th.

The building was constructed before such modernizations as air conditioning and elevators were standard and was completed in July of 1917. It was designed by noted architect Edward F. Neild and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986. Among Neild's many other notable achievements were his architectural contributions to the renovation of our nation's capitol in Washington D.C and the White House. In addition, he is credited with the design of the Shreveport's Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, the first of its kind in North America. To mark the anniversary of the construction of the building, modernization of the facade became a priority. The board of directors turned to noted architect Mike McSwain. Mr. McSwain has worked on projects of all types regionally around Texas and Louisiana, as well as internationally in China, Taiwan, Bali, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico and Croatia.

"It was time for an updated more utilitarian entrance. We hold several types of events at the Cathedral besides our meetings including weddings and filming movies and wanted to make entrance into the building easier and more accommodating all while maintaining the historic look and feel of our true Shreveport landmark." -Gary Gribble, Secretary Shreveport Scottish Rite

The Shreveport Scottish Rite Cathedral is one of the most historic and beautiful buildings in the Shreveport area. It includes a three level auditorium with a seating capacity of five hundred, a wardrobe room, a marble lobby, a pair of matching marble staircases, a kitchen, a banquet hall, a Masonic library, numerous offices, a DeMolay room, a basement, and a section where children receive help through a Speech and Language Clinic Charity.

The dedication, held in conjunction with the Shreveport Valley's Spring Reunion, was to recognize and remember the untiring dedication, love and charity of Ill. Brother Kenneth R. Barns, 33°. Through his generous donation, upon his death, of his home, the financial resource was available to provide access to those who found the original entrance an impediment.

Ill. William J. Mollere, 33° S.G.I.G., Ill. Steven S. A. Pence 33° Trestleboard Editor, Ill. H. Edward Durham, 33° President Shreveport Scottish Rite Building Foundation, Ill. S. Bruce East-

erly, 33° President Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation, Ill. Gary L. Gribble, 33° General Secretary & Executive Director Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation and Stephen C. McLellan, 32° KCCH Venerable Master were joined by the Knights of St. Andrew, members of the Degree Casts, Stage-Light-Sound crews, Kitchen staff and the Reunion Class for the dedication ceremonies. A commemorative plaque was laid in honor of Ill. Brother Barnes generosity.



Venerable Master, Stephen McLellan, 32° KCCH was the Master of Ceremonies for the program and addressed the gathering with,

"Brethren, Ladies, and Gentlemen, thank you for coming. This structure is one of the most beautiful buildings in this great city. While the cold stone façade can be intimidating at first, once you have crossed the threshold and felt the history or been initiated into the beautiful Degrees conferred within these walls, the cold granite of these steps and the marble of the lobby welcome you with a warmth that you will scarcely find elsewhere. This building is here because men of different religions, races, and creeds came together on a common level and put the plans into motion. The men that have walked these halls have included Governors, Congressmen, and our State's Supreme Court Justices. Each of them willing to set aside worldly wealth or stature as reasons to think of themselves more highly than they ought because of the fundamental truths that each of us are created equal and that we are all brothers and sisters, children of the same Supreme Architect of the Universe. These truths are what give this building its heart and soul.

The cornerstone for this Temple was set on October 28, 1915 by B. B. Purser, Acting Grand Master. An interesting fact is the building's cornerstone is set in the northwest corner, instead of the traditional northeast, reportedly to provide for greater visibility by the traveling public. The cathedral was completed on July 1, 1917. The Grand Opening Ceremony was held on November 12, 1917. Fi-

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Red River Scottish Rite Club



Brother Gar Pickering has started the Scottish Rite Club in Alexandria. Called "Red River Scottish Rite Club at Alexandria", it will serve as a recruitment tool for the Orient when fully developed. It has started as an informal study group until there are members who want to develop it further. It is open to all Masters of the Royal Secret who live in and around Alexandria; who want to study together; hold obligatory meetings together and fellowship together.

www.redriverscottishriteclub.wordpress.com

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to invite him to become
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Calendar of Events

Supreme Council

Celebrating the Craft May 20
Biennial Session August 19-21
Washington, D.C.

Orient

Conference of the Orient April 21
Homecoming April 22
Monroe

Grand Lodge

Quarterly Meetings April 15
Grand Session June 30-July 2
Alexandria

Reunions

Shreveport August 12-13
Monroe April 8
Lake Charles April 1-2
Baton Rouge with New Orleans May 13
New Orleans May 13
Unity Lodge #267 Houma

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

Southeastern Louisiana University

Nicholas Walsh
Donna Centanni

University of Louisiana-Monroe

Amy Elliott
Lindsey Fontenot
Katilyn Bingham

University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Rhea Abshire
Stacey Fontenot

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Ethan Hyatt
Rebecca Coleman

Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge

Caroline Broussard
Amanda Kuylen

Engineering Scholarships

Louisiana Tech-Ruston

Cameron Broussard
Blaine Russell

D. Walter Jessen, Sr.

Engineering Scholarship Award

The Scholarships were established by the five Scottish Rite Bodies of Louisiana in honor of D. W. Jessen, Sr., Past Grand Master and Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Scottish Rite Masons in the Orient of Louisiana, at his mandatory retirement at the age of eighty (80) years.

The Scholarships, a grant of \$2,000.00 each, are awarded annually to rising Junior or Senior students enrolled in an accredited Civil Engineering curriculum at a Louisiana college or university. Each grant is awarded to a student who is in the upper half of his or her class, has demonstrated leadership capabilities through involvement in engineering college and campus activities, and shows potential for development into a motivated, innovative, well-rounded and successful practicing

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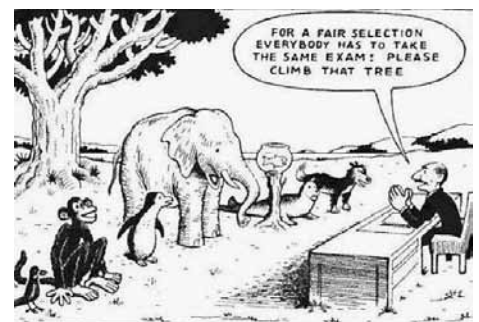


The Shreveport Scottish Rite Center was undergoing major renovation and repair during the last quarter of 2016 and first quarter of 2017, especially on our new entrance. While this work was underway, therapy for our children continued at the Mollie E. Webb Speech and Hearing Clinic operated by LSU Science School of Allied Health Professions.

We are now back to full operation at our Temple and welcomed two new clinicians who are pursuing graduate degrees in speech language pathology. Rebecca Coleman(L) and Ethan Hyatt (R) are shown above receiving their scholarship awards.

Fraternally,
John D. Autry, Sr., 32° KCCH
Administrator

LSU Health SHREVEPORT



Our Education System

"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."



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nally, in September of 1986 the building was added to the National Register of Historic Buildings.

Edward F. Neild, a member of the Shreveport Valley of the Scottish Rite, was the architect of the Cathedral. Among Mr. Neild's many other notable achievements were his architectural contributions to the renovation of our Nation's Capital Building, The White House and the Truman Memorial Library and Museum in Independence, Missouri. In addition, Brother Neild is credited with the design of the original Shriner Hospital for Crippled Children, which was the first of its kind in North America.

Today, we rededicate this building to its original purpose of promoting Brotherly love, truth, and affection amongst humanity. We do so in large part thanks to Brother Kenneth Barnes who willed his house to the Scottish Rite Foundation to raise money for such a project. As Scottish Rite Masons, the tools with which this building was erected take on a symbolical meaning. The square we use is to square our actions by the square of virtue with all of mankind, the plumb is a reminder to live uprightly in our lives, and the level reminds us that all men should meet on a common level. Let this building be a reminder of the beauty that can be created when these tools are used skillfully and diligently.

Let us pray, Grant, O Lord our God, that those who are invested with the government of this Temple be endued with wisdom to instruct their brethren in all their duties. May Brotherly love, relief and truth always prevail among those that enter these doors, and may this bond of union continue to strengthen our Beloved Scottish Rite and men and women throughout the world.

Bless our Brethren wheresoever dispersed and grant speedy relief to all who are either oppressed or distressed.

We affectionately commend to Thee all the members of Thy whole family; may they increase in knowledge of Thee and in their love for one another.

Finally, may we finish our work here below with Thy approbation; and then have our transition from this earthly abode to Thy heavenly temple above, there to enjoy light, glory and bliss ineffable and eternal.

Glory be to God on High.

Amen.

Ill. William J. Mollere, 33° S.G.I.G. closed the ceremony reminding the attendees that the old steps carried many notable men of business, industry, government and Masonry into the cathedral, but the new entrance will carry the notables of the future into our beloved Scottish Rite. "With this investment today, the last remaining crown jewel of Masonic buildings in Louisiana has a positive future", the S.G.I.G. said.

The Spring 2017 Reunion was named for Ill. Barns and the members of the Class experienced not only an excellent day of ritual and fellowship, but also were part of an historic day for the Valley of Shreveport, one that will live in their memories forever.

Our members are encouraged to visit the building, taking advantage of the easy access and beautiful new entry.



L:R - Gary Gribble, Stephen McLellan, Bill Mollere and Ed Durham



The CTC is an evening of entertainment and fellowship that is webcast live from the House of the Temple in Washington, DC, to raise money for the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign and Orient charities. Music, comedy, celebrities, never-before-seen video content from the House of the Temple and Valleys across the country, and so much more are included in the webcast.

Each year, the George Washington Banquet Hall at the House of the Temple is converted into a television studio and becomes the stage for this Masonic extravaganza. During the evening, viewers learn more about the Scottish Rite and the importance of the House of the Temple, its artifacts, museum, and library. We build upon our previous successes to make each subsequent CTC the most exciting yet.

You can make a donation via phone or online. Your donation may be split between the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign and the Scottish Rite charities in your Orient as directed by your SGIG.

Valley of New Orleans News

Chartered April 7, 1811

Meets on the first Wednesday of every month



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2017 Membership Fees are due!

Calendar of Events

Stated Communications	7:30 PM
6209 3rd Street Harahan, LA 70123 (Louisiana Lodge #102)	
Wednesday, April 5th	
Regular Meeting	
Tuesday, April 25th	
Advisory Conference - Office	5:30 PM
Wednesday, May 3rd	
Regular Meeting	
Wednesday, June 7th	
Chris Mabry-Guest Speaker	
Wednesday, July 5th	
Patriotic Program	
Tuesday, July 25th	
Advisory Conference - Office	5:30 PM
Wednesday, August 2nd	
Regular Business Meeting	
Wednesday, September 6th	
Regular Business Meeting	
Wednesday, October 4th	
Feast of Tishri	
Tuesday, October 24th	
Advisory Conference - Office	5:30 PM
Wednesday, November 1st	
Business Meeting	
Nomination and Election of Officers	
Wednesday, December 6th	
Holiday Celebration	

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Ion Lazar, 33°

Secretary All Bodies

Martin J. Reinschmidt, 32° KCCH

Venerable Master's Message

Greetings to all. As we begin the second quarter of the year, I must say that the first quarter was quite interesting. At our January meeting the "Valley Girl Degree" was a huge success with over 85 members and ladies in attendance. Our February Valentine Day program was most interesting. I never knew that we had so many talented members and ladies in our Valley. Our Lip Synch Contest was hotly contested and the winners were awarded one of a kind prizes that I know they will cherish forever.

Past Venerable Master Clay Wolfe initiated the first Valley cruise and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Brother Vince Vance for including our group into his on the cruise. From what I heard, Vince rocked the boat. The Robert Burns dinner, sponsored by our Knights of St. Andrew, was well attended. Special thanks to Illustrious Brother Pat Kelly and Illustrious Brother Garland Rolling for putting together a very nice Red and White dinner, a good time was had by all who attended, and your effort was much appreciated. So, as you can see the first quarter of the year was fun filled and jam packed and the rest of the year promises more surprises

Tickets are on sale for the Henry Masonic Rifle raffle. The drawing will be held at the May meeting. Contact the Val-

ley office for ticket sales and information. The Valley will be having a joint reunion with the Valley of Baton Rouge on May 13, 2017, at Unity Lodge # 267, located at 1029 Bayou Black Rd. in Houma, Louisiana. Attend your Blue Lodges, talk up Scottish Rite Masonry and we just may get a new member or two. If you are in need of a petition, please contact the Valley Office.

If you need transportation or know of someone who needs transportation to and from our meetings, call Brother Stuart Smith at 504-722-9553 and he will assist you in getting to and from the meeting or event.

I almost forgot to mention that while on the Valley cruise. One of our beloved Brothers did attain celebrity status. Come out to our next meeting or event and Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother Chip Borne or I will give you a personal introduction.

In closing let me say THANK YOU to all who is coming out and supporting our Valley, please do not forget our members who are having health issues, they do need our prayers.

I hope to see you at several meetings this year.

Fraternally yours,
Bernard L. Gould, Jr., 32° KCCH
Venerable Master

From The Director of Work

My brothers, as you know we have a reunion scheduled for May 13th in Houma. It is time for the Degree Masters to contact their teams so our new brothers will have a reunion experience for which the Valley is widely known. If any one is interested in taking a part in the degrees, please contact me at: elmobarnes49@yahoo.com or call (504) 913-4607. I will find a place for you.

Fraternally,
Elmo J. Barnes, Jr., 32° KCCH
Director of Work
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In Memoriam

Billy G. Cato
 Paul J. Pic
 Joseph F. Revolta
 Roland A. Savoie, Sr.
 William B. Stallings
 Edward J. Yates

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 11th**
Service of Remembrance 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, May 9th**
19° and 20° Degree Conferral 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, June 13th**
21° and 24° Degree Conferral 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, July 11th**
26° Degree Conferral 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, August 8th**
Regular Business Meeting 6:00 PM
- Summer Reunion August 12-13**
- Tuesday, September 11th**
Feast of Tishri
- Tuesday, October 10th**
29 and 31° Degree Conferral 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, November 14th**
50 Year Member Awards 6:00 PM
Veterans Day Recognition
- Tuesday, December 12th**
Election & Installation of Officers 6:00 PM
The 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.

From The Secretary' Desk

Officially, spring is here. We did have a winter season, although two days doesn't necessarily make a "season". Spring is definitely in the air, but so too is the green pollen that casts an unwanted haze to everything outdoors. Flu and virus season is in full swing and has dealt misery to many of our members and their families. However, none of the foregoing has dampened the spirits of our members participating in our monthly degree presentation or the members of the Class.

In December, we began exemplifying the degrees on a monthly basis to a class of six (6) candidates. These Master Masons were joined by eight (8) additional candidates for our Spring Reunion in March. The first quarter of the year culminated with our Candidate Appreciation Supper on March 14th. A wonderful catered meal was served, accompanied with a beautiful piano repertoire by J. Keith Gates, 32° KCCH from the Valley of Monroe. Our Class, along with their wives, were provided an official tour of the building, including having several of the backdrops displayed. It truly was a fine evening, one hoped to be duplicated in the future.

On April 11th the Valley will hold its annual Service of Remembrance, honoring the memory of our brethren whom passed to their celestial home. We begin our service in the theater and after the first section, retire to the dining room for our meal. Once our meal is complete, we again assemble



2017 Spring Reunion Class



2017 Officers

Shreveport Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master: Stephen C. McLellan, 32° KCCH
Senior Warden: Christopher E. Cannon, 32°
Junior Warden: Joseph R. Patterson, 32°

Shreveport Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master: M. Darin West, 32°
Senior Warden: Kenneth M. Hamm, 32° KCCH
Junior Warden: Albert G. Simms, Jr., 32°

Shreveport Council of Kadosh

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Prior: J. David Maxey, 32°
Preceptor: Stephen C. Caskey, 32°

Treasurer All Bodies:

E. Louis McGee, 33°

Secretary All Bodies:

Gary L. Gribble, 33°

2017 Knights of St. Andrew

Knight Commander: Joseph R. Patterson
Knight Warden: John R. Cunningham
Knight Captain: Albert G. Simms, Jr.
Knight Recorder: M. Darin West

in the theater for the relighting ceremony. Family and friends are always encouraged to attend.

The degree conferrals will begin with our May meeting and our Class will continue their journey in Scottish Rite Masonry.

Thank you for attendance and continuing to be a Shreveport Valley Scottish Rite Mason.

Fraternally yours,
 Gary L. Gribble, 33°
 General Secretary

IN MEMORIAM
 Edwin Everett Evans
 Cloys Sexton Sartor, Jr.
 Leon Mathis Wells

Valley of Lake Charles News

Chartered October 16, 1923

Meets on the third Wednesday of every month



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2017 Membership Fees are due!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dinner 6:30** **Meeting 7:00**
- Spring Reunion** **April 1-2**
- Thursday, April 13th**
Service of Remembrance
- Wednesday, April 19th**
Sesquicentennial - City of Lake Charles
- Wednesday, May 17th**
Honoring Mayor Randy Roach
- Wednesday, June 21st**
Recognition of First Responders
- Wednesday, July 19th**
Patriotic Program
- Wednesday, August 16th**
On The Road - Hope Lodge #145
ULL Childhood Language Center
- Fall Reunion** **September 9-10**
- Wednesday, September 20th**
Feast of Tishri
- Wednesday, October 18th**
McNeese State University update
- Wednesday, November 15th**
Veterans Day Program
- Wednesday, November 29th**
KCCH Dinner
- Wednesday, December 20th**
Election of Officers
Christmas Program
- Back Door Lunch: Last Friday of every month. Except in November & December**

Personally Speaking

As we enter the months of spring, the Lake Charles Scottish Rite Bodies have several events planned. The spring reunion will be Saturday and Sunday April 1st and 2nd. This is a time when we, as Scottish Rite Masons, return to an important source for wisdom, knowledge, and inspiration portrayed in the symbolism and mysteries of the degrees. We invite each brother to experience the learning, renewal and time of fellowship, as these are the reasons for the reunions.

On Thursday, April 13th at 5:30 p.m. the Lake Charles Bodies of the Scottish Rite will observe the Ceremony of Remembrance. This ceremony honors the memory of those from our number whom have passed away since our last ceremony. It is held in the season of Passover and Easter as an appropriate time when all Knights Rose Croix may remember those who have passed on from this life with the consolation of knowing that while the body is mortal, the soul is immortal.

Our stated meeting in April will have a presentation on the plans for the Lake Charles Sesquicentennial (150 Year) Celebration. The City of Lake Charles was chartered in 1867. Lake Charles Lodge #165 was chartered in 1860. Thus, Masonry and the Lake Charles Masonic Lodge is older than the City.

On Saturday, April 22nd several members of the Valley of Lake Charles will travel to the Valley of Monroe to confer the 32st Degree-Inspector Inquisitor. This is our contribution to the annual statewide passport degrees program. The degree will be conferred in the morning, and each of the other four Valleys will confer one of the non-required degrees. We have blank passport books for every brother wishing to pursue the program. More details are available by contacting the Valley office.

At our stated communication of May 17th, we plan to honor the long-time mayor of the City of Lake Charles, the honorable Randy Roach. Mayor Roach has served the City as Mayor for 16 years and did not stand for re-election this year. He has dem-

onstrated strong leadership though both good times and bad for our community. This evening will be dedicated to expressing our grateful appreciation for his service to this City.

The annual Celebrating The Craft (CTC) web-a-thon will emanate from the House of the Temple in Washington, DC on Saturday, May 20th. This is an annual event to obtain donations and pledges to fund our various charities in the Scottish Rite. Each dollar received from donors in Louisiana during the CTC web-a-thon will be shared 50/50 between the House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation and the Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation. Brethren from the Valley of Lake Charles are urged to send their CTC donations to our Valley Secretary. The Valley will match every donation by individual members up to \$1000.00. We will be collecting donations during April and May stated meetings. If you are unable to attend the meetings, please mail your contributions to: Valley of Lake Charles, P.O. Box 542, Lake Charles, LA 70602.

Fraternally,
Richard B Smith, 33°
Personal Representative

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D. Blake Ford, 33°

IN MEMORIAM
Rex Dansby
Robert Gene Rivers

Valley of Baton Rouge News

Chartered October 20, 1955

Meets on the second Monday of every month



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**2017 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE
 DUE AND PAYABLE!!!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30**
- Summer Reunion Aug 27 & Sept 10**
- Monday, April 13th**
Regular Meeting
- Monday, May 8th**
Regular Meeting
- Monday, June 12th**
Regular Meeting
- Monday, July 11th**
Regular Meeting
- Advisory Conference meets at 6pm on regular meeting days.**



2017 Officers

Baton Rouge Lodge of Perfection

- Venerable Master: Chester L. Finley, 32°
- Senior Warden: R. Shane Marchand, 32°
- Junior Warden: Richard W. Black, 32°

Baton Rouge Chapter Rose Croix

- Wise Master: J. Andrew Owen, 32°
- Senior Warden: Stuart R. Averitt, 32°
- Junior Warden: V. Eugene Dawson, 32°

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Baton Rouge Consistory

- Master of Kadosh: Timothy E. Ackermann, 32° KCCCH
- Prior: Timothy P. Sibley, 32°
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 Ben F. Melanson, 33°

Secretary All Bodies:
 Jimmie D. Dunkin, 33°

From The Secretary's Desk

The New Year has started off with a bang and Venerable Master Chester Finley is preparing activities for every meeting. On February 13th at the stated communication there was a very informative meeting on the origin of Valentine's Day. The Ladies were invited as our guest and a meal was prepared by our Kitchen staff before the program.

The office sends out an email notice before each meeting to let our members know in advance the topic of the evening or special programs. There are several programs planned for the year where the ladies and guest are invited. If you are not getting the email notice it may be that the secretary does not have your email address. Please send that information to the office so you are included in the notice. The Valley of Baton Rouge email address is

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or

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our phone for the office is (225) 275-0668.

Progress on the Annex building is moving well at this time. Dry wall has been completed, some painting and the flooring is done. Brother Howard Dalton has been working with a plumber to repair plumbing issues that have plagued us for years. We still have a lot of work ahead of us and if you are available to help contact Ill. Brother Carle Jackson at (225) 928-3206 and I know he would be more than appreciative. The work force is few, the task is large.

Ill. Brother Joe Stroud is preparing to start work on the Childhood Learning Center and get that building up and running again. All the flooring had to be removed after the flood and now has to be replaced. There is a lot of work to done to both these buildings and again volunteers are needed.

Thanks to Brother Joe Ryan and his staff for the donations of building materials that were so desperately needed to restore The Scottish Rite Building.

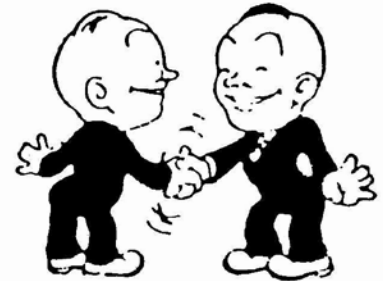
The Valley of Baton Rouge stated communications are still held at the Trinity Union Lodge No. 372 at 3950 Florida Blvd. Baton Rouge. The Meetings are still the second Monday of each month so plan to

come and bring someone with you. Dues for the 2017 year are almost all in now but we still have a few brothers who have not paid their dues. Remember you must have a current 2017 card to present when you attend your Valley Meetings.

Fraternally yours,
Jimmie Dean Dunkin, 33°
 General Secretary



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In Memoriam
 Olen Thurman Kleinpeter

Valley of Monroe News

Chartered November 13, 1971

Meets on the first Thursday of every month



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2017 Membership Fees are past due!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dinner with Ladies 6:00 PM
Program 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 6th

Service of Remembrance & Renewal

Spring Reunion

April 8th

Thursday, May 4th

On The Road - Winnfield

Thursday, June 1st

On The Road - Delhi

Thursday, July 6th

On The Road - Winnsboro

Thursday, August 3rd

On The Road - TBA

Thursday, September 7th

Regular Meeting

Thursday, October 5th

Feast of Tishri

Fall Reunion

October 28th

Thursday, November 2nd

Regular Meeting

Thursday, December 7th

Remembering Pearl Harbor

Christmas Program

The Advisory Conference meets on the first Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm.



Personally Speaking

This year is shaping up to be a good year. We held our Master Mason Night on February 25th and had a great turnout of brethren, ladies, friends and guest. We welcomed two newly raised Master Masons to the fraternity and introduced them to the M:W: Will P. Gray-Grand Master. M:W: Gray invested them with his signature lapel pin and invited them to join us at the Scottish Rite at every opportunity.

We also awarded the Master Mason of the Year Award to W: Brother M. Cash Melville. His list of duties and accomplishments are: Choudrant #339-Past Master and current Secretary; JB Sharp #486-Past Master and current Tyler; Monroe Chapter of Rose Croix - Wise Master; Grand Lodge of Louisiana-Grand Tyler; Monroe Scottish Rite-Director of Work and Degree Master 32°; Dr. Dee A. Strickland DeMolay-advisor; and Barak Shrine - Assistant Raban.

Cash petitioned Ruston Lodge #106 not long after meeting his girlfriend, Emma Case of Pineville. While he worked hard to commit his Masonic work to memory, he worked even harder to keep his girlfriend and in 2012 he proposed to her immediately following her graduation from Louisiana Tech. They were married on March 23rd, 2013 in this very building and currently live in Ruston.

Cash and Emma have traveled to all sorts of places in the name of Masonry. Whether traveling to Joplin, Missouri for a Scottish Rite Reunion or all the way to Goldonna, Louisiana for a Rose on the Altar performance, each place has lent itself to an adventure and memories made.

Cash has more hobbies and interests than there are Scottish Rite degrees, but Masonry is one of the most important. After his father's death in October 2011, the support and brotherhood that he has found in Masonry has been invaluable. Still, he does not lack gratitude for what Masonry has given back to him. Much like his grandfather and father, he is a good man. Iron sharpens iron and Masonry has undoubtedly helped him become a better version of himself.

We believe Bro. Cash to be definitely

worthy of the distinction of being named Master Mason of the Year and we expect great things from him in the future. Congratulations, Cash!

*Fraternally,
Travis M. Holley, 33°
Personal Representative*



Emma and Cash Melville, Master Mason of the Year

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Wilson O. "Will" Cook, 32° KCCH

From the Secretary's Desk

The year is chugging along and things seem to be falling into order. (Those that have seen my desk know that "order" is a word that is far from accurate.) We are getting ready for our Feast of Remembrance and Renewal on April 6, 2017. Our Spring

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IN MEMORIAM

*Joel L. Ambrose
Charles Ray Bonner*

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New Orleans Valley:

From The Secretary's Desk

What would you say if I told you that there is now an easy way to pay for Scottish Rite dues and you do not have to worry about writing a check? With the approval of our S.G.I.G., Illustrious William J. Mollere, 33°, our Personal Representative Illustrious Clayton J "Chip" Borne, III, 33° and the Advisory Council, I am happy to announce the new Valley of New Orleans Dues Payment Plan.

Since more and more of our younger members rely on credit and debit cards to pay their bills and more and more of our older members are using their bank's on-line services to pay their bill, the need to have some type of automatic dues payment plan is becoming more important to the survival of our valley.

In order to be eligible for automatic payments a members' current year's dues must be paid in full, and on the last business day in the months of February, May, August and November we will make a payment on their account in the Sentinel System in the amount of \$30.00 plus a 1.5% convenience fee and after the November payment we will mail him his dues card for the coming year. By agreeing to this form of payment plan the member would incur an extra \$1.80 credit card fee annually.

If a member should choose to join this payment plan in the middle of a year, his current year's dues must be paid and we would then charge his credit card the appropriate amount to bring him up to date in the installment plan schedule. The member would have to complete and a registration form and notify us of any changes to his credit card information.

If you have any questions about the program or wish to sign up, please call me at the office (504)835-3780 and I will be glad to address any questions or comments.

Don't forget our upcoming joint reunion with the Valley of Baton Rouge which will be held on Saturday May 13th at Unity Lodge #267 which is located at 1029 Bayou Black Drive in Houma, La. This allows us to bring the Scottish Rite to our brothers "down on the bayou" and see some who we haven't seen in a while.

If you need a petition or two or three, just give me a call and I will either mail them to you or send you a copy via email which you can print out.

As you may have heard several members of the Valley went on a cruise in January with our own Brother Vince Vance. To show you how relaxing it was, here are a couple of photos that were taken of some of the our group mellowing out.



L: R - Brothers Chip and Vince with Lady Nona



Brother Don Springler recovering during the cruise.

"Won't you let me take you on a sea cruise?"

Come out to a meeting, you never know who you will see or what you might experience!

Fraternally yours,
Martin A. Reinschmidt, 32° KCCH
General Secretary

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Monroe Valley From The Secretary's Desk:



L:R - M: W: Will P. Gray-Grand Master with Brothers Colby Hunter Green (L) and Jeremy Allan Kent (R) both of Graham Surghnor Lodge #383. These new Master Masons were raised in December 2016.

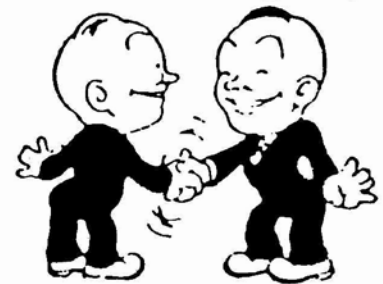
Reunion is scheduled for April 8th and the statewide Homecoming is scheduled for April 22nd. If you plan to attend either the Reunion or the Homecoming, please bring your Scottish Rite *Passports* to get them stamped.

We still have several members who have not yet paid their dues, so, please, remit them at your earliest convenience. This is YOUR Scottish Rite and we all wish for it to continue for years and years to come.

Fiat Lux!
W. O. "Will" Cook, 32° KCCH
General Secretary



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THE FINAL WORD



Ill. William J. Mollere, 33° PGM Sovereign Grand Inspector General *Upcoming and Updating*

We just completed the first quarter of the new Biennium, 2017-2018. Scottish Rite's Southern Jurisdiction operates administratively on a two-year cycle, 2015-2016 ended on December 31, 2016, and the Session of the Supreme Council meets eight or nine months later to consider the events and activities of the past Biennium, and re-checking the goals set for the new Biennium. So when the Supreme Council gathers in Washington, DC, in August of this year, we will look at how we did in 2015-2016, and check to see if our goals for 2017-2018 are what we need for the betterment of the Rite. With the ending of the Biennium, comes the calculation of numbers and statistics on membership. We did not do very well on membership in Louisiana.

There are always reasons, but, keeping who we have as members is the hardest part of our membership numbers. Deaths are eventually inevitable and very few under that statistical column give two-week's notice; we had far too many deaths this past Biennium. Those who asked for a Demit were not overly a large number – the “correct way” to leave a Masonic organization – Demits are given with the hope that the Brother asking for a Demit will eventually return in good standing. The hardest numbers to understand are those members who just quit by dropping out, not paying their Dues – each becomes suspended. The word “suspended” is harsh enough, but it implies a broken promise. The word of the member becomes broken – why did he quit? What made him decide to stop paying his Dues and drop out of Scottish Rite? It has haunted me for years seeking the correct answer – was it him, or was it “us”? What did we do or not do to keep that Brother coming back? If it were just the idea of the \$120 per year Dues, then maybe some can no longer afford \$10 per month to be a Scottish Rite Mason – Thirty-Two Cents (32¢) per day – is that too much? Some may say that with Lodge Dues, Shrine Dues, York Rite Dues, and maybe Rotary, Kiwanis, American Legion and so forth, that \$120 is too much. And then, many will say that they no longer attend, are no longer interested, find the meetings boring, the Brothers not Brotherly – so why keep paying?

Well, we have a philanthropy, RiteCare, that helps several hundred children with speech and hearing disorders every year in five Centers; that costs. We have structures, buildings needing upkeep; that costs. We have some people who work in those buildings; that costs. The \$120 goes to pay these expenses together with administrative per capita fees that cover monthly mailings such as this TRESTLEBOARD and the JOURNAL. The Dues are not wasted, that is a sure thing. With insurance, utilities, and other associated costs such as underwriting and subsidizing meals, the \$120 begins to get short - \$10 per month – 32¢ per day. Imagine what you can do for that amount today and still have a “home” when you want to drop by, attend a meeting or enjoy a Reunion. Yet this past Biennium, we lost too many members.

We also forget too often that our Scottish Rite membership is based and beholden to Lodge membership. No new Master Mason, no new Scottish Rite Mason. In Louisiana, Scottish Rite membership has traditionally been 20%-25% of the Grand Lodge membership. For every 1,000 Master Masons, Scottish Rite has had 200-250 members. Those numbers still mostly hold true, but in the 20% range. If Scottish Rite is based on Lodge membership, then we must encourage every Scottish

Rite Mason to be an active Lodge member, attending and participating. There was a time when men joined Masonry for the position, for status, even some who wanted to be a Shriner. Those men had to join a Lodge, then join the Scottish Rite or York Rite and then become a Shriner. No longer is Scottish Rite or York Rite membership a Shrine prerequisite, but the Shrine has also been hurt by declining membership. Many want to say that Masonry's day has come and gone – the younger generation no longer finds it relevant. Joining an all-men's club with secret words, signs and handshakes is not appealing to younger computer-literate men who sit across from each other texting rather than talking to each other. Who needs to be concerned with memorizing or even remembering when “googling” supplies an instant answer to any inquiry, properly stated. Why seek excellence when mediocrity is the standard? And if you belong to a Lodge run by old set-in-their-ways Past Masters, forget moving forward. Why pay a fee for something that the internet can supply all of the answers? Why join something old and dated and meet at an old, falling-down structure or a metal building in the wrong part of town on a night when a favorite TV program is aired? Then again, if you are married and have a young family, you cherish the few hours at home at night when not working at a job that supplies the costs of two cars, a three or four bedroom home, private schools for the kids, football season tickets, and a big-screen TV. Time is precious. Funds become stretched. Scottish Rite membership sits lower on those priority lists.

Often heard from younger men – “My grandfather was a Mason”. “Maybe one day I would like to be one”; “my grandfather was also a Thirty-Second Degree Mason, a really fine man”. So how do we attract all of these young men, keep the men we already have, offer interesting programs and activities that make Masonry, especially Scottish Rite Masonry come alive? What will encourage a wife who pays the bills who says to her husband, “The annual Scottish Rite Dues bill arrived in the mail; you never attend; do you want to keep paying that \$120?”, do you say “go ahead and pay the Dues”? Too many do not continue to pay the Dues. At the end of the Biennium, throughout Scottish Rite, we must adjust the income side with the expense side. Do we cut the scholarships paying to assist our RiteCare children, close or sell a building, charge more for a meal, cut back on paid helpers? Too many Masonic organizations answer by raising the Dues! Fewer people, less income; raise the income, have fewer people. The last increase in Scottish Rite Dues to \$120 per year saw a 7% drop in overall membership – across the board, people just stopped paying – that was ten years ago. Many on your Leadership Team today have asked for an increase of \$5 or \$10 per year in Dues. Some even suggested a \$1 per year increase. Lodges are having to raise Dues; York Rite is raising Dues; Shrine is raising Dues. “Sweetheart, your Masonic Dues bills just arrived; they have increased them, do you want me to pay them?” Guess what? How many Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues, SNPD, will result? Too many. It is time for each and every one of us to EXCEL! First, attend Lodge. Next attend Scottish Rite. Stay current with your Dues. Speak up on what you expect and want from Masonry and Scottish Rite Masonry. Do you want a family-friendly atmosphere where wives and kids can feel welcomed and entertained? Do you want MORE LIGHT and education and a chance to be with your Brothers – male-bonding time? Masonry can only excel when the members demand excellence.

We have a relatively new program, VMAP, Valley Membership Achievement Project, a bottom-to-top program ensuring input from younger, enthusiastic members who really want Scottish Rite to succeed. Every Valley in Louisiana has participated, yet our membership numbers are hurting. Perhaps the “old guys” are not listening to the “young guys”, but something is wrong. VMAP does work. In the next several months, this Orient of Louisiana will completely revisit why our members are quitting, why SNPD is so high, why when we have a program of VMAP excellence, we are not embracing it and growing. As we continue ahead, THANK YOU for continuing to be a Scottish Rite Mason.

*Fraternally – Bill Mollere
Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Louisiana*



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In the early 1950s the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States initiated a program to help children with speech and language disorders. The results obtained from this program led to the establishment of RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program clinics to provide diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders, as well as learning disabilities.

Today, there are SRCLP clinics, centers, and special programs operating or planned for children and therapists located throughout the United States. Each facility is staffed by speech-language pathologists or other trained personnel. Through the support of Scottish Rite members, these clinics, centers, and programs continue to increase. The value of this philanthropy has long been apparent. Tens of thousands of youngsters across the United States have been helped significantly. With the good work of dedicated clinicians and parents, the Scottish Rite has achieved successes that could only be imagined a few years back. Children who might have remained educationally behind for a lifetime can now talk, read, and lead productive lives.



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Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family and country.

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.

