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The Importance of the Entered Apprentice Degree in Understanding Our World as Master Masons

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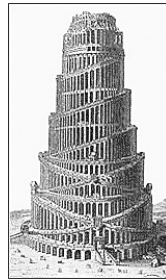
I recall how I felt after being raised a Master Mason. I was excited to learn all there was to know about Freemasonry, and couldn't wait to receive my first lesson as a Master Mason. But I must confess that even as the Master Mason Degree, with all its drama and symbolic allegories, is presented as the apex of the Freemason's journey, the Entered Apprentice Degree still fascinates me. Ever since I was raised a Master Mason, I've always walked with the Entered Apprentice Degree close beside me. There were times that I wondered if I was really a Master Mason. I mean, we all know what makes us a Master Mason, and I guess I'm as much a Master Mason as the next by those terms. But to be truthful and honest, because I don't always feel as though I've mastered myself or even fully understand how to, a part of me still feels like I am an Entered Apprentice Mason. I used to be troubled by these feelings, and couldn't put my finger on why a part of me felt compelled to be ashamed of feeling like an Entered Apprentice, and a part of me was completely ok with it and excited to be one, or at least feel like one. So I decided to devote some thought in understanding more clearly as to how a Master Mason can still feel like an Entered Apprentice Mason, and why one would feel compelled to under value the position of an Entered Apprentice Mason.

As I pondered and studied, and became more pensive; I realized that this is not off base at all with "The Great Aim" of Freemasonry, which will be alluded to going forward. As a matter of thought, I believe it is safe to say that most Master Masons feel as though they are still an Entered Apprentice Mason at times - and rightfully so; after all, the Entered Apprentice Degree is all about coming to a realization about our rudimentary connection to this wondrous imperfect world by which we are bound to throughout our entire lives, and how we must work with our disassembling elements and build a perfect Temple.

The City and the Tower

The realization of our base nature and its continuance is indispensable to our work as Master Masons. So as a Mason, there is value in our base nature and its connection to this imperfect world. Striving to rise above this world and become or return to something much greater is naturally instilled within our being. This raw ambition, which is so much a part of mankind, is what employs our actions and enables us to achieve extraordinary feats. We can read in the book of Genesis a story about the building of the Tower

of Babel. It tells us how the people of that city worked together in one accord to build a tower so that they could elevate their physical status to align with how they viewed themselves to be. Now there are many lessons to be learned in this story which range anywhere from communication of mankind to a contrast of the New Jerusalem spoken of in St. John's Apocalypse. But ultimately, this story teaches that success was not realized by the manner in which their ambition was employed. I prefer to view the story of Nimrod's city as displaying man's efforts to rise above himself, climbing and striving to obtain the Holiness that is beyond his grasp; using a tower or temple built by his own physical hand driven by his ill-applied ambition. Nimrod's city is a perfect picture of man's base nature at work and its failure through vanity.



In contrast, we can find a story of a very different city in St. John's Apocalypse found in the last book of the Christian Bible. It speaks of a Holy City, not built by the physical hand of man driven by his ambition, but prepared by the Holiness and sacrifice made by the Christ; coming down to meet mankind so that the Holiness of God, blessed be He, can dwell within and amongst mankind without the need of a temple or tower to go to or climb, because *It* and all *It* encompasses will be the Temple.

Now if we are not careful, we may wrongfully assume that the work of our hands, along with our ambition, is an unfulfilling work of vanity; but this is not what should be concluded by the aforementioned stories. Both cities have their purpose and place, and one cannot exist without the connection and continuance of certain elements of the other. What needs to be noticed is the ill-placed ambition of man in his base self, and how the correction of his employment of that ambition needs to be realized. Our base nature and our physical elements are not the ungodliness that causes us to fail, but should be viewed as the potential foundation provided in order to prepare a realization and connection to the next level of the Temple, and should not be viewed as a stepping stone to be left behind.

A Concept of Awakening

If humanity's happiness was provided within the rudimentary connection to this material realm alone, then conforming to the demands of this corporeal world would be the key to fulfillment, which life itself disproves; therefore, we are not completely of this corporeal realm, but are one-third of it at the very most. Also, to be completely consumed by a desire to leave or rise above this world by grasping at spiritual enigmas to the point that we disconnect and isolate ourselves from all who are not seeking those same enigmas, will cause the pendulum to swing the opposite way concluding the same results to be the realization of a lack of fulfillment, because we are at the very most one-third spiritual. So, an understanding of where the divisional lines are and how to connect them is essen-

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Red River Scottish Rite Club

With the blessing of the Valley of Shreveport, Brother Gar Pickering has started the formation process for a Scottish Rite Club in Alexandria. Called "Red River Scottish Rite Club at Alexandria", it will serve as a recruitment tool for the Valley 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 32° Masters of the Royal Secret who live in and around Alexandria; who want to study together; hold obligatory meetings together and fellowship together.

In time, after the development of by-laws and meeting any statutory requirements, membership will be restricted to Shreveport members who join after a certain future date. No dues are required at present, as they are looking for people who are just ready to start meeting. A new Facebook page is available and everyone is encouraged to visit:

www.facebook.com/RedRiverSRClubAlexandria

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Supreme Council

Biennial Session August 22-25
Washington D.C.

Grand Lodge

Warden's Retreat August 8
Woodworth
Quarterly Meetings October 17

Reunions

Shreveport August 15-16
Lake Charles September 12-13
New Orleans October 10-11
Baton Rouge October 10-11
Monroe October 31

The Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation

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Stories Through Pictures



Thirty-two new Masters Of The Royal Secret attend the final reunion at the New Orleans Scottish Rite Temple on Carondelet Street on May 9, 2015.



Shreveport Knights of St. Andrew squire three new members. L:R - Stephen McLellan, Sam Owens, Jeff Gaines, Darin West, John Sharlow, Jim Hill, John Cunningham, Squire Joe Patterson, Squire Zack Moffett, Squire Christopher Cannon and Ed Horton.



Ill. Ballard L. Smith, 33° GC, presents patents to Zack Moffett (center) and Christopher Cannon (right)

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The Importance of the Entered Apprentice Degree in Understanding...

tial to our Masonic fulfillment. If you recall within the *Louisiana Masonic Monitor*, this is alluded to by the Worshipful Master in his communication to every candidate in the preparation room, but usually not initially understood. So it is clear that before growth and fulfillment can take place, one must realize the divisional lines within one's self.

The Step

The Entered Apprentice Degree is the first step within this realization, and pertains to the laws of nature, society, and Brotherhood. It is the first step away from barbarism, and into Light. It is an instructed step in the dark, and a provisional portion of Light revealing that you are not alone in your obligation and work. This is what makes the EA Degree so important and continuously relevant within the work of a Mason. This Degree pertains to a symbolic dislodging of one's original connection to the social and physical ties to the mass populace, and how one is to work within it going forward.

In the Degree, a "silentude" should be experienced within the candidate's present darkness, and his unknown desire for Light is spoken of and requested for him to ensure the silence of his base desire. The Degree signifies a type of conception or birth, which begins when the candidate realizes he is separated and in darkness. The first divisional line is realized, and a separation of the elements is performed in order to alchemically change the first element, and prepare it for a future connection to the next Degree. Just as our great symbol is never permanently separated from itself or fused forever to itself, but is transformed through a gradual separation and reconnection; such is this process alluded to of our self throughout each Degree.

So, we must conclude that passing from one Degree to another does not mean that we have moved beyond the previous Degree, but have gone through it and continue to carry its work and Light with us. It is clear that the Entered Apprentice Degree is the foundation degree of Freemasonry, and should be rightfully valued as such.

A Concept of Division

One commonality with all the ancient mysteries is the basic division of man. In Manly P Hall's lecture on San Juan's (also known as St. John of the Cross) *The Dark Night of the Soul* it states that "man has three natures, or parts, of which the highest and first is essentially spiritual; the second, psychic, or belonging to the sphere of soul; and the third, material, bodily or corporeal, relating to the realm of body." It is also stated in that same text saying, "Materialism is not man's natural way; it is a way forced upon him by exterior factors, or by the confusion in his own nature and life." Other examples of the division can be found in books like Rabbi Joseph Gikatilla's *Gates of Light*, where it explains the elements of man are divided and identified as "the Nefesh (the living force), the Ruach (the spirit), and the Neshamah (the Divine soul)." The division of the corporeal is also evident in relation to the sun working through the Zodiac. It is noted in 32° Robert Hewitt Brown's *Stellar Theology and Masonic Astronomy*, that "the Royal Arch is supported by the three Cardinal Points of the Zodiac, which consists of the Vernal and Autumnal equinoctial points at the base, and the solstice point at the summit, of which the three are emblematic of the three Pillars of the Lodge."

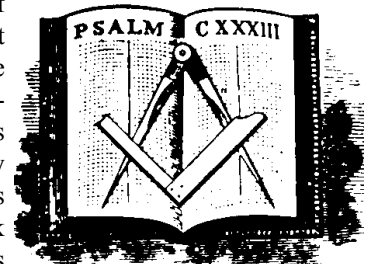
These divisions are important to life as we learn and know it. There is an understanding of time and course, and any imbalances of the seasons can be devastating. Now when we allow the corporeal elements to employ our psychic and spiritual energy to render profit to the corporeal only, we are dividing ourselves in a way that is cultivating confusion; one third then usurps the other two thirds, and we then suffer a deficit within our whole self. This lesson is alluded to in the explanation of the three Great Lights and the three lesser lights. So, the only way to create order through the chaos of confusion is to properly identify our 3 dimensional make up. We must learn how to properly pull apart and reconnect the three by understanding how one serves the other, and also by understanding the importance of the role of each and the course by which they must work. The goal of the Entered Apprentice is to begin and prepare himself for the search of Truth.

We are not required to completely understand what is in the plans or the mind of the G.A.O.T.U. That would be like trying to understand a 9 dimensional concept with a 3 dimensional mind; besides, we are able to exercise faith by these restrictions. What is required of us is to understand our 3 dimensional existences, and to understand the relevance of each one before we can properly connect it to the other. Once this is accomplished and mastered, another dimension can be introduced to us; until then, what good would it be to have access to 9 or 10 dimensions if the 3 or 4 we now have access to confuse us?

"...until quietism is attained, through certain continuing discipline, no individual is in a position to know the truth. For the truth is not something that is instantly available in spite of what we are; it is something ultimately available because of what we are. The mere fact that we seek truth, that we believe in it and long for it, or that we create definitions for it—this compound process is not sufficient. The individual, to attain to the state of true internal enlightenment, must recover first from confusion." Manly P. Hall-*Search for reality: Part I- The Dark Night of the Soul- Lectures on Personal Growth*

So in order to understand our world as a Master Mason, we must remember the lessons taught as an Entered Apprentice. Growth can change the dynamics of how everything in our life operates. So the things that we've mastered in the past, now take on a new characteristic in our growth. And because we do grow, there will always be a need of discipline to accompany that growth. This reminds us that we should always be willing to dislodge ourselves from the mass populace and return to a lonely silent place, and keep the lessons of this Degree within our work and knowledge; sizing ourselves up against its moral code ensuring us that our foundation is still within its circumscribed boundaries.

"Light partakes of both life and action; it is the sphere of blending" "Melchizedic and the Mystery of Fire"- Manly P. Hall



Fraternally,
Quincy Gotte, 32°
Valley of Lake Charles

Valley of New Orleans News

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2015 Membership Fees are due!

Calendar of Events

Stated Communications 7:30 PM
 6209 3rd Street Harahan, LA 70123
 (Louisiana Lodge #102)

Wednesday, August 5th

25 & 50 Year Membership Presentation

Wednesday, September 2nd

Bring A Friend - Bring A Brother program

Wednesday, October 7th

Feast of Tishri

FALL REUNION OCTOBER 10-11

Baton Rouge

Wednesday, November 4th

Thanksgiving Program

Wednesday, December 2nd

Holiday Program



From The Secretary's Desk

As you read this article we will have held our first meeting at our new "temporary" home at Louisiana Lodge #102 located at 6209 3rd Street in Harahan, LA. I would like to thank the brothers of Louisiana Lodge for working with us, and allowing us to use their beautiful facilities until we can establish our permanent residence.

The new address of the Valley of New Orleans' Business office is 433 Metairie Rd Suite 206 Metairie, LA 70005. Our

new phone number is 504-835-3780. We are there Monday thru Friday 8:30a.m. to 12:30 p.m. so stop by and pay us a visit when you are in the area.

Moving out of a building that we had occupied for 109 years was a long and difficult process. And, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the brothers that gave up their time to help accomplish this monumental task. I would like to name each of them, but alas my list of names has been misplaced. So not wanting to leave anyone's name out, I will just say this: If you came out once or you came out every time I called for assistance, from the bottom of my heart I say "THANK YOU".

We even had some of our ladies come out to lend a hand and do the things that us clumsy heavy-handed guys couldn't do. Ladies, each and every one of you, not just the ones that lent a hand, hold a special place in the Valley of New Orleans. And the officers of the four bodies and I would like to express our deepest thanks to you. Ladies remember as we have always said without your blessings, we would not be here.

On a sad note, on June 24th, we lost illustrious Brother Nicholas Randazzo. Ill. Brother Randazzo was 93 years old and had been a member of the Valley of New Orleans since July 13, 1957. He received the 32° on November 23, 1985. He was Past Master of several of the lodges in the New Orleans area, and had more Masonic titles than I have space to list. Brother Randazzo was a fixture at the early Sunday morning practices at Louisiana Lodge #102 and will be greatly missed. On a personal note, Brother Nick worked long and hard to teach me my ritual work so I could become a Certificate Holder in the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. Brother Randazzo Rest in Peace, you earned it. Until we meet again, my Worthy Brother.

At our last reunion in the old building on Carondelet Street we were able to initiate 32 new members in the Valley of New Orleans. Some of these new members have stepped up to the plate and have become part of the telephone committee. So if you get a call on your birthday or Scottish Rite Anniversary and you do not recognize the

name, you have just made contact with one of our newest members.

What, you say you are not receiving a phone call on your birthday or Scottish Rite Anniversary? Well, that can be remedied by a quick phone call to 504-835-3780 or by sending an email to nosrt@bellsouth.net and providing your new telephone number(s). Each month we find so many of you have changed numbers and forgot to let us know. This means we cannot reach you to offer you greetings on your birthday or Scottish Rite Anniversary.

And finally, the 2015 stickers for your dues card are in the office and are just waiting to be claimed. Do you have your 2015 sticker? If not, what are you waiting for? Please help us send all of the stickers to their rightful home!

Fraternally,
Martin J. Reinschmidt, 32° KCCH
General Secretary



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In Memoriam

James A. Bennett, Jr.
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Valley of Shreveport News

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tuesday, August 11th**
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM
- Summer Reunion August 15-16**
- Tuesday, September 8th**
Feast of Tishri 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, October 13th**
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, November 10th**
50 Year Membership Awards 6:00 PM
Veterans Day Program with Ron Chatelain
- Tuesday, December 8th**
Annual Christmas Program 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.

From The Secretary's Desk

We are rapidly approaching November, which is the time that our Orient presents honors to those who are well deserving. This ceremony will be held in Shreveport at the Scottish Rite Temple which is the undisputed Masonic Jewel in the Orient. The

grandeur of our Temple adds such a special aura to the Honors events.

The Supreme Council of the Thirty Third Degree Inspector General's of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States has met and the following Shreveport members have been elected to receive honors.

33° Inspector General Honorary

*Carey Clayton Allison
 Kenneth Ray Fuller*

Knight Commander Court of Honour

*Kenneth Maurice Hamm
 William James Hill III
 Stephen Christopher McLellan
 Samuel Barton Owens
 John Calvin Sharlow
 Joe Clyde Trice*

Please take a moment to congratulate these well deserving members on their recognition.

At our July meeting we were honored to have Architect Antoinette Johnson PhD, who spoke to a large crowd assembled in the auditorium on the architecture of our building and the historical significance of the murals in the building. Dr. Johnson's presentation on Paul Martin Heerwagen, the interior decorator of the Scottish Rite Temple, was very educational, and at the conclusion of the evening the crowd left with knowledge that had long been forgotten.

On August 15th & 16th, the two hundred-seventy first reunion was held, with a flurry of brothers scurrying here and there for the event. Lights, Sound, Stage and Wardrobe Crews. along with our Knights of St. Andrew, all of the things that go into a successful reunion, are a wonder to watch. The curtain rises and magic happens. The weekend is full of wonderful degree work and fellowship. Our sister Valleys had members in attendance and received stamps on their passports for attending the 9th, 10th, 21st and 32nd degrees. At the conclusion, the new Masters of the Royal Secret are on the path to a life filled with new friends and the opportunity to receive more light.

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

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Junior Warden: M. Darin West, 32°

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E. Louis McGee, 33°

Secretary All Bodies:

Gary L. Gribble, 33°

Venerable Master's Message

Scottish Rite and Masonry mean tradition, dedication, charity, brotherhood, and lineage. These words, with the exception of lineage, are well known and used throughout all of the Masonic bodies philosophy. What do I mean about lineage? To me it means tradition - the carrying on of a tradition. My father was initiated into the Scottish Rite at the Valley of Shreveport in November 1950 and was also a member of El Karubah Shrine. I knew this because he had a fez and we would go to the Temple at Cross Lake and to the circus. Did we discuss the Shrine or Scottish Rite? No. Did we talk about Blue Lodge Masonry, Scottish Rite Masonry, York Rite Masonry, or Shrine? No. What a shame and what a loss for me. What a problem for us all. There are too many good men sitting on the sidelines who need to be Masons - but that's a discussion for another day. In the years after becoming a Mason, I researched some of my family background and determined that my mother was a member of the

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IN MEMORIAM

*Gordon G. Godair
 Clyde J. Leachman*

Valley of Lake Charles News

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 past due!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:00**
Wednesday, August 19th
On The Road
- FALL REUNION SEPT 12-13**
Wednesday, September 16th
Feast of Tishri
- Wednesday, October 21st**
Eastern Star
- Wednesday, November 18th**
Veterans Appreciation
- Wednesday, December 16th**
Election of Officers
- Back Door Lunch: Last Friday of every
 month. Except in November & December**

Personally Speaking

August and September are busy months for the Valley of Lake Charles. Our annual Bus Trip will take us to Yellow Pine Lodge #282 in Oakdale, Louisiana. We are looking forward to seeing the brethren and their ladies from the northern reaches of the Valley at this event on August 19. The brethren of Yellow Pine Lodge are preparing a wonderful meal, and we are planning a special program for that evening. Those planning to attend the August meeting in Oakdale need to contact Blake Ford, Ex-

ecutive Secretary, at (337) 436-1676 or: lscottishritebodies@yahoo.com to reserve a seat on the bus and for the meal count.

Later in August, a contingent of members from the Valley of Lake Charles will join Scottish Rite Masons from around the Orient of Louisiana, the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions of the Scottish Rite, and Scottish Rite Masons from many countries around the world for the biennial Supreme Council Meeting in Washington, DC. This year we celebrate the centennial of the opening of the House of the Temple. This magnificent building serves as the headquarters for the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite and houses executive offices, museums, archives, libraries, and meeting rooms that support Scottish Rite Masons in every Orient and around the world. The centennial observance celebration is scheduled for Saturday, August 22, starting with an official ceremony, flowed by a tea party reception, and various tours of the building throughout the day until midnight.

The Supreme Council Session opens on Monday morning, August 24 at 9:00 a.m. EDT (8:00 a.m. CDT) and will be available as a live webcast through the Supreme Council website at www.scottishrite.org. Our own Illustrious Ronnie Seale, 33°, Grand Commander will open the Supreme Council session in ritualistic form in the ballroom of the Capital Hilton in Washington DC. It is a beautiful ceremony followed by introductions of prominent Masons representing Orients in the United States and International Jurisdictions as well.

On September 12 and 13, 2015 is our Fall reunion. We are preparing two degrees that have not been conferred for some time in our Valley for this Reunion. Hopefully, you know of a Brother Master Mason who is seeking more light in Masonry. If so, please visit with him and encourage him to join the Scottish Rite during the Fall reunion. Petitions are available from the Executive Secretary's office.

One final note, congratulations to those elected to receive honors on November 14th in Shreveport.

33° Inspector General Honorary

- Donald Blake Ford
- Charles Clifford Heath, Jr.
- Gerald Huey Houston
- Willaim Voris King
- James Edward Steen

Knight Commander Court of Honour

- Thomas Ellis Boggan
- John Wayne Derby
- Michael Blake Ford
- Donald Glen Head
- George Allen Wilkinson

Congratulations and best wishes on your election to your respective honor.

Fraternally,
Richard B Smith, 33°
Personal Representative

Venerable Master's Message

The Lake Charles Valley got their Americanism and Patriotism batteries charged with the prestigious Historic Flag

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2015 Officers

Lake Charles Lodge of Perfection

- Venerable Master: Gerald H. Houston, 32° KCCH
- Senior Warden: James R. B. Golding, 32° KCCH
- Junior Warden: Richard D. Morgan, 32° KCCH

Lake Charles Chapter Rose Croix

- Wise Master: Elmer L. Edwards, 32° KCCH
- Senior Warden: Mount W. Newby, 32°
- Junior Warden: Donald G. Head, 32°

Lake Charles Council of Kadosh

- Commander: W. David McCoy, 32°
- 1st Lt. Commander: David W. Scritchfield, 32°
- 2nd Lt. Commander: Ronald C. Stephenson, 32°

Lake Charles Consistory

- Master of Kadosh: Lynwood C. Burkhalter, 32°
- Prior: Terrell D. Fowler, 32° KCCH
- Preceptor: Thomas E. Boggan, 32°

Treasurer All Bodies:
J. Quincy Gotte, 32°

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

IN MEMORIAM

- Ira L. Bruce
- James H. Butler
- Charles Pete Dickson
- Allen V. Dubrock
- Nolan R. Gamble
- Lillard E. Payne
- Wilson R. Peters. Sr.
- Ralph E. Schenck

Valley of Baton Rouge News

Chartered October 20, 1955

Meets on the second Monday of every month



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**2015 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE
NOW PAST DUE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30

Monday June 8th

Presentation on the Obligation of the 32°

Monday, July 13th

60th Anniversary at the original location

Monday, August 10th

Acting Class

Monday, September 14th

Educational Program

Fall Reunion October 10-11

Monday, October 12th

Feast of Tishri

**Advisory Conference meets at 6pm on
regular meeting days.**

2015 Officers

Baton Rouge Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master: *Jeffery D. Maynor, 32°*

Senior Warden: *Christopher J. Adams, 32°*

Junior Warden: *Richard L. Fox, 32°*

Baton Rouge Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master: *H. George Scanlan, 32°*

Senior Warden: *R. Shane Marchand, 32°*

Junior Warden: *James E. "Buddy" Pearce, 32°*

Baton Rouge Council of Kadosh

Commander: *J. Andrew Owen, 32°*

1st Lt. Commander: *Timothy P. Sibley, 32°*

2nd Lt. Commander: *Timothy E. Ackermann, 32°*

Baton Rouge Consistory

Master of Kadosh: *W. Brian Harris, 32°*

Prior: *Frederic D. Denham, Jr., 32°*

Preceptor: *James E. Duncan, 32°*

Treasurer All Bodies:

Ben F. Melanson, 33°

Secretary All Bodies:

Jimmie D. Dunkin, 33°

Venerable Master's Message

There are a number of activities coming up soon around our Valley and I hope that every member will choose to be involved.

In August, we will have an acting class presented by Bro. Chris Adams. Scottish Rite degrees hold a wealth of information presented through some of the best dramatic sequences around. In order to convey that information the viewers must be engaged and drawn into the story. We can all learn a good trick or two for improving our performance, so please come out and learn!

On October 11th, we hold our 60th Anniversary banquet in addition to our Fall Reunion. Bro. Nick Auck is hard at work putting together the schedule, but he needs some helping hands to work in our degrees, on our stage crew, in the kitchen and in the classroom. If you are interested in any of those please get in touch with Bro. Nick.

If you know of a Brother who is not yet a Scottish Rite Mason, who is looking for more light, more knowledge, and fellowship with Brethren from a wider area, please talk to him about petitioning for our Fall Reunion and get that petition in soon.

At our July meeting, we were privileged to hear from Ill. Bro. Bev Guillot, PGM about the ceremony used by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana for laying a cornerstone. These physical reminders of Freemasonry have been much in the news of late thanks to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. It got me to thinking about what the Cornerstone of Scottish Rite Masonry might be.

In a physical sense perhaps, Scottish Rite's cornerstone is the beautiful House of the Temple in Washington DC, which celebrates the 100th Anniversary in August. The Rebuilding the Temple Campaign continues to raise funds for the renovation and updating of this beautiful Temple to serve as a visible symbol and home for all Scottish Rite Masons.

In a more abstract sense our Sovereign Grand Commander has often referred to *brotherhood* as the solid foundation upon which Scottish Rite Freemasonry is erected. This makes me think that perhaps the Cornerstone of Scottish Rite Masonry is

simply the connection of one Brother to another.

Have you laid a new cornerstone in your Masonic life recently? Have you greeted a new Brother with a smile and a handshake at a meeting?

Your Valley is currently looking for Volunteers to help us lay some new foundational stones in our Scottish Rite Valley by serving as an Ambassador to your Mother Lodge. If you are interested in taking on this role, keeping your Valley informed on special events in your Lodge, keeping your Lodge informed on programs in your Valley, and discussing Scottish Rite with all interested Brothers then please let me know.

*Fraternally yours,
Jeffery D. Maynor, 32°
Venerable Master*

From The Secretary's Desk

This summer has tuned out to be very active in the Valley. The Stated meetings have proven to be a learning experience for our members. Each meeting has been dedicated to a particular degree with emphasis on that degree's obligation. The obligations are dissected, then explained in much detail. At the conclusion, all present are asked to repeat their obligation as a token of rededication.

Our August meeting is scheduled to have another brainstorming session, asking members for their input as to the direction for our Valley's future.

The following Baton Rouge members have been elected to receive honors.

33° Inspector General Honorary

Anthony Nicholas Auck

Terrell Emmett Howes

Carle Lorenz Jackson

Guy Althes Jenkins

Charles Richard Peabody

Eddie Byron Robertson

Clayton Albert Wolfe

Knight Commander Court of Honour

Timothy Edward Ackermann

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In Memoriam

Harold M. Robinson

William D. Schroyer

Martin E. Taylor

Valley of Monroe News

Chartered November 13, 1971

Meets on the first Thursday of every month



Monroe Scottish Rite Temple

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2015 Membership Fees are past due!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Thursday, August 6th

Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 3rd

Feast of Tishri

Thursday, October 1st

Regular Meeting

Thursday, November 5th

Annual Thanksgiving Program

Thursday, December 3rd

Christmas Program

Election of Officers

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



Personally Speaking

Summer has finally arrived. For some, the season is a welcome occasion, and for others it means running from an air-conditioned building to an air-conditioned car. For still others, summer means endless days of tee-ball or baseball games all over the South. For most Scottish Rite Valleys, it means less attendance, more difficulty in finding programs, and a general decline in participation.

We in the Valley of Monroe, however, are looking forward to striving for a productive and meaningful summer. We plan to use these next few months to catch up on our VMAP projects, to update our Membership Committee, to help those Brothers working on the Master Craftsman programs, and to commemorate some important milestones.

We recently celebrated one such milestone when Bro. Wilson O. Cook, 32°KCCH had the pleasure of initiating his son Kyle as an Entered Apprentice in R. F. McGuire Lodge #209. Bro. Kyle has served diligently and honorably as the State Master Councilor of the Order of DeMolay for two terms, and his initiation was favored by the presence of our Grand Master and Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

Second, I and several members of the Monroe Valley attended a party to mark the retirement of our dedicated Grand Secretary, M:W: Bro Roy B. Tuck, 33° PGM. Bro. Tuck has worked tirelessly and effectively for the Grand Lodge over many years, and the fruits of his labor will surely continue to exert a benign influence for many years to come. We deeply thank you and wish you the best, Bro. Tuck.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention the efforts of our Venerable Master, Bro. Richard Mahoney, 32° KCCH who continues to provide our meetings with delicious, catered food and the most informative and entertaining programs. It seems as though the job was made for him, and we all owe him a big thank you. Please join him and me in better serving our Brothers, our beloved Rite, and our community.

Fraternally,
Travis M. Holley, 33°
Personal Representative

From The Secretary's Desk

The following Monroe Valley members have been elected to receive honors.

33° Inspector General Honorary

Will Phelps Gray

Henry Glenn Jordan

Leroy George Stenzel, Jr.

Knight Commander Court of Honour

Reabert Bing Bishop

Houston Barlow Holley

Troy Lee Lord

Waylon Bryan Price

Please congratulate these well deserving members on their recognition.

Fraternally,
Oma Frank Lee, 32° KCCH
General Secretary



2015 Officers

Monroe Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master: *Richard D. Mahoney, 32°KCCH*

Senior Warden: *Leroy G. Stenzel, Jr., 32°KCCH*

Junior Warden: *Richard L. James, 33°*

Monroe Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master: *Scotty D. Adams, 32°*

Senior Warden: *J. D. Harper, 32°*

Junior Warden: *M. Cash Melville, 32°*

Monroe Council of Kadosh

Commander: *Richard L. James, 33°*

1st Lt. Commander: *Mitchell A. Reynolds, 32° KCCH*

2nd Lt. Commander: *Michael A. Watts, 32° KCCH*

Monroe Consistory

Master of Kadosh: *Marvin E. Lord, 32°*

Prior: *Willis B. "Jake" Evans, 32°*

Preceptor: *John A. Howard, 32°*

Treasurer All Bodies:

Roy McDuffie, 33° PGM

Secretary All Bodies:

Oma Frank Lee, 32° KCCH

IN MEMORIAM

John Henry Martin

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Shreveport Valley Venerable Master's Message:

Order of the Eastern Star. I learned that my grandfather on my mother's side, Abram Franklin Crumpler, was a 50-year member of the Frank Sexton Lodge in Pittsburg, Texas, serving as Master in 1914 – 1915 as well as Past Commander of the Pittsburg Commandery. His great uncle, John Bailey, was a Mason in the state of Texas; and at one time, he was the oldest living Mason. Tradition carries on.

Tradition and consistency to me are all important. We are gaining members in a smaller number than desired, and we are losing more members because of inactivity and age. A small number of those we have gained are not as active as we would desire. Again, a discussion for another day. There is a difference to me between tradition for our activities and tradition for our work.

Tradition means: an inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought, action, or behavior (as a religious practice or a social custom); or the handing down of information, beliefs, and customs by word of mouth or by example from one generation to another without written instruction. To me, Masonic Tradition means carrying on the Tradition of the great works of Masonry. Faith, Hope, Charity, and the Tradition of helping others; helping your brothers, helping your family, learning more faith and hope; putting your faith and trust in God, the Great Architect of the Universe, to guide and direct you; the Tradition of our esoteric work to do it like our forefathers; tradition of keeping Masonry from generation to generation, to carry on that great heritage. It means Tradition of leadership in your profession and in your community. It means setting the example for others of how to act and how to lead. It means the Tradition of leadership. Leadership to make changes, find more ways to excite our brothers, and invite our membership to attend and participate.

*Fraternally yours,
W. James Hill, III, 32°
Venerable Master*



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New Orleans Valley News:

Venerable Master's Message

office of the Valley of New Orleans, but they are not quite there yet. Our new meeting place as you read in our secretary's article is Louisiana Lodge #102. There is plenty of parking; it is easily accessible from all parts of the Metro area and the west bank, so I hope to see you at a meeting real soon.

While things may still be in a state of "disorder" I am sure that everything will be back to normal as soon as possible. I am proud to report that the historical masonic books that were locked away in one of the offices in the old building are readily accessible at the new office on Metairie Rd. If you are looking to do some research on Masonic History stop by and see Brother Reinschmidt. Please remember, none of these books are allowed to be taken out of the office.

The following New Orleans members have been elected to receive honors.

33° Inspector General Honorary

- Anthony Radosty*
- John Thomas Williamson*
- Clayton Albert Wolfe*

Knight Commander Court of Honour

- Kenneth Kenrick Bell, Jr.*
- Johnny Anthony Callais*
- Wade Anthony Cheramie*
- Eddie Adam LeBoeuf, III*
- Don Alvin Springler*

These eight members have worked tirelessly not only Scottish Rite, but all branches of the Fraternity. Congratulations to one and all!

*Fraternally yours,
Warren A. Hintz, 33°
Venerable Master*

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Lake Charles Valley News:

Venerable Master's Message

Program presented by the Beauregard-Anderson Chapter of National Sojourners of Alexandria at our meeting last month in July. Many thanks go to the ones that came from many miles away to do the program. In August, we will have our annual Road-Trip (off-site meeting), and this year it will be to Oakdale where we will "pass a good time" when the bus rolls in. We will have an interesting program on historical information of the local area, and a short business meeting and hopefully will renew some interest for the Scottish Rite Valley in that area.

In September we will celebrate the Feast of Tishri as our ancient brothers did in times of old, by presenting a portion of their harvest in celebration of Thanksgiving to God for the bounty He bestows. Come and join us and bring someone with you. Our efforts in the VMAP project are showing signs of success as several surrounding lodges have requested speakers and programs about the Scottish Rite. These are opportunities our member's efforts have created, and we WILL follow-up appropriately.

October's program will be about the Order of the Eastern Star, presented by our local Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons under the able direction of Oscar Abshire, PGP, 32° KCCH. Our fall Reunion is September 11th, so there is limited time to recruit and secure new members. NOW would be a good time to work that goal. God Bless each of you and I will see you at the next meeting.

*Fraternally,
Gerald H. Houston, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master*



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Baton Rouge Valley - From The Secretary's Desk:

- Larry Sherman Bossier*
- Charles Frederick Coburn*
- Jeffery Davis Maynor*
- James Edward Pearce*
- Henry George Scanlan, Jr.*

They have earned this recognition and are all very deserving. Congratulations from the Valley!

Mark your calendars October 10th and 11th for our Fall Reunion. The Valley of New Orleans will join us for the weekend, making this a special time for fellowship. There are several special events being planned for this reunion. Additional information will be provided surrounding a banquet, 50 year presentations and celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Valley.

Dues card for 2016 will soon be here. Check your card and make sure you are current. We do have a few members who have not paid for 2015. You will need to have a current card when you come to the meetings. I look forward to seeing you at our stated meetings on the second Monday of each month at 7:30pm. Come early, fellowship and enjoy a meal before the meeting.

*Fraternally yours,
Jimmie Dean Dunkin, 33°
General Secretary-Personal Representative*

THE FINAL WORD



Ill. William J. Mollere, 33° Grand Master Sovereign Grand Inspector General “WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD”

One of the more famous parables in the New Testament is told about the owner of a vineyard who goes and hires workers in the morning to pick grapes. At Noon the owner goes back and hires more workers; and later in the afternoon more workers are hired. At the end of the day, the owner calls the workers together and pays all of the workers the same amount. Those who worked all day felt that it was unfair since they had labored all day while those who were hired later received the same wages. It is a classic story about GOD's grace freely given to all. In Masonry, we are taught many beautiful lessons about the Brotherhood of laboring together in the quarries of life. Some come later to the quarry but labor just as earnestly as those who have labored for years. Living the lessons of Masonry in the end results in achieving the rewards of a fair wage regardless of the amount of time being a Mason.

In the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, the Workers in the Vineyard appear as dedicated Brothers attending meetings regularly and participating, yet some just quietly sitting on the sidelines; many helping and exemplifying the several dramatic Degrees as team members or stage workers or sound and equipment workers; some as kitchen workers cooking, serving and cleaning, and in many other laboring roles. Many come to Reunions to hear and to learn adding to their love of Freemasonry through association. There are those who add to Scottish Rite by practicing Freemasonry in their profession, in the marketplace and business of life, not regularly attending a Scottish Rite meeting or Reunion. The reward of the lessons of Freemasonry cannot be gauged by time being in Freemasonry but by the time truly living the lessons and acting as a Freemason. So it is that every two years, it is my distinct honor, privilege and pleasure to nominate a few of those who are workers in our Scottish Rite vineyard to receive HONORS in Scottish Rite – the Knight Commander, Court of Honour, and the Inspector General Honorary – known to all as Red Caps and White Caps respectively. Most honored are long over-due for such recognition. Many designated will ask, "why me?", and as Ill. R B Smith has intoned often when asked "what did I do to deserve it?" Ill. Smith answers, "...probably not enough, my Brother". For me, it is a joyous time to pay the earned wages of labor to those good Masters of the Royal Secret, those Masters of Kadosh, those Knights Rose Croix, those who are the Perfect Elu, a portion of the visible, tangible, outward reward of their labor. Never enough can be honored due to the limitation set by a formula of numeral mem-

bership in our State-wide Orient. The number of over-all Members in the Orient with the number of over-all new members gained in a two-year period determines the number of available Honors that can be awarded. So when the five Valleys in Louisiana sustain the number of members in their Valley and add by bringing in large classes of new members at Reunions over a two year period, the wages paid as Honors for the workers in the vineyard results in a larger number of available nominations.

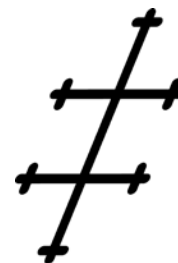
The names of all of those Brothers honored are posted and available on the Scottish Rite's website – www.scottishrite.org – and listed by Orient. My personal thanks and congratulations are extended to all of our new Honor Nominees. Their efforts for Scottish Rite, known to many but still some efforts performed quietly, have been in some small way recognized through the Honor. Knowing these Brothers, some for many years, makes the personal side very satisfying too. All are genuinely deserving and should be proud of the recognition; not in vainglory, but in true pride at their labors being recognized.

As we prepare to gather in Washington, DC in a few weeks for our Biennial Session, many of your Leadership Team members will attend to be a part of the historic celebration of 100 Years in the House of the Temple, the beautiful Masonic architectural masterpiece that belongs to all of us, and where the administrative and philosophical headquarters of Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction are housed. The invaluable and incomparable collections of books, documents, pictures, Masonic jewelry and collectables all together in a majestic temple dedicated to the meaning, teaching and lessons of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. We will officially recognize those honored during the Session. May our 2015 Session be enjoyed and long-remembered by all who attend.

Then for all of us in Louisiana, our Honors Day is Saturday, November 14, 2015, in Shreveport in the beautiful Scottish Rite Cathedral, the oldest remaining jewel of Masonic architecture in use in Louisiana. The day begins with the conferral of the Thirty-Third Degree, followed by a Luncheon for all Scottish Rite Members, Honorees and family and friends. The Investiture for those Knights Commander, Court of Honor will be held following the Luncheon. Then Saturday evening at the Headquarters Hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn in Bossier City, a Banquet will be celebrated by all in attendance. Details, information and meal tickets are available through your Valley's Office and your General Secretary. Make your Hotel Reservations now and get details for the Honors Day events soon.

To all who labor in the vineyards of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, the reward can be honors and recognition, but GOD's grace freely given is the ultimate honor and reward and knowing that all labor is worthwhile. As always, thank you for continuing your labor in the vineyards of Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

Bill Mollere, 33° S.G.I.G.



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All official correspondence with the Sovereign Grand Commander, and between Bodies of the Rite located in different Orients within this general jurisdiction, relating to the status of members, to questions of jurisdiction, to Masonic intercourse, to appeals for Masonic charity or Fraternal assistance, and to every subject requiring legislation by the Supreme Council shall be carried on through the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General or Deputies of the Supreme Council in charge of the respective Orients. All official correspondence with Bodies located in other jurisdictions relating to similar matters must be carried on by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or Deputy of the Supreme Council through the Sovereign Grand Commander, unless and as otherwise ordered or directed by him.



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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.

