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To Subdue My Passions and Improve Myself in Masonry

by
J. Quincy Gotte, 32°
Valley of Lake Charles

“Force, unregulated or ill-regulated is destruction and ruin, not growth and progress. It is Polythemus blinded, striking at random, and falling headlong among the sharp rocks by the impetus of his own blows.” Albert Pike – **Morals & Dogma**

Identifying our passions

Too often in today’s social and political climate - through social media and 24/7 News Commentary - we are exposed to an overwhelming display of anxiety, intolerance and offense; and all of this is experienced instantaneously and on a global scale. Sadly, many times we witness, exchange or take part in these passionate expressions, and in spite of our ability to reason through logic for or against a topic, we are left feeling exhausted and frustrated. Sometimes this is because much of society has been programmed to think a certain way rather than being taught the ability to think critically for themselves, but other times it’s our passions that get in the way, but mostly we may find that it is combination of both.

With our technology in its adolescent stages of growth, along with our pop culture’s instant gratification mentality, we find it all too easy, and often times obligatory, to express our opinions while our blood is hot. This is often done with no regard around how our opinions may be interpreted, and with no self-evaluation of our own intentions, nor any understanding of someone else’s intentions. And when it comes to a presentation or a debate, it is far too easy for one to just berate an idea or a process – which may have been presented in order to correct a wrong or to start a progress towards a correction – rather than provide an amendment to the proposal in order to seek out a joint solution to the problem being discussed. This is because

many live predominantly in an “us & them” mentality, and they do not realize that this type of mentality does not allow the concept of Peace, Harmony & Balance, but demands anxiety, strife and chaos; therefore, due to their bias, an amendment may never be considered by either of the debating sides.

Many groups/organizations that have sprung up from this climate have been primarily designed to demonize, marginalize or isolate a certain group of people. Their goal is to unite one particular group against another – inspiring and encouraging an “us & them” climate. These groups/organizations are not created in the spirit of unity, truth or love, but distort the three in order to propagate their own agenda and to antagonize. Convinced of their narrow minded and one sided solutions – which are drawn from their diminished faith in their own capabilities and their diminished faith in humanity – they hate in the name of self-love; and because they are faithless, intolerant and united in their unbridled passions, they blindly muscle their way through the ranks and dictate their rule by their emboldened passions and intoxicating ignorance. These organized groups along with many individuals in our society, have allowed their passions to rule; and in doing so, will soon find themselves “falling headlong among the sharp rocks by the impetus of their own blows,” but the fall can be slow going and is not always immediately realized. While the fall is in motion, heated contention and then bitterness along with hard feelings will be prevalent in all their communications.

Passion is a force, and the result of unregulated or ill regulated passion is anger, self-gratification and fear... the fear of losing or of being cheated out of something one feels they deserve. We as Freemasons are not immune to what is common to the human condition; and if we are not careful, we may also become blinded or swayed by our passions – even against another Brother - just as quickly as any other unbridled passionate soul that lacks strength and establishment.

As Freemasons we are required to look to Truth & Love, which work together as the “*two great motors*”

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Shreveport

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The jurisdiction of this Supreme Council includes all the territory over which the United States of America exercises domain of powers of government, except the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin, which were apportioned by this Supreme Council to the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States. The jurisdiction of this Supreme Council also includes those countries where it has established, or may hereafter establish, Bodies of the Rite, and over which countries no regular Supreme Council has acquired jurisdiction.

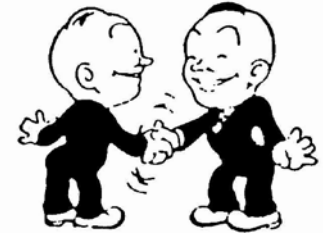
Red River Scottish Rite Club



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

Someone is waiting for you



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

Calendar of Events

Supreme Council

Biennial Session August 19-21
Washington, D.C.

Orient

Conference of the Orient November 10
Honors Day November 11
Shreveport

Grand Lodge

Quarterly Meetings October 14

Reunions

Shreveport August 12-13
Monroe October 28
Lake Charles September 9-10
Baton Rouge September 30
New Orleans (Baton Rouge) September 30

The Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation

Scholarship Awards

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

Speech and Language Scholarships

Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge

Jordan Mann
Macy Jackel

Louisiana State University-Shreveport

Rebecca Coleman
Ethan Hyatt

The Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation held its annual meeting in Alexandria, on July 2nd and the following officers have been chosen for the ensuing year:

2017-2018 Officers

Foundation

President: S. Bruce Easterly, 33°
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Wills and Legacies

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Shreveport Scottish Rite Childhood Learning Center

John D. Autry, Sr., 32° KCCH-Center Administrator, presented scholarship awards to Rebecca Coleman and Ethan Hyatt, clinicians at the Shreveport Learning Center. Rebecca and Ethan are graduate students at LSU Health Sciences Center, pursuing Master's degrees in speech-language pathology.



L: R - Rebecca Coleman, John Autry-Center Administrator and Ethan Hyatt.

LSU
Health
SHREVEPORT



Admiral E. A. Barham 33° Scottish Rite Childhood Learning Center

Expression of Gratitude

I am writing to express my gratitude for selecting me to be one of the recipients of the Spring 2017 Scottish Rite Foundation Scholarship. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated. I was truly honored to learn that I had been selected.

I am in my last year of the Master's Program for Speech-Language Pathology at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. I have also obtained a Minor in Psychology, as a certain degree of counseling is important when working with individuals with speech and/or language disorders. After graduation in December of 2017, I plan to pursue a career within the medical aspect of the field (i.e., skilled nursing facility, hospital, rehabilitation center, or a pediatric hospital).

Your generous award of the Spring 2017 Scottish Rite Foundation Scholarship aided in reduc-

ing my financial burden, which allows me to more adequately focus on my commitment of furthering my education. I hope to change the world one life at a time through my work as a Speech-Language Pathologist, and your gift has helped me get one step closer to achieving my dream. I, too, wish to give back to the community and one day help future students further their education so that they can also make a difference in the world.

Sincerely,
Aimee Elliott



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100 Year Old Receives Facelift:

that power the “*force of thought*” and “*energy of philosophy*”; which thought and philosophy are required to flow through the “*brain*” of the “*Force*” to write and enforce its “*law*” in order that we may circumscribe our desires and keep our passions within due bounds; only then are we able to act and communicate in a manner that unites rather than divides. Harmony, Peace, Chaos and Strife can all be reciprocated; but it is the individual’s choice as to what they will reciprocate.

“When all these Forces are combined, and guided by the Intellect, and regulated by the Rule of Right, and Justice, and of combined and systematic movement and effort, the great revolution prepared for by the ages will begin to march. The power of the Deity Himself is in equilibrium with His Wisdom. Hence the only results are Harmony.” Albert Pike – **Morals & Dogma**

Grammar, Rhetoric & Logic

“Do not expect easily to convince men of the truth, or to lead them to think aright.” Albert Pike – **Morals & Dogma**

Freemasonry never requires its members to force Truth or Light on to others; this is what our Charges teach, and this is why we do not recruit. But what Freemasonry does require of its members, is to strive for and to understand the importance of a strong, stable and true foundation by which we may build our own Temple. We are taught the importance of circumscribing our desires and controlling our passions so that we are able to harness the strength that is found within them. Freemasonry teaches us to establish our Temple by recognizing the need for Harmony (3), respecting and valuing different cultures (5), and gaining knowledge through the study of Arts & Sciences (7); therefore, it is incumbent of us to improve how we view and understand our world and surroundings, and how we should act, interpret and respond to it.

Our world and surroundings are common to all mankind, including the “us & them” crowd. Therefore it becomes part of our development to understand the position and passions of not only ourselves, but the position and passions of “the opposition” as well; not for the sake of the opposition alone, but for the sake of understanding. So, having a clear understanding of our own agenda or values alone, along with the reasoning skills

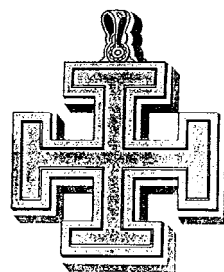
to communicate them, is not enough to realize Peace & Harmony. It is important to remember that the world is not and has never been in lack of martyrs, even though some of those martyrs were in Harmony with this world & the Deity, and there were also some that were not – both the lion and the dog are subject to the same end. So, we would be foolish to think that we have the ability to bring Peace & Harmony to anyone – some do not want it, and some are not ready for it. But this is not our obligation, our obligation is to realize Peace and Harmony within ourselves; and the only way this can be realized is to continually gain understanding of “the opposition” that we are faced with both internally and externally – because everything is common in the human condition.

We should never forget that everyone feels the need to be understood, respected and valued, and we as Freemasons should strive to become capable of providing this to others without diminishing our own position; we may even gain correction or gain more clarity of our own position in doing so – but this can only be achieved if we are proficient in all of our Degrees.

When we approach the opposition with the understanding that there may be just as much logic, reasoning and passion that has gone into their position as we have invested in our own (sometimes there is more passion than reason or logic, but there are always elements of all three present) and that only Truth & Love can provide the clarity needed to see beyond imbalances or blind passions, only then can we find the common ground needed to bridge the gap.

As AASR Freemasons, we are required to never lose faith in the strength of our foundation and the establishment of our truths to provide us the ability to communicate respectfully in a way that exercises Peace & Harmony; and to never lose faith in our fellow man’s potential and ability to do the same.

Fraternally yours,
J. Quincy Gotte. 32°
Valley of Lake Charles



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, August 2nd-CANCELLED
Meeting has been cancelled
Wednesday, September 6th
Regular Business Meeting
Saturday, September 30 - Fall Reunion
Joint Reunion with Baton Rouge
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



2017 Officers

Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master: Bernard L. Gould, Jr, 32° KCCH
Senior Warden: K. Joseph Kueck, 32° KCCH
Junior Warden: Kenneth K. Bell, 32° KCCH

Pelican Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master: Michael W. Nastasi, 32° KCCH
Senior Warden: Dave H. Krasner, 32°
Junior Warden: Nelson J. Ardoin, 32°

Eagle Council of Kadosh

Commander: John C. Miller, 32°
1st Lt. Commander: Stephen M. Byrant 32°
2nd Lt. Commander: Ion Lazar, 33°

New Orleans Consistory

Master of Kadosh: Eddie A. LeBoeuf, 32° KCCH
Prior: Adam G. Krolikowski, 32°
Preceptor: Stuart M. Smith, 32°

Treasurer All Bodies

Ion Lazar, 33°

Secretary All Bodies

Martin J. Reinschmidt, 32° KCCH



Personally Speaking

As this is the year that we will assemble in Washington, D.C. for the Biennial Supreme Council Session, it is also the year that we will bestow Scottish Rite Honors on some of our brothers who have distinguished themselves in our fraternity, not just Scottish Rite but in all of Masonry.

This year, on Saturday November 11th, two of our Knight Commanders of the Court of Honour will have the Thirty-third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite conferred on them. Our newest Inspectors General Honorary are: George L. Luft, Jr. and Martin J. Reinschmidt. If you have attended any events at the old Scottish Rite Temple Building or at our new temporary home, you were surely greeted by Brother Luft, as he has served as out Tyler for many, many years. By now you should have had some type of interaction with Brother Reinschmidt, as he has been the General Secretary of our Valley since 2013.

Our newest Knight Commanders of the Court of Honour are: Brother Garland M. Gisclair, Brother Dave H. Krasner, and Brother John C. Miller. These are three very hard-working Scottish Rite Masons and can usually be found helping in the kitchen at our monthly meetings, working

to assist with the reunions and will do anything they feel to make everyone attending any of our events comfortable and welcomed.

I know there are others that can be considered for these honors, but we are restricted by a formula that is put in place by the Supreme Council as to how many honors we can award every two years, and this time these men were nominated by their brothers and elected by the Supreme Council.

While things are going well in the Valley of New Orleans, I must report to you that our Venerable Master, Brother Bernard L. "Bernie" Gould, Jr., 32° KCCH, tendered to me his resignation of his office on Monday July 3rd. It was with great regret that I accepted his resignation and wish him well.

Also, due to a conflict in my schedule, along with those of Brother Reinschmidt, we will not have a meeting in the month of August. We will meet in September on Wednesday September 6th.

Fraternally yours,
 Clayton J. "Chip" Borne, III 33°
Personal Representative



From The Director of Work

If anyone is interested in being a part of one of our degree teams for the upcoming reunion is September please contact me and let me know. I can be reached at (504) 913-4607 or at elmoguitar49@yahoo.com.

We will be conferring the 14th and 18th degrees and possibly the 30th at the upcoming joint, with Baton Rouge, reunion.

To all members of our KCCH Investiture team, we will schedule practice sessions to sharpen our skills for the Investiture Ceremony on November 11th in Shreveport. You should have received all the information from our General Secretary by now and if you haven't please contact him at the valley office.

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

Valley of Shreveport News

Chartered October 26, 1913

Meets on the second Tuesday of every month



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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
- Saturday, November 11th**
Honors Day
- 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
 Our meeting on August 8th will be regular business to put the final touches on the summer reunion, being held beginning on Saturday, August 12. This will be a two day reunion, when all of our regularly exemplified degrees will be presented.

As mentioned in the last issue of the Trestleboard, in September, the Shreveport Chapter Knights of St. Andrew will conduct the Feast of Tishri. Members, their families, and guests are invited and encouraged to attend the program.

The program of presenting degrees during regular meetings will feature the 29th Degree-Scottish Knight of St. Andrew and the 31st Degree-Inspector Inquisitor in October. November is always the month we recognize our newest 50 year members and honor our Veterans.

2018 dues notices will be arriving in your mailboxes before you know it. If you haven't paid your 2017 dues, please remit them prior to next year's notices. Not that you need reminding, your dues support our Speech and Language Center, provides for maintenance on our building and to budget for the upcoming year.



L:R - Ballard L. Smith, 33° G.C., PGM, Dennis Snoddy, Michael Meyers, Keith Williamson and Ronny Lynn

Our newest Masters of the Royal Secret were presented their patents at our meeting in June, as seen in the above photograph. Please show your appreciation for them joining our beloved Scottish Rite.

Our 2017 Honors: Inspector General Honorary 33° - John D. Autry.
 KCCH - Troy J. Jones, Robert L. Rowe, II, Charles R. Smith, M. Darin West and Adrian K. Winham. Congratulations to our most deserving brethren!

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

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

Commander: Robert E. Bazzell, 33°
1st Lt. Commander: E. Allen Kelly, 32° KCCH
2nd Lt. Commander: David L. Culligan, 32° KCCH

Shreveport Consistory

Master of Kadosh: Troy J. Jones, 32°
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: John R. Cunningham
Knight Warden: Albert G. Simms, Jr.
Knight Captain: Christopher E. Cannon
Knight Recorder: M. Darin West

Knighly News

A dark light has come over the Shreveport Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew. Our sitting Commander, Brother & Sir Knight Joseph R. Patterson went to join the Great Architect of the Universe in May, at the age of 36, from complications surrounding the cancer he has been suffering over the past few weeks.

Many of you know Joseph as "Big Joe". Big Joe was extremely involved and active in Freemasonry, having served as Master of his Blue Lodge, High Priest of his Chapter, Commander of his Commandery of Knight Templar, and was the sitting Illustrious Master of his Council. In addition, Joseph was the sitting Secretary of the Shreveport York Rite Bodies, Commander of the Shreveport Chapter of KSA, and also held the position of Junior Warden of the Shreveport Lodge of Perfection, like I said

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IN MEMORIAM

*Ethan Allen Gillispie, Jr.
 John Calvin Hardin, Jr.
 Jimmy Davis Long
 Leo Nichols*

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**
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
 Summertime is marked by longer hotter days, when people are more likely to spend time outdoors, traveling, and on vacations. The Lake Charles Scottish Rite Bodies reflect those actions by moving our charter out of the Lake Charles Masonic Temple to another Blue Lodge in a different location in our Valley.

This year we will travel to Hope Lodge #145 in Lafayette, Louisiana to hold our August meeting. Prior to the meeting however, the brethren and their ladies will visit the Rite Care Speech, Hearing, and Language Disorders Clinic at the University of Louisiana – Lafayette. Each time we visit our Rite Care Clinic, we are reminded of the great work our clinicians do in helping children overcome their individual speech, hearing and language difficulties so that they may communicate better and enjoy a happier healthier life. Please contact the Scottish Rite office if you would like to ride the bus to Lafayette at (337) 436-1676 or lcscottishritebodies@yahoo.com.

We also see the clinicians grow into their professional roles as they pursue the Master’s Degree in Communications Disorders. Society needs more trained professionals to help our children learn to communicate at an early age. This removes many learning barriers for the child and helps them in their growth and development into a successful adult.

The biennial session of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction, will be held in Washington, DC, August 19th through 23rd. Our own Ill. Ronnie Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander will preside. The opening session on Monday morning will be webcast on the Supreme Council’s website: <https://scottishrite.org>.

We want to congratulate and recognize the 2017 honorees: Terrell Fowler, 33° IGH elect, William “Bill” Bailey, 32° KCCH elect, J. Quincy Gotte, 32° KCCH elect, and Mount W. Newby, 32° KCCH elect. These brethren will receive their honors in Shreveport on November 11th.

Our Fall Reunion is scheduled for Sat-

urday, September 9th and Sunday, September 10th. We will be conferring a few degrees that have not been conferred in several years so it will be a great opportunity to come and spend some time with the brethren in fraternal communion. Also, if you know a Master Mason that would be a good Scottish Rite Mason, help him fill out a petition for the Fall Reunion. The lifeblood of every volunteer organization is new members. WE need your help in bringing in these new members.

September 20th is the annual Feast of Tishi. Brother Quincy Gotte and his team will conduct the annual observance in the dining room. It is an open event, so ladies and Master Masons are invited to attend. We have a more activities planned for the remainder of the year, so please mark your calendar for the third Wednesday of each month to attend YOUR Scottish Rite activities.

Fraternally,
Richard B Smith, 33°
 Personal Representative



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Lake Charles Consistory

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 Prior: Harold H. Young, 33°
 Preceptor: Max P. Adame, 32°

Treasurer All Bodies:
 J. Quincy Gotte, 32°

Secretary All Bodies:
 D. Blake Ford, 33°

IN MEMORIAM
 Alva E. Hays
 Harley N. Hebert
 James H. DeCordova

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**
Monday, August 14th
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 11th
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 9th
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 13th
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 11th
Election of Officers
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°
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Secretary All Bodies:
 James E. Wingate, 33°

From The Secretary's Desk

First, I wish to say what a great honor it is having been appointed the Valley of Baton Rouge and to serve as your General Secretary. I have been serving as secretary of my lodge for over 12 years, but this is on a much larger scale. I recall on my first day in the office I was over whelmed with the amount of things I needed to learn. However, I was not alone! I received phone calls and emails from the other Valleys in Louisiana and from Supreme in Washington D.C. offering their assistance if I needed any help. This was a wonderful feeling to know of all the support that is out there to call upon if needed.

I would like to share an experience with everyone. After the flood and most of the work on my house was completed I attempted to gain employment locally in the Denham Springs area. I submitted applications to three different companies and spoke with the managers who reported that they needed a person of my qualifications. However, no one called me for an interview or follow-up from my applications. I was felling somewhat depressed that I could not even get hired at the beginners level. Then one day, I received a called from Brother Mollere who offered the position of General Secretary. I believe God did not allow me to get the other jobs because He was waiting for the right one to become available.

Now, I am moving forward with the work of the Scottish Rite. Several other members of the craft and I are working together as a team and we are moving forward in our efforts to RECOVER, REBUILD, AND TO REJOICE. I call these the Three 'R's. We are going to RECOVER from the flood, we are going to REBUILD from the flood, and we are going to REJOICE in God's Love with all the help, aid, and assistance given to us from lodges all over the country. This is what makes us Masons, and this is why we call ourselves Brothers. The Honor is to Serve.

Fraternally yours,
 James E. Wingate, 33°
 General Secretary



Venerable Master's Message

Returning from the July Grand Lodge session, as I was driving home, I considered the strife that has been upon the Valley since the flood. We lost our home, and without insurance coverage, it felt like we lost our future. It took more than a third of our funds, just to clean and remediate the buildings to eliminate any health hazards. The estimates to repair just the annex would have consumed the remainder of our funds, and as the valley was already losing money annually, this would have brought insolvency to the valley. We still have our recurring expenses, utilities and fees to satisfy, but in order to keep the valley with a future the members voted to not use our current funds to repair the buildings. While this was a hard decision, it has forced us to use the benevolence of others and our own members to do the repair work on the Annex. I am happy that we will be returning to the Annex in August and I am proud of the many members who have contributed time, money and physical effort. Many of these people suffered personal losses as well. Their efforts have given the Valley a future, and we will forever owe them a debt of gratitude.

This reminds me of the five brothers who kept Humble Cottage Lodge meeting during the War of Northern Aggression. Being too old to serve in the army, they took it as a duty to keep the lodge meeting, not for themselves, but for the brothers who could not be there to have a viable lodge to return to.

So as we return to the Florida Boulevard location, we now have a future. Not a guarantee, but a chance. For this opportunity to continue, it will be necessary for more of the members to return to the valley meetings. The floods have decreased our number of dues paying members to a critical level. The only way to overcome this is to grow the membership, this can be

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In Memoriam

- Henry Burr Betemps, Jr.
 Larry Houston Moore
 Dan Wilbert Bush
 Ollie Thomas Perry
 Jewel Jeremiah Smith, Jr.

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, 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

As we prepare for our upcoming our upcoming Scottish Rite Supreme Council Session, we look back at our recent Grand Lodge session. Many important issues were covered at Grand Lodge and we commend our Junior Past Grand Master, MW Capt. Will Phelps Gray, USN (ret.), on an outstanding session. He has served and represented this Grand Lodge and all of Masonry with great honor. Let us all give a round of thanks to him and congratulate him on his amazing work. We owe him a great debt of gratitude. Thank you, Captain!

Our RiteCare Clinic is serving the children of our community and the ladies that help these children are to be commended. We have helped 12 children, given 6 scholarships and the clinicians have put in 264 hours of service to the RiteCare system. Great Job, ladies! Thank you!

We encourage our brethren to sell Raffle tickets for our "52 Gun Raffle" which will help with all the financial needs of Monroe Scottish Rite. Please get with our General Secretary or one of the raffle committee members to purchase a ticket. If you know someone (does not have to be a Mason) who has yet to purchase a ticket, send them to one of these brethren.

I would also like to congratulate our honorees for this biennial session. Ill. Bro. Michael A. Watts, 33°, M. Cash Melville, 32° KCCH, and J. Keith Gates, 32° KCCH. Join me in congratulating these very worthy brethren.

We would also like to remind everyone of the upcoming reunion on October 28. Talk to your lodges and invite the brethren to join us and take part in our work.

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



From the Secretary's Desk

First, let us all welcome and congratulate our new Grand Master, Most Worshipful Guy A. Jenkins. I have no doubt that he will serve our Grand Lodge with honor and distinction.

We still have tickets for the "52 Gun Raffle." This fund raiser promises to ensure

that Scottish Rite Masonry will thrive for years to come. If you would like to purchase a ticket or would like more information, please feel free to contact me any time at monroescottishrite@icloud.com or call me at 318-343-6388.

We have had a great time traveling across the Northeast area bringing Scottish Rite Masonry to the lodges. We fellowshipped in Winnsboro Lodge in July and we will have a great time in Ruston Lodge in August. We are preparing for our annual Feast of Tishri observance on September 7th at 6:00pm. We are also preparing for our upcoming reunion on October 28, 2017 starting at 8:00am. Encourage your brethren to become a member and an active part of our Valley.

Masonry is built upon the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. Let us enjoy our brethren for the short period we inhabit this tiny blue marble we call Earth. Let us love one another, treat each other as equal and encourage with all our might the growth of Masonry.

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



2017 Officers

Monroe Lodge of Perfection

*Venerable Master: Richard L. James, 33°
Senior Warden: Will P. Gray, 33°
Junior Warden: Michael A. Watts, 32° KCCH*

Monroe Chapter Rose Croix

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IN MEMORIAM
God is great.

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New Orleans Valley News:

From The Secretary's Desk

First, please mark your calendar for Saturday September 30th, as that is the date of the Joint Reunion with the Valley of Baton Rouge. I know we have scheduled and rescheduled this Reunion several times, but this is the drop-dead date. The reunion will be held in the newly renovated Lodge Room located in the Annex Building on the Scottish Rite Property in Baton Rouge.

If you have any one who is interested in receiving the higher degrees of the Scottish Rite, please get them a petition and turn in that petition along with the \$275 initiation fee to the office by the September 6th meeting. That will be the last chance we have to vote on any potential candidates. If you need a petition, please contact me at the office either by email, NOSRT@bellsouth.net or by telephone 505-835-3780.

I would like to take this time to extend a note of congratulations to my four brothers who have been selected to receive the Scottish Rite Honors in November. To Brother George Luft, thank you for you many years of service to the Valley of New Orleans and the many hours that you have spent at the door to our meetings and Reunions guarding against any cowans and eavesdroppers. To Brothers Gisclair, Krasner and Miller, thank you for your many hours of service to the Valley either back stage at the reunions or in working to see that your brothers, our guest and our lades were made to feel welcomed at our many functions. You are all well deserving of these Honors.

As I write this article, we still have ninety-five (95) members who have not paid their 2017 dues. The Statutes of the Supreme Council and our own By-laws state that all membership dues are due on the first of January each calendar year and are considered delinquent after that. Dues notices have been sent out from this office to those members who have dues that are outstanding. Shortly dues notices will be mailed out from the Supreme Council to all members for their 2018 dues. If you have not paid you 2017 dues by June 30th when you receive your notice from the Supreme Council it will show you have a balance due of \$240, which is for 2017 and 2018 dues. If you know of anyone who has not paid their Scottish Rite dues for 2017, please speak with them and ask them to send in their checks today.

As we are now into the second half of 2017, we need to start looking for members who are interested in running for one of the open chairs in the flour bodies. If you are interested, please forward you Masonic Resume to me so I can begin to build a file. If you are already in the line of officers in one of the bodies and wish to advance you can email me a short note indicating your wish to be considered for advancement.

Don't forget, as Personal Representative Illustrious Borne stated in his article, **we will not have a meeting in August.** See you in September. September 6th to be exact.

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



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Baton Rouge Valley - Venerable Master's Message:

from returning members we have lost, but more importantly by new young Masons who will become the future of the valley. The next reunion is scheduled for September 30th – October 1st, and now is the time for us to prepare. We need members to help with this reunion. Some to serve on degree teams, some to help in the stage crew, some to help in the kitchen and most importantly some to visit the lodges to invite Masons to join. The very future of our valley depends on members stepping up and participating.

As the site for this joint reunion is going to be at the Annex, I consider it to be our Homecoming, an excellent opportunity to meet old friends and brothers. But far more importantly, a chance to meet the future of the Valley of Baton Rouge, and to discuss with them the many great memories and life lessons that come from Scottish Rite Membership.

Fraternally yours,
Chester L. Finley, 32°
Venerable Master

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Baton Rouge Valley News:

Personally Speaking

The Valley has survived “The Great Flood Of 2016”. We anticipate moving back into the Annex Building in the very soon. A joint reunion with New Orleans is scheduled for September 30th. Honors for the Valley are: KCCH - Howard Lewis Dalton, Chester Lawrence Finley and James Martin Stockner. Congratulations!

Fraternally yours,
James E. “Buddy” Pearce, 32° KCCH
Personal Representative

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Shreveport Valley - Knightly News:
 VERY involved.

Joseph was a very religious man, that not only spoke about the gloried of the Lord, but lived it every day. He was kind, instructive and had a great sense of humor, which he took every opportunity to share. Many said that Joseph needed to be as large as he was (6'4" & 450+ lbs), just in order to have the space to hold the enormous heart that he shared with everyone he met.

To everyone in the Shreveport area, Joseph was a true Brother and friend, and his presence will be missed immensely. Please pray for those he left behind, specifically his wife of 12 years (Amy) and his stepson (Logan), and rejoice the fact that we all had the honor and privilege to have met and known Joseph.

Brother Jesse Poole designed a fitting memorial graphic, as seen below.



During our regular meeting in June, a special election was held to fill the vacancy left by the passing of our beloved Commander. John Cunningham was elected as Knight Commander, with Al Simms as Knight Warden and Chris Cannon as Knight Captain.

Fraternally yours,
M. Darin West, 32° KStA
Knight Recorder



THE FINAL WORD



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

The Best Of Times

One of my favorite novels, “A Tale of Two Cities” by Charles Dickens, begins “It was the best of times, it was the worst on times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light...” A story of two men in two different locations, London and Paris, during the period of the French Revolution who viewed life from two different perspectives. We sometimes forget that period of time when the world seemed to be crazy with society upended, people be-headed for whispering the wrong words, everyone having to take “sides” and hoping their decision was right. Strangely, Scottish Rite Masonry was in the middle of that period – in France being enjoyed by the best and brightest with even the worst characters belonging to Lodges, the Enlightenment beginning to close its ranks, and free thinking structured to “correct” thinking. Across the English Channel, the British Empire had fought a big war and lost some major territory, the American Colonies. Britannia still ruled however, and Freemasonry was a strong part of society. As strange as it seemed, Masonry held together in both lands with all of the major players as members. The Scottish Rite in France was growing and expanding, the York Rite in England growing and expanding. The common ingredient, of course, was the Brotherhood offered through Freemasonry that allowed even in the worst of times to bring out the best in people.

We need to remember those lessons of that Brotherhood when times seems to get crazy – whether personal, family, professional, even political times. Nothing can make us forget those words in the Eighteenth Degree “...to be better than ourselves...” Those crazy times seemed so distant recently when our Supreme Council

was called into Special Executive Session to consider electing those Brothers across our Southern Jurisdiction to receive honors, or as we Scottish Rite Masons say, “Honours”. Joyous times! Wonderful times – it is the best of times. The following have been elected to receive Honours – in Shreveport on Saturday, November 11 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral -

Inspector General, 33° – Honorary Members of the Supreme Council - Terrell Dewight Fowler (Lake Charles), Michael Arnold Watts (Monroe), George Louis Luft, Jr (New Orleans), Martin John Reinschmidt (New Orleans), and John Douglas Autry, Sr (Shreveport).

Knights Commander, Court of Honour, KCCH – Investiture - Howard Lewis Dalton (Baton Rouge), Chester Lawrence Finley (Baton Rouge), James Martin Stockner (Baton Rouge), William Wilder Bailey (Lake Charles), Joseph Quincy Gotte (Lake Charles), Mount Wakefield Newby (Lake Charles), Justin Keith Gates (Monroe), Micheal Cash Melville (Monroe), Garland Michael Gisclair (New Orleans), Dave Hugh Krasner (New Orleans), John Christopher Miller (New Orleans), Troy Jarred Jones (Shreveport), Robert Louis Rowe, II (Shreveport), Charles Richard Smith (Shreveport), Michael Darin West (Shreveport), and Adrian Keith Winham (Shreveport).

These Brethren have given their best and tried to make their Valley better, and in turn each has become a better Mason, and better man. When recommendations come to me for Honours, it falls to me to balance the number of Honours received from the Supreme Council, based on a formula, and those who truly are the most deserving. Everyone cannot be honored every time who probably should be honored, but trying my best, the Class of 2017 Honours are some very special Masons, Scottish Rite Masons, who are very deserving.

I hope that you will join in congratulating each of these Brothers on attaining recognition through these Honours, in some way, of the lives they live, the way Masonry shines from them upon others, by the way they live the lessons of Scottish Rite Freemasonry everyday. Thank each of you for continuing to strive “to be better than yourself”, and to be a practicing Scottish Rite Mason -

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



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Did You Know?

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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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.

