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Well Done

by

Gary L. Gribble, 33°

Every Valley has one or more members who always go beyond that which is ask of them. They are always the first to volunteer their time or financial support. I would like to share a story of a Brother who has had such a major impact in my life. We all know a few of them and we don't often enough stop and reflect on the impact they have had. This is just a brief synopsis of the colorful and honorable life of my friend.

In 1977, I met Brother Kenneth Robert Barns, Dynamite as he is known to some of us. Over the years we have become great friends and Brothers. Kenneth's story begins on April 20, 1921 when he was born in Kansas City, Kansas. Ken was raised on a farm and has never been a stranger to hard work or difficult times. He learned early in life to make the best of the daily blessings he has been given. Upon reaching the age of 19 he enlisted the in the Navy on September 10, 1940. The reasoning was to "see the world and have a girl in every port", he says with a wink. The real reason is the Navy offered a paycheck, three meals a day, room and board, medical and dental benefits. Jobs were scarce and Ken thought this was a pretty good deal.

On December 7, 1941 he stood on the deck of the U.S.S. West Virginia anchored in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, waiting to go on liberty. Kenneth said that is when the world changed for him and everyone in it. His ship was struck with several bombs and torpedoes and settled on the bottom of the harbor. He managed to abandon ship and commandeer a whale boat, which he used to navigate through the horrific carnage and retrieve survivors. Ken said that some of his comrades weren't seriously injured, if at all, but many were critically injured and burned. Ken ferried them to a fuel dock for safety and medical care. After Pearl Harbor, Ken left the West Virginia and was commissioned on the U.S.S. Salt Lake City. That ship too met its fate and was sunk. Ken was assigned to the Sumner, an engineering ship. Kenneth was a 2nd Class Motor Machinist Mate. The Navy, in its infinite wisdom, put a diving bell on a 2nd Class Machinist Mate and filled his pouch with dynamite. Ken was sent deep below the water line to blast coral reefs that would provide the ships with safe passage. This duty earned Kenneth the nickname Dynamite. During the balance of his tour in the Navy, Ken served aboard six more ships. Kenneth was highly decorated for his endeavors in the Navy.

Upon discharge Kenneth went to work on the Feather River Canyon irrigation project in Northern California as a heavy equipment mechanic. Later, he opened his own shop, near Stockton, maintaining and repairing heavy equipment.

On a whim, Ken decided that he would move to Shreveport. He met his wife, Elaine, in Shreveport and the couple settled into a

quite domestic life. Subsequently, Ken and Elaine moved to Ruston and Kenneth enrolled in Louisiana Tech University. Ken graduated with a degree in accounting from Tech. Kenneth joined the Masonic Fraternity in Ruston and was employed by City Service Oil Company as an auditor. Ken traveled the Ark-La-Tex region extensively, auditing service stations and distributors.

City Service transferred Ken to Pennsylvania and before Elaine could join him and after only three weeks in the Northeast, Ken tendered his resignation and returned to Shreveport. Brother Barnes was unemployed for a total of two days before going to work for the Louisiana State Police as an investigator. Ken retired from this position in 1982.

Ken transferred his Masonic membership, upon his retirement, to Broadmoor Lodge # 432, in Shreveport. During this same time, Ken joined the Shreveport Valley and has been a faithful Mason for over 50 years. Ken was decorated as Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 1985 and was coronated an Inspector General Honorary in 1993. Kenneth is a member of the York Rite Bodies, El Karubah Shrine Temple where he is a life member of the Patrol Unit. Ken has served faithfully on the Grand Lodge's Board of Budget and Control and the Credentials Committee. Ken has left an indelible mark on this Fraternity and on those he has had the opportunity to meet.

At age 91, Kenneth's health started to decline and after some issues at his home, Ken decided to reside at the North West Louisiana War Veterans Home, in Bossier City. Kenneth spirits are good and he reports that he is still having a meaningful and good quality of life. I went to the December 7th Pearl Harbor Survivor Celebration at the War Veterans Home. Ken was one of only two Pearl Harbor survivors living there. The two veterans were recognized and honored for the service.

W: Brother Barns is one of those Masons whom we look up to. He is always the first to give of his time and money to every cause that we have. Kenneth recently donated his home to the Shreveport Scottish Rite Building Foundation, displaying, once again, that he is truly a special brother with thoughts of the future for our Fraternity. We cannot thank him enough for his lifetime of dedication, service and generosity. Please, take a moment and contact the outstanding and faithful brethren in your respective Valleys. Thank them, personally, for their service. Take the action now before time expires and those words of appreciation won't be heard by the ones so deserving.



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

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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.

Someone is waiting for you



to invite him to become
a Scottish Rite Mason . . .
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May 18, 2013, 6 pm to Midnight EDT

Calendar of Events

Grand Lodge

Grand Lodge Session

Baton Rouge February 1-3
Crowne Plaza

Supreme Council

Celebrating the Craft May 18

Reunions

Shreveport April 27-28
Baton Rouge April 27-28
Monroe April 27
Lake Charles March 23-24

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 Shreveport

Florence Shaumburg
Allison Cascio

University of Louisiana Lafayette

Maile Goodwin
Samantha Simon

Southeastern Louisiana University

Mandi Gaines
Ashley Royerre

Editor's Note: The following was presented at the Utah Scottish Rite banquet following their Fall Reunion in November 2012.

Did You Learn The Secret?

William J. Mollere, 33° SGIG

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Sirs, Right Worshipful Sirs, Illustrious Brethren, Masters of the Royal Secret, Ladies and My Brothers All – It is a very real honor to be here this evening –

When my dear Brother, MW & Ill Curtis N. Lancaster, called to invite me to attend this Reunion in Salt Lake City, I was very pleased to be able to accept, and for several reasons: first, your SGIG and I have known each other from DeMolay days in the early 1980's and are friends, and second, this Valley being able to have a Reunion over a Thursday / Friday / Saturday and exemplify or communicate every Degree intrigued me to ask, “how do you do that?” - the answer was, “we have always done it.” I wanted to come. You do not realize how many Valleys across the country envy your ability to bring together so many Brethren for this period of time and present all of the lessons in our Degrees – incredible. And wonderful. You additionally have 17 candidates who have become very close in a short period. So I had to come and witness, learn and perhaps share some of my appreciation of your efforts and dedica-

tion with you. So the question also comes to me – and for these new Masters of the Royal Secret, our new Thirty-Second Degree Scottish Rite Masons – did you learn the Royal Secret? Knowing that our Ladies are present, and some non-Scottish Rite Masons are present, you obviously cannot just yell out that Royal Secret to me tonight. And you probably cannot write it down on your napkin and pass the answer to me. And you may still be unsure if you can share the Royal Secret with others, those less informed. But you did learn it – correct? You did get it – right? Tonight, the topic is “Did You Learn The Secret?”, which is my way of asking you the question – did you listen, did you hear, did you learn? Some may have taken the lessons in these Degrees very seriously and may have asked “how can I live up to all of the promises that I have made?”

In 1968, 44 years ago, I attended a two-weekend, four day Reunion in my home Valley where all but one Degree was conferred, Knight of the Sun, just as here, was not conferred; it was sort of communicated. I remembered that Degree not being conferred and several years later, my boyhood friend, one Ronald A. Seale, today known as our Sovereign Grand Commander, and I decided that the “missing Degree” should be conferred – so we did. We gathered our old DeMolay buddies and found a script and had costumes made and read Morals & Dogma (it is ¼ of that Book!), and began conferring that Knight of the Sun - “what is above is like what is below”, and so forth. But during all of that time, all of us, the young, hot-shot, enthusiastic, even smart-Alec young Scottish Rite Masons would turn to each other and from time to time ask – have you found it? That Royal Secret. Elusive, where is that secret?

The night that I was Raised a Master Mason, my Lodge Secretary presented me with my Grandfather's Masonic lapel pin; he just happened to also be the General Secretary of our Scottish Rite Valley, and at the conclusion of that evening, he presented me with a Scottish Rite petition and I was informed that I would present myself as a Candidate for Degrees in Scottish Rite – my petition was presented, and at that point in my life I had not made too many

mistakes or made too many folks mad, so my petition was accepted and the ballot was clear! Becoming a Scottish Rite Mason meant being a Thirty-Second Degree Mason – Thirty-Two Degrees! Perhaps others had the same excitement of receiving all of those Degrees and learning all of the secrets - joining the Scottish Rite was the highest of the high, the cream of the cream, the top of the mountain? But I also heard that I would enjoy the fellowship, the association with good people, the chance to learn and expand my understanding of life's values; maybe enjoy the ritual aspect and participate in Degrees – and I did. But we have all joined for certain reasons and motivations. Some of you new Masters of the Royal Secret here tonight will become very active in Scottish Rite after these last several days and will seek an area to participate; some will attend from time to time; some will become only Dues-paying members; and a few will not return and will leave us – either by Demit or suspension – it is a fact of life – it will happen. Some of you feel real obligations to belong and will remember the promises made when hands on a Holy Book were made to promise to support and uphold – those Obligations – ALL of those promises (“...as it was repeated to me, I do so promise and vow.”) - all that I am in Masonry and Scottish Rite Masonry are contained in those sets of sacred promises – those words.

Some today are concerned about membership – numbers. Masonry's “Glory Years” - the last one was 1946-1965 – it was a twenty years period in the United States where nothing went wrong, everything went right and Masonry's numbers grew to almost five million members in the United States. Scottish Rite had a little less than two million members in the United States – about 1 in 3 Masons were Scottish Rite Masons. Who were all of these members? Men returning from war, men moving to the suburbs, men moving up the ladder in business, and men who wanted what other men of distinction already had – prestige, position, influence, recognition. We had lots of members, unfortunately we had very few who were really practicing Scottish Rite Masons – not meaning to be

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Did You Learn The Secret?:

a un-Brotherly, or even un-Masonic, but we had very few who practiced any form of Masonry in that almost five million - card carrying, Dues paying, non-attending, inactive members. Many of those Masons are gone – most to Glory. According to the latest records, Utah has about 28 Lodges with almost 2,000 members and Scottish Rite has about 700 members plus those who have joined this weekend – again about 1 in 3 Utah Masons belong to Scottish Rite.

Experts tell us that there are 5 Pillars of Masonry – Fellowship, Friendship, Family, Community, Leadership. Men today are looking for fellowship where they can get it – with 90% of families gathered around a TV at night, men want more – and Facebook (friend me?) and Twitter, do not offer fellowship. Friendship – men want to make new acquaintances, meet and become involved with other men, bond, become friends. Men want to be able to have activities where they can involve their families – social relationships. Men want to feel connected to their surroundings, their community, be involved if only in their neighborhood, but certainly beyond the limits of their home. And men today want a chance to be a Leader. Masonry offers men all 5 Pillars – fellowship, friendship, family-oriented events, community-related activities and the chance to become a Leader. Scottish Rite is built upon those 5 Pillars – get men in, give men what they are seeking, keep men – if we follow those 5 Pillars, membership will not be an issue. We have all heard about the roles played by Traditionalists, Millennials, Boomers, Gen X'ers – we know that new members leave because they do not find what they joined searching for and seeking. That if a new members misses 4 Scottish Rite meetings in a row within a year after joining, he is on his way out. That we lose the largest number of new members on the third year after they join because they do not continue to pay their Dues. We know that older members stay and pay. That younger members have little attachment to Scottish Rite, because many have no attachment to other institutions – church, school alumni groups, businesses – they move around too easily. Yet, one thing does work with younger members – become their friend, build a relationship, a new member will not quit if he has a friend – a Brother, it is an attitude of mind – it is what Scottish Rite and all of Masonry are really built upon – be my Brother.

When you go back into history – not ancient, but recent history, 150 years ago – numbers were not considered – Masonry was small; select; members were very serious about Masonry. Scottish Rite was very small. Remember that even today Scottish Rite Masonry exists in the practice of Brotherhood – not in a building. We have enjoyed three days in a beautiful and magnificent building, but the Brotherhood enjoyed was not because of this building; this building offered all of us the perfect place to grow Brotherhood. That Secret begins to unfold in that sacred space within the heart, not physical, but spiritual.

How do you learn the Royal Secret? First, go back to the lessons of your Mother Lodge - remember the questions in that Preparation Room impressing upon you the seriousness of your entering the Lodge – all fairly standardized questions seriously and honestly asked, in some similar form, in every Lodge to every man about to become an Entered Apprentice. You were then prepared to truly enter a Lodge of Freemasonry for the first time – you

began your Journey – seeking Light. Second, remember the words in the welcome address to a newly Raised Brother – “...you are now technically a Mason – but whether or not you are going to be a Mason in reality rests entirely with you. You expressed an earnest desire to be a Mason, the members of this Lodge deemed you honest, and now you must show the Fraternity that none was mistaken in their judgment of you. Membership in this Lodge does not make you a Mason. It is the involuntary thoughts of your heart and the voluntary acts of your life which determine your character as a man and as a Mason.” Do you remember words similar to those? Third, seeking even More Light, you offered yourself as a Candidate for Scottish Rite Masonry – 29 Degrees, lessons, those steps have brought you to tonight. Through the Degrees, we learn that life is a mystery, every life needs Balance and Equilibrium to advance and grow.

Finally, the fourth pathway to learning the Royal Secret – you must understand that it is not a “Secret” in the conventional sense, it is a mystery hidden only from those who do not understand, and thus through the Degrees we are taught to constantly search; and the term Royal comes from your completing the Thirty-Second Degree and becoming a Prince within the Scottish Rite – so, after many years of searching, I have learned this: the search becomes a part of our lives; searching for our true relationship with GOD; improving our relationship with our Family, with our vocation and with our brethren. Seeking a balance and harmony as a guide to right living; respecting others and having self-respect; having adequate time for Family but preserving time for self-reflection; living a good life but preparing for the 'next life'; recognizing that life contains opposites – work/relaxation, joy/sadness, thought/action. Knowing that good and right have a constant enemy with evil and wrong, Light and Knowledge tries to be eclipsed by darkness and ignorance, love is under attack by hate, and searching for Truth never ends. There is a saying – Scottish Rite seeks good men, better men, it seeks no more than that, it offers no more, that is enough.

If you are bound to duty, if you are bound to honor and to gratitude, and if you are faithful to a trust – then you are learning each day the real Royal Secret – so mote it be.



Celebrating The Craft - May 18th

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

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

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

Valley of New Orleans News

The Oldest Scottish Rite Valley in the World - Chartered April 7, 1811
 Albert Pike was Grand Commander of Grand Consistory of Louisiana
 From April 1857 - January 1859

Meets on the first Wednesday of every month

2013 Officers

Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

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

Pelican Chapter Rose Croix

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

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Commander: Darren J Hart, 32°
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 2nd Lt. Commander: Kenneth K Bell, 32°

New Orleans Consistory

Master of Kadosh: Garland M Gisclair, 32°
 Prior: Donald E Freeze, 32° KCCH
 Preceptor: Michael W Nastasi, 32°

Treasurer All Bodies:

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

Calendar of Events

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| Stated Communications | 7:30 PM |
| Advisory Council | 5:00 PM |
| Wednesday, February 6th | |
| Valentine's Day Program | |
| Wednesday, March 6th | |
| Regular Meeting | |
| Wednesday, March 20th | |
| Annual Red & White Dinner | |
| Wednesday, April 3rd | |
| Service of Remembrance | |
| Saturday, April 6th | |
| SPRING REUNION | |
| Wednesday, May 1st | |
| On The Road Meeting | |
| Wednesday, June 5th | |
| Regular Meeting-On the Road | |
| Wednesday, July 3rd | |
| Family Night - Independence Day Program | |
| Wednesday, August 4th | |
| Bring A Friend Night - Guest Speaker | |
| 25 & 50 Year Certificates | |
| Wednesday, September 4th | |
| On the Road - Feast of Tishri program | |
| Wednesday, October 2nd | |
| On The Road | |
| Saturday, October 12th | |
| FALL REUNION | |

Recent Valley News

SORROW!! SORROW!! SORROW!!
 Our Valley mourns the passing of a great man and Mason, Most Worshipful and Ill. Bro. James Walley, Sr. 33° PGM. A Veteran of two Wars with a distinguished record of Service, Bro. Walley served our Grand Lodge as Grand Master in 1984 and also served our Valley faithfully for many years. The farewell tribute for our departed Brother was held on January 3rd and brought together several generations of members whose Masonic journey had been touched by this great pillar of our Fraternity.

Our December meeting featured a well-attended Holiday Celebration complete with great food and a very lively concert by the Shrine Band. We are very grateful for the volunteer help by a contingent of Knights of St. Andrew who included: Brothers Kenneth Bell, Martin Reinschmidt, Anthony Radosi, Alan Wyatt, Donald Freeze, Leon Roberts Sr. Our General Secretary, Ill. Bro. Lloyd Hebert 33° then took the floor and announced that as of December 15th he and his wife are retiring from their respective administrative position in order to pursue some travel plans and more flexible family

time. Both Bro. Hebert and his Lady Connie received a standing ovation reflective of the many years of selfless and dedicated service in our Valley.

Our Personal Representative Most Worshipful Brother and Ill. Bro. Clayton J. "Chip" Borne, III-33° PGM. introduced our new General Secretary, Bro. Martin Reinschmidt 32° who is a member and long-time Treasurer of Perfect Union Lodge #1 and who was a part of the Degree Team that recently traveled to Chicago for joint conferrals. Bro. Reinschmidt expressed his sincere thanks to Bro. Hebert and his wife for their many years of hard work on behalf of our Valley. Bro. Reinschmidt will be assisted in the Office by Ms. Laurie Byers.

We wish all our members and their families a Happy New Year, and we look forward to a 2013 Calendar filled with exciting Programs and productive initiatives. General Secretary Reinschmidt reminds our members to please take the time and send in their email addresses to the Office via email at NOSRT@bellsouth.net or by calling 504-522-3789. An updated email list is in the process of being compiled and will be utilized strictly for official reminders of meetings and events.

Fraternally,
 Ion Lazar, 32° KCCH



In Memoriam

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

Valley of Shreveport News

Chartered October 26, 1913

Meets on the second Tuesday of every month



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, February 12th

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

Tuesday, March 12th

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

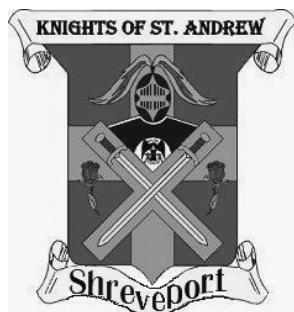
Note: Advisory Conference meets at 5 pm before each meeting.

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



KStA 2013 Officers

Knight Commander James B. Smith
Knight Warden Samuel B. Owens
Knight Captain W. Robert Laurents
Knight Recorder John F. Knox, Jr.



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

Shreveport Chapter Rose Croix

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

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1st Lt. Commander: Larry W. LaBorde, 32° KCCH
2nd Lt. Commander: Steven A. Pence, 33°

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Prior: Samuel B. Owens 32°
Preceptor: John F. Knox, Jr., 32°

Treasurer All Bodies:

E. Louis McGee, 33°

Secretary All Bodies:

Gary L. Gribble, 33°



Endowed Membership



W. James Hill, III, 32° KStA (r), the Valley's newest perpetual member, receives his Endowed Life Membership Certificate from Ill. Ballard L. Smith-33°.



Service of Remembrance

In the Scottish Rite, darkness often refers to the disappearance of truth and justice in the world. As the symbolic lights are extinguished, we reflect upon this loss. By relighting them, we reinforce our belief that as Knights Rose Croix it is our duty to throw off the mantle of sorrow and darkness and to emulate those historical figures

who have brought truth and knowledge to mankind. This solemn Ceremonial is an important part of the ritualistic work of the Chapter Rose Croix and expresses our commitment to the living of a conscientious and enlightened life.

On Tuesday, March 26, the Shreveport Chapter of Rose Croix will conduct the ceremony of extinguishing and relighting the lights. In between the lighting ceremony, a special meal will be provided in the dining hall. The Chapter also takes the opportunity to remember those brethren who have had to respond to the summons call from this earthly realm by the Great Architect of The Universe. As in the past, the KCCH members will assist with the ceremony.

This event is open to the public, so mark your calendars accordingly and plan on attending with your family and friends. There will be additional announcements, concerning this event, as the date grows nearer, asking for reservations to ensure adequate meal preparation.



IN MEMORIAM

- Joe M. Alexander, Sr.
- Robert Ammons
- George B. Braden, Jr.
- Herbert V. Browning
- James E. Clark
- John W. Easom
- Marion W. Finuf
- George E. Freeman, Jr.
- Clarence F. Guice
- Robert Hamblen
- Ollie B. Johnston
- Robert Marsh
- Clarence E. Rainbolt, Sr.
- Fred G. Ware
- Raymond E. Webb

Valley of Lake Charles News

Chartered October 16, 1923

Meets on the third Wednesday of every month



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**2013 unpaid Membership fees
are past due**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:00

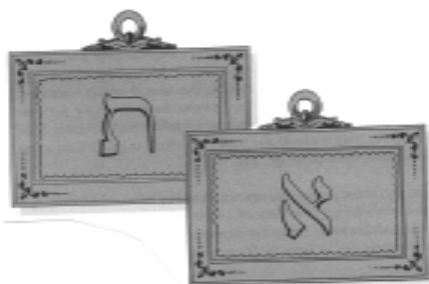
Wednesday, February 20th

Guest Speaker

Wednesday, March 20th

Guest Speaker - Special Program

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



2013 Advisory Board

Richard Smith - Chairman

Blake Ford

Clarence Callahan

Greg Bruce

Neil Crane

Rocky Schexneider

Keith Powell

Elton Blanchard

Ricky Venable

Shawn Richard

Matt Traylor

Personally Speaking

As we enter 2013, I am reminded of a quote "There's a reason your windshield is larger than your rearview mirror. It's more important to know where you are going than to look back at where you've been." The original author of this quote is unknown, but they are indeed wise. But a twist on this by Warren Buffet is "The view through the rearview mirror is always clearer than the windshield."

The Scottish Rite offers a detailed system for taking the wisdom of the past, and teaching us principles that are timeless and applicable to the future. How could the eleven gentlemen of Charleston have known in 1801 as they structured the Scottish Rite Supreme Council that two centuries later our world would be so much different? They used examples of historical accounts where the central characters were challenged with deciding between good and evil, right and wrong. In every case, these mysteries illustrated that those doing right and good built a future for society and those who did evil became a footnote.

With the start of a new year, the lessons and degrees of the Scottish Rite still offer those timeless lessons that build goodness in the hearts of men. We have a new generation of men, coming of age in the new millennium, who crave fraternalism. These young men see the world as a much smaller place than previous generations. Modern electronic communications make it possible to communicate with people around the globe 24 hours per day, seven days per week, and 365 days per year. Facebook, Twitter, Linked-in, and other social media formats are all the rage, but none of these provide what Scottish Rite Freemasonry provides its members.

The Scottish Rite provides a centuries old system of morality and a network of men from all generations and walks of life who seek the collegial relationships fostered by Freemasonry. This system allows our new members to learn from our senior members and vice-versa. It also promotes them learning together. By focusing on the future, we can see great things ahead of us.

By remembering the lessons of our past, we can make informed decisions as to what is right and good for our fraternity. By welcoming the next generation of Masons into the Scottish Rite, we can do our part in building a good future for our society.

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



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Venerable Master: Rickey A. Venable, 32° KCCH

Senior Warden: Thomas L. Kussmann, 32° KCCH

Junior Warden: James R.B. Golding, 32° KCCH

Lake Charles Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master: Pierre "Rocky" Schexneider, 32° KCCH

Senior Warden: Oscar Abshire, 32° KCCH

Junior Warden: Elmer L. Edwards, 32° KCCH

Lake Charles Council of Kadosh

Commander: J. Briggs Becton, 32° KCCH

1st Lt. Commander: J. Braxton Cole, 32° KCCH

2nd Lt. Commander: W. David McCoy, 32°

Lake Charles Consistory

Master of Kadosh: Elton J. Blanchard, 32° KCCH

Prior: Jerry J. Manuel, 32° KCCH

Preceptor: William W. Bailey, 32°

Treasurer All Bodies:

Clarence L Callihan, 33°

Secretary All Bodies:

D Blake Ford, 32° KCCH

IN MEMORIAM

*Billy G. Bussell
John Peyton*

Valley of Baton Rouge News

Chartered October 20, 1955

Meets on the second Monday of every month



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dinner 6:30 **Meeting 7:30**
Monday, February 11th
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 12th
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 8th
Regular Meeting
SPRING REUNION **APRIL 27-28**
Advisory Conference meets at 6pm before
the Regular Meetings.

Venerable Master's Message

I am deeply honored, and humbled to have been elected to serve the Valley of Baton Rouge as Venerable Master for 2013. The Valley has an extraordinary group of officers set to serve in all four bodies this year, and I owe each of the men who have agreed to serve a debt of gratitude.

In working with the valley Secretary and the SGIG I believe we have developed an exciting, if somewhat ambitious, plan of events for this year. We will be having degrees presented at several of the stated meetings this year, including some that haven't been seen in several years. We will be continuing the excellent program of Masonic education begun by Venerable Master Bowles, expanding our programs to include other appendant bodies where possible, and of course supporting our Mother Lodges to the fullest extent of our abilities.

Most importantly we plan to offer many

opportunities for fellowship, and getting to know your fellow Scottish Rite Masons. I believe that Fraternal Fellowship is the heart and soul of a living breathing Valley, and so I encourage all of you, those who attend quite often, and those who attend less often to find some events on the calendar this year and come enjoy the company of your Brothers, renew some old friendships, and make some new ones. I personally look forward to visiting with as many of you as possible this year.

Of course there is still much to be done as we go through this year, and many hands make for light work, so if you are interested in taking a more active role in the valley, please send me an email at jmaynor@alumni.lsu.edu. There are funds to be raised for our Childhood Learning Center, events to be planned and put on, and degrees to be performed, if you want to work let me know what your interests and skills are and I will find a place to put you to work!

Fraternally,
Jeff Maynor, 32°
Venerable Master



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Junior Warden: *A. Nicholas Auck, 32° KCCH*

Baton Rouge Chapter Rose Croix

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

Baton Rouge Council of Kadosh

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

Baton Rouge Consistory

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

Treasurer All Bodies:

Ben F Melanson, 33°

Secretary All Bodies:

Jimmie D Dunkin, 32° KCCH

From The Secretary's Desk

Things are busy here in the Baton Rouge Scottish Rite Valley. The new Officers for the 2013 are installed and ready to go to work. The Knights of St Andrew are growing stronger in the Valley thanks, in no small part, to Brothers William "Shoe" Naquin and Freddie Touchet. Freddie Touchet is also the Secretary for La Bonne Marie in Houma. Brother Touchet asked me to remind the members of La Bonne Marie their 2013 dues of \$20 are now payable.

Remember that our meetings are the second Monday of every month, so mark your appointment calendars accordingly. Plans are being implemented to make our meetings more informative this year. Come share this exciting time with your brethren. We still need help in so many areas. It takes all of us working together to succeed in making The Valley of Baton Rouge Scottish Rite the Beacon for the State. Help is needed in rebuilding some of our degree teams, props, robes, kitchen and maintenance. To coin a phrase once used by our late Brother and Governor, your Valley asks the question "WON'T YOU HEP ME?".

The Baton Rouge Childhood Learning Center is gearing up for the start the Spring Semester. Brother Joe Stroud reminded me to let all of know that it is by your support only that we maintain this school for so many needy children in our area.

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

In Memoriam

Bobby Joe Bennett
Ray Dean Brooks
Julius Curby Ducote, Jr.
Weldon Frank Frazier
James Gray Bolton
Joe Edd Fuller
George Joseph Lossett
Carol Lee Massa
Roy Mack Posey

Valley of Monroe News

Chartered November 13, 1971

Meets on the first Thursday of every month



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2013 unpaid Membership Dues are now in arrears

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Dinner with Ladies | 6:00 PM |
| Program | 7:00 PM |
| Thursday, February 7th | |
| <i>Guest Speaker</i> | |
| Friday, February 15th | |
| Annual Gumbo Sale | 10am - 3pm |
| Saturday, February 23rd | |
| Master Mason of the Year | 6:30pm |
| Thursday, March 7th | |
| <i>Guest Speaker</i> | |
| Thursday, March 28th | |
| Service of Remembrance Program | 6:30pm |
| Thursday, April 4th | |
| <i>Guest Speaker</i> | |

The Advisory Conference Meets on the third Monday of each month

Master Mason Of The Year

Saturday, February 23rd will be a major event at the Monroe Scottish Rite Bodies. On this night, the Master Mason of The Year, selected from the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th Masonic Districts will be recognized and honored. Moreover, our featured speaker of the night will be our newly installed Grand Master H. Edward Durham. Make plans now to attend, with your lady, enjoy an excellent meal, participate in the great Masonic fellowship, honor "one of our own" and hear from our new Grand Master.

2013 Officers

Monroe Lodge of Perfection

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

Monroe Chapter Rose Croix

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

Monroe Council of Kadosh

Commander: James L. Reagan, 32°
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2nd Lt. Commander: E. Felton Vickers, 32°

Monroe Consistory

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

Treasurer All Bodies:

Roy McDuffie, 33° PGM

Secretary All Bodies:

Robert C Joyner, 33°



Gumbo Fundraiser

On February 15th, the annual Gumbo Fundraiser will be held. Tickets will be mailed to each member, shortly. Please do two things: (1) purchase your tickets, come out and eat with us or pick up your order and bring it home. Enjoy some of the best gumbo to ever grace your lips. (2) Such an event takes help and assistance from a large number of people. On the day of the sale, make a commitment to arrive early and assist. Your help will be greatly appreciated and will go a long way toward a successful event. Moreover, you will feel good about helping your Monroe Valley.



Sweets For The Sweet

There is an ongoing fundraising effort of which many of you may be totally unaware. There are volunteers, including Marjorie Joyner, John Vines, Prentiss Wallace, as well as others, who from time to time, met at the Scottish Rite Temple to make various jellies, jams and preserves. A little salsa is also prepared on occasion.

Blueberry, plum, elderberry and mayhaw jelly; fig and pear preserves are available for \$5 a jar. When you are at the temple, pick up a jar or two, head to the house and ask your lady to bake some "cat-head" biscuits, combine them with your Scottish Rite sweets and enjoy. Since this project was initiated by the late Carl Fatheree, 33° several years ago, more than \$17,000 has been raised for the benefit of the Monroe Valley.



Kudos for Our Kitchen Crew

A very special thanks goes out to those who unselfishly give of their time so that the rest of us can enjoy a meal at every meeting. Those special volunteers include Marjorie Joyner, Jerry and Sue Wiese, Prentiss Wallace, John Howard, Alton Drummond, Sanni Collins and Joe and Mary Stidams. They are here early to prepare and serve your meal and stay late to clean up after the meal. The next time you pass through the line to be served, take an extra few seconds and thank those wonderful people for everything they do



IN MEMORIAM

Leonard B. Camp
Earl Denson Killingsworth
Cylde Spencer Lee

Masonry In Business
from
The Old Tyler's Talks
by Carl Claudy
1925

How many brethren in this lodge are worth a hundred thousand dollars?" inquired the New Brother of the Old Tiler in the anteroom.

"I don't know. Jones and Brown and Robinson and Hitchcock, certainly, and perhaps Wilson and Moore. You want to make a touch?" The Old Tiler looked curiously at his questioner.

"A friend of mine is interested in forming a company," answered the New Brother, "and I intend to invest with him. As I want to see it succeed, I'll go to see all the wealthy men and ask for subscriptions. We are going to manufacture a patent elevator device, that. . ."

"Why confine your list to those in this lodge? There are more men with money outside the lodge than in it."

"But I have no right to ask them to invest money in a company just because I am interested in it!" The New Brother looked very virtuous.

"Have you a right to ask brethren to spend money on your behalf because you belong to the lodge?" The Old Tiler looked shocked.

"Why, of course. We are brethren, are we not? Brethren help each other, don't they?"

"I see no reason why any brother should spend money exploiting an invention, just because you are interested," answered the Old Tiler. "Masonry is not intended to influence a man's business. If these brethren think well of the invention they will invest. If they don't think well of it, they won't. But Masonry does not enter into the matter."

"But it would mean much to me and to my friend, if this company should succeed and make a lot of money!" explained the New Mason.

"Suppose it doesn't succeed, and loses a lot of money?" suggested the Old Tiler. The New Brother began to write in his notebook.

"That won't happen," he answered as he scribbled. "This is bound to succeed. But any business man takes a risk in any company in which he invests."

"Now we get to the root of the matter!" exclaimed the Old Tiler. "They are to help you, because of their Masonry, which is mutual with you both; but if they lose, that's because they took a business risk!"

"If the company was to develop a Masonic property or build a temple, I could see that your common Masonry might make an appeal. But I see no reason for anyone to buy stock in your company except a business reason."

"A mutual lodge membership may serve as an introduction between any two men to discuss anything of interest to one, in which he hopes to interest the other. Your mutual lodge membership is a guarantee that you will receive a welcome. It ought to guarantee the other man that you will not abuse his time and confidence by taking up the one to exploit the other. He has the same right to expect consideration from you that you have to expect consideration from him. But you have no right to expect him to suspend his business judgment just because you are both Masons."

"If you have what you believe is a good proposition, and, therefore give your Masonic friends an opportunity to make some money, your motive in listing the wealthy members of this lodge is commendable. But you have no such idea. You hope they will win, and so, help you to win. But if they lose, that's their lookout. That is not Masonic."

"Masonry does not butt into a man's business. Only insofar as it guarantees that a brother is honest is it a help in business. As it promises mutual esteem and helpfulness it smoothes the business path. But when you use Masonry to make the other fellow do something financial which he otherwise wouldn't do, it is not a proper use of Masonry. Ask your friends to help you—that's what friends are for. But don't ask strangers, merely because they are fellow lodge members, to risk their money unless you are willing to begin by not using Masonry as a means to private gain! Your friends will help you—brethren not close friends expect you to treat them in a brotherly way. It's not brotherly to go to wealthy strangers and say, 'I want some money from you, because we are both Masons!' " The Old Tiler stopped, short of breath.

The New Brother looked up from his busy writing, "I could hardly, keep up with you!" he exclaimed. "You talked so fast. But I'm sure I got most of it. This will make a dandy speech!"

"Speech?"

"Certainly. I have no intentions of getting any subscriptions from anyone. I was after material for a talk I have been asked to give on Masonry in Business!"

"Upon my word!" cried the Old Tiler. Then he chuckled. I hope you will see that I am invited inside to hear it," he said good-naturedly.



THE FINAL WORD



Ill. William J. Mollere, 33^o

Sovereign Grand Inspector General

Year Of The Double-Headed Eagle

February is the month that the Chinese celebrate their New Year – the Year of the Dragon ends and the Year of the Snake begins. In Scottish Rite, we have the Year of the Double-Headed Eagle every year. The story is that at the beginning of each year, the Eagle's one head looks back in appreciation and the other head looks forward in anticipation. The new year is well underway and Scottish Rite races to keep up. All five Valleys now have newly Installed Leadership and each new Venerable Master will be presented at Grand Lodge during introductions of dignitaries. With a recent In-Gathering of Knights of St Andrew held in Alexandria, the first time Louisiana Knights have come together to

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The Final Word - Year Of The Double-Headed Eagle:

compare notes, share ideas and build better Brotherhood; it was a very productive gathering and thanks to all who attended. A full day of meetings and discussions, the Valleys in Louisiana through their Chapters of Knights of St Andrew have involved young men who want more from Masonry and have added to their Scottish Rite Masonic experience by participating. While together, a practice by the Honor Guard of Knights being used at Grand Lodge was held. It has become a tradition to “Pipe-In” the Grand Master and then The Colors. Carrying claymores and using the best military precision, the Knights add special dignity to displaying our National Flag at Grand Lodge. Louisiana Scottish Rite members can be very proud of this tradition.

Grand Lodge will be getting under way just as you receive this issue. Louisiana is blessed to have great Grand Lodge Leadership – all dedicated Freemasons, and all active Scottish Rite Masons. Our current Grand Master, MW Frank N duTreil, Jr, a member in the Valley of New Orleans is a 33° Mason and a Past Venerable Master. Our incoming Grand Master, RW Edward Durham, a member in Shreveport is also a 33° Mason, Past Venerable Master and the President of the Shreveport Scottish Rite Foundation. The current Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary are all involved actively in their respective Valleys. While each holds Mother Lodge above all other Masonic organizations, Scottish Rite membership is also important to each. It can be argued that the lessons of Leadership, Responsibility and of Unity taught in Scottish Rite ritual and lectures have influenced our Grand Lodge leaders to become even better Masons.

At Grand Lodge, the annual breakfast of the Royal Order of Scotland, a Scottish Rite invitational organization, is open to all Masons and Ladies. The Scottish Rite Honors Luncheon at Grand Lodge recognizes those Scottish Rite Masons who have distinguished themselves and been honored by receiving the Knight Commander, Court of Honour (KCCH) and the Inspector General Honorary (33°). The Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation is also held immediately following the Honors Luncheon – all Louisiana Scottish Rite Masons are members of the Foundation and entitled to vote.

The last Saturday of February always sees the Valley of Monroe host the Master Mason Night where all Master Masons raised in 2012 and their Ladies in a twelve Parish area are invited to dinner at the Valley's building and a joyous evening is climaxed with the naming of the Master Mason of the Year in the Valley of Monroe – a closely kept secret. Many very deserving, unsuspecting Brothers have been honored with this title over the years.

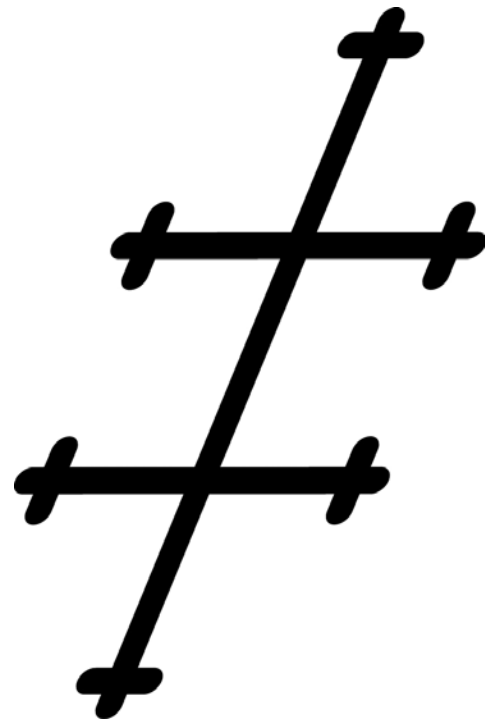
Toward the end of March, Reunions begin – the first in Lake Charles over two-days. We also pause and reflect on our religious observances as Passover is observed on March 25, Maundy Thursday on March 28, and Easter on Sunday, March 31. As Scottish Rite Masons we have the Obligatory Observance for the Chapter of Rose Croix. The Year of the Double-Headed Eagle is well under way and nine busy months are yet to come – get ready, be ready, prepare.

As with every organization, in Louisiana Scottish Rite change occurs. Sometimes unexpectedly, sometimes planned and the transition is smooth. The decade-long service of Ill. Lloyd Adam Hebert, 33°, General Secretary of the Valley of New Orleans of-

ficially ended on December 15, 2012. The previous issue of the TRESTLEBOARD had already gone to press when details were finalized. But Lloyd decided to retire and try to enjoy some time traveling and with family. After he and Miss Connie both had eye surgery, they decided that time was at hand to step back. Not enough good things can be said for Lloyd Hebert's efforts at the Valley of New Orleans, his dedication and devotion to Scottish Rite, the hours calling and visiting and working beyond the normal office hours – and with his wife, Miss Connie at his side – both worked for the betterment of Scottish Rite. Thank you Lloyd and Connie! Do not be strangers, attend, mentor, visit, call, keep Scottish Rite close. Assuming the position of General Secretary in the Valley of New Orleans is Bro. Martin Reinschmidt, 32°, a Past Master and current Treasurer of Perfect Union Lodge #1, and an active member of the Knights of St Andrew in the Valley of New Orleans – welcome Bro Martin. Change happens, transition occurs, Brotherhood continues to build. The Double-Headed Eagle looks back in appreciation and looks forward in anticipation.

May each of us continue to maintain our active participation in Scottish Rite Masonry, regularly attend and support our Mother Lodge, live the precepts and principles of our beloved Rite and of Freemasonry. Live this year of the Double-Headed Eagle well, and thank you for continuing to be an active, involved Scottish Rite Freemason.

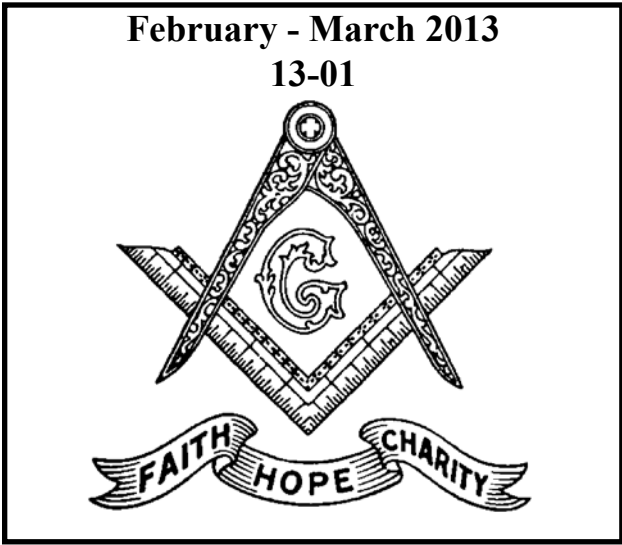
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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- ◆ 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.

