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## The Prussian Knight The 22nd Degree Laborer

by

Jeffery D. Maynor, 32°

*Note: This article is adapted from a presentation given to celebrate Labor Day at a September meeting of the Baton Rouge Scottish Rite. Although the Labor Day holiday is not in view, I felt that, with the new line of officers in the Valleys; new members joining the Orient Team; our new Honor Members; and to serve as a reminder to those of us that remain, the following is so very relevant, regardless of the date in time.*

*The Ed*

There is still some debate about who first came up with the idea for Labor Day back in 1882, but by 1894 the idea had spread around the country and 30 states had made it an official holiday. Almost immediately following the Pullman strike, and the deaths of many workers in clashes with military troops brought in to break the strikes, Congress passed unanimously, and President Cleveland quickly signed into law, legislation creating Labor Day as a national holiday.

While the holiday was originally intended to honor the contributions of the American Labor Movement and the social and economic achievements of workers, it has come to mean many other things over the last ~120 years. Such as, the end of summer; the return to school for many children; the last opportunity to wear white or seersucker; and somewhat ironically, one of the biggest retail sales days of the year, resulting in the largest employment class in the US having to work on Labor Day.

In a speech given on September 1, 1919 while serving as governor of Massachusetts Calvin Coolidge said the following regarding the American worker:

*"I cannot think of anything that represents the American people as a whole so adequately as honest work. We perform different tasks, but the spirit is the same. We are proud of work and ashamed of idleness. With us there is no task which is menial, no service which is degrading. All work is ennobling and all workers are ennobled."*

The speech goes on to make several other wonderful points about the value of labor, and I highly recommend to all looking up the entire thing.

As the years have passed the perception of the value of blue collar labor has diminished in this country. The pride in skilled trades, the satisfaction of a job well done at the end of the day, has come to mean less and less to public perception. In the next few years some 60 million college graduates will complete for a mere 30 million jobs that require a college degree.

Mike Rowe, former host of the Discovery channel show *Dirty Jobs*, made it his personal mission for many years to seek out those

members of society who perform the tasks that make civilization possible. In a recent interview he discussed his motivation behind starting *Dirty Jobs*, the memory of his Grandfather. His grandfather was part plumber, part electrician, part carpenter, one of those men who it seemed could fix anything.

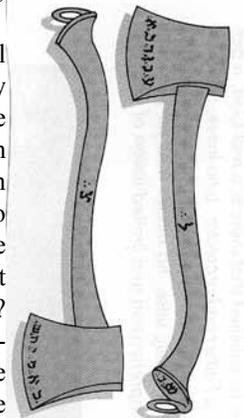
One day Mike had a plumbing problem come up, and having not inherited his Grandfather's handiness, he did what many of us would do and called a plumber. The man came while Mike was away, fixed the problem, and left no trace of him having ever been there. It was only upon returning home to find the job done that he realized he not only hadn't met the man, he had no idea what his name even was.

He then began to reflect upon how much the world had changed from the time of his youth when a skilled worker was looked up to with respect, and a level of honor. He began to think about his Grandfather's seemingly innate handiness, and he wondered where those kinds of people were today and why had they lost the respect that once came with a skilled trade. And so Mike Rowe set out on a quest, a quest to find those who live up to Coolidge's words that all work is ennobling, and he found some of the cheeriest workers one could ever want to find working in some jobs that most of us would consider awful; yet still, for most people, the perception persists of the value of the job someone does remains tied to their assumption of the value of the person, and the perception that some work is simply beneath us.

In the Scottish Rite; however, we have never lost sight of Coolidge's ideal. Decades before the future president would speak those words, Ill. Pike wrote in *Morals and Dogma* regarding the 22nd Degree:

*"Sympathy for the great laboring classes, respect for labor itself, and resolution to do some good work in our day and generation, these are the lessons of this degree, and they are purely Masonic"*

In the 22nd degree we are taught that all labor is worthwhile, and all labor is worthy of respect. The candidate approaches the degree as a Prussian Knight, having been accepted as a high judge and having been granted great honors. He is presented to the assembly as such, and yet is sent before simple workman, who greet him somewhat along the lines of "A Prussian Knight huh? That's nice....I guess..." and thus to be advanced to this new degree he must lay aside his rank and regalia and learn the simple tools of the laborer. Only upon learning to use the tools of this degree, the humble axe, saw and plane, gaining the acceptance and agreement of the humble workmen, and realizing the dignity of labor, can anyone ascend to this degree.



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**to invite him to become  
a Scottish Rite Mason . . .  
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*When friends meet, and hands are warmly pressed, and the eye kindles and the countenance is suffused with gladness, there is a religion between their hearts; and each loves and worships the True and Good that is in the other. It is not policy, or self-interest, or selfishness that spreads such a charm around the meeting, but the halo of bright and beautiful affection: the splendour of kindly liking and affectionate regard – honest, heartfelt, disinterested, inexpressible affection.*

*Albert Pike  
Morals & Dogma p. 213*

**From All Secretaries' Desks**

Forget the hasty, unkind word;  
Forget the slander you have heard;  
Forget the quarrel and the cause;  
Forget the whole affair, because,  
    Forgetting is the only way.  
Forget the storm of yesterday;  
Forget the knocker, and the squeak;  
Forget the bad day of the week.  
Forget you're not a millionaire;  
Forget the grey streaks in your hair;  
Forget to even get the blues -  
    But don't forget  
    To Pay Your Dues!

**Calendar of Events**

Supreme

Leadership Conference      March 28-29  
    Biloxi, Mississippi

Grand Lodge

Grand Lodge Session      Jan 31-Feb 2  
    Bossier Convention Center

Reunions

Shreveport      April 26-27  
Lake Charles      March 8-9  
New Orleans      April 5  
Baton Rouge      April 5  
Monroe      April 26

# 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

#### University of Louisiana-Monroe

Britney Alberez  
Katelyn Plasket  
Kelly Burda

#### Louisiana State University-Shreveport

Rachell Grinnell  
Lauren Nelson

#### University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Kathryn Regard  
Amanda Lambert



## Year End Review

The Louisiana Rite Care Program is affiliated with five of our higher learning institutions located throughout the state, also incorporating two satellite locations where children are seen by private Speech Therapist. An average of 10 children per semester are assisted at each Clinic.

LSU Shreveport, LA Clinic Director is Jessica Brownell M.C.D., CCC-SLP the clinic coordinator is John Douglas Autry 32° KCCH. During the 2012/2013 biennium twelve scholarships were awarded to graduate students pursuing their Master of Communication Disorder Degree. There were 960 therapy hours for children in the Shreveport Clinic located at the Scottish Rite Facility at 725 Cotton St. Shreveport, La., and at the satellite locations.

ULM Monroe, LA Clinic Director is Sarah Hayes CCP-SLP, the clinic coordinator is Robert Joyner 33°. Eighteen scholarships were awarded to graduate students pursuing their Master of Communication Disorder Degree in the 2012/2013 biennium. There were 840 therapy hours for children in the Monroe Clinic located at 205 University Ave. Monroe, La. 71230.

SLU Hammond, LA Clinic Director is Amy Adams MA, L-SLP, CCC, the clinic coordinator is George Lupo 32° KCCH. During the 2012/2013 biennium twelve scholarships were awarded to graduate stu-



dents pursuing their Master of Communication Disorder Degree. There were 800 therapy hours for children in the Hammond Clinic located at 500 Western Avenue, Hammond, La. 70402.

ULL Lafayette, LA Clinic Director is Dr. Holly Damico, PhD. L-SLP, CCC the clinic coordinator is Ricky Venable 32° KCCH. During the 2012/2013 biennium twelve scholarships were awarded to graduate students pursuing their Master of Communication Disorder Degree. There were 800 testing and therapy hours for children in the Lafayette clinic located at the University of Louisiana Lafayette whose physical address is 104 E. University Avenue, Lafayette, La. 70504.

LSU Baton Rouge, LA Clinic Director is Dr. Alyssa Mendoza PhD. L-SLP, CCC the clinic coordinator is Joe Stroud 33°. During the 2012/2013 biennium twelve scholarships were awarded to graduate students pursuing their Master of Communication Disorder Degree. There were 1100 testing and therapy hours for children in the Baton Rouge Clinic located at the Baton Rouge Scottish Rite 14598 Florida Blvd. Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70819.

The funding for these clinics is through ongoing public and private donations. The Louisiana Foundation is a \$3.2 million endowment from which these operational expenses are generated from investments, donations and \$1 per year from Dues of every Scottish Rite Mason. An active Board and an active Investment Committee are involved in activities.



## 2013 Officers

### Foundation

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## From the President

As you have read in the previous article, your Foundation has exceeded its goals and continues to provide a premier service through our Centers. The one area which the Foundation showed a decline was in the fund raising and contribution area of our responsibilities. It is imperative we take additional steps to insure the financial soundness of our programs. The Investment Committee has done an outstanding job managing our funds, but we must increase the inflow of new funds for our programs to survive and expand. Several new efforts are under way to increase our capabilities and we will introduce these efforts to you in the next few months. We must not forget that the Foundation is a 501(C)3 charitable institution and all donations are tax deductible. Please remember the Foundation when you plan your charitable giving for any occasion.

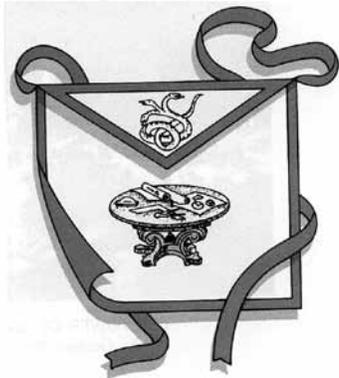
The Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation administers our charities and it is our ultimate responsibility to insure the integrity and success of the Programs.

Fraternally,  
S. Bruce Easterly, 33° President  
Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation

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The Prussian Knight

The axe serves as one of the working tools of this degree, and also as its jewel, partly because the axe is the great implement of civilization. Without the axe the forests could not be cleared, the buildings not built, none of that which we refer to as "civilization" of the wilds; in short, none of the trappings of our society,.

Like the humble axe, which does not receive its due when compared to the sword or rifle as the tool of building a civilization so, today do all laborers not receive credit for their efforts to maintain the civilization we have built.



Think about how interconnected our world has become, how dependent on each and every person doing their job. It doesn't matter if you are a banker, or a person who harvests crops, if an entire profession of workers simply decided one day not to show up to work for a week civilization would grind to a halt.

We are taught in the 22nd degree that work is the fulfillment of man, we were not put on this

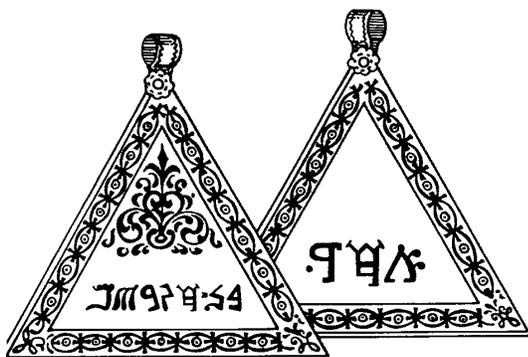
Earth to while away our days in idleness, but to perform our daily labors. The apron of the 22nd degree includes a three headed snake, the body emblematic of idleness, the heads representing drunkenness, impurity and gaming, those vices which have claimed many of the idle of the world.

In both the 8th and the 22nd degree we are also taught the necessary corollary that if all labor is worthy of respect, then all laborers are worthy of respect, and it is the responsibility of the employer to see that the employees are treated with the respect due to their labors.

I want to leave you with this final quote from Morals and Dogma:

*"From first to last, Masonry is work. It venerates the Grand Architect of the Universe. It commemorates the building of the Temple. Its principal emblems are the working tools of Masons and Artisans. It preserves the name of the first worker in brass and iron as one of its pass-words. When the Brethren meet together they are at labor. The Master is the overseer who sets the craft to work and gives them proper instruction. Masonry is the apotheosis of WORK".*

Fraternally,  
Jeff Maynor, 32°



## James C. Batchelor



This vault, located in the Alpha Home Lodge Mausoleum in the Masonic Cemetery on City Park Ave. in New Orleans, is a family vault containing the remains of various members of the Batchelor family. James C. Batchelor is listed on a plaque on the front of the mausoleum as being a member of its building committee. Batchelor served as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana from 1867 to 1892 - a year before his death. Batchelor followed Albert Pike as Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, SJ USA upon the death of Pike in 1891. Ill. Brother Batchelor served in this position from 1890 until 1893.

Fraternally,  
Michael R. Poll, 32°  
Valley of New Orleans

## According to Coil

The profession of architect as applied to one concerned solely with the designing and planning as distinguished from the construction of an edifice is evidently no more than four centuries old. There is no record of the practice of such separate art or activity until the 16th century, the natural supposition being that, prior to that time, the designing, ornamentation, and the building were all in the same hands.

The question of who designed the cathedrals and other Gothic buildings during the period of about 1150-1550 A.D. is of special interest to Freemasons, because that Gothic period forms a more or less identifiable island in the history of architecture, in which a peculiar type of construction and ornamentation was predominant, and because it was during that period the first writings (Gothic Constitutions), relating to Freemasonry were made. Inigo Jones (1573-1652) followed the Gothic era and is one of the first, if not the first, man in the British Isles to be singled out a designer, though he was referred to as Ingentor, a word probably derived from engine and engineer and akin to ingenious. Next comes Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, which was finished in about 1696, and of many other outstanding works.

# Valley of New Orleans News

## Chartered April 7, 1811

### Meets on the first Wednesday of every month



#### New Orleans Scottish Rite Temple

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**2014 Membership Fees are now  
past due!**

#### Calendar of Events

Stated Communications 7:30 PM

#### Wednesday, February 5th

Valentine's Day Program

#### Saturday, February 8th

Robert Burns Night-KStA sponsored

#### Wednesday, March 5th

On The Road-Bayou Fellowship Lodge

#### Wednesday, April 2nd

On The Road-Service of Remembrance

William D. White Lodge

#### **SPRING REUNION**

**APRIL 5th**

#### Wednesday, April 30th

Advisory Conference

#### Wednesday, May 7th

On The Road-Slidell Lodge

#### Wednesday, June 4th

Regular Meeting

#### Wednesday, July 2nd

Patriotic Program

#### Saturday, July 12th

Family Day

#### Wednesday, July 30th

Advisory Council

#### Wednesday, August 6th

Bring A Friend

Presentation of 25 & 50 Year Certificates

#### From The Secretary's Desk

2013 was a positive year for the Valley of New Orleans. We were able to expand our membership by bringing 35 new members into the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, we also had 21 members who were returned to active membership.

While this is all good, we also lost 28 of our members in 2013. One of the members we lost was Brother Sidney Agnelly, 32° KCCH. I singled him out because on my first day as the Secretary of the Valley, Brother Agnelly called me to tell me that if I want to change the person who said our prayer before meals, he fully understood. I told him I had a great person in mind and asked him if he would continue to honor us with his prayer before meals as he had done for years.. He graciously accepted and said he would do his best. I got to know Brother Agnelly, or "Paw Paw", when I first met him at a meeting of Germania Lodge. For some reason we hit it off and I would sit there before and after the meeting and listen to his stories and boy did he have some stories.

Many thanks to the outgoing heads of the four Bodies, Venerable Master: Ill. Brother Edward A Reine, 33°; Wise Master: Brother Bernard "Bernie" Gould, 32° KCCH; Commander; Darren Hart, 32°; and Master of Kadosh: Garland Gisclair, 32° for all your cooperation and assistance in 2013.

Looking forward to 2014, we have a strong lineup of officers in all four bodies of the Valley, and it looks like we will only be on the road for four meetings in 2014. Right now we plan to be on the road in March, April and May due to "Music in the Park" and then in October for "Harvest the Music". Plans are being made with some of the lodges in the New Orleans Area to host these four meetings.

Also we will be looking into possibly using an automated calling system to keep you informed about the happening in YOUR CONSISTORY. Other valleys are using this system and they have seen a

great response to the telephone calls.

We have two Reunions planned for the coming year, our Spring Reunion will be on Saturday April 5, 2014 and our Fall Reunion is planned for Saturday October 4, 2014. If you know of any Master Masons that have expressed an interest in the Scottish Rite, get them a petition. The fee will remain the same as last year \$240.00.

Do you have an email address? Do we have it in your file? If you are not sure, how about sending me a short message to NOSRT@bellsouth.net, so we can get you on the email list. All messages are sent out via blind carbon copy, so no one will have access to your email address.

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



#### 2014 Officers

##### Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master: Leon T. Roberts, 32° KCCH  
Senior Warden: Warren A. Hintz, 33°  
Junior Warden: Clayton A. Wolfe, 32° KCCH

##### Pelican Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master: Klaus J. "Joe" Kuech, 32° KCCH  
Senior Warden: Donald E. Freeze, 32° KCCH  
Junior Warden: Kenneth K. Bell, Jr., 32°

##### Eagle Council of Kadosh

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

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Ion Lazar, 33°

##### Secretary All Bodies

Martin J. Reinschmidt, 32° KCCH

#### In Memoriam

Oliver J. Blanchard

Milton H. Cohen

Dennis F. Dunn

Joseph C. Isaac, Jr.

Lawrence C. Jurisish, Jr.

Joseph C. Meche

Warren Simmons

# 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 11th**

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

**Tuesday, March 11th**

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

**Tuesday, April 8th**

Service of Remembrance 6:00 PM

**SPRING REUNION APRIL 26-27**

*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 2014 Officers**

**Knight Commander:** Samuel B. Owens  
**Knight Warden:** W. Robert Laurents  
**Knight Captain:** Stephen C. McLellan  
**Knight Recorder:** W. James Hill, III



**2014 Officers**

**Shreveport Lodge of Perfection**

**Venerable Master:** S. Bruce Easterly, 33°  
**Senior Warden:** W. James Hill, III, 32°  
**Junior Warden:** M. Darin West, 32°

**Shreveport Chapter Rose Croix**

**Wise Master:** Frederick J. McAnn, 32° KCCH  
**Senior Warden:** Carey C. Allison, 32° KCCH  
**Junior Warden:** Samuel B. Owens, 32°

**Shreveport Council of Kadosh**

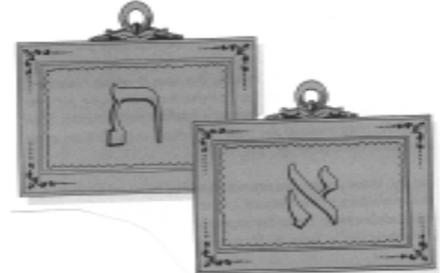
**Commander:** Larry W. LaBorde, 32° KCCH  
**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander:** Steven S. A. Pence, 33°  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander:** John T. Dark, 33°

**Shreveport Consistory**

**Master of Kadosh:** Samuel B. Owens, 32°  
**Prior:** John F. Knox, 32° KCCH  
**Preceptor:** Kenneth R. Fuller, 32° KCCH

**Treasurer All Bodies:**  
 E Louis McGee, 33°

**Secretary All Bodies:**  
 Gary L Gribble, 33°



**Challenges**

There are fifty-seven Valley members that won't receive a copy of this publication. These Scottish Rite Masons have determined, for whatever reasons, that continued membership holds no importance and were suspended non-payment of dues, in January. An additional seven members requested and were granted demits during 2013. Sadly, we lost thirty-eight members from this earthly realm as they were summoned home by The Great Architect. This is a loss of 102 brothers and friends. Although the departure of these members is significant from a personal standpoint, it must be said that the financial loss to the Valley is tremendous.

We are all proud of our magnificent building that was completed in 1917. It is a source of pride for the membership. Those that visit are in awe of its beauty. However, to maintain the building requires a tremendous amount of revenue. The Valley is truly blessed with having many dedicated members who volunteer their time and finances to assist with maintenance. If it were not for their generosity, many of the tasks, involving repairs and maintenance, would be left undone.

It is unfortunate that several of our mo-  
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**Knightly News**

About the time you receive this issue of the Trestleboard, the Shreveport Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew will be assisting with the Open Meeting of the 203rd Annual Grand Communication on Saturday morning, February 1st. We will be joined by members of the other four Chapters, providing a strong presence of Knights from Louisiana at the Session. The claymores, arch of steel, uniforms and posting of the Colors will make for a lasting impression on our brethren, dignitaries and visitors. We are honored and proud to be of service to Most Worshipful H. Edward Durham, our beloved Grand Master.

The KStA's calendar is full of activities and events, but our service to the Valley is tantamount, if not greater than those events. If you are interested in joining the fellowship, brotherhood and premier Scottish Rite service organization, don't hesitate to contact one of the Knights. We aren't hard to spot as we are located everywhere there is work to be done.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
 John W. Able, Jr.  
 Buster K. Gordy  
 Thomas Isgitt  
 Ramon L. Johnson  
 Waymon L. McMillan  
 O. Don Valentine  
 James T. Wiggins  
 Charles E. Williams, Jr.  
 Evie F. Young, Jr.

# Valley of Lake Charles News

## Chartered October 16, 1923

### Meets on the third Wednesday of every month



#### Lake Charles Masonic Temple

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Lake Charles, LA 70601

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**2014 Membership Fees  
are now past due!**

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

**Wednesday, February 19th**

*C&W Night-Neil McCoy & John John*

**SPRING REUNION March 8-9**

**Wednesday, March 19th**

*Lori Marinovich-Downtown Development*

**Wednesday, April 16th**

*York Rite Program-Service of Remembrance*

**Wednesday, May 21st**

*24th Degree Presentation*

**Wednesday, June 18th**

*Dr. Eric Snow-Acupuncture*

**Wednesday, July 16th**

*Annual Flag Program*

**Wednesday, August 20th**

*On The Road*

**FALL REUNION**

**Sept13-14**

**Wednesday, September 17th**

*Feast of Tishri*

**Wednesday, October 15th**

*Order of the Eastern Star Program*

**Wednesday, November 19th**

*Dr. Michelle Swift-Seniors' Denistry*

**Wednesday, December 17th**

*Election of Officers*

*Christmas Program*

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

#### Personally Speaking

February 2014 begins with our Grand Lodge Session in Bossier City, February 1 and 2. Our own, Ill. Earl J. "Mickey" Durand, 33° IGH, will be elected and installed as our Grand Master for 2014. M: W: Durand is well known for his indefatigable energy and tremendous love of Freemasonry in all its assemblies, while maintaining the humble dignified character of a consummate Mason. We wish him an enjoyable, rewarding, and peaceful tenure in office, wherever his travels may take him, as he represents all Masons in Louisiana.

At our February 19, 2014 stated communication, Country and Western music star, Neil McCoy will provide our program. Mr. McCoy will perform several of his popular songs. Along with his drummer John John, he will speak on the Dallas Scottish Rite Hospital and his own charity organization: East Texas Angel Network, which is committed to the enhancement of the lives of children of East Texas who are living with terminal or life-threatening diseases. John John is a former patient of the Dallas Scottish Rite Hospital and has a special message for Scottish Rite Masons.

Lori Marinovich, with the City of Lake Charles, will provide a program on the revitalization of downtown Lake Charles at our March 19, 2014 stated communication. Several phases of the Downtown Development Plan funded by a \$90 million bond issue are complete, and new developments are in the early stages of planning for more residential and entertainment sites in the downtown district. The Masonic Temple is located on the east boundary of the district, and is one of the most beautiful and historic architectural structures in the city.

March 8 and 9, 2014 will be the Spring reunion for Lake Charles Scottish Rite Bodies. If you know a Master Mason who is not a member of the Scottish Rite, please ask him to join. Blue Lodges in our Valley are enjoying the effect of younger men's interest in the Masonic Fraternity. We are seeing a number of men under the age of 40 becoming Masons. Let's help them to pursue additional Masonic Light by taking

the Scottish Rite Degrees and becoming involved in the educational and leadership opportunities of the Scottish Rite. The life blood of every fraternity is new membership. Please do your part in providing new members of the Scottish Rite.

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



#### 2014 Officers

##### Lake Charles Lodge of Perfection

*Venerable Master: Thomas L. Kussmann 32° KCCH*

*Senior Warden: Gerald H. Houston, 32° KCCH*

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

##### Lake Charles Chapter Rose Croix

*Wise Master: Oscar Abshire, 32° KCCH*

*Senior Warden: Elmer L. Edwards, 32° KCCH*

*Junior Warden: Mount W. Newby, 32°*

##### Lake Charles Council of Kadosh

*Commander: J. Braxton Cole, 32° KCCH*

*1st Lt. Commander: W. David McCoy, 32°*

*2nd Lt. Commander: David W. Scritchfield, 32°*

##### Lake Charles Consistory

*Master of Kadosh: William W. Bailey, 32°*

*Prior: Lynwood C. Burkhalter, 32°*

*Preceptor: Terrell D. Fowler, 32° KCCH*

##### Treasurer All Bodies:

*J. Quincy Gotte, 32°*

##### Secretary All Bodies:

*D. Blake Ford, 32° KCCH*

#### IN MEMORIAM

*Archie A. Cobb, III  
Richard E. Doornbos  
Huey P. Nelson  
Edward L. Tanton*

# Valley of Baton Rouge News

## Chartered October 20, 1955

### Meets on the second Monday of every month



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**2014 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE  
 NOW PAST DUE**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30**  
**Monday, February 10th**  
*Master Craftsman Program*  
**Monday, March 10th**  
*Guest Speaker*  
**SPRING REUNION APRIL 5**  
**Monday, April 14th**  
*Service of Remembrance*  
*Advisory Conference meets at 6pm on regular meeting days.*



**2014 Officers**

**Baton Rouge Lodge of Perfection**

*Venerable Master:* Jeffery D. Maynor, 32°  
*Senior Warden:* A. Nicholas Auck, 32° KCCH  
*Junior Warden:* John L. Belanger, 33°

**Baton Rouge Chapter Rose Croix**

*Wise Master:* Richard L. Fox, 32°  
*Senior Warden:* H. George Scanland, 32°  
*Junior Warden:* R. Shane Marchand, 32°

**Baton Rouge Council of Kadosh**

*Commander:* James E. Wingate, 33°  
*1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander:* J. Andrew Owen, 32°  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander:* Chester L. Finley, 32°

**Baton Rouge Consistory**

*Master of Kadosh:* Charles M. Powell 32°  
*Prior:* W. Brian Harris, 32°  
*Preceptor:* Frederic D. Denham, 32°

**Treasurer All Bodies:**  
 Ben F. Melanson, 33°

**Secretary All Bodies:**  
 Jimmie D. Dunkin, 33°

**From The Secretary's Desk**  
 The new officers to serve the Valley this year, elected and appointed, have been installed in their several stations and places. Congratulations to everyone and I am looking forward to a banner year as we move closer to our 50 year anniversary in 2015. Plans are already being made for this historical event.

By now most of you have already received your new dues card for 2014. They are plastic for the first time and you may want to take extra care as they will be with you for some time to come. Each year now there will be a tag applied to the card to designate the current year for which your dues are paid.

Brother Nick Auck, 32° KCCH, has been appointed the Director of Reunions for the Valley and is working now to have a joint reunion with the Valley of New Orleans in the Fall. This past year, we did host the Knights of St. Andrew from the Valley of Shreveport at the 2013 Fall Reunion, which proved to be very successful. Watch for the dates for joint reunion in upcoming issues of the Louisiana Scottish Rite Trestleboard.

We are still trying to find a way to get a standard of communication, with our members, to let them know of meetings and special events. Most agree that the email notice is working very well but we still need your addresses. Please send that information to the office so your name can be entered into the system. By all means if you do change your address, both email and mailing address, let the office know. We get a lot of returned mail, each year, because of incorrect mailing addresses.

Please check your dues card and make sure it is current. It is important that you have a current dues card to present at our Stated Meetings.

Ill Bro. Joe Stroud, 33°, reports that the Fall Class, at the Childhood Learning Center, is staffed and enrollment is full. Joe has a video of the Center that he has been showing in some of the lodges and request if you would like him to present the video

to your lodge, call the office and schedule a date. Brother Chuck Coburn 32° has a copy of the video and has shown it at several events in the Kentwood Area in an attempt to stimulate interest as well as donations. The Center is totally reliant on us as members for the funds to keep it going.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Stated Meetings on the second Monday of every month, at 7:30pm. We do have light refreshments at all of the meetings and a meal when a Special Presentation is planned. Watch for open meetings to be announced and bring your wife and guest to join with us in fellowship.

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



**Venerable Master's Message**

While it seems like just a short time ago we were kicking off 2013, but another year has rolled on, a new group of officers has been installed, new leaders have stepped forward, and new ideas have been brought to the table. Yet, despite all this change, the mission of Scottish Rite Masonry remains the same: Making Good Men, Better Men.

It is with this goal ever in view that the Valley Leadership has put forth this year's program, many of these ideas coming directly from the members present at a brainstorming session last fall. The Valley will be offering opportunities for education, fellowship, family participation, and fraternal bonding. We hope that over the course of the year every member will find something that appeals to them, and be able to attend.

It is our sincere wish to engage each and every member of the Valley in some

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**In Memoriam**

*Morris Ewell Easley, Jr.*  
*Auther Leon LeBlanc, Jr.*  
*Rodney Kenneth Salaro*  
*Amos Percy Smith*

# Valley of Monroe News

## Chartered November 13, 1971

### Meets on the first Thursday of every month



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**2014 Membership Fees are past due!**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Dinner with Ladies 6:00 PM
- Program 7:00 PM
- Thursday, February 6th**  
*Valentine's Day Program*
- Saturday, February 22nd**  
*Master Mason of The Year Program*
- Friday, February 28th**  
**Annual Gumbo Sale** 10am - 2pm
- Thursday, March 6th**  
*Regular Meeting*
- Thursday, April 3rd**  
*Regular Meeting*
- Thursday, April 17th**  
*Service of Remembrance*
- SPRING REUNION** APRIL 26
- The Advisory Conference Meets on the third Monday of each month**

**Race For The Kids**

The Monroe Valley will start a fund raising effort this years consisting of a \$10,000 added Barrel Race for women. We are selling ads to raise the \$10,000 prize money. Fortunately, we have some devoted ladies that are willing to help us in this new endeavor and without them, we could not have the event. The event is called "Race for the Kids" and will serve as our motto each year. The event is March 21-23rd and I look forward to reporting the results.

**2013 Officers**

**Monroe Lodge of Perfection**

*Venerable Master:* H. Glenn Jordan, 32° KCCH  
*Senior Warden:* Richard D. Mahoney, 32° KCCH  
*Junior Warden:* Leroy G. Stenzel, Jr., 32° KCCH

**Monroe Chapter Rose Croix**

*Wise Master:* C. Marcus Bailey, 32°  
*Senior Warden:* Scotty D. Adams, 32°  
*Junior Warden:* Oma Frank Lee, 32° KCCH

**Monroe Council of Kadosh**

*Commander:* Will P. Gray, 32° KCCH  
*1st Lt. Commander:* E. Felton Vickers, 32°  
*2nd Lt. Commander:* Richard L. James, 33°

**Monroe Consistory**

*Master of Kadosh:* W. Bryan Price, 32°  
*Prior:* Prentice L. Wallace, 32°  
*Preceptor:* James Paul Smith, 32°

**Treasurer All Bodies:**

*Roy McDuffie, 33° PGM*

**Secretary All Bodies:**

*Oma Frank Lee, 32° KCCH*



**Special Thank You**

The new Personal Representative for the Monroe Valley of the Scottish Rite is Travis Holley 33°. Holley, an attorney in Bastrop, was raised a Master Mason in 1999 which was the beginning of an active and productive masonic career. He served as Worshipful Master of Mt. Gerizim No. 54, has been active in both the York Rite and Scottish Rite, holding positions of leadership in each and serves as Chairman of the Law and Jurisprudence Committee.

In an interview about the future of Freemasonry, Holley made this observation, "Every part of Freemasonry, from each and every Blue Lodge to the major branches including the Scottish Rite, the York Rite and Shrine, will experience changes over the next decade that will make the last twenty-five years pale in comparison. Our general membership in all bodies will fall at a much faster rate in the future due to the age of the members. So, with that fact staring us in the face, the only question is whether we are going to be proactive now or reactive in the future. Consolidation of lodges, reduction of expenses and sharing space is a must. Be prepared to go from multiple

lodges in some areas to that of a regional lodge for all of the lodges and bodies to share. Now is the time to make those plans. Now is the time to be proactive."



**Master Masons Night**

Brother Beryl Franklin 33° died recently in St. Francis Medical Center. His widow, Nancy, and a host of friends and Masonic brothers mourn his loss. Franklin was an active member of the Monroe Scottish Rite. For many years, he was a valuable member of the stage crew for the reunions and was the Monroe editor for The Trestleboard. He was a respected faculty member at ULM where students remarked that "you laughed through his classes and cried through his tests." His humor was renowned and when I think of Dr. Franklin, I will remember the words that he spoke so often: "Have you heard the one about \_\_\_?" Rest well, my brother, and we will miss you terribly.



**Thank You**

The support and sympathy that you extended to me and my family following the unexpected death of my wife, Martha, will always be remembered. Thanks to each of you from the bottom of my heart.

*Fraternally,  
 H. Glenn Jordan, 32° KCCH*



**IN MEMORIAM**

*Beryl Cletis Franklin  
 Elden H. Rogers  
 Marquis Claude Wiginton, Jr.*

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*Baton Rouge Valley Venerable Master's Message:*

aspect of Scottish Rite. Just like our ancient Operative Brethren, who could not have built soaring cathedrals alone, so to can we not build our own internal temples working alone in silence.

I'm looking forward to another wonderful year in the Valley of Baton Rouge, and I hope to hear from all of you this year. If there is anything at all the Valley can do for you, please do not hesitate to get in touch!

*Fraternally,  
Jeffery D Maynor, 32°  
Venerable Master - Lodge of Perfection*

**Baton Rouge Learning Center**

The following members have recently made contributions to our Learning Center: Harry A. Knight, Fredric H. Belcher, Jr., Ray Douglas McElwain, Dewey M. O'Neal, Tyler W. Aldrich, Frank A. Jensen, William C. Shrewsbury, Robert A. Prevost, Danny L. Johnson, Callie J. Diez, Jr., John E. Gillcrease, Carrol Wilson, James D. Tatman, William H. Vincent, John Louis Amador, Michell G. Wichers II, Rory J. Dupre, Andrew Bain, Robert L. Glass, James D. Rabalais, Kenneth R. Garber, Robert Hagen, Nick Auck, and Pat S. Brown, Jr.

We have also received other contributions from April Martin from Independence and Bubba Huckaby from Kentwood Louisiana.

We are grateful for any and all contributions, remember, to help children is our purpose. Your contributions are the means that provide our continued services.

Again, thank each of you for your help.

*Fraternally,  
Joe A. Stroud, 33° Administrator*

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*Shreveport Valley News:*

bility challenged members are still unable to attend reunions and meetings, as to navigate the steps leading into the building, is impossible. It is imperative that the handicap access ramp be constructed. We mourn the loss of our members, but at the same time we need to meet the needs of the living. The rental reservations, which is the source of revenue that keeps the Valley operating, would benefit from the ramp as well.

Although much of what has been mentioned could be taken as dire news, there are many more positive areas that need mention. Not to detract from the other Chapters, but our KStA Chapter is the premier group of dedicated Scottish Rite Masons. They not only assist in every station at Shreveport, but willingly travel to the other Valleys to confer the 29th Degree. They are highly visible at every function. Our KCCH Club performs the Rose Upon The Altar play at lodges in the District, bringing more light to the area. Our Degree Teams continue to bring a meaningful theatrical performance at each reunion. The Stage, Lighting, Sound, Wardrobe Committees provide the support to make the reunions successful. Our new Honor Men bring a renewed vitality as they proudly wear their caps.

There is much to be thankful for. Let's continue to fulfill, build and provide. Thank you for continuing to be a Shreveport Valley Scottish Rite Mason.

**THE FINAL WORD**



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

***“LEST WE FORGET”***

For as long as my memory can recall, I have been a “joiner” – joining organizations. As a little Baptist, it was RA's. In elementary school, it was Spanish Club, Choir and Basketball. In Junior High (today called Middle School) it was Scouts, and Science Club and Band. High School offered a wide-range of clubs and groups to join, but DeMolay was the big one. On to college with fraternity, and a well-stocked organizational buffet of clubs and groups. Then age twenty- one and Freemasonry (way back then, you had to be at least 21 to petition) – I had joined the ultimate. My parents often asked me why I joined so much and devoted so much time and effort to these groups, especially since they had to drive me until age sixteen to every meeting and event. My younger Brother followed by five years and was also a joiner – my parents asked again. Never sure of the complete answer as to why I joined all of these groups, but I found life- long friends, meaningful projects and personal satisfaction using and developing traits and talents that have served me well for many years since. I do know that the values and ideals of each group either kept me participating or had me soon leaving the group. I still join organizations today – mostly Masonically related – but purpose, value and ideals guide my level of participation. Looking back over those early years, it is easy to forget the time spent, the financial expenditures, the many miles traveled; and the sacrifices made by my parents who really encouraged, nurtured and kept me in cars, good insurance and gas money. Lest we forget, it is important to stop and remember all of those wonderful by-gone days.

Moving forward, that ultimate, Freemasonry today offers time-tested values and ideals that continues to attract good men who want to be a part of it and join – many new, younger members comment that their grandfathers were Freemasons and looking up to and respecting the type of man their grandfather was made them want to travel the same path to Freemasonry. Thus Freemasonry's values and ideals are attracting this new generation seeking friendship, meaningful projects and personal satisfaction. Lest we forget to respond to these young members with the values and ideals, Freemasonry will lose this generation of good men. We lost the sons of those grandfathers, the fathers of these young men,

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by keeping Freemasonry a big secret – most older members were instilled with the notion that everything was secret, even the values and ideals. Their wives were never to be told anything; thus the wife could not understand what Freemasonry was – the children were never told anything. Then around 50 years ago came a war in the jungles of southeast Asia where all values and ideals were questioned – a generation of young men questioned all authority and organized institutions – not everyone in that generation joined the “Age of Aquarius” life-style, but most stopped joining anything – the book “Bowling Alone” tells the story very well. Lest we forget, history can and will repeat itself; and the very newest, youngest generation, the sons of our new, young members have learned to sit quietly in their rooms with personal communication devices and “talk” to others quietly sitting in their rooms with similar devices. We can lose the very newest, youngest generation because Freemasonry does not choose to adapt, not change, but adapt. Let us look ahead to the children of our young members who are joining today – will those youngsters be interested in being Freemasons, or will we lose this newest, youngest generation yet to come of age? Are we instilling in our new members sharing the values and ideals with family? Are we offering our members what they want and need?

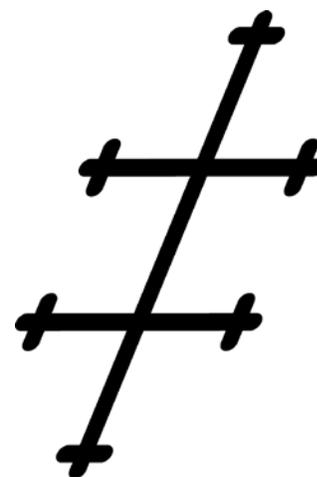
Many will argue that Freemasonry never changes – lest we forget, it does! Louisiana Freemasonry only recently returned to allowing an 18 year old to petition. Louisiana only recently adopted a written cypher to assist in learning the memory work AND maintaining uniformity in the memory work. Every year at Grand Lodge we adjust, amend or clarify our Law. Scottish Rite Freemasonry has also attempted to adjust to the times. One-day Reunions have become the “standard”, and allowed many to join who are too busy to spend the old traditional four days watching all twenty-nine Degrees. The Master Craftsman Program has become the star in educational areas of all of Freemasonry. The success of the Knights of St. Andrew has proven that Scottish Rite Freemasons do want to serve, contribute and work for improvement within their Valleys. Freemasons join Scottish Rite to gain that friendship, participate in meaningful projects and receive personal satisfaction – lest we forget, men still seek these values and ideals.

Near the end of March, this Orient will have the opportunity to attend the biennial leadership workshop held on the off-years of the Supreme Council Session. Many Scottish Rite members in Louisiana have attended these workshops over the years as well-produced themes, topics and expert speakers have presented statistics, given advice and all have watched first-class video presentations. Usually a notebook or binder containing all of the outlines of the topics presented is given to each attendee. Brotherly exchanges are made, receptions and theme-centered meals are enjoyed, and everyone returns home after two days to place the notebook or binder full of great information on the bookcase shelf; lest we forget, many notebooks are never opened again.

This March 28-29, 2014, in Biloxi, Mississippi, the leadership workshop will be different. Some of those younger members mentioned above have planned this two-day gathering! How different to have a group of eager new Scottish Rite Freemasons who want the promise that Scottish Rite offers actually developing the leadership workshop. Three regional meetings are being held in

2014 – Biloxi, MS is our closest, but also being held in Portland, OR and Williamsburg, VA. How to engage members from their first impression to making a life-long commitment is the theme and goal of the workshops. Sessions will center on making new members feel a part of their Valley; why exemplifying more than the five required Degrees is important and how the Degrees are presented; how to improve Valley communication and member-to-member communication; how to keep new members beyond that three year period when so many quit; how to improve the social aspects of Scottish Rite (not festive party-type, but fraternal socializing); how to thank a member for performing tasks (a meaningful awards program); and giving a member the Brotherhood that we talk about.

A group of these young Scottish Rite Freemasons mentioned above who mostly had Masonic grandfathers whom they admired were selected by our Grand Commander upon the recommendation of their SGIG to actually meet and plan this series of regional workshops. Louisiana was fortunate to have one young member selected of the dozen who finally met in a long, hard-working three-day weekend in Dallas, TX. This time the workshop will be different; this time it will be better. No notebook to put on the shelf. Lest we forget, we need to listen to our young members who want Scottish Rite's values and ideals – every Valley should plan to send your best, your brightest to Biloxi – and when they return – LISTEN! Lest we forget, you and I are involved today, each of us who are active, because someone mentored us and instilled the values and ideals; then they let us go to work and they listened to us. Lest we forget – we are involved in Freemasonry because someone helped us understand the values and ideals along the way and then listened to our ideas and thoughts and helped aim and focus us – never let us forget those who inspired us – thank you for remembering and for continuing.

*Bill Mollere, 33° S.G.I.G.*

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**Scottish Rite FULFILL-BUILD-PROVIDE**

**Did You Know?**

**32° Master of the Royal Secret:**

The cap for a Master of the Royal Secret shall be circular style, 3-1/8 inches high, made of heavy black grosgrain silk. Band of 18 ligne No. 2180 black silk braid 1-1/4 inches wide finished, a cord welt above and below the band. One row of 3 ligne No. 1062 gilt vellum wire lace at top and bottom of band, leaving an interval 9/16 inch on band between the lace. On center in front a double-headed eagle 1-3/4 inches high with a red equilateral triangle 3/4 inch high, including rays, above the eagle. The total height of the eagle and rayed equilateral triangle to be 2-1/2 inches. The eagle of Nos. 29, 30 and 31 gilt bullion. The equilateral triangle to be of red cloth outlined with No. 3 gilt jaceron with figure 32 in center and rays outside of Nos. 25 and 26 gilt bullion embroidery. A regulation gilt bullion double overcord, fastened at lower edge of cap on each side with a gold-plated metal button, the latter embossed with a double-headed eagle emblem. Cap lined with black satin and interlined with muslin, the inner rim of buckram, with a leather sweat band.



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**Mission Statement**

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

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

- ◆ Fulfill the promise of additional Masonic knowledge through education and training.
- ◆ Build a Positive Public Image of Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite.
- ◆ Support and expand our philanthropic activities.
- ◆ Provide a framework for effective leadership to ensure the stability and long-term success of the Fraternity.
- ◆ Provide a financial process to ensure the stability and long-term success of the Fraternity.

