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“Change and Growth”

by

J. Quincy Gotte, 32°

“...the Sefirot shine according to the readiness of the created realms and beings to receive. Since there are differences between the degree of readiness of different receivers, there are differences between the Sefirot.” Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzatto (“Ramchal”)- 138 Openings of Wisdom Translated by Avraham Yehoshua Greenbaum

What makes this life interesting and challenging is the fact that people develop and grow in phases that may or may not be in sync with one another. Life mostly puts us face to face with others that may not have come to the same conclusions about circumstances that are shared. Conflicting interactions between individuals within a society are a reflection of an individual’s personal conflict within themselves. It is always easier to recognize an outward opposition, but it is more challenging to see the conflict within ourselves in order to understand the opposition that we are faced with outside.

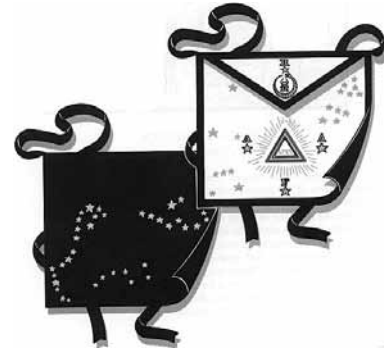
“Things belonging to different classes cannot be transmuted into each other, but things of the same class may be changed, that is, may have their polarity changed. Thus Love never becomes East or West, or Red or Violet-but it may and often does turn into Hate- and likewise Hate may be transformed into Love, by changing its polarity.” The Three Initiates- The Kybalion

Opposing forces are always related, and Truth is only as inflexible as the mind that interprets it, and it has its limits drawn out and gauged by the intellect of the receiver; therefore, individual judgments are exacted according to this limitation.

The Twenty-fifth Degree features the story of the Hebrew people wandering in the wilderness after the Exodus from Egypt as their initiation into a renewed people begins. Throughout the story they pledged their allegiance to Moses’ leadership and then cursed him time and again when opposition was present. The story teaches us that people will only receive what they are prepared to receive. The account of Korah proved early on that there was jealousy and opposition in the midst of the Hebrew congregation. There were those that concluded that all of their lives they had practiced a certain way of life



in Egypt that allowed them to grow into a strong numerous people,



so how can that be so wrong in the Creator’s eyes? Why change how things are thought of and done when the people have not only grown, but have been liberated as well? It cannot be argued that the Creator, Blessed be He, brought them to Egypt to prosper and strengthen them; however, that was only a preparation for another level of existence. They were not able to get to the Promised Land until they were ready to let go of Egypt, not only physically, but mentally and spiritually as well. In their stubbornness, the people were then smitten by the asp and were brought to a position that required them to move forward with the preparations for the Promised Land, or die in a stifled state. I’m sure it seemed foolish to them, that as they were dying from the snake bite, to look upon the very thing that caused such pain towering over them, fearing that it may be the last image they see, yet having faith that in doing so they might live and overcome.

“Knowledge, the Truth, and opportunities for service often come to us in forms which are at first unrecognizable, and may seem at first sight, unacceptable. Truth may appear to us in a guise we find unrecognizable, or even foolish. By withholding premature judgment and by applying mature reflection we learn to recognize Truth, and in so doing we broaden our horizons of understanding, which leads to greater wisdom.” Arturo De Hoyos, 33°, Grand Cross, K.Y.C.H – *The Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide*

The AASR Degrees teach us that we must continue to strive for the next level of understanding in order to obtain the Truth and grow as a Body; and that vows alone cannot secure anyone or thing, only understanding and wisdom can motivate ones actions to advance and move forward towards the next step in our daily evolution.

“The enlightened man has no need of ordinary light. He is not dependent on the light or knowledge of other men. Initiation, properly understood, is transformation. Once transformed, a man cannot view the world as he previously had, any more than the world of the butterfly is the world of the caterpillar.” Arturo De Hoyos, 33°, Grand Cross, K.Y.C.H – *The Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide*

Fraternally,
Quincy Gotte
Valley of Lake Charles

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The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil Constitution, are worth defending at all hazards; and it is our duty to defend them against all attacks. We have received them as a fair inheritance from our worthy ancestors: they purchased them for us with toil and danger and expense of treasure and blood, and transmitted them to us with care and diligence. It will bring an everlasting mark of infamy on the present generation, enlightened as it is, if we should suffer them to be wrested from us by violence without a struggle, or to be cheated out of them by the artifices of false and designing men.

Samuel Adams

The genius of Freemasonry is not our Masonic buildings and temples or the trappings of our organizations. It is not our great charities or community activities. It is not our beautiful rituals or their teachings! It is the 'practice of Freemasonry' by the Freemasons. Yet we cannot practice that which we do not know or understand. Thus Masonic education is the foundation for our Fraternity. Brother Carl H. Claudy in The Master's Book says, "... one thing and only one thing a Masonic Lodge can give its members which they can get nowhere else in the world. That one thing is Masonry."

*Michael L. Wiggins
Texas Lodge of Research*

Calendar of Events

Supreme Council

- Celebrating The Craft May 16
Biennial Session August 22-25
Washington D.C.

Orient

- Conference of the Orient April 24
Baton Rouge
Homecoming of the Orient April 25
Baton Rouge

Grand Lodge

- Grand Lodge Session January 30-Feb 1
Alexandria
Conference of GM February 14-17
Vancouver, British Columbia

Reunions

- Shreveport March 7-8
Lake Charles March 7-8
New Orleans May 9
Baton Rouge TBA
Monroe May 30

The Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation

Scholarship Awards

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

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Sarah Lee

Sarah Lawrence

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Naomi Siegmund

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The Significance Of The Line In Freemasonry

by

Michael A. Watts, 32° KCCH

I often, during December, perform the installation ceremony for Lodge's new officers. In the explanation of the Worshipful Master's implements during the installation, we find in the Louisiana Masonic Monitor, "*The Line, the emblem of moral rectitude, teaches you to avoid dissimulation [concealment] in word and act; and to direct your steps to the path which leads to a glorious immortality.*" (Huckaby, 1980, p. 202). Preston states in his work, *Illustrations of Masonry*, "*The line teaches the criterion of moral rectitude, to avoid dissimulation in conversation and action, and to direct our steps in the path which leads to immortality.*" (Ceremony of Installation, Note 20). One can assume the authors of the Louisiana Masonic Monitor may have been vaguely familiar with the Preston ritual. Often, after conducting the annual initiation ceremony, I wonder if anyone studying Freemasonry contemplates the significance of the line. The further we travel from the actual stone mason craft, on our journey in speculative Masonry, the greater the possibility we may forget the importance of the line in our practice of Masonry.

I vaguely remember studying geometry in high school years ago. The line was discussed early in the class. It is defined as, "*A line extends in one dimension. It is usually represented by a straight line with two arrowheads to indicate that the line extends without end in two directions.*" (Boswell, Larson & Stiff, 2004). Of particular interest is the unending or infinite length of the geometric line. As Freemasons, we are reminded of the soul's eternal, unending, or infinite length.

For such a small word, Merriam-Webster's on-line dictionary has a plethora of definitions for the word, line. Germane to this discussion are, "*a state of agreement or conformity.*" It would be my prayer that every Master of a Lodge could lead a group where all members are in agreement and conformity. It has been my practice that this is seldom the case. The Master of a Lodge should strive to lead with all members in agreement; however it is the Master's responsibility to lead. How often we

find the Master of a Lodge elected with the only qualification of being the Senior Warden previously. Or, how often we find the Lodge being de-facto managed by one of the Past Masters, regardless of the member elected to manage.

We also find line defined as, "*a boundary of an area.*" While we learn with the compasses to circumscribe our actions; perhaps the line, as the boundary of the area drawn by the compasses, should symbolically provide the boundary each Freemason should not cross. We should also be reminded; the circle in our Masonic practice has two lines as boundaries. The two historical figures these two lines represent are worth emulation. Those two lines may symbolize an additional definition found in Merriam-Webster's dictionary; that being, "*a course of conduct, action, or thought.*"

If we have ever observed actual masons erect walls, we have seen the mason's line in use. "*A mason's line is one of the most important tools of the trade. Also called mason's twine, the line keeps the block straight on the wall allowing for greater accuracy and faster laying. It's a great time saver because you don't have to stop work to pick up your level as frequently.*" (Anonymous). We might see the line used in this sense as a replacement for the level but providing the same purpose as the level. With careful observation, one may see in this definition, the purpose of a symbol. Symbols should be time savers. By visualizing the symbol, we should be able to rapidly recall the quality the symbol represents. Each Freemason should remember the level as one of the three working tools of the Fellowcraft.

Additionally, we may expound on another working tool of the Fellowcraft, the plumb. In order to use the plumb, the actual mason attaches a line to it. The practicality of the plumb requires a line. When we speculative Masons consider the symbolism of the plumb to walk uprightly, we should also consider a line of moral rectitude necessary to use the plumb. We are reminded of the attachment of the line to

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“You Have The Ability To Make A Difference”

by
A. Nicholas Auck, 32° KCCH



Not nearly as often as I would like, I receive questions on what it takes to start a DeMolay Chapter. It **IS** a lot of hard work, but much like parenting, it is one of the most rewarding activities that we can do – working with young men so that they may be better leaders tomorrow. A brighter tomorrow being our overall goal in Freemasonry, the benefits to the community and the Lodge in particular are exceptional. While no Lodge should

sponsor a DeMolay Chapter for its future membership only, that is a benefit that all Lodges must address continually. To that end, below is a brief overview of how to start a new Chapter.

DeMolay Chapters are sponsored by one or more Masonic groups who vote to do so. It may be a single Lodge, or a group of Lodges/Appendant Bodies. By ‘sponsoring’ the Lodge must 1) pass a resolution stating they will sponsor a chapter, 2) provide advisors and a place for the young men to meet free of charge, and 3) welcome the young men and advisors into the Masonic Family (invite them to lodge functions such as installations, social events and work days, as well as attend DeMolay functions). This last part is usually the most difficult, and the most rewarding. If a Lodge truly embraces a DeMolay Chapter, when the young man turns 18 he knows he has to ask for a petition to join the Lodge and both the DeMolay and the Lodge know if he is ready to be a Freemason.

The next step is to recruit Advisors. Normally there should be ten to twelve (10-12) Advisors to start a chapter. This is simply because there are two main advisors who are dedicated to the Chapter and little else - the Chapter Advisor and the Chairman. The remaining eight (8) Advisors assist in specific areas, but are not as active. The Chapter Advisor is the one who attends just about everything the Chapter will do, whether it is a local or state event. He is like most Lodge Secretaries and Chaplains in that he spends a lot of time behind the scenes with the Councilors making sure they are prepared for the DeMolay events. The Chairman should be a well-respected member of the Lodge so that when a problem arises he can, with a gentle hand and soft word resolves it. He also looks for new advisors continuously. The other eight (8) Advisors help out and prepare for their turn as Chapter Advisor or Chairman.

Currently, the Chairman is the only Advisor required to be a Master Mason, and there is a requirement for three (3) total Master Masons on an Advisory Council. All other Advisors need only be 21 years of age, acceptable to the Lodge and able to successfully undergo a background check. I recommend parents, local church leadership and school teachers/coaches as a good place to start recruitment efforts. They are already familiar to working with youth and are a good source for new members.

All advisors must be trained and Louisiana DeMolay has staff members who are able to conduct the one day basic course. Not all of the new Chapter’s advisors have to attend at the same time, but

it does help and training is usually conducted locally. This training provides the basics, and Advisors from across the state can give practical advice when needed. Additionally, we have a Chairman's Conference Call once a month to discuss issues with the Executive Officer, and continual training for all Advisors at state events.

After this foundation work, the new Chapter is ready for the young men. The magic number is 15 young men in order to receive a Charter. Until then, the Chapter works under Letters Temporary. When he joins, the young man pays a lifetime fee of \$65. Any young man between the ages of 12 and 21 who has a belief in a Supreme Being is eligible. We do not discriminate based on race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, and it is somewhat recommended that adult workers don't ask other than that they believe in a monotheistic religion. Twelve year olds don't really know what sexual orientations and creeds are, and some may think their religion or family background is part of the selection process, which it isn't.

That being said, like the Lodge, a DeMolay Chapter will be what the young men and adults make of it. If standards are set and everyone achieves them, the chapter will flourish. However, if every petition that comes in with a check is elected to membership, the Chapter will have every problem with a check. Being selective to find the right mix of attitudes and capabilities is much preferred.

What has been described above is difficult work of a DeMolay Chapter, but the rewards of this work are ten-fold. I hope this encourages you to take up the mantle of a difficult task and make a difference in your community and the lives of young men there in. If you would like to sched-

ule a Lodge visit or request additional information on DeMolay or a DeMolay Chapter, please feel free to contact our Executive Officer via email at Laeo8@yahoo.com or by calling (225) 362-1120.

Fraternally,
Nick Auck, 32° KCCH
Executive Officer

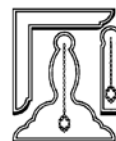


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the plumb in the circumambulation during the Fellowcraft degree. In the King James Version of the Book of Amos we find the wall was made by a plumbline. The Grand Architect had a plumbline in His hand. The plumbline is the tool used by the Grand Architect to find the people of Israel upright or not.

Perhaps we should as Speculative Freemasons be more attentive to the line. It is very important to the Operative Mason. Perhaps the line in Freemasonry deserves greater importance than a line or two in the Installation of the Worshipful Master. Perhaps all Freemasons should contemplate the line as often as the plumb or compasses, as the line contributes to the use of both tools.

Fraternally,
Michael Watts, 32° KCCH
Valley of Monroe



Valley of New Orleans News

Chartered April 7, 1811

Meets on the first Wednesday of every month



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2015 Membership Fees are due!

Calendar of Events

Stated Communications 7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 4th

Annual Valentine Day Program

Saturday, February 21st

Robert Burns Dinner

Wednesday, March 4th

At Home

Wednesday, April 1st

Service of Remembrance

Wm D. White Lodge - Gretna

Wednesday, May 6th

On The Road - Slidell Lodge

SPRING REUNION

May 9th

Wednesday, June 3rd

On The Road - Bayou Fellowship Lodge

Wednesday, July 1st

Annual Patriotic Program

Wednesday, August 5th

25 & 50 Year Membership Presentation

Wednesday, September 2nd

Bring A Friend - Bring A Brother program

Wednesday, October 7th

Feast of Tishri

FALL REUNION **OCTOBER 10th**

Wednesday, November 4th

Thanksgiving Program

Wednesday, December 2nd

Holiday Program

From The Secretary's Desk

On Friday December 26, 2014, a new day dawned for the Valley of New Orleans. On that day Illustrious Brother Frank Silva, President of the New Orleans Scottish Rite Foundation, signed the papers effectively transferring ownership of the properties at 619 and 621 to a local private developer, thus ending a long and historical Scottish Rite presence in downtown New Orleans. The new owner has been working very closely with us and has allowed us what we feel is an ample amount of time to vacate the building.

Take a few moments of your time and think back to the day or days, as the case maybe, when you sat in the upstairs auditorium and received the higher degrees in Scottish Rite Masonry. Did you come back for the monthly meetings, did you come back for a reunion or two or did you take part in one of the degrees? The old building has gone through some major renovations since we first occupied it in 1903. In June of 1942 a major portion of the roof collapsed probably due to termites. Then again in the late 80s, the little wood eating visitors caused major structural damage which had to be repaired and finally 2005 brought an unwanted visit by a lady named "Katrina" who again damaged the building. But let's not focus on the negative, think of how many dinners, meetings, reunions and let's not forget DeMolay activities took place in the old building. There are more good memories than bad.

As I was going thru the old books shortly after taking over as secretary, I found a book that had a list of the names of the brothers who took an active part on one of the 29 degree teams. The thing that I found interesting in the book was, most of the degree teams were made up of brothers from one of the lodges in the New Orleans area. Another interesting thing was there were very few brothers who held a primary role in more than one degree. The book listed the names of the primary brother, a stand in and a second stand in. Wouldn't it be great if we could get back to that?

I am sure the pressing question on everyone's mind is where we are going to re-

locate the Valley's home. Believe me when I tell you that is the most pressing question that is facing the committee put in place to find us a new home. From a personal point of view, with the core of our membership being in the Metairie-Harahan-Kenner area, this seems to be the best location. Will we be able to find a suitable building to convert to our use or a piece of property to purchase and build a new building? Only time will tell. We have a few options as to where we can hold our meetings until a new home is completed, so stay tuned for future developments. As I type this article my mind starts to wander about what pieces of our history will we uncover as we start the process of packing up for the big move.

As of now, the date for our spring reunion, May 9th, still looks like a good date. Get out there and find those Master Masons who are interested in joining the Scottish Rite and let's make the last Scottish Rite Reunion in the Old Temple building a huge success.

In 2014 the Great Architect of the Universe called 32 of our brothers from Labor to Refreshments for the final time. A couple of these brothers had passed away prior to 2014, but no one notified the office of their passing. Brethren, please do not let this

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2015 Officers

Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master: Warren A. Hintz, 33°
Senior Warden: Clayton A. Wolfe, 32° KCCH
Junior Warden: Bernard L. Gould, Jr., 32° KCCH

Pelican Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master: Donald E. Freeze, 32° KCCH
Senior Warden: Kenneth K. Bell, Jr., 32°
Junior Warden: Michael W. Nastasi, 32° KCCH

Eagle Council of Kadosh

Commander: Eddie A. LeBoeuf, III, 32°
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2nd Lt. Commander: John C. Miller, 32°

New Orleans Consistory

Master of Kadosh: Freddie J. Touchet, 32° KCCH
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Ion Lazar, 33°

Secretary All Bodies

Martin J. Reinschmidt, 32° KCCH

In Memoriam

Charles Duke Zucker
Emmett Woods

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 10th
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

Spring Reunion March 7-8

Tuesday, March 10th
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

Wednesday April 1st
Service of Remembrance 6:00 PM
 Note: No Meeting on Tuesday April 14th

Tuesday, May 12th
Feast of Consistory 6:00 PM

Tuesday, June 9th
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

Tuesday, July 14th
Patriotic Program 6:00 PM

Tuesday, August 11th
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

Summer Reunion August 15-16

Tuesday, September 8th
Feast of Tishri 6:00 PM

Tuesday, October 13th
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM
 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.

2015 Officers

Shreveport Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master: W. James Hill, III, 32°
Senior Warden: M. Darin West, 32°
Junior Warden: Stephen C. McLellan, 32°

Shreveport Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master: Carey C. Allison, 32° KCCH
Senior Warden: Samuel B. Owens, 32°
Junior Warden: M. Darin West, 32°

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Commander: Steven S. A. Pence, 33°
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Secretary All Bodies:

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KStA 2015 Officers

Knight Commander: Stephen C. McLellan
Knight Warden: W. Robert Laurents
Knight Captain: John C. Sharlow
Knight Recorder: W. James Hill, III

Knightly News

The 2015 Officer installation ceremony was conducted by John F. Knox, Jr.-32° KCCH and Past KStA Commander. Our new Commander is Stephen McLellan. Brother McLellan was also elected and installed as Worshipful Master of his Blue Lodge. Robert Laurents, Knight Warden just completed his year in the East at his Lodge and Knight Captain John Sharlow was Worshipful Master for two consecutive years. The new officers of the Shreveport Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew are well poised for their roles.



L:R - Stephen McLellan, John Knox and John Sharlow.

From The Secretary's Desk

2015 began with the Valley observing the Feast of Kadosh, a first for us. An excellent dinner, provided by our caterer, included several obligatory toasts. After the Lodge of Perfection completed its labor, Jim Hill, 32° Venerable Master, turned the program over to the Commander of the Council of Kadosh, for his presentation. The Commander provided an informative presentation on the twelve degrees that comprise the Council and the lessons found in each of them.

Our next celebration will be the Service of Remembrance on April 1st. Please note that this will be the only meeting scheduled in April. This meeting is open to everyone, especially our families and friends.

Our Spring Reunion will take place over the March 7th weekend. Degree Team Captains have been meeting the our Director of Work, Stage and Lighting Directors and reunion support staff in preparation for a successful event. Several of the degrees have been revised to include work that was eliminated over the years. Come, take part and enjoy the fellowship!

Our website has been completely reworked, thanks in no small part to Brother Troy Jones, with able assistance from Brothers Stephen McLellan and Jeff Clarke. If you haven't visited the site lately, you will be pleasantly surprised.

www.shreveportscottishrite.com



IN MEMORIAM

Kendall Berry
 Thomas Cecil Blount
 Carl Everett Chellette
 Clyde Dewey Hood
 Harvey Pink Johnston
 Charles Thompson Lambeth
 Daurice Everett Lowery
 John Connell Mosley
 Ben Roy Shumway
 Gerry Melvin Weldon

Valley of Lake Charles News

Chartered October 16, 1923

Meets on the third Wednesday of every month



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**2015 Membership Fees are now
past due!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:00

Wednesday, February 18th

Guest Speaker

SPRING REUNION MARCH 7-8

Wednesday, March 18th

Eastern Star Program

Thursday, April 2nd

Service of Remembrance

Wednesday, April 18th

Guest Speaker

Wednesday, May 20th

Guest Speaker

Wednesday, June 17th

Guest Speaker

Wednesday, July 15th

Flag Program

Wednesday, August 19th

On The Road

FALL REUNION SEPT 12-13

Wednesday, September 16th

Feast of Tishri

Wednesday, October 21st

Eastern Star

Wednesday, November 18th

Veterans Appreciation

Wednesday, December 16th

Election of Officers

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

Personally Speaking

Another new year is underway and we have renewed excitement centered on the Valley Membership Achievement Program (VMAP). Under the leadership and guidance of our Scottish Rite Fellows, Brothers Quincy Gotte 32° and Jeff Haley 32°, the Valley of Lake Charles will be engaging in a number of activities designed to involve more of our members with the Scottish Rite.

There are ten specific subject matter areas that VMAP covers. These include:

- Membership Recruitment**
- New Member Engagement**
- Degree Conferral Proficiency**
- Reunion Experience**
- SR Education for candidates**
- SR Education for Members**
- Officer Responsibilities & Engagement**
- Philanthropy & Public Image**
- Membership Retention**
- Valley Organizations**

Task forces of current Valley leaders were formed in the Fall of 2014 to develop a plan of work and set measurable objectives in membership recruitment and retention. Officers' responsibilities and engagement is also one of the first areas of emphasis as we initiate the program.

The Lake Charles Scottish Rite Bodies belongs to the members. Each member has gifts and talents that they can share to make the Scottish Rite experience in this Valley more educational, enjoyable, entertaining, and enduring for all of the brethren. VMAP has a place for each brother to become involved and participate. We need your help in making this program a success. Please contact the office at

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or

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or attend our monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month.

Remember the adage: "The more you put into the Scottish Rite, the more you will get out of it." Hope you will get the most you have ever received from the Scottish Rite in 2015. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Fraternally,
Richard B Smith, 33°



2015 Officers

Lake Charles Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master: Gerald H. Houston, 32° KCCH

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

Junior Warden: Richard D. Morgan, 32° KCCH

Lake Charles Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master: Elmer L. Edwards, 32° KCCH

Senior Warden: Mount W. Newby, 32°

Junior Warden: Donald G. Head, 32°

Lake Charles Council of Kadosh

Commander: W. David McCoy, 32°

1st Lt. Commander: David W. Scritchfield, 32°

2nd Lt. Commander: Ronald C. Stephenson, 32°

Lake Charles Consistory

Master of Kadosh: Lynnwood C. Burkhalter, 32°

Prior: Terrell D. Fowler, 32° KCCH

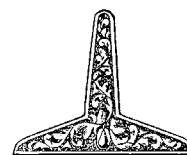
Preceptor: Thomas E. Boggan, 32°

Treasurer All Bodies:

J. Quincy Gotte, 32°

Secretary All Bodies:

D. Blake Ford, 32° KCCH



IN MEMORIAM

Don K. Evans

John W. Humble

William G. Turton

Raymond D. Verrett

Roger C. Williams

Valley of Baton Rouge News

Chartered October 20, 1955

Meets on the second Monday of every month



Baton Rouge Scottish Rite Temple

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**2015 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE
NOW PAST DUE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30

Monday, February 16th

On The Road - Humble Cottage Lodge

Monday, March 9th

14th Degree-Perfect Elu

Sunday, April 4th

Joint York Rite and Scottish Rite Easter program.

Monday, April 13th

*Presentation of the Knight Rose Croix
Advisory Conference meets at 6pm on
regular meeting days.*



2015 Officers

Baton Rouge Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master: Jeffery D. Maynor, 32°
Senior Warden: Christopher J. Adams, 32°
Junior Warden: Richard L. Fox, 32°

Baton Rouge Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master: H. George Scanlan, 32°
Senior Warden: R. Shane Marchand, 32°
Junior Warden: James E. "Buddy" Pearce, 32°

Baton Rouge Council of Kadosh

Commander: J. Andrew Owen, 32°
1st Lt. Commander: Timothy P. Sibley, 32°
2nd Lt. Commander: Timothy E. Ackermann, 32°

Baton Rouge Consistory

Master of Kadosh: W. Brian Harris, 32°
Prior: Frederic D. Denham, Jr., 32°
Preceptor: James E. Duncan, 32°

Treasurer All Bodies:
Ben F. Melanson, 33°

Secretary All Bodies:
Jimmie D. Dunkin, 33°

From The Secretary's Desk

As always, Grand Lodge will be exciting, but more so this year since having one of our members of the Valley installed as Grand Master. We are more than confident that his year will be a successful one and pledge our continued support. Congratulations, Ill Brother William J. Mollere, S.G.I.G. of Louisiana, from all of us at your Mother Valley. Best of luck, my dear Brother!

Mardi Gras is around the corner which means Easter will be upon us. There will be a joint Observance with the York Rite Bodies on April 4th. This will be an open meeting and as such, a great opportunity for you and your family to attend. The Scottish Rite will have the Service of Remembrance ceremony with the extinguishing and relighting of the Lights as we pay tribute to those who have passed during the year. The service reflects both the Old and New testaments. There will be a wonderful meal to share with our family and guests. Plan to join us on this special occasion.

The upcoming statewide degree event is still being planned, as I write this article. It will be held in the Baton Rouge Scottish Rite Temple. Nick Auck, 32° KCCH is coordinating this event with our sister Valleys in the Orient. He will be getting information to the membership soon.

Ill Brother John Belanger, 33° is working diligently to bring petitions from the surrounding parishes. Do you know of a Blue Lodge Member that has expressed a desire to become a member of the Scottish Rite? Give them a petition or contact Brother Belanger at (225) 921-4756. And as always, you may call the office as we always love hearing from you.

Check your dues card and make sure you have the 2015 sticker. Make it part of your New Year's Resolutions to come to the next meeting of your Valley. Our regular meetings are held on the second Monday of every month, beginning at 7:30. Come join us and share in the fellowship!

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

Venerable Master's Message

The seasons have made their way through another year and a new slate of officers have begun to take on their roles in the four Bodies.

It is an extremely humbling experience to be elected by my Brethren to serve a third term as Venerable Master of the Baton Rouge Lodge of Perfection. It is also a very exciting year to be offered the opportunity to serve.

This year will mark the 60th anniversary of the Chartering of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Baton Rouge. For the past year, several Brothers have been hard at work putting together some very special items and activities that you will be hearing a lot more about in the coming months. A sneak peak of one of those activities will occur in July when we have a special retrospective of the Valley's history. We will be holding our meeting at the site of the first Valley meetings. I hope you all will attend!

This year also marks the first year of the Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP). For those of you who do not know, VMAP is a grassroots project, which was created by Scottish Rite Members, for Scottish Rite Members to assist Valleys in finding ways to maximize the value of the Scottish Rite experience for everyone. The project is divided into 10 focus areas. I will guarantee that there is something in the project to interest each and every member. The Valley will be reaching out to all members about different activities, interest groups, and especially opportunities to get involved. You can find more information about VMAP at www.scottishrite.org/VMAP. Please take a look and if you see an area which interests you and would like more information on how to be involved, shoot me an email at:

jmaynor@alumni.lsu.edu

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In Memoriam

James Moore Black, Jr.
Bruner L. Blair
Claude Lawton Cranfield, Jr.
Gary Wade Drinkwater
Floyd Carroll Fogleman
Allen Paul Ordoyne

Valley of Monroe News

Chartered November 13, 1971

Meets on the first Thursday of every month



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2015 Membership Fees are past due!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dinner with Ladies 6:00 PM
- Program 7:00 PM
- Thursday, February 5th**
Feast of Kadosh
- Saturday, February 28th**
Rededication of the building 3:00 PM
Master Mason of The Year 6:30 PM
Grand Master official visit
- Thursday, March 5th**
Regular Meeting
- Thursday, April 2nd**
Service of Remembrance
- Thursday, May 7th**
Feast of the Consistory
- SPRING REUNION MAY 30**
- Thursday, June 4th**
E. A. Barham Learning Center program
- Thursday, July 2nd**
Patriotic Program - Independence Day
- Thursday, August 6th**
Regular Meeting
- Thursday, September 3rd**
Feast of Tishri
- Thursday, October 1st**
Regular Meeting
- Thursday, November 5th**
Annual Thanksgiving Program
- Thursday, December 3rd**
Christmas Program
Election of Officers

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

Valley News

The new year brings with it a number of exciting events, welcome news, and promising beginnings for the Monroe Scottish Rite Bodies.

First, the four bodies will perform some beautiful and rarely seen ceremonies to mark the wonderful restoration and renovation of our Temple. The re-dedication will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 28th at the Monroe Scottish Rite Temple and will include the establishment of a Court of Honor with responsibility for re-dedicating the new Temple and the re-dedication of the Temple proper, both led by Ill. William J. Mollere, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Orient of Louisiana. Later that same day (at 6:30 p.m.), the Valley will host Most Worshipful Mollere, Grand Master and members of his official family for our annual Master Mason's Night supper and program. Both events promise to be warm gatherings of Brothers from all over our region and state, so please mark your calendars.

Second, our Spring Reunion will be held on Saturday, May 30th, beginning at 7:30 a.m. As always, please be an engaging source of information for your Blue Lodges. There is some Master Mason waiting to take the next step in his Masonic journey by joining our beloved Rite.

Third, we'd love for you to join us for our obligatory Maundy Thursday Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal (and stated meeting) at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 2nd at the Monroe Scottish Rite Temple. Supper will be held between the ceremony's two sections.

Finally, I am happy to report that our refurbished Temple will henceforward be shared with our Brothers in the Monroe York Rite Bodies (Monroe Chapter No. 18, R.A.M.; Monroe Council No. 8, C.M.; and Monroe Commandery No. 7, K.T.), which meet in rotations at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. As a member of both the Monroe Scottish and York Rite Bodies, I hope that we may serve as an example of the brotherly love and Masonic solidarity that we are all taught to practice and promote. To this end, we are consid-

ering having a joint Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal/Easter Observance event.

Please note at all of these events-except, of course, the Spring Reunion and York Rite meetings, are open to all Louisiana Masons regardless of Rite and degree and their friends and families. Consider bringing your loved ones to join us for some great times of fellowship and learning. The more, the merrier!

Thank you for all you do to advance the cause of Freemasonry, and I look forward to seeing you soon at one of these stirring events.

Fraternally,
H. Barlow Holley, 32°
Interim Director of Work



2015 Officers

Monroe Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master: Richard D. Mahoney, 32° KCCH
Senior Warden: Leroy G. Stenzel, Jr., 32° KCCH
Junior Warden: Richard L. James, 33°

Monroe Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master: Scotty D. Adams, 32°
Senior Warden: J. D. Harper, 32°
Junior Warden: M. Cash Melville, 32°

Monroe Council of Kadosh

Commander: Richard L. James, 33°
1st Lt. Commander: Mitchell A. Reynolds, 32° KCCH
2nd Lt. Commander: Michael A. Watts, 32° KCCH

Monroe Consistory

Master of Kadosh: Marvin E. Lord, 32°
Prior: Willis B. "Jake" Evans, 32°
Preceptor: John A. Howard, 32°

Treasurer All Bodies:
 Roy McDuffie, 33° PGM

Secretary All Bodies:
 Oma Frank Lee, 32° KCCH

IN MEMORIAM
God Is Great!

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Baton Rouge Valley-Venerable Master's Message:

As our Sovereign Grand Commander is fond of saying, "the only product we have to sell is Brotherhood". Brotherhood is the solid foundation upon which Masonry in general, and the Scottish Rite in particular, is built. The underlying purpose of all of our 60th anniversary celebrations is to reflect on the Brotherhood that built this Valley, to celebrate all that has come before, and to look forward to the next 60 years. The goal of the VMAP project is the same, provide opportunities for Brotherhood to grow and flourish.

I look forward to a great year in the Valley of Baton Rouge. I hope to see you all at some point during the year!

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



Master Craftsman

H. George Scanlan, Jr., 32° was presented with his Master Craftsman Level 1 Certificate, and lapel pin at our recent stated meeting. The presentation was made by Ill. William J. Mollere 33° SGIG and Venerable Master Jeffery D. Maynor 32°.



L: R - Jeff Maynor, George Scanlan and Bill Mollere



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New Orleans Valley From The Secretary's Desk:

happen to you when your name is called for the final time. Take a few moments to jot down the name of your lodge and the name of any other masonic bodies you may belong to, so that when you are called to that celestial lodge, your family will know who to notify.

The 2015 dues card stickers are in the office and waiting to be claimed. Each time we take out a member's sticker, we hear all the other ones crying out "Wait what about me" or "Pick Me". Do you have your 2015 sticker, if not what are you waiting for? Please help us send all of the stickers to a good home.

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

2014 Venerable Master's Final Message

On a final note, I would like to thank the brothers who showed their confidence in me to elect to the office of Venerable Master last January, and to those brothers that supported the Valley of New Orleans during 2014. I know some of our brothers have a difficult time making our meeting in our present location, and the reason I know this is we have seen some of those brothers at our meeting on the road. Hopefully when we relocate we will see an increase in the attendance at our meeting. Good luck to those brothers that have been elected to preside over the four bodies in the Valley of New Orleans for 2015.

*Fraternally,
Leon T. "Lee" Roberts, 32° KCCH
2014 Venerable Master*



2015 Venerable Master's Message

I hope that everyone came through the holiday season without the addition of a larger waist line or a lighter wallet. As you may or may not have heard the New Orleans Scottish Rite Foundation has received and accepted an offer to sell the two pieces of property on Carondelet St. The act of sale was completed on Friday December 26th and the new owner has graciously given us 180 days from January 1st to pack up our items and vacate the property.

Now comes the hard part, the actual decision making of where do we go, what we take, what we try to sell, and what to discard. I am sure that the brothers that are put on those committees will make the right decisions pertaining to all of these items.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the brothers that showed their confidence in me to elect to the office of Venerable Master at the January meeting. With the assistance of the officers of the Lodge of Perfection and the Valley of New Orleans we can make 2015 a huge success Good luck to those brothers that have been elected to preside over the other bodies in the Valley of New Orleans for 2015. If I can do anything to assist you to make your year go smoothly, all you have to do is ask!

*Fraternally,
Warren A. Hintz, 33°
2015 Venerable Master*

Someone is waiting for you



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

THE FINAL WORD



**Ill. William J. Mollere, 33°
Sovereign Grand Inspector General
“Not A Mess But A Blessing”**

I was watching some old favorites on TV and an old Laurel & Hardy show came on, and I sat watching and laughing like a kid with a new toy. Remembering the story and having seen the episode many times did not matter – it was still good, silly, humor that was part of my growing up. There was always the ending line: "Well, there's another fine mess you've got us into!" Some of my best friends and Brothers have often looked at me and said "that's another fine mess you got ME into", after I have convinced them to participate in some activity – usually with me sitting on the sidelines watching while they do the work. My favorite ex- Mother-in-law used to tell me that I taught Tom Sawyer how to get others to paint fences. Tending to refer to the ability of convincing people to work together performing "your" project is called delegation. Find the right people to perform the right job and let them perform. Periodically checking on their progress and sometimes guiding and re-focusing is part of delegation too.

In my other life years ago when I worked at a "real job", I was fortunate to surround myself with very talented people who were better and smarter than me and almost all "Type A" personalities; and all knew that they were capable of performing jobs that were assigned. That is another part of delegation – assigning the right job to the right person in order to achieve the desired results. It was never a mess at work with so many "Type A's" on staff either, but a blessing to have those talented people.

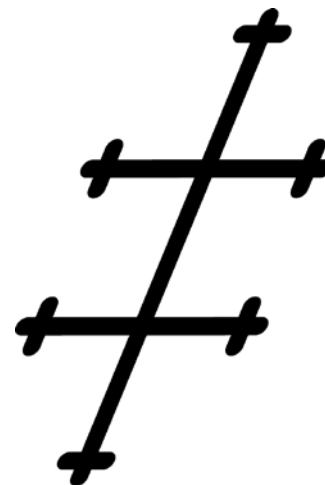
In Masonry, and particularly in our beloved Scottish Rite, we have an abundance of talented Brothers, many Type A's, most of whom are eager to increase their knowledge of Masonry – thus Louisiana has had much success with the Master Craftsman Program with Brothers seeking More Light. Remembering that the lessons of our Craft Degrees are absolute and engrained in us from our first knock on the Inner Door, to that glorious moment when at our Raising we receive that pat on the back while on the Five Points of Fellowship and after exchanging that Mystic Tie that binds us as Brothers. Do you remember that moment – I do; a blessing. Those Lodge Brothers gave me jobs, delegated responsibility and then monitored, guided, mentored, and pushed me. When joining Scottish Rite, many of those same Brothers again

pulled me into degree work, stage set-up, and into the Kitchen. Learning another lesson of delegation – do what is assigned, do it well, and don't leave anything undone. I used to say that I got myself into a mess when I was assigned the job of laying on my back and lighting the pilot light under the big kitchen stove at 4:30 AM on Reunion Days so that the oven would be warmed and ready at 5:30 AM when the first batch of biscuits went in – but in looking back, it was a blessing. Those type jobs taught me that no job is unimportant, demeaning, or beneath one's "dignity". It was a delegated responsibility that meant that many benefitted from a sometimes small, seemingly unimportant job – hot biscuits served for breakfast always reminds me of that job assigned to me many years ago.

Moving forward years and standing on the shoulders of great Masons, watching many of them perform quietly and unknown Brotherly acts for others, taught me more about the responsibility of delegating and monitoring the jobs delegated. Then walking behind and finally beside some great Masons has been truly a blessing. When first asked to lead Scottish Rite in Louisiana, I thought "well here's another fine mess you've gone and gotten yourself into" – but it has been only a blessing. Having a TEAM of leaders in our five Valleys who are better and smarter than me makes that blessing multiply each day. GOD has blessed me in so many ways, and having my Brothers surrounding and walking beside me and all working for the betterment of Scottish Rite is a blessing.

We have all begun a New Year, and now a New Masonic Year, and some may ask me with some of my increased responsibilities "here is another fine mess you've gotten yourself into" - well no, again, all a Blessing. This next twelve months or so, please walk beside me, practice and live our Brotherhood, and as always, thank you for continuing to be a Scottish Rite Mason.

Bill Mollere, 33° S.G.I.G.



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Scottish Rite FULFILL-BUILD-PROVIDE

Did You Know?

The Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral is a historic building designed by architect George F. Schreiber. It was built between 1927 and 1929 at the cost of \$2.5 million. It was built with every dimension being evenly divisible by three, reflecting the three degrees in Freemasonry, with many being divisible by 33.

The Cathedral is one of the largest Masonic buildings in the world and has been described as one of the finest examples of Neo-Gothic architecture in the United States. The main tower features a 54-bell carillon and rises 212 ft above Indianapolis. It also has a floating ballroom. Other features are patterned ceilings, ornate carved woodwork, and stained-glass windows. The auditorium has 1200 seats, and has been commended for the craftsmanship with which its fittings and decorations were made. It also has a large pipe organ.

The main entrance, known as the Tiler's Room, is a cube of 33 ft. The ballroom also embodies the number 33 by being 99ft², pillars defining the dancing area as 66ft², and the white oak floor panels are 33in². The chandelier has 200 lights and weighs 2,500 lbs.



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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.

