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The Council of Kadosh

by
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The mystical Degrees that are contained within the “Council of Kadosh” of the AASR Southern Jurisdiction are designed to provide a path by which the Initiate may come to an understanding of the nature and relationship that exists between the Deity and mankind. This Body is the largest of the 4 Bodies of the High Degree system of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, and consists of the 19°-30°. These

Degrees are commonly known as the chivalric and philosophical Degrees because it teaches the initiate the importance of applying the lessons learned in the previous Bodies, and to put those lessons into practice with a deeper insight and conviction.

In order to empower the initiate towards this charge, the Council of Kadosh offers a look into the mysteries contained within the faiths of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. Although not all of the world’s religions are discussed in this Body, the lessons taught in the 24°, 25°, and 26° are designed to reveal the unity and common thread that exists within all faiths. There are teachings throughout each of these Degrees that bring us to these discoveries.

The 23° pertains to the Lesser Mysteries; it introduces us to the basic requirements needed prior to entering the Greater Mysteries. Every religion possesses a Polarized snapshot of a past revelation of Deity, and provides a foundation upon which we must reach out beyond this Polarized snapshot and move into the Council of the Holy by first learning the mysteries therein. The 19°-22° & 28°-30° are chivalric by nature, and further teaches the importance of the pursuit of knowledge and the practice of virtue within Masonry. We are also introduced to the relevance of numerology, astrology, and alchemy, and how they have contributed to the advancement of science that has benefited our society to this day. We are encouraged to appreciate things we may not fully understand and seek to relate to them rather than destroy them, and come to a realization that we should not work and be concerned with today only, but work towards the good of mankind’s tomorrows. If we focus too much of our attention on the here and now, we lose our ability to see past today, and consume all of mankind’s tomorrows. For *“it is the Dead that govern; the Living only obey.”* (19°) **“Morals & Dogma” – Albert Pike**

“Charity and Loving-kindness are two words that comprehend the whole political and religious creed of Freemasonry.” (19°) **“Legenda XIX-XXX” – Albert Pike**

When the government of man uses religion to create “god” in his own image so that he may advance himself or his own people - rather than using his religion as a tool of help to conform and cor-

rect himself by the image of the Deity that has been expressed to him - all of the common threads of altruism and Holiness that are present in all faiths become hidden from the eyes of those oppressors. It is natural for man to fear what he cannot understand, but it is foolish for man to believe that he can control what he fears with oppression and destruction. Although war is often unavoidable and may be needed in order to bring an end to a greater atrocity, the exaltation of war and violent oppression is the result of the Deified image of ignorant man; the “god” born of the union between religion and government adulterated with the fear and greed of man.

All throughout history, we can see religion being used by government to control and oppress; even to kill innocents and destroy the sacred work of many cultures that have left behind for us those land marks and time stamps in history that were built as a testament to their successes and failures; so that we may remember humanity at its finest and its worst. Ignorant man who is void of understanding the Nature of Deity - and the relationship that exists between man and the Deity - attempts to destroy all that he fears and cannot control; he has deceived himself by assuming the impossible task of correcting a world he does not understand. The enlightened man, however, knows that the only way to experience correction is to gain understanding of both what he fears, and what he knows nothing of. He is charged within himself by his enlightenment to build a “Bridge to Light” by coming to the knowledge and understanding that *“the Law of Love is the perfection and ne plus ultra of all religion and all philosophy.”* (30°) **“Legenda XIX-XXX” - Albert Pike**

I have a good friend who is a teacher who told me of a question that had been brought up in the classroom by one of the students; which we had both recalled contending with this type of question years ago when we were much younger, and compared our answers then to how we see the answer today. The question was “if you could go back in time - to the years of Adolph Hitler’s early child hood knowing what you know today, would you kill him, within or without the womb, in order to prevent the atrocities attributed under his rule?” Now as you can imagine, there were many interesting, passionate, and noble answers that were shared amongst the students. But I think it is important to understand that no single individual is solely responsible for the number of good or bad deeds they have committed during their life time. They do hold a measure of accountability for them, but not the full measure. It is a result of both good and bad decisions that are made by an individual as well as good and bad decisions made by many different individuals over a period of time that has had sway over the actions of others that may have influenced a particular individual; molding them toward a decision to commit inhumane acts. It would be futile to go back in time and eliminate a single person to prevent a social atrocity - you would have to eliminate scores of individuals, ultimately creating an atrocity by your own hand in the name of

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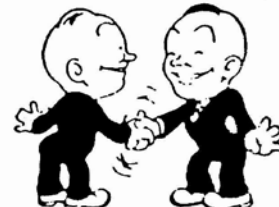


Brother Gar Pickering has started the Scottish Rite Club in Alexandria. Called "Red River Scottish Rite Club at Alexandria", it will serve as a recruitment tool for the Orient when fully developed. It has started as an informal study group until there are members who want to develop it further. It is open to all Masters of the Royal Secret who live in and around Alexandria; who want to study together; hold obligatory meetings together and fellowship together.

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

www.redriverscottishriteclub.wordpress.com

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Calendar of Events

Supreme Council

Celebrating the Craft May 20
Biennial Session August 19-21
Washington, D.C.

Grand Lodge

Quarterly Meetings April 15
Grand Session June 30-July 2
Alexandria

Reunions

Shreveport March 11
Monroe April 8
Lake Charles April 1-2
BatonRouge TBA
New Orleans TBA

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

Southeastern Louisiana University

Nicholas Walsh
Donna Centanni

University of Louisiana-Monroe

Amy Elliott
Lindsey Fontenot
Katilyn Bingham

University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Rhea Abshire
Stacey Fontenot



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University of Louisiana-Lafayette Scottish Rite Learning Center

The Scottish Rite – Rite Care Clinic at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette – Department of Communicative Disorders continues to grow in the number of clients served and the number of graduate students applying for scholarships from the Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation. The Fall 2016 Scholarship Recipients are Ms. Stacey Fontenot and Ms. Rhea Abshire. Both of these young ladies have excellent grade point averages and desire to continue working with children upon receiving their Master's degrees and professional certification as speech therapists.



Julie Andrews

Julie Andries, Director, Speech Language Hearing Center at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette – Department of Communicative Disorders, was the guest speaker at the December 21, 2016 stated meeting of Lake Charles Scottish Rite Bodies. Julie gave an update in the many services that the clinic offers to economically disadvantaged children with communicative disorders. She explained that the State of Louisiana pays salaries for the staff through the University, but the Scottish Rite pays for the other related costs for a number of these children. The Department of Communications has 225 undergraduate, 68 Master's degree students, and over 20 doctoral students enrolled in the program. They are proud of being one of the highest producing programs of Master's degree students in the nation. This is providing greater numbers of well-prepared communication therapists to help people with communicative disorders.



L:R - Stacey Fontenot, R. B. Smith-SGIG Personal Representative in Lake Charles and Rhea Abshire.



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justice. Simply put the events that may lead up to an atrocity would merely recruit some other soul to carry out its deeds. Concerning the aforementioned question, you would be more successful by encouraging those individuals who molded Adolph Hitler's views to behave differently towards him and the ones he cared about. We must understand that every good and bad deed that we perform has a resounding effect on others around us – even on future generations. Therefore, it becomes our duty to assume the responsibility to seek Truth and promote Love, Tolerance, and Understanding towards others, and practice Self Restraint within ourselves.

If we are successful in learning the lessons taught in these Degrees, we may consider ourselves to be "Bridge Builders", because the lessons taught here will provide us insight that will enable us to bridge the gap that exists between us and the Deity, by separating ourselves not from the world, but from the most corrupt aspects of this world which are Ignorance, Tyranny, and Fanaticism. As Knights Kadosh, we must fight Ignorance with Understanding, because Ignorance is void of Understanding; we must fight Tyranny with Love, because Tyranny is void of Love; we must fight Fanaticism with Tolerance, because Fanaticism is void of Tolerance – even of itself. The fight is won by giving, not by taking.

This sounds much easier than it actually is, because in order to achieve success in this fight, we must "*be content and labor for the future, and serve the cause of truth with patience and industry. We must destroy error, falsehood and intolerance with truth, honesty, honor and charity*" (19°); we must "*dispense light and knowledge, and practice the Masonic virtues both in and out of the lodge*" (20°); we must "*be humble and modest, trusting in G-d. We must be courageous in the face of adversity*" (21°); we must "*respect labor for its own sake, and do work*" (22°); we must "*be devoted to G-d, and constantly endeavor to promote the welfare of man, and act with proper subordination to our superiors*" (23°); we must "*labor incessantly for the glory of G-d, the honor of our country and the happiness of our brethren*" (24°); we must "*fulfill our destiny and re-create our self by reformation, repentance, and enlarging our knowledge*" (25°); we must "*practice mercy (forgiveness), and be tolerant. We must be devoted to the teaching and diffusion of the true principles of Masonry*" (26°); we must "*be a lover of wisdom, and be faithful to the promises we make within Masonry*" (27°); we must always "*be devoted to truth, honor, loyalty, justice and humanity*" (28°); we must "*reverence and obey the Deity, and serve the truth...we must protect virtue and innocence, and defend the people against tyranny*" (29°); and finally, we must "*labor unceasingly for the good of mankind*" (30°). ***A Bridge to Light*** – **Rex R. Hutchens**

"There was a time when a Knight would rather die than utter a lie, or break his Knightly word. ...No profession of an opinion not his own, for expediency's sake or profit, or through fear of the world's disfavor; no slander of even an enemy; no coloring or perversion of the sayings or acts of other men; no insincere speech and argument for any purpose, or under any pretext, must soil his fair escutcheon. Out of the Chapter, as well as in it, he must speak

the Truth, and all the Truth, no more and no less; or else speak not at all." (27°) ***"Morals & Dogma"*** – **Albert Pike**

The Body of the Knights Kadosh provides a display of the empowerment achieved through the practice of virtue. I will conclude with an excerpt from Eliphaz Levi's "***Book of Splendors***" which tells a story of a conversation between Elijah and Rabbi Simeon, opening with "*When will the Messiah come?*" asked Rabbi Simeon of the prophet Elijah who often came down from heaven to speak with the master of the Sohar. *'This very day,' answered the prophet. 'Go to the gate of Rome and you will see.'* Rabbi Simeon went to the gate of Rome, remained there all day, then came away, having seen nothing more than a number of beggars covered with sores and a stranger, poor in appearance, who consoled them and ministered to their wounds. Once home, he found Elijah there and said: *'Master, why have you mocked your servant?'* *'But I have not deceived you,' said the prophet. 'Did you not see a man performing works of charity? Well, I say to you that the reign of charity is the Messiah's reign, and if you wish for the coming of the Messiah every day, then perform charity every day.'*

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



The CTC is an evening of entertainment and fellowship that is webcast live from the House of the Temple in Washington, DC, to raise money for the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign and Orient charities. Music, comedy, celebrities, never-before-seen video content from the House of the Temple and Valleys across the country, and so much more are included in the webcast.

Each year, the George Washington Banquet Hall at the House of the Temple is converted into a television studio and becomes the stage for this Masonic extravaganza. During the evening, viewers learn more about the Scottish Rite and the importance of the House of the Temple, its artifacts, museum, and library. We build upon our previous successes to make each subsequent CTC the most exciting yet.

You can make a donation via phone or online. Your donation may be split between the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign and the Scottish Rite charities in your Orient as directed by your SGIG.

Valley of New Orleans News

Chartered April 7, 1811

Meets on the first Wednesday of every month



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2017 Membership Fees are due!

Calendar of Events

Stated Communications	7:30 PM
6209 3rd Street Harahan, LA 70123 (Louisiana Lodge #102)	
Tuesday, January 31st	
Advisory Conference - Office	5:30 PM
Wednesday, February 1st	
Valentine's Day Program	
Wednesday, March 1st	
Regular Meeting	
Wednesday, April 5th	
Regular Meeting	
Tuesday, April 25th	
Advisory Conference - Office	5:30 PM
Wednesday, May 3rd	
Regular Meeting	
Wednesday, June 7th	
Chris Mabry-Guest Speaker	
Wednesday, July 5th	
Patriotic Program	
Tuesday, July 25th	
Advisory Conference - Office	5:30 PM
Wednesday, August 2nd	
Regular Business Meeting	
Wednesday, September 6th	
Regular Business Meeting	
Wednesday, October 4th	
Feast of Tishri	
Tuesday, October 24th	
Advisory Conference - Office	5:30 PM

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Venerable Master's Message

As we begin the new year, I hope that everyone had a very joyous and safe holiday season. At our December meeting and installation, we unveiled plans for 2017, which will include fund raisers, open functions, guest speakers, reunions, and other fun and exciting events.

Two main goals that we have to achieve is to increase the attendance at our meetings and to grow our Valley membership. If you know a Brother who has not been active, call him and offer to bring him to a meeting. If anyone needs help with transportation to and from the meetings, call Brother Stuart Smith at 504-722-9553 and he will assist you in getting transportation to and from the meetings or events. Secondly, talk up Scottish Rite in the Blue Lodges and just maybe we will get a new member or two.

Remember, as I stated in December, this is not an "I" thing, it's a "we" thing. I need your help. This is your Valley, get involved and let's make our Valley stronger than ever!

In closing, I want to say THANK YOU for the vote I confidence that you have bestowed on me by electing me to represent The Valley of New Orleans as your Venerable Master. Also, I want to thank all of our 2016 officers for their service and also con-

gratulate the newly elected and appointed officers for 2017.

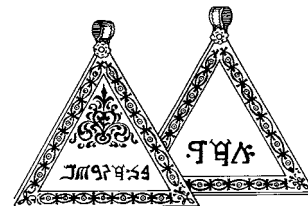
Fraternally yours,
Bernard L. Gould, Jr., 32° KCCH
Venerable Master

From The Director of Work

Well, another new year has begun but it seems like only yesterday we were welcoming in the new officers for 2016 and now we are saying welcome and congratulations to the new officers for 2017. I know I am very glad to see 2016 come to an end. Too many things happened to too many of our brothers throughout the state.

We are working on plans to hold a reunion with our brothers in the Valley of Baton Rouge sometime in the spring. We are looking at the possibility of hold this reunion in the Houma, LA area, or on the Westbank, but we will do a reunion. Will it be in full costume and with all of the props and stage settings, this will all depend on where and when we finally decide to do it. So, stay tuned, come to a meeting and be a part of your Scottish Rite Valley. As our new Venerable Master said in his portion, this is a "we" thing not an "I" thing. Without you we cannot bring in new members, without you we cannot confer the degrees.

Fraternally,
Elmo J. Barnes, Jr., 32° KCCH
Director of Work



From The Secretary's Desk

One of the unpleasant thing that each Valley General Secretary must do each year is to suspend members who did not pay their annual dues. Unfortunately, this year I had to suspend approximately 30

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In Memoriam

Gerald R. Wahl, Sr.
Samuel L. Montgomery, Jr.

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 7th
 8° and 12° Degree Conferral 6:00 PM

Spring Reunion March 11th
 4°-9/10°-14°-17°-18°-30°-32° Degrees

Tuesday, March 14th
 Candidate Appreciation Dinner 6:00 PM

Tuesday, April 11th
 Service of Remembrance 6:00 PM

Tuesday, May 9th
 19° and 20° Degree Conferral 6:00 PM

Tuesday, June 13th
 21° and 24° Degree Conferral 6:00 PM

Tuesday, July 11th
 26° Degree Conferral 6:00 PM

Tuesday, August 8th
 Regular Business Meeting 6:00 PM

Summer Reunion August 12-13

Tuesday, September 11th
 Feast of Tishri

Tuesday, October 10th
 29 and 31° Degree Conferral 6:00 PM
 The Advisory Conference meets at 5 pm before each meeting.

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

Venerable Master's Message

I am honored to be your Venerable Master for our beloved Scottish Rite this year. Many exciting things are happening this year. First of all, this year marks the 100th year since the opening of our Scottish Rite Cathedral here in Shreveport. It truly is an exceptional Masonic edifice and the history and mystique of our Scottish Rite Valley is palpable from the moment you step through the doors of this beautiful building. The fact that it has been continually used for its original purpose for a century is truly astonishing and a testament to the management and efforts of our Valley's leadership. Secondly, the newly constructed entrance to our Temple is in the final stages of completion and is a site to behold. The original grandeur of this architectural gem has remained intact while adding accommodations for ALL of our Brethren and ladies to join us. Last, but not least, is the "Reunion" schedule. Throughout the year at our scheduled meetings the degree teams will be exemplifying the degrees as part of the meeting agendas. Personally, I must say that Illustrious Brother Allison's degree team – Secret Master – exemplified their degree extremely well and the relaxed atmosphere of a regular meeting lent itself to my ability to absorb the subtle nuances of its beautiful lessons. Being able to focus on the degree without the distractions of "what are my lines in my next degree" or "where do all the stage props go for the next degree" was a welcome change, and we hope you will join us for our regular meetings to take advantage of this.

I am excited to see what this year brings for our Valley. I am excited to enjoy fellowship with all of you at our meetings. I hope and pray that the onset of this new year will encourage us all to renew the Vows that we've taken upon ourselves. I hope and pray that the renewal of those Vows will cause us to reflect on where we have been, where we are, where we are going, and to whom we owe our all.

*Fraternally yours,
 Stephen C. McLellan, 32° KCCH
 Venerable Master*

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From The Secretary's Desk

A new compliment of officers have been elected, installed and have taken charge of the programs and promotion of the Valley. Change, inevitable yes, is ultimately graded by its progress and progress abounds at the Shreveport Valley.

Our beloved building received a much needed exterior change with the completion of the handicap access ramp. As you can see, by the photo below, the stairway, ramp and balusters look as if they were original to the building.



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IN MEMORIAM

James R. Ward

Valley of Lake Charles News

Chartered October 16, 1923

Meets on the third Wednesday of every month



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:00**
- Wednesday, February 15th**
Valentine Program
- Wednesday, March 15th**
Rainbow Girls Program
- Wednesday, March 29th**
KCCH Dinner
- Spring Reunion April 1-2**
- Thursday, April 13th**
Service of Remembrance
- Wednesday, April 19th**
Sesquicentennial - City of Lake Charles
- Wednesday, May 17th**
Honoring Mayor Randy Roach
- Wednesday, June 21st**
Recognition of First Responders
- Wednesday, July 19th**
Patriotic Program
- Wednesday, August 16th**
On The Road - Hope Lodge #145
ULL Childhood Language Center
- Fall Reunion September 9-10**
- Wednesday, September 20th**
Feast of Tishri
- Wednesday, October 18th**
McNeese State University update
- Back Door Lunch: Last Friday of every month. Except in November & December**

Personally Speaking
 For the first time in recent history, the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana F&AM has not held its annual communication in January or February. This is due to a resolution passed several years ago to move the session to the June or July time-frame. This will be the first year that the Grand Lodge will convene in the summer, rather than the winter. We will meet on July 1 and 2, 2017 in Alexandria, Louisiana. This will also move the annual meeting of the Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation to July 2, 2017.

The month of February marks the middle of the winter in Southwest Louisiana. Venerable Master Richard Morgan has planned a Valentine's Day Program dedicated to our ladies for our meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2017. Please make a date with your lady for that evening and bring her along for this program. The meal will be at 6:30 p.m. and the program will follow immediately after the meal.

In March, the days will grow longer and winter will yield to spring. At our meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, the Lake Charles Assembly Number 9, International Order of Rainbow for Girls will bring a program. The Lake Charles Assembly of Rainbow Girls is one of two youth groups that Lake Charles Scottish Rite supports in their good work to teach friendship, love, leadership, and service to humanity. We look forward to their beautiful program and at see our next generation of leaders grow in capacity and character.

April 1st and 2nd will be the spring reunion. We look forward to adding a few degrees that have not been conferred in a while. Please mark your calendars for the reunion dates. Select one Master Mason to ask to join the Scottish Rite. If everyone recruited one new member this year, we would double in size by the end of the year. Show your pride in being a Scottish Rite Mason by inviting a Brother Master Mason to seek more light by becoming a Scottish Rite Mason in 2017.

Fraternally,
Richard B Smith, 33°
 Personal Representative

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2017 Officers

Lake Charles Lodge of Perfection
 Venerable Master: Richard D. Morgan, 32° KCCH
 Senior Warden: J. Braxton Cole, 32° KCCH
 Junior Warden: Elton J. Blanchard, 32° KCCH

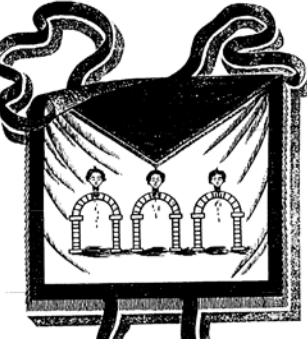
Lake Charles Chapter Rose Croix
 Wise Master: Donald G. Head, 32° KCCH
 Senior Warden: Jeffery S. Haley 32°
 Junior Warden: Steven L. Jennings, 32°

Lake Charles Council of Kadosh
 Commander: Kirby O. Vinson, 32°
 1st Lt. Commander: Charles G. Callahan, 33°
 2nd Lt. Commander: Harry C. Northrop, III, 33°

Lake Charles Consistory
 Master of Kadosh: Thomas E. Boggan 32° KCCH
 Prior: Harold H. Young, 33°
 Preceptor: Max P. Adame, 32°

Treasurer All Bodies:
 J. Quincy Gotte, 32°

Secretary All Bodies:
 D. Blake Ford, 33°



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Valley of Baton Rouge News

Chartered October 20, 1955

Meets on the second Monday of every month



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**2017 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE
 DUE AND PAYABLE!!!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30**
- Summer Reunion Aug 27 & Sept 10**
- Monday, February 13th**
Valentine's Day Program
- Monday, March 13th**
Regular Meeting
- Monday, April 13th**
Regular Meeting
- Monday, May 8th**
Regular Meeting
- Advisory Conference meets at 6pm on regular meeting days.**



2017 Officers

Baton Rouge Lodge of Perfection

- Venerable Master: Chester L. Finley, 32°
- Senior Warden: R. Shane Marchand, 32°
- Junior Warden: Richard W. Black, 32°

Baton Rouge Chapter Rose Croix

- Wise Master: J. Andrew Owen, 32°
- Senior Warden: Stuart R. Averitt, 32°
- Junior Warden: V. Eugene Dawson, 32°

Baton Rouge Council of Kadosh

- Commander: Jason K. Rigsby, 32°
- 1st Lt. Commander: Glenn L. Juneau, 32°
- 2nd Lt. Commander: W. Dale Artigue, 32°

Baton Rouge Consistory

- Master of Kadosh: Timothy E. Ackermann, 32° KCCH
- Prior: Timothy P. Sibley, 32°
- Preceptor: James M. Stockner, 32°

Treasurer All Bodies:
 Ben F. Melanson, 33°

Secretary All Bodies:
 Jimmie D. Dunkin, 33°

From The Secretary's Desk

First of all I would like to congratulate the 2017 slate of officers that will lead the Valley during this most trying time. Brother Chester Finley, 32° was elected and seated as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection. Brother Finley summarized his year at the January meeting. He has a big job facing him and is up to the challenge.

Progress is being made to restore the Annex building on the Temple grounds. The goal is to restore the two buildings, Annex to house both the Valley of Baton Rouge Scottish Rite and Eastgate Masonic Lodge as well as the Childhood Learning Center. Ill Brother Joe Stround, 33° will head up the restoration of the C.L.C. We are now meeting temporarily in the Trinity Union Lodge # 372 Temple at 3950 Florida Blvd. Hopefully we will be able to return to our Valley Home grounds sometime this spring.

Ill Brother Carle Jackson, 33° is supervising the work being done in the Annex building. Volunteers for electrical work have come forth to help as well as a couple living on the grounds doing the interior work.

Help is needed for painting, carpenter all around general craftsmen. If you are available and would be able to help call Carle Jackson (225) 938 – 3552. There is a lot of work to be done.

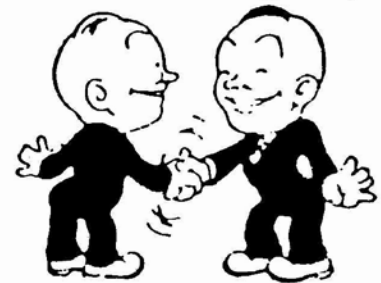
The Valley of Baton Rouge will have a Spring Reunion at a date set later on. Ill Brother Nick Auck is talking with the Valley of New Orleans about a joint spring reunion and we will bring our candidates there. The Valley of Baton Rouge hosted the joint fall reunion and it was a great success.

Be sure and check your dues card and make sure you have the current 2017. Meetings are the second Monday of the month at 7:30pm. There is always a light meal before the meeting. Make sure you plan to attend and bring a member with you.

Fraternally yours,
Jimmie Dean Dunkin, 33°
 General Secretary



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In Memoriam
 Jimmy Andrew Galloway

Valley of Monroe News

Chartered November 13, 1971

Meets on the first Thursday of every month



Monroe Scottish Rite Temple

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2017 Membership Fees are past due!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Thursday, February 2nd

Valentine's Program

Saturday, February 25th

Master Mason of the Year Dinner 6:30

Thursday, March 2nd

Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 6th

Service of Remembrance & Renewal

Spring Reunion

April 8th

Thursday, May 4th

On The Road - Winnfield

Thursday, June 1st

On The Road - Delhi

Thursday, July 6th

On The Road - Winnsboro

Thursday, August 3rd

On The Road - TBA

Thursday, September 7th

Regular Meeting

Thursday, October 5th

Feast of Tishri

Fall Reunion

October 28th

Thursday, November 2nd

Regular Meeting

Thursday, December 7th

Remembering Pearl Harbor

Christmas Program

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

Personally Speaking

Joyous greetings from Monroe Valley!

This year is shaping up to be a great one. We have begun renting our facilities to a great group of enthusiastic young people that are forming an outreach church to provide for needy people in our community. It is headed up by a Senior DeMolay and the group is very energetic and we are doing all we can to help encourage them.

We have also had some brothers come and give us a great idea for fund raising. They have proposed holding a 52 gun raffle where we will be giving away a new gun every week for a year starting on July 1st. If you would like info on taking part in this, please contact our General Secretary, Wilson Cook at the temple.

As many of you are aware, we in Monroe have canned and sold different jellies for several years. This project has deteriorated in the last couple of years but we are forming a crew to revitalize this long standing fund raiser which has helped us perform several projects of improvement throughout the years.

With these several fund raisers, coupled with our annual barrel race, we are confident that this year will prove to be a great year and we look forward to being back on a strong financial foundation.

This past year, I have enjoyed being the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar for the State of Louisiana. I have traveled near and far during this year. I have renewed acquaintances with some old friends and met many new ones. I look forward in seeing my brethren at our upcoming York Rite Session in March. Thank you so much to those that have supported me in this.

Please do not forget to bring in petitions of the Master Masons that have been raised in the Northeast Louisiana area during this past year(s) for the upcoming Spring Reunion that is set for Saturday, April 8th.

On a personal note, Thank You to each of you who sent letters, phone calls, text, emails and prayers during my treatments. The outpouring of love from my family, friends and brethren is something that warms my heart and is something that is

absolutely priceless. This is a debt that can never be repaid. Thank you.

Fraternally,
Travis M. Holley, 33°
Personal Representative

2017 Officers

Monroe Lodge of Perfection

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

Monroe Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master: M. Cash Melville 32°
Senior Warden: Bruce D. Osbon, 32° KCCH
Junior Warden: William S. Blake, 32°

Monroe Council of Kadosh

Commander: Michael A. Watts, 32° KCCH
1st Lt. Commander: E. Orum Young, 32°
2nd Lt. Commander: Troy L. Lord, 32° KCCH

Monroe Consistory

Master of Kadosh: John A. Howard, 32°
Prior: J. Keith Gates, 32°
Preceptor: Patrick D. McHenry, Jr., 32°

Treasurer All Bodies:

Roy McDuffie, 33° PGM

Secretary All Bodies:

Wilson O. "Will" Cook, 32° KCCH

From the Secretary's Desk

We would like to welcome our new Venerable Master of the Monroe Lodge of Perfection, Ill. Bro Richard L. James, 33°. We know that Venerable Master James will serve the Valley with sleepless vigilance. He has served the Valley since 1976. He was invested with the rank and honour of Knight Commander Court of Honour in 2005 and was coronated a 33rd Inspector General Honorary in 2013. Richard is a retired chemical engineer and has spent a many a year serving the Louisiana York Rite, serving as RE Grand Commander of Louisiana Knight Templar as well as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He has served on the 30th degree team here in Monroe since time immemorial and has been a friend and mentor to countless

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IN MEMORIAM

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*continued from page 9**New Orleans Valley From The Secretary's Desk:*

members of the Valley for non-payment of dues. These members had received numerous, dues statements, email notices and in many cases telephone calls for some of our members reminding them that their dues were due. I understand that sometimes in a man's life things changes and some "non-essential" items need to be done away with. However, each and every message that went out from this office included a statement to contact the office if there was a problem or if they were not interested in retaining their membership in the Scottish Rite. Only 4 brothers contacted the office, the rest just left the reminders and emails unanswered. If you know anyone who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, talk to them and see what went wrong and see if we can get them back.

Come out to a meeting, we meet at Louisiana Lodge #102 6209 3rd Street in Harahan, La. It is right off of Jefferson Highway and right off of Hickory Ave.

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

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Masons throughout the years. Never is he without his smile and friendly demeanor and he has never met a stranger. If you can't find him at the Scottish Rite or York Rite, he is most likely enjoying some quiet time with his lovely bride, Janice, and their horses.

Financially, things are taking shape in this new year up as we have started renting our building.

Raffle ticket sales, for our "52 Gun Raffle" have begun. As Ill. Brother Holley mentioned, the first drawing is July 2nd.

Our recent "Race For The Kids" barrel race was successful. This event helps fund Adm. E.A. Barham RiteCare Speech and Hearing Clinic.

With these two fund raisers, we are able to sponsor our clinicians who work with our children, helping them to live "normal" lives. These fund raiser also enable us to continue to operate and see that these services to our children and our brethren continue.

We have a few new members that are turning out to be real go-getters. We are

expecting great things from them in the future. Keep your eye out for them.

As always, we thank those that have already paid their 2017 dues and ask that those that have not yet paid to please do so promptly. As with everything, every little bit counts and this is YOUR Scottish Rite.

As a reminder, Monroe Scottish Rite is taking the show on the road, beginning in May. The goal is to bring Scottish Masonry to the members and brethren in the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th Masonic Districts. We will be at Eastern Star Lodge #151-Winnfield in May, Delhi #121 in June, Winnsboro #246 in July and in either Ruston or Choudrant in August. Spread the word!

I am working on providing an updated email list for the Valley. Please, send me a quick note from your current email address. On that note, we have changed our email address! It is now:

monroescottishrite@icloud.com

We will use the list to send out a reminder to our brethren of any upcoming events.

Come join us for a meeting or for one of our special events. You'll be surprised with the renewed energy at the Valley.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 25th. This is our annual Master Mason of the Year program. Dinner is at 6:30 and we will have our Grand Master, Will P. Gray, in attendance along with members of his official family. This event honors and recognizes one of our Master Masons who serves and provides yeoman's work for the Fraternity. It has always been a surprise to the recipient! It is also an opportunity to recognize our Northeast Louisiana Master Masons who have joined the Fraternity in the past year.

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

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As mentioned previously, we changed how our regular meetings are conducted with the inclusion of exemplifying degrees. The Valley "initiated" six new members when they were introduced to the 4th Degree in December. These new members returned in January where the 6th and 7th Degrees were conferred with a large crowd of members in support. February will feature the 8th and 12th Degrees, followed with a one day reunion on March 11th.

This reunion will have the 4th, 9th, 10th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 30th and 32nd Degrees. Our class will be recognized at an appreciation dinner at our regular meeting in March.

We will still hold a two-day reunion in August, but will continue exemplifying various degrees at our meetings. Please welcome our new members and thank them for joining the Scottish Rite.



L:R - Gary L. Gribble, 33°-General Secretary, Ballard L. Smith, PGM 33° G.C.-Personal Representative, Michael E. Meyers, Dennon Q. Paul, Keith E. Williamson, Ronny C. Lynn, Robert D. Goodrich, Dr. John A. Fox and H. Edward Durham, PGM 33°-Director of Work.

There are several other changes, or challenges depending upon your outlook, that we will implement during this new year. Although we have managed to get our handicapped members and visitors into the building, our elevator is rather inconsistent on getting them beyond the first floor. As odd as it might be to comprehend, parts for something 100 years old aren't readily available, if available at all. After several service calls, we've managed to stabilize the "patient" but it is on life support. The mechanicals and hydraulics have been replaced but the electronics and controls- the heart of the system - are being customed built for us. Expected arrival isn't until March.

One of our most challenging change deals with our membership roll. As of this writing, there is a significant number of members who stand to be suspended non-payment of dues. Our Valley can ill afford the loss of members. We not only lose their financial support but also the fellowship they brought with them. Have you paid your 2017 dues? If so, thank you for your continued support. If not, please remit them as soon as possible. Your 100 year old building faces many additional repairs that are unable to be considered without your support.

Thank you for you continuing to be a Shreveport Valley Scottish Rite member.

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

THE FINAL WORD



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

Every once in a while, checking the calendar makes me think about how important it is to communicate the information on dates and location of our Scottish Rite Valleys. Of course, our esteemed Editor places in each *TRESTLEBOARD* upcoming dates on the beginning pages of every issue and every Valley hopefully mentions what is upcoming in their articles. But sometimes we forget to pull out that personal calendar that we regularly turn to or that little calendar pocket book that is never far away from us, and so many now use the calendar on their iPhone or some other electronic device. So please include these dates highlighted and plan on participating and attending as many as possible.

With five Scottish Rite Valleys in Louisiana, there are five opportunities to go and visit Scottish Rite monthly meetings – each month **New Orleans meets on the 1st Wednesday** at 7:30 PM with a 6:30 PM meal. They currently meet at Louisiana Lodge #102, a beautiful new Lodge structure. **Monroe meets monthly on the 1st Thursday** at 7:00 PM with a 6:00 PM meal – their building is across the street from the University of Louisiana at Monroe and is a very well-designed structure that is multi-purposed. **Baton Rouge meets on the 2nd Monday** at 7:30 PM with a 6:30 PM meal, currently on the second floor at Trinity Union Lodge #372 in mid-city, **Shreveport meets on the 2nd Tuesday** at 6:00 PM with a 5:30 PM meal and in their Cathedral on the corner of Cotton & Common Streets. **Lake Charles meets on the 3rd Wednesday** at 7:00 PM with a meal at 6:30 PM in the stately Lake Charles Masonic Temple on Hodges Street. You should encourage a “Road Trip” of Brothers and visit each Valley – each is a little different and may offer you some ideas to include in your Valley, and bring your Passport and have it signed. Whatever you do, go and enjoy the fellowship and Brotherhood that visiting other Scottish Rite Valleys allows.

The annual Celebrating The Craft (CTC) web-a-thon is planned for **May 20, 2017** and allows talent from across the country to be displayed. It is a fund-raiser, yes; but, it is a six-hour showcase of very talented Masons who want to share their talents and assist in raising funds to improve the House of the Temple. Our own Ill. Chuck Morgan, 33°, and his wife Pam, have spent their last several wedding anniversaries in Washington answering the phones during the web-a-thon. That is dedication from a husband and wife team who love Scottish Rite. Plan to connect to the web-a-thon at 5:00 PM on **May 20** and enjoy a good program. Several of our Valleys hold watching parties, have refreshments and snacks during the show, making it into social gathering of family and friends.

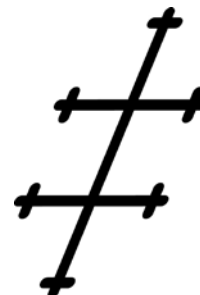
Remember Grand Lodge moves this year to the summer. Meeting in Alexandria at the Riverfront Convention Center on **June 30, July 1-2, 2017**, our annual Scottish Rite HONOURS Luncheon and Scottish Rite Foundation Annual Meeting will be held at Noon on Sunday, **July 2, 2017**.

Most of your Scottish Rite Leadership will attend the Biennial Supreme Council Session in Washington, DC on **August 19-22, 2017** where our own Ill. Ronnie Seale, 33°, Grand Commander, will preside. It is always a great convention of Brothers from around the world coming together to share in Scottish Rite. While the Washington Hilton will be the headquarters hotel and main meeting place, our beautiful House of the Temple will be showcased with improvements that are on-going – a major effort to the 100-year-old structure that until several years ago had never had any major maintenance or safety and life code improvements. Every Scottish Rite Mason should visit the House of the Temple at some point because it is our building; it belongs to us!

I would like to commend our Brethren in Shreveport for their work on the “Jewel in our Crown” of a Masonic Building – the Shreveport Scottish Rite Cathedral. Probably our last 'great Masonic structure' in Louisiana. The Shreveport Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc, a 501 c (3) corporation, has managed the structure under the Foundation Presidency of Ill. Edward Durham, 33°, PGM, and with Personal Representative Ill. Ballard Smith, 33°, GC, PGM, and General Secretary, Ill. Gary Gribble, 33°, the stewardship has been in great hands. Many others have been very involved in furthering the improvements to the structure and surrounding property, most notably, Ill. Bruce Easterly, 33°, PGM, and also many who work continuously to keep the structure at its best. The recent completion of a new front entrance to the Cathedral with a Handicap Ramp is the gift of now departed Ill. Ken Barnes, 33°, who left funding to pay for the majority of this improvement. With the Ramp is a new set of steps and front elevation improvements – the finished product looks as if it has always been that way. Donation of side properties has allowed new parking space potential too. The next big project is replacement of the elevator. When our Brothers can see where their donations are going, they tend to step forward and give generously. All of the improvements will be viewed by many who Journey to Shreveport on **November 11, 2017** for the biennial HONOURS DAY.

Keeping up with Masonic events around Louisiana can be challenging, especially if you are active and involved in your Lodge, but also in York Rite, Shrine, Grotto, Eastern Star, Amaranth and the many Honor groups that meet on certain dates and times annually. Whatever you do, never forget to practice and live the lessons of Scottish Rite and for continuing to be a proud Scottish Rite Freemason.

*Thankfully and fraternally – Bill Mollere
Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Louisiana*



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In the early 1950s the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States initiated a program to help children with speech and language disorders. The results obtained from this program led to the establishment of RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program clinics to provide diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders, as well as learning disabilities.

Today, there are SRCLP clinics, centers, and special programs operating or planned for children and therapists located throughout the United States. Each facility is staffed by speech-language pathologists or other trained personnel. Through the support of Scottish Rite members, these clinics, centers, and programs continue to increase. The value of this philanthropy has long been apparent. Tens of thousands of youngsters across the United States have been helped significantly. With the good work of dedicated clinicians and parents, the Scottish Rite has achieved successes that could only be imagined a few years back. Children who might have remained educationally behind for a lifetime can now talk, read, and lead productive lives.



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- ◆ 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.

