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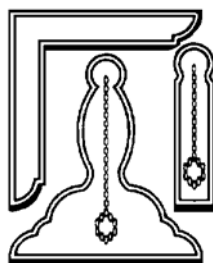
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## The Nature and Purpose of Symbolism in Our Masonic Journey

by

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

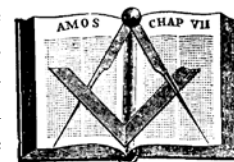
Freemasonry uses many symbols throughout its Degrees, and although one can learn the origin and general interpretations of those symbols, to truly connect with all of them in a way that broadens and deepens one's perspectives of life and the Deity can be an impossible task. Realistically one can only expect to gain a deeper understanding and personal connection with only a handful of those symbols. Choosing which ones to study and connect with can be overwhelming, but with self-reflection and a commitment to learning the deeper lessons taught in the Degrees, one will naturally gravitate toward specific symbols that are relevant to where they are in their journey. But little can be learned from a symbol until the nature of symbolism and its purpose is understood. By acquiring a sound understanding of symbolism, a sense of respect and appreciation for the variety of perspectives that can be associated with any given symbol can be developed.



Symbolism is a fascinating subject for many people and can be very complex and arcane. While there are some who appreciate the historical aspects and cryptic nature of ancient symbols, others view its occult use with skepticism and associate the entire subject with conspiracy and deceit. These different views are not difficult to understand. History has shown that it is not uncommon for a symbol to be modified in appearance and have its interpretation changed depending on how it is being used. The cross, for example, is a symbol that has been used in various forms throughout history. Long before it was adopted by Christianity as one of its primary symbols representing the sacrifice, death, and resurrection of the Christ, its core meaning was always associated with protection, life, and rejuvenation<sup>1</sup>. There are times, however, when a symbol is borrowed, modified, and its interpretation completely changed. The image of the swastika, which is one of the oldest cross symbols, suffered gross modifications in the 20th Century and has become a controversial image for many who see it. This symbol's oldest interpretations conveyed elements of good fortune, protection, and rejuvenation, and it often represented the sun or the Deity<sup>2</sup>. Its image today, however, in some parts of the world has never fully recovered from the racial and anti-Semitic stigma that imprisoned it after Nazi Germany used it as an emblem of racial identity. As we

can see, the challenges associated with symbolism are real and can leave a lasting imprint on our psyche, some of which can be very disturbing. These challenges are, however, the result of the nature of symbolism, which is to reflect the philosophy that has taken ownership of it – good or bad. With this understanding, we should never allow these challenges to cause us to shy away from the art of symbolism; rather, we should be encouraged to approach it with a level of reverence that acknowledges its influential sway and be reminded of the lasting impact that a symbol can produce on the human psyche. Considering this, we should respect and embrace the freedom allotted to such a profound art as being an expression of its own rite. Once this is understood, one is able to approach the art of symbolism with a sense of freedom and an open mind.

In the Fellow Craft section of *Morals & Dogma*, Albert Pike provides guidance around the importance of symbolism and how we as Freemasons should approach it. He encourages us to not only study the lectures of the symbols, but also to interpret the symbols through our own personal studies and perspectives so that we experience genuine growth. He states:



*"Thus the knowledge now imparted by books and letters, was of old conveyed by symbols; and the priests invented or perpetuated a display of rites and exhibitions, which were not only more attractive to the eye than words, but often more suggestive and more pregnant with meaning to the mind. Masonry, successor of the Mysteries, still follows the ancient manner of teaching. Her ceremonies are like the ancient mystic shows – not the reading of an essay, but the opening of a problem, requiring research, and constituting philosophy the arch-expounder. Her symbols are the instruction she gives. The lectures are endeavors, often partial and one-sided, to interpret these symbols. He who would become an accomplished Mason must not be content merely to hear, or even to understand, the lectures; he must, aided by them, and they having, as it were, marked out the way for him, study, interpret, and develop these symbols for himself."* As we can see, it is clear that we should acquire a connection with the symbols in a way that is meaningful and personal. It is possible, however, to develop emphatic interpretations once one has developed a sense of ownership of a symbol; even so, the transcendental and arcane nature of symbolism always demands the possibility for healthy debate and speculation. As Freemasons we should be able to engage in such discussions without arguing dogma; while at the same time, we should always remember that

<sup>1</sup> See Manly P. Halls "Secret Teachings of All Ages" pages 562-569 for a brief history of the cross symbol and its use in different cultures and times.

<sup>2</sup> www.britannica.com for more information around the history and use of the swastika symbol

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Program II: Scottish Rite History & Ritual consists of six lessons, utilizing the *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide* and *A Bridge to Light (4th ed.)*.

Program III: Scottish Rite Philosophy uses Albert Pike's *Morals & Dogma, Annotated Edition*. The course consists of 33 quizzes, grouped into 10 sections.

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

Shreveport

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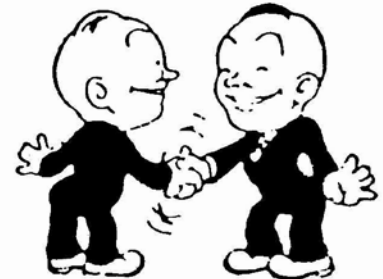
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**Rite Care Eligibility**

As a rule, the five Scottish Rite Childhood Learning Clinics accept preschool children who have difficulty speaking or understanding the spoken word or school-age children who have difficulty learning to read.

Inquiries on age groups and program offerings in specific areas should be addressed to the director of the local Scottish Rite facility. Equally important, all services are available regardless of race, creed, or the family's inability to pay.

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



**Calendar of Events**

Supreme Council

Celebrating the Craft Telethon May 18  
2019 Biennial Session August 18-20  
*Washington, D.C.*

Orient

Conference of the Orient April 26-27  
*Baton Rouge*  
Honors Day November 9  
*Shreveport*

Reunions

New Orleans TBA  
Shreveport March 9  
Lake Charles March 16-17  
Baton Rouge October 26  
Monroe August 3-4

Grand Lodge

Wardens Retreat February 19  
*Woodworth*  
Quarterly Board Meetings April 20  
*Alexandria*

# 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 University-Hammond

Caitlin Callais  
Olivia Schouest

#### University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Mallory Soileau  
Morgan Duplantis



## 2018-2019 Officers Foundation

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## Year End Review

The Louisiana Rite Care Program is affiliated with five of our higher learning institutions located throughout the state, also incorporating two satellite locations where children are seen by private Speech Therapist.

An average of 10 children per semester are assisted at each clinic.

**LSU Shreveport, La** Clinic director is Julie Smith M.A.; CCC-SLP the clinic coordinator is John Douglas Autry 33°. During the 2017/2018 biennium twelve (12) scholarships were awarded to graduate students pursuing their Master of Communication Disorder Degree. There were 960 therapy hours for children in the Shreveport Clinic located at the Scottish Rite Facility at 725 Cotton St. Shreveport, La. and at the satellite locations.

**ULM Monroe, La** Clinic Director is Ann Marie Sisk CCC-SLP; the clinic coordinator is Will Cook 32° KCCH. Eighteen (18) scholarships were awarded to graduate students pursuing their Master of Communication Disorder Degree in the 2017/2018 biennium. There were 840 therapy hours for children in the Monroe Clinic located at 205 University Ave. Monroe, La. 71230

**SLU Hammond, La** Clinic director is Amy Adams MA, L-SLP, CCC; the clinic coordinator is George Lupo 32° KCCH. During the 2017/2018 biennium twelve (12) scholarships were awarded to graduate students pursuing their Master of Communication Disorder Degree. There were 800 therapy hours for children in the Hammond Clinic located at 500 Western Avenue, Hammond, La. 70402.

**ULL Lafayette, La** Clinic Director is Dr. Julie Andries, PhD. L-SLP, CCC the clinic coordinator is Ricky Venable, 32° KCCH. During the 2016/2017 biennium twelve (12) scholarships were awarded to graduate students pursuing their Master of Communication Disorder Degree. There were 800 testing and therapy hours for children in the Lafayette clinic located at the University of Lafayette whose physical address is 104 E. University Avenue, Lafayette, La. 70504.

**LSU Baton Rouge, La** Clinic Director is Veronica Walker. M.A., L-SLP, CCC the clinic coordinator is Jim Wingate 33°. Dur-

ing the 2017/2018 biennium sixteen (16) scholarships were awarded to graduate students pursuing their Master of Communication Disorder Degree. There were 980 testing and therapy hours for children in the Baton Rouge Clinic located at the Baton Rouge Scottish Rite 14598 Florida Blvd. Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70819.

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

Fraternally yours,  
Gary L. Gribble, 33°-Executive Director  
Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation



## From The President

Your Foundation has exceeded its goals and continues to provide a premier service through our Centers. The one area which the Foundation showed a decline was in the fund raising and contribution area of our responsibilities. It is imperative we take additional steps to insure the financial soundness of our programs. The Investment Committee has done an outstanding job managing our funds, but we must increase the inflow of new funds for our programs to survive and expand. Several new efforts are under way to increase our capabilities.

The Foundation is a 501(C)3 charitable institution and all donations are tax deductible. Please remember the Foundation when you plan your charitable giving for any occasion. The Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation administers our charities and it is our ultimate responsibility to insure the integrity and success of the Programs.

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

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*The Nature and Purpose of Symbolism in Our Masonic Journey:*

symbols are teaching aids dependent upon the philosophies they are tied to and are designed to contain certain ideal concepts within a set of lessons that are often meant to be understood only by the students of that particular school of thought. Used in this manner, the symbol's nature is to conceal those concepts from all who would be considered profane<sup>3</sup>. As we will see, the loss of some of the original interpretations has often been a result of this concealment.

The ancient mystery schools safeguarded the interpretations of the symbols they used, many of which were not written down but were passed on orally from sage to student. These sages were entrusted with passing down those interpretations, but as Pike concluded:

*"...of some of the Symbols, the true meanings were merely forgotten, by the neglect of oral instruction in the sanctuaries; and after a time, new ones were invented, as new Symbols also were added, devoid of any merit even of originality or liveliness of fancy."*

This often leaves room for speculation that every mystery school must contend with and embrace<sup>5</sup>. Nonetheless, the sharing of symbols amongst different groups and cultures throughout history often provides valuable clues for interpretation. We know that as careful as the ancients were in keeping the interpretations of the symbols hidden, they were not as careful with concealing the illustrations. They can be found on ancient artifacts, cave walls, tombs, etc. As a result, it is not uncommon for different societies and mystery schools to share the same or similar symbols. Freemasonry, for instance, borrowed many of its symbols from the old mystery schools. One of its most notable symbols, the square and compasses together, was borrowed from Hermeticism. The Hermetic image of the REBIS features a human figure with two heads – one male and the other female. The figure is holding a square in one hand and compasses in the other with an image of the Sun above one, the Moon above the other, and the planet Mercury between the Sun and Moon. In sacred geometry, angles are considered masculine and are drawn to perfection using the square, while curves are considered feminine and are drawn to perfection using the compasses. From a generalized interpretation, the image of the REBIS embodies the concept of opposites united and working in harmony toward their transformation into perfection<sup>6</sup>. The interpretation of



the square and compasses in Freemasonry follows closely with the

<sup>3</sup> See "Albert Pike's Lecture on Masonic Symbolism and A Second Lecture on Symbolism" – Transcribed and Annotated by Rex R. Hutchens, page I.11 Pike discloses the nature of symbolism.

<sup>4</sup> See "Albert Pike's Lecture on Masonic Symbolism and A Second Lecture on Symbolism" – Transcribed and Annotated by Rex R. Hutchens, page I.11 Pike sheds light on how the interpretations of some symbols may have been lost.

<sup>5</sup> See "Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide" – Third Edition Revised and Enlarged – by Arturo DeHoyos , page 462. Here, Pike expresses the challenges associated with "men, left to guess for themselves at the solution of the enigmas enveloped in the symbols, sometimes guessed wrong through ignorance, sometimes from haste, and gave false explanations, which often repeated came to be regarded as true, and displaced the true ones; so that many of these are now lost."

<sup>6</sup> "Albert Pike's Esoterika – The Symbolism of the Blue Degrees of Freemasonry" – by Arturo DeHoyos, pages 94-106 discusses the REBIS along with its lineage and the concepts associated with the symbol.

Hermetic interpretation, but also has lessons applied to it that are uniquely Masonic.

Symbols are designed to be both communal with a generalized interpretation and personal with a personalized interpretation. Many mistake the generalized interpretation as the only interpretation, and never really assimilate the symbol into their Masonic journey on a deep and personal level. It is only through contemplation and disciplined study that one may connect with a symbol in a way that truly enhances their understanding of the teachings that are tied to it. Therefore, it is important to understand that a symbol with only a communal interpretation can be limited in providing the growth needed to enhance our Masonic journey. Considering this, my interpretation and perspective around a symbol should vary by some degree from my Brother's, but it should never contradict the philosophy that is tied to it.



So as Freemasons, we should commit to finding a personal connection with at least one symbol from each of the Degrees, and let the image of each be a constant reminder of our obligation to its lessons and inspire us to continue the good work of our Craft.

*Fraternally,  
Quincy Gotte, 32° KCCH  
Valley of Lake Charles*





### For The Attention of Officers and Members of The Scottish Rite Bodies in the Orient of Louisiana.

This is to inform you that I have appointed Illustrious Richard Bruce Smith, 33°, Grand Cross, as a Deputy of the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., in the Orient of Louisiana, effective, January 1, 2019, due to the retirement of Illustrious William J. Mollere, 33°, effective October 25, 2018.

I commend this distinguished Brother to the allegiance and obedience of all Scottish Rite Members of the Orient of Louisiana, over which he will preside. I invest him with substantially the powers and prerogatives of a Sovereign Grand Inspector General as provided in our Statutes.

You will please give this appointment suitable publicity by communicating all the essential facts and any other information that you may properly add concerning Brother Smith.

Given under my hand and Official Seal this 11th Day of December 2018.

 **Ronald A. Seale**   
Sovereign Grand Commander



*The final Celebrating the Craft will be held on  
May 18, 2019.*

# Valley of New Orleans News

## Chartered April 7, 1811

### Meets on the first Wednesday of every month



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**2019 Membership Fees are due!**

#### Calendar of Events

**Stated Communications** 7:30 PM  
 6209 3rd Street Harahan, LA 70123  
 (Louisiana Lodge #102)

**Wednesday, February 6th**  
 Annual Valentines Program

**Wednesday, March 6th**  
 Mardi Gras presentation

**Wednesday, April 3rd**  
 Service of Remembrand

**Tuesday, April 23rd**  
 Advisory Conference

**Wednesday, May 1st**  
 Feast of Consistory

**Wednesday, June 5th**  
 Special Presentation

**Wednesday, July 3rd**  
 Independence Day Program

**Tuesday, July 23rd**  
 Advisory Conference

**Wednesday, August 7th**  
 Guest Speaker

**Wednesday, September 4th**  
 Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, October 2nd**  
 Feast of Tishri

**Tuesday, October 22nd**  
 Advisory Conference

**Wednesday, November 6th**  
 Nomination & Election of 2020 Officers

#### 2019 Officers

##### Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master: Kenneth K. Bell, Jr., 32° KCCH  
 Senior Warden: Freddie J. Touchet, 32° KCCH  
 Junior Warden: Eddie A. Lebouef, III, 32° KCCH

##### Pelican Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master: Martin J. Reinschmidt, 33°  
 Senior Warden: Charles R. Smith, 32° KCCH  
 Junior Warden: Stephen M. Bryant, 32°

##### Eagle Council of Kadosh

Commander: Ion Lazar, 33°  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander: Adam, G. Krolkowski, 32°  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander: Larry J. Plaisance, 33°

##### New Orleans Consistory

Master of Kadosh: John C. Miller, 32° KCCH  
 Prior: Charles R. Bertrand, 32°  
 Preceptor: Kenneth M. Mayer, 32°

##### Treasurer All Bodies

Ion Lazar, 33°

##### Secretary All Bodies

Martin J. Reinschmidt, 33°

black, but Illustrious Brother Lazar is doing his best. I also want to thank him for his very informative and detailed explanation of the budget.

If there is anything that we can do to assist you or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our General Secretary and he will do his best to assist you and or answer your questions.

Hope to see you at our next meeting.

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

#### Venerable Master's Message

First, I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to be your Venerable Master for 2019. I hope that the coming year will be informative, and the fellowship continue to grow. But with the start of each new year we must remember why we are Masons and what does it teach us. While looking thru some pamphlets I came across this one in particular on what Masonry teaches us. We are taught some important principles, they are:

*Since God is the Creator, all men and women are the children of God. Each person must take responsibility for his/her own life and actions.*

*No one has the right to tell another person what he or she must think or believe.*

*Each person must learn to practice self-control*

*Faith must be in the center of our lives.*

*Each person has the responsibility to be a good citizen, obeying the law.*

*It is important to work to make this world better for all who live in it.*

*Lastly, Honor and integrity are essential to life.*

As we start the new day, try to think of the above teachings and ask yourself how I can be a better man and Mason.

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#### Personally Speaking

I trust that each of you had a safe and happy holiday season and are now looking forward to a new year. Remember that on January 1st we turned over a new and blank page in our life, and it is up to each of us to write our own history.

The new officers of the Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection have one meeting under their belts and it looks like it will be a busy and productive year. Our Venerable Master, Brother Ken Bell, has something planned for each month, there is at least one meeting or event that should appeal to all of our members.

At our January meeting had the pleasure of displaying the antique sword that was presented to Illustrious Brother Albert Pike when he was commissioned a General in the Confederate Army. The brothers in attendance that evening took the opportunity to have their picture taken while holding the sword and we took a group photo to record this historic event. The sword will eventually find a home at the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C.

I would like to thank our treasurer, Illustrious Brother Ion Lazar, 33° for his hard work in developing our 2019 budget. I know that it is getting to be a little tougher each year to keep the budget and balanced in the

#### In Memoriam

Lawrence W. Hinyup  
 Dale M. Smith  
 Robert W. Marks

# Valley of Shreveport News

## Chartered October 26, 1913

Meets on the second Tuesday of every month



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**Dinner 6:00pm Meeting 7:00pm**  
 Advisory Conference begins at 5:30  
**Tuesday, February 12th**  
 Annual Round Table discussion  
Spring Reunion **March 9**  
**Tuesday, March 12th**  
 Candidate Appreciation Dinner  
**Tuesday, April 16th**  
 Service of Remembrance  
**Tuesday, May 14th**  
 Feast of Consistory  
**Tuesday, June 11th**  
 Degree Presentation  
**Tuesday, July 9th**  
 Independence Day Program  
Summer Reunion **August 10**  
**Tuesday, August 13th**  
 Candidate Appreciation Dinner  
**Tuesday, September 10th**  
 Feast of Tishri  
**Tuesday, October 8th**  
 Degree Presentation  
**Tuesday, November 12th**  
 50 Year Milestone - Veterans Day Program  
 The KCCH Club meets during the January, April, July & October meetings.

**From The Secretary' Desk**  
 There are thirty-two Valley members who won't receive a copy of this publication. These Scottish Rite Masons have determined, for whatever reasons, that continued membership holds no importance and were suspended non-payment of dues in January. An additional five members requested and were granted demits during 2017. Sadly, we lost thirty-nine members from this earthly realm as they were summoned home by The Great Architect. This is a loss of 76 brothers and friends. Although the departure of these members is significant from a personal standpoint, it must be said that the financial loss to the Valley is tremendous.

We are all proud of our magnificent-building that was completed in 1917 and celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2017. It is a source of pride for the membership. Those who visit are in awe of its beauty. However, to maintain the building requires a tremendous amount of revenue. The Valley is truly blessed with having many dedicated members who volunteer their time and personal finances to assist with maintenance. If it were not for their generosity, many of the tasks, involving repairs and maintenance, would be left undone.

Although much of what has been mentioned is dire news, there are many more positive areas that need mention. Not to detract from the other Chapters, but our Knights of St. Andrew Chapter is the premier group of dedicated Scottish Rite Masons. They not only assist in every station at Shreveport, but willingly travel to the other Valleys to confer the 29th Degree. They are highly visible at every function. Our KCCH Club performs the Rose Upon The Altar play at lodges in the District, bringing more light to the area.

Our Degree Teams continue to bring a meaningful theatrical performance at each reunion. The Stage, Lighting, Sound, Wardrobe Committees provide the support to make the reunions successful. We can take pride in the number of degrees presented during our two day reunions, as well as those presented at our regular meetings.

**2019 Officers**

**Shreveport Lodge of Perfection**

Venerable Master: John F. Knox, Jr., 32° KCCH  
 Senior Warden: John C. Sharlow, 32° KCCH  
 Junior Warden: J. David Maxe, Sr., 32°

**Shreveport Chapter Rose Croix**

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**Treasurer All Bodies:**

E. Louis McGee, 33°

**Secretary All Bodies:**

Gary L. Gribble, 33°

**2019 Knights of St. Andrew**

Knight Commander: J. David Maxe, Sr.  
 Knight Warden: Bradley T. Smith  
 Knight Captain: Billy E. Barnes  
 Knight Recorder: Christopher E. Cannon

There is much to be thankful for. The Valley has twenty-three new Masters of the Royal Secret and look forward to having these members fulfill their roles in the Valley.

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

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



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**IN MEMORIAM**  
 Ives L. Cargle  
 Patson C. Houston  
 Billy Ray James  
 Artis C. Masingill  
 Henry N. Moore  
 Troy D. Page

# Valley of Lake Charles News

## Chartered October 16, 1923

### Meets on the third Wednesday of every month



**Lake Charles Masonic Temple**  
 717 Hodges Street  
 Lake Charles, LA 70601  
 Secretary: Frank M. Bult, Jr., 32° KCCH  
 Tel: 337-436-1676 Fax: 337-436-1673  
 Email: lcscottishritebodies@yahoo.com

**2019 Membership Fees are due!**

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dinner 6:30**                      **Meeting 7:00**
- Wednesday, February 20th**  
Worthy Grand Matron - OES
- Wednesday, March 20th**  
Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser
- Spring Reunion**                      **March 16-17**
- Wednesday, April 17th**  
Service of Remembrance
- Wednesday, May 15th**  
Feast of the Consistory
- Wednesday, June 19th**  
Master Mason Program
- Wednesday, July 17th**  
Honor Law Enforcement  
New City Marshall-guest speaker
- Wednesday, August 21st**  
Gueydan Road Trip
- Fall Reunion**                      **September 14-15**
- Wednesday, September 18th**  
Feast of Tishri
- Wednesday, October 16th**  
Micro-brewery program
- Wednesday, October 30th**  
KCCH Dinner
- Wednesday, November 20th**  
ULL RiteCare Program
- Back Door Lunch: Last Friday of every month. Except in November & December**

#### Personally Speaking

As 2018 came to a close I was asked to fill a very large pair of shoes in the Valley of Lake Charles. As Illustrious Richard B Smith, 33o CG, transitioned from Personal Representative to his new role, he asked me to serve the Valley of Lake Charles as his Personal Representative. Many of you already know me and I hope to meet many more of our brethren. For those of you who I have yet to meet, I would like to introduce myself and provide some contact information.

My name is John Briggs Becton and most of my friends and brothers call me Briggs. I was born in Westlake, Louisiana in 1973 and after graduating college from Louisiana Tech University in 1995 I returned home to Westlake to start a family and began a career in law enforcement that extended 15 years. I now work in outside sales in various refineries for Nalco Champion. My son John Michael is now 17 and is beginning his college career which is allowing me to return to devote more time to Masonic endeavors. In Masonry, I met a great man and Mason, Clyde Morgan 33°, at Jimmy's barber shop in Moss Bluff by chance one day. He told me he knew my Grandfather who had been Master of Westlake Lodge 443. A year later I ran into Clyde once again at the barber shop and my Masonic life began. Like many new masons I became enthusiastic and joined with a thirst for more light in masonry which I received from many great masons like Brother Clyde Morgan 33° and Brother Harold H Young 33° who taught me that masonry at all levels is rooted in the Blue lodge and through a strong Blue lodge the Scottish Rite and its appendant bodies don't just survive but can thrive by providing more light to both young and old masons. As I grew in masonry I was installed as Master of Westlake Lodge #443 in 2009 and served as Master of the Lodge 2009/10. In November 2009, I was invested with a great honor that to this day I feel I did not deserve as Brother Clyde Morgan placed a red hat upon my head in Shreveport as I was invested as Knight Commander Court of Honour.

As I begin my new role, I would like to

shed some light on what I feel to be a great need in Masonry. I believe as I mentioned above that all Masonic Bodies, especially the Scottish Rite, can thrive if we ensure that our Blue lodges are strong. Just as a tree is fed and nourished by its roots, the leaves collect and return the light they gather, so can Masonry serve as a great tree with strong roots in the Blue Lodge, Appendant Bodies and our Valleys stretched forth like branches to support our masonic brethren as they gather more light and thus return to masonry what they have received. How do we achieve this, Like Clyde did many years ago to a young kid, we talk about masonry and support the growth of our Blue Lodges, but we can't stop there. We have to grow and nurture young masons with activities that keep them interested, so that they will desire to receive More Light in Masonry. More to come on this topic.

If any brother would like to talk, I can be reached by email at:

BECTONWLPD@YAHOO.COM  
 or by phone at 337-853-9099 (TEXT or CALL).

*Fraternally,*  
**J. Briggs Becton, 32° KCCH**  
*Personal Representative*

#### 2019 Officers

##### Lake Charles Lodge of Perfection

*Venerable Master:*                      Elton J. Blanchard, 32° KCCH  
*Senior Warden:*                              Oscar Abshire, 32° KCCH  
*Junior Warden:*                              W. Keith Powell, Sr., 32° KCCH

##### Lake Charles Chapter Rose Croix

*Wise Master:*                              John W. Derby, 32° KCCH  
*Senior Warden:*                              Joseph E. Thibodeaux, 32°  
*Junior Warden:*                              Kirby O. Vinson, 32°

##### Lake Charles Council of Kadosh

*Commander:*                              George A. Wilkinson, 32° KCCH  
*1st Lt. Commander:*                      William W. Bailey, 32° KCCH  
*2nd Lt. Commander:*                      James E. Josker, 32°

##### Lake Charles Consistory

*Master of Kadosh:*                      John E. McDaniel, III, 32°  
*Prior:*    Errol B. Cheramie, 32°  
*Preceptor:*                                      David R. Frohn, 32°

##### Treasurer All Bodies:

J. Quincy Gotte, 32° KCCH

##### Secretary All Bodies:

Frank M. "Dickie" Bult, Jr., 32° KCCH

**IN MEMORIAM**  
 James L. Granger

# Valley of Baton Rouge News

## Chartered October 20, 1955

### Meets on the second Monday of every month



**Baton Rouge Scottish Rite Temple**  
 14598 Florida Boulevard  
 Baton Rouge, LA 70819  
 Secretary: James E. Wingate, 33°  
 Tel: 225-953-8556  
 Email: BRScottishRite@att.net

**2019 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE  
 DUE AND PAYABLE!!!**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**Monday, February 11th**

*Valentines Program*

*Master Craftsman Program presentation*

**Monday, March 11th**

*Easter Observance*

**Monday, April 8th**

*17th & 18th Degree presentation*

**Sunday, April 20th**

*Annual Easter Egg Hunt*

*Joint York Rite-Scottish Rite program*

**Monday, May 13th**

*Consistory observance*

**Monday, May 18th**

*Family Day - CTC broadcast*

**Monday, June 10th**

*Feast of Consistory*

*Scottish Rite history within the U.S.*

**Monday, July 8th**

*Independence Day observance*

**Monday, August 12th**

*Degree presentation*

**Monday, September 9th**

*Degree presentation*

**Monday, October 14th**

*Feast of Tishri*

**Fall Reunion**

**October 26**

**Monday, November 11th**

*Veterans Day Program*

**Saturday, November 16th**

*Annual Widows Night Program*

**From The Secretary's Desk**

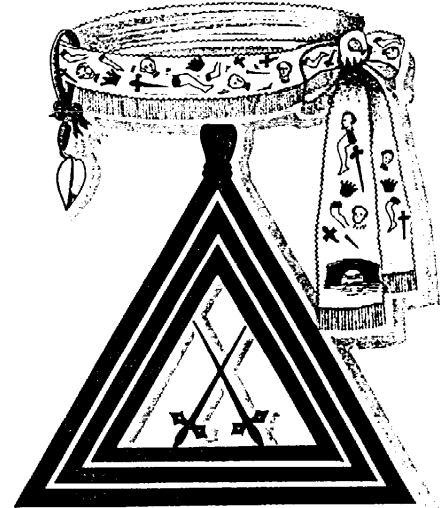
The start of a New Year motivates us to make promises to become better than we were in the past. However, we must reflect with a loving heart and a critical eye upon the past year to find where the improvements are needed. All of us should reflect on the many experiences of the blessings we learn from and, by this, be granted the opportunity to improve ourselves in all stations of life in the coming year. In the 18th Degree the candidate will learn that he must suffer through hardship, trial, and error as he continues on his journey toward the concept of 'Perfection'. The frivolous, imperfect, and selfish parts of the human character must 'die' for his 'rebirth' to begin.

As we move into the new 2019 year, it my wish that we expand and improve our Baton Rouge Scottish Rite in providing Good Cheer and Fellowship toward our membership. The goal is to reach out to the membership and invite them to join us for a time of fellowship with the brethren. I would challenge each Scottish Rite Mason who attends the Monday meetings to call a fellow brother and invite him to attend. Offer to give the brother a ride to the meeting and share in the brotherly love.

There are several events planned for the future and there will be e-mails sent to the membership for reminders of the activities. If you are not sure if the General Secretary has your e-mail on file, feel free to contact the office at 225-953-8556 to make inquiry. We wish to stay in contact with all of the membership and make sure that everyone is included.

Until we meet again my brothers, remember the Honor is to Serve.

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



**2019 Officers**

**Baton Rouge Lodge of Perfection**

*Venerable Master: Richard L. Fox, 32°  
 Senior Warden: Richard W. Black, 32°  
 Junior Warden: J. Andrew Owen, 32°*

**Baton Rouge Chapter Rose Croix**

*Wise Master: V. Eugene Dawson, Jr., 32°  
 Senior Warden: Jason K. Rigsby, 32°  
 Junior Warden: James D. Lucas, 32°*

**Baton Rouge Council of Kadosh**

*Commander: Timothy P. Sibley, 32°  
 1st Lt. Commander: William E. Womack, 32°  
 2nd Lt. Commander: Monty L. Reed, 32°*

**Baton Rouge Consistory**

*Master of Kadosh: James M. Stockner, 32° KCCH  
 Prior: Scott J. Plasaince, 32°  
 Preceptor: Taylor P. Nauta, 32°*

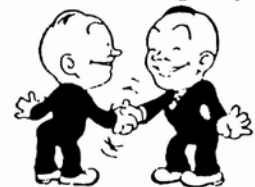
**Treasurer All Bodies:**

*Jeffrey D. Maynor, 32° KCCH*

**Secretary All Bodies:**

*James E. Wingate, 33°*

Someone is waiting for you



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

**In Memoriam**

*God is Great*



# Valley of Monroe News

Chartered November 13, 1971

Meets on the first Thursday of every month



### Monroe Scottish Rite Temple

205 University Avenue  
Monroe, LA 71203-3701

Secretary: W. O. "Will" Cook, 32° KCCH  
Tel: 318-343-6388 Fax: 318-343-5492  
Email: monroescottishrite@icloud.com

**2019 Membership Fees are due!**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

**Thursday, February 7th**

ULM Scholarship recipients program

**Thursday, March 7th**

Chuch Morgan, 33° guest speaker

**Thursday, April 4th**

Service of Remembrance

**Thursday, May 2nd**

Rose Upon the Altar

**Thursday, June 6th**

Flag Presentation

**Thursday, July 4th**

Independence Day program

**Saturday, July 27th**

Master Mason of the Year  
Grand Master & Official Family

**Thursday, August 1st**

Knights of St. Andrew squiring ceremony

**Summer Reunion August 3-4**

**Thursday, September 5th**

Historical Preservation program  
Erica Gullede - guest speaker

**Thursday, October 3rd**

Feast of Tishri

**Thursday, November 7th**

Homeland Security program

**Thursday, December 5th**

Election and Installation of 2020 Officers

### Personally Speaking

It is time for the bi-monthly Trestleboard submission for all you avid readers out there in the Orient of Louisiana. First some numbers. For the year we gained thirteen (13) new Masters of the Royal Secret, had one affiliation and four (4) members were reinstated. Now the bad news. There were twenty-one (21) deaths, six (6) demits and, thirteen (13) suspensions in 2018, leaving us with 490 members.

Our declining membership comes from a number of forces in the modern American society, which has also caused the drop in Louisiana Grand Lodge membership to less than 15,000. We have a very large facility for an organization that meets once a month, where less than 10% of the members come regularly. That is the reality of our situation.

Now on the bright side. We have a hard working General Secretary, an active advisory board, a functioning Scottish Rite Foundation Board, that is working to find a path of income for us and some members who are active in the kitchen and studying the work. Our new Venerable Master (a fired-up Army man) has a plan for every meeting of the coming year, that should attract even more activity. Our Speech and Hearing clinic is running smoothly.

Our heating system is working fine, but I am fearful of what we will find when the warm days return and the air conditioning system is again tested by summer in the south. Our SGIG, M: W: Brother Bill Mollere passed away after a long fight with muscular dystrophy and cancer. I was his Deputy Grand Master and learned much from him while on the elected Grand Line. He was likely the best known Mason in the United States through his DeMolay and Scottish Rite work, spanning his entire adult life. The Sovereign Grand Commander has appointed Ill. Richard B. Smith as our new Deputy. Welcome to the party, RB!

*Fraternally yours,*  
**Will P. Gray, 33° PGM**  
Personal Representative



### From The Secretary's Desk

Where do the hours, days and months go? It seems like only yesterday that we were beginning 2018. But, here we are nearing the close of the first quarter of 2019.

At our first meeting of the year, a Squiring Ceremony for the Monroe Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew was held, where we welcomed two new Squires in to the ranks. The Feast of Kadosh was observed, with The Right Eminent Commander of the Grand Commandery, J. Keith Gates, 32° KCCH, conducted the service.

We congratulate the 2019 officers of Monroe Scottish Rite and look forward to their leadership.

Please pay 2019 dues at your earliest convenience. The dues you pay help support your Scottish Rite as well as our RiteCare Speech and Hearing Clinic.

We have Masonic Education classes at 5:30pm on the 1st Thursday of the month, followed by dinner with the ladies and friends at 6:00pm followed by our regular stated meeting at 7:00pm. We look forward to being with you.

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

### 2019 Officers

#### Monroe Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master: Michael A. Watts, 33°  
Senior Warden: Mitchell A. Reynolds, 32° KCCH  
Junior Warden: Wilson O. Cook, 32° KCCH

#### Monroe Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master: William S. Blake, 32°  
Senior Warden: W. Bradley Evans, III, 32°  
Junior Warden: Matthew P. Tessier, 32°

#### Monroe Council of Kadosh

Commander: Troy L. Lord, 32° KCCH  
1st Lt. Commander: John W. Barnett, 32°  
2nd Lt. Commander: Gary L. Foster, 32°

#### Monroe Consistory

Master of Kadosh: Buddy G. Barnett, 32°  
Prior: Allan K. Bean, 32°  
Preceptor: David R. Marine, 32°

#### Treasurer All Bodies:

Roy McDuffie, 33° PGM

#### Secretary All Bodies:

Wilson O. "Will" Cook, 32° KCCH

### IN MEMORIAM

Mac Henry LaCroix  
Patton Dunning McHenry



**Scottish Rite FULFILL-BUILD-PROVIDE**

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*New Orleans Valley-Venerable Master's Message:*

We have a very jam-packed agenda for the coming year, and as always, this agenda is a living document. If you have something that you would like to see presented or discussed at one of our meetings just give our General Secretary, Illustrious Brother Martin Reinschmidt a call at the office and let him know and he will pass it on to me, and I will see if we can make it happen. Looking ahead to our July meeting, the plan is to have an "All American" type meal before the meeting and then a talk on the "Pirates of our Area" and then some ice cream and apple pie after. I know of one brother who is really looking forward to the after meal!

*Fraternally,  
Kenneth K. Bell, Jr., 32° KCCH  
Venerable Master*



**From The Secretary's Desk**

When was the last time that you saw the 25th Degree, "Knight of the Barzen Serpent" conferred or exemplified? Well if you were in attendance at our Scottish Rite Homecoming in Alexandria on Saturday November 10th, you saw an excellent job of exemplifying this degree by a combined team from the Valleys of New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Monroe. In all the entire day was a great example of the 5 valleys of this orient coming together and showing off their abilities to do degree work. It was well worth the trip.

The yearly Scottish Rite Homecoming is an event put together by our late Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Illustrious Brother William Jules "Bill" Mollere. He wanted us to have a venue to get together and share fellowship and brotherhood. So, when our, at the time, Acting Deputy to the Supreme Council Illustrious Brother R. B. Smith, 33°, G.C. made the suggestion that in the future this event should be called "The William J. Mollere Scottish Right Homecoming" a motion was quickly made and it passed unanimously.

With the passing of our leader, comes the rise to eminence of a new and capable leader. Our new Deputy to the Supreme Council in Louisiana is Illustrious Brother Richard B. "R.B." Smith 33°, G. C. Having worked with and seen Illustrious Brother Smith in action, I can safely say that the Orient of

Louisiana is in safe hands and the work will continue, and we will continue to move forward. Illustrious Brother Smith is from the Valley of Lake Charles and has served that Valley as it's Personal Representative for many years. I know each and everyone of our brothers wish our new Deputy the best of luck and we support him 100 percent.

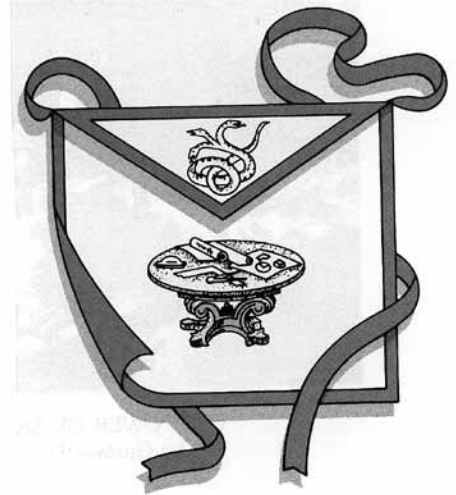
I wish to thank the 54.4% of you that have paid your 2019 dues already. And to those that have not paid them, what are you waiting for. Do you realize the cost of \$120.00 annual breaks down to \$10.00 per month and to take it down to a cost per day, it breaks down to right at 33 cents a day? So now that you see how little it is costing you to maintain your membership why haven't you paid your current year's dues? There are many ways for you to do so, you can call the office and give us credit card number, you can go on line to the Supreme Council's website and pay them online via credit card or you can even come to one of our meeting and pay them in person. It is up to you.

In closing let me say that if you missed our January meeting you missed the opportunity to hold a piece of our history. The sword of Illustrious Brother Albert Pike was there and you could had held history in your hands or had your picture taken while holding it. See there is always something happening at our meetings, so why not take the time and attend one real soon.

Don't forget our monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. We meet at Louisiana Lodge #102 6209 3rd St in Harahan, La. By now everyone should know where this is, but for those of you that need a reminder. If is right off of Hickory Ave, right behind Seither's Seafood Restaurant. Dinner at 6:30p.m. and the meeting or program starts at 7:30 p.m. We normally invite our ladies to have dinner with us but from time to time we must have a member's only dinner and meeting.

Hope to see you soon.

*Fraternally,  
Martin J. Reinschmidt, 33°  
General Secretary*



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Shreveport Valley News:*

**Master Craftsman Program**

The Scottish Rite Master Craftsman (SRMC) program is a by-mail correspondence course, designed and administered by staff at the House of the Temple in Washington, DC, under the guidance and leadership of the Supreme Council, 33°. Upon completion of each program listed below, each participant is rewarded with a medal or pins and certificate to acknowledge their completion.

The Shreveport Valley prides itself on the fact it leads the Orient with the total number of members having completed all courses offered by the SRMC program. Our most recent "graduate" is Eugene E. "Gene" Morse-32°. Brother Gene completed the Scottish Rite History and Ritual - Level II program. Gene is a member of Haughton Lodge #95 and served as Worshipful Master in 2005. He currently serves as the Lodge's chaplain.



*L:R - Ballard Smith-33° C.G. Personal Representative and Eugene E. "Gene" Morse-32°*

## THE FINAL WORD



### III. Richard B. Smith, 33° G. C. Deputy of the Supreme Council

#### Louisiana Scottish Rite Past, Present, and Future

Friends and brethren, it is with the greatest humility that I write this first message as the newly appointed Deputy of the Supreme Council for the Orient of Louisiana. Masonry has played a significant role in my life. In continuing the pursuit of Masonic light and embarking upon this new journey, it is my sincere desire to serve and lead with urbanity and diplomacy. Those who know me also know that this also comes with humor and a joyous attitude of hope.

Illustrious William J. “Bill” Mollere, 33°, SGIG Emeritus, while serving as Orient Personal Representative for then SGIG, Ronald A. Seale, in 1998, published a historical sketch of the Scottish Rite in Louisiana. It is a scholarly work that traces the history of Louisiana Scottish Rite for nearly 250 years, from the first recorded Scottish Rite Lodge in New Orleans in 1752, to the modern age of Scottish Rite in 1998. In this document, Brother Mollere recorded each leader for the Scottish Rite in Louisiana from 1810 to the turn of the millennium. This is a chronology of those men:

Name	Title	Term
Gabriel Jastram	Representative of the Supreme Council in Charleston	1810 - 1814
Louis Jean Lusson	Representative of the Supreme Council in Charleston	1814 - 1832
Emmanuel Gigard	Leader of Cerneauism movement (irregular Rite)	1815 - 1832
John Holland	Representative of the Supreme Council in Charleston	1832 - 1834
August Douce	Grand Commander in Louisiana - United Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere	1834 - 1839
Marquis de Santangelo	Sovereign Grand Commander - Supreme Council of the United States of America	1839 - 1852
John Gedde	Commander and Representative to the Supreme Council in Charleston	1852 - 1866
Samuel Manning Todd	Deputy for Louisiana to the Supreme Council in Charleston SGIG for Louisiana to the Supreme Council in Charleston	1866 - 1868 1868 - 1905
John Quincy Adams Fellows	SGIG for Louisiana to the Supreme Council in Charleston (Supreme Council Attorney)	1870 - 1897
Charles Francis Buck	Deputy for Louisiana to the Supreme Council in Charleston SGIG for Louisiana to the Supreme Council in Charleston	1905 - 1907 1907 - 1918
A.L. Metz	Deputy for Louisiana to the Supreme Council in Charleston	1918 - 1919
Lee E. Thomas	Deputy for Louisiana to the Supreme Council in Charleston	1920 - 1929
Charles Francis Buck, Jr.	Deputy for Louisiana to the Supreme Council in Charleston SGIG for Louisiana to the Supreme Council in Charleston	1929 - 1931 1931 - 1952
Jared Young Sanders, Jr.	Deputy for Louisiana to the Supreme Council in Charleston	1952 - 1958
Dee Alphonso Strickland	Deputy for Louisiana to the Supreme Council in Charleston SGIG for Louisiana to the Supreme Council in Charleston	1958 - 1959 1959 - 1977
Dietrich Walter Jessen	Deputy for Louisiana to the Supreme Council in Charleston SGIG for Louisiana to the Supreme Council in Charleston	1977 - 1977 1977 - 1994
Ronald Armbrust Seale	Deputy for Louisiana to the Supreme Council in Charleston SGIG for Louisiana to the Supreme Council in Charleston	1995 - 1995 1995 - 2003
William Jules Mollere	Deputy for Louisiana to the Supreme Council in Charleston SGIG for Louisiana to the Supreme Council in Charleston	2003 - 2005 2005 - 2018

This list illustrates the Scottish Rite Leadership in Louisiana for the past two centuries. Among the names listed are some of the most dedicated and influential Masons in the history of Louisiana Masonry. More than any other state in the nation, Louisiana Scottish Rite Masonry has a rich and colorful history that can be attributed to each generation of Scottish Rite Masons. Then, a study of our history is recommended to you; as it will reveal many facts about each era that impacted both the Scottish Rite and the Grand Lodge n Louisiana.

In the year 2019, Scottish Rite Masonry in Louisiana is actively involved in membership development and philanthropic causes. Each of our five Valleys has outlined educational and enrichment programs for the stated communications. Some of our Valleys are committed to the Valley Membership Achievement Program (VMAP).

Each Valley has reunions scheduled throughout the year. It is exciting to see the Valleys work together to hold joint reunions. This allows Scottish Rite Masons from different geographic regions of the state to demonstrate their interpretation of the various degrees. It also provides opportunities for developing more friendships by meeting other Scottish Rite Masons in our state. Much great fellowship is experienced when we work together to do good work. Each reunion affords our members a time to remember and revisit the lessons of the degrees, and reunite in the fraternal bonds. Reunions serve as a bridge from the past to the present and lay the foundation for the future. Every time you watch a Scottish Rite Degree, it should stir memories of when you were a candidate in the degrees, and create opportunities for you to see the lessons taught in the degree with a new perspective. As we initiate Master Masons into the Scottish Rite Degrees, we not only add to our numbers but we perpetuate Scottish Rite Freemasonry by passing the degrees and their teachings to the next generation.

The Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation was started over 60 years ago to provide scholarships for graduate students pursuing a Master’s degree in government leadership at George Washington University in Washington, DC. The Foundation now provides funding to support our five RiteCare speech, hearing and language disorder clinics in the state, and the D. Walter Jessen scholarships for Civil Engineering. By working with the children to overcome their individual communications disorders and preparing the next generation of professional civil engineers, we are investing in the future and advancing civilization.

In this fast paced era of instant communication and social media, the Scottish Rite is still relevant. The Scottish Rite offers its members what no computer, robot, drone, or artificial intelligence device can, and that is the comradery of fellow human beings that share the ties of brotherhood and fraternity. Studies indicate that approximately 50% of the current generation of young men ages 18 to 30 have an innate desire to belong to familial groups that serve society. The Scottish Rite can offer many of these young men an opportunity to learn, serve, and lead. We need to welcome these men and their ideas into our Valleys, as they are our future.

*Fraternally and Sincerely,  
Richard Smith, 33° G. C.  
Deputy*



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## Did You Know?

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

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



## Louisiana Scottish Rite Childhood Learning Centers

### C. Lenton Sartian, 33° RiteCare Childhood Learning Center

14598 Florida Blvd  
Baton Rouge, LA 70819  
Telephone: (225) 275-0668

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

205 University Avenue  
Monroe, LA 71203-3701  
Telephone: (318) 343-6388

### Southeastern Louisiana Scottish Rite Childhood Learning Center

Southeastern Louisiana University  
Campbell Hall - Room 102  
Hammond, LA 70402  
Telephone: (985) 549-2214

### Shreveport Scottish Rite Childhood Learning Center

Scottish Rite Temple  
725 Cotton Street  
Shreveport, LA 71101  
Telephone: (318) 221-9713

### Southwestern Louisiana Regional Scottish Rite Childhood Learning Center

University of Louisiana-Lafayette  
231 Hebrard Blvd Burk-Hawthorne Hall  
Lafayette, LA 70504  
Telephone: (337) 482-6490

## 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.

