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PERSISTENCE-PRESS ON

Tim Hutchinson-Ironman

I have finally found the time and energy for my race report, so here it goes. It may seem a little graphic, but I wanted everyone to feel the experience.

The morning started out early with my breakfast of champions: 2 pop tarts and 2 Boosts. I grabbed my gear and headed out to join the death march from the condo to the starting line. After dropping off the special needs bags, I went to prepare my bike.

I located a bike tech and borrowed a pump to air my tires. While removing the pump from my stem, I managed to leave a good portion of my knuckle on the concrete. I have joked in the past about cutting other swimmers so the sharks will follow their blood trail. I didn't think I would be the bleeder for this race. After my shirt soaked up about half a pint, my knuckle finally stopped bleeding.

Now it was off to the swim start. With Susan's persuading, I lined up with her on the right side and towards the front. The countdown went quickly and we were off. The first lap was the usual boxing match, but was pretty uneventful. I came out of the water and headed towards the water again. Some woman screamed, "Hey 934, get your butt back in there." I was just pausing. For the second lap, we had to angle towards the second buoy and then head straight out. When you breathe on the right side and the buoys are on the left, you use the other swimmers as a guide. Unfortunately the guy to my right was clueless too. When I saw the sign that said "Welcome to Buras", I looked left and realized I was off course. I made a left turn and aimed for the turn buoy.

I finally made the turn buoy and headed across the top of the rectangle. Then I got a nice kick in the mouth! If I had only reacted quicker, I could have bitten a big chunk out his foot. It would have been an interesting discussion at the medical tent trying to figure out what kind of fish bit him. Instead, I just laughed about it. As I neared the shore, I swam over a good-sized ray that reminded me of the Jaws reenactment that Otter & I performed on Friday. Susan & Special K didn't enjoy it. I came out of the water hearing lots of cheers from my family and friends and Susan passed me on the way to transition.

When I entered transition, I was shocked by the mass of people in the changing tent. I changed as fast as possible and then got on my bike. The first part of the bike was not too bad: one wreck with the athlete being loaded in an ambulance, pit stops at the 10, 60 & 100 mile mark, and a bunch of hills on a supposedly "flat" course. And then there was Pamela & Howard.

Pamela & Howard passed me for the first time on their "tandem" bike at around the 50 mile mark. They had a well-coordinated two-man drill going that 'hacked' me off. But I wasn't

going to let anyone or anything ruin my day, so I kept riding. After the special needs stop, they came by me again. I guess they needed to stop and plan out the second half of their team ride. When they were about 50 yards in front of me, along came an official. Howard was in the lead, so Pamela had to stop to get the black slash for drafting. Howard slowly started drifting back and people began to pass him (including me!). Finally, some of the cheaters got there due!

The ride began to drag on and my mental and physical condition began to waver. I passed Special K on the out and back section and was surprised she was behind me. I made it to that bumpy road that I remember too well from the Gulf Coast Half-Ironman, and the fatigue was building. At about the 90-mile mark, some pro woman blew by me. Where had she been? I made my last pit stop at the 100 mile mark and then ran straight into the east side of a hurricane. To say that the last 12 miles was tough would be similar to saying that a jagged piece of glass in my eye is slightly uncomfortable. Most of you know that my cycling skills are not the best, so the strong headwind made it even more difficult. Otter passed me about the 108-mile mark, so I knew I was doing okay. I got to see my family again before I jumped off my bike.

I finally made it to transition and went to the changing tent. I took my time and then headed out for what Susan calls "my specialty", the run. And the real race starts now. I gave Christine my "I'm still alive" look and posed for a picture for my dad. Before I had gone a mile, my stomach decided it wasn't happy. I caught up with Special K, who had passed me in transition, and she was suffering with leg problems. I couldn't walk long because I was thoroughly berated for walking by Gloria, Brian & Pat-O! I started running again and a cycle emerged. Run a little ways. Feel like you are going to puke. Run a little ways. Feel like you are going to puke. This continued for 10 miles! Every mile they had an aid station and I tried Gatorade (which I did all my long training runs with), water, coke and chicken broth with no success at settling my stomach. I went for about 4 or 5 aid stations drinking only water trying to get something to settle down. This whole time my legs felt good which only added to my frustration.

At about the 8 to 9 mile mark, I was running along behind some European man. Then I noticed one of his water bottles must have sprung a leak. No, wait. He had sprung a leak. He was peeing on himself while running down the road. As if there aren't two bathrooms every mile. And he was running by me, so he wasn't trying to break any records. I had to stop and walk because I was laughing too hard and because I didn't want to get any on me!

At the 10-mile aid station, I switched to plan B. I went in the porta-potty and stuck my finger down my throat. Dry heave

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Grand Master of Masons in Louisiana

Honors Luncheon

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in the State of Louisiana, Harold G. Ballard, was in attendance for the Honors Day luncheon and banquet. We were honored to have nine past Grand Masters attending the festivities, including the dinner banquet. Not to slight our Grand Master's presence in any manner, but our podium, during the noon meal, was graced by having speakers not belonging to our Fraternity. Their lives however are intimately connected with us.

Terry Easterly, wife of Ill. Earnest St. Clair Easterly, II 32°-KCCH Valley of Baton Rouge, spoke of the significant positive influence Masonry has had on her marriage, relationships with others and the many friends she has made. Mrs. Easterly talked of the impact, of each body of Masonry, has on the community and the charitable work that is accomplished.

Terry was followed by, perhaps the most important speaker during lunch, Harold, a client at the Shreveport Center. Introduced by Ill. Thomas F. Murphy 33° and Shreveport Scottish Rite Learning Center's Administrator, Harold displayed the characteristics of a seasoned circuit speaker although he is only 3 years old. He was 2 when he was brought to us, evaluated and able to form only 5 speech sounds. He currently forms 12, but having had listened to him on Saturday, he is not a child of few words! The ABC Song impressed our entire crowd of 200+.



Ill. Thomas F. Murphy 33° and Harold
Note: Harold has rearranged Cap'n Tom's cap



Master Harold



Mrs. Earnest Easterly (Terry)



Calendar of Events

Orient of Louisiana

- Leadership Certification Conference
Shreveport Jan 27
- Honors Luncheon Feb 12
Alexandria
- Leadership Seminar Mar 17-18
Houston, Tx
- Conference of the Orient
Monroe Apr 29

Grand Lodge

- Grand Lodge 2006 Session Feb 13-14
Alexandria

Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation News

Foundation Meeting

The annual meeting of the Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation Inc., has been scheduled for 1:30 P.M., Sunday, February 12, 2006, at the Holiday Inn, Alexandria, Louisiana.

The Scottish Rite Honor Members luncheon will be at 12:00 Noon at the Holiday Inn, preceding the meeting.



Foundation Audit

The Foundation completed the fiscal year on June 30, 2005.

Smith Pugh & Company, LLP, Certified Public Accountants are in the process of conducting the Annual Audit.

Speech Centers:	\$64,570.25
Scholarships:	\$28,002.00
Management in General:	\$13,658.93
Trestleboard:	\$3,100.00
Contributions:	\$22,626.34
Postage:	\$2,060.01
Printing:	<u>\$3,279.18</u>
Total Expenses:	\$114,670.84



Someone is waiting for you



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

Foundation Scholarships

The Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation is pleased to announce the following Speech & Language Scholarships for the Fall Session 2005. These \$1250.00 awards are given to graduate students working toward a Masters Degree in speech pathology.

Shreveport

Stacy Allison Wurzburger
Emily Barrington Rampmaier

In addition to the Speech and Language Scholarships, the Foundation awarded two Civil Engineering Scholarships in the amount of \$677.00 each.

Quincy Adams
Lance G. Tyson



Foundation News

The Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation signed a contract with the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to open a Language Center. The Center opened in January and is being administered by the Valley of Lake Charles. The Speech Language and Hearing Department of the University, under the direction of Ms. Holly Damico-MS, CCC/SLP, will begin operations for the Spring semester. The Foundation is looking forward to a long successful relationship with University and this new endeavor.

With damage in New Orleans due to the hurricane, the D. Walter Jessen Speech Center has not been in operation. The Foundation is in the process of opening the Center in connection with Southeastern Louisiana University at Hammond. This University has an excellent Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and is administered by Paula S. Currie, PhD CCC-S, Associate Professor and Department head. The Center anticipates opening during the first quarter of this year.

John L. Atkinson, 33°
President

If virtue promises happiness, prosperity and peace, then progress in virtue is progress in each of these for to whatever point the perfection of anything brings us, progress is always an approach toward it.

Epictetus



Honors Day-Coronation Inspector General Honorary



Our Personal Representatives and Deputy: (L-R) Ill. Calvin L. Elliott 33° - Valley of Baton Rouge, Ill. Ballard L. Smith, PGM 33° - Valley of Shreveport., Charles L. McCarty 33° - Valley of New Orleans, Ill. William J. Mollere 33° Deputy in Louisiana, Woody J. Bilyeu 33° - Valley of Monroe, Richard B. Smith 33° - Valley of Lake Charles



Valley of Lake Charles newest Inspectors General Honorary L:R Ill. Allen R. Fruge 33°, Ill. Ray V. Moses 33°, Ill. Harold H. Young 33°



Valley of New Orleans new Inspectors General Honorary L:R Ill. Frank N. duTreil, Jr. 33°, Malford T. Byrd 33°, William C. Gray 33°, Paul O. Lagenbeck 33°, James D. Parker 33°



Valley of Baton Rouge new Inspectors General Honorary L:R Ill. John L. Belanger 33°, Ill. Morrell "Jack" Claunch 33°, Ill. B. J. "Bev" Guillot 33°, Ill. John Juneau 33°, Ill. Jerry L. Sicard 33°



Valley of Shreveport recent Inspectors General Honorary L:R Ill. Robert E. Bazzell 33°, John T. Dark 33°, Charles F. Jackson 33°, James H. Pieper, 33°



Valley of Monroe new Inspectors General Honorary and Our Deputy L:R Ill. Chester A. Drummond 33°, Ill. Melvin G. Russell 33°, Ill. William Jules Mollere, 33° & Deputy in Louisiana

Valley of New Orleans News

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



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Spring Reunion
May 27 - One Day

Calendar of Events-2006

Wednesday, January 4th

All Bodies to Open-Election

Wednesday, February 1st

Valentine Program for our Ladies

Wednesday, March 1st

All Bodies to Open-Guest Chef

Wednesday, April 5th

Service of Remembrance

Wednesday, May 3rd

Surprise Cajun Chef Meal

Wednesday, June 7th

All Bodies Open-Pot Luck Supper

Wednesday, July 5th

Annual 4th of July Music-Hots Dogs

Wednesday, August 2nd

Guest Chef

Wednesday, September 6th

Feast of Tishri-Reobligation Night

Wednesday, October 4th

Guest Cajun Chef

Wednesday, November 1st

New Guest Chef

Wednesday, December 6th

Annual Christmas Music Program

Knights of St. Andrew

Meeting the 3rd Monday of each Month

Clearing the Secretary's Desk

Our March meeting will host guest chefs, our members that enjoy cooking and serving. The evening will include a Red Beans & Rice cook off. The team can be a member and spouse or member only. Sorry, no two member teams. Meals should be prepared to serve a minimum of 10-15 people. Please notify me if you wish to participate. Independent judges will rate the entries and a prize awarded for best dish.

Fraternally,

Lloyd Hebert, 33° Secretary



Valley News

On November 2, 2005, the Valley of New Orleans met for the first time since Hurricane Katrina after being dark for the months of September and October. The brethren shared their experiences from the storm, embraced old friends with welcome hearts, and many brothers walked about the Scottish Rite building simply to see whether its familiar features had sustained any damage. Marrero Lodge prepared a multiple course gourmet meal that included delicious smoked turkey. The Knights of St. Andrew presented the Toasts for the Feast of Tishri and many glasses were raised in honor of that effort. Your humble correspondent delivered a lecture on the "Feast of Tishri and the Dedication of King Solomon's Temple" which was well received considering its themes are in accordance with the Thanksgiving Holiday. Finally, the Lodge of Perfection opened and closed in regular form with all brothers renewing their sacred obligations. All gave thanks and were grateful for the blessings bestowed upon us by the G.A.O.T.U.

On December 7, 2005, the Valley of New

Orleans met and shared a festive holiday meal. The reception room glowed with seasonal decorations set out by the Scottish Rite ladies to whom we owe much thanks. The Lodge of Perfection opened and closed in regular form. All brothers were asked to attend election night at the next stated meeting. The brethren and guests were then invited to witness our Valley's KCCH Investiture Team confer the Scottish Rite honors upon a worthy brother, Bowdre McDowell. This was truly a solemn and impressive ceremony to behold. Holiday wishes were exchanged and all left with peace and warmth.

I love the man that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection. 'Tis the business of little minds to shrink, but he whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves his conduct, will pursue his principles unto death.

Thomas Paine

Knights of St. Andrew

The Valley honored the Knights of St. Andrew by allowing them to give the Toasts for the Feast of Tishri. This was the first public appearance by the organization. The Knights wore their new tartans and jewels. The Scottish Tartan selected for the Valley is "Drummond of Perth" and it contains a beautiful combination of red, green, black, and yellow—colors that are esoteric to the order. The Knights of the New Orleans Valley also elected officers for 2006: Ion Lazar-Knight Commander/Venerable Master, Marc Conrad-Senior Warden, Guy Wilson-Junior Warden, Daryl Glorioso, Secretary/Treasurer. The Knights look forward to inviting more to our group in 2006 and serving the Scottish Rite. The Knights owe much to its Past Venerable Master, Howard

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In Memoriam

Shem A. Gordon, 32°
 Kyle P. Kohmann, 32°
 Russell B. Peterson, 32°
 Claude L. Shook, 32°

Valley of Shreveport News

Chartered October 26, 1913

Meets on second Tuesdays of every month



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Spring Reunion

April 29-30

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, January 10, 2006

- KCCH Club Meeting 5:30 PM
- Dinner with Ladies: 6:00 PM
- Open Meeting & Program 6:30 PM
- Honoring 50 Year Members

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

- Dinner 6:00 PM
- Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Note: Advisory Conference meets at 5:00

P.M. before each meeting.

**KStA meets 1st Tuesday every month
6:30 pm in the Library**

New Web Page

The Shreveport Valley is represented on the World Wide Web, thanks to a major effort of Bros Don Grindstaff and Keith Tindell. These gentlemen have compiled pictures, history, information and details during many days at the Temple and their contributions can be seen at:

www.shreveportscottishrite.com

The site is easily navigatable and Don and Keith's work on the history page is quite remarkable and is a MUST read. A sincere thank you to both of these young Shreveport Valley Members.

*John L. Atkinson, 33°
General Secretary*

50 Year Honors Night

The November meeting was attended by 107 members and guests. The evening was to honor our 50 Year recipients. Ill. Ballard L. Smith, PGM 33° and Personal Representative for the Shreveport Valley, presented Bros Clarence Nicholas, John Snipe and Julious Windham with their certificate and lapel pins. The 2005 50 Year members unable to attend were Kendall Berry, Guy Humphries, Sam Kersh, Jr., Morton Kinzler, Gordon LeBlanc, Robert Mackey, David Reddell and Arthur Stamfel. The crowd was entertained by the Remember When Trio, who dedicated much of their music to our Veterans.

Ill. E. L. "Blue" Archer, 33° took the opportunity to present newly Endowed Members, Bros Keith Tendell and Dan Festervan, with their certificates.



Ill. Ballard Smith with Bro & Mrs Julious Windham and Bro & Mrs John Snipe



Ill. Ballard Smith with Bro Clarence Nicholas

Shreveport KStA

During the regular meeting in October, Knight Commander Keith Duncan and Knight Senior Warden Jim Wingate from the Valley of Baton Rouge conducted the Squiring-Knighting Ceremony for the twelve Charter Members of the Shreveport Knights of St. Andrew. Sir Knight Duncan presented Knight Commander John Ayer with the Charter. The Charter members are: John F. Ayer-Knight Commander, E. Allen Kelly-Knight Senior Warden, Cary C. Allison-Knight Captain, Larry W. LaBorde-Knight Secretary/Treasurer, Michael W. Beeler-Knight Piper, Thomas P. Dickson, James P. Allen, Donald W. Grindstaff II, B. Keith Tindell, Shane E. Cook, Virgil F. Trenado and Andrew H. Stephenson, Sr.

The KStA meets the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Scottish Rite Library.



Knight Jim Wingate(L)-Valley of Baton Rouge and Knight Keith Duncan (R) flanking Knights Virgil Trendado, Mike Beeler, John Ayer, Pat Dickson, Keith Tindell, Cary Allison, Jim Allen, Andrew Stephenson, Shane Cook, Don Grindstaff, Al Kelly and Larry LaBorde

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IN MEMORIAM

- Curtis Allen Cole, 32°
- Carold Leonard Copeland, 32°
- Dale Hoyt Cooper, 32°
- Georg Paul Dauman, 32°
- Leland J Guidry, 32°
- Delbert Dewitte Harvey, 32°
- Alfred Howard Howard, 32°
- Larry Paul Janes, 32°
- Howard Tooke Shafer, 32°

Valley of Lake Charles News

Chartered October 16, 1923

Meets on third Wednesday of every month



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Spring Reunion
April 8-9

CALENDAR OF EVENTS-2006

- Wednesday, January 18th**
Installation of Officers
- Wednesday, February 15th**
Cajun Music Program
- Wednesday, March 15th**
Ronnie Breaux on football equipment
- Wednesday, April 19th**
Richard Fox on Accident reconstruction
- Wednesday, May 17th**
Lacon Lagros-Private Investigations
- Wednesday, June 21st**
Cajun Music Program
- Wednesday, July 19th**
Louis Ackal-Story Telling
- Wednesday, August 16th**
Open Meeting with Program
- Wednesday, September 20th**
Past Venerable Masters Night
- Wednesday, October 18th**
Open Meeting with Program
- Wednesday, November 15th**
Eastern Star and Birthdays
- Wednesday, December 20th**
Christmas Program



Guest Speaker

During our November 16, 2005, Stated meeting our special guest speaker was M.:W.: Roy B. Tuck, PGM-33° and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Learning Center of Louisiana, the Dyslexia Training Program. Judge Tuck gave us an update on the status and the successes of the program statewide, regionally, and locally as it pertained to the Greater Lake Charles area. There are two classes operating at the present and preparations are being made for a third. The Dyslexia program that is being used was developed by the Scottish Rite of Texas. The two year program is geared to a class size of six students in the 8 to 9 year-old range. At the conclusion, our Venerable Master Harold "Happy" Elliott, 32° KCCH announced that he and others had been involved in fund raising efforts in the Glenmora area and presented a check to Judge Tuck for the Dyslexia Program from the proceeds.

John L. Butterick, 32°



Men of age object too much, consult too long, adventure too little, repent too soon, and seldom drive business home to the full period, but content themselves with a mediocrity of success.

Dale Carnegie



Most people today still believe, perhaps unconsciously, in the heliocentric universe every newspaper in the land has a section on astrology, yet few have anything at all on astronomy.

Hanne Alfvén



IN MEMORIAM

Alton B. Honeycutt, 33°
 Charles D. Morgan, 32°
 Derrell E. Prouty, 32°
 Millard W. Smith, 32°
 Billy G. Stoval, 32°
 Floyd J. Wiese, 32°

Valley of Baton Rouge News

Chartered October 20, 1955

Meets on second Monday of every month



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Spring Reunion
April 22-One Day

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday January 9, 2006

Dinner with the Ladies	6:30 PM
Regular Stated Meeting	7:30 PM
<i>Installation of Officers</i>	

Monday February 20, 2006

Dinner with the Ladies	6:30 PM
Meeting	7:30 PM
<i>Guest Speaker: Dr. Ivor Van Heerden</i>	
<i>Hurricane Protection</i>	

Monday March 13, 2006

Dinner with the Ladies	6:30 PM
Meeting	7:30 PM
<i>Maundy Thursday/Service of Remembrance</i>	

Please note that reservations are necessary for meals and a nominal charge of \$5.00 to cover expenses.

Advisory Committee meets at 6:00 P.M. on the Monday before the regular meeting.

Knights of St. Andrew

Meets the 4th Monday of every month.

Refreshment:	6:30 PM
Meeting	7:00 PM

*Sir Keith Duncan
 Knight Commander*



“New” Personal Representative

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brother William J. Mollere and the members of the Baton Rouge Valley for allowing me to again serve as Personal Representative. The Baton Rouge Valley is the home of some great leaders in masonry, such as our Sovereign Grand Commander Brother Ronnie Seale and our Deputy for the Orient of Louisiana, Brother William J. Mollere. Many gifted and dedicated masons have served in the position of Personal Representative of the Baton Rouge Valley such as Calvin L. Elliott, William H. Brown, C. Lenton Sartain and Steve A. Alford. It is going to be difficult for me to meet the standards of these true masons, but I will give it my best effort.

I have always been an energetic and enthusiastic individual, and although time has slowed the body and energy, it has not diminished my enthusiasm. I hope to put this enthusiasm into my effort to invigorate the valley. We have members in the Baton Rouge Valley who are ready and willing to help and we need all their effort. In the weeks to come, I will need your prayers and your help, so when I knock on the door, please let me in.

*Ill. Robert J. Hutchinson, 33°
 Personal Representative*



Venerable Master’s Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Baton Rouge Valley for electing me as its Venerable Master. I realize this position carries a very awesome responsibility and I will work diligently to fulfill my obligations.

We are going through some difficult times in the Masonic fraternity and we need the help of all our brethren. In the coming year we are going to try to make our meetings informative and entertaining and hope that all will participate. We have plans to make this year interesting and informative,

but want your input. If you have something you want presented please call, fax or E-Mail us, and we will do our best to accommodate you. We are also currently lining up guest speakers, special programs and entertainment, which we hope you will enjoy.

The officers for 2006 have been duly installed and I congratulate you. There is a lot of work to be done and all of you know that it can’t do it alone; your help is desperately needed. Please step up and make your presence felt and I’m sure it will be appreciated and you will be rewarded.

We have always had an active ladies auxiliary in the Baton Rouge Valley and are hopeful that this year will be no exception. Our ladies lighten up our meetings and are a true joy.

Remember, we meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. This is your Valley, come out and enjoy the fellowship.

*Fraternally
 James E Grady, Jr., 32° KCCH
 Venerable Master*



Flaming enthusiasm, backed up by horse sense and persistence, is the quality that most frequently makes for success.

Dale Carnegie



In Memoriam

Westley Maur Chatellier, 32°
 Herbert Thomas Dykes, 32°
 Anthony Domaino, 32°
 Cecil Paul Loechelt, 32°
 Murray Charles Verret, 32°

Valley of Monroe News

Chartered November 13, 1971
Meets on first Thursday of every month



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Spring Reunion
April 29-One Day

A moral lesson is better expressed in short sayings than in long discourse.

Johann Georg Zimmermann



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, January 5, 2006

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

Friday, January 20, 2006

Annual Gumbo Sale 1:00 AM-5:00 PM

Thursday, February 2, 2006

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

Saturday, February 25, 2006

Master Mason Night 6:30 PM

Thursday, March 2, 2006

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



IN MEMORIAM
William Dennis Abernathy, 32°
James Levi Cambell, Jr. 32°
Simon Carl Jackson, 32°
Marvin Lee Moon, Sr. 32°
Oliver Harrison Neal, 32°
Gerald Milton Robbins, 32°
John Blutcher Simmons, Jr. 32°



Ill. Earl Lee "Blue" Archer, 33° and J. Dan Festervan, 32°



Bro. Blue Archer and Bro B. Keith Tindell, 32°

Honors For Fathers

The Honors Day was an especially good day for three of our members. Ill. John M. Dark 33° watched as his son John M. Dark was coronated Inspector General Honorary. The senior Bro Dark was also a member of the Thirty-third Degree Team. Ill. Roy B. Tuck, PGM 33° assisted in capping his son, Timothy W. Tuck, during the Knight Commander of the Court of Honor ceremony. Ill. George A. McAnn, 33° was present during the KCCH investiture for nephew, Fredrick J. McAnn. It was difficult to determine whether the fathers and uncle were smiling more than the newly honored brethren. It was heard that Bro Dark senior had remarked that he had a smile that babbo wouldn't wash off! Congratulations to these brethren, as well as to everyone in the Shreveport Valley that received the well deserved rewards of their work in Scottish Rite, community, church and all areas in Masonry.



John T. Dark 33° and dad John M. Dark 33°



George McAnn, 33° & Fred J. McAnn, 32° KCCH



Roy Tuck, PGM-33° capping Tim Tuck 32° KCCH, with assistance from Christina Tuck, Tim's wife



Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

General George S. Patton



Officers Elected

On December 13th, the following members were elected to serve as Officers of the Shreveport Scottish Rite Bodies.

Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master Roy E May, 33°
Senior Warden Roy B Tuck, Jr. 33°
Junior Warden Robert L LaBorde, 32° KCCH

Shreveport Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master Robert E Bazzell, 33°
Senior Warden Thomas F Murphy, 33°
Junior Warden H. Edward Durham, 32° KCCH

Shreveport Council of Kadosh

Commander George A McAnn, 33°
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Following the election, Ballard L Smith, PGM-33° Personal Representative of Shreveport Valley and E. Louis McGee, 33° installed the new officers.



Dignity consists not in possessing honors, but in the consciousness that we deserve them.

Aristotle



Peace and friendship with all mankind is our wisest policy, and I wish we may be permitted to pursue it.

Thomas Jefferson



CENTER NEWS

Baton Rouge Childhood Learning Center

Our newest Clinicians, Lisa Lee and Melissa Kohls, were recently awarded Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation Scholarships to help these LSU Health Science students pursue their Masters Degree in Communication Disorders and Speech Pathology. Under the guidance of Dr. Alisa Mendoza, these bright energetic young ladies will continue our program of helping children in a comfortable teaching environment.



Melissa Kohls, Dr. Mendoza and Lisa Lee

Our Learning Center has been adopted by two Eastern Star Chapters, for their community service project. Norma Cagle, Associate Matron of Istrouma Chapter #162 and Norma Lee, Worthy Matron of Myrtle Celeste Chapter #231 presented gift certificates to Dr. Mendoza, Center Coordinator and to our student clinicians Lisa Lee and Melissa Kohls.

Dr. Mendoza was recognized, by the two Chapters, for her expertise in the field of Speech Pathology and the progress that we are able to see in our young children. The students, both from LSU, were honored for their devotion to the career they have chosen.

The Childhood Learning Center Board wish to thank each contributor for the continued support we receive.



L:R Norma Cagle, Lisa Lee, Dr. Mendoza, Melissa Kohls and Norma Lee

Baton Rouge Center continued:



Dr. Mendoza, Gayla, Abby and Mom after a session recently



Gayla and Abby working with Lisa

Come visit our Center and see the opportunities your donations and Scottish Rite dues provide. You will leave with a greater appreciation and understanding of the Foundations goals.

Joe Stroud, 33° Center Administrator



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

Beryl C. Franklin 33°, Center Administrator

Shreveport Learning Center

Thomas F. Murphy, 33° Center Administrator

Everyone has the obligation to ponder well his own specific traits of character. He must also regulate them adequately and not wonder whether someone else's traits might suit him better. The more definitely his own a man's character is, the better it fits him.

Cicero

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Tim Hutchinson-Ironman

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only! Tried again with the same result. I jumped back out, grabbed some water and started running again. This time I actually ran all the way to the 11-mile mark! So I tried again. Dry heave only. I drank some Gatorade and ran to the 12-mile mark. Drank some more and ran to the turn around at the end of the first loop! I've finally got my stomach straight and my run back on track. All the people were screaming at me! It was awesome! Bring on the last 13.1 miles!

Excuse me Mr. Charley Horse, you want which hamstring? At the turnaround in front of everyone, I seize up! Now, I'm getting mad. I'm a runner. This isn't supposed to happen. I hobbled to the end of the road where Christine, the kids, and Mom & Dad were. I gave Christine my special needs bag, kissed her good bye and told her I would be back in less than 5 hours or so. My mind started processing. "What is going on now? I wonder how much salt they had in the water I drank at 8 of the 13 aid stations? "None, you moron." I quickly broke out my thermolyte salt tabs, which were conveniently in my pocket, and started popping them. I would run a little and then cramp. Run a little and cramp. At one point my right hamstring cramped so bad, I couldn't walk. I switched to a Gatorade/water mixture and some chicken broth for the next few miles. The cramps finally eased up.

At about the 17-mile mark, my engineering brain took over. I had two options: I could uncomfortably finish the race in less than 14 hours or I could hurt and break 13 hours. My plan was to just finish. My plan was also not to be feeling like poop on the run either. At the Multisport meeting on Thursday, 7-time Ironman Champion Paula Newby-Frasier said she likes to leave it all out there. Fine with me. And the calculations began. Every mile I would adjust my formula. When I got to the pitch-black park, I knew what I had to do. Pretty simple: keep pushing. At around the 20-mile mark, Special K passed me when I was visiting my favorite hangout: the porta-potty. I caught up with her during one of her Galloway walks and she looked like she was doing great. Actually she made it look easy.

She pressed on and I settled in to a half-mile run/ 50-yard walk routine. When I reached the 22 mile mark, I overheard some people discussing making a time. Good, someone else is trying to beat 13 hours. Then the woman commented that they were almost to the 9-mile mark. Poor lady was on her first loop! I felt bad for her, but I also realized I was getting closer. The next few miles were a blur. Then I was on my last mile. As I was getting close to the music tent, I heard Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline" blaring. And everyone was singing along. So I started singing. I don't know the words, but at that point I didn't care.

I made the turn at Alvin's Island and headed down the road to millions of cheers. Above all the yelling I heard my Dad yell out. That added another shot of adrenaline. As I started up the ramp, I began to worry. Where were Christine & the kids? I soon heard Christine screaming wildly and saw Lara & Mason at the top of the ramp. I grabbed them by the hands and made my way across the finish line. 12 hours 47 minutes 26 seconds. I AM AN IRONMAN!

To try and thank everyone would be stupid because I would

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forget someone. I do want to thank all the people who donated and helped me raise \$8250.00 for the Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation. I want to thank Jeff Kearns for all of his support (and the awesome website!) I want to thank the Baton Rouge Tri Club for being maniacs. I want to thank my Mom & Dad for raising me not to quit and for being there when they knew I had gone nuts. I want to thank my kids, Lara & Mason, for putting up with me being tired and distracted while I was training. I especially want to thank my wife, Christine, for everything: keeping me alive, running the kids everywhere, taking up my slack at home, and for just being there. And thank you Lord for giving me a body which can take punishment and a brain that is hard headed enough to make it.

Thank you all. Now I am going to rest.

*Tim Hutchinson 32°-KCCH
Valley of Baton Rouge
Ironman*

Editor Note: Special K (Kristen), Otter (Jeremy) and Susan are Tim's Training Partners. Gloria, Brian and Pat O are team mates that cheered Tim on.



Lara, Tim, Christine and Mason Hutchinson at the finish line.

On Immigration and Americanism

"In the first place we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the man's becoming in very fact an American, and nothing but an American...There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag, and this excludes the red flag, which symbolizes all wars against liberty and civilization, just as much as it excludes any foreign flag of a nation to which we are hostile...We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language...and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

Theodore Roosevelt-1907

Honors Day-KCCH Investiture



New Orleans Valley new KCCH in alphabetical order: Howard F. Entwistle, Jr., Raymond C. Fink, Warren A. Hintz, Jr., Junior J. Lebeouf, Samuel L. Montgomery, Jay W. Owensby, Elmo J. Pitre, Jr., Edward A. Reine, Jules H. Tucker, Charles F. Williams



Baton Rouge Valley new KCCH (L:R): James P. Allen, Jr., Donald B. Bonnacarrere, James E. Grady, Jr., Carle L. Jackson, Danny L. Johnson, Robert J. Knight, Jr.



Shreveport Valley new KCCH in alphabetical order: John W. Chambers, David L. Culligan, T. Patrick Dickson, Rellis P. Godfrey, George B. Gray, Frederick J. McAnn, Elbert L. Mott, Robert V. Roberts, Robert S. Salts, Timothy W. Tuck



Monroe Valley new KCCH (L:R) Donald L. Brazzel, Travis M. Holley, Richard L. James, Clyde W. Lester, Richard D. Mahoney, Leroy G. Stenzel Jr.



Lake Charles new KCCH in alphabetical order: Nolan Ross Gamble, Jesse J. Hollingshead, Jerry J. Manuel, Richard D. Morgan, William B. Powell, Wilbert Stelly, Phillip H. Thibodeaux

The most important single ingredient to success is knowing how to get along with people.

Theodore Roosevelt



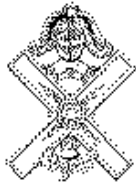
When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, "I used everything You gave me".

Erma Bombeck

Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other.

Abraham Lincoln

F. Entwistle for his hard work and efforts in 2005. Keep an eye out for Knights of St. Andrew fundraisers as they raise money for their 29th degree regalia and the Valley.



Fall Reunion

The Fall Reunion is planned for May 27, 2006. Check with Ill. Bro. Lloyd Hebert for more information. We look forward to welcoming those who have petitioned the Scottish Rite into our fraternal fold, and we continue to welcome more petitioners. The next Scottish Rite reunion will certainly be special in the aftermath of the storm.

If you know of any brothers who might be interested in receiving more light in freemasonry, then please do them a favor and offer them a Petition to the Scottish Rite. Contact Bro. Lloyd Hebert, 33^o Secretary, if you need a Petition or have any questions about the upcoming Reunion. Additionally, if you're already a Scottish Rite Mason and have not seen the degrees in awhile, now is the time to again experience the beautiful esoteric work, moral lessons, and philosophical truths that each degree has to offer. Come out and renew your zeal for the craft, it's now more important than ever.



Member Spotlight

The Knights of St. Andrew recently elected Guy Wilson as its Junior Warden. Brother Guy is a new member to freemasonry and the Scottish Rite. He was raised in 2004 and is a member of Louisiana 102. He is married to Brenda C. Wilson. He entered masonry because he wanted to meet men-of-good-character. He reports that those men in his life who had demonstrated the best character were, in fact, masons, including his father, Thomas F. Wilson, Jr. Bro. Guy is an artisan who owns a copper metal working business called Lakewood Lamp & Lantern Co. in Harahan, Louisiana that specializes in fabricating and designing old-world copper gas lamps. He also restores antique lamps and old fans. His website is <http://www.gaslighting.com>.

Perpetual Memberships

Our Valley offers a great way to support the mission and legacy of the Scottish Rite while at the same time providing a benefit to its members. Any brother with a current dues card may obtain a perpetual membership in our Valley. The cost is one lump sum of \$1,250.00. However, those desiring perpetual membership may also choose to participate in a payment plan while continuing to pay their dues. Please see Lloyd Hebert, 33^o for more information and details. This would make a great gift for a Scottish Rite Brother.



From Your Correspondent

It's been a pleasure serving as your correspondent this year. If there is any news that you'd like to see in the Trestleboard, or if there is anything that I have left out, then please feel free to let me know. Thank you all for your support and assistance in making our Valley great! I want to wish everyone a blessed Holiday Season!

*Fiat Lux,
Marc Conrad, 32^o-KSA.*



Entered Apprenticeship Completed

This issue of the Trestleboard marks the end of my apprentice or internship and the beginning of my second year overseeing the publishing of our newsletter. I want to thank the editorial staff for their contributions, which is the chief strength of our magazine. To let our members and readers know what activities and programs are scheduled in the Valleys is one of the goals we have achieved. A brief follow up to those programs to announce their success is also one of our designs in

the Valley News. Our regular contributors, supplying featured articles, have done a wonderful job. Thank you, to each of you.

With the election and installation of the officers for 2006, I want to offer to these Brethren this publication. Your respective Valley has a member of this staff with the ability to promote, publicize and report of your programs during your tenure. With the elections, you have assumed a great responsibility. After attending the Leadership Conference in Shreveport, you should have a better understanding of your calendar of programs, events and new ideas to promote Scottish Rite Masonry. We are here to aid in your success. Please use this forum to help in your endeavors.

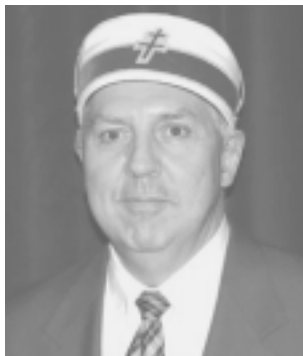
Our Scottish Rite Centers' page is especially important to me, as I hope it is to our readers. Being active in the 1st Masonic District's concession work, that supports the Dyslexia Learning Centers, I know the importance our efforts. I always attend the annual Christmas parties and the graduation programs. I hear and see first hand the progress of our children. I also hear from the appreciative parents, that express how their children have grown and excel in not only school work but in their personalities.

That is my objective with the Center Page in the Trestleboard. To see our children, our clinicians and staff at work, smiles ever apparent; to introduce our new graduate students and to let you share in the joy of making a difference, continues to be my goal. With the five Centers operating in 2006, there should be an overflow of news and stories to print bimonthly.

Since it is far more difficult to be replaced as Valley Secretary when you are near blind, in your 80's and have held that office since the charter was dated, I don't expect to be able to leave this voluntary, only for a brief *interim* basis, all resources are available to you and terribly high salaried position anytime soon. With my voice, I am always being asked if I work in radio. My standard reply has been "Why, am I too ugly to be on television?" Perhaps being appointed Editor was the polite way of saying "Stay behind the camera and just read off stage. We would rather not expose you to the masses". Mom still loves me.

Editor

THE LAST WORD



Ill. William J. Mollere, 33°
Deputy in Louisiana

2006! Thank Goodness! Really never thought that 2005 would end. It was a challenging year for almost all of us. But we can now move forward and remember last year, and rejoice that the sun does come up each morning and the days pass. Some of our Members are still lost to us – we need to find those Brothers who have relocated and get them back involved. Help your Valley's Secretary find all of our Members who had to move or relocate to another city or even another state.

Our Honors Day was special, and all of the Men honored were most deserving, and many overdue. There are only so many Honors allowed each biennium, and many do not understand the nomination and election process. This can be easily explained to you by your Personal Representative or your Secretary if you ever have questions. Special thanks go to the Valley of Shreveport for hosting the Honors Day and to the Shreveport Thirty-Third Degree Team headed by MW Ballard L. Smith, and to the New Orleans Knights Commander, Court of Honour Investiture Team headed by Ill. Lloyd A. Hebert. Let's do it again in two years!

By the time that you receive this message, your Valley will have elected and hopefully installed all new Officers for 2006 – a new Team. These men have stepped forward and taken responsibility for your Valley's welfare and all hope to see improvement and success during this coming year. In line with this, later this month, toward the end of January, we will hold another Leadership Certification Conference for the three elected Leaders of your Lodge of Perfection and the Leaders of the Chapter, Council and Consistory. Our Conference will be held in Shreveport on Saturday, January 28, at the Holiday Inn Financial Plaza near the Airport. It will be a full day with some outstanding discussion leaders from around the country. This program has proven to be very successful in helping prepare your Valley's Leaders for their terms. Two weeks later, we will all gather in Alexandria for our annual Grand Lodge Session – the foundation for all of our Masonry. This year,

the meeting will be downtown on the Red River at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center – a change from previous years. We will again hold our Honors Luncheon on Sunday, February 12, at Noon in the Holiday Inn followed by our annual Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation meeting – you are all invited to attend this Foundation meeting since you are all members of the Foundation. Election of Officers, approval of the 2006 Budget and discussion of our Childhood Learning Centers and Engineering Scholarships will be a big part of the meeting. Please consider attending.

We all want the best in our lives and the best for those around us. Our Scottish Rite offers us some of the best – Friends, Brothers, Activities, Events. We just need to participate and take advantage of what the Scottish Rite offers. One of the greatest comments made during the Honors Day events in November in Shreveport was, “this is a really nice event – first class!” All of our activities and events should be. When we confer Degrees, the greatest comments come from candidates who are “ritual men” who are impressed when the Degrees are well performed, from memory, with good sets, music and costumes. One of our newer Members told me one day, not long ago, that he was in Scottish Rite today because of the positive impact that his Reunion Degrees had on him. He enjoyed the fellowship, the interaction with the Brothers, the degree lessons, the acting, the costuming, the meals, the time to just sit and visit. This is what a Reunion should always be! We must leave every candidate, every new member, every Brother with that type of positive impression. When was the last time you attended a Reunion at your Valley? Spring Reunions are coming soon – plan to participate. Attend, visit, have some fellowship, eat a good meal, talk to your Brothers. We talk about Scottish Rite being the “proactive” arm of Masonry – is it just talk or do you believe it, live it, talk it, make it ACTIVE? You are the only person who can make Scottish Rite come alive. Thank you for continuing to be an active Member of Scottish Rite – thank you for supporting all of our programs – thank you on behalf of all of the children being helped in our Centers because you pay your Dues to support those Centers – thank you for helping all of our distressed and worthy Brothers who suffered in 2005. May we all have a Happy and Prosperous New Year in 2006!

Bill Mollere



Did You Know?

Article XV: Sect 10. Lodges of Perfection celebrate as a feast day the fifteenth day of the Hebrew month Tishri. The meetings of the Chapter of Rose Croix are held on Maundy Thursday without a feast or banquet, and on Easter Sunday. Councils of Kadosh celebrate as feast day the thirteenth day of January. The annual feast day of the Consistory is the thirty-first day of May.

(2)The Ceremony of Extinguishing and Relighting the Lights may be open to the public by using the Rituals modified for that purpose.



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And there was...Lite

Pat & Bill had been Lodge Brothers for many years. They had promised each other that the first to go to the Grand Lodge above would return to tell the other whether there really were Lodges in Heaven and what they were like. By and by, it came to pass that Bill went first. One day shortly after, Pat was working in his garden when he heard a whispered voice, "Pssst Pat!" He looked around but saw nothing. A few moments later he heard, now quite clearly "Pat! Its me, Bill!"..."Bill" Pat exclaimed, "are you in Heaven?"..."Indeed I am" said Bill. Pat paused for a while to get over the shock and then said "Well, Bill, are there Lodges up there in Heaven?""There certainly are, Pat. There are Lodges all over and they are quite magnificent, equal or better to Great Queen Street. The meetings are well attended, the ritual is word perfect, the festive board fantastic and the spirit of Masonic Fellowship is all pervasive."..."My goodness, Bill," said Pat, "It certainly sounds very impressive but for all that you seem rather sad. Tell me old friend, what is the matter." "Well, Pat, you are right. I have some good news and some bad." ..."OK, so what's the good news?"..."The good news is that we are doing a Masters Degree this Wednesday"..."Great" said Pat. "What's the bad news then?"..."You are the Senior Deacon!"



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