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“Valet...My Armor!”

by
J. Quincy Gotte, 32°

“Times change, and circumstances; but Virtue and Duty remain the same. The Evils to be warred against but take another shape, and are developed in a different form.” Arturo de Hoyos, 33° G.C. - *Albert Pike’s Morals & Dogma Annotated Edition*

When I hear the word “Chivalry”, clichés echo so loudly that it taints every virtue of the word, leaving me grasping for another word to replace it, but no other single word can encompass all that is enveloped within the word “Chivalry”. To escape the trappings of the progression of pop culture, I turn to the dictionary to gain a definitive understanding of what the word truly denotes. Two of the definitions I found favor in were: “the medieval knightly system with its religious, moral, and social code” and “the combination of qualities expected of an ideal knight, especially courage, honor, courtesy, justice, and a readiness to help the weak.” Perhaps the old saying “Chivalry is dead” rings true when we consider the full scope of the word. Like the knight’s armor is to a Valet, this word can be a cumbersome and heavy thought in the mind of a worldly man whose reckless ambitions have been justified and rewarded by the culture in which he serves.

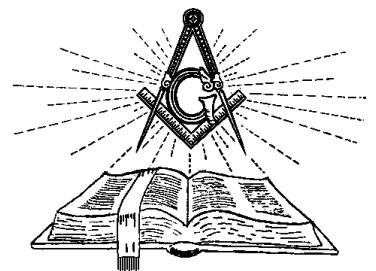
With this new appreciation for the word, I solemnly combed through my memories as an Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite



Mason, seeking out what progress I may have made in being a better person than I was at the start of this wonderful journey. Suddenly, I was completely deflated by the discovery of my failure. When comparing myself to

“Chivalry”, it was almost a sacrilege to consider myself within the same sentence along with that word. That word which had been such a cliché for so long now enormous and weighty. I felt extremely small and foolish to the point that completing this comparison or measurement was laughable. It’s not that I had done things that would be considered unacceptable in the eyes of society, or that I had not done enough as a husband, father, Brother or employee (although there are always areas to improve in and failures not recognized); but there were trains of thought that would lead to certain actions or lack of actions that I had wished I could have changed by now. It wasn’t that these trains of thought and actions, or lack thereof, were immoral or criminal; but, they were just as damaging to my soul. I acknowledged that I had a great start, but

somewhere near the middle of this contemplation, I realized that I had fallen back into the same actions and trains of thought that plagued me at the closing of the door in our Familiar Room. How disappointing. All of this time my Brothers spent encouraging me and I them, the studying and sharing of ideals, the new prayers in solitude but never alone, the long talks of nothing and everything all at once so cherished yet seemed so far away and irrelevant all in an instant. Alone once again within that Chamber, fervently reflecting upon more Light, but there was no bright thing to be seen. I had come full circle with my “self” once again. It appeared to me that I had abandoned my post. But there was something different... something that was missing yet something put in place that wasn’t there before. I had no more words, my heart took flight high above me as if my passions were no longer within my chest, and my stomach was taken too far from me to stand before the disappointment that was presented to me alone. I had discovered a “secret salt” within, or perhaps a mourning, a sorrow over those thoughts and actions when previously I had no sorrow only an understanding that the actions and trains of thought were less than noble, and I now found a mourning over the loss of peace or happiness others may have experienced due to my weakness, my “caput mortem”. I slowly began to become encouraged once again by this glimmer of Light that shown through the darkness of my perceived failure. I discovered success in my error. Not successes that can be praised or noted by others, but soon if I persist a third time, this salt of sorrow and mourning will raise a stone of noble actions, if tended to properly. I’m sure that if anyone who knows me were paying attention and taking notice they would conclude that I had left my vigil, but- I am hopeful that in the near future my actions will be an advocacy for me and less of an adversary.



The worlds we live in today, we are faced with what appears to be more psychological and spiritual challenges and less physical; however, we are still noted by our actions. There are times when we all wish we could just pick up a shield and sword and start hacking away at the tyrant and achieve notoriety within ourselves from our obvious triumph; after all, the tyrant is lying dead at our feet and the blood is on our sword, so who could possibly deny our victory? Fortunately, by the success of those who fought before us, most of us will never have to wield a sword against Tyranny. But today, we must learn that with Freedom comes a different kind of tyranny to war against. Our personal ambitions are the tyrants of Freedom, and we must be vigilant in guarding ourselves against the oppressive nature of our own ambitions. Chivalry is dead only when we no longer value or understand it.

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"Valet...My Armor!":

"Truth, in act, profession, and opinion, is rarer now than in the days of chivalry. Falsehood has become a current coin, and circulates with a certain degree of respectability; because it has an actual value. It has become the great Vice of the Age- it, and its twin-sister, Dishonesty."
Albert Pike- *Morals & Dogma*

"The Knight Commander of the Temple revives the old Knightly spirit; and devotes himself to the old Knightly worship of Truth. No profession of an opinion not his own, for expediency's sake or profit, Or through fear of the world's disfavor; no slander of even an enemy; no coloring or perversion of the sayings or acts of other men; no insincere speech and argument for any purpose, or under any pretext, must soil his fair escutcheon. Out of the Chapter, as well as in it, he must speak the Truth, and all the Truth, no more and no less; or else speak not at all." Arturo de Hoyos, 33° G.C. - *Albert Pike's Morals & Dogma Annotated Edition*

Fraternally,
Quincy Gotte, 32°
Valley of Lake Charles

Someone is waiting for you



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



Calendar of Events

Supreme Council

Biennial Session August 22-25
Washington D.C.

Grand Lodge

Quarterly Meetings July 18

Reunions

Shreveport August 15-16
Lake Charles September 12-13
New Orleans October 10
Baton Rouge October 10-11
Monroe TBA

The Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation

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

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Sarah Lee

Sarah Lawrence

Southeastern University - Hammond

Amanda Council

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Louisiana State University - Shreveport

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Dr. Mendoza (C) presents scholarship awards to Natalie Balhoff (L) and Julia Gremillion (R).



Orient Homecoming Passport Beginning

On a April 25th, a relatively unique circumstance occurred in the Orient of Louisiana, a first ever Orient Homecoming! Over one-hundred Scottish Rite Masons, from every corner of the State assembled at the Valley of Baton Rouge. Their quest was to continue their journey for more light in Scottish Rite Masonry.

The Valley of Monroe presented the 6th degree, *Confidential Secretary (Intimate Secretary)*. This degree was followed with the Valley of New Orleans exemplifying the 15th degree, *Knight of the East, of the Sword, or of the Eagle*. The Best Actor Award was presented to Ill. Allen G. Tidwell 33° for his portrayal of the High Priest and his oration in the third apartment. The Valley of Baton Rouge then conducted the 26th Degree, *Prince of Mercy or Scottish Trinitarian*. The Valley was the recognized for Best Overall Degree. Following the 26th Degree, the Valley of Lake Charles exemplified the 22nd degree, *Knight Royal Axe, Prince of Libanus*. The Valley of Shreveport completed the degree work with the 29th Degree, *Scottish Knight of St.*

Andrew (Patriarch of the Crusades).

The day concluded with an introduction of the new Orient of Louisiana Master Traveller Passport Program, which you can read more about in an article from Bro. Nick Auck in this issue.

The entire event provided an opportunity not just for more light in Masonry, but for one of the best wages of Masonry, which is found within the fellowship with brethren from around the State, as well as an opportunity to meet and make new friends.

Next year, the Orient will gather again, this time in the Valley of Lake Charles. Additional Passport Degrees will be exemplified along with new opportunities for fellowship. Mark your calendars for April 2016 now!

Fraternally,
 Jeff Maynor, 32°
 Valley Membership Achievement Project



Master Traveller Passport Program

This article arrived late to our editor. I have tried twice to write it and it just did not say anything. I don't like writing something that others will read and say, "Well, I'll never get that time back and now I have nothing to show for it." My very good friend, Jeff Maynor, asked that I write about the Passport program and this is that article, but in backward way.

I am sitting in the New Orleans Scottish Rite, possibly for the last time, for their 2015 Reunion. As a Director of Reunions, I truly enjoy visiting Valley Reunions because I get to watch the degrees in its entirety, rather than in bits and pieces. Just like the Craft Degrees, each time I see them, listen to the prologue, hear a new cast member emphasizing a part of the ritual, or contemplate what is going on in my life and the how the lessons relate, I grow as a person and well as a family. Unfortunately, these twenty-nine Scottish Rite Degrees are not as readily available as in the Craft Lodge Degrees. It may become difficult to know those Degrees you have never witnessed.

So, enter Jeff and a dream. The dream is that of Bill Mollere. Illustrious and Most

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Orient Homecoming April 25, 2015



15th Degree Team L:R - Michael Nastasi, Lloyd Jarreau, Donald Spell, Eddie LeBouef, III, Troy Broussard, Allen Tidwell and John Williamson.



26th Degree Team L:R - Jay Reynolds, Jeff Maynor, Trevor Smith, John Tilly, Andrew Owen, Quincy Gotte (LC), Zeke Lombard (NO), Nick Auck



6th Degree Team L:R - Christopher Legarde (NO), Cash Melville, Will Cook and Bradley Evans.



29th Degree Team L:R - Eddie LeBouef (NO), Ed Horton, Darin West, Andrew Stevenson, Sr., Ken Fuller, Stephen McLellan, Chris Legarde (NO), Bob Laurents, John Cunningham, John Sharlow, Jim Hill and Jeff Gaines.



22nd Degree Team L:R - Gene Dawson (BR), Greg Bruce, Cliff Heath, Quincy Gotte, Tom Kussmann, Eric Burkhalter, Lynwood Burkhalter and Richard Smith.



Venerable Masters receive the VMAP Certificate of Participation L:R - Jim Hill-Shreveport, Cash Melville-representing Monroe, Gerald Houston-Lake Charles, Warren Hintz-New Orleans and Jeff Maynor-Baton Rouge.

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Master Traveller Passport Program:

Worshipful has a desire to replicate a passport program that is found in several Orients. It recognizes our paths, as a Prince of the Sublime Secret, to experience all twenty-nine degrees. You attend all twenty-nine degrees and benefit by learning and improving. For your efforts, you will be presented with a Commemorative Coin. There are also 14 additional tasks, any eight of your choice to complete, along with the 29 degrees and receive a Scottish Rite shirt. The tasks are relatively easy. Witness a Craft Degree by a Lodge not your own; visit a Scottish Rite Valley; complete each of the

Master Craftsman exams; visit the House of the Temple or a Biennial Session; or attend a Grand Lodge Session. The “secret” is revealed by witnessing the degrees, visiting our Brothers in the State and country and the fellowship spent traveling with our Brothers en route. These, together, all lead to self improvement and recognition by our brethren of the internal and not the external; true Masonry.

If you have not received a passport, please see your Valley Secretary. Carry it with you as you attend events and check with the

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Valley of New Orleans News

Chartered April 7, 1811

Meets on the first Wednesday of every month



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2015 Membership Fees are due!

Calendar of Events

Stated Communications **7:30 PM**

Wednesday, June 3rd

On The Road - Bayou Fellowship Lodge

Wednesday, July 1st

Annual Patriotic Program

Wednesday, August 5th

25 & 50 Year Membership Presentation

Wednesday, September 2nd

Bring A Friend - Bring A Brother program

Wednesday, October 7th

Feast of Tishri

FALL REUNION OCTOBER 10th

Wednesday, November 4th

Thanksgiving Program

Wednesday, December 2nd

Holiday Program

From The Secretary's Desk

On Wednesday June 3rd, we will take our traveling meeting down the bayou to Bayou Fellowship Lodge #484 315 E 93rd St in Cut Off, LA to meet with our brothers from down the bayou. If you have not attended one of our meetings on the road, you should make every effort to attend one. It gives us a chance to meet with our brothers who for one reason or another cannot make

it to New Orleans for our regular meetings. Please be sure to bring your special lady with you to our meeting. As always the chefs from Bayou Fellowship Lodge have promised a great meal, and based on their past performance it will be G-R-E-A-T. So come on down and pass a good time with your brothers.

Let me correct a mistake that in the last edition of the Trestleboard. Right after the reunion on May 9th, the office of the Valley of New Orleans will move to the Metairie Towers Office Building 433 Metairie Rd Metairie LA 70005. We will be in Suite 206. This should make the office more accessible to everyone. It is easy to get to and has plenty of parking. Originally I reported we would be in Suite 312.

Our July meeting on Wednesday July 1st, we will meet at our new temporary home, Louisiana Lodge #102, which is located at 6209 3rd St. 3rd street crosses Hickory Ave and is about 1/2 mile north of Jefferson Highway. For a land mark, Seither's Seafood Restaurant is on the corner on 3rd St and Hickory and the Lodge hall is right behind Seither's.

As of May 31st, Laurie Johnson is no longer working with me. Due to a family situation, he is needed more at home, and decided to leave. I wish to publicly thank her for putting up with me and my sense of humor for the last 2 plus years. She was a great fit, and everyone who met her took an immediate liking to her. But don't worry that I will be by myself. Taking Laurie's place is Nona Pratz. Nona will start in the middle of June and after a short training period, she should be able to answer all your questions, and free me up to do other things for the Scottish Rite.

The 2015 stickers for your dues card are in the office and are just waiting to be claimed. Do you have yours? Every time I go into the drawers to take out a member's sticker, I hear all the other ones crying out "I need a good home" or "Why won't someone pick me". Do you have your 2015 sticker, if not what are you waiting for. Please help me send all of the stickers to a good home.

Once again brethren, I am asking you

to take a moment and send me your up to date contact information. If you are receiving, what some brothers say it too many emails from me, or of you are not receiving a phone call on your birthday or your Scottish Rite Anniversary, please send me an email at nosrt@bellsouth.net or if you do not have an email address you can call me at the office. I would like to try and update all of your contact information so we can keep you informed as to what is happening in your Scottish Rite Valley, and you will not have to wait for the latest edition of the Trestleboard to arrive in our mail box.

Fraternally,
Martin J. Reinschmidt, 32° KCCH
General Secretary



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 Junior Warden: Bernard L. Gould, Jr., 32° KCCH

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Wise Master: Donald E. Freeze, 32° KCCH
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2015 Americanism Award

In April, John Williamson, 32° KCCH, made a presentation of the Scottish Rite Americanism Award to junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Cadet Carolyn Powell of Destrehan High School. This initiative recognizes high school youth enrolled in the JROTC units for their scholastic excellence and patriotic efforts.

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In Memoriam

Frank D. Wilson, Sr.
Donald Merwin

Valley of Shreveport News

Chartered October 26, 1913

Meets on the second Tuesday of every month



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tuesday, June 9th**
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM
Monica Pels-Greenwood Cemetery history
- Tuesday, July 14th**
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM
Antoinette Johnson-Architecture and significance of the Shreveport Temple
- Tuesday, August 11th**
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM
Summer Reunion August 15-16
- Tuesday, September 8th**
Feast of Tishri 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, October 13th**
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, November 10th**
50 Year Membership Awards 6:00 PM
Veterans Day Program with Ron Chatelain
- Tuesday, December 8th**
Annual Christmas Program 6:00 PM
Note: Advisory Conference meets at 5 pm before each meeting.
The KCCH Club meets during the same months as the 1st District Lodge (January, April, July & October) at 5:30 pm.

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

Shreveport Chapter Rose Croix

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

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Commander: Steven S. A. Pence, 33°
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Preceptor: Troy J. Jones, 32°

Treasurer All Bodies:

E. Louis McGee, 33°

Secretary All Bodies:

Gary L. Gribble, 33°



Venerable Master's Message

What a wonderful experience to be involved with the Shreveport Scottish Rite Cathedral and all of its aspects dealing with its respective bodies as Venerable Master for the Lodge of Perfection. It is an honor and a privilege for me to serve. As all of us who are members of the Scottish Rite we are also members of most if not all of the other Masonic Bodies and we enjoy the fellowship, camaraderie at each and every one of those events. My goal this year is to have more open meetings and programs, so that we can invite spouses, significant others and guests.

Please note for the future that we have several open meetings. On June 9th, we will have Monica Pels who is a local historian, talking about the Greenwood Cemetery, which contains the Masonic cemetery and a lot of history of Shreveport. At our meeting on July 14th, we will have Antoinette Johnson, an architect from Arkansas, who will give a presentation on the historical significance of our Cathedral. On November 10th, for our Veterans Day Program, we will have Ron Chatelain, the most decorated veteran in the state of Louisiana, speak to us about Veterans Day and his experience in the military. Please ensure that

you come to these open meetings and bring your spouse or significant other as they will be worthwhile programs and also invite a friend or brother who does not come often to come and enjoy the fellowship.

I am also fortunate to be the Commander of Ascension Commandery and was fortunate to have been awarded the Unity Award this year at the Grand Meeting. What does unity mean? The definition in Webster's is: *the state of being in full agreement: the quality or state of not being multiple: a condition of harmony: the quality or state of being made one: a totality or related parts: an entity that is a complex or systematic whole.* The definition in Cambridge Dictionary is *the state of being joined together or in agreement.* In mathematics, unity is the number one. The origin of the word comes from Old French Unite, from Latin Unitas, from unus 'one'. These definitions seem like peace and harmony to me.

Peace and Harmony in life, with family, with brothers are all very important. Peace and Harmony make the world go round (what a pun!), but it is true. It is a lot easier to have peace and harmony and unity than dissension. Let's all participate in all of our activities, in all of our groups, and family and let Peace and Harmony prevail. See you at the next month's meeting and thereafter out our regular meetings. Remember also our next reunion is August 15th-16th.



2015 Americanism Award

Brother Jim Hill, representing the Shreveport Scottish Rite Bodies, attended the Award Ceremony for the JROTC Program at Caddo Magnet High School and

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IN MEMORIAM

Jerry Ray Bardin
Frederick Harold Berry
Billie Russell Drake
Vernon Ora Gentry
Roy Ambrose James
Roy James Peace
Charlie Clark Welch
James Egbert Whitaker

Valley of Lake Charles News

Chartered October 16, 1923

Meets on the third Wednesday of every month



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dinner 6:30** **Meeting 7:00**
- Wednesday, June 17th**
- Guest Speaker*
- Wednesday, July 15th**
- Flag Program*
- Wednesday, August 19th**
- On The Road*
- FALL REUNION SEPT 12-13**
- Wednesday, September 16th**
- Feast of Tishri*
- Wednesday, October 21st**
- Eastern Star*
- Wednesday, November 18th**
- Veterans Appreciation*
- Wednesday, December 16th**
- Election of Officers*
- Back Door Lunch: Last Friday of every month. Except in November & December**



Personally Speaking

As a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, it is always a pleasure to spend time with the new members and share in their zeal and quest for additional knowledge and education into the several Masonic mysteries contained in the degrees. It is refreshing to listen to each new member as he relates his experiences and discoveries.

Likewise, it is comforting to spend time with our senior members who have served with honor and distinction for decades. They too have many memories and anecdotes that are inspiring and informative. And there are still other brothers who are sandwiched in between these two generations of members that have their own stories to tell. Each man is in a different place along this lifelong journey known as Masonry.

Through all of this, we must be reminded that one of the most important duties that we have as Scottish Rite Masons is to serve our brothers through friendship, courtesy, and brotherly love. We each possess certain knowledge, talents and skills that we may use in performing this duty. It is up to each of us to offer and implement our knowledge, talents and skills toward the common good of the fraternity.

The Valley Membership Achievement Program (VMAP) covers ten (10) specific subject matter areas: 1. Membership Recruitment, 2. New Member Engagement, 3. Degree Conferral Proficiency, 4. Reunion Experience, 5. Scottish Rite Education for Candidates, 6. Scottish Rite Education for Members, 7. Officer Responsibilities & Engagement, 8. Philanthropy & Public Image, 9. Membership Retention, and 10. Valley Organizations. You are encouraged to find one or two of these areas where your knowledge, talents and skills are best suited and engage in the business of actively serving your brothers. Chances are good that you will find that while you are serving others, others will be serving you as well.

To become involved in the activities of VMAP, please contact the Scottish Rite Office at:

lscottishritebodies@yahoo.com

or
 (337) 436-1676

Better yet, attend our monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month. You will find the rewards in the smiles and handshakes of your brethren.

*Fraternally,
 Richard B Smith, 33°*



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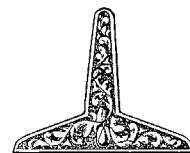
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Valley of Baton Rouge News

Chartered October 20, 1955

Meets on the second Monday of every month



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**2015 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE
 NOW PAST DUE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30**
Monday June 8th
Presentation on the Obligation of the 32°
Monday, July 13th
60th Anniversary at the original location
Monday, August 10th
Acting Class
Monday, September 14th
Educational Program
Fall Reunion October 10-11
Monday, October 12th
Feast of Tishri
Advisory Conference meets at 6pm on regular meeting days.

2015 Officers

Baton Rouge Lodge of Perfection

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

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- Wise Master:* H. George Scanlan, 32°
Senior Warden: R. Shane Marchand, 32°
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- Commander:* J. Andrew Owen, 32°
1st Lt. Commander: Timothy P. Sibley, 32°
2nd Lt. Commander: Timothy E. Ackermann, 32°

Baton Rouge Consistory

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Prior: Frederic D. Denham, Jr., 32°
Preceptor: James E. Duncan, 32°

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Secretary All Bodies:
 Jimmie D. Dunkin, 33°

Venerable Master's Message

The past few months have seen a whirlwind of activity around your Valley, starting with the 4th Annual Joint Easter observance with our York Rite Brothers, our April Stated Meeting, the Valley hosting the first Orient of Louisiana Homecoming event, our May meeting with a presentation of the DeMolay Legion of Honor, and ending with the 3rd Annual Celebrate the Craft web-a-thon fundraiser and viewing party.

I would be remiss if I didn't extend my thanks to all of the members of the Valley of Baton Rouge who helped make the Orient Homecoming such a huge success:

-Our tireless Personal Rep and General Secretary, Ill. Jimmie Dean Dunkin.

-Bro. Tim Ackerman and his kitchen crew who prepared two very fine meals for all attendees.

-Bro. Greg Avant and the A/V team who worked with degree teams from all over the state to ensure that the right mood was set for each degree.

-Bro. Eddie Robertson whose work in our backstage/prop/costume area.

-Bro. Nick Auck, our Director of Reunions, who was wherever help was needed most.

To the Members of the 26th Degree team and their Director John Tilly for their outstanding performance, which was rewarded by the assembled Directors of Work as the outstanding overall Degree of the Weekend!

When thanking people, there is always a danger that you may overlook someone, If I forgot you, thank you! Finally, let me thank each member of the Scottish Rite in Louisiana who took the time to come to Baton Rouge and participate in their own unique ways in this event, which hopefully will become an annual tradition!

Our Ancient operative brethren sought the Master Mason's word so that they could travel into other lands and be recognized. One thing that was driven home to me, during the Orient Homecoming, is how critical travel still remains to us today. The excitement in the building from so many fine Brothers coming together from across the state was a palpable force. Masonry truly is

something that is a communal experience. The lessons are most effectively conveyed when they can immediately be discussed and digested with men who have a different background and point of view. Our journey in Masonry should not be a solitary one. When we come together in a large group that walk gets easier and we seem to travel farther down our own roads.

I hope that you will view the new Louisiana Master Traveler Passport program as an excuse to set forth across the state, meet some new friends, and walk a while with your brothers.

During the next few months keep the fun events and opportunities for fellowship rolling in. I hope that you will come out and join us for some of them, especially for the 60th anniversary meeting in July. Look for your special invitation in the mail and I hope to see you there!

Until then, I remain,

Fraternally yours,
Jeffery D. Maynor, 32°
Venerable Master



From The Secretary's Desk

On April 25th, the Valley hosted the first Orient Homecoming, which was a huge success. All of the five Valleys participated. It was here that the Master Traveler Passport Program was unveiled. The Passport Program is a record of your travels in search of more Light. Each Valley in the Orient of Louisiana will designate degrees to be called *Passport Degrees*. Your passport will be stamped and signed by an officer of that Valley, affirming you were present and witnessed those degrees. Not all degrees will be declared eligible at every reunion, only selected ones. The in-

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In Memoriam

- Donald Romaine Applegate*
Pat Stephen Brown, Jr.
Milton Edward Carpenter
James Lee Christopher
Ronald Eugene Gilbert
Harold Ray McGehee
Marvin Lewis Mobley
Robert Leonard Schaff
Charles Kendrick Watts

Valley of Monroe News

Chartered November 13, 1971

Meets on the first Thursday of every month



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2015 Membership Fees are past due!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Thursday, June 4th

E. A. Barham Learning Center program

Thursday, July 2nd

Patriotic Program - Independence Day

Thursday, August 6th

Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 3rd

Feast of Tishri

Thursday, October 1st

Regular Meeting

Thursday, November 5th

Annual Thanksgiving Program

Thursday, December 3rd

Christmas Program

Election of Officers

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



Personally Speaking

The Monroe Valley recently participated with the other four Valleys in the first of what may be future, statewide reunions to perform degrees that are not customarily conferred by the various Valleys. After being advised of the event, the 6° was selected by the Monroe Valley as the degree to be presented at the reunion. Few, if any, can remember when the Monroe Valley performed this degree at its semi-annual reunions.

Bros. Wilson Cook, Cash Melville, and Bradley Evans took on the task of learning the degree and did an excellent job of conferring the degree with striking voice inflexion and dramatization. Thanks goes to these Brothers for their commitment to perform this degree at future reunions and for the job well done.

In anticipation of our Spring Reunion, we held a hamburger dinner for those key members of various Blue Lodges that have traditionally produced new candidates. In the past, we have relied upon the help of these pivotal Brothers and wanted to thank them for their excellent work in giving us a sizable reunion class. We appreciate each and everyone and the work that they do for Scottish Rite.

Our interim Director of the Work conducted the May 23rd reunion fresh from his graduation from the University of Pennsylvania on May 18th. His acceptance into LSU's Paul M. Hebert Law Center will assure us of his presence for future reunions, and that is a reassuring fact. Hopefully he will be able to put us on his busy schedule. Congratulations!

Our building was the subject of a superb article in Bayou Life Magazine and told the story of the disaster that befell us and the rise of the "phoenix". We are using this fine story and photographs as advertisement for future rental of the Lodge room and refreshment hall.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that we had great turnout at the 2nd annual "Race for the Kids" at the Morehouse Activity Center in Bastrop. This year's barrel race was attended by over 700 riders of all ages. The event has become the primary

fundraiser for the Monroe Valley and does a great job of sponsoring the Adm. E. A. Barham, 33°, G.C. Learning Center located at our Valley. Thanks to the efforts and dedication of Ms. Carol Bryant and her team, we had a very successful event to support our Valley and the work that it does to better the lives of children with speech and hearing disorders.

*Fraternally,
 Travis M. Holley, 33°
 Personal Representative*



2015 Officers

Monroe Lodge of Perfection

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

Monroe Chapter Rose Croix

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

Monroe Council of Kadosh

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Monroe Consistory

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

Treasurer All Bodies:

Roy McDuffie, 33° PGM

Secretary All Bodies:

Oma Frank Lee, 32° KCCH

IN MEMORIAM

Samuel P. Dennard
Billy W. Griffin
Ernest R. Hawkins
William B. Hawkins
James L. Reagan
Edward H. Tillman

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Shreveport Valley - 2015 Americanism Award:

presented the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Americanism Award. The Americanism Award, which is approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense, is an award that recognizes one outstanding cadet in the second year or second to last year of the commitment to a unit. To be eligible for the award, a cadet must (1) have contributed the most among cadets on campus to encourage and demonstrate Americanism by deeds or conduct during participation in extracurricular activities or community projects (2) have demonstrated academic excellence by being in the top 25% of his/her academic class and (3) have demonstrated outstanding leadership by exhibiting qualities of dependability, good character, self-discipline, good citizenship and patriotism. The award consists of a medal, ribbon and certificate. The medal depicts the heraldic logo of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and by the words "JROTC Education and Americanism" calls attention to two of the major focal points of the Scottish Rite. The medal was awarded to 2nd Lt. Sarah Jones, a junior at Caddo Magnet High School. Besides receiving this award and several other awards 2nd Lt. Sarah Jones was selected as the Battalion Commander for the Mustang Battalion for the Caddo Magnet High School JROTC Program for school year 2015-2016.



Jim Hill and 2nd Lt. Sarah Jones

Shreveport Spring Reunion



Sitting L:R - Elry Nuzez III, Jamie New, Steve Williams, Christopher Cannon and Tommy Bison. Standing L:R - John M. Dark, Ed Durham, John Autry, Ballard Smith and Gary Gribble.

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Lake Charles Valley News:

Master Craftsman Presentation

Brother Brandon Paul Istre, 32° received his Master Craftsman III certificate and pin from Ill. Richard B. Smith, 33° SGIG Personal Representative in Rayne Lodge #313. Brother Istre became a Master of the Royal Secret on March 23, 2013 and completed his Master Craftsman III program on April 1, 2015.



L:R - Brandon Istre and R. B. Smith

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Master Traveller Passport Program:

Valley's Director of Work to see which degrees are a Passport Degrees and get them stamped after the degree. That's the easy part. The hard part, and the most rewarding, is learning the lessons of life with our Brethren. I truly hope to see you at the next Reunion, I'll be in line for the stamp.

*Fraternally yours,
Nick Auck, 32° KCCH
Director of Reunions*

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MASTER TRAVELLER PASSPORT PROGRAM

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Baton Rouge Valley - From The Secretary's Desk: tent is to promote visitation to other valleys in your search for continued education of your Masonic Life. Upon completing the 29 degrees and several other options, the passport will provided to the S.G.I.G. for approval.

This year's meetings have been very informative with explanations of various Scottish Rite degrees with emphasize on the obligations. Member participation and questions, after each lecture, have added to the overall education experience.

Now is the time for those Master Masons, who have indicated an interest in becoming a member of Scottish Rite Masonry, to return their petitions to the office. The Fall Reunion is set for the weekend of October 10th. The fees for the degrees are \$275.00 and should accompany the petition.

If you have not paid your dues for the 2015, please take care of this soon. Remember, you will need to show a current card when attending the meetings. The plastic card, you were issued in 2014, is a permanent card. Some brothers are reporting having lost their card and need a replacement. It takes some time to have a new card made and the Supreme Council charges the Valley a fee to reproduce a new card.

Our regular meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, with dinner are 6:30 pm with the program at 7:30. Exciting things continue to happen at the Valley and I know you will want to be a part of them.

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

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New Orleans Valley - 2015 Americanism Award:



John Williamson and Carolyn Powell

THE FINAL WORD



III. William J. Mollere, 33° Grand Master Sovereign Grand Inspector General *"We Should Do This More"*

The last weekend in April was a great several days for Louisiana Scottish Rite; we held a Homecoming Reunion! The previous day, Friday, your Leadership Team of Personal Representatives, General Secretaries, Directors of Work, Treasurers and Orient Directors gathered for the semi-annual Management Meeting where the general business of Louisiana Scottish Rite was discussed and transacted. But the Homecoming Reunion held the next day, all day Saturday, was very special. Each of our five Valleys was asked to exemplify a Degree that is not normally presented at a Reunion – so many one-day Reunions allow time for only the mandatory 4°, 14°, 18°, 30° and 32°, and it never fails to have the Candidates, upon being welcomed as Masters of the Royal Secret, ask: "When can I see the other Degrees?" As each Valley once again gradually expands the number of Degrees presented, our Members who missed observing those Degrees need to return to a Reunion and participate. After all, a Reunion is just that – a return and a reuniting.

For the Homecoming Reunion, Monroe presented the 6° Intimate Secretary, New Orleans the 15° Knight of the East, Lake Charles the 22° Knight of the Royal Axe and Prince of Libanus, Baton Rouge the 26° Prince of Mercy, and Shreveport the 29° Scottish Knight of St Andrew – all proficient, well preformed and presented. The five Directors of Work caucused and selected Baton Rouge's 26° Degree as the Best Overall Degree, and Illustrious and Most Worshipful Allen Tidwell in the 15°, for the Best Overall Performance. The entire day was well attended with over 100 Brothers participating – New Orleans Valley had the most from outside Baton Rouge area with about 30 attending; however all five Valleys were well represented. The Baton Rouge's Kitchen Crew served a full breakfast and a delicious lunch with all of the trimmings. Everyone was upbeat, positive and happy to be together – a true Masonic fellowship. The comment that made the biggest impact on me was: "Why haven't we done this before?" As the Brothers began departing for home everyone said that we should do this again, and that we should have this type of activity more. We will, every year, next year, 2016, in Lake Charles.

Other amazing things happened during the Homecoming Reunion, Brothers talked to each other, laughed, visited and enjoyed sitting drinking coffee or juice; the five Valleys' Venerable Masters were presented by VMAP Director Bro Jeff Maynor with their framed VMAP certificates ensuring that the Orient of Louisiana

would be a 100% participant in this new bottom-to-top Program of Member Involvement. Then the new Orient Passport Program was introduced and the five Homecoming Reunion Degrees were designated as the first Passport Degrees. Henceforth, each Valley can designate three Degrees at each Reunion as Passport Degrees, and each Brother can have his personal Louisiana Scottish Rite Passport stamped and signed. The Passport Program is designed to encourage Scottish Rite Members to attend their Valley's Reunions and visit other Valleys' Reunions, and fill each Degree's page with a stamp or the Degree Master's signature, attesting to having witnessed that particular Passport Degree. Once completed and the Passport filled, the Brother will receive a unique and one-of-a-kind coin. It can be a fun project getting Brothers to attend and visit other Valleys and view other Degrees, and in the process learn more about Scottish Rite and the lessons of each Degree. The question: "When can I see the other Degrees?" is now answered with a visit to and participation in Reunions around our Orient of Louisiana. A recent survey by Baton Rouge's Director of Work, Nick Auck, found that New Orleans exemplifies 6 Degrees, Shreveport presents 22, Lake Charles has 8 Degrees, Baton Rouge's teams offer 12 Degrees and Monroe Valley is exemplifying 6 Degrees. So pick a date when a Valley is holding a Reunion and make a fraternal visit and begin filling up your Passport.

During May, we all enjoyed watching the Celebrating The Craft webcast from the House of the Temple. Our own Ill. Ronnie Seale, our Grand Commander, headed a stellar cast of outstanding performers who entertained and offered great information on Scottish Rite Louisiana's Ill. Brother Chuck Morgan and Lady Pam spent their Forty-Sixth Wedding Anniversary in Washington, DC, helping answer phones for the webcast's fund raising. Louisiana's Scottish Rite Foundation received half of all monies donated from Louisiana during the webcast, thus helping our RiteCare Program that benefits several hundred Louisiana children each year in our Speech & Hearing Centers.

As we enter the Summer, school is out for the youngsters, and parents and grandparents are challenged to keep up, entertain and occupy down-time for the people who will grow up to be our next generation of Masons – if we leave for those youngsters a strong and vibrant Masonry. Our responsibility everyday is to live the lessons that Scottish Rite offers and become even better examples for our young people. It is not an easy task, as any parent or grandparent knows, because the world that we grew up around has changed drastically and changes are happening even faster. Consider the social media that many of us do not completely understand or appreciate – the young people today are exposed to the best and the worst, the easiest and the hardest, the most refined and the most base, and unless they have been taught the difference, any human being will choose the road less traveled, the easiest way. Scottish Rite makes us examine, question and then practice the best, not always easy and yet the most refined – quality with a balance in life – life where equilibrium is maintained resulting in that bright, glorious and ample reward for a solid, respected and fulfilling life. If we can gather together enough good and true men who truly practice the lessons offered through our Scottish Rite Degrees, set the example for those coming behind us, then we will always leave each gathering of Brothers saying, "we should do this more". May we do this more, and often – thank you for continuing to be a Scottish Rite Mason.



Bill Mollere, 33° S.G.I.G.

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This year marks 100 YEARS since the House of the Temple officially opened its doors along historic 16th Street in Northwest D.C., and we plan to celebrate this monumental event! The Centennial Jubilee will coincide with the 2015 Supreme Council Biennial Session and will feature parties, ghost tours, unique exhibits, and a historic reenactment! We hope you can join us!

Visit scottishrite.org for more information and to register for the 2015 Biennial Session of the Supreme Council, 33°, and Centennial Jubilee, a celebration of the 100th year our House of the Temple!



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

