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THE TIME IS NOW

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The Knights of St. Andrew

Our Mission

The Knights of St. Andrew is made of an elite unit select Scottish Rite Masons.

The Knights of St. Andrew exist as a service organization on behalf of all members of their Consistory. They are under the immediate supervision of the Secretary of their Scottish Rite Consistory and provide services where they are needed. This includes, but not limited to, aiding the Tylers, acting as greeters, providing escort services for dignitaries or for special events created for the ladies during reunions or other functions, serving as guides, assisting the Scottish degree work, helping present the Colors. Knights of St. Andrew also assist in the calling committees, participate in parades or civic activities, promote fund-raising events, and aid in any special event. The list can continue on as new ideas and concepts are developed to meet needs and goals.

Their flexibility and enthusiasm make the Knights of St. Andrew one of the Valley's most active and desirable organizations. It is an excellent way to nurture and develop future leaders as they learn their organizational and leadership skills, explore the inner structures of their Scottish Rite Centers, and thus gain a deeper admiration for our Order and Brethren who work in Freemasonry as a whole.

Membership and Identity

The Knights of St. Andrew replaces the Shrine for generating membership for the Scottish Rite. Membership is limited to 32nd degree Freemasons and will abide by the Valley's by-laws, and those approved by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of each State.

The Knights of St. Andrew are identified by their flamboyant uniform and regalia; often entering special events accompanied by bagpipes and drums, becoming the elite unit of all Scottish Rite Masons. This is the best means of attracting younger members (ages 35 through 55 yrs.). It has all the magic and color used by the Shrine following WWII in the early 50's, before a tired and aging membership put it to rest.

A Way for Acquiring Quality Membership

Each of the Forty charter members is given a "Squire's Coin". During the year each Knight will select a Master Mason or non-Mason who he considers to be worthy of joining this Elite group.

He will invite the candidate and his lady to attend their dinners and events. And he will take care to see him through the required degrees to be eligible for the Unit. He has one year to do this. He will retrieve the lucky "Squire's Coin" only if the candidate fails to take the time to qualify for membership. Now you have 80 Knights with the second 40 repeating the actions that attracted him to the Unit. The lucky "Squire's Coin" has an engraved legend that makes one uneasy of lost. Concentrating on getting just one member over a period of 12 months makes Lodge attendance necessary.

This exclusive Unit is identified by a special cap with Bonnet Badge (replacing the familiar black cap) and other regalia.

Remember: Membership is limited to 32nd degree Masons only, and those interested should contact other Brothers in your Valley to begin the process.

The unit is restricted to 32nd Degree Masons only and all other members, regardless of their titles and rank or hat colors, CANNOT hold the honor of membership in this majestic group without first being selected and approved by the members. And then, ONLY as an Associate Member.

Those of the Clan who are awarded the decoration of K.C.C.H., will become an associate member. A red feather will replace the white one on his bonnet, when he wears his Glengarry at the Clan meetings. This is to encourage members to reach for the honors. Those who raise to the 33rd Degree will be distinguished with a red, gold and white feather in their bonnet. But the major voting membership will be restricted to 32nd degree Freemasons.

Special Attire Distinguishes this Elite Group

Carefully researched for authenticity, the 17th Century bonnet, with its 3 cock feathers protruding from its Bonnet Badge, will replace the conventional 32nd degree black hat.

A Plaid selected to represent your local Valley will be worn diagonal on a cummerbund. Some Valleys may consider the wearing of kilts, but this is an expensive attire. Thus, we suggest one that is just as elegant and far less costly. An Officer's dinner jacket worn with tuxedo pants and a tux shirt and bow tie for formal attire. Regular wear would be a coat, open collared shirt and bonnet. The logo for the Knights of St. Andrew was researched by Ill. Joe Witzerman, 33°, and has been adopted as the official logo for the Order. The Official Bonnet Badges for regular members and Officers; as well as other accessories have been deeply researched for authenticity and are ready for distribution.



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Allegiance

The bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Orient of Louisiana, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America (Mother Supreme Council of the World) whose See is at Charleston in the State of South Carolina, and House of the Temple, Washington, D.C., of which

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Supreme Queen of Daughters of the Nile Visits Shreveport

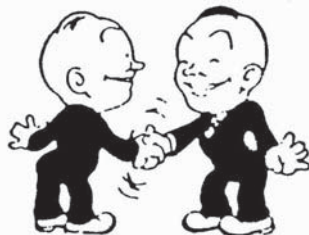
Hulene Mickey Fitzpatrick, Supreme Queen Daughters of the Nile, was honored at a banquet hosted by Khlra Temple #121 in Shreveport late January. Khlra Queen Robin LaBorde, wife of Robert LaBorde, 32° KCCH and current Chief Rabban of El Karubah Shrine Temple, was hostess to 70 distinguished guests and visitors. Queen Fitzpatrick spoke of the organizations support of the 22 Shrine Hospitals by their 48,000 members. She toured the Shreveport Shrine Hospital the following day. During her reign, she will have visited all of the facilities in North America.

Daughters of the Nile is a benevolent international organization for women who are related by birth or marriage to a Shriner/Master Mason or Daughter of the Nile. It boasts 150 organizations throughout the United States and Canada. This organization was founded in 1913 by 22 progressive women with strength of purpose and vision. Since that time the membership has flourished.

Each year, through their Supreme Convalescent Endowment Fund and Convalescent Relief Fund, Daughters of the Nile contribute well over a million and a half dollars to the hospitals for prostheses, orthotics, braces, shoes, etc. for the children. In addition, many sew garments, quilts, provide toys, hold parties for the children, as well as log many volunteer hours in the hospitals.



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

Did You Know?

Article XV: Section 2

"A regular Lodge of Perfection is composed of nine members, and a perfect Lodge, of thirteen; a regular Chapter of Rose Croix, of seven members, and a perfect Chapter, of thirteen; a regular Council of Kadosh, of nine members, and a perfect Council, of eighteen; a regular Consistory of Masters of the Royal Secret, of nine members, and a perfect Council of fourteen; and the number of members required to make regular is indispensable".



Calendar of Events

York Rite Bodies

Concave of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons

March 14-15 Shreveport

La. Priory No. 43 Knights of the York Cross Honour Election and Installation

March 13 Shreveport

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

April 11-12 Monroe

La. Priory No. 43 KYCH confer the Honary Degree on annual class

April 10 Monroe

OES Grand Chapter

2005 Session March 19-23 Alexandria Shrine

El Karubah Temple
Ceremonial May 7 Shreveport

Knights of St. Andrews

Ceremonial April 8-9 Lake Charles

Valley Reunions

Baton Rouge April 3-4

Lake Charles April 9-10

Monroe March 26

New Orleans May 14

Shreveport April 23-24

Please check the Valley's Calendars for the Service of Remembrance programs (Maundy Thursday) and attend.



Scottish Rite Foundation News

LOUISIANA SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION, INC.

The Foundation completed the fiscal year on June 30, 2004 and the audit report from Smith Pugh & Company has been completed.

Assets beginning of year (July 1, 2003)	
	\$2,742,121.00
Total revenues, gains and other support:	
	\$229,005.00
Expenses:	
Speech centers	54,350.00
Scholarships	26,002.00
Management and general	23,936.00
Total expenses	104,288.00
Change in net assets	124,717.00
Net assets July 1, 2003	\$2,742,121.00
Net assets, June 30, 2004	\$2,866,838.00

Foundation Officer for 2005-2006

Elected members:

James H. Morgan, Baton Rouge
 C. Lenton Sartain, Baton Rouge
 Harry Northrop, Lake Charles
 J.F. "Jeff" Webb, Lake Charles
 Woody Bilyeu, Monroe
 Robert Joyner, Monroe
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 John L. Atkinson, Shreveport

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Four Scottish Rite Speech and Language Centers continue to operate well.

And the results they achieve with the children is unbelievable unless you

are there to observe the staff. If you have never visited the center in your Area, you should do so and meet the dedicated parents, children, volunteers and staff that

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make all of this possible. I assure you will glad you did and proud to be a member of the Scottish Rite Team that is helping these children to have a better life. Without members's dues and many volunteers, Valley fundraisers and contributions, none of this would be possible.

On behalf of all the children, we say
THANK YOU.

John L. Atkinson, 33°



John L. Atkinson 33°, William J. Moller 33° Deputy of the Supreme Council for the Orient of Louisiana and Thomas Hinton 32° KCCH during the Scottish Rite Honor Luncheon at Alexandria Grand Lodge session.

Brother Thomas Hinton, 32°, Lake Charles Scottish Rite Bodies, and Past President of the Cross Roads Scottish Rite Club presents check of \$1,000.00 Ill. William J. Moller, 33°, Deputy of the Supreme Council for the Orient of Louisiana for the Foundation's Speech Centers. Brother Hinton represented Brother Nolan Gamble, the current President who was ill.

The Cross Roads Scottish Rite Club was formed in 2000 in Marksville for the Benefit of members of the five valleys to have a Scottish Rite Club to attend without having to drive long distances. The Club meets on the first Wednesday at Gordy Lodge Nr. 133, LeCompte. Every third meeting is a Dining out meeting for members and families. All Scottish Rite members are welcome and urged to attend.

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REFLECTIONS ON THE DEGREE OF
PERFECT MASTER

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Reflections on the Degree of Perfect Master



Ricks Martin Bowles, 32° KCCH

If you have integrity, nothing else matters. If you don't have integrity, nothing else matters.—Alan Simpson

In MORALS AND DOGMA our Brother Albert Pike exhorts us to be honest in all things. He writes, “The duty of a Mason as an honest man is plain and easy. It requires of us honesty in contracts, sincerity in affirming, simplicity in bargaining, and faithfulness in performing. Lie not at all, neither in a little thing nor in a great, neither in the substance nor in the circumstance, neither in word nor deed....A Perfect Master must avoid that which deceives, equally with that which is false.”

The idea of honesty with other humans, and more especially with our Masonic Brothers, is a cornerstone of our order and all good Freemasons practice the concept. To lie to, cheat, or deceive another Mason is simply unthinkable to most of us who have traveled toward the East.

It occurs to me, however, that there is an area of the concept of honesty to which Brother Pike only vaguely alludes; that is, being honest with one's self. The beginning of all true honesty and integrity is when we are honest with ourselves. It is extremely difficult to pass the “mirror test”....that is, looking in the mirror and being truthful to person you see there.

Readers of Dostoyevsky will recognize this concept in his characters. The man who lies to himself often soon begins to believe those lies. He then lies to others. If he does so often enough he finds himself unable to recognize integrity in others. And he knows that he cannot trust himself. The man, who cannot trust anyone, or himself, cannot have respect for the same. When respect is gone, love is gone. The man who cannot love yields to his animal impulses and passions and seeks only to satisfy them. The downfall begins the moment he lies to himself.

A Freemason must either decline or improve. He cannot remain inert. In fact, one of the stated reasons that each of us gives for becoming a Freemason is a desire to improve ourselves in the craft.

Self-honesty requires courage. It is risky to level with yourself because you may find that your image of yourself is far different from what you currently hold it to be. But, leveling with yourself is the first step in the quest toward truly improving yourself. And, it is the birthplace of integrity

Spencer Johnson has said, “Integrity is telling myself the truth. And honesty is telling the truth to other people.” When we are honest with ourselves, and are thereby honest with others we have power. Power to change and improve ourselves. Power to help others change and improve themselves. Power to effect change in the society in which we live. Power to give to the world. Power to give to life all that we have to give and to take all of the true gifts that life has to give us.

One of the most powerful leaders of our time, Nelson Mandela, put it this way: “As I have said, the first thing is to be honest with yourself. You can never have an impact on society if you have not changed yourself. Great peacemakers are all people of integrity, of honesty, but humility.”

REFLECTIONS ON THE
DEGREE OF INTIMATE
SECRETARY

I know that most men, including those at ease with problems of the greatest complexity, can seldom accept even the simplest and most obvious truth if it be such as would oblige them to admit the falsity of conclusions which they have delighted in explaining to colleagues, which they have proudly taught to others, and which they have woven, thread by thread, into the fabric of their lives.
Leo Tolstoy

“You are especially taught in this Degree to be zealous and faithful; to be disinterested...” So begins Brother Pike in his commentary on the Degree of Intimate Secretary. Interesting word, “disinterest,” for many take it to mean a lack of interest or concern. Pike uses the word to correctly indicate objectivity combined with a lack of prejudice.

In a lodge of Freemasons there are two subjects that we refrain from discussing. One is politics. Freemasons come from many political persuasions, and some few are apolitical, although I don't think that I have ever met one. We may strongly disagree with one another in everyday life situations. The economy, Iraq, social issues that have become political issues, candidates, and platforms all provide an arena for disagreement and sometimes contention among men of good will. Yet these men, prepared, initiated, passed, and raised can assemble in open lodge and find themselves together in peace and harmony.

Brother Pike, it seems to me, challenges us as Freemasons to carry this disinterestedness beyond the confines of the lodge. Nowhere does he, nor do I, suggest that we must accept the political ideologies of everyone. However, if everyone has value then his or her ideas should certainly be considered. In giving consideration to ideas and philosophies that are contrary to his own, in listening to that which is new, the Mason may often reinforce his own philosophical positions. He will certainly learn something about those who hold to conflicting ideas. He may also, either partially or completely, change his mind. Either way, he will certainly grow as a man and a Mason.

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



New Orleans Scottish Rite Temple
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*Valley of New Orleans Spring
 Reunion will be held on May
 14, 2005.
 Please secure petitions.*

Calendar of Events-2005

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Service of Remembrance

Wednesday, April 4, 2005

All Bodies to Open & Guest Speaker

Wednesday, May 4, 2005

Stated Communication & Guest Speaker

Saturday, May 14, 2005

Spring Reunion

2005 Officers

Albert Pike

Lodge of Perfection:

Venerable Master: Clayton J. Borne, III, KCCH

Senior Warden: Paul O. Langenbeck, KCCH

Junior Warden: Henry F. Thibodaux, Jr., KCCH

Pelican Chapter Rose Croix:

Wise Master: Raymond C. Fink

Senior Warden: William C. Gray, KCCH

Junior Warden: Clayton A. Wolfe

Eagle Council of Kadosh:

Commander: Emmett Woods

1st Lt. Commander: Frank DuTreil, KCCH

2nd Lt. Commander: Warren A. Hintz, Jr.

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2005 Officers

New Orleans Consistory:

Master of Kadosh: Cullen S. Peel, KCCH

Prior: Jay W. Owensby

Preceptor: Marc Conrad

Treasurer to all Bodies:

John Z. Zollinger, III, 33°

Congratulations from the membership were afforded all of our new officers upon their investiture. Many challenges await our beloved Rite in the years ahead.



Valley News

The ancient and accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Valley of New Orleans, Lecture Curriculum has been undertaken by Br. Marc H. Conrad. Br. Conrad has been appointed Director of the Esoteric and Philosophical Lecture Committee.

In keeping with that lofty appointment, Br. Conrad spoke eloquently on January 5, 2005, and presented "an explanation concerning the number of Scottish Rite degrees: 32° and The Past Wisdom." The lecture was well attended and provided much provocation of thought in regard to the origins of the Scottish Rite and the role within the organization of a Scottish Jacobite by the name of Andrew Michael Ramsay. Br. Conrad advised that Masonry first began in the United States in South Carolina in Shepard's Tavern in 1736. Our Scottish Rite appeared in its infancy at the same tavern in 1783 in the form of the sublime Lodge of Perfection. The ancient and accepted Scottish Rite eventually followed and evolved under the leadership of prominent American Masonic luminaries. Our esteemed brother, the Illustrious Albert Pike, birthed the Scottish Rite degrees as they now appear. Br. Conrad further explained that Ill. Br. Pike organized the degrees and described them in a number of publications the foremost being his

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Valley News

Morals and Dogma, which originated in New Orleans with publication in Washington, D.C.

Br. Conrad felt certain that Ill. Br. Pike would urge each of us to walk our "own path to Light and seek out wisdom."

The officers and membership wish to thank Br. Marc Conrad for his research, resource information, generosity and enthusiasm. Br. Conrad's appreciation for the finer points of Masonry and the ethical practice of law were well explained in later dialogue. Many thanks were afforded Br. Marc Conrad and the membership looks forward to his future scholarly presentations.



The Valley of New Orleans was dark for our February meeting which fell on Mardi Gras day, February 8, 2005. The revelry and mayhem of Mardi Gras prevented access to the Central Business District and surrounding areas but an aggressive and complex agenda was announced for the March communication (March 2, 2005).

Br. Lloyd Hebert asked your writer to again announce that our Spring Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2005. Br. Lloyd is looking forward to meeting our new petitioners and assisting them in all ways possible. The brothers are urged to submit petitions as soon as possible so that they may be timely investigated and scheduled for personal attention.

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IN MEMORIAM

Ellis P. Rushing, 32°

Curtis Watts, 32°

John J. McCabb, Jr., 32°

Hiram K. Greer, 32°

Henry A. Mentz, Jr., 32° KCCH

Valley of Shreveport News

Chartered October 26, 1913

Meets on second Tuesdays of every month



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

Dinner with Ladies: 6:00 P.M.
 Open Meeting & Program: 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday March 22, 2005

Service of Remembrance 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

KCCH Club Meeting: 5:30 P.M.
 Dinner: 6:00 P.M.
 Regular Meeting: 6:30 P.M.

Note: Advisory Conference meets at 5:00 P.M. before each meeting.

MAUNDY SERVICES

Service of Extinguishing the Lights and celebrating the Mystic banquet will be observed at the Scottish Rite Temple at an open meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at 6:30 P.M. The Ceremony of Relighting the lights will follow the banquet. Services will be under the Direction of Ballard L. Smith, 33° and Cast.

A similar service will be conducted on Friday, March 25, 2005, by the Alexandria Scottish Rite Association at the Masonic Temple on Horseshoe Drive at 6:30 P.M.

These obligatory observances are open meetings and you are urged to bring your family and friends.

New Program for Reunions

Many may remember the programs that were printed for each reunion listing the Officers of the various committees, IGH, KCCH, Officers for the 4 Bodies and Degree Masters and cast. It was a costly endeavor as each of the programs were specific for that one reunion. We are working to resurrect the Programs but in a format that would allow it to be used on a continuing basis. Degree Masters have been asked to update their casts along with alternates. Committe Chairman are updating their officer lists and a list of all 33° IGH is being built, along with an updated KCCH member list. The Degree pages will include a brief explanation, along with the cast names and parts. Plans are to have the new program for the Spring 2006 Reunion.

SPRING REUNION

A two-day Reunion will be held on April 23 and 24, 2005 at the Shreveport Scottish Rite Temple in Shreveport. This Reunion is in memory of Brother Edgar Eugene Holomon, 33°, who died on September 16, 2004.

Each member is urged to secure at least one petition to replace Brother Holomon and the other Eighty-Six members we lost in 2004.

Brethren each petition you obtain will help offset the brethren we lost through deaths and other reasons during 2004.

Church services will be held Sunday morning at 11:30 A.M. Families of members and candidates are welcome to attend the service.

Brethren make plans to join with us for the reunion and see the new degrees we now have.

DeMolay Corner

Louisiana DeMolay Chapters started the year off right with the annual WinterMeet get together. This year we traveled to Baton Rouge and were hosted by Pelican Chapter. The rain held off long enough for sports and a road trip to Denham Springs for a Mardi Gras parade. The Baton Rouge Scottish Rite was kind enough to host a sleep over, although no one seemed to sleep. We initiated one new member into the Shreveport Chapter and Tony seemed to appreciate the beautiful degree work done by a multi-chapter degree team. Our next event will be Old South Tournament which is a National Ritual competition held in New Orleans, and plans are being finalized for Louisiana State Conclave this summer.

Please help us locate young men and ladies that may enjoy the fellowship and fun of belonging to positive leadership organizations. DeMolay and Rainbow girls are active and growing, learning life lessons and preparing for the future.

Richard Hollier, 33°

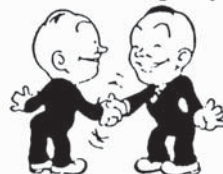
DEGREE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

The degree Teams will rehearse their degrees in the Scottish Rite Temple in Shreveport on April 16, 2005. The 8th Degree will rehearse in Leesville and the 11th degree will rehearse in Alexandria. The rehearsal schedule in Shreveport is as follows:

- 8:00 A.M: 32°, 9°, 10°, 4°
- 9:00 A.M: 18°, 12°, 20°
- 10:00 A.M: 26°, 21°, 6°
- 11:00 A.M: 14°, 21°, 31°
- 12:00 Noon: 30°, 28°, 19°

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IN MEMORIAM

- Lewis Eugene Dameron, 32°
- Kenneth Avery Foster, 32° KCCH
- William Michael Monsour, Jr., 32°
- George Dewey Perkins, 32°
- Wilburn Lee Randall, 32°
- Gene Alvin Thoma, 32°

Valley of Lake Charles News

Chartered October 16, 1923
Meets on third Wednesday of every month



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, March 16, 2005

Dinner with guests: 6:30 P.M.
Regular meeting: 7:30 P.M.
Program: Stine Paint

Thursday, March 24, 2005

Service of Remembrance

Saturday/Sunday April 9-10, 2005

Spring Reunion

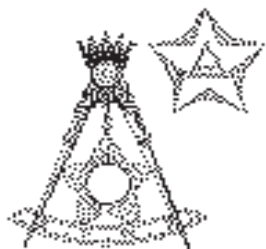
Wednesday, April 20, 2005

Dinner with guests: 6:30 P.M.
Regular Meeting: 7:30 P.M.
Program: Daryl Johnson

Note: Last Friday of every month thru October is Back Door Lunch.

2005 Officers Installed

The leaders of the four bodies were installed at an open meeting on the Stated night in January. Ill. Richard Smith, 33°-Personal Representative to the Deputy in Louisiana, assisted by Richard Fox 32°, installed our officers and continued with the nights program.



2005 Officers continued:



L-R: Richard Fox, Harold "Happy" Elliott 32° Venerable Master Lodge of Perfection, William Bailey 32° Wise Master Chapter of Rose Croix, Herrin Ducote 33° Commander Council of Kadosh, Allen Fruge` 32°-KCCH Master of Kadosh of the Consistory

Bro Ray Moses continued:



Past Venerable Master Ray Moses 32° KCCH



Special Recognition

Ray V. Moses, 32°-KCCH, Junior Past Venerable Master of the Lake Charles Valley was presented a framed certificate acknowledging the outstanding contribution to the Lodge during his tenure in 2004. Harold "Happy" Elliott, 2005 Venerable Master presented the award and remarked of the incredible hours and untiring service Bro. Moses exhibited.

Ray was dedicated in seeing that there was something for everyone, ladies included, by having an open meeting every month with speakers on a wide variety of topics. He also promoted the Backdoor Lunch on the last Friday of the month from January through October. The attendance was always good and included several of the Brethren, ladies, and widows that have difficulty traveling at night.



Venerable Master
Harold "Happy" Elliott 32°



IN MEMORIAM

Harry M. Everett, 32°
Westley Ray Dyer, 32°
Orde R. Evans, 32°

Valley of Baton Rouge News

Chartered October 20, 1955

Meets on second Monday of every month



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday March 14, 2005

Dinner: 6:30 P.M.
Service of Remembrance 7:30 P.M.

Saturday/Sunday April 2-3

Spring Reunion

Monday April 11, 2005

Dinner: 6:30 P.M.
 Meeting & Program 7:30 P.M.
 Honoring 50 Year Members

Monday May 9, 2005

Dinner: 6:30 P.M.
 Meeting & Program 7:30 P.M.
 M:W: Harold Ballard, GM - Speaker
Advisory Committee meets at 5:30 P.M. on the Monday before the regular meeting.



Honesty & Integrity

In Louisiana Masonic Circles one of the most outstanding programs that has ever been instituted is the Honesty & Integrity Award Program. Lodges honor high school students for their excellence in school, church, family and community. Several years ago I had the pleasure of speaking at one of these awards and a fellow Mason, Danny Smith 32° KCCH, helped me to write my talk. An excerpt of that talk follows:

Integrity is a term similar to honesty, but emphasis's the soundness of moral principle and character. Masonry instructs its members to be of high moral conduct, liv-

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A Message from the Venerable Master

Please allow me this opportunity to thank each of you for the confidence you have placed in me, by my election to serve the Baton Rouge Valley as Venerable Master during 2005. You have elected a fine slate of officers in all four bodies to represent our Valley, and with everyone's help and support, we will continue to move this Valley forward. There is no challenge too great if we unite and work hard toward reaching our goals this year.

The Ladies Auxiliary has elected a strong group of leaders and we are looking forward to working with them.

We have plans to make this year interesting and informative, with a meal at every meeting. This is something we have not tried before and we will need your reservations early. To make your reservations, please call (225) 275-0668 or (800) 643-3677 or you can fax (225) 273-0750. (There will be a minimal charge for the meals) We hope these dinners will be successful and enjoyable for all. We are also lining up guest speakers, special programs and entertainment, which we hope you will enjoy. We will be working very hard to make our meetings more enjoyable for you.

Come join us for good food, fun and fellowship. I am looking forward to seeing you at all our meetings.

Fraternally,
 B. J. "Bev" Guillot, 32° KCCH

Pelican Chapter Demolay Donates to the Learning Center

The young men of the Pelican Chapter, Order of DeMolay continue to work diligently at everything they undertake. From the study of the DeMolay work to winning trophies for their efforts, these young adults benefit all of the various programs offered. The proof of this work is evident in the several trophies on display in our Fellowship Hall. The Valley received another reward from the Pelican Chapter in the form of a generous donation to the Childhood Learning Center. The members of the Baton Rouge Scottish Rite are very proud of our DeMolay brethren. Keep up the great work and many thanks from our children.



Shown above is Ill. C. Lenton Sartin, 33°, Chapter Dads Terry Wilson and Bill Traylor; Aaron Russell-Chapter Marshall, Tim Parrott-Senior Councilor and State Chaplain, Bryon Traylor-State Master Councilor and Adam Moore-Master Councilor Pelican Chapter.



IN MEMORIAM

Jack Lee Brown, 32°
 James Calvin Davis, 32°
 Leo James Ghirardi, 32°



Valley of Monroe News

Chartered November 13, 1971

Meets on first Thursday of every month



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 3, 2005

Dinner with Ladies: 6:00 P.M.
 Meeting & program: 7:00 P.M.

Thursday, March 23, 2005

Service of Remembrance

Saturday, March 26, 2005

Spring Reunion-One Day

Thursday, April 7, 2005

Dinner with Ladies: 6:00 P. M.
 Meeting & Program: 7:00 P. M.

Thursday May 5, 2005

Dinner with Ladies: 6:00 P. M.
 Meeting & Program: 7:00 P. M.

A Message from the Venerable Master

Fraternal greetings from the Monroe Valley. All elected and appointed officers of the four bodies were present and installed at our December 2004 meeting. As we look back on the wonderful work done by the Valley under the leadership of Ill. Ed Collins, 32° KCCH Venerable Master 2004 it is with much anticipation and some trepidation that we look forward to the daunting tasks of continuing the excellent work of the Valley in 2005. Our plan for the years is to have dinner with our guests and an open program monthly, of interest to all, along with our major projects. We are off to a great start.

January saw our Valley holding its annual Gumbo Sale, blessed with a fine

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kitchen crew and volunteers who labored tirelessly to insure the success of this project. Our compliments to the Brethren for such a great job on our first project of the year.

We continued in February with our Annual Master Mason Night, when the newly installed Grand Master, M:W: Harold G. Ballard, GM, 32° and his official family honored us with their presence. The Grand Master presented a deserving honor to Bro Earl Killingsworth 32° KCCH, an outstanding Mason, for his service in our part of the State and to Masonry in Louisiana.

A very full spring schedule will include the 2005 Louisiana Jubilee Charity Horse Show to be held at the Ike Hamilton Exposition Center in West Monroe. The dates are March 4-5 beginning at 6:00 P.M., each evening. The proceeds from this annual Charity Walking/Racking Horse Show are dedicated to the Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation, the funding mechanism for our Scottish Rite Speech and Hearing Clinic. We are rightfully proud of our clinic's record of highly successful treatments of communication disorders in children, with absolutely no charge to the child or family for these services.

We look forward to our one day Spring Reunion on March 26, anticipating greeting new members and building friendships that will last a lifetime. These reunions afford all of us an opportunity to participate, to renew old friendships, make new friends and experience again the wonderful lessons inculcated in the Masters of the Royal Secret. The Obligatory Degrees will be conferred and in addition, other rewritten degrees will be presented, with cast members wearing period costumes.

On March 24th, Ill. Woody Bilyeu, 33° and his cast will perform the beautiful obligatory Maundy Thursday Ceremony, Service of Remembrance, of Extinguishing and Relighting the Lights. The Paschal Feast is symbolized after the Extinguishing of the Lights. We urge all Scottish Rite Masons to invite their families and friends

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to join us in these ceremonies.

Our thanks to the brethren who work so hard to make these events successful.

Lloyd E. Hennigan, Jr. 32° KCCH



KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREWS

Perhaps you noticed several of the members wearing a blue ribbon on their coats or shirts at the fall ceremonial. These members of the Valley are members of the Knights of Saint Andrews. The ribbon is the official Louisiana tartan and the colors are significant. From the Louisiana Tartan website:

<http://www.csbr.org/latartan1.htm>

we learn the tartan consists of basically four colors. The blue color represents the sky and particularly the lakes, bayous, rivers, and waterways Louisiana is well known for. The color white represents rice, cotton, sugar cane, and the Magnolia tree we Louisianans appreciate. The color green represents agriculture and forestry Louisiana is famous for. Black represents petroleum and other natural resources Louisiana is known for.

If you are a thirty-second degree "Black Hat" Scottish Rite Mason and wish to do something for the Monroe Valley contact the Secretary for further information.



IN MEMORIAM

Cecil Franklin Albright, 32°
 Robert William Beason, 32°
 Thomas William Fant, 32°
 Robert Lee Fletcher, 32°

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ing according to the Ten Commandants. As we Masons attempt to live clean, pure moral lives, so do we honor young people for doing the same. Integrity also means being true to oneself.

All of us are aware of the turmoil that surrounds us daily. We need only turn on the nightly news to be reminded of the dishonesty and lack of integrity at all levels. The incidents range from corporate America to our Federal government to our local government. We seem to always be hearing the negatives in the world today, but what about the positives? Each and every one of us should ask ourselves, "What difference can I make?" You would be surprised that the smallest of actions can make a lasting change and effect. The action that I am speaking of is "being true to ourselves and acting accordingly, having the courage of our convictions". Even though it is a small act, it in fact is not always easy to achieve, as temptation and peer pressure are great forces working against each of us. In society today, where success is viewed by what we have rather than who we are and how we act, does little to reinforce the ideals of honesty and integrity. It seems we too often get caught up in the "you versus me" mind set. It is for these reasons that living a life of integrity must be a constant ongoing effort, for it only takes one case of poor judgment to have a lifetime of integrity lost in a flash. We all know of friends or relatives who are viewed as men or women of integrity, but who draws the line concerning integrity? I submit to you that each of us draws our own lines and it is our charge to set that line high. ***We must always strive not to be better than someone else, but strive to be better than ourselves.***

All Masons want all young people to know that we are extremely proud of each recipient who has ever received this award. Each of you provides us with good news and are a beacon for the promise of the future. Your generation will soon be providing the leadership for our country. We know that with your dedication to honesty and integrity, the future looks bright.

Brethren, the above was an excerpt from that talk of several years ago, but it still runs true today as it did in our father's generation, "*our children are our future*".

Robert J. Hutchinson 33°

All 2004 KCCH and 33° recipients are reminded to check with the secretary to make sure that all fees associated with their elevation and head wear have been paid.

Much has been said lately about our upcoming Branson, Missouri, extravaganza. Next to the Spring Reunion, the next Branson trip was promised by Br. Lloyd to hold more surprises, more fun and greater benefits than the last. All interested parties should call our secretary to discuss the same.

DeMolay Honors Clayton J. Borne, III 32° - KCCH

Venerable Master Clayton J. Borne, III, 32°KCCH was invested with the prestigious DeMolay Legion of Honor award at our March convocation. According to DeMolay authority, Br. John Williamson, "it is the highest honor in the gift of the International Supreme Council and is given not only for DeMolay labor but for service to God, to country and to Humanity. This award pertains to deserved recognition for outstanding service in a chosen field of endeavour." Br. Hebert offered that nearly every Grand Master has received this award. There are two classes of honor available to include Active and Honorary. Br. Borne is a past DeMolay and therefore received the Active designation.

The presentation team included:
Br. John Williamson, Grand Commander in the East
Br. Charles McCarty, Grand Commander in the West
Br. Jim Walley, Chaplain
Br. Jim Parker, Herald and Marshall
Br. Howard Entwistle, 1st Preceptor
Br. Lloyd Hebert, 2nd Preceptor
Br. Nick Randazzo, 3rd Preceptor
Br. Clay Wolfe, Jr, 4th Preceptor
Br. Allen Tidwell, PGM, 5th Preceptor
Br. Robby Fink, 5th Preceptor
Br. Wayne Switzer, 7th Preceptor



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Our March dining will be a menu prepared and served by the brothers of Etoile Polaire lodge of New Orleans. Much appreciation was afforded those fine fellows for a superior gastronomic effort. We hope that they will return in fine form in the future.

Incoming Venerable Master, Clayton J. Borne, III, reported his plans for Valentine's recognition of our Scottish Rite ladies. Our female contingent deserves every recognition and applause, encouragement and assistance.

Your correspondent's report would be incomplete without specifically commending our Scottish Rite ladies for their unflinching support. THANKS, YOU'RE THE BEST!

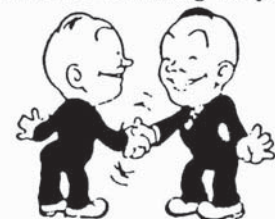


Urging the membership to keep our upcoming Spring Reunion in mind and to encourage early registration for the Branson extravaganza, I remain in your faithful and fraternal service.

Dr. Cornelius E. Gorman, II, KCCH



Someone is waiting for you



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

CLINIC NEWS

Baton Rouge

The Spring 2005 semester at the Baton Rouge Scottish Rite Learning Center has begun and we have some exciting changes taking place. We have added window treatments and carpeting to the waiting room and office, thus significantly reducing the noise level in our building.

We also have two new graduate students, Rainee Deshotel and Iris Poland, from the Department of Communication Disorders at Louisiana State University. We are looking forward to both of these students developing wonderful relationships with their new clients. We have 13 children attending therapy this semester. Six of the children have developmental disabilities and seven have problems with either speech sounds or language skills. Four of our children are beginning to use picture communication systems to help with their communication skills.

One of our new therapeutic focuses is developing more appropriate social skills. All of the children are encouraged to say hello and goodbye, establish eye-contact with the therapist, and use words, pictures or sign language to communicate. We encourage anyone who is interested to come by and visit with our therapists and children. We think you will be quite impressed with all of the changes that have taken place in our learning center over the past four years.

*Dr. Alisa Mendoza, PhD.
Director/Coordinator
Baton Rouge Scottish Rite
Childhood Learning Center*

Our New Graduate Students

Rainee Deshotel received her bachelor's degree in Communication Disorders and is pursuing her Master's Degree in Speech, Language, Hearing Pathology at Louisiana State University.

The possibilities of helping a person recover a significant facet of life is what drew Rainee to the field. She is especially interested in the language aspects of the field, such as child language development and adult language disorders. She hopes to work in a rehabilitative facility after graduating in May 2006.

Rainee is the second, of a family of three girls from Mamou and currently resides in Baton Rouge with her husband.

Baton Rouge Clinic News continued:

Iris Poland is a proud newlywed of five months. She comes from a very close knit family and is the first of three children. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with friends and family, shopping and being active in her church.

She received an undergraduate degree in Communication Disorders at LSU and is currently pursuing her Masters. Iris has an interest in Aural Rehabilitation and hopes to pursue a career in the hospital setting after graduation in May 2006. Past clinical experiences and opportunities to work under such experienced staff has strengthened her love for the field.

*Joe Stroud 33°
Clinic Administrator*



Rainee Deshotel with students Caleb and Todd



Iris Poland at the computer with Josh



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Shreveport Valley News*

Reunion Schedule

Saturday, April 23, 2002

7:15 AM	Registration
8:00 AM	Class Photograph
8:15 AM	4°
8:45 AM	6°
9:15 AM	7° (Explanation)
10:00 AM	Coffee Break
10:15 AM	8°
10:45 AM	9°
11:15 AM	10°
11:45 AM	11°
12:15 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	12°
1:30 PM	14°
2:30 PM	Coffee Break
2:45 PM	17° (Explanation)
3:00 PM	18°
4:15 PM	19°
5:00 PM	20°
5:45 PM	Dinner
6:30 PM	21°

Sunday, April 24, 2005

8:00 AM	24°
8:45 AM	26°
9:30 AM	28°
10:15 AM	Coffee Break
10:30 AM	30°
11:30 AM	Church Service
12:00 Noon	Lunch
1:00 PM	31°
2:00 PM	Coffee
2:15 PM	32°



Spring into Reunion

Submitted by the Editor

By now the Valleys have scheduled their respective spring reunions. The Reunion Committees have been active contacting Degree Masters and scheduling rehearsals. The Class, Stage, Wardrobe, Sound, Registration and Refreshment Committees have coordinated their respective duties with each other.

By estimation, 100+ Scottish Rite Masons are ready to participate by either working in one of the aforementioned committees or performing on stage in the Degree. That is probably a very conservative estimate. It is the 11th hour and with the stage set, all is well.

The Candidates arrive at the appointed time and are greeted by the Class Committee Chairman. Pictures are taken and the first of many Degrees begin very shortly. Degree cast members rush to wardrobe and review their scripts or at least find their cue cards. The house lights dim, stage lights brighten and the curtain rises for the first of many times. All is well.

I remember hearing about Scottish Rite reunions at a young age. It was a major calendar event for my father. He would have left the house on a Saturday morning long before I awoke and return late that evening. He dressed in a white jump suit with a badge or identification tag hanging from his pocket, wearing an odd looking cap. The early departure repeated on Sunday and again the following weekend, twice a year. I remember him talking to my mother about the large number of people that were in attendance, guests and members that he hadn't seen since the previous gathering and the number in the class. Dad's attendance was important to him as it remains today.

My first real exposure to Scottish Rite Masonry was during the reunion in Marksville. The five Valleys managed somehow to coordinate 5 individual Wardrobe, Stage, Prop, Degree Teams and support together to perform the Degrees in a seamless manner. I can't recall the number of men that attended, but the auditorium at Marksville High School was almost standing room only. Not only was it impressive, but the fellowship and brotherhood observed from members representing the entire state was something to behold. The Shrine held a Ceremonial following the 32° Degree. It was a memorable day for all of us. After having worked in many reunions in Shreveport and understanding all that is involved, the sheer magnitude of what was accomplished in Marksville by the Valleys continues to impress me.

A reunion, much like a family reunion, should bring members, *our family*, together that may haven't seen each other since the previous gathering. We call the semiannual conferring of the Degrees a Reunion but it is much more than exposing new members to the secrets of our Rite. It should also be a renewed time of fellowship and friendship. Instead many report 30 minutes before their Degree, get dressed, recite their part, redress and leave, never once meeting the candidates nor taking the time to enjoy being among the brethren. Others are so busy with lights, props, sound, backdrops and wardrobe that little time is left to socializing. Troubling still is having an unexpected vacancy in the cast, stage, sound, kitchen and

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Spring into Reunion

scrambling to find someone to fill in. The beautiful theater in Shreveport Scottish Rite Temple seats hundreds of people. How great it would be to see those seats filled by our members returning to *their* reunion. The question of the day seems to be *How many candidates do we have?* More importantly isn't the question to ask is *How many of our members have returned?* If you didn't work on a Committee or as a cast member, would you attend your reunion? If you aren't involved in such a manner, are you attending your reunion? If not, why not? The stage, costumes, props and scripts are the same or improved. The Degrees are still as beautiful to see and their meanings as worthy to discover.

Are the new members left with the impression that their attendance at future reunions is not necessary or that they are somehow excluded; their destination has been reached and the journey is over? Or are we learning about their talents to include them in our Rite, our meetings, our committees and in the next reunion? Are we holding on to our scripts in the Degrees until death do us part? Or are we approaching the new members during the reunion to see if any would like to be alternates or become a member of the cast?

My experience in Blue Lodge has shown that if the newly raised Master Masons are put to work, given work, shown they are needed in the success of the Lodge, they return on a regular basis. They bring new ideas, new energy and ask questions to gain understanding. Everyone needs to be validated and have a feeling of being a part of the group. The Foundation's philanthropy grew from Scottish Rite Masons. Scottish Rite Masons coming together for a greater cause. Shouldn't our reunions bring those same brethren together for our common cause of mankind's moral, spiritual and intellectual development? Let us get to the point that all really is well. If you haven't attended lately, please consider doing so this year. Your presence is needed by those working behind the scenes as well as by those you need to meet for the first time. If you attend regularly, thank you for your faithful service.

After returning from the January Leadership Conference in New Orleans, I realized there is work to be done to increase the number in attendance during our regular meetings as well as our reunions. The Level 1 session revealed, to me at least, that the new Venerable Masters are charged with conducting the activities in their Valleys and their success will be determined by the programs introduced during their year. The Venerable Master has a great responsibility and therefore our duty is to support him. It takes our members, and can begin with returning to the reunion. See you there.



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Worth A 1000 Words



Courtesy of John Butterick-Valley of Lake Charles and Jim Grady-Valley of Baton Rouge

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Reflections on the Degree of Intimate Secretary

The other forbidden subject is religion. As members of our sublime fraternity, we profess faith in a Supreme Being. In our various religious traditions we enhance our faith with commitment to other beings, concepts, and truths that often bring contention when these commitments confront one another, and conflict can often be the result.

However, we are taught as Freemasons, and more especially as Scottish Rite Freemasons, to be tolerant of the faith and traditions of all humans. As with political ideas, the Freemason can learn and grow not only by listening to the religious thoughts and concepts of others but also by giving these thoughts and concepts credence. Through careful thought and consideration the Freemason may also reinforce his commitment to and growth in his own belief system.

The Freemason should be tolerant. Our Brother Rudyard Kipling gives us our example in his autobiography, *SOMETHING OF MYSELF*:

“In '85 I was made a Freemason by dispensation (Lodge Hope and Perseverance 782 E.C.), being under age, because the Lodge hoped for a good Secretary. They did not get him, but I helped, and got the Father to advise, in decorating the bare walls of the Masonic Hall with hangings after the prescription of Solomon's Temple. Here I met Moslems, Hindus, Sikhs, members of the Arya and Brahma Samaj, and a Jew Tyler, who was priest and butcher to his little community in the city. So yet another world opened to me which I needed.”

Our Brother Johann Wolfgang von Goethe cautions us about what we must not become. “People have a peculiar pleasure in making converts, that is, in causing others to enjoy what they enjoy, thus finding their own likeness represented and reflected back to them.”

Our task is to hear others and convince them by our example, not to coerce them with our words

How effective we Freemasons would be in this world if we truly lived by the tenets of our sublime fraternity and made our generous and gracious actions and treatment of our fellow humans our messages to our world.



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L:R Joe Baker, PGM-32° KCCH, Stuart M. Cowan, PGM of Hawaii and National President of Sojourners, Clyde Strout 32° KCCH and Larry Ledbetter 33° at the Scottish Rite Luncheon



Bev Guillot 32° KCCH from the Valley of Baton Rouge describes a new 2 man play based on the 3rd ruffian that provides information on Scottish Rite masonry to prospective members.



M: W: Neil R. Crane, GM-33° addresses the members during the luncheon.

Foundation News continued:

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2005

Speech and Language Scholarships were awarded to the following Graduate Student for 2005

Monroe

- Stephanie Gail Wright \$1,250.00
- N. Lavone Morace Badeau 1,250.00

Shreveport

- Kendal Michelle Cole 1,250.00
- Erin Leah Dup 1,250.00

New Orleans

- *Leigh A. Bouterie 1,750.00
- *Camille L. Hodson 1,750.00

*Received scholarships for spring and summer semesters



Letter

Your Foundation continually receives correspondence from family, teachers and students thanking you for the services provided. The following is a letter from Polly Cook Williams of Shreveport that was recently received.

“I just wanted to write and thank you for all that the Scottish Rite has done for both of my children with the speech therapy that you have provided through LSU and the Mollie Webb Center. Both my daughter, Martha, and my son, Jeffery, received services through the generosity of the Scottish Rite and I wanted to let you know how much I appreciated what you and the Scottish Rite have done. I have enclosed a donation of \$100 to help Scottish Rite in their missions.

I just love driving to your beautiful building each week on my way to church. I had the occasion to go inside some years ago but I just hated it that we never got the chance to go to speech in your building. I told Mr. Murphy I may need another tour sometime soon!

Again, thank you for everything that you have done for us. We appreciate it so much.

Sincerely,
Patty Cook Williams



THE LAST WORD



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

Spring is around the corner and the weather will improve, and those things that seemed to die have a rebirth. We are entering the Obligatory Service of Remembrance period when we pause and reflect on the lives of those members of the Scottish Rite who are no longer among us, but who have achieved their Eternal Reward - our traditional Maundy Thursday Service now includes this important part. We need to include the Wives and Family Members of those whom we honor during this Service too - please invite them to attend. As a part of our Obligation in the Fourteenth Degree, we pledged never to forget those family members left behind, and to honor the memory of those who have gone before us. This past year has seen some Giants leave this earthly abode for their heavenly reward - let us honor their memory. The Lodge of Perfection has this responsibility and duty of performing this obligatory observance. I hope that each of you will attend and participate in this annual activity.

The end of January saw a fantastic event hosted by the Valley of New Orleans - our annual Leadership Certification Conference. Each year, the elected leaders of your Valley gather to exchange ideas and learn new ideas on how to make your Scottish Rite experience better for you. The three elected officers of each Lodge of Perfection, and the elected heads of each Chapter, Council and Consistory come together and have a chance to get to know each other better, plan better programs, hear from "outside" Scottish Rite leaders and hopefully get a better understanding of what Scottish Rite can and should offer every member. This year, we offered three levels at the Conference - Level 1 gave basic ideas and plans and informed leaders on program planning and Scottish Rite traditions and programs. Level 2 offered strategic planning and officer training, and Level 3 offered a seminar on Freemasonry, its growth, influences, traditions and future as it interfaces with Scottish Rite. Outstanding speakers, instructors and mentors included Gregory Klemm from the Valley of Chicago, E. John Elmore from the Valley of Greensboro, NC, Judge Boyd Patterson from the Valley of Dallas, and our own set of "local" experts - John Butterick, R B Smith, John Atkinson, Ballard Smith, Lloyd Pence and Woody Bilyeu. We had a special session on the new computer system

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being offered from the Supreme Council that was led by Andy Lovas from the Valley of Atlanta. So the gathering of good men who are our Leaders in Louisiana Scottish Rite totaled almost fifty; and some brought along their ladies who enjoyed some shopping opportunities while in New Orleans. It was a good Conference, and my personal thanks are extended to Lloyd Hebert, General Secretary for the Valley of New Orleans, who coordinated and engineered the entire weekend, and to all who attended and took their weekend to learn more about Scottish Rite in order to better perform as your Leaders.

Our Annual Honors Luncheon and our Annual Scottish Rite Foundation Business Meeting held at Grand Lodge in Alexandria in mid-February were successful gatherings of Scottish Rite members from across the State. My thanks to Charles Callahan, General Secretary for the Valley of Lake Charles, who coordinated the Honors Luncheon, and to John Atkinson, our Foundation President, for ensuring that both events were well planned and attended. There were many good Scottish Rite members who assisted at the Scottish Rite Information Table at Grand Lodge too - many thanks to all who helped in this annual activity. Much good information, visiting and exchanges of fellowship occurred around that table as it has every year.

A remarkable program is now available through Scottish Rite for all of your area Lodges. Brother John Belanger has written a "Scottish Rite Awareness Program". He is ably assisted by Bro. B. J. "Bev" Guillot who is serving as the Venerable Master this year in the Valley of Baton Rouge. Bro. Belanger has constructed the last hours in the life of The Third Assassin. He appears in his prison cell awaiting death, and is racked with guilt as "his conscience" questions his actions and motives. It is a program that helps explain the differences between the Third Degree in our York Rite and the Scottish Rite - a wonderful program that you may want to have as a part of your membership information visits to area Lodges. Contact John Belanger or B J Guillot for information and available dates. It is well worth seeing.

We enter our semi-annual Reunion time in Louisiana, and we must remember that a Reunion is just that - a time to bring everyone back together as well as introduce Master Masons to the wonders of Scottish Rite. While you work on increasing membership, please do not forget to invite all members to come back and attend a weekend of Fellowship and Brotherhood. We must work harder at keeping our existing members and involve each man in the work of Scottish Rite. There is a place for every member in every Valley - utilize every man in a job. We need more involvement and participation from every current member.

To each of you who continues your membership in Scottish Rite and who lives the ideals of Freemasonry and who shares the philosophy of Scottish Rite each day, thank you. As I reach an age where I realize that all of my close friends and contacts are associated with Freemasonry, I value even more the lessons learned at the Altars first as a DeMolay, then as a Master Mason, and finally as a Master of the Royal Secret - the great secrets are Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love. Thank you for continuing to practice and be a Scottish Rite member.



Bill Mollere

Did You Know?

How does the Sovereign Grand Commander get elected?

Article VI, Sec. 34 "A two-thirds vote of the Members present shall be necessary to elect a Sovereign Grand Commander; a majority shall be sufficient in all other cases, except when otherwise provided in these statutes".

Article VI, Sec. 35 "No vote by proxy or letter for the election of any officer shall be received or counted".



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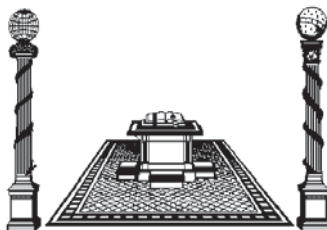
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Help Aid & Assist

Please look at the right hand column of page 2 and take a second to compare what events are listed to those that you might be aware of in your local area that aren't listed. Now, if you have information of special calendar events not shown on page 2, I need YOU! I want to provide a two month calendar of events for ALL the masonic bodies in the state, DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, Eastern Star, York Rite, Daughters of the Nile, Shrine, District Lodge events/meetings and any body I might have forgotten to list. I am interested in special meetings and ceremonies. My email address is storm52@bellsouth.net, my phone number is (318) 965-9977. Pass the information on to anyone on the Editorial Staff or the Valley Secretaries and they will forward to me. Remember though we print 2 months advance, so the next information will cover events in May and June. However, if you can provide the dates for the balance of the year, by all means do so. I will retain it for future publication.

*Fraternally,
Steve Pence*

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