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## HONORS In LOUISIANA

During the 2005 Biennial Supreme Council Session of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction held the first week in October in Washington, D.C. The following members of the Louisiana Orient received the Inspector General Honorary 33° or the Knight Commander Court of Honour. Nineteen IGH and 41 KCCH honors were bestowed on most deserving members.

### INSPECTORS GENERAL HONORARY-33°

Robert Ellis Bazzell	Valley of Shreveport
John Leslie Belanger	Valley of Baton Rouge
Malford Twain Byrd	Valley of New Orleans
Morrell "Jack" Claunch	Valley of Baton Rouge
John Troupe Dark	Valley of Shreveport
Chester Alton Drummond	Valley of Monroe
Frank Nadau duTreil, Jr.	Valley of New Orleans
Allen Robert Fruge	Valley of Lake Charles
William Carl Gray	Valley of New Orleans
Beverly Joseph Guillot	Valley of Baton Rouge
Charles Franklin Jackson	Valley of Shreveport
John Juneau	Valley of Baton Rouge
Paul Otto Langenbeck	Valley of New Orleans
Ray Valentine Moses	Valley of Lake Charles
James Dean Parker	Valley of New Orleans
James Howard Pieper	Valley of Shreveport
Melvin Garland Russell	Valley of Monroe
Jerry Lynn Sicard	Valley of Baton Rouge
Harold Hill Young	Valley of Lake Charles

### Origins Of The Honors

Upon the creation of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the final degree was named "Sovereign Grand Inspector General." This degree was separated from the other AASR degrees in that it was created to be both a degree and an office, not unlike the 25th degree of the so-called Rite of Perfection. One who received the 33rd degree also held the office of Sovereign Grand Inspector General and was an Active Member of a Supreme Council.

After the creation of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in 1813, it was not uncommon for Active Members of one U.S. Jurisdiction to visit the other, sometimes moving into the other jurisdiction. In the early 1800's both the Southern Jurisdiction and NMJ were limited to 9 Active Members, and it was pos-

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## KNIGHTS COMMANDER, COURT OF HONOR

James Pierson Allen, Jr.	Valley of Baton Rouge
Donald Bert Bonnacarrere	Valley of Baton Rouge
Donald Lee Brazzell	Valley of Monroe
John William Chambers	Valley of Shreveport
David Leland Culligan	Valley of Shreveport
Thomas Patrick Dickson	Valley of Shreveport
Howard Fellows Entwistle, Jr.	Valley of New Orleans
Raymond Clinton Fink	Valley of New Orleans
Nolen Ross Gamble	Valley of Lake Charles
Rellis Phil Godfrey	Valley of Shreveport
James Edward Grady, Jr.	Valley of Baton Rouge
George Buckner Gray	Valley of Shreveport
Warren Anthony Hintz, Jr.	Valley of New Orleans
Travis Marcelle Holley	Valley of Monroe
Jesse James Hollingshead	Valley of Lake Charles
Carle Lorenz Jackson	Valley of Baton Rouge
Richard Leo James	Valley of Monroe
Danny Leeman Johnson	Valley of Baton Rouge
Robert Joseph Knight, Jr.	Valley of Baton Rouge
Junior Joseph Lebeouf	Valley of New Orleans
Richard D Mahoney	Valley of Monroe
Jerry James Manuel	Valley of Lake Charles
Fredrick Joel McAnn	Valley of Shreveport
Bowdre McDowell	Valley of New Orleans
Samuel L Montgomery, Jr.	Valley of New Orleans
Richard Dale Morgan	Valley of Lake Charles
Elbert Leevon Mott	Valley of Shreveport
Jay W Owensby	Valley of New Orleans
Elmo Joseph Pitre, Jr.	Valley of New Orleans
Tarro Joseph Pitre, Jr.	Valley of New Orleans
William Bennett Powell	Valley of Lake Charles
Edward Albert Reine	Valley of New Orleans
Robert Vincent Roberts, Jr.	Valley of Shreveport
Robert Samuel Salts, Jr.	Valley of Shreveport
Wilbert Stelly	Valley of Lake Charles
Leroy George Stenzel, Jr.	Valley of Monroe
Philip Harold Thibodeaux	Valley of Lake Charles
Timothy Wayne Tuck	Valley of Shreveport
Jules Hillard Tucker	Valley of New Orleans
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Grand Master of Masons in Louisiana

**Annual Table Lodge-Featuring Robert G. Davis-33° Grand Cross**

Lodge of Nine Muses, U.D., is sponsoring a Table Lodge on **Wednesday, November 9th**, at the Camelot Club in Baton Rouge. The social hour starts at 6:00 p.m. and the Table Lodge will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Bro. Robert Davis, 33°, Grand Cross, Executive Secretary of the Guthrie Scottish Rite Bodies in Oklahoma, will be the keynote speaker. He will talk on the contribution Masons have made as citizens in their countries and how our beloved Fraternity is likely to feature in the future. Bro. Davis is well known as both a researcher and for his work in Masonic renewal. For the latter, he was awarded the Paul Horn Memorial Medal by the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington, becoming the first person that is not a Past Grand Master to receive this highest award of the state. In 1999, his Masonic leadership was recognized by the Grand Master's Award of the Grand Lodge of Kansas (the highest honor given by that Grand Lodge). Davis also holds the Cross of Honor and the Legion of Honor in DeMolay.

Bro. Davis presently serves as the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma. He is past President and Fellow of the International Philaethes Society, and serves as the editor of the High Council publications, and Masonic Rosicrucians. He was recently elected a member of the Nine Muses Council No. 13 in Washington, D.C. Bro. Davis is a Masonic scholar and author of a recently released book, *Understanding Manhood in America*, and co-author of *100 Years of Scottish Rite Masonry in the Valley of Guthrie*. He is an engaging speaker and travels the U.S. to speak at and facilitate Masonic discussions.

Come join members of the Lodge of Nine Muses, U.D., for an enlightening Masonic evening of fellowship and the opportunity to hear one of the foremost Masonic scholars in the nation.

The ticket for the Table Lodge is \$60 per person and will include a souvenir "firing" glass. Dress is dark suit for gentlemen and evening dress for ladies. Parking is free in the basement of the building at 451 Florida Boulevard. The elevators will bring you to the 21<sup>st</sup> floor.

For more information contact any member of the Lodge of Nine Muses, U.D.

Time is near for me to send this publication to the printers. I thank Marc Conrad for his great submission for the New Orleans Valley as I wasn't certain that was going to be a possibility. Lake Charles is experiencing problems with electricity and internet capabilities. Although the news about the building there is better than initially reported, much damage still exists and many of those members are displaced. Beyond Lake Charles' Valley page, I am keeping any available space open for them. The Trestleboard may be the best, if only, source of post Katrina/Rita information. I decided to keep my rambling limited in length.

We have many seasons in Louisiana. Oak pollen, baseball, mosquito, football, hunting seasons to name a few. One that is unique to the Coastal states is Hurricane Season. Thankfully, it is over but will be remembered by many generations. The Thanksgiving, Chanukah and Christmas Seasons will come and go before the next issue is published.

I won't attempt to say I know how the members that were affected by the storms are feeling. I can empathize with them as I have first hand experience with hurricanes, flooding, ice storms, severe hail damage and a tornado through my house during my life.

Through all the recent tragedy take the time to remember that there is much to be truly thankful. This country, that gives us the freedom to meet as men and Masons, this Fraternity and supported charities, our friends and family and most importantly, a loving God that provides for every opportunity.

May you have a blessed Thanksgiving Holiday. What ever your faith may be, may the reason of this season bring you peace and joy.

*Happy Thanksgiving  
Merry Christmas  
Steve*

**Calendar of Events**

**Orient of Louisiana**

- Conference of the Orient Nov 11  
Shreveport
- Honors Day Nov 12  
Shreveport

**York Rite**

- Rhodes Commandry Inspection  
Leesville Nov 7
- York Rite College Meeting  
Alexandria Nov 19

# Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation News

## Foundation Update

Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation is awaiting the completion of the audit for the fiscal year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 and will be reported in this column when received.

The Foundation is most happy to announce that an affiliation has been established with the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Department of Communicative Disorders. Ms. Holly Damico, M.S CC/SLP, is the Director of the Speech, Language and Hearing Center and the foundation is most fortunate to be affiliated with this university and its outstanding program. This Center will provide service to the children and families residing in Lake Charles Scottish Rite are of responsibility in the Supreme Council's Rite Care Program. The Scottish Rite Administrator from the Valley of Lake Charles has not been appointed as of this date.

Also due the severe damage by Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, The D. Walter Jessen Speech, Language and Hearing Center, opened in 1987 in conjunction with LSU-HSC, New Orleans, and with the approval of the Leadership Team of the New Orleans Valley, is in the process of being transferred to Southeastern Louisiana at Hammond, Louisiana.

Paula S. Currie, Ph.D., CCC-S, Associate Professor, is the Head of the Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders. The foundation is most fortunate to be affiliated Southeastern and their outstanding program. New Orleans Scottish Rite Bodies will continue the administration of the center and children who were previously attending the program at LSUHSC will be given the opportunity to transfer to Southeastern.

The Foundation is looking forward a long relationship with these two universities and will continue to provide outstanding care to the children and families who look to us for help.

*John L. Atkinson, 33°  
President*



## Foundation Scholarships

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

### Shreveport

Kendal Michelle Cole  
Erin Leah Dupree

### Monroe

Erin Nicole Morris  
Kasey Dawn Lindow  
Gracie Sarah Lard

### Lake Charles

Amy Nicole Ballard



## Foundation Donations

*Beryl C. Franklin  
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*You must give some time to your fellow men. Even if it's a little thing, do something for others - something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it. -*

*Albert Schwietzer*



Someone is waiting for you



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



Ricks Martin Bowles, 32° KCCH

### Reflections On The Degree of Provost and Judge

*“It is well, when judging a friend, to remember that he is judging you with the same godlike and superior impartiality.”*

*Arnold Bennett*

I recall a short story on Masonic fidelity by Worshipful Brother Edward S. Ellis. It is found in a book titled *HIGH TWELVE* and is about Judge Kendrick Brandroth, a former Colonel of an Arkansas Regiment in the War Between the States and Master of his Lodge. The old judge, revolver in hand, encounters a burglar who gives his name as Ted Girton. Mr. Girton, a rather shaggy and unkempt fellow with long whiskers, has obviously been ravaged by the excesses of alcohol and is living as a bum. He does not resist his capture, however, and the Judge invites him to sit down in his study.

After talking with the would-be robber at some length he determines that he is an educated man with some knowledge of the law. There is also a nagging familiarity about the man. Judge Brandroth decides to take a chance on the man, offers him the means to sobriety, and puts him to work on some legal matters. Mr. Girton's work is impeccable and he becomes a valued friend and trusted member of the Judge's household.

Some time later Mr. Girton asks for, and is granted, time off for personal matters.

At the next regular meeting of his lodge, Worshipful Master Brandroth was in the East. A Mr. Winfield H. Runyon was announced by the Tyler. After examination Brother Runyon was allowed to enter and be seated among the Brethren. Of course, it was Ted Girton, well dressed and shaven, whom Judge Brandroth now recognizes as his old Captain from his Arkansas Regiment, a man who had once acted as a guardian angel saving his then Colonel, and now Judge, from being taken prisoner. Brother Runyon, when asked, addresses the Lodge and compares the actions of the Judge to those of the Christian Master and to the Good Samaritan and says, “When he and I came together, it was ‘Low 12’ with me; to-night, thank God, at last it is ‘High 12.’ ”

I am ill equipped to comment extensively on the degree of Provost And Judge or on the subject of being a judge. I am human and, like all humans, I often judge the actions and motives of others. Sometimes my actions as a judge are responsible and necessary. As a manager I often had to mediate between employees, and when no amicable settlement could be achieved, I had to make the call. I have had to judge as a father, coach, Lodge officer, committee chair or member, and in every other part of my life. When it does fall my lot to judge, to quote Walt Whitman, “Justice is always in jeopardy.”

One of our late brothers, who was well equipped to comment extensively on this subject, is the Illustrious Albert Pike. A portion of his comments for Freemasons follows from MORALS & DOGMA.

*“Good men are too proud of their goodness. They are respectable; dishonour comes not near them; their countenance*

*has weight and influence; their robes are unstained; the poisonous breath of calumny as never been breathed upon their fair name. How easy it is for them to look down with scorn upon the poor degraded offender; to pass him by with a lofty step; to draw up the folds of their garment around them, that they may not be soiled by his touch! Yet the Great Master of Virtue did not so; but descended to familiar intercourse with publicans and sinners, with the Samaritan woman, with the outcasts and the Pariahs of the Hebrew world.”*

When we judge others we should do well to remember that but for the dictates of circumstance and decision we might well be standing in the shoes of that one on whom we are passing judgment. Brother Pike reminds us that, “The power of gentleness is too little seen in the world; the subduing influences of pity, the might of love, the control of mildness over passion, the commanding majesty of that perfect character which mingles grave displeasure with grief and pity for the offender.”

It occurs to me that there may be among us brothers of whom we are unaware. We should be careful about how we judge them. We should also be careful as we judge all humans. Who knows? They might be hidden angels.

*Ricks M. Bowles retired from Morton Salt, after 31 years as District Sales Manager. A fourth generation Mason, he was raised in 1975 at John B. Garrett Lodge #711, Nashville, Tenn. He holds membership in St. Paul Lodge #3 AF&AM St. Paul, Mn, Meridian Lodge #284 AF&AM, Richmond, Va. and The Lodge of the Nine Muses, UD in Baton Rouge. A member of the Scottish Rite since 1975, he received KCCH in 2003. He works in the 18th Degree at the Baton Rouge Valley.*



# 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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### Branson Trip

November 3rd thru 7th

### Calendar of Events-2005

**Wednesday, November 5, 2005**

Stated Communication

Guest Speaker

**Wednesday, December 7, 2005**

Jersusalem Temple Shrine Center

Orchestra, Louis Stern

**Note: Meetings subject to curfew in Orleans Parish**

**Branson Trip**

**November 3-7**

**Knights of St. Andrew**

Meeting the 3rd Monday of each Month



### Valley News

*That which causes us trials shall yield us triumph: and that which make our hearts ache shall fill us with gladness. The only true happiness is to learn, to advance, and to improve: which could not happen unless we had commenced with error, ignorance, and imperfection. We must pass through the darkness, to reach the light.*

*Albert Pike*

*Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm-*  
*Publilius Syrus*

*A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials.*

*A Chinese Proverb*

*These are the times that try men's souls.*  
*Thomas Payne*

Hurricane Katrina was just a gentle breeze when stacked against the Principles of Freemasonry and the human spirit! The Brethren of the Valley of New Orleans and our historic Scottish Rite Temple withstood the ravages of the storm. There is little damage to the Valley that cannot be repaired. Sunlight peeks through a few shingles in the ceiling of our auditorium and there is minor damage elsewhere about the building. Yet, Masonic light, industry, and an eternal optimism in the benevolence of the Great Architect are enough to seal these small material breaches. Our Valley is ready, able, and willing to travel again towards the East in search of more Light.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the above quotes sum up the courage, resolution, leadership, fellowship, and faith that we must now embrace as Scottish Rite brothers following this tragedy. All of us have lost something as a result of this Hurricane, and some of us have lost everything. However, we now have an opportunity to advance our fraternal values and strengthen the ties of fellowship.

The Light of our Creator continues to shine upon us and guide the way. A benevolent and grateful human spirit still prevails. We now have the opportunity to practice the Great Lesson of Charity. We can and will assist those in need. There is no darkness upon the hearts of those who look to the grace and kindness of our Creator. He has spared us from the worst and we continue to give him thanks. He has also provided each of us with the gifts of his wisdom, spirit, strength, and talent with which to rebuild what has been materially lost.

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With great Destruction comes the opportunity and duty of Construction. Freemasons are builders. We have been equipped with the eternal lessons of the Rite. Who better than we, the builders of men, the builders of fraternal ties, the noble, the faithful, and the keepers of the Royal Secret to help rebuild New Orleans? We have the necessary spiritual tools.

The Valley of New Orleans has survived plagues, malaria, the Spanish Flu, the Great Depression, floods, the Civil War, World Wars, and, indeed, Hurricanes. We will continue to practice the values that make freemasonry and Masonic brothers strong and relevant in our world. The fraternal bonds that we have built together with the square, level, plumb, and compasses have met the test. Our fraternal spirit shines through like a strong beacon, undamaged from the storm, and we will lead the way.

The Scottish Rite degrees continue to urge us to practice the lasting and tested ideals of morality, philosophy, religion, and philanthropy. For example, in the 5<sup>th</sup> degree, we are instructed always to prepare for the worst, even death, and to take nothing for granted. Hurricane Katrina has reminded us to keep close to our hearts all that is valuable in life: G-d, family, and fraternity. We have received the greatest of lesson from the storm: take nothing for granted—life is precious. I'm sure in the future that none of us will.

During Hurricane Katrina, I had the opportunity to witness countless acts of charity and kindness that have strengthened my faith in the human spirit. I was truly saddened when I heard about the Masonic lodges in the greater New Orleans who had sustained storm damage, or, were simply

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### In Memoriam

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

# Valley of Shreveport News

Chartered October 26, 1913

Meets on second Tuesdays of every month



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Tuesday, November 8, 2005**

Dinner with Ladies: 6:00 P.M.

Open Meeting & Program 6:30 P.M.

Honoring 50 Year Members

**Tuesday, December 13, 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.*



**Fall Reunion**

The Shreveport Valley's Fall reunion was held on Saturday, September 24th. A one day reunion was held due to an unwelcomed visitor's, Hurricane Rita, arrival. Thankfully, the forecast of severe flooding and damaging winds did not come to fruition. Ten Master Masons were able to attend and were eager to gain additional Masonic knowledge. The new Masters of the Royal Secret are Michael W. Beeler, Tylon B. Blanton, Anthony W. Fabio, J. Dan Festervan, Timothy E. Gildon, G. Kim Green, Edwin R. Jacobs, Timothy R. Robinson, Cloys S. Sartor Jr., Kenneth L. Volentine. Congratulations to these newest members.

**From the Secretary's Desk**

A few of our members have not paid their 2005 Dues. Receipt of dues is our major source of income to be able to meet our annual budget and plan for capital expenditures. If you have not previously remitted your 2005 Dues, please send a check in the amount of \$72.00 to P. O. Box 64, Shreveport-La. 71161. If you have any questions concerning your current status, please contact Betty or me at (318) 221-9713.

*John L. Atkinson, 33°  
General Secretary*



**Congratulations to Honorees**

Although the Shreveport Valley's newest KCCH and IGH are listed on the front page, the Valley again wants to congratulate the Brethren who have been recognized by the Supreme Council for the service they have provided to the Scottish Rite and the community.

Elected as an Inspector General Honorary of the Supreme Council and are entitled to receive the Thirty Third Degree are Robert Ellis Bazzell, John Troupe Dark, Charles Franklin Jackson and James Howard Pieper.

Elected as Knights Commander of the Court of Honour and are entitled to receive the 32° KCCH are John William Chambers, David Leland Culligan, Thomas Patrick Dickson, Rellis Phil Godfrey, George Buckner Gray, Fredrick Joel McAnn, Elbert Leevon Mott, Robert Vincent Roberts Jr., Robert Samuel Salts Jr., Timothy Wayne Tuck.



*Good ritualistic work is a beauty to behold. But it can only be good if it is rehearsed many times. A play, a movie, or television, has been rehearsed many, many times. Hence, many of our brethren stay home to watch television. - Author Unknown*

**Knights of St. Andrew**

A Charter was granted on September 24, 2005 establishing the Shreveport Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew, from the Guthrie Chapter.

The Officers of the KStA Baton Rouge Chapter have graciously agreed to come to Shreveport and install our members. We are looking forward to meeting them and gaining their insight.

There are 10 Charter Members for our Chapter. John Ayer-Knight Commander, Allen Kelly-Knight Warden, Carrey Allison-Knight Captain, Mike Beeler-Bag Piper, Thomas Dickson-Secretary, Virgil Trenado, Larry LaBorde, Shane Cook, Jim Allen, Keith Tindell.

We have voted to accept the Registered Scottish Rite Tartan of the Grand Lodge of Utah as our Chapter Tartan. It represents the Masonic Blue Lodge, the Scottish Rite and other affiliated Masonic Bodies' colors. Our uniforms will consist of the Kilt, Glen Garry Hat, Sporan, KStA Broach as well as other accessories.

*John Ayer, 32°  
Knight Commander -Elect*



**50-Year Honors**

The Valley will honor members who have completed fifty years of service to the Rite. Ill. Ballard L. Smith-33° and Personal Representative to the Deputy of the Supreme Council will present the certificate and lapel pin to the honorees. Members, family and fiends are encouraged to attend on November 13th. Ms. Patti Krieg and the Remember When Quartet will provide a musical program honoring our 50 Year Members.

**IN MEMORIAM**

John Nelson Baker, 32°  
Harris Malcolm Kaffie, 32°  
Hugh Patrick Sullivan, 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, November 16, 2005**

Dinner with guests: 6:30 P.M.  
 Regular meeting: 7:30 P.M.  
 Program: Scholarships-John Butterick

**Wednesday, December 21, 2005**

Dinner with guests: 6:30 P.M.  
 Regular Meeting: 7:30 P.M.  
 Program: Election of 2006 Officers

**Clearing the Secretary's Desk**

Family Day, held on October 22nd, was a great success with over 200 in attendance. Although many of our members were still drying out and assessing damage, the event was a time of close fellowship, friendship and wonderful food. It was truly a day of fraternal union of families.

Ms. Hurricane Rita was no lady to our area. The Cameron area was devastated and Cameron Lodge's (#439) building is destroyed. In fact the structure is gone. Reporting severe damage is Sulphur Lodge #424, Lake Charles #165 Peace and Harmony Lodge #478 and Justice Lodge #449. Although many homes were damaged or destroyed, there were no reports of injury or death to our members and families. Heartfelt thanks for the many calls and prayers received on our behalf.

*Charles G. Callahan, 33°  
 Secretary*

*Unless we are better husbands, fathers, sons, or brother, we aren't following the teachings or living the obligations of Freemasonry. From the home, life broadens into relationships of the community in which we live. We should expect to find Masons in the forefront of every worthwhile community activity. - Author Unknown*



**Honors**

The Lake Charles Valley congratulates our new Honor Members, elected during the Supreme Council session in Washington, D.C.

Elected to Inspector General Honorary of the Supreme Council and will receive the Thirty Third Degee are Allen Robert Fruge, Ray Valentine Moses and Harold Hill Young.

Elected as Knights Commander of the Court of Honor and will receive the 32° KCCH are Nolen Ross Gamble, Jesse James Hollingshead, Jerry James Manuel, Richard Dale Morgan, William Bennett Powell, Wilbert Stelly and Philip Harold Thibodeaux.

These fine Scottish Rite members will be invested in Shreveport on November 12th during the Honors Day event.



*Friendship make prosperity more shining and lessens adversity by dividing and sharing it.* Cicero



**Fall Reunion**

The Lake Charles Valley held the Fall Reunion in September and was well attended, as are all our functions. Eleven new Masters of the Royal Secret were enthusiastic to join the membership. We look forward to having these brethren continuing our work in the Lake Charles Valley



*2005 Fall Reunion Class Picture*

*Remember that there is nothing stable in human affairs; therefore avoid undue elation in prosperity, or undue depression in adversity.*  
 Socrates

**Marksville Meeting**

Recently the Lake Charles Valley moved the Charter to Marksville for an open meeting. Our guest speaker was the Base Commander from Camp Beauregard located in Pineville. Ill. William Mollere was in attendance and spoke briefly to our gathering. A great meal was served prior to the program and we graciously thank our host, Marksville Lodge #269 for having us. Venerable Master Harold "Happy" Elliott remarked that due to the large number in attendance, plans to return to Marksville would be in order.

*John Butterick, 32°  
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**IN MEMORIAM**

Edgar E Barger, 32°  
 Wilmer S. Guillory, 32°  
 Gerald W. Hyatt, 32°  
 Richard R. Kasso, 32°  
 John W. Maley, 32°  
 James D. Pray, 32°

# Valley of Baton Rouge News

## Chartered October 20, 1955

### Meets on second Monday of every month



**Baton Rouge Scottish Rite Temple**  
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Monday November 14, 2005**

Dinner with the Ladies 6:30 P.M.  
 Thanksgiving Dinner-Reservations are requested

Regular Stated Meeting 7:30 P.M.

**Monday December 12, 2005**

Dinner: 6:30 P.M.  
 Meeting 7:30 P.M.

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

*Advisory Committee meets at 5:30 P.M. on the Monday before the regular meeting.*

**Knights of St. Andrew**

Meets the 4th Monday of every month.  
 Refreshment: 6:30 P.M.  
 Meeting 7:00 P.M.

**Knightly News**

Ever since the formation of the Baton Rouge chapter of the Knights of Saint Andrew, the members have taken on the task of presenting the 29<sup>th</sup> degree during Scottish Rite Reunions. This has been a very entertaining degree as the members wear their normal ceremonial attire instead of the regular costumes provided. It really gives a strong feel for the degree and can be a real eye-opener to the audience and candidates alike. I would recommend all Valleys take on the task of running this degree and give it everything you have. For all regular members, if you haven't seen it yet, make it a point to visit your next reunion during that time and enjoy a great show.

*Sir Keith Duncan  
 Knight Commander*

**Venerable Master's Message**

Our State has been devastated by two hurricanes since our last Trestleboard. Many of our brethren have lost their homes, businesses and members of their family. If ever we needed to stretch forth the hand of charity, it is now.

Because of these two catastrophic hurricanes, the Baton Rouge Valley had to cancel the Fall Reunion. Plans are in the works for the Spring. Secure petitions and spread the word of Masonry.

Both the New Orleans and Lake Charles Valleys have been hit hard by the storms. The Baton Rouge Valley received some damage to the roof on one building and lost some of our trees. These damages were minimal compared to New Orleans and Lake Charles. At our September meeting we extended the use of our facilities to the New Orleans Valley and will continue to assist them in any manner possible. This offer will be extended to the Lake Charles Valley as well.

Keep all who have suffered in your prayers.

*Yours in good fellowship,  
 B. J. Guillot, 33°  
 Venerable Master*



*Unless we are better husbands, fathers, sons, or brother, we aren't following the teachings or living the obligations of Freemasonry. From the home, life broadens into relationships of the community in which we live. We should expect to find Masons in the forefront of every worthwhile community activity.*

*Author Unknown*

**Auxiliary**

The Baton Rouge Ladies Auxiliary donated hand made stuffed toys to be given to children involved in traffic accidents in East Baton Rouge Parish. The Auxiliary provides much needed support to various Valley activities, as well as working with various agencies in the community.



*The Ladies Auxiliary: Gladys Siebert, Shirley Stroud, Billie Calvert, Anna Vera Black, Susan Black, Myrnl Juneau, Marian Ballard, Katie Morgan, Carla Whitehead, Monica Guillot and Marylee Allen*



*Deputy Susan Wilson received the toys on behalf of the EBR Sheriff office. Susan is the granddaughter of Joe and Shirley Stroud.*

**In Memoriam**

- Orville W Chandler, 32°
- Charles E Carter, 32°
- William E Kirkland, Jr., 32°
- Imon W Knippers, 32°
- Hubert L Rice, 32°
- Everett O Sanders, Sr., 32°



# Valley of Monroe News

## Chartered November 13, 1971

### Meets on first Thursday of every month



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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

##### Thursday, November 3, 2005

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

##### Thursday, December 1, 2005

Annual Christmas Party 6:00 P.M.  
 Election of Officers 7:00 P.M.



#### A Secretary's Dream

I fell asleep the other night and while I had my snooze,

I dreamt each member had paid their dues.

And when I found t'was but a dream, I nearly threw a fit and began to scream.

It's up to you to make it true. So please remit as dues are due!



*Brother, I, too, own a television set, but that does not keep me at home on lodge night. I have never yet had one of the characters on television come off the screen and shake my hand. They have never offered me the warm friendship that my lodge brothers do. They have never handed me a cup of coffee or a kind word. No! Never!*  
 Author Unknown

#### A Very Busy Calendar

Starting with the regularly scheduled meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the month of November 2005 will be a busy one for the Monroe Scottish Rite Bodies. Following the Observance of The Feast of Tishri on October 5<sup>th</sup> the Kitchen Crew will have their hands full. The High Twelve Club meets on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> at noon and then on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. the Bodies will host a dinner honoring the Veterans of this area (Northeast Louisiana). This annual observance has become a tradition and not only is it appreciated by the Veterans but it gives the members of the Monroe Valley an opportunity to say Thank You to these men and women who have helped defend the Freedom for which we are all thankful! The various service clubs; American Legion, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Amvets, and War Veterans Home are notified and invited to attend. We have had a fine turnout in past years and expect an even larger crowd this year! Don't forget November the 5<sup>th</sup>.



#### Saint In Monroe

I am sure we have all heard the expression, "She is a saint", or "He is a saint." I am also reasonably sure that the person alluded to has done something for someone that endeared them to those using the aforementioned expression. Let us look at attributes that would tend to elevate a person to the level of sainthood among his or her peers.

Does this individual shirk any duty, assigned or accepted? Does this person volunteer to do this or that task (either menial or of great importance)? Does this person simply go ahead and do things that are needed to be done without expecting any accolades or even gratitude from those benefited? Is this person always one of the first to offer assistance to a Brother in need? Does this Brother, who is a very "Handy-Man" indeed, get equipment going again,

*Saint In Monroe continued:*

repair parts of the Temple that require it, keep household or gardening tools running (for other Brethren), and serve as an excellent role model for younger Brethren to emulate? Does this Brother truly deserve the level of high esteem in which his Brethren hold him? Does this Brother always have a smile to give a Brother a friendly lift? Does this Brother help newly initiated, passed, or raised Brothers learn the answers required as he proceeds through the degrees of his Blue Lodge? Is he always ready to pitch in and help in any undertaking, be it a fundraiser or regular function?

I think that these characteristics mentioned above would be attributable to one of the Brethren of the Monroe Scottish Rite Bodies without question! I have observed the unselfishness shown in these characteristics in a Brother we can always depend on to go the extra mile to help a Brother in need or to console a Brother in his grief. This Brother is none other than the Illustrious Carl Thomas Fatheree, 33° of the Monroe Valley. We are proud and privileged to call him Brother!



#### Words of Wisdom

From the *Keystone Comments*, a publication of the Keystone High Twelve Club, Wichita, Ks.

*Always keep your words sweet, in case you have to eat them.*

*Drive carefully. Not only cars can be recalled by their maker.*

*If you lend someone \$20 and you never see them again....it was probably worth it.*

*A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.*

*Birthdays are healthy for you. The more you have the longer you live!*

#### IN MEMORIAM

Lonnie L. Lutrick, 32°  
 Gerald E. Mitchell, 32°  
 Marvin O. Ramsey, 32°  
 Wedon T. Smith, 32°

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sible for an Active Member of one jurisdiction to be elected an "Honorary Member" of another Supreme Council. This would mean that he was given all of the honors (voting excepted) of a SGIG in a jurisdiction other than the one which elected him as an Active Member.

In 1855, the Southern Jurisdiction and the Supreme Council of Louisiana entered into a Concordat merging the two councils. The SJ then created in New Orleans a body known as the "Chamber of Deputies." This "Chamber" consisted of the former Active Members of the Supreme Council of Louisiana. They were elected "Honorary" Members of the SJ and appointed Deputies of the SJ. This means that they were recognized as 33rds, but had no vote in the Council. They did, however, have certain duties by virtue of their office as Deputies. Their election as "Honorary Members" came about because the SJ was still at that time limited to 9 Active Members. There was simply no room to accommodate all of the former Louisiana Active Members in the SJ. It was around this time that the SJ entered into a new practice - it began electing 32nd degree Masons to receive the 33rd degree, but NOT the office of SGIG. They would be the first of what is sometimes called, "Honorary 33rds." In fact, there is no such thing as an "Honorary 33rd" as the honorary aspect is the office of SGIG, not the 33rd degree. Among the first 32nds to receive the 33rd degree, but not the office of SGIG was Albert Pike. Pike was, at that time, serving as the Commander in Chief of the Grand Consistory of Louisiana (an office that would be changed to "Grand Master of Kadosh" in the 1880's). In 1859 he would be elected in the first ever SJ officer elections to the office of Sovereign Grand Commander of the SJ. Prior to Pike's election, the Lt. Grand Commander automatically became the Sov. Grand Commander when the SGC left office.

The Louisiana AASR has a unique history and a number of unexplained ceremonies and aspects to its ceremonies. One most interesting early LA Scottish Rite ceremony is the ceremony of the Fiery Heart. It is unknown how this ritual arrived in New Orleans, or if it was created there. All that is known is that it was an honor investiture ceremony used for deserving 32nd or 33rd

degree AASR Masons.

During his time in New Orleans, Albert Pike found this ceremony, liked it and took a copy of it with him when he was elected Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction. Pike saw the wisdom of honoring deserving Masons, but felt that he could add his own touches to this ceremony. He then set out to rewrite parts of the ceremony and divide it into two separate ceremonies, one to be given to 32nds and the other to 33rds. The ceremony for 32nds became, "Knight Commander Court of Honor" and the one for 33rds, "Grand Cross Court of Honor." The investitures met with the approval of the council and, in time, none were elected to receive the 33rd degree, Inspector General Honorary, who had not received the KCCH investiture and the Grand Cross was normally given to 33rds who were not Active Members of the Supreme Council.

In 1961, the Grand College of Rites reprinted a portion of the beautiful "Ceremony of the Fiery Heart" in Volume 7, Part 2 of its publication *Collectanea*.

Michael Poll, 32°  
Valley of New Orleans



*Brotherly love is not a tangible commodity. We cannot touch it or weigh it, smell it or taste it. Yet it is a reality; it can be creative, it can be fostered, it can be made a dynamic power. The Master who has it in his Lodge and his brethren will find that Lodge and brethren give it back to him. The Master too worried over the cares of his office to express friendliness need never wonder why his Lodge seems too cold to his effort.*

Carl H. Claudy



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Valley of Lake Charles News:



Venerable Master Elliott introduces the new Base Commander of Camp Beauregard



Ill. Richard B Smith, 33° Personal Representative with Ill. William J. Mollere 33° Deputy in Louisiana



Marksville chow line



Great dining at Marksville

*Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence. True friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation.*

George Washington

CENTER NEWS

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

Our University of Louisiana-Monroe Graduate Clinicians are all smiles after receiving their Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation Scholarship Awards. The graduate students are Kasey Lindow, Grace Lard and Erin Morris.

Beryl C. Franklin 33°, Center Administrator



Grace Lard, Erin Morris and Kasey Lindow



Baton Rouge Childhood Learning Center

The Fall Semester for the Learning Center is in full operation, with 20 children enrolled. We are pleased to have Carley McCoy and Aimee Bonnette returning as our clinicians and working with Dr. Medosa, our Center's Coordinator.

Our success as a Center depends on a professional caring staff, the facility and YOUR donations. For without your continued financial assistance, the children on our waiting lists would not be able to reach their individual potential. Thank you for supporting the Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation and our local Learning Center.

Joe Stroud, 33° Center Administrator

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.

Helen Keller

Shreveport Learning Center

The Shreveport Childhood Learning Center continues with excellent staff for the Fall. Sandra Hayes, our Coordinator, along with our two retiring clinicians Erin Dupree and Kendall Cole are reporting great progresses for our students.

You are encouraged to visit our Center and learn first hand how your financial support is put into action.

Thomas F. Murphy, 33° Center Administrator



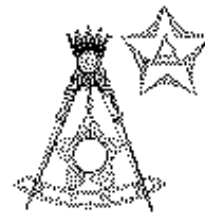
Ms. Erin Dupree Shreveport Clinician



Kendall Cole Shreveport Clinician



No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit.



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*Dr. Lawrence C. Wade, 32°  
Valley of Baton Rouge*

### Benjamin Franklin-His Education

One definition of the noun “education” is, “An **instructive** or **enlightening** experience.” And, one definition of the verb “**to enlighten**” is, “To give information to; inform or **instruct**.” I cite these definitions in the hope that we may agree that the Mason’s quest for “**more light**” is (or should be) nothing less than a life-time journey of continuing **education**.

MWB Benjamin Franklin understood this as well as anyone has ever understood it. Throughout his life, beginning early in childhood, he showed a voracious appetite for knowledge and understanding — for enlightenment.

Franklin’s love of education was expressed in one of his “Silence Dogood” letters, published in James Franklin’s newspaper when Ben was 16 years old and was James’s indentured apprentice. In this letter, the widow Dogood described an allegorical dream. (Remember allegory? Masonry loves allegory – i.e., “A story told to illustrate some truth.”) In Mrs. Dogood’s allegorical dream, “...Learning [portrayed as something resembling a Deity] sat on a high throne reached by difficult steps.” Most “worshippers” of this “Deity” were content to sit at the base of the pedestal, with “Madam Idleness” and her maid, “Ignorance”. Only a few were motivated to laboriously ascend the steps toward knowledge and understanding — toward “Learning”.

At 16, Franklin, writing as “The Widow Silence Dogood”, noted that the parents of some young men were, “...blind to their dullness and insensible of the solidity of their skulls”. Mrs. Dogood noted that, “...because they think their purses can afford it,” these parents sent their sons to, “...the Temple of Learning...from whence they return, after abundance of trouble and charge, as great blockheads as ever, only more proud and self-conceited.”

Benjamin Franklin’s father, Josiah Franklin, had seven children with his first wife, Anne, who died giving birth to the seventh. She was 34 when she died; Josiah was 31. Upon the death of Anne, Josiah immediately married 22 year-old Abiah Folger, with whom he subsequently had ten children. Benjamin Franklin was the 8th of these ten, the youngest boy, and, “...from the first the most promising of all.” Benjamin was born in January of 1706, at which time Josiah was 48 years old and Abiah was 37.

Of his father, Benjamin Franklin wrote, “At his table he liked to have, as often as he could, some sensible friend or neighbor to converse with, and always took care to start some ingenious or useful topic for discourse, which might tend to improve the minds

of his children.”

Early in his life, Benjamin Franklin’s uncle, Benjamin, tried to influence the nephew of the same name to write poetry; Josiah discouraged this and taught his son, instead, to write prose.

Ben Franklin entered grammar school at eight years of age. He excelled, from the beginning. At that time, his father intended for Ben to go to college and become a clergyman. But Josiah Franklin soon changed his mind. Reasoning that college was too expensive and that even after all their effort and expense, many college-educated men were not able to make a good living, he took Ben out of grammar school after only a year and a half. He enrolled Ben, instead, in a private school for “writing and arithmetic”. The boy did very well with the former but failed in the latter. So, Ben Franklin’s classroom education came to an end. He was ten years old. His father brought him home to assist in the making of candles and soap.

Josiah’s soap and candle trade did not suit Benjamin Franklin. Over the objections of Josiah, one of Ben’s older brothers had become a seaman. In order to assure that Ben would not also become a seaman, Josiah arranged to expose the boy to various other tradesmen at work – carpenters, bricklayers, etc. – hoping that Ben might find something to his liking. This effort was to no avail.

Because of Ben’s love of books, it was finally decided that he would, at 12, be apprenticed to his 21 year-old brother, James, who had trained in London as a printer and had returned, to establish his own print shop in Boston.

Ben Franklin’s apprenticeship to his older brother was a formal one, based on a written indenture. The father yielded authority over Ben to James. Ben was bound by the terms of the indenture to respectfully serve his brother until he, himself, would have attained the age of 21 years. The agreement obligated James to provide room and board and to teach Ben the printer’s trade, in exchange for a stipulated payment by Josiah. The father did continue to provide some assistance in teaching Ben to write effectively.

But it was young Ben, himself, who developed the most effective methods for improving his writing skills. Very early in his apprenticeship, he struck a bargain with his master, James. Rather than spending any money to feed (or “board”) Ben, James agreed to give Ben half the amount that had been allotted to provide his meals. Obviously, this was profitable for James. And, of the money that James gave to him, Ben spent only half on meals. With the rest, he bought books.

Where his classroom education had failed, Ben Franklin’s subsequent self-education succeeded beyond anything his father or anyone else could have imagined possible. Where he had failed arithmetic in school, he very thoroughly mastered it, on his own. In school, he had learned only a smattering of Latin; in life, he not only taught himself Latin but also mastered French, Italian, and Spanish.

Of course, as an apprentice, Ben learned the printer’s trade. He learned it well enough, in fact, that it enabled him to retire at 42 years of age, already a very wealthy man. (He was so wealthy that when his two greatest inventions — the lightning rod and the Franklin stove — could have generated fabulous amounts of money for him, he refused to patent either, saying that he wanted these innovations to benefit mankind, in general. He “genuinely desired the public welfare”.)

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Ben Franklin—Two Pseudonyms:

Franklin wrote, “From a child I was fond of reading, and all the little money that came into my hands was ever laid out in books.” He has written that he could not recall an age at which he could not read. Whatever James was contracted to print, Ben read. This included the newspaper, *The Boston Gazette*. He read *Pilgrim’s Progress* and all the rest of Bunyan’s works. He read Plutarch, Defoe, Cotton Mather, and John Locke. He studied arithmetic, navigation, grammar, and logic.

By age 15, Franklin was well versed in the principles of the European Enlightenment. He bought a volume of Addison’s socio-political commentary, *The Spectator* and was quite taken with it. He read it over and over. Using this volume, he developed various exercises by means of which he taught himself to write effectively and persuasively.

First, he read the text of an article from *The Spectator*, writing a one-word summary of each sentence. After a few days, he tried to reconstruct what he had read, using only his one-word summaries and seeking to fully express the sentiments of the original work. He then compared his reconstructed version with the original. This exercise convinced him of the need to expand his vocabulary.

In order to achieve the needed expansion of vocabulary, he developed a second exercise. This time, he converted what he had read to verse – to poetry – and later attempted to reconstitute the original text, working from his verse. In writing poetry, he reasoned, one must be able to utilize a number of different words with the same or similar meanings — i.e., one must make use of the broadest possible vocabulary.

Thirdly, he scrambled his one-word summaries of the sentences from a given work and then tested himself a few weeks later, to see if he could restore them to their original structure and sequence. From this exercise, he learned to structure his thoughts effectively. (In some instances, in fact, he believed that he could improve upon the structure of the original article.)

In this way, the greatest young mind of the time trained itself for future endeavors and cultivated intellectual habits that would serve as a solid foundation for the development of leadership skills in business and commerce, in science (esp. electricity), in statesmanship, and in international diplomacy.

“Leadership” is perhaps the single most appropriate word for MWB Franklin’s role in America and on the world stage. Very early in his career in Philadelphia, he brought together a group of enterprising young businessmen, to form a club that was first called “The Leather Apron Club” but was better known as “The Junto”. It was this “Junto” that founded the first lending library in the colonies, a voluntary militia, a fire department, a hospital, and a fire insurance company. The Junto also installed streetlights in Philadelphia. More to the point of our discussion of Mr. Franklin’s attitudes with regard to education, this Junto founded a college; today, that college is The University of Pennsylvania. It is interesting to note that the rules of the Junto required each member to write and present an original essay once every three months.

The Junto was active on the local scale, in Philadelphia, and it remained active for three decades. Later, on the national scale, Franklin called together a number of prominent men to form The American Philosophical Society. Here again, we see the leader-

ship that was made possible by the Mr. Franklin’s self-motivated education – his “enlightenment”.

It was, of course, Franklin’s pioneering work in the science of electricity that brought him worldwide fame — fame that any of today’s rock stars or movie stars would envy. His self-educational achievements were soon given proper formal recognition. He was awarded honorary Masters Degrees from Harvard University, Yale University, and William and Mary College. The Royal Society, England’s preeminent scientific organization, headed by none other than Sir Isaac Newton, himself, awarded Franklin the Sir Godfrey Copley gold medal and then, in 1756, made him a full member of the Society — a “Fellow of the Royal Society”, or “FRS”. Immanuel Kant, the great German philosopher, called Franklin, “...a new Prometheus who has stolen fire from heaven.”

In leveraging “education”, or “enlightenment”, to lift himself from humble beginnings and rise to global fame — and even to the loftier realms of immortality of which the human animal is capable — MWB Benjamin Franklin has demonstrated for all time the truth of Sir Francis Bacon’s immortal words, “...knowledge itself is Power.”

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*How many observe Christ’s birthday! How few, his precepts!  
O! ’tis easier to keep Holidays than Commandments.*

*A good conscience is a continual Christmas*

*Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man.*

*In general, mankind, since the improvement of cookery, eats twice as much as nature requires.*

**Benjamin Franklin**



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scattered to pieces. However, we all doubtless will help them rebuild their lodges and their lives.

I can only admire and thank local lodges like Louisiana Lodge No. 102 who housed the NYPD for a month in their lodge building after the NYPD arrived in our area to rescue victims of the storm. I was told many of the NYPD were masons. I was also heartened to hear about the Masonic Services Association, our own Grand Lodge, and other Louisiana lodges who have started collecting contributions for victims of Hurricane Katrina. I saw individual masons helping others and sharing their homes with refugees. I saw men helping men.

A good friend of mine, from Hiram Lodge No. 70, was called to duty for Hurricane Katrina in the Louisiana National Guard at Jackson Barracks. He telephoned me during the aftermath of the storm while he was rescuing families from the rooftops of flooded homes—during the same telephone call, his helicopter was forced to make an emergency landing. He later told me that he couldn't have made it through this event without the encouragement of other masons who were serving with him and had congregated together in Masonic unity even in this time of emergency. I can only admire his courage and the courage of the other men and women who came to the rescue of New Orleans.

I saw masons in the Pennsylvania National Guard and others working at FEMA relief stations in Jefferson Parish practicing the principles of Charity and Human Kindness. I witnessed selfless acts of bravery in the preservation of life and the lessening of human suffering. Many of these men helping others were masons from the New Orleans area. I, like everyone, look forward to hearing their stories, and thanking them personally. Our Venerable Master, Chip Borne and all of the members of our Valley want to thank everyone who has come to our aid, inquired about our welfare, and offered prayers for our safety and wellbeing. We continue to pray for those in need and ask G-d to give us the strength to do his will.

*Fraternally,*  
Marc Conrad, 32°

### From the Secretary's Desk

Any brother who is a member of the New Orleans Valley should forward his email address to: Ill. Bro. Lloyd Hebert, 33° at: [nosrt@bellsouth.net](mailto:nosrt@bellsouth.net).

Once I have your email address, I can enter it into my database and add you to an upcoming mailing list that will notify all those with email addresses about our Valley's meetings, guest speakers, and special events.

Brothers, remember, wives are more than welcome to attend our meetings. The dedicated ladies who regularly attend our Valley's meetings will be glad to meet with them and extend any hospitality.

I want to extend my thanks for all of those who have inquired about the welfare of our Valley, the brethren, and I thank everyone for their prayers. I also want to thank Ill. Bro. Bill Mollere for his leadership and words of encouragement in this time of need.

*Fraternally Yours,*  
Lloyd Hebert, 33°  
General Secretary



### Fall Reunion

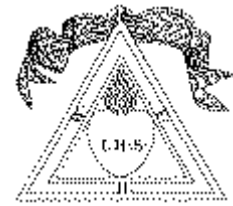
The Fall Reunion will be re-scheduled once things normalize in New Orleans and the Valley gets up and running. Check with Ill. Bro. Lloyd Hebert for more information. The new date will be announced soon. We look forward to welcoming those who have petitioned the Scottish Rite into our fraternal fold, and we continue to welcome more petitioners. The next Scottish Rite reunion will certainly be special.

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

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### Perpetual Membership

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



### New Orleans 2005 Officers

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**THE LAST WORD**

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

**HONORS TO WHOM THEY ARE DUE**

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times....” so begins Charles Dickens’ A TALE OF TWO CITIES. So we in the Orient of Louisiana have returned from our Supreme Council Session in Washington, DC in early October where we have elected nineteen (19) Brothers to be Coroneted as Inspectors General Honorary (33°), and forty-one (41) Brothers to be Invested as Knights Commander, Court of Honour (KCCH). These are the best of times for these most deserving men who have labored so long for Scottish Rite – all worthy and long overdue in recognition. We also look to our southern region of the Orient after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita visited on us total devastation, and realize that we have suffered through some of the worst of times. Some of our newly honored Brothers have lost everything – homes, cars, businesses, friends, family, so many memories. We are all hurting for these good men and their families. Masonry in Louisiana has taken a very destructive blow across our entire southern region – Lake Charles to Slidell – these several storms have brought the worst of times. Masonic buildings where Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters, Royal Arch Chapters, Rainbow Assemblies, DeMolay Chapters, Shrine Clubs, and other Masonic groups have gathered for years have suffered damage, or in some cases are destroyed. Rebuilding is in order, and as Masons we are taught to be positive and build. Build better and stronger and plan for a brighter future. We can and we will. But first, we must look to the individual’s needs and welfare. Our widows, our infirmed Brethren, those who have lost homes and need assistance. Remember well the Entered Apprentice’s main lesson – Charity, that Mason’s Charity that we know well and can administer with a true helping hand.

It has been very gratifying to have so many telephone calls, e-mails and notes from across the nation offering help, aid and assistance. Many have sent money to our Louisiana Scot-

tish Rite Foundation earmarked for members relief. So many good Brothers are willing to help. Our Supreme Council’s Foundation has received many donations to assist all of the affected Brethren across the Gulf Coast area. Let us not forget that our good Brothers in Mississippi suffered major damage too. Our Grand Lodge has been accepting donations to assist all Masons and their families. So there are a number of funds where donations can be forwarded and accepted. Let us all give as we are capable.

As we gather in Shreveport on November 12 to celebrate the newly designated Honor men and their families, we can gather as a Scottish Rite Masonic Family and renew our fraternal bonds. Looking over the list of men honored, it is gratifying to note so many who have labored for years in the York Rite of Freemasonry now being recognized for their contribution to Masonry in general by having Scottish Rite call them forward for all that they have given to our gentle Craft. This is as it should be. Some younger men, some older men, some businessmen, some retired men, some who have held high office, some who labor quietly behind the scenes – all most deserving of the Honors being conferred – congratulations to each. Thank you for all that you have done, are now doing and will be doing for Masonry, and for those who need your assistance. Let us daily thank our God for walking beside us during this time. Let us use the lessons of Freemasonry and the teachings of our Scottish Rite to become better for all that has happen during this terrible hurricane season – and let us offer that hand of relief where needed. The best of times; the worst of times. Thank you for continuing to proudly be a practicing Scottish Rite Mason.

*Bill Mollere*



**Did You Know?**

Article VI, Sec. 1. The dignitaries and officers of the Supreme Council are as follows:

ELECTIVE: 1. Sovereign grand Commander, 2. Lieutenant Grand Commander, 3. Grand Prior, 4. Grand Chancellor, 5. Grand Minister of State, 6. Grand Secretary General, 7. Grand treasurer General and 8. Grand Almoner.

APPOINTIVE: 9. Grand Chaplain (may be an Honorary Member), 10. Grand Orator, 11. Grand Master of Ceremonies, 12. Grand Chamberlain, 13. First Grand Equerry, 14. Second Grand Equerry, 15. Grand Standard Bearer, 16. Grand Sword Bearer and 17. Grand Herald



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**Your Safety and Location**

The Vally Secretaries and Personal Representatives have been contacting members to check on their well being and status after the hurricanes. If you haven't been contacted, please call your Valley and provide them your location, contact telephone number and temporary mailing address. In the event that your previous status has changed, that information needs to be updated by the Secretaries. It is important that we know how and where you are, so that we can help meet your immediate needs.



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