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2017 33° Inspectors General Honorary

Valley of New Orleans



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Valley of Shreveport



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Valley of Monroe



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The Supreme Council elected John D. Autry, Sr., Terrel D. Fowler, George L. Luft, Jr., Martin J. Reinschmidt and Michael A. Watts to receive the Thirty-third Degree Inspector General Honorary at the 2017 biennial session in Washington, D.C. These five (5) deserving brethren received their degree during Honors Day in Shreveport. The Thirty-Third Degree was conducted by the brethren of the Shreveport Scottish Rite Bodies, under the direction of Ill. Ballard L. Smith-33° G.C., and with Sovereign Grand Inspector General William J. Mollere-33° attending. Members of this degree team are Ballard L. Smith, Charles H. Penn, III, S. Bruce Easterly, Gary L. Gribble, Steven S. A. Pence, D. Randall Terrell, Kenneth R. Fuller, H. Edward Durham, E. J. "Mickey" Durand, Jack A. Davis, John T. Dark, Carey C. Allison and Larry Ledbetter.



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Grand Master of Masons in Louisiana

Master Craftsman Program



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

Shreveport

- W. Glen Girard - Level I
Mark V. Edmonson - Level II

New Orleans

- Mason R. Spong - Level I



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Jurisdiction Supreme Council

The jurisdiction of this Supreme Council includes all the territory over which the United States of America exercises domain of powers of government, except the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin, which were apportioned by this Supreme Council to the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States. The jurisdiction of this Supreme Council also includes those countries where it has established, or may hereafter establish, Bodies of the Rite, and over which countries no regular Supreme Council has acquired jurisdiction.



Louisiana DeMolay is having a great year, although, not as good as 2016. We had an excellent turnout for our annual JC Deason Leaders Conference in July with 60+ in attendance. Due to a hurricane, we had to postpone our Fall Athletic to Halloween weekend, but a good time was still had by everyone.

We will have the Winter Workshop in February, where we will have a state class and making plans for DeMolay Month in March, celebrating 99 years of our Order.

Finally, our DeMolay year will end on June 6-10 at the JC Deason Leaders Conference at the Wesley Center in Woodworth. This is our annual training and fun event attended by DeMolays, Squires, young ladies and family. We hold leadership sessions and have organized archery, ropes course, zip line, and Kayaking. To complete this week, our state officers for 2018-19 will be installed and Dad Chester Finley will assume the office of Executive Officer for Louisiana.

If you would like more information about DeMolay, please contact Dad Nicholas Auck at Laoe8@yahoo.com.

Calendar of Events

Supreme Council

- Regional Workshops
Seattle March 23-24
Omaha April 6-7
Atlanta April 20-21
Celebrating The Craft May 20
Knights of St. Andrew International
Waco, TX July 20-22

Orient

- Conference of the Orient April 28
New Orleans
Conference of the Orient November 9
Alexandria
Homecoming November 10
Alexandria

Grand Lodge

- Quarterly Meetings January 20

Reunions

- New Orleans TBD
Shreveport March 10
August 11-12
Lake Charles April 14-15
September 8-9
Baton Rouge TBD
Monroe April 14
October 27

The Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation

Scholarship Awards

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

Speech and Language Scholarships

University of Louisiana-Monroe

Rachel Richardson
Bailey Laird
Nadine Faris

Southeastern LA University

Laura Wallace
Taylor Slatten

Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge

Heather Delaune
Sarah Ramaraj

Baton Rouge Scottish Rite Childhood Learning Center



Heather Delaune



Sarah Ramaraj

2017-2018 Officers

Foundation

President: S. Bruce Easterly, 33°
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Chairman of the Board: William J. Mollere, 33°
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Elected Members

James H. Morgan, III Jimmie Dean Dunkin
Harry C. Northrop, III J. F. "Jeff" Webb
Woody D. Bilyeu Robert C. Joyner
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Wills and Legacies

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Our two graduate students, Heather Delaune and Sarah Ramaraj are working hard for the Childhood Learning Center. Through your generous philanthropy we are able to help children who would otherwise do without. The scholarship awards assist the graduate students with the ever increasing cost of their education. Thank you to all Louisiana Scottish Rite Masons.

Veronica D. Walker-M.A. CCC-SLP
Center Coordinator

LSU Baton Rouge College of Humanities and Social Services
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders



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



2017 Knights Commander Court of Honour

Valley of New Orleans



L: R - Martin J. Reinschmidt-33° General Secretary, Garland M. Gisclair-32° KCCH, Dave H. Krasner-32° KCCH and Clayton J. "Chip" Borne, III-33° Personal Representative

Valley of Shreveport



L: R - Gary L. Gribble-33° General Secretary, Troy J. Jones-32° KCCH, Adrian K. Winham-32° KCCH, Robert L. Rowe, II-32° KCCH, Charles R. Smith-32° KCCH, M. Darin West-32° KCCH and Ballard L. Smith-33° G.C. Personal Representative

Valley of Lake Charles



L: R - D. Blake Ford-33° General Secretary, William W. Bailey-32° KCCH, J. Quincy Gotte-32° KCCH, Mount W. Newby-32° KCCH and Richard B. Smith-33° G.C. Personal Representative

Valley of Baton Rouge



L: R - James E. Wingate-33° General Secretary, Howard L. Dalton-32° KCCH, Chester L. Finley, M.D.-32° KCCH, James M. Stockner, II-32° KCCH, and James E. "Buddy" Pearce-32° KCCH Personal Representative

Valley of Monroe



L: R - Will P. Gray-33° 2018 Personal Representative, Wilson O. Cook-32° KCCH General Secretary, J. Keith Gates-32° KCCH, M. Cash Melville-32° KCCH, and Woody D. Bilyeu-33° G.C.



The Supreme Council invests the rank and decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honour (KCCH) on a brother deemed to have given exceptional service to the Rite, Freemasonry or his community, based on principles taught in the Scottish Rite Degrees. It is in and of itself one of the greatest honors in the Southern Jurisdiction to hear the Sovereign Grand Commander say at the investiture's culmination, "I dub and create thee a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor and may our Father in Heaven make thee a good Knight in the service of our fellow men." The following members have or will receive the rank of KCCH: William W. Bailey, Howard L. Dalton, Chester L. Finley, J. Keith Gates, Garland M. Gisclair, J. Quincy Gotte, Troy J. Jones, Dave H. Krasner, M. Cash Melville, John C. Miller, Mount W. Newby, Robert L. Rowe II, Charles R. Smith, James M. Stockner, M. Darin West and Adrian K. Winham.

The investiture was conducted by the brethren of the New Orleans KCCH Investiture Team, whose members are: Elmo J. Barnes, Jr., Eddie LeBeouf, III, Klaus J. Kueck, Collen S. Peel, Robert Brandstetter, Clayton J. "Chip" Borne, III, Anthony Radosti, Kenneth K. Bell, Jr., Charles R. Smith, Donald Springler, Martin J. Reinschmidt, Lloyd Jarreau, Edward A. Reine, Freddie Touchet and Michael Nastasi.

Valley of New Orleans News

Chartered April 7, 1811

Meets on the first Wednesday of every month



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2018 Membership Fees are due!

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, December 6th
 Holiday Celebration

Wednesday, January 3rd
 Business Meeting

Tuesday, January 30th
 Advisory Conference - 5pm

Wednesday, February 7th
 Valentines Day Program

Wednesday, March 7th
 Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 4th
 Service of Remembrance Program

Tuesday, April 24th
 Advisory Conference - 5pm

Wednesday, May 2nd
 Business Meeting

Wednesday, June 6th
 Business Meeting

Wednesday, July 4th - Office Closed
 No meeting - enjoy your 4th of July!

Tuesday, July 24th
 Advisory Conference - 5pm

Wednesday, August 1st
 Business Meeting

Wednesday, September 5th
 Business Meeting

2018 Officers

Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master: K. Joseph Kueck, 32° KCCH
 Senior Warden: Kenneth K. Bell, Jr., 32° KCCH
 Junior Warden: Freddie J. Touchet, 32° KCCH

Pelican Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master: Dave H. Krasner, 32° KCCH
 Senior Warden: Nelson J. Ardoin 32°
 Junior Warden: Charles R. Smith, 32° KCCH

Eagle Council of Kadosh

Commander: Stephen M. Bryant, 32°
 1st Lt. Commander: Ion Lazar 33°
 2nd Lt. Commander: Stuart M. Smith 32°

New Orleans Consistory

Master of Kadosh: Adam G. Krolikowski, 32°
 Prior: John C. Miller, 32° KCCH
 Preceptor: Charles R. Bertrand, 32°

Treasurer All Bodies

Ion Lazar, 33°

Secretary All Bodies

Martin J. Reinschmidt, 33°

operating Scottish Rite Valley in the Western Hemisphere, and that is something to be very proud.

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

From The Director of Work

First, I would like to congratulate and welcome our new Knight Commanders of the Court of Honour. Your hard work and dedication to the fraternity has resulted in you receiving this honor and I trust that you will continue along the same road.

I would like to thank the members of the Valley of New Orleans who spent countless hours memorizing their lines and rehearsing the floor work, in order that we could perform the K.C.C.H. Investiture Ceremony for our newest Knight Commanders of the Court of Honour in the Valley of Shreveport this past November. We had six members who were either on the team for the first time or who were in a new role for the first time this year, and some of those parts were major speaking parts.

The members of the team are: Elmo Barnes, Ken Bell, Chip Borne, Bobby Brandstetter, Lloyd Jarreau, Joe Kueck, Eddie LeBouef, III, Mike Nastasi, Cullen Peel, Tony Radosti, Eddie Reine, Martin Reinschmidt, Charlie Smith, Don Springler, and Freddie Touchet.

It always amazes me how we can take fifteen brothers, all of whom having hardly any acting experience, put them together for several practice sessions and ask them to assemble and confer the Investiture Ritual in front of a large audience of brothers and guests and expect them to do a great job. Thank you, my brothers, once again you pull together and conferred an excellent Investiture Ceremony.

Now, it is time for us to prepare ourselves for the March 2018 meeting when we will hold the KCCH Investiture Ceremony for Brother John C Miller, who was not able to attend the ceremony in Shreveport. This

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Personally Speaking

A very big and proud tip of my White Cap to the members of the KCCH Investiture Team for an excellent ceremony in Shreveport on November 11th. You are to be proud of your work, and continue the excellent work.

I would like to remind everyone of our Holiday Celebration and Installation of Officers at our meeting on December 6th. We will enjoy a period of fellowship from 6:30 pm to 7:30 p.m. and then repair to the lodge room for the Installation of Officers in the Four Bodies of the Valley of New Orleans. This is an open meeting so we hope to see you and your lady there at Louisiana Lodge #102.

My Brothers, another year has come and gone, and we lost a number of our brothers this year to the dread messenger of death. These we cannot avoid or do anything about, but the one that we are about to lose due to their non-payment of dues can be avoided. If you have not paid your 2017 dues please do so today. If you are experiencing a financial or medical hardship, please contact our General Secretary and speak with him. Between the two of you, you may be able to work out a solution to the situation and you will be able to retain your membership in the Valley of New Orleans. Remember, you are a member of the oldest, continually

In Memoriam
 Adolfo Bello, Jr.

Valley of Shreveport News

Chartered October 26, 1913

Meets on the second Tuesday of every month



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tuesday, December 12th**
Election & Installation of Officers 6:00 PM
4th Degree Presentation
- Tuesday, January 9th**
6th and 7th Degree Presentation 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, February 13th**
8th and 12th Degree Presentation 6:00 PM
- Spring Reunion** March 10th
- Tuesday, March 13th**
Candidate Appreciation Dinner 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, March 27th**
Service of Remembrance Program 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, April 10th**
19th and 20th Degree Presentation 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, May 8th**
21st and 24th Degree Presentation 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, June 12th**
26th Degree Presentation 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, July 10th**
28th Degree Presentation 6:00 PM
- Summer Reunion** August 11-12
- Tuesday, August 14th**
Candidate Appreciation Dinner 6:00 PM
The KCCH Club meets during the January, April, July & October at 5:30 pm.

From The Secretary' Desk

Thanksgiving has passed and I truly hope everyone had a blessed holiday, taking time to reflect on the many blessings bestowed on each of us. To be honest, I am thankful November has passed for the Valley. We had a wonderful Honors Day weekend, beginning with the Conference of the Orient meeting on Friday at noon and then joined Joppa Lodge for their annual homecoming program that evening. On Saturday, the 11th, we opened our doors at 7am to members, visitors and guests for Honors Day. Five new Inspectors General Honoray received the Thirty-third Degree. More than one hundred people joined us for the luncheon and afterward the investiture ceremony for fourteen of the fifteen Knights Commander Court of Honour, their families and friends and members and visitors witnesses the beautiful work performed by the Valley of New Orleans. Overheard were several comments about how magnificent our 100 year old building truly is. Thank you to everyone, including our Knights of St. Andrew, for the help, aid and assistance that allowed the event to go ever so smoothly. On November 14th, we held our annual Veterans Day program and recognized and honored our new 50 Year members. Thankfully, the following week was Thanksgiving and the offices closed for the holiday!

Our December meeting will include conferring the 4th Degree, in addition to election and installation of officers. Join us for a great meal and fellowship to support the new slate of officers. If you were unable to attend Honors Day, please come to welcome and congratulate our new KCCH and 33rd members.

As you can see by the Calendar of Events, we will begin our degree series in January with the 6th and 7th Degree. We have planned a one-day reunion in March, so it isn't premature for you to approach a brother about joining our beloved Rite.

We have forty (40) members with outstanding 2017 dues. If you happen to be among those 40, please take time to address this issue. The Valley can ill-afford the loss of revenue, in addition to the loss of a mem-

2017 Officers

Shreveport Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master: Stephen C. McLellan, 32° KCCH
Senior Warden: Christopher E. Cannon, 32°
Junior Warden: 32°

Shreveport Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master: M. Darin West, 32° KCCH
Senior Warden: Kenneth M. Hamm, 32° KCCH
Junior Warden: Albert G. Simms, Jr., 32°

Shreveport Council of Kadosh

Commander: Robert E. Bazzell, 33°
1st Lt. Commander: E. Allen Kelly, 32° KCCH
2nd Lt. Commander: David L. Culligan, 32° KCCH

Shreveport Consistory

Master of Kadosh: Troy J. Jones, 32° KCCH
Prior: J. David Maxey, 32°
Preceptor: Stephen C. Caskey, 32°

Treasurer All Bodies:

E. Louis McGee, 33°

Secretary All Bodies:

Gary L. Gribble, 33°

2018 Knights of St. Andrew

Knight Commander: Albert G. Simms, Jr.
Knight Warden: J. David Maxey, Sr.
Knight Captain: Bradley T. Smith
Knight Recorder: Christopher E. Cannon

ber due to non-payment. We have several payment option available at your disposal. You should have already received your dues notice for 2018. Thank you to the 184 members who have paid for 2018.

At the Honors Day luncheon, Ill. William J. Mollere-33° SGIG made his presentation of the Unity Medal. This honor is given to a Louisiana Scottish Rite member who has labored in all the fields of Masonry, as well as in his community, fostering unity among the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Blue Lodge and appendant bodies. This year it was awarded, posthumously, to Brother Joseph Raymond Patterson-32° KStA Knight Commander. Joe passed away on May 19th, at the too young age of 36. Accepting the award on behalf of Brother Patterson was KStA Knight Commander Al Simms. The medal was presented to Joe's widow, Amy, at the

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IN MEMORIAM

James W. Callahan
 Zealie Johnson
 James E. Riser
 Robert D. Southern

Valley of Lake Charles News

Chartered October 16, 1923

Meets on the third Wednesday of every month



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2018 Membership Fees are due!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dinner 6:30** **Meeting 7:00**
- Wednesday, December 20th**
Election of Officers
Feast of Council of Kadosh
- Wednesday, January 17th**
Installation of Officers
- Wednesday, February 21st**
Order of the Eastern Star program
- Wednesday, March 27th**
Rose Croix Program
- Thursday, March 29th**
Service of Remembrance Program
- Spring Reunion** **April 14-15**
- Wednesday, April 17th**
Mothers Day Program
- Wednesday, May 16th**
Feast of the Consistory
- Wednesday, June 20th**
Education and Recruitment Program
- Wednesday, July 18th**
University of Freemasonry Program
- Wednesday, August 15th**
On The Road - Abe Hinson Lodge #472
Alexandria
- Fall Reunion** **September 8-9**
- Wednesday, September 19th**
Feast of Tishri
- Back Door Lunch: Last Friday of every month. Except in November & December**

Personally Speaking

As 2017 comes to a close, we are in a state of transition. During the December 20th meeting, we will elect our new officers for 2018. For those officers serving in 2017, we extend our sincere thanks for their dedication and leadership. Many good things occurred during the year that give us a sense of accomplishment.

In 2018, we will experience a major change. For eight years, Ill. Brother D. Blake Ford, 33° has served the Valley of Lake Charles as General Secretary. Brother Ford has served the Valley with honor and dignity, and is well respected by the brethren across the Orient of Louisiana and the Southern Jurisdiction for his management of the day-to-day activities and business of the Valley. We congratulate and thank Ill. Brother Ford for his service to and love for our Valley and know that he will remain active in his retirement from the secretary's position.

Beginning January 1, 2018, Brother Frank M. "Dickie" Bult, 32° KCCH, will assume the duties of General Secretary for the Valley of Lake Charles. Brother Bult is a Past Master of Lake Charles Lodge #165 F&AM and served several years as secretary of that lodge. He will transition from secretary to treasurer of Lake Charles Lodge to allow him more time to serve the Scottish Rite. We welcome Brother Bult to the office of General Secretary and look forward to many years of his leadership in this position.

Our January 17th stated meeting will be the annual installation of officers and the Feast Day of the Council of Kadosh. Brother Joe Vincent 32° and Quincy Gotte, 32° KCCH, are in charge of the Feast Day program. We look forward to their educational and inspirational program on the Council of Kadosh.

We send our best wishes to you and your family for safe, happy, healthy holidays and a most prosperous 2018.

Fraternally,
Richard B Smith, 33° G.C.
 Personal Representative



2017 Officers

Lake Charles Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master: **Richard D. Morgan, 32° KCCH**
Senior Warden: **J. Braxton Cole, 32° KCCH**
Junior Warden: **Elton J. Blanchard, 32° KCCH**

Lake Charles Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master: **Donald G. Head, 32° KCCH**
Senior Warden: **Jeffery S. Haley, 32°**
Junior Warden: **Steven L. Jennings, 32°**

Lake Charles Council of Kadosh

Commander: **Kirby O. Vinson, 32°**
1st Lt. Commander: **Charles G. Callahan, 33°**
2nd Lt. Commander: **Harry C. Northrop, III, 33°**

Lake Charles Consistory

Master of Kadosh: **Thomas E. Boggan 32° KCCH**
Prior: **Harold H. Young, 33°**
Preceptor: **Max P. Adame, 32°**

Treasurer All Bodies:

J. Quincy Gotte, 32° KCCH

Secretary All Bodies:

D. Blake Ford, 33°



Special Recognition

The evening of Wednesday, September 20, 2017 was very special in the life of the Lake Charles Valley. Following the annual Feast of Tishri, two Valley members were presented with Certificates of Recognition for their generous support of the "Rebuilding the Temple Campaign" of the Scottish Rite House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation, Inc. Brother Marvin Self, 32° was presented recognition as a "Patron" of the Temple, and Ill. Brother Herrin Ducote, 33° was recognized as a "Permanent Member" of the Temple. Ill. Brother Chuck Morgan, 33°, Major Donor Officer for the six southeastern Orients of the Southern Jurisdiction, presented the certificates to Brothers Self and Ducote in recognition of their gifts to the campaign to restore and preserve our House of the Temple in Washington, D.C., the headquarters for the Southern Jurisdiction.

Brother Marvin Self, a member of the Lake Charles Valley since 1952, is a retired

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IN MEMORIAM

Charles Clifford Heath, Jr.
William E. Clay
Joseph A Musick, Jr.
Andrew Peter Mraz

Valley of Baton Rouge News

Chartered October 20, 1955

Meets on the second Monday of every month



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**2018 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE
 DUE AND PAYABLE!!!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30

Monday, December 11th

Election of Officers

Monday, January 8th

*Installation of Officers
 Council of Kadosh observance*

Monday, February 12th

*Valentines Day Program
 Master Craftsman and SRRS presentation*

Monday, March 12th

Observance of Lent

Saturday, March 31st

*Easter Egg Hunt 10am-2pm
 Joint Scottish Rite/York Rite Easter Program*

Monday, April 9th

Themes 17th and 18th Degrees

Monday, May 14th

Louisiana's Past SGIG and SGC program

Monday, June 11th

Degree presentation

Monday, July 9th

Independence Day program

Monday, August 13th

Degree presentation

Monday, September 10th

Guest Speaker

Monday, October 8th

Feast of Tishri

Monday, November 12th

Veterans Day Program

**Advisory Conference meets at 6pm on
 regular meeting days.**

From The Secretary's Desk

The Valley of Baton Rouge hosted its 117th Reunion on September 30th. The Valley of New Orleans joined us and with their wonderful assistance in helping supply the props for some of the degree work, it was a good day for Scottish Rite Masonry. The Valley expresses its sincere appreciation to the Valley of New Orleans for their help, aid, and assistance due to our losses after the flood. One of the most important tasks the Knights of St. Andrew had that day was posting of the colors outdoors on our flag pole, that has not had a flag flying for over a year. It was a wonderful sight to behold. At the end of the day, the Valley of Baton Rouge obligated and gained 20 new Masters of the Royal Secret.

The month of November was just as exciting with the Investiture as Knight Commander Court of Honour of Dr. Chester Finley, Howard Dalton and James Stockner. We also held the Feast of Tishri, which was postponed in October due to a hurricane in the area.

The future looks promising for the Valley of Baton Rouge. We will hold our elections for the four bodies and install the new officers at the January 2018 meeting. A schedule of events is being planned for fun social gatherings, Scottish Rite business meetings, fund raisers, work days at the campus, and Masonic education.

Speaking of the New Year, I am happy to report that the repairs to the Childhood Learning Center are coming together and I expect to have the Learning Center open for business by the Spring Semester. Thanks to all the volunteers who came together over the last several months working on the Learning Center, the students will have a place of instruction.

Remember my brothers, we are all on the level. Attend your Scottish Rite meeting and connect with your brothers. Meet and greet old friends and make new friends. Stay in touch with your brothers from other masonic districts and touch their lives as they touch your life. Please remember, the honor is to serve.

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

2017 Officers

Baton Rouge Lodge of Perfection

*Venerable Master: Chester L. Finley, 32° KCCH
 Senior Warden: R. Shane Marchand, 32°
 Junior Warden: Richard W. Black, 32°*

Baton Rouge Chapter Rose Croix

*Wise Master: J. Andrew Owen, 32°
 Senior Warden: Stuart R. Averitt, 32°
 Junior Warden: V. Eugene Dawson, 32°*

Baton Rouge Council of Kadosh

*Commander: Jason K. Rigsby, 32°
 1st Lt. Commander: Glenn L. Juneau 32°
 2nd Lt. Commander: W. Dale Artigue, 32°*

Baton Rouge Consistory

*Master of Kadosh: Timothy E. Ackermann, 32° KCCH
 Prior: Timothy P. Sibley, 32°
 Preceptor: James M. Stockner, 32° KCCH*

Treasurer All Bodies:

Ben F. Melanson, 33°

Secretary All Bodies:

James E. Wingate, 33°



In Memoriam

*Henry Burr Betemps, Jr.
 Larry Houston Moore
 Dan Wilbert Bush
 Ollie Thomas Perry
 Jewel Jeremiah Smith, Jr.*

Valley of Monroe News

Chartered November 13, 1971

Meets on the first Thursday of every month



Monroe Scottish Rite Temple
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2018 Membership Fees are due!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- Thursday, December 7th**
Remembering Pearl Harbor
- Thursday, January 4th**
Election and Installation of Officers
- Thursday, February 1st**
Valentines Day
- Thursday, March 1st**
DeMolay Flower Talk
- Thursday, March 1st**
St. Patrick's Day
- Thursday, March 29th**
Robert Burns Night
- Thursday, March 29th**
Special Maundy Thursday Observance
- Thursday, April 5th**
Service of Remembrance
- Friday, April 13th**
Valley Fund Raising event
- Spring Reunion Saturday April 14th**
- Thursday, May 3rd**
Regular Business Meeting
- Thursday, June 7th**
Heroes of '76 program
- Thursday, July 5th**
Independence Day program
- Saturday, July 28th**
Master Mason of the Year program
- Thursday, August 2nd**
Buddy Baker - Chemistry program
- The Advisory Conference meets on the first Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm.**

Personally Speaking

During this time of year, as we enter the holiday season, let's us all remember what we have been so richly blessed with, our family, our friends, our health and our fraternity. Masonry just celebrated its tricentennial. Although Masonry is far older than just a mere three centuries, we celebrate the coming together of brethren to organize and become all one. At times, we have forgotten that we are one. We must all work together towards a common goal. I believe that goal multi-faceted. The main goal of our fraternity is to strive to make our brethren, ourselves, and the entire world better. The next goal is we should ensure that this great and glorious Brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God remains strong and viable for those younger Masons that are among us now and those that will follow in our footsteps. We must ensure that Masonry is around for another three centuries, and longer.

As we are at the end of another biennial session, so too is the end of the term of Personal Representative. This appointment takes place after each session and is a two year appointment. The last four years have been, at times, a bit of a roller coaster. My son graduating from college and continuing on in school to receive his Juris Doctorate. My years spent on the Grand Commandery line and my year as Grand Commander. My travels throughout the state as well as the country. And let us not forget the tree that fell through the roof and the ensuing complete renovation of our Scottish Rite Temple and the financial stress that came with that. It was a difficult time that year but our Temple is now up to modern building code, we made many improvements and everyone that sees it comments on how much better it looks and feels. I can confidently say that we have made our Monroe Scottish Rite Temple better now than it has ever been.

I leave the position of Personal Representative in the very capable hands of M:W: Bro. Will P. Gray, 33°, and I ask that each of you join me in welcoming him and thanking him in taking on this extremely weighty role. I have absolutely no doubt that he will do as I feel I have done and that is make the Scot-

tish Rite better than it has ever been. He has many plans for improvement and he cannot do this job without each of you helping to reach this common goal of making Masonry better than it has ever been before.

I thank each of you for allowing me this opportunity to serve Masonry in this position.

God Bless each and every one of us.
Fraternally,
Travis M. Holley, 33°
Personal Representative

From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren, as we close out 2017 and make way for 2018, in retrospect, I can say that this past year has flown by. The brethren I get to meet and talk with have been an absolute joy and I am greatly appreciative for the opportunity to serve the Scottish Rite as your General Secretary.

If you have yet to remit your dues, please take the time do so. Your dues are the revenue for the Monroe Scottish Rite Valley.

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Treasurer All Bodies:

Roy McDuffie, 33° PGM

Secretary All Bodies:

Wilson O. "Will" Cook, 32° KCCH

IN MEMORIAM

Joel L. Ambrose
Charles Ray Bonner
Paul Lenwood Coleman
Challie B. "Buddy" Griggs
John William Hamilton
Clifford Lynn Madsen

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Monroe Valley-From the Secretary's Desk:

That income is used to budget for our year. Your dues also support our RiteCare Clinic, so that it may provide services to those children in need.

I want to wish everyone a blessed Merry Christmas and joyous New Year.

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



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New Orleans Valley From the Director of Work:

ceremony is an open event so please plan to attend and bring anyone who might be interested. The we will put away our ritual booklets, and our practice triangle and get ready for our parts in reunions to be held next year.

If you feel that you would like to be a part of a degree team in the Valley of New Orleans, please contact me at:

elmobarnes49@yahoo.com.

I know I can find a spot for you.

*Fraternally,
Elmo J. Barnes, Jr., 32° KCCH
Director of Work*



From The Secretary's Desk

Well another year has come and gone, and now we start a new one. I know I have said this before, but as we grow older the days, months and tears seem to go by a whole lot a faster then when we are younger.

In November we welcomed five new Inspector Generals, Honorary and fifteen new Knight Commanders of the Court of Honor in the Orient of Louisiana. Two of the new "white caps" and three of the new "red Caps" are from our own Valley of New Orleans. Congratulations to all of these brothers, the honors are well deserved.

In November we elected the new officers for our four bodies and we will install them in full form at our December Meeting. Congratulations to all of these brothers and I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Brothers, once again we have lost a great number of our brothers to the Great Messenger of Death. Please keep the families of all our departed brothers in your prayers as we go into the holiday season. As we look around at our meetings, the first thing we notice is that those of us who used to be the younger guys looking across the room at the older guys, and wondering what they

were thinking, are now the older guys looking across the room at the younger guys, and wondering what they are thinking.

The need to bring in younger members, some fresh blood is getting stronger with the passing of each day, month and year. We all know younger masons in our lodge, so why don't you speak with them about the Scottish Rite. It doesn't hurt to ask them if they would be interested in joining. If you have someone that is interested in joining us in the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, have them give me a call at 504-835-3780 and I will do my best to answer their questions. If you need a petition, let me know and I can email you one or mail one to you if you are not on the internet.

There are still a few 2017 dues cards in the office and also have the 2018 dues cards. If you current do not have one or the other, please make arrangements to get your dues card real soon. Remember it cost a little over three cents a day to be a Scottish Rite Mason in Louisiana. Also, if you would like to pay your dues by credit card you can do so by calling the office or by going to the Supreme Council website, www.supremecouncil.org. You can also have your dues paid by credit card automatically, just give me a call at the office 504-835-3780 and I can discuss this with you.

On behalf of our Personal Representative: Illustrious Brother Chip Borne, 33°; our Office Administrator: Ms. Nona Pratz, and all the officers of the Valley of New Orleans, we would like to extend to each of you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year.

Be safe and hope to see you at a meeting in the coming year.

*Fraternally yours,
Martin A. Reinschmidt, 33°
General Secretary*



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Lake Charles Valley-Special Recognition:

geologist and oil drilling fluid business owner. He was involved in the drilling of the very first well on the North Slope of Alaska in 1963. He served as the Executive Chairman of the American Petroleum Institute, and was instrumental in the founding of the Episcopal Mission for Children in Honduras.

Ill. Brother Ducote has been active in a number of local Blue Lodges, serving as Worshipful Master of his home Lodge on three occasions. He joined the Lake Charles Scottish Rite in 1972, and was Venerable Master in 2006. Brother Ducote served as

a member of the Louisiana State Police for 25 years, and was a Senior Trooper when he retired. He was coroneted a 33rd Degree, IGH on November 8, 2003, and also served as Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch, York Rite.

Brother Morgan reminded the brethren and guests of the importance of the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign to ensure that the magnificent House of the Temple will continue as a historical landmark and beacon of Masonic Light for future generations of Masons everywhere. In order to gratefully acknowledge generous contributions at all levels of giving in support of the campaign, the Scottish Rite has established a Donor Recognition Program. May the generosity and faithfulness of Brothers Self and Ducote inspire others to join in this important work of preserving and maintaining the House of the Temple.

*Fraternally yours,
James H. "Chuck" Morgan, III, 33°
Major Donor Officer*



L: R - Herrin Ducote, Chuck Morgan and Marvin Self



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Shreveport Valley From The Secretary's Desk:

November meeting. In addition, Ill. Mollere provide a duplicate medal to the Knights to adorn their banner, in memory of Brother Joe. It was a very touching and emotional presentation for the members of the Shreveport Valley and one so richly deserved by a Brother loved by us all.

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



Joseph R. Patterson

THE FINAL WORD



**Ill. William J. Mollere, 33° PGM
Sovereign Grand Inspector General**

Off We Go, Again!

YES – it is THAT time of the year again – Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Happy St John the Evangelist Day! HAPPY NEW YEAR – 2018! Joyous Twelfth Night (January 6, beginning of Carnival), and Scottish Rite begins again a new year of events and activities. What are you going to do at your Scottish Rite Valley this year? You might be surprised how much you are needed.

2017 was a rebuilding year with a number of changes in our LEADERSHIP TEAM – Valley of Baton Rouge’s long serving Personal Representative and General Secretary, Ill. Jimmie Dean Dunkin, 33°, retired as did his assistant Ms Willie Irwin. Temporarily housed at Trinity Union Lodge after that Great Flood of 2016, the best possible work was accomplished in a cramped location. Not to mention Bro Jimmie Dean losing his own home in the flood; he never complained and just did his job.

Mid-year, a new Personal Representative, Bro. James “Buddy” Pearce, 32° KCCH, and a new General Secretary, Ill. Jim Wingate, 33°, began moving the Office and meeting location back to the Valley’s newly renovated Annex in September. The recent joint Reunion with Baton Rouge and New Orleans had over 40 new Masters of the Royal Secret added to the roles, proving that quality Degrees can be exemplified “Lodge Room Style”. The Valley of Lake Charles’ long serving General Secretary, Ill.

Blake Ford, 33°, will step down on December 31, and Bro Frank M. Bult, Jr, 32° KCCH, will become the new General Secretary. Bro Blake and his Lady, Miss Barbara, are quality folks.

The Valley of Monroe’s relatively new General Secretary, Bro Will Cook, 32° KCCH, will be joined on January 1 with a new Personal Representative, Ill. Will Gray, 33°, PGM, and Ill. Travis Holley, 33°, an old friend who performed at the top in every area, will retire.

None of these folks are going away – just retiring. New Orleans and Shreveport Valleys will maintain their current Management Team Members – all dedicated and efficient. Two interesting situations will exist however, in June if tradition holds, the Deputy Grand Master, Ill. Martin Reinschmidt, 33°, will become Grand Master and continue serving as New Orleans’ General Secretary. Monroe’s new Personal Representative, Ill. Will Gray, 33°, PGM, will also serve as Venerable Master in 2018. Yes, I know, who is the “boss”?

It will work fine because talent trumps all other issues, and our Leadership TEAM is full of talent. Because I am getting old and forgetful, I have asked Bro Jeffrey Maynor, 32° KCCH, to become

Orient Secretary and assist me with new and innovative projects and ideas. Jeff is well known across the Southern Jurisdiction as well as in our Orient as a talented and hard working young Scottish Rite Leader. Ill. Steve Pence, 33°, our Grand Senior Warden, continues to produce a quality bi-monthly newsletter. Bro RobHagen, 32° KCCH, a hard worker for DeMolay, continues to keep our web page updated.

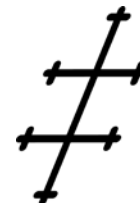
Each Valley has a Treasurer entrusted as Financial Officer who tries to manage your Valley’s funds. Each Valley has a Director of Work, under recognized for his efforts in maintaining Degree Teams, setting Reunion schedules, working with the General Secretary on dates best suited for Reunions and coordinating everything from Degree practices, Reunion meals, Robe Room and Stage Worker assignments to proper lighting, sound and costumes for Degrees. We forget about all of the workers who make every Valley function. The un-sung heroes in each Valley are rarely seen or noticed until something goes wrong. So there you have those who work so hard for YOU. Maybe a “thank you”, handshake, pat on the back can be added to your monthly visit to your Valley’s meeting. Somebody is cooking, preparing the tables, cleaning up – somebody is checking the building’s temperature, if all lights are working, if the restrooms are clean and properly equipped with those necessary things like soap, towels and “other” things – details, details. The General Secretary handles 90% of those details, but YOU can offer and assist.

Mentioned many times, every gathering at Scottish Rite is a REUNION – the coming together of Brothers. When we confer Degrees, we are adding a needed new ingredient to that Reunion – the joining of a new Brother Scottish Rite Mason. Do not miss an opportunity to attend a Reunion – they are held monthly at your Scottish Rite. On special occasions, usually twice a year, a Degree or Degrees can be revisited. You might be surprised at that lesson heard once again – listen closely because that Degree is speaking to you – be a Brother, be better than yourself, be careful how you judge, evil is everywhere and goodness is a generation away from extinction. Love one another, be a faithful devotee to your GOD, cherish your Family, give your employer his deserved work, be a good neighbor, live your Masonry every day in every way. The lessons go on and on.

So what are you going to do in your Scottish Rite Valley this 2018. You might be surprised at how much you are needed – so, here we go, off again – a year of promise and great fellowship and Brotherhood. Thank you for answering that opportunity to become a more involved Scottish Rite Mason.

*Fraternally – Bill Mollere
Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Louisiana*

If you have not done so yet, please don’t forget to pay your 2018 Dues – thirty- two cents a day, ten dollars a month, \$120 the year – you can pay on-line and also by credit card.



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Did You Know?

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

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



**Louisiana Scottish Rite
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Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family and country.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

