

# Louisiana Supplement

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## Louisiana York Rite Calendar 2009

<b>August 1, 2009</b>	<b>Houma York Rite Festival</b>
	<b>M: W: J. F. "Jeff" Webb Class</b>
<b>August 8, 2009</b>	<b>Monroe York Rite Festival</b>
<b>August 22, 2009</b>	<b>Baton Rouge York Rite Festival</b>
<b>August 22, 2009</b>	<b>Shreveport York Rite Festival</b>
<b>August 29, 2009</b>	<b>Baton Rouge York Rite Festival</b>
	<b>and Inspection</b>
<b>Oct. 9, 2009</b>	<b>Inspection, Trinity Commandery #8</b>

### 146<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana

The 146<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana was held on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in the beautiful City of Hammond with Sir Knight Daniel F. Thomas, the Right Eminent Grand Commander presiding. Ascension Commandery No. 6 of Shreveport, having won the coveted Traveling Bible in 2008, was rewarded with the honor of opening.

All of our 15 Constituent Commanderies were represented. Thirteen of our Valiant Past Grand Commanders answered the roll call and were introduced and received by the Right Eminent Grand Commander.

Honoring us with their attendance were the following out of state guests: Jimmy J. James, our Grand Representative near the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin; Harley R. DeShane, a Past Commander of Cortland Commandery of New York and our Grand Representative near that Grand Jurisdiction; Robert L. Price, REPGC of the Grand Commandery of Virginia and our Grand Representative near that Grand Jurisdiction; Paul D. Warren, REPGC of the Grand Commandery of Texas and our Grand Representative near that Grand Jurisdiction; Billy J. Boyer, REPGC of the Grand Commandery of Missouri and REPDC of the South Central Department of the Grand Encampment; Michael H. Shiveley, REPGC of the Grand Commandery of Texas.

Others honoring us with their presence were: Joe P. Diederich, the Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas; Lee Stringfellow, the Grand Generalissimo of Arkansas; John Kleinfelder, PC of Texas; Paul E. Wunsche, Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Texas; Jerral F. Knox, REPGC of the Grand Commandery of Texas; Van A. Evans, REPGC of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi. He is the personal representative of

the Grand Master General of the Convent General KYCH. In a most impressive manner, he conferred the Order on 7 candidates during the Conclave of Louisiana Priory No. 43, KYCH.

Other visitors received included Vernon R. Atkinson, DGIM of the Grand Council of Louisiana representing MIGM John L. Belanger; Clayton A. Wolfe, MEGHP of the Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana; S/K William J. Mollere, 33<sup>rd</sup> degree, serving as the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Orient of Louisiana and PC of Plains Commandery; S/K Clayton A. Borne, III, PGM of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Executive Officer in Louisiana, Order of deMolay; and (Mrs. John A.) Velma Kleinfelder, Supreme Worthy President of the Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant from Magnolia, Texas.

Our distinguished guest from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA, Sir Knight James McCrorry Willson, Jr., GCT, Right Eminent Past Department Commander of the South Central Department of Grand Encampment was received in proper manner. He was representing Sir Knight William Howard Koon, II, the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. K/K Willson serves as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment and is a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas. Others were Lloyd A. Hebert, REPDC from Louisiana; Billy J. Boyer, REPDC from Missouri; and our Senior Past Grand Commander from Louisiana, Earl R. Little, REPDC. Sir Knight F. Douglas Mitchell, RE Department Commander of the South Central Department was with us for his final official visit. He spoke during both sessions of the Conclave.

Most Worshipful Jules F. Webb, the MW Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, F&AM, was introduced and we were most pleased to have him with us for this Conclave. He is a Past Commander of Rhodes Commandery No. 17. His elected officers accompanying him were RW Brother Roy B. Tuck, Jr., PGM and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, RW Bro. Woody D. Bilyeu, Deputy Grand Master, Beverly J. Guillot, Grand Senior Warden and Frank N. duTreil, Jr., Grand Junior Warden. The Past Grand Masters with him were Allen G. Tidwell, Louis J. Caruso and Clayton J. Borne, III. Several Grand Lecturers and Grand Stewards were present.



Dr. Neil F. Notaroberto, M.D., a strong supporter of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, attended our Banquet and made a short emotional talk of his interest in our work. He was given a standing ovation following his talk.

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