

Calling all Cajuns

*rendez-vous à
St. Martinville, Louisiana*



pour célébrer

National Day of the Acadians

Fête nationale des Acadiens

August 15, 1997

Program

6:00 a.m. - Sunrise Ceremonies

Master of Ceremonies - Mr. Jim Olivier

Flag Raising

American Flag

Honor Guard:

The Honorable Sydnie Mae Durand

House of Representatives, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The Honorable Craig Romero

The State Senate, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The Honorable Eric Martin

Mayor of St. Martinville, Louisiana

Musical Salute: "The Star-Spangled Banner" sung by Mr. Burton Bernard

O say, can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed in the twilight's last gleaming
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
From the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming
And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Francis Scott Key

Acadian Flag

Honor Guard:

Ms. Jolene Adam,

Curator/Director, The Acadian Memorial

Mr. Warren Perrin

President, Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL)

Mr. Curtis Joubert

Director, Franco-Fête

Musical Salute: "Ave Maris Stella" sung by Mrs. Sarah Roy

A - ve, ma - ris stel - la
De - I Ma - ter al - ma
At - que sem - per vir - go
Fe - lix coe - li por - ta
Fe - lix coe - li por - ta

Ground-breaking for the twin towers of the Acadian Memorial

Mr. Robert E. Barras, Architect

Mrs. Jane G. Bulliard, Co-Chair, Acadian Memorial Committee

Mr. J. C. Dugas, Contractor

Mrs. Patricia D. Resweber, Co-Chair, Acadian Memorial Committee

Petit déjeuner sur le Bayou Tèche

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Acadian Memorial - Free Visitation

4:00 p.m. - Performance

Master of Ceremonies - Ms. Jolene Adam

Allons écouter

Leslie Nava, Sulphur High School
Dana David, USL Graduate School

National History Day, Washington D.C.
Traiteurs

Allons chanter

Songs by students from the French immersion program in St. Martin Parish schools.

5:00 p.m. - Tintamarre

A noisy , colorful procession to demonstrate cultural pride, the *Tintamarre* was developed to encourage Acadians to celebrate their heritage. This is the first to be held in St. Martinville. We will be departing from the Acadian Memorial at 5 p.m. and walk noisily to St. Martin de Tours for mass at 5:30. Noismakers will be left at entry.

5:30 p.m. Commemorative Mass
Eglise Saint-Martin de Tours

Feast of Our Lady of the Assumption, Patroness of Acadians

Welcome Mrs. Jerry Broussard LeBlanc

“We welcome all parishioners and guests this afternoon to St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church as we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Mary. In the United States, St. Martin de Tours Church is recognized as the “Mother Church of the Acadians.” This evening at Mass as we honor Mary on the feast of the Assumption, we will also honor her as the Patroness of Acadians, a title conferred upon her in 1881 at the First National Convention of Acadians held in New Brunswick, Canada. We will remember in a special way all Acadian exiles, particularly those who found refuge in Louisiana. They settled many different areas of our State and laid a firm foundation for Louisiana’s early economic growth. Our guests at Mass today are the participants of the *Tintamarre*, an Acadian tradition to demonstrate cultural pride.”

Celebrant	Reverend Keith DeRouen, Pastor
Altar Servers	Teddy Eastin and Joshua Eastin
Gift Bearers - Sodality of Mary:.....	Lindsey Bonin and Adele Comeaux
Eucharistic Ministers	Mr. Donald Akers, Mrs. Shirley Akers and Mrs. Jerry Cormier
Lectors	Mr. Joseph C. Dugas Mrs. Jerry Broussard LeBlanc
St. Martin de Tours Adult Choir.....	Mr. Patrick Melancon, Organist Mrs. Sarah Roy, Choir Director

6:30 p.m. - Acadian Memorial

Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Jim Olivier

Portrayal of Olivier Terriot by members of *Théâtre Cadien*

Reading for the elder Terriot is Shirley Savoy of Lafayette; for the younger Terriot, Robert Landreneau of Lafayette; and for Peyroux, Jim Viator of New Iberia. Research and content by Christy D. Maraist and Jolene Adam; artistic direction by Earline Broussard.

Synopsis: Of the approximately 3,000 Acadians who came to Louisiana, just about half came in 1785, on seven ships that departed from Nantes, France, or nearby Paimboeuf, and arrived in New Orleans. Henri Peyroux de la Coudrenière, a French pharmacist who had made his fortune in Louisiana, devised a plan to recruit colonists for Louisiana among the Acadian exiles in France, at the expense of Spain. But, Peyroux needed an Acadian partner who could convince the exiles to sign a petition to leave France. In tonight's reading, Peyroux propositions master cobbler Olivier Terriot to collect the signatures required in exchange for a generous reward. Terriot eventually agrees, abandoning his cobblers shop to devote himself entirely to recruitment. Upon their arrival in Louisiana, Terriot confronts Peyroux for his long awaited compensation. Peyroux denies ever having promised a reward to Terriot. Thus, the man largely responsible for the arrival of 1,596 Acadians in Louisiana arrived penniless, but not without the respect and appreciation of his peers. Like the majority of Acadians who arrived in 1785, Terriot settled on the bayou at *La Fourche des Chetimacha*.

Membership Information

Mrs. Patricia D. Reswber, President, Acadian Memorial Foundation

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Decorations:	Mrs. Christy D. Maraist
Food :	Acadian Memorial Staff , <i>petit déjeuner</i> Ms. Rosalie Doré Ms. Gail Maretta Mrs. Peggy M. Hulin, <i>rafraîchissements</i>
Mass:	Mrs. Patricia D. Resweber
Photography:	Mr. Donald Akers
Program:	Mrs. Jane G. Bulliard
Sunrise Ceremonies:	Mr. Jim Olivier
<i>Tintamarre</i> :	Ms. Jolene Adam
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