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L'ORDRE DU BON TEMPS 2013 A SUCCESS!

**407 years of
Culinary Tradition!!**



True to the motto “laissez les bon temps rouler” or “let the good times roll” L’Ordre du Bon Temps Louisiane 2013, held at Ramada Convention Center, New Iberia, on 14 November last, started off on a high note as “Champlain” aka Mr. James Akers called for the festivities to begin. Then, flanked by five Grand Masters, “Champlain” called on his fifteen gentlemen to present a toast.

Grand Master V Warren Perrin officially opened the Seventh Annual fundraiser event of the Acadian Memorial Foundation and made bi-lingual comments to the large crowd in attendance. Perrin had the honor of introducing Msgr. Richard Greene who gave a special Invocation after which the chefs were called out to present their offerings for the evening.

Ramada Head Chef, Danny Finn presented his plate choices of Roast Beef and Fried Fish accompanied by dressed potatoes and seasoned green beans while guest Chef Allain Bossé, hailing from Nova Scotia, presented the appetizer of gulf shrimp served Acadian style over tomatoes, tart apple and avocado *concassée* with a vinaigrette of blueberries and maple syrup. “Champlain” then led the Parade of the Chefs in showing off their dishes to the appreciative crowd!

Perrin recognized Special Guests Dr. William Arceneaux, Janie Bulliard and Patricia Resweber. Dr. Arceneaux is a recent recipient of the rank of *Commandeur* in *L’Ordre des Palmes Académiques* a prestigious order of chivalry of France given to recognize excellence for academics and cultural and educational figures. He was presented flowers by Mary Perrin and a Certificate of Appreciation from L’Ordre du Bon Temps Louisiane for his many efforts and accomplishments that have helped the Foundation attain its goal of honoring the exiled Acadians.

Janie Bulliard and Pat Resweber were recognized and honored with roses presented by Tiny Guillotte for their role as co-founders of the Acadian Memorial.

In his last official act as Grand Master V, Warren Perrin conducted the ceremony inducting Ernest Freyou as Grand Master VI. The ceremony ended with Freyou swearing The Oath and [Story continues on page 2]

FOUNDING MEMBERS RECEIVE AWARD

Leader in Philanthropy Award presented to founding members of Acadian Memorial



Pictured at left are Jane G. Bulliard, Raymond J. Hebert, Suzy Bulliard Lemoine and Patricia D. Resweber (inset at right). On November 15, 2013, the Community Foundation of Acadiana (CFA) honored the three women, two of them a mother and daughter from two different parishes with their prestigious Leader in Philanthropy award. Jane G. Bulliard and Patricia D. Resweber, co-founders of the Acadian Memorial in St. Martinville were nominated from St. Martin Parish and Suzy Bulliard Lemoine was nominated from Evangeline Parish. She most recently chaired the Centennial celebration of Evangeline Parish (1911-2011) that resulted in the erection of a life-sized statue of Evangeline, heroine of Longfellow's poem for whom the Parish is named. Raymond J. Hebert is President and CEO of CFA and a former member of the Board of Directors of the Acadian Memorial Foundation.

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receiving the Medallion, the Insignia of the Order. Freyou then continued the program by inducting a new member of L'Ordre du Bon Temps, J.E. Delahoussaye of Lafayette. Freyou went on to introduce the Star Sponsors and encouraged the room to stand and join in a toast recognizing the origin of the social club 407 years ago, saying, "May we always eat well, drink responsibly, form enduring friendships, and with love for one another, always laissez les bon temps rouler!"

Raymond Hebert, Grand Master IV, told the story of the origin of L'Ordre du Bon Temps and reminded the crowd that it was Samuel de Champlain who originated the Canadian Order, historically on 14 November 1606 and that this November 14th marked exactly 407 years of culinary traditions and was the seventh Louisiana gathering of this, the oldest social club in North America.

A presentation by Preston Guillotte, Grand Master I, told the compelling story of a young Acadian boy, Charles Olivier Guillot who at the age of 12 was exiled to France in 1758 from Isle St. Jean, Nova Scotia. The story then followed his life in France until he was recruited for Louisiana in 1785, eventually ending his days along Bayou Lafourche. Ian Bonin, grandson of Ernest Freyou, ably portrayed Guillot as the young exile and brought the story to life.

The evening ended with announcements by Christy Maraist of the winning bids for silent auction items.

Everyone agreed it was one of the most successful galas ever! The board would like to give a big "Thank You" to ALL the supporters of L'Ordre du Bon Temps Louisiane 2013, with a particular thanks to Event Chair Randy Menard, and Program Co-Chairs Preston Guillotte and Ernest Freyou. [See photos pages 4 and 5.]

WALL OF NAMES: GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS



Genealogy and DNA

Throughout 2013, the monthly Genealogy Workshops have been very well attended. The topic in October was "Genealogy and DNA" which focused on brief descriptions of this newest tool of genealogy research and offered websites and projects to lead to further study. One such project of particular interest to those researching their Acadian genealogy is "Mothers of Acadia mtDNA Project" from Acadian Ancestral Home website accessed at www.acadian-home.org.

The website lists the names of the "Mothers of the Acadian People" which are taken from the First Census of Acadia in 1671. Your descent from one of these women can be established through mitochondrial DNA or mtDNA testing. Both men and women can be tested although mtDNA is concerned solely with the direct maternal line. Those of Acadian descent through their direct maternal line are encouraged to consider mtDNA testing to trace descent from one of these women. The website has clear information on the goals and purposes of the project and how to participate and will even help verify your direct maternal line.

Rogers Romero of New Iberia, was at the workshop and reported that he had completed the mtDNA test kit and received help through the website from Stephen White in completing and verifying his maternal line to his "Mother of Acadia", Marie Anne Canol. From his good experience, he recommends that everyone who can should participate. *so*

L'ORDRE DU BON TEMPS 2013



2. “Champlain” officially opens L’Ordre du Bon Temps 2013. 3. “Champlain” leads his chosen “Fifteen Gentlemen” in a toast: Preston Guillotte, Ray Trahan, Raymond Hebert, Warren Perrin, Ernest Freyou, David Maraist, Paul Durand, J. E. Delahoussaye, Michael Comeaux, Jeremy Freyou, Lawrence Gauthier, Allan Durand, Jimmy Gravois, Dr. Bill Arceneaux, and Chef Allain Bossé. 4. Master of Ceremony, Warren Perrin, Grand Master V conducts the events.



5. Father Richard Greene offers the Invocation. 6. Presentation by Ramada Chef, Danny Finn: *Rôti de boeuf au jus* or *Barbue frits avec sauce tartare*. 7. Presentation by guest chef from Nova Scotia, Allain Bossé: *Fraiches Homard de la Nouvelle-Écosse style Acadien*. 8. Honored guest, Dr. William Arceneaux wearing the insignia of *Commandeur, Ordre des Palmes Académiques* recently awarded by the French government steps up to receive his honorary Certificate in L’Ordre du Bon Temps. 9. Outgoing Grand Master Warren Perrin passes the Insignia of L’Ordre du Bon Temps to Ernest Freyou, Grand Master VI.



(Photo captions from left to right) Ernest Freyou, Grand Master VI assumes the podium;

Tapping of J. E. Delahoussaye as *Chevalier* L’Ordre du Bon Temps by Grand Master Ernest Freyou;

Raymond Hebert, Grand Master IV, gives the history of L’Ordre du Bon Temps—the first social club in North America created in 1606 by Samuel de Champlain;

Ian Bonin, 14 year old son of Joy and Mike Bonin, portraying Charles Olivier Guillot;

Christy Maraist announces the winners of the Silent Auction.

[All LDBT photos courtesy of Jessie Thibodeaux.]

Our top silent auction item, the handcrafted pirogue was won by Ray Trahan, Grand Master II who edged out Conni Castille in close bidding. Until next year.....Merci à tous!

L'ORDRE DU BON TEMPS 2013 SPONSORS

Pictured at the November 14, 2013 gala at Ramada Convention Center, New Iberia, were Star Sponsors of L'Ordre du Bon Temps 2013.



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Chevron Company: guests John & Bertha L. Delahoussaye, J. E. Delahoussaye; Sara Voorhies; Jennifer G. & Aubin Buquet; Robert & Natalie Delahoussaye.



Grand Master VI Ernest Freyou: guests Ian Bonin; Bray Casanova; Jeremy Freyou; John Betar; Joannie & Adolph Curet, III; Father Richard Greene; Joy & Mike Bonin.



Tiles that Bind



Blazon: Azure, a lamb passant argent, in chief three mullets of five points or in fess

D'Azur, au mouton passant d'argent, et à trios étoiles d'or rangées en chef

Symbolism: The lamb indicates patience and gentleness and the Mullets (Stars) denote honor and achievement.

Azure (Blue) signifies truth and loyalty and Argent (White) indicates peace and sincerity.

Crest: A mullet as in Arms

Design: Recorded in the *Armorial de la Ville de Lyon*, by M. Borel D'hautrieve. Registered for Jean Guillot, Alderman of Lyon in 1534 and Gaspard Guillot, Alderman of Lyon in 1539.



Bienvenue



A warm welcome to our new and renewed Friends of the Acadian Memorial Foundation:

Friends with spouse or individuals

- James & Lona Bourque, Youngsville, LA
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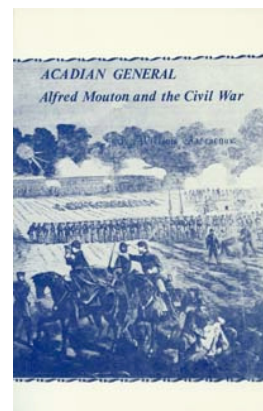
L'Amitié Blanche

- Errol & Karen Gautreau, Baton Rouge, LA



Our Boutique

After enjoying the L'Ordre du Bon Temps dinner, Dr. William Arceneaux graciously signed copies of his book, "Acadian General: Alfred Mouton and the Civil War" which will be offered on the Acadian Memorial website store in 2014





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Your friendship with the Acadian Memorial Foundation directly supports the Acadian Memorial, which commemorates the 3,000 Acadian exiles who found refuge in Louisiana and gave rise to our Cajun Culture. Your gifts have helped fund ...

Mural of "The Arrival of the Acadians in Louisiana" ~ Wall of Names ~ Eternal Flame ~ Grand-Pré Deportation Cross Replica ~ Mosaics of Acadian Family Name Coats-of-Arms ~ Bilingual Interactive of Mural Figures ~ Ensemble Encore Genealogy Database ~ Website & Online Boutique

THANK YOU – WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!
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Quarterly Newsletter "Calling all Cajuns!" ~ Voting privileges at annual meeting & social ~ Advance ticket purchase for Foundation events ~ Invitation to join L'Ordre du Bon Temps, North America's oldest social club

Friendship Levels	Donation Amount
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ACADIAN MEMORIAL

2013-2014 EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY 2014

January 29 - Genealogy Workshop, Norma Lester, "1867 Quilt on New Iberia Families"

FEBRUARY 2014

February 26: Attendees Show & Tell: "Family History & Genealogy Projects"

MARCH 2014

March 26: Preston Guillot, "Charles Olivier Guillot: Acadian Boy in Exile"

Genealogy workshops are held the last Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Coffee and sweets are served at 9:30 a.m. Call or e-mail to reserve a seat.

*Merry Christmas to you and yours and
Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!*