



## Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society

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### **LGHS Accepting Nominations for The Order of Cavalier**

*Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 10 September 2024* — The Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society is pleased to announce that it is accepting nominations for the society's highest honor: *The Order of Cavalier, Sieur de La Salle*.

"Presented once in a decade, the award is for a member whose actions have greatly preserved, advanced, and honored the history and culture of Louisiana," said Melissa Dauzat-Collins, Director at LGHS. "The award is named for famous explorer, Rene Robert Cavalier Sieur de La Salle, who explored and claimed the entire Mississippi River basin for France. La Salle named the colony *La Louisiane* in honor of King Louis XIV and Saint Louis. La Salle built forts, trading posts, and communities from Canada to Texas."

Please submit your nominations via email to [melissa.collins@laghs.com](mailto:melissa.collins@laghs.com) or in person at the annual meeting.

Past recipients of the Order of Cavalier include William King Hunt (historian and founder of the LGHS), Hale Boggs (U.S. congressman and house majority leader), Edwin Edwards (governor of Louisiana and U.S. congressman), and Nicholas Murray (writer, editor and historian).

The Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society (LGHS) was founded in 1953 to collect, preserve, and publish genealogical and historical materials for the State of Louisiana and its people. The Society works closely with genealogy and ancestry libraries, historical societies, state agencies, research facilities and universities. The Society is headquartered in Baton Rouge and sponsors a spring and fall seminar each year at the Louisiana State Archives building. The Society maintains the official registry of the *First Families of Louisiana* - recognizing families who settled within the present boundaries of the state prior to the Louisiana Purchase. For over 70 years, the Society has published *The Louisiana Genealogical Register* - an eclectic collection of Louisiana records as well as historical and genealogical articles. Over 100 libraries subscribe to this journal. Other publications include historical books such as *Louisiana Soldiers in the War of 1812*, *Federal Census of 1810 for Territory of Orleans*, *A guide to Printed Sources for Genealogical and Historical Research in the Louisiana Parishes*, *Be it Known and Remembered: Bible Records (Volumes 1-5)*, and *Early Louisiana Families*.

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