Civics & Government

In nineteenth-century New Orleans, a benevolent society was a voluntary association whose members helped one another. At Captain André Cailloux's funeral, his society, the Friends of the Order, received his body. Black Louisiana soldiers provided an escort, and six members of the society served alongside six Black captains as pallbearers.

Read the 1863 newspaper account

Examine the roles Give students three role cards: receiving the body, providing a military escort, and serving as pallbearers. Label each role "civic association," "military," or "shared." Use the account above to defend each label.

Local connection Name one voluntary association and one public institution in your community. Describe a community event where they could contribute different kinds of service.