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The Lesser Tetractys The Dyad

by

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Editor's Note: Part two of a four part series on the tetractys or tetrad, a triangular figure consisting of ten points arranged in four rows: one, two, three, and four points in each row, which is the geometrical representation of the fourth triangular number.

Special note by the author: As I have mentioned in previous articles, the views expressed in my articles are my own – they are not meant to be understood as authoritative in any way. I choose to share them in hopes of inspiring others to personalize their Masonic Journey in a way that is meaningful and suitable to them. Also, when I use Holy Scripture it is meant to be applied in a reflective & symbolic manner, not as a literal or religious application.

The Two comes from the One. The Dyad

The Expansion

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."
(Genesis 1:1) *"By wisdom the Lord laid the earth's foundation, and by understanding he set the heavens in place."* (Proverbs 3:19)

The monad symbolizes a beginning with a single point containing the perfect will that consists of a perfect balance of understanding and wisdom, and is circumscribed by a boundary in the form of a perfect circle. In order to reveal emanation through creation, the Deity separated wisdom and understanding, causing a great expansion between the two. These two points, symbolized by the dyad, are associated with the world of Creation and comes from the One (single point); they represent the static distancing of polarity, and reveal to us the first dimension.

When wisdom and understanding separated, a gulf was formed within the expansion allowing chaos to be experienced so that the lower worlds could exist. Chaos consists of what is yet to be known and is kept within the circumscribed boundary of the monad; it exists in order to fulfill the glory of the Crown when all four worlds are united and work in harmony together within man. These four worlds of Emanation, Creation, Formation and Action are expressed within the circumscribed boundary of the monad, and within that boundary we find the tetractys at work connecting those four worlds. Wisdom (voice) connects the worlds of Emanation and Creation; knowledge (light) connects the worlds of Creation, Formation and Action. Darkness limits the worlds and it is in darkness that we fear and where we long for limitations, but it is also where light is revealed which allows us to go beyond those limitations and unite the worlds.

The distancing of the two points form a line that stretches as far north as it does south within the circumscribed boundary, and is symbolic of what we understand eternity to be. The single point we previously discussed, which represents the world of Emanation, now becomes the hidden or veiled will of the Deity and slips from view, leaving only a portion of light within the gulf of the two

points that descended from it. Heaven and earth are the first physical representations of understanding and wisdom.

In our natural state we are only able to conceive a very small portion of that line or bar. We can paint a picture using this eternal bar to better understand our limited perception within the expansion. For instance, let's say that we are only able to see 6 miles out either direction, and we draw up and measure our laws within those 12 miles of comprehension. We then naturally find a center within those 12 miles, but this doesn't mean we are truly centered compared to the true center of that eternal bar – we live where we are, and with what we know. If one seeks more light, one may be able to obtain a scope of 10 miles out either direction. This then puts the individual in a very complicated situation, because the laws drawn out by the majority of a content society only sees 6 miles out either way, and when seeking more light the complications increase with every mile. The farther out one is able to see, the easier it is to comprehend the fact that one may not be as centered as they originally thought, and finding unity and balance between opposites becomes more achievable.

Adam & Eve

When we reflect upon the characters of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, we gain a better understanding around the roles of opposites. Adam was formed out of the earth, and the Creator breathed life into him (Genesis 2:7); this makes him directly connected to the earth and dependent upon the Creator. Adam was given dominion over the earth (Genesis 1:26), so the earth is bound by Adam. Eve came from Adam's side, which makes her directly connected to Adam as his equal and naturally dependent with him (Genesis 1:27). The process of Eve's creation was initiated while Adam was in a deep sleep (Genesis 2:21-22), so this makes her of the heavens and gives Eve a unique connection to the astral realms; therefore, Adam is bound with Eve.

The removal of Adam's rib used to create Eve caused a void in Adam's side, and the void in his side was filled in with flesh (Genesis 2:21). This reveals the creation of weakness and darkness in Adam, which is required in order to have free will and a choice; it is also a reflection of the Deity filling in the void with the lower worlds. Adam's acknowledgement of Eve as being of him yet separate from him explains the need of the polarities to be in union together working in harmony (Genesis 2:23), and the Creator's stated intention of giving man a helper and partner explains the importance of the opposites and how they are designed to work together (Genesis 2:18 & 2:24). We find that all of creation has its duality, and each

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Celebrating The Craft May 20
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Waco, TX July 20-22
RiteCare® Conference August 8-10
Los Angeles, CA.

Orient

- Conference of the Orient April 28
New Orleans
Conference of the Orient November 9
Alexandria
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Alexandria

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- Quarterly Meetings April 21

Reunions

- New Orleans TBD
Shreveport August 11-12
Lake Charles April 14-15
September 8-9
Baton Rouge TBD
Monroe April 14
October 27

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The Scholarships, a grant of \$2,000.00 each, are awarded annually to rising Junior or Senior students enrolled in an accredited Civil Engineering curriculum at a Louisiana college or university. Each grant is awarded to a student who is in the upper half of his or her class, has demonstrated leadership capabilities through involvement in engineering college and campus activities, and shows potential for development into a motivated, innovative, well-rounded and successful practicing professional engineer. Financial need is a significant determining factor. The students submit a 300-500 word essay explaining how his or her leadership role in college will help in attaining those goals and objectives as a practicing engineer.



2018 Scholarship Awards L:R - Dr. Heath Tims-Associate Dean Undergraduate Studies College of Engineering and Science, and Blaine C. Roussell.



2018 Scholarship Awards L:R - Dr. Heath Tims-Associate Dean Undergraduate Studies College of Engineering and Science, and Anna Opel.



Shreveport Childhood Learning Center

Our spring semester Scholarship recipients are Courtney Davis and Grace McGill, both of whom are graduate students at LSU Health Science pursuing their Masters Degree in speech pathology and language disorders.



L:R - Courtney Davis, John Autry-Administrator and Grace McGill.

Fraternally,
 John D. Autry, Sr., 33°
 Administrator



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is assigned a task designed to reciprocate its portion to the other – they are intended to perpetuate Life (**Genesis 1:28**).

The Two Trees

Holy Scripture tells us that there were many trees in the Garden of Eden, but two were mentioned specifically: the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil (**Genesis 2:8-9**). The only tree that was forbidden was the tree of knowledge of good and evil (**Genesis 2:8-17**). The two trees had a purpose in the Garden other than being symbolic of free will or life and death. The tree of life contained the perfect balance of understanding and wisdom working in union, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil contained the chaos of separation. The tree of life provided harmony throughout the Garden by its presence, and it appears that it was not accessible to eat of until after one had first eaten fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil (**Genesis 3:22**) – but this is purely speculation based on the fact that Holy Scripture does not say Adam and Eve chose the tree of knowledge of good and evil over the tree of life; it is possible that they were not aware that eating from the tree of life was even an option until they gained the knowledge of it from the tree of knowledge. Also, the Creator did not express any concern around Adam and Eve eating of the tree of life until after they ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Speculatively speaking, before the fall, Adam and Eve experienced the harmony produced by the Holy matrimony between wisdom and understanding that was living within and distributed by the essence of the tree of life; therefore, unity was experienced in the Garden because they had not yet known polarities – they only knew of differences. The forbidden tree was designed to contain the knowledge of good and evil separated and outside the Holy matrimony that is found within the tree of life – which understands the polarities and the place of good and evil, and has the wisdom to balance them in a way that perpetuates life; therefore, harmony is not present in the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The forbidden tree of knowledge was designed to limit the effects of the tree of life in a way that would sustain the Garden's current environment; without it, the tree of life's essence would overwhelm the Garden. The fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil was designed to grow and drop off onto the ground to provide the death cycle needed to perpetuate life.

We can see that polarities were revealed within the Garden not only in the form of Adam and Eve, but also in the form of the two aforementioned trees – one contained harmony and life, and the other chaos and death; but the polarities were not intimate with Adam and Eve until they had eaten of the forbidden tree. Prior to this, they had only experienced harmony but did not know it. After eating of the forbidden tree, they experienced confusion and disharmony by one adhering to understanding only and the other adhering to wisdom only – allegorically speaking. They then saw that they were naked, and they became connected with chaos on an intimate level by consuming it, and darkness was between each of them and the Creator (**Genesis 3:8**).

The Path of the Serpent

Since Eve was naturally of understanding (Binah/Imma/Mother), which is of the left, and Adam was naturally of wisdom (Chochmah/Abba/Father), which is of the right, the serpent's path would be most successful by first approaching one's understanding because it is

farthest from the Deity; this is why the serpent went through Eve and not Adam – this is illustrated in their confessions (**Genesis 3: 12-13**). With wisdom being directly connected to the Deity, it remains kind and courteous (as was the Deity toward Adam even after the fall) and is content with what the Deity has provided; however, understanding is designed to compare, weigh and judge all things – but works best when seeking the council of wisdom. Eve was beguiled by the serpent because she did not seek counsel from Adam before eating the fruit; and because Adam was kind to Eve and wanted peace (this same reasoning also contributed to King Solomon's fall when he sought peace and appeased his many wives by allowing idolatry – **I Kings chapter 11**), he did not refute the eating of the fruit even though he heard from the Lord that it was forbidden. Since Eve did not seek Adam's counsel, and Adam adhered to Eve's voice rather than the voice of the Lord, both acted as one – but within their own self and outside the harmony of singularity; therefore, they were divided when they did not follow their proper course of action as was designed from the beginning (**Genesis 2:24**).

The Path of Correction, and the Promise of Redemption

"A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels." **Proverbs 1:5**

We are now learning of the polarities' unique position in the process of creation through the fall of Adam and Eve, and Holy scripture reveals the conclusion (**Genesis 3:15**). The consequences of their actions are directly associated with their sense of self-reliance which resulted in chaos. Long before it was written down, Adam and Eve learned that *"in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increases knowledge increases sorrow"* (**Ecclesiastes 1:18**). But grief and sorrow are not a curse. The curses associated with the fall applied only to the serpent and the ground (**Genesis 3: 14-19**). Adam and Eve were not cursed, because they had already been blessed by the Lord (**Genesis 1:27-28**); however, the consequences of their actions brought pain and strife upon them.

The serpent was cursed instead of Eve. He lost his wings and was given only ribs as limbs from his spine going forward (perhaps to remind him of whom he beguiled); and without his wings, was cast down to the ground to eat dust and be placed under the heel to be dominated by the Son of Man. Eve is now bound by her offspring, and her pain is multiplied in child bearing (*which is ultimately illustrated through Mary's suffering at the foot of the cross*); and because her desire is against Adam, she is now limited and ruled by him. Adam will now have death pour from his brow onto the ground in the form of his sweat, which will cause thorns and thistles to sprout from the ground preventing it from producing as it was originally designed – it is now cursed to receive the flesh at his death for the sake of his future redemption.

Adam and Eve received the consequences from their self-indulgent behavior, which were designed to bring about lessons. *"Despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: For the Lord corrects those he loves... Happy is the man that finds wisdom, and gains understanding."* (**Proverbs 3:11-13**). The lesson taught to Eve is to *"trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not upon your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths."* (**Proverbs 3:5-6**), and the lesson to Adam is to *"be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and depart from evil."* (**Proverbs 3:7-8**). Our lesson to learn is that when we act according to disunion and are not harmonious, we bring harm to ourselves and a curse upon all that we have dominion over.

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Valley of New Orleans News

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Meets on the first Wednesday of every month



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2018 Membership Fees are due!

Calendar of Events

Stated Communications 7:30 PM
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 (Louisiana Lodge #102)

Wednesday, April 4th
 Service of Remembrance Program

Tuesday, April 24th
 Advisory Conference - 5pm

Wednesday, May 2nd
 Business Meeting

Wednesday, June 6th
 Business Meeting

Wednesday, July 4th - Office Closed
 No meeting - enjoy your 4th of July!

Tuesday, July 24th
 Advisory Conference - 5pm

Wednesday, August 1st
 Business Meeting

Wednesday, September 5th
 Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 3rd
 Feast of Tishri

Tuesday, October 23rd
 Advisory Conference - 5pm

Wednesday, November 7th
 Nomination and Election of Officers

Wednesday, December 5th
 Holiday Celebration

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Personally Speaking

I would like to thank Brother Eddie LeBoeuf, III, 32° KCCH, for taking it upon himself to go out to the lodges of our newest Scottish Rite Masons and present them with their Scottish Rite Membership Patents and 14th degree rings. As you may or may not know, it is the Master of Kadosh, along with the General Secretary, who signs each of the patents. Brother LeBoeuf felt that by going to the members lodge and making this presentation, that maybe, just maybe a Master Mason sees the presentation, it just may entice him to ask for a petition and to start his quest for additional light in Masonry.

Do you know where your membership patent is? Do you know that at one time if you traveled to another Scottish Rite Valley, and wished to attend a meeting that you had to present your membership patent? That is why for so many years your patent was present to you neatly folded in that gold carrying case. Now all you need to show is your dues card and it must be current. Do you have your 2018 dues card? If not please contact our General Secretary as soon as possible! I am sure he has one with your name on it.

As you read this edition of the Trestleboard, we will be entering into the second quarter of the year and it is moving rapidly. Before you know if the Annual Grand Lodge session will be here and gone and so will the

first half of the year 2018. As we get older it seems that time moves at a much more rapid pace and we do our very best to keep up with it. Sometime we fall a little behind and somethings fall through the cracks. With that thought in mind, think about these few items. Since you joined the Scottish Rite have you; 1) moved; 2) changed your phone number; 3) eliminated your home phone and now only have a cell phone or 4) have you changed your email address?

The reason I asked you to think about this is simple. In today world electronic communication is now the rule. Email has replaced the written letter; text messaging is the new way to communicate especially with the "youngsters". By youngster, I mean anyone younger than me. If you have done any one of the above items, have you notified our General Secretary of these changes? Could this be why we lose so many members to nonpayment of dues each year, because we do not have a way to contact them?

My Brother, if you do not receive any of the numerous emails that your General Secretary send out each month, or of you do not receive a phone call from a member of our telephone committee each year on your birthday or the anniversary of your initiation into the Scottish Rite Valley of New Orleans, it is simply because your record is not up to date.

You can take care of updating your records one of two ways. You can call the office at 504-835-3780 and they can access your information and update your records or you can go to www.Scottishrite.org and click on the "pay your dues" button and then click on the "Click Here to create an account" tab and you are on your way.

However you choose to do it, please help us to see that we have your correct contact information in our database.

Fraternally yours,
 Clayton J. "Chip" Borne, III 33°
 Personal Representative

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In Memoriam

Marquis Delafayette Doyle, Jr.
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Valley of Shreveport News

Chartered October 26, 1913

Meets on the second Tuesday of every month



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tuesday, April 10th**
 19th and 20th Degree Presentation 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, May 8th**
 21st and 24th Degree Presentation 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, June 12th**
 26th Degree Presentation 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, July 10th**
 28th Degree Presentation 6:00 PM
- Summer Reunion August 11-12**
- Tuesday, August 14th**
 Candidate Appreciation Dinner 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, September 11th**
 Feast of Tishri 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, October 9th**
 29th Degree Presentation 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, November 13th**
 50 Year Membership Recognition 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 11th**
 4th Degree Presentation 6:00 PM
 Election & Installation of Officers
 The KCCH Club meets during the January, April, July & October meetings.



From The Secretary' Desk
 Spring is definitely in the air, but so too is the green pollen that casts an unwanted haze to everything outdoors. Flu and virus season was in full swing and had dealt misery to many of our members and their families. However, none of the foregoing has dampened the spirits of our members participating in our monthly degree presentation or the members of the Class.

In December, we again began exemplifying the degrees on a monthly basis to a class of four (4) candidates. These Master Masons were joined by four (4) additional candidates for our Spring Reunion in March. The first quarter of the year culminated with our Candidate Appreciation Supper on March 13th. A wonderful catered meal was provided by Glenda Fuller, wife of Ken Fuller, 33°. The Class, along with their wives, were provided an official tour of the building, including having several of the backdrops displayed. It truly was a fine evening, one hoped to be duplicated in the future.

On March 27th the Valley held its annual Service of Remembrance, honoring the memory of our brethren whom passed to their celestial home.

The degree conferrals will begin with our April meeting and our Class will continue their journey in Scottish Rite Masonry.

Thank you for your attendance and continuing to be a Shreveport Valley Scottish Rite Mason.

Fraternally yours,
 Gary L. Gribble, 33°
 General Secretary



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Valley of Lake Charles News

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Dinner 6:30 | Meeting 7:00 |
| <u>Spring Reunion</u> | <u>April 14-15</u> |
| Wednesday, April 17th
<i>Mothers Day Program</i> | |
| Wednesday, May 16th
<i>Feast of the Consistory</i> | |
| Wednesday, June 20th
<i>Education and Recruitment Program</i> | |
| Wednesday, July 18th
<i>University of Freemasonry Program</i> | |
| Wednesday, August 15th
<i>On The Road - Abe Hinson Lodge #472 Alexandria</i> | |
| <u>Fall Reunion</u> | <u>September 8-9</u> |
| Wednesday, September 19th
<i>Feast of Tishri</i> | |
| Wednesday, October 17th
<i>Master Craftsman Program</i> | |
| Wednesday, November 21st
<i>Thanksgiving Program</i> | |
| Wednesday, December 19th
<i>Election of Officers</i>
<i>Holiday Celebration</i> | |
| <u>Back Door Lunch: Last Friday of every month. Except in November & December</u> | |



Personally Speaking

Spring has sprung! We start the month of April with the biennial Scottish Rite Leadership Workshop in Omaha, Nebraska. This event brings together Scottish Rite Masons from across the nation, but especially the central states to listen, learn, renew old friendships, and start new ones. This year's workshop is focused on creating activities that attract both new and existing members to engage and be enthusiastic in the Scottish Rite.

The Spring Reunion is set for Saturday, April 14 and Sunday, April 15. Brother Tom Boggan, 32° KCCH, has been visiting Blue Lodges in the Valley spreading the message about why the Scottish Rite is the University of Freemasonry. We have a goal of initiating at least ten (10) new Masters of the Royal Secret in the Spring Reunion. Please plan to come and take part in the reunion and sign-up a Brother Blue Lodge Mason to join the Scottish Rite. Both you and he will learn more about Masonry by attending and watching the degrees.

This April's stated meeting is on Wednesday, April 17th. Our Venerable Master, Brother Brack Cole, 32° KCCH, will deliver a program honoring mothers. This program is scheduled a little before the annual mothers' day observance on May 13th, and will help us remember the important role our mothers have in our lives.

May 31st, will mark the 217 anniversary of the organization of the Scottish Rite Consistory at Charleston, South Carolina. This became the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction and Mother Supreme Council in the World. At the stated meeting on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, Brother J. Quincy Gotte, 32° KCCH and Brother Joe Vincent, 32° will have a program in observance of this anniversary.

These brethren read and study many different books and article published by others on the various aspects of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Their scholarship in seeking with the brethren of the Rite has won the respect of other Masonic scholars. We are grateful to Brothers Gotte and Vincent for their love of the craft and quest to unlock its

mysteries and share them with us.

Fraternally,
Richard B Smith, 33° G.C.
Personal Representative



2018 Officers

Lake Charles Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master:	J. Braxton Cole, 32° KCCH
Senior Warden:	Elton J. Blanchard, 32° KCCH
Junior Warden:	Oscar Abshire, 32° KCCH

Lake Charles Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master:	Jeffery S. Haley, 32°
Senior Warden:	Clyde C. Fletcher 32°
Junior Warden:	John W. Derby, 32° KCCH

Lake Charles Council of Kadosh

Commander:	Harry C. Northrop, III, 33°
1 st Lt. Commander:	George A. Wilkinson, 32° KCCH
2 nd Lt. Commander:	William W. Bailey, 32° KCCH

Lake Charles Consistory

Master of Kadosh:	Max P. Adame, 32°
Prior:	Terrell D. Fowler, 33°
Preceptor:	Errol B. Cheramie, 32°

Treasurer All Bodies:

J. Quincy Gotte, 32° KCCH

Secretary All Bodies:

Frank M. "Dickie" Bult, Jr., 32° KCCH

IN MEMORIAM
Cedric Marshall Long
Bobbie Stewart Horn
Jack Edwin Thielen

Valley of Monroe News

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2018 Membership Fees are due!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dinner with Ladies 6:00 PM
Program 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 5th

Service of Remembrance

Friday, April 13th

Valley Fund Raising event

Spring Reunion Saturday April 14th

Thursday, May 3rd

Regular Business Meeting

Thursday, June 7th

Heroes of '76 program

Thursday, July 5th

Independence Day program

Saturday, July 28th

Master Mason of the Year program

Thursday, August 2nd

Buddy Baker - Chemistry program

Thursday, September 11th

Feast of Tishri

Thursday, October 4th

29th Degree presentation

Friday, October 26th

Annual Fund Raising

Fall Reunion Saturday, October 27th

Thursday, November 1st

Thanksgiving Day program

Thursday, December 6th

Election & Installation of Officers

Christmas Program

The Advisory Conference meets on the first Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm.

Personally Speaking

Ah yes, the Trestleboard input is due again, every two months, six times a year. I really do wonder who reads all of this and how that reading makes them a more involved and effective member of the Scottish Rite. I will endeavor to fill a page about what we are doing in Monroe to support the Craft.

We appear to be having more members coming to our monthly meeting (we have had only two meetings to judge by so far). It will be interesting to see if this change is just an aberration in the continuing decrease in membership and attendance. It appears that moving the Advisory Board meeting away from the day of our regular meeting has made a positive impact on member attendance and there is a definite increase in the number of ladies present. They are helping in the kitchen and appear to be enjoying the evening.

Using "GoToMeeting" software has allowed us to effectively conduct our Advisory Board meeting without having those who live far away drive to the meeting. This change allows us to begin the regular meeting later, which allows members to bring their wives - less time the ladies have to wait on us to complete our business before bringing them into the Lodge room for the evening program. Our relationship with D.A. Strickland Lodge makes it appropriate that they be noticed and invited to our monthly Advisory Board.

We have good reports, from those attending, that our use of regular plates and glasses has made a favorable impression on our members. With full cabinets of plates, cups, saucers, soup bowls, salad plates and enough metal flatware to go around, there is no reason to eat on disposables - saves money. Our kitchen is well suited to cook for at least 100 people, so we will do the cooking, have better meals and save money at the same time.

We have taken the first steps in rehanging the photographs of all our past and present 33° members. The plan will include displaying photos of all the reunion classes. The "\$100 for your name in brass" has been emphasized, with the board again being hung in the lobby. We are working on improving

our sound/light booth so we can have full control for meetings and degrees. We have gotten two large pot burners that use natural gas connected so we can cook large at less cost than propane. T

The General Secretary is a proficient plumber and has given us better control of the hot water used by our dishwasher. The kitchen crew is growing (the ladies had the kitchen all cleaned and put away by the time our 30 minute business portion of the evening was complete) and has been testing our equipment setup for cooking large. We can make rolls or French bread from scratch in sufficient quantity to meet the needs of a full dining hall. In short, we are using our assets to make our meetings more pleasant with photos on the walls, food from our kitchen and more people attending - all wearing caps! We are saving money in the kitchen! We net a LOT when someone covers the cost of the meal and we collect additional donations. We will place significant emphasis on controlling air conditioning cost as we move into the warmer days. All of these activities are to increase our attendance and hopefully make/save some money.

As I have said before, I have three pillars

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2018 Officers

Monroe Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master: Will P. Gray, 32°
Senior Warden: Michael A. Watts, 33°
Junior Warden: Mitchell A. Reynolds, 32° KCCH

Monroe Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master: Bruce D. Osbon, 32° KCCH
Senior Warden: William S. Blake, 32°
Junior Warden: Willis B. Evans, III, 32°

Monroe Council of Kadosh

Commander: E. Orum Young, 32°
1st Lt. Commander: Troy L. Lord, 32° KCCH
2nd Lt. Commander: Wilson O. Cook, 32° KCCH

Monroe Consistory

Master of Kadosh: J. Keith Gates, 32° KCCH
Prior: Buddy G. Barnett, 32°
Preceptor: Allan K. Bean., 32°

Treasurer All Bodies:

Roy McDuffie, 33° PGM

Secretary All Bodies:

Wilson O. "Will" Cook, 32° KCCH

IN MEMORIAM

Henry Bubba Hubbard

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New Orleans Valley News:

From The Secretary's Desk

A big thank you to the 79.8% of our members who have paid their 2018 dues as of this mailing. I still have 145 dues cards for the year 2018 that are looking for a good home. If you have not adopted yours, please do so today. It gets old to hear those cards that are in the filing cabinet crying out, "Why won't my owner take me home? I do not cost that much." It only cost you a mere 32.8 cents a day to maintain your membership in the Scottish Rite. Believe me, suspending anyone for non-payment of dues is the very last thing that I want to do, but it is part of the job. Also, if you would like to pay your dues by credit card you can do so by calling the office or by going to the Supreme Council's website, www.scottishrite.org. If you would like, you can call the office at 504-835-3780 and we can process your dues payment by credit card over the telephone.

We are working on scheduling a reunion for 2018, and it has been suggested that we attempt to do so in the Houma area again. I will be traveling down the bayou to see what we can set up and when. Also, I have been contacted by the Valley of Baton Rouge as they would like to join up with us once again, and it has been suggested that we hold the reunion after the Grand Lodge Session. So, with that said now is the time to start talking up Scottish Rite Masonry. Let's see if we can get a good number of candidates and try to recover from the loss of the 34 members last year.

Most of the members of the Valley of New Orleans know Illustrious Brother Warren Hintz, 33°. For almost a year now he has been residing at the Inspired Living Center 3801 Loyola Drive Kenner, LA. He is in the memory care facility as he is fighting the effects of Alzheimer's' Disease. If you have the opportunity, please visit with him, even if it is only for a few moments. I am sure that it would bring a smile to his face. Please keep the Hintz family and all of our sick and distressed brothers and their families in your prayers.

Now on a personal note. Some of you may have noticed that I have been away from the office a little more frequently lately due to my duties as your Deputy Grand Master. Rest assured that when I am out of the office, your Scottish Rite office is in the capable hands of Ms. Nona Pratz, and if something comes up that she cannot handle I am usually

just a phone call away.

Fraternally yours,
Martin A. Reinschmidt, 33°
General Secretary

Venerable Master's Message

I hope that everyone has made it through this year's cold and flu season and might only be fighting the dreaded allergy attacks.

I would like to thank the KCCH Investiture team for another great ceremony at our March meeting. It is always good to see one of our own receive honors that are due to him for his hard work and devotion to the fraternity, not just Scottish Rite but Masonry in General.

Our April meeting will be our Annual Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony which will be conducted by the Pelican Chapter Rose Croix, under the direction of our Director of Works, Brother Elmo Barnes, 32° KCCH.

I am working on getting more guest speakers from organizations similar to our own, so we can compare what they are offering their members and what bang you are getting for your bucks.

I have been asked about upcoming reunions and I will refer you to the message from our General Secretary in regards to those plans.

At the end of January, we lost Brother William Frank Grosch, 32° at the youthful age of 96. Bill or Grosch, as he was commonly called, was a member of the Valley of New Orleans for a just over 60 years and was usually brought to the meeting by Brother Don Siegel. It was my pleasure along with several other members of the Valley to conduct the Rose Croix Service for our departed brother. May he Rest in Peace.

Hope to see you at a meeting real soon!

Fraternally,
Klaue "Joe" Kueck, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master

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Monroe Valley-Personally Speaking:

needed to support our Valley: MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE/MONEY. We are doing ok on the last two, but membership can only be impacted in a real way by you, the reader of this piece. I need you to get your Lodge members to come to our meetings and have a look around with the hope that they would find the warm friendly atmosphere and good food to their liking, which might

lead to some of them joining us at the Spring Reunion. Without more active members, we will ultimately fail in all three pillars.

It comes to this: I NEED each of you to bring a brother Mason to our meetings. Find existing members and get them to come with you. These two steps will flesh out our needs and will lead to a growing valley in a world where growing social organizations are very rare. Come help me!

Yes, I said much of this in my previous piece for the Trestleboard, but that is because these items are most important: Ladies present, membership, attendance, and money. Without progress in these areas, we will slowly fade away.

Fraternally,
Will P. Gray, 33° PGM
Personal Representative-Venerable Master

From the Secretary's Desk

As the days become longer and the earth awakens from its winter slumber, we are reminded of the immeasurable gifts that has been given to us by the Great Creator. Let us always thank Him for all that He has given us.

At the time of this writing, we are preparing for several events in the near future. We will have our annual Feast of Remembrance and Renewal on April 5, 2018 at the Monroe Scottish Rite Temple. We are also planning our annual Gumbo fund raiser on Friday, April 13th and our Spring Reunion on Saturday, April 14th.

We are also starting to gear up for our 2nd annual 52 week raffle. This raffle helps keep the bills paid and the lights on. Please help support your Monroe Scottish Rite by purchasing a raffle ticket which is good for 52 weeks. Contact me for information by email: monroescottishrite@icloud.com.

We have had a brother lay down his working tools. Bro. Henry Bubba Hubbard, 32° of Winnfield joined the Celestial Lodge on January 16, 2018. Alas, my brother.

Our regular meeting nights are the 1st Thursday of each month. We have dinner with the ladies at 6:00pm and the meeting is at 7:00pm, with a program to follow. Come out and be a part of Your Scottish Rite.

Fiat Lux!,
Wilson O. "Will" Cook, 32° KCCH
General Secretary



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The Lesser Tetractys - The Dyad:

“When wisdom enters your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul; discretion shall preserve you, and understanding shall keep you.” (Proverbs 2: 10-11)

Perfected wisdom and understanding desires to act in complete unity with each other, and there are elements of each within the other – *“this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of man.” (Genesis 2:23)*. In the lower realms we tend to lose sight of those kindred elements that connect these polarities, and we tend to choose sides; but with these polarities we are given a path by which we may expand our scope of understanding so that we may find wisdom and hear the voice of Deity.

Although wisdom and understanding are present together, its parts of equality and union often appear to be lost in the expansion and difficult to identify without gaining more light. Knowledge plays a key role in the second dimension, or world of Formation; which leads us to the 3rd row of the tetractys.

This concludes part II of IV.

*Fraternally yours,
Quincy Gotte, 32° KCCH
Valley of Lake Charles*


THE FINAL WORD



III. William J. Mollere, 33° PGM
Sovereign Grand Inspector General
Win A Few - Lose Fewer

Membership in Scottish Rite is determined by membership in a Craft Lodge (Blue Lodge) and a desire to want More Light in Masonry through Scottish Rite – you must be a Brother in “good standing” (current Dues paid in your Lodge), and once petitioning, being accepted and joining Scottish Rite, maintaining “good standing” (current Dues paid in your Valley). Too often we forget that we must pay our Annual Dues to be in good standing. If you do not pay your Dues, you can become a Suspended Brother for Non-Payment. Some forget to pay their Lodge Dues but pay their Scottish Rite Dues – that will not work. Lodge Dues trump Scottish Rite Dues. Yes, it comes down to money. Every segment of Masonry has expenses whether it is a Per Capita Annual Fee, local building expenses, local operational expenses, utilities, insurance, and on and on – the same as you running your household – it takes money. If you rent, try not paying your rent and see what happens; if you have a mortgage, try skipping several months and see what happens; if you have a car note, try missing several payments and see what happens. We all have those “normal” everyday living ex-

penses - whether it is that life insurance policy, the cable TV internet bill, food, or any number of other essentials. Money. Many argue that they are on “fixed incomes” meaning having a working salary that might hopefully be reviewed annually for a little “bump up” of several percent – or retired and receiving a fixed amount from investments and maybe through something like Social Security. Those on fixed incomes are very aware of expenses and careful on how they spend their budgeted monthly amounts. Very few have unlimited sources of income and very few win the Lottery! Money.

So when Masonic Dues time comes toward the end of the year, many have to look at their income and outgo – some decide not to pay their Dues. A year’s grace from the Lodge and from Scottish Rite with phone calls, letters, possibly emails, all reminding the delinquent Brother to pay his Dues, or be Suspended. Many do step forward and pay.

This year, the Supreme Council changed the rule whereby a Scottish Rite Brother could be Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues. Once your Valley list a Brother as being delinquent, the name and reason must be sent to me for approval or denial of Suspension. It is no longer automatic. So this January and February has had me reviewing each Valley’s list of request for Suspension. It has been interesting and yet sad in many cases. An 95 year old Brother who has 54 years of Scottish Rite membership is on a list – when checking, the Brother is in nursing home and the family is trying to pay the needed expense of quality care, and Masonic Dues just do not make the top of the list to pay – really understood, but sad. Another Brother is suspended in his Blue Lodge, so he is then suspended in Scottish Rite. Each name on each Valley’s list became a reason why the Brother was going to be Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues by me just pressing the button by his name. I approved most but denied a few.

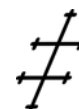
I must commend every Valley General Secretary and the Office Staff for working so hard this time to keep Brothers and not lose them. With Death unfortunately taking too many, Suspensions can be dealt with. We have had some good Reunion Classes in 2017, but not enough coming in to balance those going out. Success is measured in Numbers too – percentage-wise we will still lose some good Brothers to Suspensions – I will always seek to know why they have chosen not to pay their Dues – thirty-two cents a day, ten dollars a month, one hundred twenty dollars the year.

For the many who do pay their Dues on time – to their Lodge and to Scottish Rite – thank you for continuing to support all that Scottish Rite attempts to do, not the least of which is funding our five RiteCare Center for Childhood Learning Disorders. Those 40-50 youngsters each semester depend on our Dues coming in.

As I mentioned in the last issue of this TRESTLEBOARD, whatever you do, at some point early this year, reach out and contact a Brother who has not attended Lodge lately, a Brother whom you missed at Scottish Rite – a Brother. A quick phone call, an email, a card, a visit by his house for coffee – reach out!

*Fraternally – Bill Mollere
Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Louisiana*

If you have not done so yet, please don’t forget to pay your 2018 Dues – thirty- two cents a day, ten dollars a month, \$120 the year – you can pay on-line and also by credit card.



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Did You Know?

In the early 1950s the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States initiated a program to help children with speech and language disorders. The results obtained from this program led to the establishment of RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program clinics to provide diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders, as well as learning disabilities.

Today, there are SRCLP clinics, centers, and special programs operating or planned for children and therapists located throughout the United States. Each facility is staffed by speech-language pathologists or other trained personnel. Through the support of Scottish Rite members, these clinics, centers, and programs continue to increase. The value of this philanthropy has long been apparent. Tens of thousands of youngsters across the United States have been helped significantly. With the good work of dedicated clinicians and parents, the Scottish Rite has achieved successes that could only be imagined a few years back. Children who might have remained educationally behind for a lifetime can now talk, read, and lead productive lives.



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Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family and country.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- ◆ Fulfill the promise of additional Masonic knowledge through education and training.
- ◆ Build a Positive Public Image of Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite.
- ◆ Support and expand our philanthropic activities.
- ◆ Provide a framework for effective leadership to ensure the stability and long-term success of the Fraternity.
- ◆ Provide a financial process to ensure the stability and long-term success of the Fraternity.

