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The Lesser Tetractys The Triad

by

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Editor's Note: Part three 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.

The Supernal Triad of Will, Wisdom & Understanding

As previously discussed, the monad is symbolic of the singularity found within the harmonious unity of the Deity. It contains the entire Tetractys at work by the will of the Deity in the world of Emanation. The dyad is related to the first step in dissecting the monad to bring about the lower worlds through the world of Creation in the first dimension. It is symbolic of polarity, and is related to wisdom and understanding separated. The dyad reminds us of the need to identify and value how each opposite contributes to life, as well as the purpose for the expansion in creating the first dimension. The monad and dyad united reveals the concept of the Supernal Triad, which can be referred to by our imperfect intellect as representing the Deity in a way we are able to comprehend; however, due to the concealment experienced in the lower creations, this remains fallible and partial in its representation.

Prior to revealing the lower world of Creation, the Supernal Triad operated in complete harmony perpetuating infinite light. The Creator then created a void within a small circumscribed portion at the center of the infinite light by separating the union of wisdom and understanding within that point¹. Earth and heaven are symbolic representatives of that wisdom and understanding. Adam and Eve were the first beneficiaries of wisdom and understanding, but they themselves are not wisdom and understanding.

Before the fall, the Supernal Triad was not concealed from Adam in the same manner it was after the fall, nor was its function or purpose contingent upon his obedience. Its function and purpose of perpetuating light and life is the same above as it is below, therefore it has not changed. However, due to the separation that was manifest by the fall, its expression below is now revealed to us only through the experienced imbalances between good and evil and life and death, along with the search for harmony. Before balance can be found and harmony experienced, measurements and limits must be drawn out by the world of Formation.

The World of Formation & the Upper Triad of Loving-Kindness, Harsh Judgment (Restriction) & Beauty

After the world of Emanation was expressed through the world of Creation², the world of Formation assigned and applied unique

¹ The concept of Tzimtzum explained in The Tree of Life - Chayim Vital's Introduction to the Kabbalah of Isaac Luria Volume I - The Palace of Adam Kadmon - translation and introduction by Donald Wilder Menzi Zwe Padeh - second edition 2008 published by Arizal Publications, Inc. pages 9-13.

² The Tree of Life - Chayim Vital's Introduction to the Kabbalah of Isaac Luria Volume I - The Palace of Adam Kadmon pages 3-7.

identities within creation. Measurements and limits were set by applying a third point within the expansion of the two, allowing angles to be formed. With this third point, the second dimension took shape revealing the upper triad.

The upper triad is a photo-degraded portion, or shadow, of the Supernal Triad above. It consists of loving kindness drawn from wisdom, harsh judgment or restriction drawn from understanding, and beauty drawn from the perfect will. It is the expression of polarities in balance. These three aspects reveal how limits provide balance in the lower worlds, and are represented by the third row of the Tetractys. Balance, however, is not achieved unless opposites become united; therefore, knowledge is needed.

The Role of Knowledge

Through creation, knowledge became the revealing agent of the Divine will within the lower worlds. It is often seen as a perforated sphere or circle on the Tree of Life placed between the spheres or Sephirot³ of wisdom and understanding⁴; it is placed there to represent their union. This placement often causes knowledge to be mistaken as an 11th Sephirah on the Kabbalah symbol of the Tree of Life. However, its mobility between the 10 Sephirot does not warrant the classification as an actual Sephirah. Also, we are told that there are 10 Sefirot, not 9 and not 11⁵.

In the Supernal Triad, knowledge unites wisdom and understanding. This union produces the lower seven Creative Forces (seven days of creation), which bring to existence the upper and lower triads along with the world of Action. The lower seven are also united through knowledge⁶. The expression of knowledge is revealed in the union of at least two forces. When the two opposing forces of loving kindness and harsh judgment become united and in balance, beauty is produced as the third point revealing the upper triad.

Although knowledge is the first element needed for unity, it is the Divine will that is responsible for all balance and harmony. The Deity chose to use knowledge as a pathway in revealing the Divine will, and when man uses knowledge appropriately it brings unity -

³ The Tree of Life - Chayim Vital's Introduction to the Kabbalah of Isaac Luria Volume I - The Palace of Adam Kadmon - see foot note on page 9.

⁴ One image of the Tree of Life symbol reflecting the Sefirot can be found on the introduction page xxxiii in the book The Tree of Life - Chayim Vital's Introduction to the Kabbalah of Isaac Luria Volume I - The Palace of Adam Kadmon - translation and introduction by Donald Wilder Menzi Zwe Padeh - second edition 2008 published by Arizal Publications, Inc. Another image can be found in Sefer Yetzirah - In Theory and Practice - Revised Edition by Aryeh Kaplan page 24.

⁵ Sefer Yetzirah - In Theory and Practice - Revised Edition by Aryeh Kaplan: Chapter 1:4 page 38

⁶ Sefer Yetzirah - In Theory and Practice - Revised Edition by Aryeh Kaplan: Chapter 1:2 page 25 states that knowledge is not a Sephirah, but a point of confluence between understanding and wisdom. My reasoning around knowledge connecting all the aspects is based on the fact that the lower seven Sephirot derive from the poles of Truth, Understanding, and Wisdom; therefore, knowledge must be a point of confluence between them as well. The balance between the two opposites reveals the center pole Truth which contains the element of knowledge along with the Sephirot of beauty, foundation, and kingdom.

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Los Angeles, CA.

Orient

- Conference of the Orient November 9
Alexandria
Homecoming November 10
Alexandria

Grand Lodge

- Quarterly Meetings June 16
Grand Session June 29-July 1

Reunions

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

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RiteCare Center

The Baton Rouge Childhood Learning Center was officially renamed and dedicated as the C. Linton Sartain RiteCare Center on May 19th. It was "Judge" or "Chief" Sartain's vision was to establish a center in Baton Rouge and he was the driving force for its fund raising and financial stability. A few years ago, the Center was to be named in his honor, but Chief would have none of that. He stressed the Center was and is a group effort, and to name it after him would be a disservice to those who gave and to those who continue to serve.

The Center was destroyed by the August 2017 flood and Judge C. Linton Sartain, 33° passed away, three months later on November 15, 2017. Another group effort, this time more valiant than before, was required to rebuild the center from the ground up. Howard Dalton, 32° KCCCH, Carle Jackson, 33° and Jim Wingate, 33°, along with several Baton Rouge Valley members restored the building to its former glory.

In conjunction with the Celebrating The Craft event, the building and center was finally dedicated in memory of Chief Sartain and to those that worked tirelessly to reopen the Center.

Our two scholarship recipients and current clinicians for the C. Linton Sartain, 33° Memorial RiteCare Center are Brittany Philburn and Jill Henderson. Ms. Philburn and Ms. Henderson are in their second semester of graduate school at LSU.



Brittany Philburn



Jill Henderson



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leading to a deeper understanding and wisdom. Gaining knowledge deepens the communion between the Creator and the creation, but if used selfishly, it fuels one's pride. This brings darkness rather than light, and leads to destruction⁷. Therefore, knowledge has its polarity in the spiritual and physical realms, and can be quite a paradox.

Beauty – the Third and Central Point

Beauty requires clarity in order to become realized. Limits provide clarity to opposites, but limits without unity will not produce beauty. In the upper triad, one cannot see beauty if one only knows judgements without mercies or mercies without judgments. Beauty requires equal portions of polarities. It governs the abundance of loving kindness with restrictions of harsh judgment in order to provide balance. For instance, on the third day, evening and morning (opposites working in union) provided an environment by which the earth produced fruitful seed bearing vegetation⁸. This perfect union adorned the earth and supported life for all creatures that lived upon it⁹. It also reveals how the life giving forces of the polarities rely upon the expansion, limitations, and reciprocation of each other's purpose in the Divine plan. The third day now becomes symbolic of the hope in life and regeneration, and can be seen as a type of Holy or central day. For instance, Christians find the hope and salvation of the world displayed by the resurrection of the Christ on the third day after His death; which His death occurred on the sixth day – the same day of the week man was created, tempted, sinned, exiled, and given the hope and prophecy of his redemption. Beauty exists when limits are overcome by Divine union.

The Logic in Limits

After each creative process was complete, the Deity said that it was good. After man was created, the Deity emphasized that man being alone was not good¹⁰. Therefore, the disharmonizing of the male and female union is the beginning expression of what we know to be evil, but their union is the beginning expression of what we know to be good. The lesson here is that although Adam and Eve had common attributes, it was their limits that provided an opportunity to experience a union that enables a good work to be done, or a separation that enables an evil work to be done. These two possibilities are the defining characteristics and foundation of form. Without restrictions and limits, creation would be without form and be void of any unique identity within the world of Action – the third dimension.

Adam and Eve together were created in the image and likeness of the Deity, and were given dominion over the earth¹¹. Their dominion, however, is not realized outside the harmony of their union. When harmony is broken, one's focus must be placed on recovery. Once one recovers from chaos, harmony and dominion are experienced¹². Their dominion, however, does not make them equal to the Deity as being creators of lower worlds. The Deity did provide Adam with the knowledge needed to name all creatures and for performing his purpose¹³, but his purpose was not to create worlds lower than himself; therefore, the knowledge of good and evil was not needed

– hence the restriction from that tree¹⁴.

The Loss of Dominions

Understanding and wisdom together are needed for proper discernment and judgment. When they are separated and further degraded in the lower worlds, they become what the lower creation recognizes and experiences as good and evil; good stemming from unbalanced and degraded wisdom, and evil stemming from unbalanced and degraded understanding. They are expressed in both degraded and pure measure through the materialized action in the third dimension by the fall of man and the redemptive power of the Christ. But good and evil were not meant to be manifest through Adam and Eve in their dominion. After creation and formation, separation and limits were to be contained within the tree of knowledge of good and evil as a type of controlled substance outside the domain of man. But since man has consumed its fruit taking it within him, it becomes a constant renewable contention passed on to all generations, and used as a tool by the adversary for his own agenda.

The Adversary

The adversary desires to be like the Most High, but is denied the ability to create or to claim dominion over any part of creation not already given to him by the Deity¹⁵. Even with the knowledge of good and evil, he would not be able to employ it as a power to create because he was not created in the image of the Deity – he was an angel of knowledge, the light bearer¹⁶. But if the adversary could empower Adam and Eve with the knowledge of good and evil, he could enslave them for his own vanity. Being an angel of knowledge, he understood that giving them the experience of good and evil would divide and blind them, leaving them vulnerable by their separation from each other and the Deity – setting them up to be enslaved.

With the knowledge of good and evil, Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden to prevent them from taking and eating from the tree of life and live forever in a fallen state¹⁷. Eating of the tree of life would free them from death, but it would also perpetuate their separation. Living forever in their current state would provide time to perfect their knowledge, but it would not free them of their slavery to it. This murderous ploy by the adversary¹⁸ was the first step in materializing his planned ascent, and warrants the curse of being brought down lower than all the beasts of the field and to crawl upon his belly to eat dust¹⁹.

The Adversary's Curse

The curse of crawling on his belly signifies the loss of his dominion of bearing light. He is no longer called Lucifer (light bearer); he is now called Satan (adversary). The curse of eating dust is two-fold: It implies that no matter how much work is put into his planned ascent, there will be no yield from those crops²⁰ – he will eat only dust. Also, dust is associated with the weaker element of man and his destiny of death. Adam was formed from the dust, and to dust he shall return²¹. The adversary's desire to be like the life giver will

¹⁴ Genesis 2:16 & 17

¹⁵ Isaiah 14:13 & 14: Although this is a prophecy for the fall of the oppressive and ambitious king of Babylon, it is also a reference to the adversary who has influenced and cultivated the king's heart and mind; therefore, the king's actions reflect the adversary's ambitious and oppressive mindset, and his fall becomes reflective of the adversary's fall.

¹⁶ Ezekiel 28:11-17: Although this prophecy is in reference to the fall of the king of Tyre, it can be speculated that since the king of Tyre was not an angel, these scriptures are comparing the similarities of the king's rise, purpose and fall with the creation, purpose and fall of the adversary – who was considered a guardian cherub in the Garden of Eden, and full of wisdom and beauty.

¹⁷ Genesis 3:22-24

¹⁸ John 8:44 Jesus refers to the adversary as a "murderer from the start", implying his responsibility around leading Adam and Eve to their death by their sin.

¹⁹ Genesis 3:14 & 15

²⁰ Genesis 4:11 & 12 Cain's curse is mirrored in this same manner for killing Abel.

²¹ Genesis 3:19

⁷ Proverbs 16:18

⁸ Genesis 1:9-13

⁹ Genesis 2:9

¹⁰ Genesis 2:18

¹¹ Genesis 1:26-28

¹² Search for Reality: Part I The Dark Night of The Soul Lectures on Personal Growth by Manly P. Hall (Published by The Philosophical Research Society – 2005 edition, page 13)

¹³ Genesis 2:19 & 20

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Valley of New Orleans News

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Calendar of Events

Stated Communications 7:30 PM
 6209 3rd Street Harahan, LA 70123
 (Louisiana Lodge #102)

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 wish to thank all of you who continue to support the Scottish Rite, not only by continuing to pay your annual dues, but by your attendance at our monthly meetings. It gives me a great feeling to see the smiles on the faces of those members, as they attend our meeting on the First Wednesday of each month at Louisiana Lodge #102. The fact that you take time out of your busy schedule to attend our meetings indicates that the Scottish Rite has a special place in your life.

I am sure many of you remember our old home in New Orleans and what a sad day it was when we had to sell the buildings. We did not want to, but financial concerns caused the New Orleans Scottish Rite Foundation to pull the trigger and sell the buildings. The Foundation was the owner of the buildings and maintained it and leased it back to the Valley. They were charged with raising funds to maintain it through rentals and donations and is now charged with finding and providing the Valley with a new home. The funds received from the sale of the building are invested with two investment firms and are currently doing well.

You can make a tax-deductible donation to the New Orleans Scottish Rite Foundation, by simply sending a check in any amount made payable to "New Orleans

Scottish Rite Foundation". You can mail your donation to the Scottish Rite Office 433 Metairie Rd Suite 206 Metairie, LA 70005.

At a recent Scottish Rite Workshop conducted by the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, our General Secretary learned that we have a pretty good percentage of our brothers who have an email address in our database. I think he said we have 64% of our membership who have entered their email address into their member's profile. If you do not receive any of the numerous emails that your General Secretary sends 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 record in 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



Venerable Master's Message

Normally, I leave the notification of the passing of our brothers to our General Secretary, but I felt it was my duty to take the lead for this edition. It is my sad duty to inform you that we lost three long time brothers since our last edition of the Trestleboard. In the month of March, we lost Illustrious Brother Earl R. Little, Jr. and Brother Andrew C. "Andy" Kessler. Then in April we lost Illustrious Brother Waldemar "Wally" Stopkey. Illustrious Brother Little was 2

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In Memoriam

Earl R. Little, Jr.
Andrew C. Kessler
Waldemar D. "Wally" Stopkey

Valley of Shreveport News

Chartered October 26, 1913

Meets on the second Tuesday of every month



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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
 As the days and weeks of 2018 move along, on occasion I have the opportunity to reach a brother who has been out of the area for some time. Recently, I reached out to a brother and found him in exceptionally good spirits. As we talked, I found that he would be having a valve replaced in his heart in a couple of days. I had called him to get his address updated, as the mail I sent was returned. He gave me his new address and explained that he had lost his home, due to the recent flooding when the core of engineers opened the gates on Lake Conroe to draw down the lake. He lost a home that was paid for, with no insurance coverage and now has a new home with a mortgage. Still this brother was a pleasure to talk with, I found that we shared a common bond having both served in the Marine Corp. I truly enjoyed talking with him after I hung up I thought this is a reminder that every one of us has their own journey. I truly hope that your journey is filled with the good things and times that life has to offer.

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

Spring Reunion Class Patents
 Members of the Spring Reunion were on hand at our May meeting and received their Masters of the Royal Secret 32° patents. They were presented by Ill. Ballard L. Smith, 33° G.C. Personal Representative.



L:R - Gerald L. Hardy, Eugene E. Morse, Anthony M. Mack, W. Blaine Hodges, Dennis F. Snoddy, and Ballard L. Smith-33° G.C. Personal Representative.



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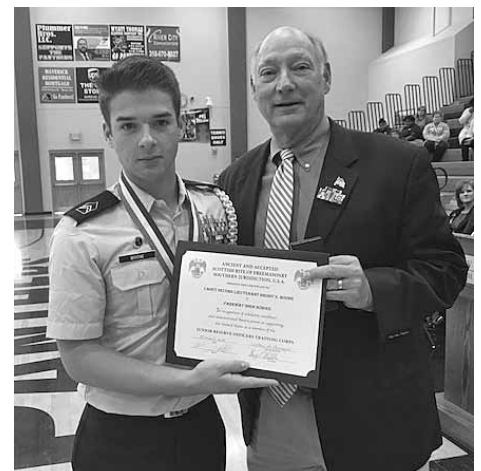
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Americanism Award



Colonel (USA) W. James Hill, III-32° KCCH presents the Scottish Rite Americanism Award to outstanding Junior ROTC Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Brody S. Boone of Parkway High School-Bossier City.

IN MEMORIAM

- Frederick S. Angevine
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- Joseph W. Smelley
- Charles W. Spikes

Valley of Lake Charles News

Chartered October 16, 1923

Meets on the third Wednesday of every month



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



Personally Speaking

2018 is approaching the halfway point and the remainder of this year is filled with many great events in which our members may involve themselves. Our Valley Membership Achievement Program (VMAP) focuses on these eleven (11) major areas:

1. Membership Retention / Engagement;
2. Scottish Rite Education for Members;
3. Membership Recruitment;
4. New Member Engagement;
5. Reunion Experience;
6. Scottish Rite Education for Candidates;
7. Philanthropy;
8. Public Image;
9. Degree Conferral Proficiency;
10. Officer Responsibilities & Engagement;
- and 11. Valley Organizations

Brothers Quincy Gotte, 32° KCCH, and Jeff Haley, 32°, co-chair the VMAP Program in Lake Charles. VMAP provides several suggested activities for each of the eleven major areas of focus. Some of these activities include providing suitable programs to celebrate the four feast days of Scottish Rite, offering educational programs such as the Master Craftsman Program, so that members may study in depth the symbols and allegories of the Masonic degrees, the conferral of high quality degrees by committed degree actors, and activities for our ladies and families that are fun and educational.

This is a short list of the many membership engagement activities VMAP has to offer. These activities require some of our members to take an active role in leading, staffing, preparing, executing, and evaluating each event. We welcome you to take part in one or more of these activities. Your time and effort leading and serving your brethren will be well spent, and you will find a deeper meaning and understanding of your membership and role as a Scottish Rite Mason.

Brother Tom Boggan, 32° KCCH, will explain the Scottish Rite Educational and Membership Programs to our members and guest at the June 20, 2018 stated meeting. Brothers Quincy Gotte, 32° KCCH, and Joe Vincent, 32°, will speak on "The University of Freemasonry" at the July 18, 2018 stated meeting. The evening starts with dinner with our ladies at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend

Our August 15, 2018 stated communication will be our annual bus trip. This year, we have been invited to Abe Hinson Lodge #472 in Alexandria. We look forward to this annual event. If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact our office at (337) 436-1676 or

lscottishritebodies@yahoo.com.

Our Fall Reunion will be September 8 & 9, 2018. Please ask a Master Mason that you know to join the Scottish Rite at our Reunion. We are offering an embroidered Scottish Rite baseball cap for top line signers on one petition and adding an embroidered golf shirt if they top line sign a second petition. Add a brother Scottish Rite Mason or two and dress in style to boot.

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



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Lake Charles Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master: J. Braxton Cole, 32° KCCH
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IN MEMORIAM
 God is Great!

Valley of Monroe News

Chartered November 13, 1971

Meets on the first Thursday of every month



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2018 Membership Fees are due!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

2018 Officers

Monroe Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master: Will P. Gray, 33°

Monroe Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master: Bruce D. Osbon, 32° KCCH

Monroe Council of Kadosh

Commander: E. Orum Young, 32°

Monroe Consistory

Master of Kadosh: J. Keith Gates, 32° KCCH

Personally Speaking

It has taken me a bit to sort out some facts surrounding Monroe Scottish Rite. My three principal pillars have grown to a five letter acronym (Naval officers love acronyms): Membership, Attendance, Money, Ritual and Information or MAMRI. YES! I am trying to get your attention in any way I can! Monroe Scottish Rite spent \$40,000 in the RED last year. As an aside, this Trestle-board cost the Valley \$200 or \$1,200.00 a year; we are required to participate in this production to send the document to each of you. There are required meetings for our newly selected Fellow(s), General Secretary and Personal Representative (me): transportation, food and lodging cost for these events cost the Valley a LOT of money unless the attendee simply pays his own way: Looks like about \$1000.00 for my trip to Atlanta. I did not attend the Conference of the Orient (COTO) in Covington, LA as it conflicted with our Mississippi Mountain Boys conferring the Masters Degree at Ft. Beauregard. Blue Lodge must come first in Masonry and we had out of state guests – it was a fine day and a very very good degree. We are putting up the pictures (33rds are complete, classes in work, wood and glass ordered) that used to adorn the walls of our building, we have control of the lights for degrees, we have air conditioning that works, the lights are on, and the heat in winter (a building is MAJOR annual expenses). Last year we spent over \$10,000.00!!! on FOOD where only a little was collected in donations. We have a complete kitchen so there is no reason to buy catered meals. We are using our own table-wear to save on disposable plates, knives and forks. There were no real fundraisers. Why? Because no one comes to work! We had a gumbo sale recently, tickets were sent out (the Post Office letter carrier could not find our building, so many checks for the tickets were returned to the sender!!!) We had the ultimate gumbo cook (Jamie Maxwell) make 60 gallons of the best gumbo ever; but only a few came to the sale. We will work fundraisers (smaller projects) until we rekindle what was once a large clientele in Monroe. Thanks those who sent in their money for the tickets, we made

a very small profit. We are going to begin monthly food sales, as an attempt to get our college people in the habit of having a good sit-down lunch 1000 to 1400 hours (yes, military time: try it, you will like it) with us. We had a board sign to put by the sidewalk outside our building so we can catch the eye of those walking or driving by to come in and have the meal. Our schedule has changed so the ladies don't have to wait for us to have our advisory board on our regular meeting night. We cook our own food (Anita and I do during my term as Venerable Master) so there is no cost to the Valley (our members and ladies are seeing our need for help in the kitchen: WE ARE WAKING UP the membership!!!). We may begin charging \$10 a head for meals. Our 52 gun raffle is in the black so far but only because a very few bought a LOT of \$100 tickets. We were very pleased to have EIGHT candidates for membership on April 14th. Several were attracted to our new charges: \$150 for KSA or \$165 for black cap (those fees include the candidate agreeing to set up a credit card payment scheme for dues. The regular dues fee remains \$275 and some took that path to membership. [We will begin a program of contacting suspended members to offer them the opportunity to become active again by just paying current dues.] Our membership is old and leaving us. We named 24 at our April Remembrance and Renewal meeting, who passed during the year. We are not going to fail without a fight. If you are proud of your 32nd degree, put on your cap and come to our regular meetings ready to participate and contribute. I need you with me in this work. I need you to bring new members AND old members too. I need you to volunteer to work. Will Cook and I can do a lot but it is impossible for us to save this Valley without you, your time and

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IN MEMORIAM

James Edward Arrant
Allen Monroe Marshall
Ronnie Gene Matthews
Otto Conrad Nash
Samuel James Ogden
George Marion Perry
Allen Roy Reeves

*continued from page 5**New Orleans Valley Venerable Master's Message:*

days shy of his 93rd birthday at the time of his passing and had been a member of the Valley of New Orleans since 1962. Brother Kessler lived to celebrate his 100th birthday, passing away shortly thereafter, and was a member of the Valley since 1944. Illustrious Brother Stopkey was 89 years young at the time of his passing and had come to the Valley of New Orleans from the Valley of Chicago and was a Scottish Rite Mason for 65 years. May They Rest in Peace.

My Brothers, as you can see many of those brothers, who were the movers and shakers of the Valley of New Orleans when you became a member of the Valley, are being called to their just and well deserved eternal rest. Who will be the new movers and shakers to take their places? Remember, this is your Valley. Even if you cannot attend every meeting, if you can only make four or five a year, we will be glad to have you.

At our June meeting, it is planned to have the Knights of St. Andrew conduct a Knighting Ceremony on some new members of the group and some long-time members who have never been knighted. Also, we will have a short educational presentation by Brother Eddie LeBoeuf, III, 32° KCCH. This will be a closed meeting, Sorry ladies.

Since Independence Day (4th of July) is the date of our July meeting, and seeing as how it is so hard to find another night to reschedule our meeting without conflicting with other meetings, we will not have a July meeting.

Get out there and beat the bushes as we have scheduled a reunion, but I will let our General Secretary fill in all the details on that in his portion of this edition.

Hope to see you at a meeting real soon!

*Fraternally,
Klaus "Joe" Kueck, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master*



From The Secretary's Desk

At the end of April, Illustrious Brother Chip Borne, Brother Klaus "Joe" Kueck, 32° KCCH, and I had the opportunity to host the Annual Conference of the Orient. This is a gathering of the Personal Representatives, Venerable Masters, Directors of Work and General Secretaries from the five Valleys, along with Illustrious Brother Bill Mollere, our SGIG, at which we discuss what is going

well and what isn't working on our respective Valleys.

While you would think that we should pretty much know each other, one of the things that our SGIG had all of us do, was to pair up with someone from another Valley, someone you did not know a whole about and interview them. The exercise was called "BROTHER - BE MY FRIEND". I had the privilege of interviewing Illustrious Brother Steve Pence, and learned some very interesting things about him, not only about his personal life but about his Masonic life. And man, what an interesting man he is.

Maybe we need to try something like this at one of our meetings, or you could even suggest that you try it in your own lodge. You will be surprised what you don't know about a brother, whom you think you really know.

Also, at the Conference Of The Orient, Brother Borne and I, along the representatives from the Valley of Baton Rouge, set the date of October 27th for our joint reunion, which will be held in Baton Rouge. While the time and the degrees have not been set as of yet, you can mark the date and begin talking to members of your lodges to see if anyone is interested. Remember, it is permissible for you to ask a Master Mason if they would be interested in joining the Scottish Rite.

A big thank you to the 85.3% of our members who have paid their 2018 dues as of this mailing. I am down to 105 dues cards for the year 2018, that are looking for a good home. If you have not sent in your 2018 dues payment, so that you can adopt your 2018 dues card as of yet, please do so today. Some of those "orphaned" dues cards are losing their voices from crying out "Won't someone claim me?". Remember, it only cost you a mere 32.8 cents a day or ten dollars (\$10.00 per month) to maintain your membership in the Scottish Rite. Suspending anyone for non-payment of dues is the very last thing that any secretary wants 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.

If you are having difficulty paying your dues, give me a call and we can do our best to work out something to keep you as an

active member of the Valley.

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not mention the passing of Miss Connie Hebert, wife of Illustrious Brother Lloyd A. Hebert, 33°. Miss Connie passed away in March and a memorial service for her was held on Saturday May 5, 2018. Miss Connie was a fixture at the Scottish Rite Office for many years after Hurricane Katrina and was very helpful to me as I assumed the position of General Secretary. May the Good Lord grant Miss Connie eternal rest and may He also be with the Hebert family in their time of grief.

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

*continued from page 9**Monroe Valley-Personally Speaking:*

yes, your money. We have to support the operation of the building, the travel of the leadership, per capita and have enough left after the fixed costs to fund our Speech and Hearing Clinic: our charity!!! Your dues are not enough. Join the effort!

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



From the Secretary's Desk

At our last reunion, we welcomed eight new Masters of the Royal Secret. They will make a great addition to our beloved Rite. Welcome, Kerry Scott Blaylock, Floyd Dennis Bradford, Alan West Brockman, Colby Lane Froust, Justin Lewis Gordon, Billy Joe Homan, William H. King, Donald Russ Price.

Sadly, we have lost eight members since the beginning of the year. We are making progress, but we cannot do it without you! We need willing participants in our Valley. Regardless of what your area of expertise is, we need you to come and support YOUR Valley. We need those who will help in the kitchen from time to time, those who will help with degrees, those who wish to remain behind the scenes and help set up, those who wish to help educate our newer (and older) brethren, and those who can come and offer moral support.

If you have not yet submitted your dues for 2018, please do so soon. We need your time and your dues to make your Scottish Rite continue to work. So, come join us, take part and make YOUR Scottish Rite as wonderful as it should.

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

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The Lesser Tetractys - The Triad:

never come to fruition; he now feasts upon death.

Conclusion

The triad reminds us of our past, present, and future, which play a role in forming who we are going forward. In the world of Formation everything can be either transmuted to a higher existence or degraded further into darkness regardless of the purpose and limits originally assigned. These limits should remind us that separation and chaos can be overcome by the hope and balance found in the third and central point, and they also reveal the importance and place of knowledge in that process.

Since the fall is associated with a vain desire to gain knowledge²², the lower creations are bound by seeking light with eyes obscured in darkness²³. Since knowledge and sight alone lead to pride and destruction, it is the Word that the righteous seek out and strive to hear; to draw them in obedience to the will of the Deity found within the Supernal Triad. The union between seeing (understanding) and hearing (wisdom) becomes the aid in leading us through the world of Action, which will prove if we are degraded by sight alone and are bound by the lower worlds, or if we are transmuted upward by seeking and listening for the Word to guide us toward the perfect will of the Deity. If transmuting upward, all four worlds will become limitless and harmonized within.

This leads us to the tetrad, the final row of the Tetractys, which represents the third dimension known as the world of Action.

²² Genesis 3:6
²³ I Corinthians 13:12

This concludes part III 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
*Peace and Harmony***

Have you ever really thought about the final words uttered in a Masonic meeting – at Lodge, “Peace be with You” – “And also with You, Worshipful!” In Scottish Rite, the Venerable Master ends the meeting with “Go in Peace.” Some churches end their service by saying “Pax Vobiscum.” Peace be with you. What is Peace? Off to Webster’s – tranquility, quiet, freedom from disturbance, state of security and order, freedom from disquieting emotions, harmony in personal relations, a state of calm, quiet and concord – all followed by Peaceable, Peaceful, Peacekeeping, Peace-Maker. We all want a Peaceful World. Likewise, we utter many times the word Harmony

– internal calm, tranquility, accord with ones neighbors, interweaving of different views into a single view. Masonry teaches us to be at Peace and in Harmony with each other. Scottish Rite has always taught its votaries to practice Peace and Harmony – to be above controversy, above parties and cliques, and almost all strive for all of these.

Yes, my dear Brothers, Masters of the Royal Secret, may we strive to keep the intent of Scottish Rite always being at Peace and Harmony. As we approach the end of June and our Grand Lodge Session, we need to remember what on bended knee in Lodge, hand on the Volume of Sacred Law that we promised to practiced Peace and Harmony. How many times have you promised to “love one another?”, “be better than yourself?” Have we forgotten what we promised? We must each approach our Masonry everyday as a Candidate repeating our Obligations – over and over, and then live them. Some of you may recall, as Grand Master, I opened Grand Lodge by inviting every Master Mason to join with me at the Altar as Ill. Jimmie Dean Dunkin, then Grand Senior Deacon, led us in re-obligating ourselves as Master Masons. It was very emotional for me; many of you also. We all needed to remember what we promised – to our GOD and to each other. Masonry, and more especially, Scottish Rite Masonry, is not just words repeated rote form, or during Degrees – it is life changing, character building, a true Brotherhood. Pray for and practice Peace and Harmony. Peace be with you!

During the past several months, our Scottish Rite has granted several scholarships to very worthy university Master’s candidates who work in our five RiteCare Centers, additionally two very qualified engineering students at Louisiana Tech received D. Walter Jessen Engineering Scholarships. These are all funded through YOUR Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation. Be proud of our philanthropy and know that many youngsters every year are being helped in the area of speech and language disorders – all without expense to their family.

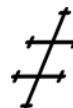
I would be remiss if not mentioning the re-dedication of our Baton Rouge Valley hosted RiteCare Center – the C. Lenton Sartain Memorial RiteCare Center on May 19 – was held in conjunction with the Celebrating The Craft event. It was a glorious day and event. Several Baton Rouge Scottish Rite Mason deserve credit for bringing back that RiteCare Center after the Big Flood – Ill. Jim Wingate and mostly Howard Dalton, KCCH, but others too - a team effort to get that Center up and running and honoring a great Scottish Rite Mason who believed in helping others and truly practiced Peace & Harmony.

Our most recent Conference of the Orient (COTO) Management Meeting was hosted by the Valley of New Orleans and held in Covington – a great meeting and sharing of ideas and events. Peace & Harmony prevailed.

A good showing of Louisiana Scottish Rite Masons made their “mark” at the Omaha and Atlanta Regional Leadership Workshops. Thanks to those who made the effort to attend and bring home new ideas and programs that will benefit every Valley. Especially happy to see that VMAP is working and Shreveport, Lake Charles and Monroe Valleys are on course in 2018 with VMAP. New Orleans and Baton Rouge need to get on board with VMAP.

With all of the 2017 Fiduciary Reports submitted, we look toward a 2018 summer of events and activities with family and friends and Brothers. A Family Day on July 4th, a Summer outing to a park or zoo or backyard barbeque can bring together good friends of the Rite who enjoy just being together. We talk about Membership, but that means people who belong and want to be together – who share like ideals and beliefs – who want to belong to something special. Scottish Rite is just that – special. I ask you again to check on a Brother who is missing from your last meeting – a quick phone call, an email, a card, a visit to his house – reach out! Share in that Peace & Harmony.

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



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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.

