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## The Lesser Tetractys The Tetrad and Decad

by

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*Editor's Note: Final part 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 World of Action and the Number Four

The last and bottom row of the Lesser Tetractys consists of four points, and is referred to as the tetrad, meaning a group of four. It is the lowest level of the Tetractys and represents the third dimension. The fourth point added to the previous three brings balance into perpetual action through harmony<sup>1</sup>. Harmony can be seen as actions or vibrations working in unity with each other. This equilibrium produces permanence creating the existence of the physical realm through the world of Action<sup>2</sup>. In the western world the Pythagoreans specialized in the study of numerology, and for them the number four was revered as "the greatest miracle" and the "fountain of nature"<sup>3</sup>.

### Numerology and the Tarot

Numerology is a mystical art that utilizes numbers as symbols to represent philosophical and spiritual teachings. It is used in mystical systems such as Tarot which also incorporates both images and numerology as symbols in order to better understand the nature of this world – the world of Action.

Tarot has often been frowned upon by many religious and non-religious conservatives who are not completely familiar with the benefits around some of its applications. Like many other forms of discipline, including religion, Tarot can be used in a personal and practical way for reflection and meditation which requires study and devotion, or it can be used for social entertainment; both uses can have either good or evil intentions and results. Some may discover that the symbolism of the Tarot card system can be moderately applied to almost any form of faith or discipline without contradiction. Like many mystical arts, it can be used as a tool to better understand the cycles and personalities of human nature and this lower world of polarities expressed through action.

1 *The Revised New Art Tarot Mysticism and Qabalah in The Knapp-Hall Tarot Black and White Edition* by Yolanda M. Robinson, Ph.D page 58 Key 4 – The Emperor "In the ancient order of the planets, the sun is the fourth from both top and bottom, thus implying a sense of balance. Four becomes the symbol of equilibrium and permanence; equilibrium constantly fortifies and strengthens its own nature, thus creating a solid foundation."

2 A brief introduction to the four Worlds of Emanation, Creation, Formation, and Action can be found in *The Tree of Life – Chayyim Vital's Introduction to the Kabbalah of Isaac Luria Volume 1 The Palace of Adam Kadmon* by Donald Wilder Menzi and Zve Padeh pages 6 & 7.

3 *The Collectanea Hermetica Volumes 1-10 Unabridged* edited by W. Wynn Westcott page 312

### The Spirit (Infinite) "3" and Physical (Finite) "4"

This three dimensional world of Action is where man begins to experience the conflict and union of polarities, rhythms and vibrations. It contains the will of the Deity (monad), the understanding of polarity (dyad), the balance found in their union (triad), and the harmonious actions expressed through the laws by which they are governed (tetrad).

The Fourth Key of the Major Arcana<sup>4</sup> shows the Emperor sitting on a cube. The Emperor is said to symbolize the "first and heavenly Adam," as well as symbolizing reason; the cube symbolizes the Emperor's throne or the "field of material phenomena"<sup>5</sup>. The fourth card reveals a combination of the spiritual element with the physical element; both are designed to work in harmony in the world of Action. The balance and harmony between the two can be associated with the tetrahedron, a three dimensional four sided triangle – hence the numbers four and three operating together forming the seven.

### The Portions of Man's Soul/Light in Action

The spiritual essence of man is a complex subject that requires much reflection and study. There are many different views around this subject that should be respected, valued and considered; this is only one of many speculations.

Prior to the fall, Man had five portions of the complete soul contained within three levels by which he was clothed in light. With these three levels, Adam incorporated all four worlds of Emanation, Creation, Formation, and Action. After the fall, level one of Adam's souls – the portions pertaining to the higher aspects of the worlds of Emanation and Creation – returned to its holy place. The two lower levels of soul remained in Adam and descended with him after the fall<sup>6</sup>.

4 Going forward, all references to the Tarot Keys will be from the Knapp-Hall Tarot Black and White Edition.

5 *The Revised New Art Tarot Mysticism and Qabalah in The Knapp-Hall Tarot Black and White Edition* by Yolanda M. Robinson, Ph.D pages 58-61 Key 4 – The Emperor.

6 See *Shaar HaGilgulim* the Teachings of Isaac Luria 1534-1575 published by Thirty Seven Books Publishing, pages 236-257. Also, see the notes of numbers 8, 9, and 10 below. The 5 portions of man's soul are contained in three levels and are associated by a connection to the Divine Name (YHVH). The "Yod" being the first and highest level, contains the union of the two highest portions of the original soul of man. We are forbidden to inquire of "Yod" because it is ineffable and most Holy in the world of Action. Adam and Eve's higher portions of their souls were removed from them at the time of their sin. This would be the death associated with the promise of "you shall surely die" (*Genesis 2:17*). This loss of the higher portions of soul clothing them would also be associated with leaving them "naked" (*Genesis 3:7*) with only the two levels of soul along with the three lower portions contained within them.

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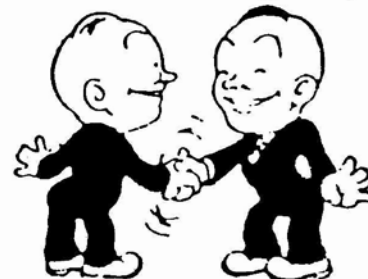
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Conference of the Orient November 9  
Alexandria  
Homecoming November 10  
Alexandria

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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# The Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation

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The Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation is proud to announce that the following Scholarships have been awarded:

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The Baton Rouge Valley is happy to report that the Rite Care Center located here on its campus held its first class for children and Grad Students on Tuesday, June 5th, 2018. Classes are being held on each Tuesday and Thursday during the summer months and will start again in September three days week for the Fall semester.

The Ribbon Cutting ceremony held on May 19th was attended by over 45 parents, members, and students. The following pictures are from the ceremony. Ill. Brother Sartain's dream lives on.



Kerri Ackermann and Jennifer Wingate prepare for the ribbon cutting, as Jim Wingate looks on.



Veronica Walker-Center Director and Ill. Joe Stroud, 33°-Center Administrator cut the ribbon.



Newly renovated lobby and office areas



Conference room



Side elevation



Front elevation



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*The Lesser Tetractys - The Tetrad and Decad:*

The portions of man's soul that descended are known as the Nefesh, found in the blood and associated with the final Hebrew letter "Heh" of YHVH; the Ruach, found in the spirit or wind and is associated with the Hebrew letter "Vav" of YHVH; and Neshema, from the Divine Breath connected to the intellect and is associated with the first Hebrew letter "Heh" of YHVH<sup>7</sup>. The Hebrew letter "Yod"<sup>8</sup> of YHVH is associated with the two higher portions of soul known as Chayah from the Living Essence and Yachidah from the Unique Essence – which both contain a mystery that is beyond our comprehension in the world of Action alone<sup>9</sup>.

The Nefesh, Ruach and Neshemah make up the spiritual element of man in this dimension, and can be symbolized by an equilateral triangle which is a reflection of the Supernal Triangle. In Freemasonry we can associate the number three with Faith, Hope and Charity, as these are spiritual motivations designed to employ our actions.

The physical element of man consists of the four Supernal Elements of fire, wind, water, and dust. They are associated with the four directions of north (fire), east (wind), south (water), and west (dust). These four Supernal Elements are also associated with the Divine Name YHVH in the form of the Holy Merkavah (Holy Chariot)<sup>10</sup>. This physical element of man can be symbolized by the square. In Freemasonry we can associate the number four with the four cardinal virtues, as these make up the foundation of the Temple and are designed to govern our actions. The number 4 is also associated with justice, which is the fourth virtue.

The three added to the four gives us the number 7; the number 7 is symbolic of force and victory. Key 7 is the Chariot and represents the entirety of creation in motion<sup>11</sup>.

#### **The Significance of the Lower Four**

There are four characteristics of our third dimension that have a direct impact on man and are accepted as natural in this world of Action; they are: good, evil, sustenance, and law. These four aspects actively govern and sustain all our actions. Every individual has their own interpretation around how these characteristics are defined, applied and measured.

One may gain a better understanding by relating "good" to life

7 *Nefesh HaTzimzum* – Volume I, Rabbi Chaim Volozhin's 'Nefesh HaChaim' with Translation and Commentary" by Avinoam Fraenkel page 224. Also, a description of the 5 levels of soul, along with its relation to YHVH, can be found in *Inner Space* by Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan pages 18-20. Also see *Shaar HaGilgulim* (The Gates of Reincarnation) – Translated from the teachings of Rabbi Isaac Luria 1534-1575 page 1.

8 *The Tree of Life – Chayyim Vital's Introduction to the Kabbalah of Isaac Luria Volume I The Palace of Adam Kadmon* by Donald Wilder Menzi and Zve Padeh pages 59-60. Explains that the tip of the letter "Yod" is in Keter and the body of the letter "Yod" is in Chochmah – a display of inseparable union between the two.

9 *The Tree of Life – Chayyim Vital's Introduction to the Kabbalah of Isaac Luria Volume I The Palace of Adam Kadmon* by Donald Wilder Menzi and Zve Padeh pages 57-58. "...one is not permitted to ask any questions at all about the Keter or Chochmah, but from Binah onward there is room for questions. This must, however, be concealed and not revealed at all because it reaches to Malkhut, who is called "What" (mah) – what you seek and what you know is all hidden, as it was in the beginning."

10 *Nefesh HaTzimzum* – Volume I, Rabbi Chaim Volozhin's 'Nefesh HaChaim' with Translation and Commentary" by Avinoam Fraenkel pages 110 & 356-358 Explains the relationship between the four supernal elements, the Tetragramaton, the Holy Merkavah, and man.

11 *The Revised New Art Tarot Mysticism and Qabalah in The Knapp-Hall Tarot Black and White Edition* by Yolanda M. Robinson, Ph.D pages 76-80.

and growth, "evil" to death and separation, "sustenance" to stability and nourishment, and "law" to restriction and governance. These four characteristics are designed to provide perpetual energy in the world of Action. By these four our actions reveal our character.

The bottom row of the Lesser Tetractys can be related to the lower four Sephiroth on the Tree of Life symbol. These four are Netzach (Dominance/Victory/Eternity/7th Sephirah), Hod Splendor/Empathy/8th Sephirah), Yesod (Foundation/9th Sephirah), and Malchut (kingdom/10th Sephirah).

Netzach, Hod and Yesod become the lower triad. As previously mentioned, the upper triad consists of the Sephiroth of Chesed (4th Sephirah), Gevurah (5th Sephirah), and Tiferet (6th Sephirah). The upper and lower triads, which are found in the "Vav" of YHVH, make up the world of Formation that is sustained by the world of Creation through their connection to Binah (understanding) – the first "Heh" of YHVH.

Malchut (10th Sephirah) is related to the fourth and last point on the bottom row of the Tetractys. It is the world of Action found in the final "Heh" of YHVH, and is connected to the upper and lower triads by Yesod. Malchut contains the whole of creation with its highest element (the Word derived from Keter and Chochmah<sup>12</sup>) buried and hidden deep within.

The upper and lower triads represent the Deity's 6 days of "active" creation, while Malchut (the world of Action) represents the Deity's "resting" from creation known as the Sabbath. The Sabbath was created for man<sup>13</sup> to allow creation to be in existence "acting" in formation under the laws of nature set to govern it by the Deity. Although the Deity rests from creating on the seventh day, the Deity continuously sustains life and intervenes to correct the imbalances caused by sin associated with the free will of man.

The fourth commandment tells us to remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy; we are told to set the seventh day aside as reverence to that command<sup>14</sup>. In doing so, we are able to reflect on our work in comparison to the work of the Deity. This ensures that we are able to readjust our intentions and actions, and continue striving to utilize the laws that were set to govern good and evil in a way that stimulates life. We are not called to create or to destroy good or evil – this brings chaos; the Deity has created both for reasons beyond our comprehension. We are dying, but we are called to action so that we may live. Good and evil as we know it are given their dominion in this lower world, and are both constantly in "action".

#### **The Lesser Tetractys & the 14° Ring of the Lodge of Perfection**

The number four is "the greatest miracle" in that when calculating through its entirety the number ten is concluded (1+2+3+4=10). The number ten "contains the entire enigma of life"<sup>15</sup> and signifies "the perfection of divine order" and completeness<sup>16</sup>. The number four is a "fountain of nature" in that it employs the enduring cycles

12 When trekking the Emanations in descending order they are referred to as Sephiroth, with Keter being the first and Malchut numbered as the last. Trekking them in ascending order they are considered Gates, with Malchut being the 1st Gate, and the hidden or guarded Gates are Chochmah as the 9th Gate and Keter as the 10th Gate – As above so below. The highest and deepest mystery is symbolized by the "Yod" whose numerical value is 10. The lowest mystery is symbolized by the "Heh" whose numerical value is 5.

13 *Mark 2:27*

14 See *Exodus 20:8-10*

15 *The Revised New Art Tarot Mysticism and Qabalah in The Knapp-Hall Tarot Black and White Edition* by Yolanda M. Robinson, Ph.D page 95 Key 10 – The Wheel of Fortune.

16 See *Numbers in Scripture* by E.W. Bullinger page 243.

# Valley of New Orleans News

## Chartered April 7, 1811

### Meets on the first Wednesday of every month



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#### 2018 Membership Fees are due!

#### Calendar of Events

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 6209 3rd Street Harahan, LA 70123  
 (Louisiana Lodge #102)

**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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#### Venerable Master's Message

I hope the everyone has enjoyed the short vacation and is now ready to get back to it. I would like to thank Eddie LeBouef, III, for his presentation at our June meeting, and to Ken Bell for stepping up and covering for me during my absence.

As our Personal Representative and our General Secretary have stated in their messages the focus now is the upcoming reunion in Baton Rouge on October 27th. I know that our General Secretary will have petitions available at our meetings in August and September so if you need one, all you have to do is ask. Remember all petitions and fees must be in by our October meeting, as we must vote on all our candidates, prior to the day of the reunion.

If you have not been to a meeting in a while, come out to a meeting and see what you have been missing.

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

#### Personally Speaking

My brothers, now our attention turns to our upcoming Scottish Rite reunion which will be held in conjunction with the Valley of Baton Rouge at their facility on Saturday October 27, 2018. If you need a petition, all you need to do is call our General Secretary or email him and I am sure he will get you one very quickly.

Speaking of our General Secretary, he now wears two hats. He has been elected and installed as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. So, from time to time when you call the office he may not be there, but our office administrator, Nona Pratz will be more than able to assist you.

Please keep Illustrious Brother Warren Hintz and his family in your prayers, Brother Hintz is residing in an assisted living facility in Kenner, LA. He is battling Alzheimer's disease. Also, please continue to pray for Mrs. Julia Radosti, wife of Illustrious Brother Tony Radosti, and Mrs. Paula Plaisance, wife of Illustrious Brother Larry Plaisance as they also battle serious health issues.

Hope to see you at our next meeting.

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

#### From The Secretary's Desk

I trust that everyone had a safe and Happy Fourth of July holiday and are back hard at whatever it is that you do to make your days go by. In the office we are preparing for the upcoming reunion on October 27th. The initiation fee is \$275, and what does the candidate get for his money. Well, he will receive the degrees, his dues paid for the year 2018 and 2019 and a 14th degree ring. Remember, you can actually ask a Master Mason, who is in good standing in his lodge, if he would be interested in joining the Scottish Rite.

As of July 1, 2018, the Supreme Council has automatically applied your 2019 dues to your dues balance. So, for those of you that have registered to have access to the membership portal on the Supreme Council Website, you will see the updated amount.

If you have not gone to the Supreme Council website and set up your membership

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#### In Memoriam

Vincent Libert, Jr.  
 Leslie F. Tanner, Jr.

# Valley of Shreveport News

## Chartered October 26, 1913

### Meets on the second Tuesday of every month

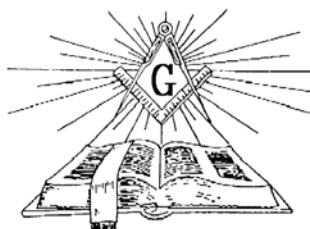


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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 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**

June and July were busy months in the Valley. Many of our members were attending the Grand Lodge session, took time to celebrate the July 4th holiday and returned to the Valley on July 10th for our regular meeting. The 28th Degree was modified and presented, at this open meeting, to our members, guests and visitors. It was wonderful to have the seats in the auditorium filled, after everyone enjoyed a great meal.

In August will have our two-day Summer Reunion, scheduled for August 11th and 12th. A new wallet sized petition is available, should any member need to replenish his supply. We will have a candidate appreciation dinner during our regular meeting on August 14th. Tours of the building, a brief explanation of the Scottish Rite and its purpose, and time for fellowship will follow the meal. Please, come join us for the reunion to renew friendships and then for the appreciation dinner, to establish new ones.

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

**Americanism Award**

The Valley of Shreveport has, for many years, participated in area high school graduation award assemblies, providing worthy students with the Patriotism and Americanism Award. Each year the Valley of Shreveport presents this award to one male and one female high school senior from each participating high school. These students are chosen by the school guidance counselor based on the students conduct over their high school career and their demonstration of the love of our country.

During Graduation 2018 the Valley of Shreveport had nine brothers' present eighty five awards to forty three high schools. From schools in Plain Dealing, La. on the north to Glen Mora, La. in the south. The brothers that took time from their schedules to attend these high school awards assemblies were: Bro. Kelly Stough 32°, Bro. John Sharlow 32° KCCH,

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Bro. David Maxey 32°, Bro. Adrian Winham 32° KCCH, Bro. Carey Allison 33°, Bro. Brad Smith 32°, Bro. Jim Gott 32° KCCH, Bro. Brad Williams 32°, and Bro. John Knox 32° KCCH.

Without the sacrifice of these brothers time, the Patriotism and Americanism Program would not be possible. It is however, very gratifying to see the appreciation of the brothers efforts by both the students and the school administration.

The Valley of Shreveport will welcome any Brother that would like to participate in the presentation of these awards in 2019. Please contact Bro. John Knox at JohnKnoxJr@gmail.com



**IN MEMORIAM**

*Percy Marion Alexander, Jr.*  
*Madison Pool Box*  
*Eugene Guillot, Jr.*  
*Marion Douglas Jones*  
*Byron Vincent*  
*Jimmie Rex Weaver*  
*Lauren Louie Wreyford*

# Valley of Lake Charles News

## Chartered October 16, 1923

### Meets on the third Wednesday of every month



**Lake Charles Masonic Temple**  
 717 Hodges Street  
 Lake Charles, LA 70601  
 Secretary: Frank M. Bult, Jr., 32° KCCH  
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**2018 Membership Fees are due!**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Dinner 6:30**                      **Meeting 7:00**
- 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**

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry challenges its members to discover a pathway and embark on a lifelong journey toward becoming the perfect man. It is an unattainable goal for us as human beings. However; a Mason that follows this pathway over time grows morally, spiritually, and intelligently. Each time we meet together as Scottish Rite Masons, we assemble as men and brothers to enjoy warm fellowship and a time of both sharing with and learning from each other.

The Scottish Rite is composed of men from five different generations, from a variety of backgrounds, professions, and experiences meeting together in peace, harmony, and brotherly love. It is a pleasant opportunity to disconnect from the electronic world, and join in a time of relationships and camaraderie with good people that want nothing more than to sit, visit, chat and share a genuine interest in you and your wellbeing. Each of us gains so much more than we give, when we meet as friends and brothers to practice our Craft and remain true to our obligations.

On Wednesday, August 15, 2018, the Lake Charles Scottish Rite Bodies will hold its annual bus trip – out of town meeting – at Abe Hinson Lodge #472 F&AM in Alexandria. The bus will leave Lake Charles at 3:30 p.m. and stop in Iowa at the VF Factory Mall at 3:45 p.m. We will then turn north up US Highway 165 stopping at the Grand Lodge Office on Masonic Drive at 5:30 p.m. Our Grand Secretary, M:W: Brother Woody D. Bilyeu, PGM, 33° GC, has graciously agreed to open the Grand Lodge office that evening so the our brethren and ladies may tour the facilities and learn more about the services provided by the Grand Lodge.

At 6:15 p.m., we will board the bus for the short ride to the Alexandria Masonic Temple on Horseshoe Drive. Dinner will be served in the lodge dining room at 6:30 p.m. M:W: Bruce Easterly, PGM, 33°, President of the Louisiana Scottish Rite Foundation will present a program on our Foundation. The meeting will follow his presentation and the bus should load about 8:30 p.m. We return to Lake Charles at approximately

10:30 p.m. If you would like to make the bus trip, please contact the Scottish Rite Office at (337) 436-1676 or lscottishritebodies@yahoo.com to reserve space on the bus.

The weekend of September 8 and 9, will be the Fall Reunion for the Lake Charles Scottish Rite. This is a time to create new Scottish Rite Masons and renew former acquaintances. Every Scottish Rite Mason is encouraged to invite a Brother Master Mason to become a Scottish Rite Mason. If you need assistance, please contact the Scottish Rite Office.

For our stated communication on Wednesday, September 19th, we will return to the Lake Charles Masonic Temple. This will be the Feast of Tishri, which is the Festival Day connected to the Lodge of Perfection. Brother Quincy Gotte, 32° KCCH, facilitates this observation and celebration that is always as impressive and as it is interesting in the dining room. Hope to see you at all of these meetings and events.

*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<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander:*                      *George A. Wilkinson, 32° KCCH*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> 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**  
*Monard McCoy Barrow*  
*William Don Gilbert*

# Valley of Baton Rouge News

Chartered October 20, 1955

Meets on the second Monday of every month



**Baton Rouge Scottish Rite Temple**  
 14598 Florida Boulevard  
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**2018 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE  
 DUE AND PAYABLE!!!**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30**

**Monday, August 13th**

*Degree presentation*

**Monday, September 10th**

*Guest Speaker*

**Monday, October 8th**

*Feast of Tishri*

**Monday, November 12th**

*Veterans Day Program*

**Saturday, November 17th**

*Widows Luncheon*

*11am - 2pm*

**Monday, December 10th**

*Election of Officers*

*St. John Evangelist program*

**2018 Officers**

**Baton Rouge Lodge of Perfection**

*Venerable Master:* R. Shane Marchand, 32°  
*Senior Warden:* Richard L. Fox, 32°  
*Junior Warden:* Timothy E. Ackermann, 32° KCCH

**Baton Rouge Chapter Rose Croix**

*Wise Master:* Stuart R. Averitt, 32°  
*Senior Warden:* V. Eugene Dawson, 32°  
*Junior Warden:* Jason K. Rigsby, 32°

**Baton Rouge Council of Kadosh**

*Commander:* Glenn L. Juneau, 32°  
*1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander:* W. Dale Artigue, 32°  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander:* Monty L. Reed, 32°

**Baton Rouge Consistory**

*Master of Kadosh:* Timothy P. Sibley, 32°  
*Prior:* James M. Stockner, 32° KCCH  
*Preceptor:* Ronald Mulligan, 32°

**Treasurer All Bodies:**  
 Ben F. Melanson, 33°

**Secretary All Bodies:**  
 James E. Wingate, 33°

**From The Secretary's Desk**

These past few months in South Louisiana has been hot! The weatherman reported a heat index of 103° in the afternoon hours. However, I did notice the workers on the Interstate are still out there digging and pouring cement. Houses are being constructed and industry is moving forward with production. The wheels of progress are moving all around us, even in the heat of the day. AND, this includes the Valley of Baton Rouge. I am so excited to report that a plea for assistance has gone out to all 214 Valleys across North America. Adm. Bill Sizemore, Grand Executive Director of the Supreme Council, received my letter I submitted to him and the Supreme Council asking for assistance in 'Rebuilding the Valley'. The request was for anything; robes, books, props, stage items, event funds. Any assistance is greatly appreciated. I am happy to report that the call for assistance was answered and the members of the Supreme Valley will pay this forward to all the Valleys within their jurisdiction. I have already received e-mails asking for the address where they can send these items. Yes, my brothers, the wheels of progress are turning here at the Valley of Baton Rouge. However, we are just getting warmed up! There will be a need for service and volunteers to assist in several different projects. The work is just getting started and everyone who can help is welcome.

On the first Tuesday in June, the Childhood Learning Center held its first class on location at the Valley of Baton Rouge. The Learning Center is finish and children and Grad Students are working together inside the newly remodeled building. Thanks to everyone who donated and assisted with the work to make Ill. Bro. Sartain's dream come back to life.

I must also report that the Advisory Council held its first meeting via Web-ex on Monday, June 25 at 7pm. The meeting allowed members and officers to login via the internet from their home or office and not have to drive for over an hour just to attend the meeting. It saved travel time, gas, money, and to headache of dealing with the Baton Rouge traffic. The best thing was that the Supreme Council furnished the program

for free.

The 119th REUNION is now scheduled for OCTOBER 27th & 28th. The Valley of Baton Rouge will host the Reunion and New Orleans will join us to assist and hold a Joint Reunion with our friends and brothers. We need petitions for the Reunion. You may download the petition from the website www.louisiana-sr.org .

We meet on the Second Monday of each month. A humble meal is served at 630pm and the meeting starts at 730pm. Please make plans to join us and bring a fellow Scottish Rite Mason with you. Until we meet again my brothers, the Honor is to Serve.

*Fraternally yours,*  
 James E. Wingate, 33°  
 General Secretary



**Personally Speaking**

The Scottish Rite Valley of Baton Rouge is moving FORWARD !!!

**F** - Focused on the matters at hand to improve our Attendance and Increase Membership !!!

**O** - Observing all of our four Obligatory Feast Days !!!

**R** - Reaching out to ALL available Master Masons to invite them with a petition in hand !!!

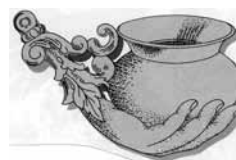
**W** - Working together in Brotherly Love and Affection !!!

**A** - Always remembering that Every Member is the Most Important Member of the Valley !!!

**R** - Resolving to improve our Scottish Rite Experience through giving Our Best for The Best !!!

**D** - Doing whatever it takes to be the "BEST SCOTTISH RITE MASON I CAN BE" !!!

*Fraternally yours,*  
 James E. "Buddy" Pearce, 32° KCCH  
 Personal Representative



**In Memoriam**  
 Harold G. Ballard  
 Hugh J. Waddle



# Valley of Monroe News

Chartered November 13, 1971

Meets on the first Thursday of every month



### Monroe Scottish Rite Temple

205 University Avenue  
Monroe, LA 71203-3701

Secretary: W. O. "Will" Cook, 32° KCCH  
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**2018 Membership Fees are due!**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

**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

#### Treasurer All Bodies:

Roy McDuffie, 33° PGM

#### Secretary All Bodies:

Wilson O. "Will" Cook, 32° KCCH

### Personally Speaking

The summer heat has found our building air conditioning system lacking. One of our units is a 1970 model (I was a Navy LT flying T-38's for the USAF and our first child was just one year old back then). Long time for an AC unit to run in the heat and stand in the cold wet of winter. Looks like \$13,000, at minimum, to replace that one and we have others that are well beyond their expected service life. This of course brings up the subject of money. I sent out an appeal for donations from all the members (had not signed that many letters in a long time). We are getting a good response from about 8% of our members, contributing \$4500, which is great but we hope the other 92% of our members will join the campaign. We are trying to grow the Valley and not just survive, while forever begging for money and short on attendance.

Our annual Master Mason Night was held on June 28th and we had the privilege of hosting our Grand Master, Martin Rein-schmidt, and members of his official family.

We have some interest in the sales and engraving end of our operation. The MAMRI issues remain but with nine new Masters of the Royal Secret from the Spring Reunion, things are looking up.

As of this writing Buddy Barnett will replace Travis Holley on the Monroe Scottish Rite Foundation board, which oversees the operation of the building and its associated funds.

We are working to find ways to be more efficient, to inspire NPD members to come back to the Valley to study the work with us. Leroy Stenzel is teaching a class before our regular meetings, so we are giving emphasis to education. When the college students come back to town we will work up another fundraiser to see if we can make some money to put us in the black. General Secretary Cook is working up an idea to sell pavers to adorn our entry way and make some needed cash. He is proving to be a machinist and part artist as well, along with his DeMolay work and of course he is Master R. F. McGuire 209. It is good to be young and full of P&V (they tell me). Come to Scottish Rite so we can learn

some Masonic lore together. There will be a fall reunion and we need more members. We need you to bring potential members to our meetings so we can show them the path to more history and value in our great fraternity. Think of a Valley where everyone brings a potential new member and donates \$100: HUGE change in direction. Grist for the mill and operating funds for our Speech and Language clinic!!!

*Fraternally yours,  
Will P. Gray, 33°*

*Personal Representative*

*(I have all these titles but what I crave is MAMRI) Seriously: Membership, Attendance, Money, Ritual and Information. Only you can help us grow the Monroe Valley!!!)*

### From The Secretary's Desk

Autumn is looming on the horizon. Summer is coming to its completion, and Winter is just a few months away... for those in other parts of the country. Unfortunately, for us here in Louisiana, we have **hot** weather and "not so hot" weather. But, regardless of the season, I have never attend Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine or any other Masonic organization where weather was not talked about with a friend and a smile. Spending time with my brethren are some of the best times of my life. I have made many a friendship within our glorious fraternity.

Unfortunately, we laid to rest one of the brightest jewels in the Masonic crown. Illustrious Bro. Robert Caley Joyner, 33° was summoned to the celestial lodge above on July 2, 2018. He was General Secretary of Monroe Scottish Rite for 16 years and kept Monroe running like a top with what seemed to be minimal effort. (Boy! Was I wrong!) Bro. Robert always greeted everyone with a firm grip and a gentle smile. Never once had I heard him say a cross word about anyone. Quite the contrary. He was always a joy to be around and worked tirelessly for all of Masonry and the brethren. He has been counsel for a multitude of Grand Lodge officers in years past and always had sound

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### IN MEMORIAM

*James Norman Head  
Robert Caley Joyner*

## Scottish Rite **FULL-FILL-BUILD-PROVIDE**

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*New Orleans Valley From the Secretary's Desk:*

account, you can go to [www.scottishrite.org](http://www.scottishrite.org) and click on "Pay Dues" in the upper right hand corner and then click on the "click here to create account" bar and follow the prompts. You then will have access to your information and you can make any changes to your information that needs to be made.

Since our last edition of the Trestleboard the dread messenger of death has once again called several our brothers to their eternal rest. We have lost Vincent Libert, Jr., and Leslie Tanner, Jr. Please keep all our dearly departed and their families in your prayers.

Don't forget our monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. We meet at Louisiana Lodge #102. By now everyone should know where this is, but for those of you that need a reminder. It is right off of Hickory Ave, right behind Seither's Seafood Restaurant. Dinner at 6:30p.m. and the meeting or program starts at 7:30 p.m. We normally invite our ladies to have dinner with us but from time to time we must have a member's only dinner and meeting.

Hope to see you soon.

*Fraternally,  
Martin J. Reinschmidt, 33°  
General Secretary*



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*Monroe Valley From the Secretary's Desk:*

advice for them. Bro. Robert Joyner was one of these brethren that is irreplaceable and his absence will definitely be apparent.

We are preparing to send annual dues notices out for 2019. If you have yet to submit your 2018 dues, please do so at your earliest convenience. These funds allow Monroe Scottish Rite continue to be a shining star in Northeast Louisiana.

Congratulations to our newly elected and appointed Grand Lodge officers. As, Ill. Will Gray, 33° previously mentioned, we had the honor of having many Grand Lodge officers attending our Master Mason of the Year program.

Please join us at our next meeting!

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



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*The Lesser Tetractys - The Tetrad and Decad:*

of life and death within the confines of time and space.

When contemplating the significance of the Lesser Tetractys, one may reflect upon the whole of creation through the symbolism offered to us in numerology. The numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 represent the work of the Deity contained in the first "Heh" of YHVH without the interruptions of man's free will. The number 10 represents the redemptive and complete work of the Deity found in the "Yod" of YHVH<sup>17</sup>. The numbers 6, 7, 8 and 9 are the formative numbers found in the "Vav" of YHVH provided to man and expressed in his free will through the final "Heh" of YHVH. The number 5 represents the creation of animal life<sup>18</sup> as well as the provision of healing, redemption and reconciliation found in the final "Heh" of YHVH and begins the "Great Work"<sup>19</sup>.

This "Great Work" is executed with the resources of knowledge found in the "Vav" which are designed to lead man toward correction so that he may discover the perfection and completeness found in the "Yod" of YHVH. This perfection can only be discovered by connecting the lower "Heh" to the upper "Heh" by way of the "Vav"; the work is found in the "Vav" (6 days of creation) and set into motion through the final "Heh" (the Sabbath) of YHVH.

The Lesser Tetractys can also be reflected in the 14° ring of the Lodge of Perfection. The 14° ring recalls the Holy treasure discovered in the 13° that contained the ineffable name of Deity<sup>20</sup> by which all creation came into being. The ring's inscription and symbol together "symbolizes the immutable and eternal nature of Masonic virtues and the brotherhood they inspire"<sup>21</sup>. It consists of an equilateral triangle with the Hebrew letter "Yod" set in its center. With this consideration, the equilateral triangle may represent, without contradiction, the Triune work of the Deity that contains "the perfection of divine order" symbolized by the Hebrew letter "Yod".

### **In Conclusion**

The world of Action is referred to as "kingdom" because it is bound and restricted by the laws that govern it – it is a place of ruler-ship. On the fourth day the Creator established laws that govern time and space, and gave proper dominion to the heavenly bodies<sup>22</sup>.

The laws governing this lower World were written and enforced with the consideration and dominion from all four worlds previously discussed. Since we have lost the higher portions of our dominion through the fall, we have limited access to the essence, understanding and wisdom contained within the laws of the highest worlds we were created to employ.

This loss complicates our journey, and we often find ourselves acting contrary to the laws that were designed to bring us unity and harmony. As a result we see our world through murky waters, but are still bound by cause and effect. When the laws are broken a correction must be made and paid for by somebody; natural law provides no mercy.

In this world of Action one should always strive to consider the effects that may result from one's actions, and come to understand that everything comes as either a gift to be received or a price to be paid. We are all continually bound in darkness and in search of more light; none of us see clearly. When faced with opposition, one should remember to keep the Sabbath (our actions) Holy, and learn to reflect the Light from the Word rather than the laws that condemn and bind. Receive from the Deity rather than take from man, and don't begrudge a Brother's blessing.

Prayer is a Holy form of action designed to align our intentions with the perfect Will of the Deity. Everyone can do it! It requires no formal education or degree to be great at it, only dedication and a passion for Truth. This draws the Bride from the Kingdom in preparation for the Wedding. Darkness is continually around us, which is why we need a "lamp for our feet and a light for our path"<sup>23</sup>; so we must actively pray for one another according to the Word.

*This concludes the four part series of the Lesser Tetractys*

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

<sup>17</sup> The symbolism found in the crucifixion and death of the Christ can be seen as the eighth day – the putting away of the flesh; the gestation in the grave is the ninth day; the day of resurrection and regeneration is the tenth day.

<sup>18</sup> See *Genesis 1:20-23*

<sup>19</sup> *The Revised New Art Tarot Mysticism and Qabalah in The Knapp-Hall Tarot Black and White Edition* by Yolanda M. Robinson, Ph.D pages 64-68

<sup>20</sup> See *A Bridge to Light* by Rex R. Hutchens page 85.

<sup>21</sup> See *A Bridge to Light* by Rex R. Hutchens page 98.

<sup>22</sup> *Genesis 1:14-19*

<sup>23</sup> *Psalms 119: 105*

## THE FINAL WORD



**III. William J. Mollere, 33° PGM  
Sovereign Grand Inspector General**

### *Leave Your High School Outside*

Many years ago, almost sixty now, as a young DeMolay, I eagerly attended my Chapter's semi-monthly meeting in coat and tie, the way we all dressed – in our Sunday's best. I was a freshman at Baton Rouge High, my Dad's alma mater, and about half of the DeMolay Chapter attended that incredible school. The other half attended Istrouma High, the ultimate rival – the Baton Rouge High Bulldogs against the Istrouma High Indians. During football season, the lines in the City of Baton Rouge were drawn – South, Baton Rouge High; North, Istrouma High. After "the Season", normalcy returned pretty much. In the DeMolay Chapter however, the terms were six months long and the incoming Master Councilor almost always alternated schools – and with him came "his" set of appointed Officers. The new Master Councilor who attended Istrouma High cleaned house and appointed Istrouma High members – back and forth. My first appointment was 2nd Preceptor, next Term nothing, then Orator, next Term nothing. So it went. Life lessons learned about winning and not winning. Back then it was character building and not everyone got an award.

We had an old Advisor, Capt. Henri Herff, who had served in World War I, helped run the Panama Canal, moved to Baton Rouge in the mid-1930's after retirement and became very involved in all branches of Masonry. He had helped start DeMolay in the Panama Canal Zone, was a personal friend of DeMolay's Founder, Dad Frank S. Land, and in 1941 re-started DeMolay in Baton Rouge. The big social event of the Baton Rouge DeMolay Year, the Valentine's Sweetheart Banquet, was being planned and the venue was being debated. The meeting to vote and decide had members attend who were not "regulars" but were stakeholders. It looked bleak for the Baton Rouge High side as we gathered downstairs before the meeting. At the appointed time, we all filed upstairs and standing in the doorway, I later learned called the Outer Door, was Dad Herff. He pointed his old grizzled finger at each DeMolay as we entered the Chapter Room and with deliberate voice said, "Leave Your High School Outside!" We voted and came together as a Chapter, had a healthy debate, but settled on the best restaurant with the best

banquet room and a reasonable price for a banquet meal – it was a great event.

I have remembered that night over and over, and that old Advisor pointing his finger and telling us to remember what we belonged to first and foremost – a Brotherhood, second, the best for the majority, and then, leave personal piques and quarrels outside – and practicing that Brotherhood, forgive.

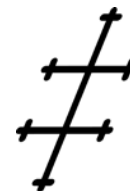
Years later, I attended a Lodge regularly where the Worshipful Master always began every meeting, before bringing the gavel down, by saying, "Brethren, you have entered a sacred place and you need to leave the world outside!"

Brethren, Scottish Rite's beautiful and meaningful Degrees teaches us just what Dad Herff and that Worshipful Master intoned – If we can live the lessons inside that sacred space, beginning with the gathering in the Lodge of Perfection, we can truly become Masters of the Royal Secret: balance, equilibrium, inner peace, love for our fellow man, and practicing the Civility that Masonry offers to all of its votaries. We are gentlemen and we are Brothers.

Unfortunately, such has not been the case recently in our Grand Jurisdiction. Law Suits filed, heated arguments, non-unity Unity gatherings, name-calling, groups of long-standing friends divided, Brother against Brother. Sides taken and lines drawn. Try as hard as possible to stay neutral, Scottish Rite has truly had no part in any of this, yet some try to pull our beloved Rite into the middle. If only old Dad Herff were still around pointing that finger reminding every Brother who entered the sacred space to leave his rivalry, his "side", his hurt feelings outside, what a Grand Jurisdiction overflowing with Peace & Harmony we would enjoy. Our 18th Degree teaches – Love one another, be better than yourself, and remember the more that you have, the more you owe to those less fortunate – lessons of The Master. Can we truly be Knights of the Rosy Cross? We promised. Dad Herff still stands at that Outer Door, YOU guard the Inner Door. Guard well and remember the lessons taught in our beautiful Rite; as you enter each time that sacred space, be it Lodge, Grand Lodge and our Lodge of Perfection, can you "leave your high school outside"? The future of our Fraternity and of our Rite depends on it.

Because of the issues mentioned, Scottish Rite, as a side issue of the disputes has lost some truly outstanding Brothers to Demit. Seek these good Brothers, young and old, and ask them to return with you and help heal our Masonry. Have you attended your Valley's monthly meeting recently? 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 by his house – reach out – be a Brother!

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



The Fall Semester of our five RiteCare Centers is about to begin and dozens of youngsters will be helped through our Scottish Rite Philanthropy – all funded through your Dues and donations. Check your Dues Card – stay current – 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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**Scottish Rite FULFILL-BUILD-PROVIDE**

**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.



**Louisiana Scottish Rite  
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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.

