



The Rite Word

From the Venerable Master

Brethren,

I hope you all and your families are well.

July gives us Independence Day. A day that changed history and created this country. It influenced other countries. It changed the mind of people to understand that systems, specifically those that deprive the people from the fundamentals to survive, or that are despotism and tyranny can be changed.

Freemasons have been involved in this. The Boston Tea Party, General and later President George Washington, Paul Revere, Marquis de Lafayette and other Brethren played a major role in forming this country into a democracy. They did so as individuals. Other Freemasons that actively participated in and were driving revolutions include Simon Bolivar in South America and Mirabeau in France.

Rulers that care about the people have been Freemasons. Examples are the Royal Family of the United Kingdom, the Swedish Kings that have been Grandmasters of the Swedish Rite since its founding, and King Frederic the Great of Prussia who per Masonic tradition approved the Grand Constitutions of 1876 that are the basis of our Constitution of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction.

As Freemasons we are asked to support the local government. We are also asked to support Freedom, and practice Charity. A fine line, but it comes down to recognize and ad-



dress despotism and tyranny, and change systems that deprive the people from necessary sustenance.

In my opinion it is about balance, equilibrium. A system that abuses its power ultimately will fail, and I would hope that in future Freemasons will not end up on the sidelines, but as individuals will continue to help to correct removal of Freedom, and support the society and needing individuals with Charity.

For further information on this topic, as a starting point:

<https://dr-david-harrison.com/dr-david-harrison/freemasonry-revolution-latin-america/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_monarchs_who_were_Freemasons

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morals_and_Dogma_of_the_Ancient_and_Accepted_Scottish_Rite_of_Freemasonry

We will miss our parades, with all the gathering before, during and after. I hope you all will have an opportunity though to gather electronically with your family and friends.

Happy Independence Day,

Reminder (we will waive this if the prohibition is lifted between the 10th and the 13th)

Reservations for Stated Meeting Dinner are due by Friday July 10th. If you do not make your reservation by that date, Dinner will cost \$20 if there is enough

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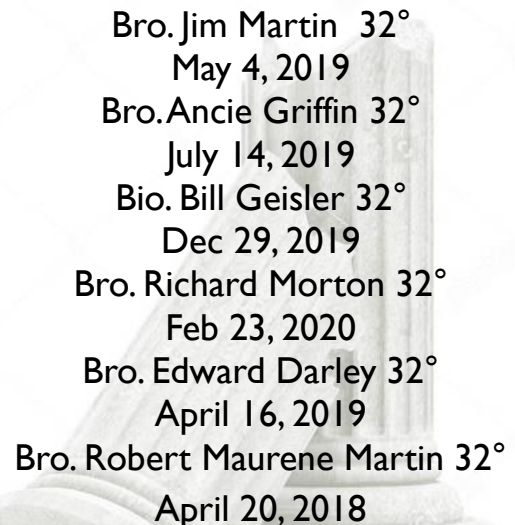
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The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of San Jose, in the Orient of California, acknowledge and yield all allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

From the Wise Master

Well my Brethren, by the time you read this article, the June activities for Scottish Rite will have still been put on hold. I hope July will have a better outcome. July 14th Stated Meeting and Dinner. I am looking forward to this meeting.



Last year I heard a poem in my Lodge that I would like to share with all my Brethren.

Hail, Masonry, Thou Craft Divine. By C. Delafaye

Hail, Masonry, thou craft divine, Glory of earth, from Heaven revealed, Which dost with jewels precious shine, From all but Masons' eyes concealed. Thy praises due who can rehearse, In nervous prose or glowing verse?

As men from brutes distinguished are, A Masons other men excels; For what's in knowledge choice and rare, But in his breast securely dwells? His silent breast and faithful heart Preserves the secret of the art.

Sweet fellowship, from envy free, Friendly converse of brotherhood, The lodge's lasting cement be, Which has for ages firmly stood. A lodge thus built, for ages past Has lasted, and will ever last.

Then in our songs be justice done To those who have enriched the art; From Jabal down to every one, And let each brother hear a part. Let noble Masons' healths go round, Their praise in lofty lodge resound.

May you always have Love to share, Health to spare, And friends who care. May you blessed.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Art Pasquonelli".

From the Commander of Kadosh

In May 1858, Brother Jose Ignacio Herrera y Cairo was murdered by his political and military enemies in Mexico. Two of the ranking officers involved were later hanged. Brother Cairo became a national hero and military units and streets were named in his honor in the Jalisco area.



Earlier, Brother Cairo was concerned he might be murdered and asked his friends, should that happen, that he would like to be buried in a Masonic Cemetery. His body was buried in a local cemetery but his heart was removed and preserved as a relic. In April 1893 it was taken from Mexico and placed in the Oakland Masonic Temple by his sister, Rosalia Labastida de Coney. A ceremony was held at that time and "addresses and other interesting matters presented".

Brother Cairo's heart was buried, with a grand ceremony, in Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland on June 23, 1894. The copper casket containing his heart, draped with the Mexican flag, was escorted by four Knights Rose Croix from Gethsemane Chapter, Rose Croix, Oakland. It was placed under a monument, the foundation stone of which was laid by Past Grand Master of Masons of California, Most Worshipful Hiram N. Rucker. III. Brother Edwin Sherman, 33rd degree, delivered a eulogy critical of the Catholic Church in the murder of Brother Cairo.

Rosalia was the wife of Consul General of Mexico, Brother Alexander Coney, 32nd degree. A few years later, in 1897, Rosalia passed away and was interred in the same plot as her brother and, later Brother Sherman. A large number of Masons turned out for her burial and each placed a red rose on her grave.

Next month, more about Brother Coney

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill M. Fiel".

From the Master of Kadosh

After missing several of the last inputs to the SJ SR Rite Word, I am happy to report that I am back in action again after completing my move further north in California and I want to thank Hon. Gregg Hall and Angela Athens for covering the last two articles for me.

I did not expect this move to happen but when an opportunity such as this arose, I had to make a quick decision or lose it. This was a move that should not be taken lightly by anyone—but I felt that if I could keep my current memberships and friends and add new ones it could be manageable.

Well, I have got to tell you—it's a different world living up here in the Sierra foothills. The roads and cars are similar as below and overall traffic is “not” a problem, the main highways are faster and there are “no” speed limits. Oh! The posted speed signs are there, but nobody obeys them. Everyone just goes as fast as they can. The secondary roads are not so good and any drivers of cars in back will ride you rear bumper just waiting for a chance to pass you so they can be first in line then they all continue at their original speed; there are lots of aggressive drivers up here in the north and in the Sierras.

The weather is also different—hotter in the summer and colder in the winter. One doesn't realize how ideal the weather is in the Bay Area even considering the latest commute traffic. Im glad that I will still attend all my regular masonic functions as soon as this “Corona” virus abates.

I plan to drive down when cars in the Bay Area are leaving and staying overnight for one or two days if there is an available room—then return back. I really do miss my friends and functions.

To be continued.....



Dell Bleiler

From the Secretary

We are now under contract to rent a large portion of the parking lot to Amazon, so when you come please make sure you get a spot that is marked for SJSR Only.

Work continues in the building, the new stage curtain is installed and is beautiful, see picture on page 9. The new ceiling is mostly in and will be completed shortly. We are repairing one of the walls. We are down to that wall and a few columns in the dining room and we will have painted the interior of the building. We used about 100 gallons of paint in the process.

We have also been doing some clean up outside. Soon we will repaint the signage out front by the street and we have cleared a lot of dead plants and trees and are removing the juniper bushes which were blocking the sign.

We also have a new water fountain to install that will be capable of refilling bottles and is filtered.

We had a center channel speaker installed and we will soon have new stage/spot lights installed that will be programmable and will improve our degrees.

Once the major projects have been completed we will be doing a major clean up of our paraphernalia room.

While we are still unable to meet, if anyone wants to come down during the week to tour the building they are more than welcome to do so.

If we can't meet again in July we will have a zoom meeting, hopefully many of you will join us for it. Look to your emails for the log on information.



Gregg Hall

Twenty First Degree — Noachite or Prussian Knight

According to Albert Pike, this degree used to be known as the Masonic Key, and told the story of Noah's descendant Peleg (Hebrew) or Phaleg (Greek) who, according to the ritual, designed and built the Tower of Babel in the years after the great flood.

Pike figured this degree did not fit with the traditions of King Solomon's Temple or the chivalric theme of the Council of Kadosh. So he reworked the degree to make about knighthood, specifically the medieval Prussian justice system, known as the Vehmgericht [fām'gērīkht] or vehmic [fā'mīk] court.

Prussian Justice System

Most of western Europe during the Late Middle ages (1200 to 1500) was part of the Holy Roman empire. Prussia was a dominant state within the empire. In those days, the emperors had problems managing their lands. And it was a time of extensive feudal warfare. So the free people of Prussia formed the Vehmgericht, a fraternal organization that met the need for law enforcement and justice. Its members were called the Wissende (knowing ones).

To become a Wissende, you had to be a man of good character, legally married, not under penalty of excommunication, and of pure German stock. No experience as a sheriff, lawyer, or judge was required.

Freischöffen (free justices) were elected from among the Wissende. They served as prosecutors, heard evidence, pronounced sentences, and conducted executions. The list of crimes consisted of heresy, sorcery, rape, theft, robbery, and murder. Conviction resulted in an automatic death penalty. Although, if the perpetrator was cooperative, he was often let off with an admonition to redress the wrongs he had committed.

While serving, the judges were armed and dressed in black gowns, with a cowl covering the face. Secret courts were held by night in a forest or other concealed place. The general public might see a posted summons naming the accused and the charges. But it was not informed of the time or location of the trial.

The Degree Opens

The 21st degree takes place symbolically at night. The presiding officer is the Lieutenant Commander (LC), who sits facing the moon. Everyone is dressed in black, except for their yellow gloves and aprons. On the apron flap is a right arm holding a sword. On the apron itself is a winged human figure with the forefinger of the right hand over his lips and a key in his left hand. He represents the Egyptian figure of silence.

The members are Prussian Knight-Masons but referred to as Brothers. There are two jewels. One is a round silver moon with a

right arm holding a sword, and the Latin phrase "fiat justitia ruat coelum", meaning "let there be justice though the heavens fall". You wear that one from the third button hole of your vest. The other jewel is a gold triangle with an arrow pointing downward. You wear that jewel suspended from a black collar.

The meeting starts when the LC directs Wardens of the North and South to collect the password from each Brother present. After they do, the Warden in the North speaks the name "Phaleg". The LC asks what that name is. The Warden replies that Phaleg is the son of Shem, the eldest son of Noah (who built the ark); and was the architect and builder of the Tower of Babel (shortly after the Biblical flood).

The LC asks the Warden where he heard learned that name. He replies in a place where the Moon alone gave light. The LC asks why the Tower (of Babel) was impossible to build. The Warden answers because its foundation was presumption, vanity, and arrogance.

The LC asks where Phaleg's body lies. The Warden responds in an artful tomb of grey stone.

Then the LC says "Prussian Knight-Masons since it our mission to punish crime and protect innocence, let the tribunal be opened. Give me the sign!" The Brothers rise, draw swords, raise their hands toward the heavens, turn toward the moon, drop arms, then turn to face the LC, who pronounces the tribunal open in due form and directs the Warden to make proclamation so all who demand justice may draw near.

The Warden announces, "Whosoever has been wronged by the great or oppressed by the powerful, whosoever has been unjustly accused or his household outraged; whosoever has fallen into the hands of corrupt judges; whosoever has suffered by bribery and extortion; let him come freely forward and make known his complaint; and right shall be done him by the Tribunal of Prussian Knights, from whose judgment there is no appeal."

The Candidate Enters and the Trial Begins

At this juncture, the Marshal brings the Candidate, wearing ordinary clothes and a brown leather apron, to the door where he gives three slow raps. The Warden of the North answers with a single rap and asks the Marshal what the person (the Candidate) wants.

The Candidate comes demanding justice upon the charge of

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oppression and injustice. He and the Marshal enter and walk to the LC, where the candidate, representing a man by the name of Adolf, kneels on one knee as the Marshal speaks for him, "Most Noble and Venerable Lieutenant Commander Noachite, I demand doom and judgement of Count Reinfred of Loëgria and the Bishop of Vienna; who have taken from me my inheritance, and divided it between themselves."

The LC says, "Arise my Brother! You need not kneel for justice. The humblest man has the same right to justice as he has to air, and Justice, like air, cannot be bought nor sold. Who are you and what proof do you offer that your charge is true?"

The Candidate identifies himself as Adolf the Saxon, a Brother and Adept of the Rosy Cross. He explains that while he was in the Holy Land on Crusade, the Count and Bishop had a monk forge a deed giving all of Adolf's inheritance to the Count. The Count went to the Bishop's court and got his approval.

It happens that Count Reinfred is present at the court, and naturally he denies the charge. He leaves the court and comes back with a deed. The LC thinks the document is legitimate and tells Adolf to present something to prove his case.

Adolf asks the LC to command Reinfred to answer three questions. One is the date when the deed was supposedly signed. Reinfred says it was on the birthday of Saint John the Baptist (June 24) in 1187. Reinfred has a solid answer for the other questions, too. Meanwhile, Adolf has no witnesses who can verify anything. So he demands a trial-by-oath and the three-fold-ordeal.

Trial-by-ordeal was an ancient judicial practice by which the guilt or innocence of the accused was determined by subjecting them to a painful and dangerous experience. Often, the test was life or death, and survival proved innocence. In Europe, ordeals typically involved fire or boiling water.

Another form of trial-by-ordeal was used during the witch-hunts of 16th and 17th century Europe. In that case, the accused woman was tied up and tossed into a body of water. If she floated, she was guilty. If she sank, she was innocent. Supposedly, they tied ropes around the accused so they could pull her back up. In practice, to be accused of witchcraft was an automatic death sentence.

Reinfred counters that Adolf's demand is nothing more than an appeal to sorcery, to prove his claim by magic. Then Reinfred tosses a farthing piece, a bronze coin worth 1/4 of a cent, onto the floor and demands to be excused. He is not.

The LC reminds Adolf that trial before a criminal tribunal is by oath and witnesses. Three witnesses are required to render Reinfred's oath invalid. Adolf has none. The deed appears to be authentic and Adolf cannot prove otherwise.

Adolf appeals to "ancient law" for a trial-by-ordeal. The Wardens discuss the matter and believe trial-by-ordeal is a valid means of judgement. Reinfred says he wants nothing to do with sorcery and magic. He demands that Adolf accept a "wager-of-battle" (trial-by-combat).

Trial-by-combat, a form of trial-by-ordeal, was a method of Germanic law to settle accusations in the absence of witnesses or a confession. The parties in dispute fought in single combat and the winner was proclaimed to be right. Trial-by-combat remained in use throughout the European Middle Ages.

The LC tells Adolf, "Appeal to God by wager-of-battle!" He responds, "After the ordeal." The LC informs Adolf that if he fails the ordeal, he will have lost his right to wager-of-battle. And it would prove Adolf to be a false accuser, and he would face the penalty of death by hanging.

Reinfred again complains about sorcery and claims it there is no warrant for any other form of trial-by-ordeal in law. The LC tells Reinfred that if Adolf is convicted by the ordeal, he (Reinfred) may then demand wager-of-battle. Reinfred demands it now but the LC shuts him down.

Then the LC asks Adolf what he requires for the ordeal. He asks for three brass rods, a censer with incense, and a basin of clear water from the spring. The Fiscal (Treasurer) says that he has those items, which he got from his predecessor, but he did not know what they were used for. The LC has the Warder go and get them. Unbeknownst to the Candidate, the three brass rods have been rigged.

For the first ordeal, Adolf says the fire will devour a brass rod if his charge of forgery is not true. Reinfred counters that brass does not burn in a fire, so the result is meaningless. Reinfred grabs the rod from the Marshal and sticks it into the fire. The rod momentarily catches fire, to everyone's amazement and Reinfred's dismay.

Reinfred is so angry that he tries to strike the Marshal. The LC informs him that such an action will result in Reinfred being hanged at the castle gates. That is what you call order in the court.

For the second ordeal, Adolf says that when he disturbs the incense, it will burst into flame if Reinfred's deed is valid. Reinfred grabs a second brass rod and thrusts it into the incense. A big red flame and smoke arise. Reinfred tosses the rod to the floor and angrily wishes for a sword so he could quickly dispatch the miscreant, Adolf.

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Stated Meeting Menu

Tuesday

July 14 2020

(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY,
by July 10th)

Call the Office **NOW** at 408-978-7483 &
make your reservations!

Dinner is TBD depending on if we can hold the
meeting or not.



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for donating and discounting the paint we
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Illustrious James D. Cole, 33°
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Tuesday, November 10, 2020
San Jose Scottish Rite Center
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6:00 p.m. Members Only Stated Meeting
6:30 p.m. Member and Guest Social

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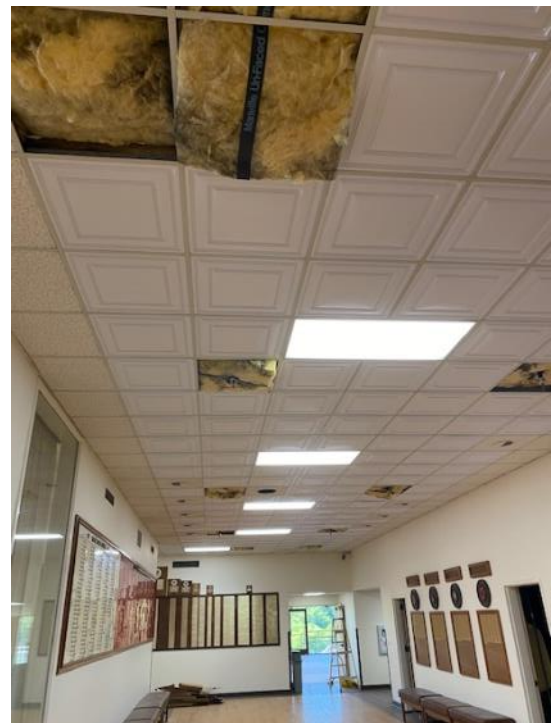
We will have Brent Morris present on Friday September 11 at 6PM CA time
Art De Hoyas will present at 11 AM CA Time on Saturday September 12th followed by
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All Moderated by John Hesiner

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Rayden is a bright, fun, and charismatic 10-year-old boy who has been seen at the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Clinic for an articulation disorder and has just recently graduated from our program! Rayden worked hard during the past 18 and exceeded his speech and language goals!



Rayden's parents brought him to the clinic as he was making slow progress toward his speech and language goals at school. Shireen, Rayden's mother, reported that after one month of sessions at the Scottish Rite, she noticed a tremendous improvement with Rayden's speech. She stated, "Ms. Rachel Sense, who work[ed] one to one with Rayden, was able to recognize areas that he needed to work on and focus[ed] on improving them. I think what work[ed] out successfully was the combination of therapy sessions and 'homework' from Ms. Sense... As we are non-native English speaker[s], sometimes I just [couldn't] identif[y] what needed to [be] work[ed] on with my son. But given the homework and specific instruction on what to work on, I [knew] how to go about helping my son at home. That was also the best team work!"



Shireen describes their experience at the clinic as "warm and professional". She was thankful for the weekly homework and parent feedback at the conclusion of each session so that lesson plans, progress and home lessons were clear each week. Even after therapy was transitioned to Telepractice in mid-March due to the COVID-19 crisis, Rayden's mom stated, "Our therapy session transition[ed] into [an]online platform on 3/17 effortlessly. I'm impress[ed] with how fast and effortlessly the transition went. Thank you again!"

Work Continues, fixing wall, replacing ceiling and new curtain.

We are excited for Rayden and his accomplishment! Congratulations, Rayden!



Adolf exclaims that Reinfred he will never draw his sword among Christian knights. He adds that the Infidels (Muslims that the Christians fought in the Crusades) do not welcome Christian felons. Reinfred accuses Adolf of having learned his sorcery in the East, and exclaims, "Get behind me, Satan!" (A quote from the Gospel of Mark 8:33, where Jesus is addressing Peter.)

For the third ordeal, Adolf says that when he stirs the clear water, it will become blood if the claims of Reinfred and the Bishop are valid. On Adolf's behalf, the Marshal takes the third rod and stirs the water, which remains clear.

Reinfred exclaims sarcastically, "Oh wondrous miracle, the water does not turn to blood, and my land is therefore not mine own!" Adolf responds, "Let the land be yours forever if the water remains colorless for you." Reinfred quickly grabs the third rod, stirs the water, and it turns red. The Brothers say, "God has given judgment."

Reinfred shouts, "This is sorcery! Will you condemn not me alone but also a holy man, an anointed Bishop of the Church, upon such jugglery (manipulation or trickery to achieve a desired end) as this?" To which Adolf replies, "How bold, I said, is guilt!"

You will remember from our earlier discussion that trial-by-ordeal involved a painful and dangerous experience. Adolf's trial with the brass rods was not the least bit painful or dangerous, so in truth it really was sorcery, just as Reinfred claimed.

Reinfred again demands wager-of-battle. The LC confirms that wager-of-battle is Reinfred's right if Adolf cannot produce any witnesses.

Adolf says he has no witness but God and this false Knight's conscience (referring to Count Reinfred). Then Adolf asks to see the deed. As he examines the document, the Recorder, looking over Adolf's shoulder, also studies it.

Suddenly the Recorder notes something wrong. He asks Reinfred if he purchased the parchment on which the deed is written, from Isaac the Jew of Vienna. Reinfred admits that the Bishop bought it, implying that Isaac the Jew was the vendor.

The Recorder verifies that Reinfred said, under oath, the parchment was purchased in the year 1187. Then the Recorder tells the LC that he recognizes the vendor's watermark in the upper right corner of the deed. It is a key.

The LC asks, "What of it?" The Recorder replies that prior to the death of Frederick Barbarossa (Frederick I, Holy Roman Emperor, who died in 1190), Isaac used a crown for his watermark. That proves Reinfred's deed is a forgery!

The Knights murmur among themselves. The LC and Wardens are stunned as they realize the meaning of the incorrect watermark on

Reinfred's deed.

The LC directs Count Reinfred to respond. He stands there speechless. The LC turns toward the Candidate and says, "Adolf, you trusted in God, and your trust was well founded." Then he demands that the Brothers give their judgment. All pronounce Reinfred guilty.

The LC makes a lengthy denouncement of Count Reinfred, and sentences him to death by hanging, after which his body will remain there so the birds and beasts can devour it.

Then the LC orders Adolf be restored to his lands, the forged deed burned, and that Count Reinfred's estate pay Adolf the sum of 500 Marks for the use of his land (referring to the period during which the land was in Reinfred's possession). Finally the LC calls for the Bishop of Vienna to be summoned to appear and answer Adolf's complaint.

Job Offer for Adolf

The Warden of the South makes the suggestion that Adolf, having proven himself, should take the place of the disgraced Reinfred as a member of the Tribunal. Adolf agrees and the Knights give their consent by clashing their swords. The LC asks Adolf a series of questions regarding the duty and qualifications of a Prussian Knight and member of the Tribunal.

With Adolf's agreement, the LC makes him a member of the Tribunal and charges him with his new duties of protecting everyone who has been wronged by the great or oppressed by the powerful; of everyone who has been unjustly accused or his household outraged; of everyone who has fallen into the hands of corrupt judges or suffered by bribery and extortion.

The LC hands Adolf (the Candidate) a sword, gives him a final charge, and tells him to be seated among the Brethren. The charge is in the ritual, if you want to read it.

At this juncture, with the moon passing (setting), so the Tribunal is darkened (closed).

By the way, there was a Jewish man known as Isaac of Vienna. He was a distinguished scholar, who died around 1260. He probably used parchment but there is no record that he ever manufactured or sold it.

Ill Daniel Doornbos 33°

III. Roger Bibb 33° Class

Oct 13, 23,24, and Nov 3, 2020



ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY,
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Petition for Degrees

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Years as M.M.: ____ Blue Lodge Name _____ No. _____

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