



## The Rite Word

### From the Venerable Master

I look forward to serving you as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection for the ensuing Masonic Year. With your help San Jose Bodies will grow and be in inspiration to the members of our Fraternity. I encourage all the members to participate in all of our activities and ceremonies.



At are Stated Meeting we will honor our Sweethearts with a dinner and flowers. Please make reservations for your selves and your ladies.

The following comments are taken from a book called Valley of the Craftsmen:

When the Scottish of Freemasonry came into official existence in 1801 with the formation of the Supreme Council, the leaders turned to the ancient east and west for their inspiration, They remembered Jerusalem and Athens, one symbolizing the measures of beauty from the east, the other classical order from the west. The evolving higher degree system of Freemasonry, long since an attractive ritual tradition among European nations and their colonies, envisioned common meanings induced by dual sources of civilization. They were drawing from the wisdom traditions of the Orient

and Occident that sought order from chaos in the development of a moral life.

Freemasons often refer to their fraternity as “the Craft”. It is a term of pride that, like quality workmanship itself, implies the premium standard of its own guild or trade. There is, in addition, a second symbolic meaning in the title of this book. The Scottish Rite, after its first half-century, organized itself by “Orients,” corresponding in the United States to individual states or territories, and within these jurisdictions the cities were named “Valleys”, forming local consociations of Scottish Rite lodges. Thus, “the valley of the craftsmen” captures exactly the proper fraternal designation of the places and people who have represented Scottish Rite Freemasons in local and historical contexts.

Remembering the ancient builders of the second Jerusalem drawn from a surrounding landscape of settlements and communities, the builders and preservers of the Scottish Rite dwelled in their own equivalent valleys of craftsmen for two centuries.

May the year 2025 be a happy, healthy and wonderful year for all of you my

*Richard Rosenberg*

**Please note that Effective at the February Stated Meeting the cost of dinner will go up to \$20 per person. With the rising costs of food we have no choice but to do so.**

## 2025 Honor Roll

Ill. Bennie Cooper 33°  
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Make an annual Donation to the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies in the amount of \$100 or more and have your name included on the "Honor Roll" Your gift allows the San Jose Bodies to provide the quality events that you deserve.

## Donations

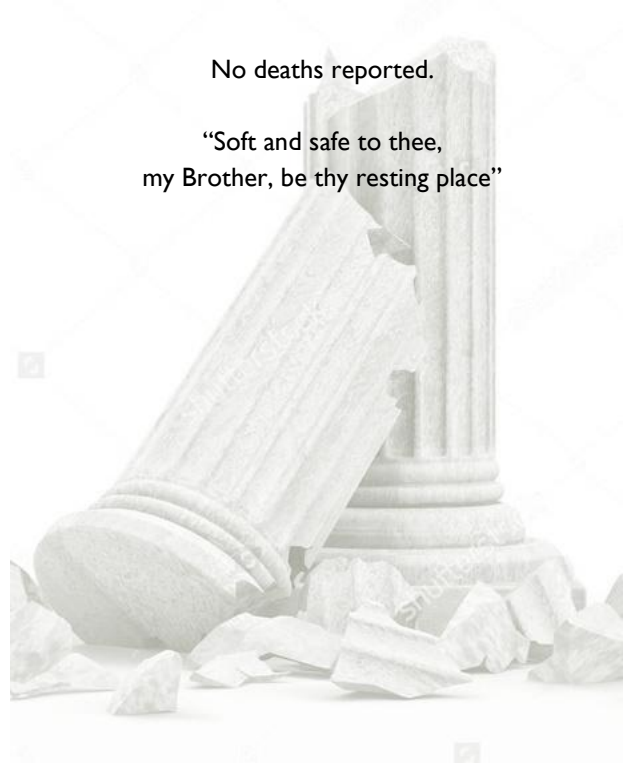
Bro. Timothy O Kesler 32°  
Ill. Daniel Doornbos 33°  
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## Called From Labor

No deaths reported.

"Soft and safe to thee,  
my Brother, be thy resting place"



## Hair Cuts

Bro. Kaleo, who is a licensed Hair Stylist is doing hair cuts on a reservation basis on Sundays between noon and 5pm. He is donating 100% of the money collected to the Scottish Rite.

He is doing it by appointment only and won't be here on days he doesn't have appointments, so if you would like to get your hair cut and help the Scottish Rite at the same time, please give the office a call to schedule your appointment.

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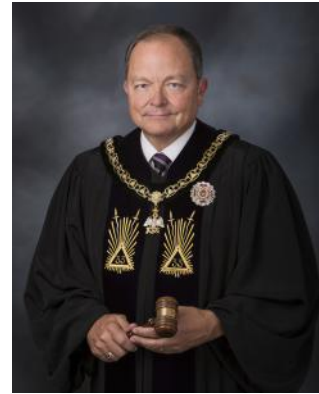
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**General in California,**  
**Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite**  
**Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.**

***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.***

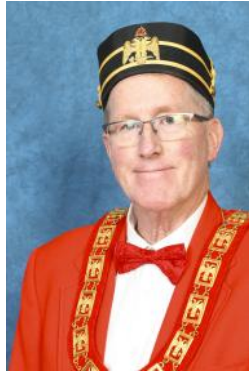
### From the Wise Master

Let me begin by thanking the brethren of the Valley of San Jose, for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Wise Master this coming year. I am humbled and honored to be the 2025 Wise Master. Thank you for the confidence you've placed in me to lead the Chapter of Rose Croix for the San Jose Valley of the Scottish Rite for the ensuing year. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge that no leader can truly be great without the help of many. I would like to take this moment to thank my line of officers for agreeing to take this journey with me.

We will soon be planning some fun events for the year ahead and I look forward to seeing you all there.

In February we celebrate love, and we honor our widows and loved ones. This is especially true in Freemasonry. Let us take this opportunity to honor our sweethearts. Let us each enjoy this month when we honor our sweethearts and let them know how much we cherish them.

Once again, thank you for this opportunity to serve you.



### From the Commander

This is a start of a new year, and as the Commander I look forward to working with the officers of the Council to fulfill our responsibilities. The Council of Kadosh consists of the 19th through the 30th degrees. I am looking forward to an exciting year, with many and varied activities. This should be a new beginning for our Valley.



Our Scottish Rite is for you, my brethren. Remember that our stated meetings are always short in length, to allow us to take care of our essential business, but then have time to enjoy each other's company at our dinners afterwards. Make sure to get your reservations in for dinner.

I hope you will join us at our meetings and other activities. Make San Jose Scottish Rite a regular part in your life. I look forward to seeing you.



### From the Master of Kadosh

Greetings my brothers, thank you for electing me as Master of Kadosh for the San Jose Consistory and my fellow officers.

I would like to share with you about Masonic Calendar (from: masonic lodge of education)

A Masonic calendar is based upon the date of an event or a beginning. Craft Masons and different appendant bodies within Freemasonry utilize different Masonic calendars to celebrate a historical inception date such as the creation of the world or an historical event specific to that Masonic order or body.

These dates are used upon official Freemason documents. The historical dates are symbolic of new beginnings and should not be misconstrued as Freemasons believing that there was a Masonic lodge in the Garden of Eden. Symbolically, they connect the creation of physical light in the universe with the birth of Masonic spiritual and intellectual light in the candidate.

The only idea intended to be conveyed is that the principles of Freemasonry are as old as the existence of the world. It is the spirit of the institution of Freemasonry which brings a candidate from intellectual darkness to intellectual light. Each of the "Mason" calendars, below, begin with the word, *Anno*.

In the Latin language, *Anno* means *In the Year of*. The English word, *annual*, is derived from the Latin word, *anno*.

C.E. means *Common Era*, (Christians sometimes call it the Christian Era)

B.C.E. or B.C. means *Before Common Era*

#### **Ancient Craft Masons Calendar**

Anno Lucis - (A.L. or A.:L.:) In The Year of Light

Anno Lucis is Latin for In The Year of Light.

Historical Significance: The Year of Light signifies the date of the creation of the world (approximately 4000 years before the Common Era), as we read in the third verse from the Book of Genesis in the King James version of the Bible as well as in the Torah.

Ancient Craft Freemasons in the York and French Rites, residing in Scotland, England, Ireland, France, Germany, and in America, use the words, Anno Lucis.

Math: Anno Lucis is found by adding 4000 years (from the creation of the world to the present date) (4000 B.C.E. + 2025 C.E. = 6025 A.L. (Anno Lucis))

Relevance: The Ancient Craft Masonic calendar celebrates the creation of the world, approximately 4000 years before the Common Era, or 6025 years ago. (as of the year, 2025)



### From the Chief Knight

Happy February to all from the Knights of Saint Andrew! I am honored to serve as Chief Knight for 2025. We've recently had more interest in joining KSA and I must say, it's a fun group!

Words don't easily express how satisfying it is to be a part of this awesome group. It is very rewarding to serve your brethren, the other bodies, and several youth orders. We greet members at Stated Meetings, perform Arches of Steel, present the Colors at various events of Scottish Rite, Grand Master Receptions, and for other Masonic bodies. They are very impressive ceremonies.

As many might know, the Knights of St. Andrew, is a service based organization and our focus is to support the other bodies and other valley activities. Our humble, and close-knit knights in KSA focus on forming a bond within our group in concert with our service to the fraternity. We meet outside of the normal 2nd Tuesday. We have a great time serving the fraternity. Please let any of our

Of course, Kilts are optional.




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## Abram has a Son but not an Heir

Last month, we read about how the Lord (Yahweh) reaffirmed his covenant with Abram that his [Abram's] posterity would inherit the promised land, by participating in a strange ritual.

This time, we will focus on Abram's other promise, that he would have posterity. In Genesis chapter 15, we read how Abram proposed adopting Eliezer, his chief steward, as his heir. But the Lord said, "This [Eliezer the steward] shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels [born to you and Sarai] shall be thine heir".

In Genesis chapter 16, we read about a different approach. Sarai, Abram's wife, clearly has an infertility problem, the inability to get pregnant. It has been that way since Abram and Sarai got married. He was around 50, she was around 40. Now it is 35 years later and there is still no child.

Like all wealthy people, Sarai has a "handmaid", an unmarried female slave. We are talking about Hagar, who was originally from Egypt. According to Jewish tradition, Hagar was a daughter of Pharaoh, who reportedly said, "It is better for my daughter to be a handmaid in this man's [Abram's] house than be mistress in another man's house". The name Ha-Agar means "this is reward". Tradition says that Pharaoh gave his daughter Hagar to Sarai as compensation for Pharaoh taking Sarai into his household before he found out Sarai was already married (see Genesis chapter 12).

"And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the Lord hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai. And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her [Hagar] to her husband Abram to be his wife. And he [Abram] went in unto Hagar, and she conceived..." Genesis 16:2-4

Back in ancient times, it was a custom that when the master chooses his maidservant to become his wife and marries her, she automatically becomes a free person. Thus, after Abram had "married" Hagar, she may have considered herself a free person and no longer subject to Sarai's authority.

Hagar may also have considered herself as the

"successful" wife, having actually conceived a child. According to the story, Hagar came to despise Sarai. Sarai blamed the change of attitude on Abram.

"And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the Lord judge between me and thee. But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thine hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she [Hagar] fled from her face." Genesis 16:5-6

We can empathize with Hagar. She fled Canaan and traveled toward a place called Shur, located in the Arabian desert, on the northeast border of Egypt. Perhaps she was running home to her family. But running away was not a solution to the current problem.

"And the angel of the Lord found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur. And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

"And the angel of the Lord said unto her [Hagar], Return to thy mistress [Sarai], and submit thyself under her hands. And the angel of the Lord said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. Genesis 16:7-10

Now Hagar is given the promise of a large posterity, though it is not the same family that Abram was promised. And that's not all...

"And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Behold, thou art with child and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the Lord hath heard thy affliction." Genesis 16:11

The name Ishmael means "God (El) has hearkened", referring to the angel's statement that the Lord had heard Hagar's affliction.

"And he [Ishmael] will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren." Genesis 16:12

Evidently, Ishmael will not grow up to be a people-person. Instead, he will live in a constant state of hostility with everybody else. The descendants of Ishmael would take on a bedouin lifestyle, on the fringes of society, committed to their personal freedom above the need to be accepted by others.

"And she [Hagar] called the name of the Lord that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me? Alternative translation: "So she named the Lord who spoke to her, 'You are El-roi' [the God who sees]; for she said, 'Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?'" Genesis 16:13

"Wherefore the well was called Be'er lahai Roi (which literally means 'the well of the living one that sees me'); behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered [somewhere in the Negev desert]." Genesis 16:14

### **Name Change for Abram**

Genesis chapter 17 begins with a visit from God 13 years later, when Abram was 99 years old: "...the Lord [Yahweh] appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God [El Shaddai]; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

"And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee [Abram], and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. Genesis 17:1-5

His original name Abram comes from the Hebrew words av (father) and ram (exalted). The new name Abraham comes from av (father) and hamon (multitude). Thus Abraham is literally father of a multitude. Note how God spoke in the past tense

The Lord continues, "And I will make thee [Abraham] exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed [posterity] after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee." Genesis 17:6-7

God will create nations of peoples from among Abraham's descendants. Some of them will rule as kings, meaning this people is intended to be self-ruling, not subject to rule by some other country... provided the people are faithful to God's direction.

"And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations." Genesis 17:8-9

As mentioned before, God will give all the land of Canaan to Abraham and his descendants, for an everlasting possession. And he [Yahweh] will be the God of this people.

Recall that this was a time of many gods, some international, others regional, or merely local. People had to pick a few or maybe a set of divinities to worship. And then hope they would hear your prayers, observe your sacrifices, and give you what you asked of them. In this case, it is the deity, Yahweh, who chooses Abraham and his descendants.

### **Sign of the Covenant**

"This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you." Genesis 17:10-11

"And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man [male] child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed. He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant." Genesis 17:12-13

Most people know that Jewish people circumcise their baby boys when they are eight days old. The individual who performs the ceremony is a Mohel, pronounced "moil". The purpose is show acceptance of the covenant initially made between God and

Abraham.

If a Hebrew family owned a male slave, even if the slave was a foreigner, he also got the treatment. This action makes the slave a part of the covenant and the Hebrew community.

Muslims also circumcise their boys, although the age when it happens varies. Any qualified clinician can perform the procedure. In this case, the purpose was to promote physical cleanliness before offering prayers.

When archaeologists examined Egyptian mummies they discovered that circumcision was also an Egyptian custom before the time of Abraham. The practice became popular among Christians in the Victorian era (1837 to 1901) to promote sexual morality and personal cleanliness.

Can you be part of this covenant without undergoing circumcision? Nope. "And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant." Genesis 17:14

### **Name Change for Sarai**

"And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her." Genesis 17:15-16

Sarai and Sarah are different forms of the same Hebrew word that basically means "princess or woman of strength". It is likely that Sarai is simply the possessive form of Sarah (that is, My Sarah). Sarah, therefore, signifies that her strength does not belong exclusively to her immediate family, but to the future nation of Israel and the world.

But Abraham doesn't get it. "Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, 'Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?' And Abraham said unto God, 'O that Ishmael might live before thee!'" Genesis 17:17-18



### **From the Master of Kadosh continued**

The word, "approximately" must be used, here, because, historically, there were many different calendars in use over the last 6000+ years.

This makes precise dates very difficult to ascertain. (Some historians believe it to be 4004 years before the Common Era.)

#### **Scottish Rite Calendar**

Anno Mundi - (A.M. or A.:M.:) In The Year of the World Anno Mundi is Latin for In the Year of the World.

Historical Significance: Anno Mundi also begins with the date of the creation of the world, but is based upon the older, Hebraic (Hebrew) calendar, which begins the civil year in September rather than the Gregorian calendar in use by us, today which begins the new year in January. The Hebrew calendar has several differences from the Gregorian calendar, one of which is that some months in the Hebrew calendar have 29 days and some have 30 days. (See Anno Hebraico, below.)

Math: Anno Mundi is found by adding 3760 years to the current year. (3760 B.C.E. + 2010 C.E.) After September of the current year, add 1 year more.

Therefore, if the current date is July, 2010, add 3760 years = 5770 A.M.

If the current date is October, 2010, add 3761 = 5771 A.M. (Anno Mundi)

Relevance: The Scottish Rite Masonic calendar celebrates the creation of the world, 3760/3761 years before the beginning of the Common Era (C.E.) or 5770 years ago. It is counted using the Hebrew calendar.

#### **Hebrew Calendar**

Anno Hebraico: In the Hebrew Year

Anno Hebraico is Latin for In the Hebrew Year. It is sometimes abbreviated as A.H or A.:H.:

Historical Significance: Tishri;Tisri - tish'-re, tiz'-re: Tisri, or Tishri, is the 7th month of the Jewish ecclesiastical, and the first month of the Hebrew/Jewish civil year. (September-October).

Tisri begins with the new moon in September. Tisri, or Tishri is called Ethanim in I Kings 8:2.

I will continue next month about the Masonic calendars and our upcoming Consistory events for the year.





## **From the Clinic**

Meet Alex! He loves basketball, Pokemon, and vacationing with his family all over the world. Alex's family heard about the RiteCare



Childhood Language Center of San Jose from the San Andreas Regional Center. He was seen at our clinic for fluency and articulation therapy. While he participated in individual and group therapies, his family was an integral part of his stuttering therapy. An important aspect of stuttering therapy is ensuring that both the child and the parents are educated about stuttering, as it is a frequently misunderstood diagnosis. Parents, siblings, teachers, and other caregivers may need guidance in how to respond and speak with a child who stutters.

“Rachel, our speech therapist, taught us to be more aware of how we talk to our kids...such as a slower rate of speech, allowing my son to finish his speech instead of jumping in to finish his sentence for him, or allowing pauses in between response. So on a daily basis we have tried to practice these recommendations.”

Alex has now graduated from his therapy at the RiteCare Childhood Language Center of San Jose as he met his speech and language goals. His parents noted the positive experience they have had at our center. “Definitely the most rewarding is that we got to work with a wonderful speech therapist in which my son enjoyed working with and seeing my son improve so much on his speech. Our experience at the center was extremely positive. Rachel is knowledgeable, supportive, caring, and engaging. She provided great feedback to us each week. I recommend to contact the center immediately if you have concerns about your child and to get an assessment as soon as possible so that your child can get treatment sooner rather than later.”

We are so proud of Alex and his growth with his articulation skills and fluency! He was such a joy to work with each week, and we wish him all the best! He will be missed!

## **List of Requested Books for Clinic Library – Updated 7/23/24**

### **Book Titles from [www.socialthinking.com](http://www.socialthinking.com)**

Superflex takes on Rock Brain and the Team of Unthinkables  
 Superflex takes on Brain Eater and the Team of Unthinkables  
 Superflex takes on Glassman and the Team of Unthinkables  
 Superflex takes on One-Sided Sid, Un-Wonderer and the Team of Unthinkables  
 Superflex and Focus Tron to the Rescue!  
 Superflex and Kook Q. Cumber to the Rescue!  
 You are a Social Detective!  
 Eye Power/Learning to Use the Power of your Eyes Volume 1  
 Eye Power/Learning to Use the Power of your Eyes Volume 2  
 We Thinkers! Series Volume 2 Social Problem Solvers (5 books in series - Hidden Rules and Expected and Unexpected Behaviors, Smart Guess, Flexible and Stuck Thinking, Size of the Problem, Sharing an Imagination)  
 We Thinkers! Series Volume 1 Social Explorers Curriculum (5 books in series - Thinking Thoughts and Feeling Feelings, Body in the Group, Thinking with Your Eyes, Whole Body Listening, The Group Plan)

### **Other Book Titles (found on Amazon)**

A Birthday for Cow by Jan Thomas  
 A Pest in the Garden by Jan Thomas  
 What Is Chasing Duck? By Jan Thomas  
 My Friends Make Me Happy by Jan Thomas  
 The Apple Pie Tree  
 Sheep in a Shop  
 Pirate Pete by Nick Sharat  
 There Was an Old Lady (any book from the series)  
 Love Monster  
 The Day It Rained Hearts  
 My Mouth is A Volcano  
 Bears Loose Tooth  
 Bear Wants More  
 Sneezey the Snowman

# Stated Meeting Menu

## Tuesday

February 11th 2024

(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY call the office, by February 7th)

# Sweethearts Dinner

Assorted Appetizers

Penne Puttanesca -

Crushed tomatoes with fresh basil, garlic, onion, kalamata olives, white wine and capers

Italian Sausage

Assorted Vegetables

Caesar Salad

Garlic Bread

Dessert

Invite family & friends. We need you to make your reservations by the Friday before. No Exceptions.

### Cost for Life Membership

Age	Factor	Amount
Under 49	21X	3297
50-54	19X	2983
55-59	17X	2669
60-65	14X	2198
Over 65	11X	1727

**This is the current price. You can apply this years dues to this amount. There will be a slight increase for next year.**

### From the Secretary

February is a special month...with Valentine's Day giving focus to relationship and romance. Please take advantage of this time to show our ladies how important and special they are to us. Their support makes possible all we do.



And the relationship of the Brethren in Scottish Rite should be an example for others to want to emulate. It is, in my experience, very much an exemplification of who best can work and best agree.

For a bit of "February" Masonic history, on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1988, a group of Masonic Leaders met with President Ronald Reagan where the Grand Master of Washington DC presented him a certificate and both the Scottish Rite and Shrine made him an honorary member. Also, on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1910, there was a meeting held in Alexandria, VA, of Masonic Representatives from 26 Grand Lodges (although all were invited) which resulted in the George Washington National Memorial Association being formed and the adoption of a resolution to erect a memorial to George Washington. This is an amazing edifice and well worth our support.

**Link to online petition:**



**III. Bob Winter 33° Reunion Class**

**April 4th and 5th and April 11th and 12th**



ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY,  
SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, U. S. A.

**Petition for Degrees**

(Full) Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME DATE

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Month, Day, and Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a US Citizen? YES  NO  If "No", where are you a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife/Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Years as M.M.: \_\_\_\_ Blue Lodge Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge City and State: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Place Raised: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever previously petitioned for any Scottish Rite Degrees? YES  NO

Hat Size: \_\_\_\_ (example: "7 1/8")

**"I, the above named and below signed, confirm a belief in a Supreme Being, the inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, and an undying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, and the forbearance of a state sponsored religion, principles embodied by the Founding Fathers of the United States of America. I respectfully petition to receive the 4th through 32nd Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. I am currently a Master Mason in good standing."**

_____		<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>
<i>Candidate's Signature</i>	<b>Degree Fee</b>	\$200	\$200
_____	<b>Annual Dues</b>	\$90	\$0 (For Current Year)
1st Sponsor PRINTED NAME	<b>Total Due:</b>	<b>\$290</b>	<b>\$200</b>
_____			
<i>1st Sponsor Signature</i>			

2nd Sponsor PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 I hereby authorize the San Jose Scottish Rite to charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 to Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ CVC \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Return Petition to Valley General Secretary's Office)

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## **Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events**

**Tuesday February 11th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:30 pm**

Lodge of Perfection Opens

**Tuesday March 11th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:30 pm**

Chapter Opens

**Tuesday April 8th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:30 pm**

Council Opens

**Tuesday May 13th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:30 pm**

Consistory Opens

**Tuesday June 10th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:30 pm**

Lodge of Perfection Opens

**Tuesday July 8th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:30 pm**

Chapter Opens (casual dress)

### **Annual Dinner Ticket Books**

You can now buy an Annual Dinner Ticket Book, which gives you 11 Stated Meeting Dinners and 1 Grand Masters Banquet. For a cost of \$200. This saves you \$50 off of the annual price or 25%. There is no time limit to use them,