



The Rite Word

From the Venerable Master

Greetings Brethren, and hoping you all are well.

We often hear of the Cedars of Lebanon throughout Masonry, with respect to their use in the construction of the Temple, by Solomon and Zurubbabel. There is a grove of cedar trees that goes by the name of the “Cedars of God” in the Kadisha Valley near Bsharri, Lebanon. Kadisha, romanized as Quadisha means holy in Aramaic and indeed its name is apropos, as this region has sheltered Christian monastic communities for many centuries, and is thought to contain the remnants of the ancient grove of trees harvested for King David in the construction of his city and the first Temple.[1] Today the grove spans some 25 acres and there are roughly 375 living trees, two of which are thought to be over 3,000 years old, and ten thought to be over 1,000 years old. In 1550 Pierre Belon observed there were about 28 ancient trees, and Leonhard Rauwolf observed only 24 just twenty-five years later in 1575. Jean de Thévenot observed 23 in 1655 and just 20 were counted five years later by Laurent d’Arvieux in 1660. The population remained stable through 1722 when it was observed by Jean de Roque, and fell to just 15 ancient trees by 1738 when it was observed by Richard Pococke. Today through rigorous forestry practices, and its protection as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Cedars of God have been preserved and are growing and expanding for future generations to enjoy.



Clearly if something was not done these ancient trees would have been lost forever. In the nineteenth century Americans began to notice that they

too were losing their own forests at an alarming rate as a result of westward expansion and achieving the manifest destiny of the United States. April 29th marks an important day, which often gets passed over, for the conservation of our forests. J. Sterling Morton, and his wife moved from the heavily wooded regions surrounding Detroit to the plains of Nebraska, but were longing for something. He and his fellow pioneers were missing their trees. This desire planted the seeds of an idea to plant trees and this idea sprouted and grew. From then on he wrote magazine articles, and inspired his friends and neighbors. This movement gained momentum, and on January 4, 1872 Morton proposed a day of planting trees at the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture. Arbor Day was born on April 10, 1872, and an estimated 1 million trees were planted on the first day.

While we may not all be able to plant a tree, if we look past the physical act of planting trees and focus on the symbolic act in his message, it leaves reveals the possibility for all of us to make a change. All of us can give a small amount of ourselves to invest in the future, to plant our symbolic trees for future generations to enjoy, without the expectation of sheltering under their branches in our own lifetimes. With each action we take, and the decisions we make for the benefit of our posterity, we are planting seeds that will ensure not only their success, but also for those that are to pass through our sacred doors. Let us continue to preserve and honor the past, and also to grow and flourish like like the ancient Cedars of God.

"Each generation takes the earth as trustees."-J. Sterling Morton

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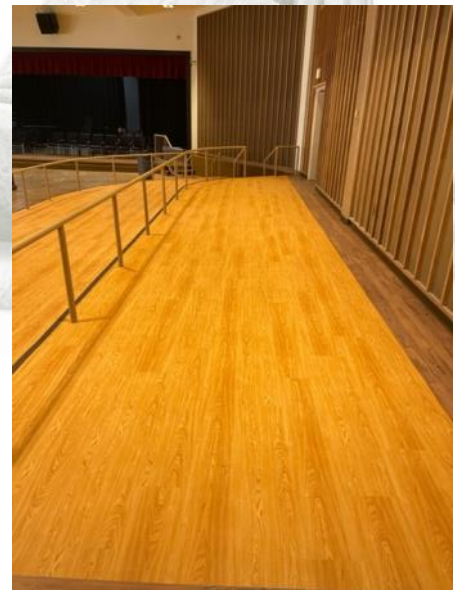
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"Soft and safe to thee,
my Brother, be thy resting place"



New Flooring in
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Now we just
need to sand
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*The Personal Representative
and
The Venerable Master
of the
Scottish Rite Valley of San Jose*

Invite all

Scottish Rite Freemasons and all other Brother-
er Freemasons to

**A Night of Scottish Rite Instruction and
Agape Dinner**

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

6:30 PM to 9:00PM

Honorable Jordan Yelinek 32° KCCH

Scottish Rite Valley of San Francisco

Will present his paper

**Our Ritual as a Sacred Text
Schedule of Events**

6:30 PM - Social Gathering

7:00 PM - Speaker

7:30 PM - Festive Agape/Dinner

Cost \$25.00

**Requested dress is white tie & tails, tux or
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NOTE:

Reservations are required

**Please call the SJ Scottish Rite @ 408-978-7483
or visit the office to make your reservations**

**Payment must accompany reservation. Reserva-
tions not cancelled by June 17 must be honored.**

Cash, personal check or credit card

From the Commander of Kadosh

**20TH DEGREE - MASTER OF
THE SYMBOLIC LODGE**

**20th degree - Master of the Sym-
bolic Lodge:**

This degree shows us Liberty, Fraternity and Equality. These teach moral, religious, and philosophical understanding. This degree helps one to comprehend Deity, forces of nature, good and evil. The apron is yellow, bordered in blue, with three concentric point-down triangles, with the Tetragrammaton(The Hebrew name of God) (horizontal) and "Fiat Lux", meaning "Let there be light" (vertical) at the center, forming a cross. its triangular shape relates to the "fourth great light, which reminds us of the Deity and his attributes." The jewel is gold, with the same three concentric triangles.



Jack Harris

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[1] 2 Samuel 5:9-11 (KJV)

So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward. And David went on, and grew great, and the Lord God of hosts was with him. And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David an house. And David perceived that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake

Bruno Dora

From the Master of Kadosh

THE 32ND DEGREE AS PERTAINS TO MODERN LIFE

The following is an excerpt from the 32nd Degree script of the Northern Jurisdiction c:1981, Found through an internet search.

“Commander in Chief— No man can worthily serve in the ranks of the Grand Army of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite unless his heart thrills to the sentiment of a lofty patriotism which will express itself in loyal obedience to his country’s laws as well as in response to his country’s needs. It is not given to all men to bear arms for the nation’s defense, but every man may cherish his country’s flag with devoted love, may support his country’s laws with a willing obedience, and may so live day by day that the commonwealth shall be prospered through his industry, established through his fidelity and honored through his integrity.

“Such service of country becomes possible only when the individual man, strong in the integrity of his purpose, develops his own highest manhood under the secure shield of civil, intellectual, and religious liberty. Man owes it to himself and to his brother man to be his own best self. No obligation imposed upon him by church, state or society can as a last resort destroy the freedom of his spirit or abolish his liberty of private judgement.

“Patriotism thus founded and secured, gives assurance of peace and happiness within our borders and is a harbinger of that more glorious time when love of country shall be joined to love of humanity and the Scottish Rite Standard shall rise in peaceful triumph over a world-wide brotherhood of man. So mote it be!”




From the Chief Knight

Albert Pike and *Morals and Dogma*

Many readers of *Morals and Dogma* have wondered why the book begins with the word force.

Was the selection of the word force arbitrary, or was it on purpose?

If Albert Pike did use it on purpose, what does it mean?

The word force alludes to the ancient word of recognition of an Apprentice Mason and it comes to us via French rituals, as do most of the Scottish Rite Degrees. In French rituals, the word force appears where the word strength occurs in English rituals—the latter having a long-standing Masonic tradition through a connection to King Solomon’s Temple. The entrance porch of the temple was flanked by two large freestanding brazen pillars, one on either side, each of which had a particular name. The northern pillar was called Boaz, while the southern pillar was named Jachin.

The names we are told together allude to a promise made by God that He would establish his kingdom in strength—a belief which may derive from I Kings 9:5, “I establish your royal throne over Israel forever” or I Chron. 28:7, “I will establish his kingdom forever.”

The scripture appears in corrupted form in Masonic ritual, often as “In strength will I establish this mine house to stand firm forever.”

The association between the pillars, the word strength, and the Apprentice Degree is of great antiquity.

The Edinburgh Register House MS. (1696), the earliest known Masonic catechism, hints that the names Boaz and Jachin were connected with the Apprentices’ and Fellows’ rituals, while an early exposé explained that “Jachin and Boaz” represent “A Strength and Stability of the Church in all Ages.”

So, as we see *Morals and Dogma* opens with a not-too-subtle hint at the universal word of recognition which connects and binds all Masons, regardless of rank or office. Then with a greeting from Albert Pike, he takes us by the grip; and with cautionary advice and warning, Pike challenges us to take up our working tools, with restraint, with discipline, and attend to our labors as craftsmen.

From this opening word of *Morals and Dogma* to the last, which unveils “the True Word of a Master Mason . . . the True Royal Secret,” we now travel with Pike, until we “at length make real, the Holy Empire of true Masonic Brotherhood” (*Morals and Dogma* 32:107).

So mote it be.




Thirty-second Degree, Master of the Royal Secret, Part 3

Last month, we continued our study of the 32nd Degree, and witnessed the Aspirant take the Five Vows, by which he became a true Soldier of the Light, a true Soldier of Liberty, a true Soldier of Freedom of Religion, a loyal Soldier of the People, and a loyal soldier of the Scottish Rite. We ended with the Aspirant is still kneeling at the altar about to take his Final Obligation as a Master of the Royal Secret.

The Master of Kadosh announces, "The Brethren consent that you may be made a Master of the Royal Secret. Therefore, you are now to take your final obligation". The Aspirant is still kneeling at the altar with his left hand upon the Book of Constitutions and the Triple Triangle.

The Final Obligation

The Master of Kadosh directs the members of the reunion class to each pronounce his name, then listen silently until told to speak:

"First—That you will not disclose to anyone not entitled to know it, any part of the secret work of any Degree, or anything in the rituals concerning the ceremonies of this Rite without express authority granted to you from the Supreme Council;

"Second—That you will not in any manner Masonic, permit your actions to be influenced by political or religious differences of opinion or by commotions in the state, revolution, or civil war, in that which shall concern a Brother of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite;

"Third—That you will not censure or complain of the Supreme Council or Sovereign Grand Commander, or a member of the Supreme Council or any such body of the Rite of which you may be a member, in the hearing of the profane or of Masons not of the Rite or of lesser Degree, or in writing or print to be read by them. If you have a complaint of any [kind] to make, you will exercise honor and decorum by making it in the proper forum of the Rite."

Repeat now (referring to the class) with me: "As it has been repeated unto me, so do I solemnly vow, and may our Father who is in heaven help me to keep it."

The Master of Kadosh then recites the following prayer:

"Our Father who art in heaven! You have heard our solemn vows. We renew them to You. Enable us to keep them faithfully and aid us with Your strength! Enable us to prevail against the selfishness, apathy, and indifference of those around us and to overcome the same in our own natures. Remove all obstacles to the final triumph of the great Law of Love and to the universal dominion of the true principles of Masonry. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen."

Finally, the Master of Kadosh exclaims: "Ex Oriente Lux! Light comes from the East!" At this time the seven-pointed star, with a different color on each point, is projected onto the screen.

The Lost, True, and Sacred Words

The Master of Kadosh takes his seat and the Minister of State rises and delivers a lecture discussing the words used in the 32nd Degree. In the 14th Degree, we learned about the Hebrew letters yod, hey, vav, hey and is said to be the Lost Word of a Master Mason. It forms the sacred name of God as the creator of the universe and the lawgiver of ancient Israel. It refers to the period and wisdom of the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible) and forms the foundation of Craft (Blue Lodge) Masonry.

In the 18th Degree, we discovered the True Word, INRI, the initials placed over the head of Jesus of Nazareth when he hung on the cross (as it appears a number of paintings of that event). In the Gospel account, the letters stand for Iēsus Nazarēnus, Rēx Iūdaeorum or Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. In the Scottish Rite, they also stand for something else. It refers to the period and wisdom of the New Testament (Christian Cannon) and signifies the new Law of Love. See John 13:34.

In the 32nd Degree, we receive the Sacred Word, formed by the letters A, U, and M.

They are said to represent origin, existence, and return to perfection; or past, present, and future. They are also the initials of the Vedic deities Agni,

Usha, and Mitra, representing the fire, dawn, and morning star.

The original word is expressed in a unique Sanskrit letter. In the Scottish Rite, some members pronounce this word, as "ohm" or "ah-OOM". In reality, you don't pronounce the word, you intone it, "aaah...ooo...mmm". That's about as well as I can express it in writing. You often hear people make this sound when they meditate.



The Sacred Word written in Sanskrit

The seven-pointed star, represents the seven emanations from the Creator: In Judeo-Christian tradition, it reflects the seven days of creation. In Zoroastrian tradition, it reflects a class of seven divine entities or divine sparks emanating from Ahura Mazda. In her book, *Journey into an Unknown World, the Way to Oneness Revisited*, Dr. Margaret Rogers Van Coops expressed them as: 1) the I AM; 2) love, 3) wisdom, 4) length, 5) width, 6) height, and 7) depth.

Harking all the way back to the 4th Degree, we saw the Scottish Rite's version of the Kabbalistic Tree of Life, which is supported by three pillars. We know the names of two pillars from the Bible and the 2nd Degree: Jachin and Boaz. Being juxtaposed left and right, they represent opposites, good and evil, light and dark, and so on. The third pillar represents the initiate, meaning you, situated in a state of equilibrium between the two other pillars.

The Royal Secret

Equilibrium is the Royal Secret. In order to understand the Holy Doctrine, you must be in a state of equilibrium,

physically, mentally, and spiritually. While equilibrium has special meanings in biology, chemistry, physics, and economics, all of them refer to the balance of competing influences.

The root of "equilibrium" is the Latin word, "libra", meaning "weight" or "balance". The constellation, zodiac symbol, and astrological sign of Libra is usually pictured as a set of balance scales. The balance scale are often held by the blindfolded goddess of justice, known to the ancient Greeks as Themis, to the Romans as Iustitia, and to the British as Lady Justice.

When we talk about the Royal Secret, we are not referring to the best-selling novel by Lucinda Riley. Nor are we talking about a password, something that by knowing it, you are entitled to special access or secret information. Knowing the Royal Secret means we are called to personal reflection and self-adjustment.

Are you in a state of equilibrium? When you consider all of the demands of modern life, social and environmental challenges, political disagreements, and the never-ending reports of war and violence around the world, it is highly unlikely that any of us can maintain a continuous state of physical, mental, and spiritual equilibrium. Continual effort is required.

There are many practices and techniques to help you achieve and maintain equilibrium. Perhaps we could talk about them in a future article.

The Holy Doctrine

The Holy Doctrine says that the human spirit is a ray of Divine Light. This idea is found in many religious traditions, past and present. In some cases, the Divine Light is considered a literal light that the human eye can perceive, and which would register on a light meter. In other cases, the Divine Light is conceived as a figurative light, a mystical form of communication manifested in connection with an epiphany or during contemplation.

The idea of Divine Light presupposes the existence of a being or reality that is superior to humans and which promotes growth and develop-

ment of the human race. Freemasons are among the humans who accept the idea that there is a supreme being or ultimate reality, commonly called "God".

What can you say about God? Joseph Campbell (1904–1987) was an American writer and professor of literature who worked in comparative mythology and comparative religion. His best-known work is his book *The Hero with a Thousand Faces*, in which he discusses his theory of the archetypal hero shared by world mythologies, which he termed the "monomyth".

In a conversation with television journalist and Baptist minister Bill Moyers, Campbell described God this way: "There is a definition of God which has been repeated by many philosophers. God is an intelligible sphere—a sphere known to the mind, not to the senses—whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere. And the center . . . is right where you're sitting. And the other one is right where I'm sitting. And each of us is a manifestation of that mystery. That's a nice mythological realization that sort of gives you a sense of who and what you are."

The word "myth" is often refers to when somebody believes something that is contrary to fact. Campbell said, "If myth is translated into literal fact, then myth is a lie. But if you read it as a reflection of the world inside you, then it's true. Myth is the penultimate (second to the best achievable or imaginable) truth."

So what does all this mean? First of all, don't waste your time and effort trying to understand what God is, what you think He/She does, or why. That's above your pay grade and mine. But from the many faith traditions, going back to pre-historic times, we have ample evidence that there is somebody or something greater than us, and despite our shortcomings cares deeply for us, and who reaches out to help and guide us toward our full potential.

Could it be, as Psalm 82:6 puts it: "I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High"? If the Psalmist is correct, the idea that the human spirit is a ray of Divine Light makes perfect sense.

What about popular sayings like, "God is love", "God is good", "God is light", and "God's grace..."? Those are tidbits of truth and there is nothing wrong with them. Just like there is nothing wrong with earning a high school diploma. Although, earning a university degree is a

step better.

Receiving the 32nd Degree is also a good thing. Taking the time and effort to understand and apply the Royal Secret and Holy Doctrine in your life would also be a step better.

Rituals of Constitution and Investiture

In the final action in the 32nd Degree, the Officers form a chain of union around the Aspirant as the Prior and Preceptor lay their swords on his shoulders. The Master of Kadosh approaches the Aspirant and anoints his head with a drop of oil and constitutes him and the members of the Reunion class as disciples and soldiers of the Holy Doctrine.

Next, the Prior invests the Aspirant with the cordon, an emblem of sadness and mourning for the sorrows of humanity. He directs the Aspirant to wear it because, "The higher we ascend in Masonry, the more we feel and deplore the miseries of the people".

Then the Prior invests the Aspirant with the jewel, a golden Teutonic cross with a green wreath and the Roman numerals XXXII (32) on it. The Prior charges the Aspirant to "Deserve it (wearing the jewel) by the services you shall hereafter render to the cause in which you now, if you will, be a leader".

The Aspirant's Final Journey

The Venerable Master addresses the Aspirant and reminds him of the key he received in the 4th Degree, that at some future time, would admit him through the gate that barred his access to the Ark of the Covenant and the Holy of Holies. That time has now come.

The Venerable Master adds, "As you are now about to pass through this barrier, you will again pass into the world, but it should no longer be the world you knew before receiving these (Scottish Rite) Degrees.... I must now leave you to pass through this gate alone, for this is a journey each man must complete for himself."

We watch as the Aspirant slowly walks

Abigail is a sweet 2-year, 10-month old girl who has been receiving speech and language therapy services at the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Clinic since last summer. Her parents brought her to the clinic because she was not using any words to communicate. Instead, she would point to things or grab her parents' hands to take them to what she wanted. Her parents were concerned because she "did not make any attempt to talk" despite their repeated efforts.



Abigail has made exceptional progress since attending speech and language therapy sessions at the clinic. Her parents are delighted with her new-found words! Abigail now requests with words and talks while playing with her toys or sings words to her favorite songs. Her mother reported that "She is now a center of joy for our family. It helps a lot when she can slowly start to express herself to us. It takes the pressure off for both her and us." Abigail is now using phrases and short sentences to express herself. Her mother said, "Our latest favorite sentence is 'I love you.'"

Abigail's parents have participated in the therapy process and continue to see wonderful growth in Abi. They are grateful for the education, help and guidance they have received. "We have been very grateful for the help and support from Ms. Rachel Sense. At the clinic, we got help for our child but also guidance and education to help our own child. Ms. Sense has a solid method [for] each individual child, and each progress is documented carefully to plan for the next step.

It is such a joy working with Abi and her family each week. Seeing Abi's communication growth and knowing that her parents have increased confidence in how to help Abi at home is so rewarding! "Ms. Rachel Sense, thank you for taking us through the process. My daughter loves the sessions with you, and we appreciate the care and [patience] you have for our daughter."



through the gate, and observe a white-robed figure take him by the Master Mason's grip and on the five points of fellowship, after which they proceed together past the Ark and off the stage.

The Venerable Master follows with a prayer. After that, the Master of Kadosh leads the Brethren in the grand battery (7 by 3 plus 4) and the battery (9 by 3 times three). He declares the Consistory closed, and encourages, "all Brothers, new and old, to disperse to the world the truth and knowledge learned here".

This article concludes our discussion of the 32nd Degree, Master of the Royal Secret. Thanks for reading!

Paul Brown

Stated Meeting Menu

Tuesday

April 12th 2022

(Vegetarian Entrée by **REQUEST ONLY** call the office, by April 8th)

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

Assorted Appetizers
Green Salad
Ham
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Bread
Dessert

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 \$150. This saves you \$40 off of the annual price or over 21%. There is no time limit to use them,

RSVPs

We need for you to RSVP to our events. It is entirely impossible to know how much food to prepare and how many tables to set unless we know how many people are going to be in attendance.

It isn't hard, sign up on the sheet, call the office, email etc. Whatever is easiest for you to do, but do it.

We don't want to get to a point that we have to deny folks from joining us without reservations. But if we have to we will.

From the Secretary

We just had our first Quarterly Social event. We had about 40 folks show up and enjoy the food and fellowship. Look for more information about the next even in next months Rite Word and plan to come down and join us.



We just finished out the balance of the flooring replacement by finishing up the horse shoe area of the auditorium. Next up is to have the main floor and stage area sanded and refinished. If you haven't been to the building since Covid started, you should come down and take a look, we now have a building to be proud of.

As I type this there are still 72 members who have yet to pay their 2022 dues. If you are one of them, please take care of it, or give me a call to let me know you are having problems so we can assist.

On April 14th we will have our Annual Night of Remembrance and Renewal, also known as Maundy Thursday. This ceremony not only recognizes the upcoming Easter Celebration, but also we will remember those Brothers who have passed in the previous year and to renew our vows as Scottish Rite Masons. We will have a simple meal prior to the Ceremony.

At the May Stated Meeting our Clinicians will be presenting on what it is that they do and how it improves the lives of the kids we serve, it should be very enlightening.

Please check the back page for other upcoming events and put them on your calendars now so you are sure you can attend.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Guss Ford".

III. Hal Leister 33° Reunion Class

April 30 4th through 14th Degrees only Balance will be done in the Fall



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

Petition for Degrees

(Full) Name: _____
FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME DATE

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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? _____

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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."

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Tuesday April 12th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm

Council of Kadosh Opens

Dress is Colors or Coat and Tie

Tuesday April 14th ~ Remembrance and Renewal 6:30 pm

Tuesday May 10th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm

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Tuesday May 24th ~ Foundation Meeting 6:00 pm

AOM following at 7:00 pm

Tuesday June 14th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm

Grand Master's Reception and Festive Board

Lodge of Perfection Opens

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Tuesday June 21st ~ Night of Instruction /Festive Board 6:30 pm

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Tuesday July 12th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm

Annual BBQ Meal

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