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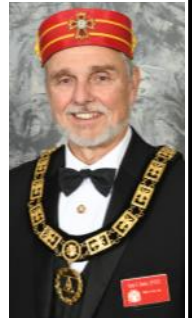
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THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY FOR THE VALLEY OF SAN JOSE IN THE ORIENT OF CALIFORNIA

From the Venerable Master

In the warm summer months, when many Masonic organizations go dark, and we busy ourselves with vacations and outdoor activities, we sometimes forget that Masonry goes on, and in some cases has some of its most important events. Our Scottish Rite Valley is no exception. In August, we welcome our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bruce R. Galloway, at a formal reception and festive board. As in years past, it will be a fun and exciting event, filled with good food, toasting, a few laughs, and an important message from our Grand Master. Make sure to get reservation in as soon as you can for this event.



This past June, we held the statewide Reunion in Oakland, where 18 Scottish Rite Valleys from all over California came together on put on an historic event. We had a class of over 130 candidates, at all 29 degrees were conferred. The Valley of San Jose was a major force in this event. We conferred five of the degrees, and had a large number of our members there all weekend, serving as stage crew, and doing whatever needed to be done to make the event a success. Our own Personal Representative, Illustrious Ken Nagel hosted the event all weekend, and it was simply spectacular. I also want to give a huge thank you to Brother Jeff Toone, who put in untold hours preparing for the reunion, and worked hard all weekend doing the light and sound board, making sure everything went smoothly. All in all, we couldn't have asked for anything better.

We have lots of events coming up this summer. Please come out and support the many activities that your Scottish Rite officers are working hard to produce, and take advantage of your membership in the Valley of San Jose.

I hope to see you in August.

Randy Dawney

Grand Masters Reception

August 14, 2018

RSVP's are a must. If you don't make a reservation you will not be seated for dinner. So If you are not sure, call and verify.

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Up Coming Events to put on your Calendars

Steinbeck Museum Trip
September 22, 2018

Stanford Football Game and Tailgate with Liberty Lodge
November 17, 2018 Time is still TBD

See Illustrious Chuck Cowden for Details

DONATIONS



Brother Jay Skiles 32°



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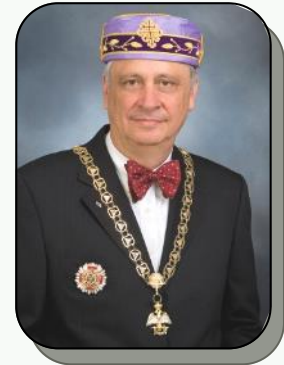
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The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of San Jose, in the Orient of California, acknowledge and yield all allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander 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 Personal Representative

In "A Tale of Two Cities", Charles Dickens opens his book with the line "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times". Although extreme sentiments of the times of both London and Paris during the French Revolution, to me, it also conjures the idea that it can be true that we can feel both elation and frustration at the same time. I write this article having felt both those sentiments this past month.



First, with elation, I wish to congratulate our 24 new "Masters of the Royal Secret" and welcome them into our Valley. It is the largest class of new members we have had in at least the last 20 – 25 years. Having completed our historic Statewide Reunion on the weekend of June 29th – 30th and July 1st, there was much to celebrate and feel proud of what San Jose Valley accomplished. Having volunteered to take on more degrees during the conferral than any other valley in the state, the officers and members of our valley performed their work magnificently. Our members were also the largest contingent of those working the stage, both breaking down props and setting up for the next degree, but also leading the technical efforts to enhance the degrees. I could not have been more proud of how our valley purported itself during the entire weekend and I heard from many other Personal Reps congratulating San Jose Valley for how it performed. We had the 2nd largest class in attendance and our members were treated to what I think was a fantastic and well rewarding weekend. (At least, that is what most of them have expressed to me)! Please note the photo of the 131 total candidates from around the state and the many dignitaries in attendance.

At our Stated Meeting, it was again historic, as we had more members, wives and families in attendance to witness the formal Ring and Capping Ceremony of our new members than in many years. There was much excitement felt throughout the evening, and it was raucous with laughter and cheering for all concerned. We were also treated to an inspiring talk by Miss Odalay Alvarez, our graduating High School Scholarship Recipient. She related the story of her near death accident during her early years of high school, but having come through it, how she took her second chance at life and worked every day to thank God and her parents for giving her the life she enjoys. She spoke of how she wants to help others and pay forward in any way possible. Having been accepted to San Jose State University, she hopes to major in Business Administration, desiring to open a small business and employ those that need a little assistance and helping hand. The evening was quite inspiring in almost all respects.

I wanted to end my article there. But like the times of Charles Dickens, I also felt frustration. During my Orientation talk to our newest members at the Reunion, I tried to express how proud they should be about being a Scottish Rite Mason and that we should express our pride not only by our actions, but through our outward appearance. I told them that attending our meetings and celebrating our accomplishments was something special and that dressing appropriately was a huge part of showing our pride. But I have become dismayed at the trend that some of our members have taken in the way they dress for our meetings. Under the heading of "Whispering Good Council and Gently Admonishing.....", I would like to say, "Brethren, we must do better"! The appropriate dress for almost all our meetings and ceremonies, is a minimum of coat and tie. Even on those nights we are casual, it should be Business Casual, which only means no tie required. It is NEVER appropriate to wear faded out jeans or shorts and flip flops to our ceremonies. We must exhibit more pride in what we doing. Would I rather have you in attendance and dressed down over not attending at all? Absolutely!! But it doesn't take any more effort to arrive at our meetings with pride and dressed appropriately. Please take my comments in the vein with which they are written. I am proud of everything we do in San Jose Valley, and every member that makes us who we are. But we can do better.

Wanting though to end on a high, let me finish this article by again saying, this past month was historic! Our Valley is truly accomplishing more and more each year. Other than my home lodge, there is no place I would rather be to practice our Gentle Craft than here at this valley. I look forward to seeing each of you every month, and I am extremely proud to let the world know I am a Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of San Jose Valley.

Thanks for all you do!! See you soon.

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Called From Labor

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

Brother Keneth Kent 32°
June 22, 2018Brother Manuel Moreno Jr 32°
January 7, 2018Brother Charles Spencer 32°
May 8, 2018Brother Wayne Rose 32°
July 21, 2018

"2018" Honor Roll

Ill. Durward Ayre 33°Ill. Richard Meyers 33°Ill. Richard Fisher 33°Bro. Estil Johnson Jr 32°Bro. Wallace Currey 32°Bro. Patrick Judge 32°Bro. Cirilo Paredes, 32°Bro. Bobbie Byers 32°Bro. Dave Kimball 32° KCCHBro. Herschel Amos 32°Bro. Robert Laws 32° KCCHBro. Hank Vlcek 32° KCCHBro. Franklin Wong 32° KCCHBro. Robert G. Allen 32°Bro. Bennie Cooper 32° KCCHBro. Herb Dallas 32° KCCHBro. Wayne Rose 32°

Make your contribution to the
San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies and have your name included
on the "Honor Roll".

Your annual gift of \$100.00 or more will help the San Jose Lodge of Perfection,
Chapter Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh and Consistory reach the level necessary to
provide quality events for our future success.

Send your annual gift of **\$100.00** to Scottish Rite and have your name on
The "**2018**" Honor Roll

From the Wise Master

What a marvelous California Orient Reunion we had! I am so appreciative of the opportunity given to me by our Valley to play a small part in this historic event. The four degrees of the Chapter of Rose Croix were exemplified by the Valleys of Sacramento, Oakland and Ventura. A good job by all. Thanks to the casts and all the others involved in staging and supporting these four beautiful degree conferrals.



I was particularly taken on Saturday morning by the 17th Degree, Knight of the East and West. As you already know, this degree depicts a confrontation between King Herod II and John the Baptist resulting in the murder of John. The Oakland Valley's performance was strong and beautiful while delivering the message about a king who sacrificed his spiritual soul for earthly and material things.

I am thinking about a presentation on the 17th Degree at our June 2019 Scottish Rite Night of Instruction as a recognition and celebration of St. John the Baptist Day. Stay tuned for more on this later.

Putting on my degree director cap, I thank the cast of the 12th Degree, Master Architect, for the great job they did in presenting this degree during the reunion. Kudos to Illustrious Hal Leister, Brother Joseph DaSilva KCCH, Brother Martin Maxey KCCH and Brother Don Littlefield for their polished performances and dedication to Scottish Rite Masonry. Also, thanks to Brother Jeff Toone for all his support during the reunion.

This month we hold our annual reception for our Grand Master of California Masons. It is hoped you plan to attend to honor our Grand Master and hear the message he has planned for us. Details on this event can be found elsewhere in the Rite Word.

Charles B. Cowden

Oakland Scottish Rite Statewide Reunion Class of 2018





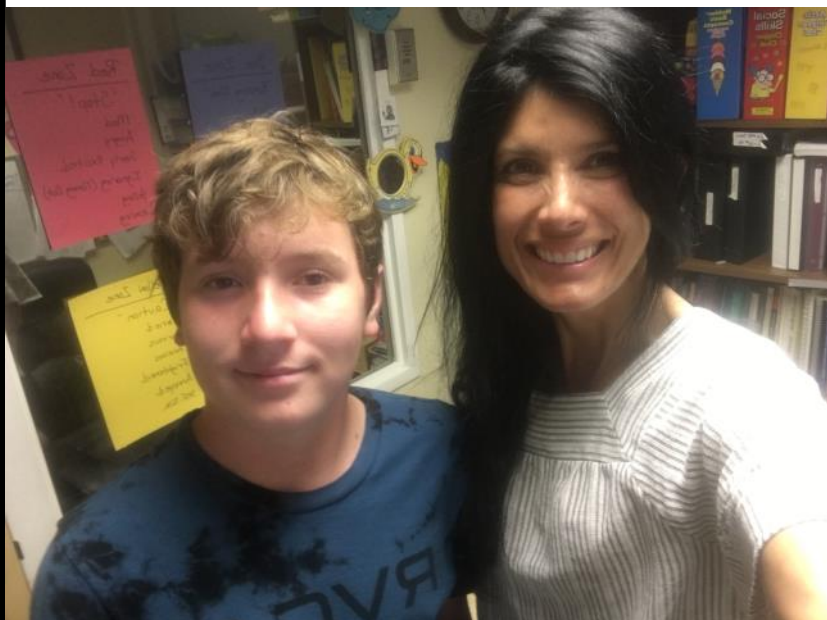
Like some kids, Gavin is a child who has been in and out of therapy for speech since he was in kindergarten. His family and a few close friends were the only ones who could understand him consistently. Talking on the phone was difficult and he was often asked to repeat words and sentences which led to frustration and self-limiting participation at school. At school he was pulled from his classroom for 30 minutes of speech treatment sessions twice a week, tapering to once a week beginning in second grade.

He disliked being singled out and missing class time negatively affected his self-image.

His mother reflected on the therapy at school stating that “Progress was steady, at best”. His small speech group consisted of students with various production concerns, most which didn’t match Gavin’s. During his 6th grade IEP meeting at school he was deemed ineligible for services because his speech production was not impacting his education. Yet, Gavin still needed services as his speech continued to be negatively impacted by articulation errors. His mother, a local teacher, found out about our clinic from a student in her class who was receiving services. She said that the parents of her student praised the San Jose Scottish Rite and encouraged her to pursue speech support for Gavin.

Once speech services were started at the San Jose Scottish Rite, his mother reported that Gavin’s self-confidence skyrocketed. She stated that now “He speaks audibly and clearly. Gone are the days of asking him to repeat himself at home, or the embarrassment of repeating statements in social settings. Public settings are no longer stressful for Gavin because a listener might not understand him.”

Gavin’s family was dedicated to making the most of Gavin’s services at the clinic. Clinically, he needed substantial supports, such as PROMPTs and tactile cues, and other therapeutic techniques to help him produce his error sounds correctly. Gavin’s hard work and the dedication of his family paid off. Gavin has recently been discharged from services as he has met all of his goals! His mother reported that the San Jose Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic “provided services that we could not have reasonably pursued through other means. Everyone we’ve encountered has been very professional and welcoming. I think it’s fair to say that our weekly appointments were enjoyable, especially for the amount of hard work and effort both by provider and client. Honestly, Rachel’s kindness and professionalism has been the most rewarding aspect of receiving services. She is astute at recognizing concerns, and easily translates that concern into focused practice that cultivate results. Rachel honors where each child is coming from, quickly develops a rapport with them, and bases services focused on client interests. The results ‘speak’ for themselves. Connections mean everything in generating buy in to practice, and Rachel genuinely cares about her ‘kids.’”



We are so proud of Gavin and his achievement! He is a testament to the reason why the San Jose Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic exists. We provide services to children and their families when they cannot reasonably afford, qualify, or otherwise find other speech and language services when they need help. Your support for our clinic helps us continue to tell these stories of encouragement and success! Thank you for continuing to donate to our clinic. We appreciate your help!



MENU

Tuesday,
Aug 14, 2018

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

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

Tomato Bisque
Greek Salad
Chilled Prawns
Medallions of Beef
Fresh Strawberries Topped with Grand Marnier Cream

From the Chief Knight

Attention all 32⁰ Masons

Come join us at the Scottish Rite Orient of California, Valley of San Jose

Knights of St Andrew

Interested? Please contact any member of the Knights of St. Andrew
or in particular, Jeff Toone, Secretary:
email toonej@gmail.com



What do we do:

We provide services to and for the Bodies of the Valley of San Jose. These services include but are not limited to providing assistance to the stage crew of the various Degrees performances, promoting membership within the Scottish Rite, providing Greeters at the door for Scottish Rite Events, participating in parades, performing arch of steel at special functions, escort our flags, etc. Come join with us to find the LIGHT and have fun doing so.

KSA Events of the Future:

1. August 19th KSA Stated Meeting with swords tactics.
2. Sept 1st – 2nd Scottish Highland Gathering and Games, Pleasanton, CA. We will be have a booth on display with refreshment and related literature. It will be weekend of fun for the entire family. We cordially invite you to come join us in the fun and games. For detailed information please check the website and take a few minutes to look at the videos.
<http://www.thescottishgames.com/>



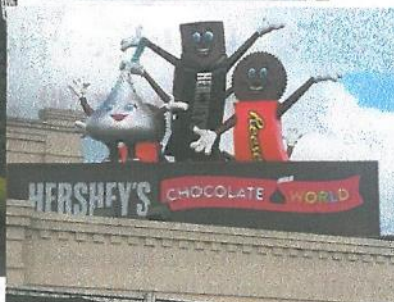
The Personal Representative for the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies

invites you to tour

Philadelphia

Hershey, Amish Country, and Gettysburg
September 22-29, 2019

Join Ken and Kathy Nagel, along with the officers and members of the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies, as we explore the City of Brotherly Love – the birthplace of our nation. Tour Independence Hall, see the famous Liberty Bell, visit the incredible Philadelphia Masonic Temple – a world renown Masonic building, and explore a city that is rich in history, but also so much a part of modern popular culture. And of course, you'll have plenty of opportunities to try a genuine Philly Cheesesteak. You'll also visit Chocolate World in Hershey, tour the fascinating Amish Country, visit famous Gettysburg and Valley Forge. This will be an exciting and fun slice of America, and you don't want to miss it.



**Join us for a fun-filled week, as we journey to
"The City of Brotherly Love"**



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Come along with fellow members of the Scottish Rite, as we journey to an important part of the American Experience. We will spend several days exploring the history and the contemporary of Philadelphia. Then we journey to historic and delicious Hershey, tour Amish Country, and spend two days taking in the history of Gettysburg and Valley Forge. This tour will be a tremendously fun and exciting experience, and is open to everyone. Come on along.

Your 7-day journey includes all of the following:

- *5 nights accommodations at a first-class hotel in downtown Philadelphia*
- *2 nights accommodations in Gettysburg*
- *Welcome Cocktail Party*
- *Full breakfast daily*
- *4 Dinners*
- *1 Lunch*
- *Airport Transfers*
- *Luxury Motor Coach transportation throughout the tour*
- *City tour and walking tour of Philadelphia*
- *Tour of Independence Hall*
- *Tour of Philadelphia Masonic Temple, home of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania*
- *Hop-on/Hop-off Bus ticket*
- *Sightseeing Pass, valid at dozens of venues*
- *Battleship New Jersey tour*
- *Visit to Chocolate World in Hershey, with many chocolate related experiences, and trolley tour of Hershey*
- *Tour Amish Country, a traditional farmhouse, and family style dinner*
- *Visitor Experience and Tour of Gettysburg Battlefield*
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Note that this itinerary and all its contents are subject to change without notice, as to order of events, venues visited, hotel properties, and all other arrangements. While every attempt will be made to maintain this itinerary as printed, circumstances may require changes to all or part of this tour.

Upcoming Reunion

November 17, 2018 One Day Fall Reunion



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, as well as the entire separation of church and state as set forth in the Constitution 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."

		Spring	Fall
<i>Candidate's Signature</i>	Degree Fee	\$150	\$150
1st Sponsor PRINTED NAME	Annual Dues	\$50	\$0 (For Current Year)
<i>1st Sponsor Signature</i>	Total Due:	<u>\$200</u>	<u>\$150</u>

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Sunday August 12th — *Hiram's Hacker's Golf Tournament*

Tuesday August 14th ~ *Scottish Rite Stated Meeting @ 5:45pm*

6:30pm Grand Master's Reception and Festive board

Lodge of Perfection Opens

Tuesday, August 28th ~ *SJSR Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting —6pm*

Tuesday, August 28th ~ *Monthly All Officer Meeting —7pm*

Thursday August 23rd — *SCVOA Meeting Friendship 210—6:30pm*

Tuesday September 11th ~ *Scottish Rite Stated Meeting @ 6:00 pm*

Council of Kadosh Opens

Thursday September 18th — *SCVOA Meeting Golden Rule 479—6:30pm*

Tuesday, September 25th ~ *Monthly All Officer Meeting —7pm*

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