



The Rite Word

From the Venerable Master

The way you perceive and react to the world is a choice.

—David Foster Wallace

As Fall approaches and we move toward less light in the coming days, I am reminded and reminisce each year about this time when life seems to shift gears to a more structured time after the summer months. Perhaps a sentimental ritornello from my youth when we were shopping for new school clothes, fall colors, the holidays, family gatherings, and shorter days were ahead. Traditionally for me, my favorite time of year has been the fall for these reasons but as I get more experienced in life, I find myself more pragmatic about this, which affords me the opportunity to enjoy each of “le Quattro Stagioni” for a different reason.

I wanted to take a moment to reflect on my recent experience of leading our Festival Dinner with Grand Master Weiss at our last Stated Meeting. Before I start though, I have to say that the dinner was an excellent experience, with the hard work and organization of Ill Nagel, Secretary Hall and our Scottish Rite staff showed at every turn or should I say every toast. The evening went off without flaw, the food was great, and it was wonderful to again dine at a table with my Masonic Brothers.

I have had the honor and opportunity to meet several of the Grand Masters in the last few years face to face and they always impress me with their drive, leadership, and vision. I suppose these are some things things that get one to ‘The very East Chair’ in Masonry. Also striking is the difference in



the backgrounds and personalities. Grand Master Weiss was no exception to my previous experiences. I found him an interesting and entertaining man, humble and reflective. I was surprised when Ill Nagel introduced him as a ‘Rocket Scientist’, but after thinking about it, this made a lot of sense. When one looks to the stars, it seems to provide a perception of wonder and humility of how much is out there and how much is here with us on earth. The balance of celestial and terrestrial, an interplay of complexity and simplicity reflecting on each other. Like two spheres standing next to each other on the tops of columns. It takes a special kind of persona to see these kinds of things and be articulate enough to reflect on them with others. I found Grand Master Weiss to be just such a person.

One of the nice parts about my role for the evening of the dinner, was that I did have a few one-on-one moments in the lobby to exchange my comments and views on Masonry with him. I found him to be understandable articulate about Masonry and at the same time a visionary about where we can and should take the Craft in the future. I got to mention to him on my view that it isn’t often enough that we have the opportunity to reflect of the role and opportunity that Masonry has in making a difference in the world.

I believe very strongly in society as it is the social & structural agreement that forms the cornerstone in the advancement of mankind. Too often we become mired in the day to day, moment by moment struggles in commenting and contributing to one other each day in making changes in life & society, losing site of the communication and cooperation that makes growth and the move toward enlightened living possible. These things need to happen slowly but continually. Masonry has been perfectly suited to house a place and structure for this ongoing evaluation & improvement.

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From the Wise Master

In my first message this year I noted that our country's founding was God given. The very founding documents provided for the freedom of everyone and gave rise to the address by Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg; and consequently a civil war. That war's specific purpose was to address the secession of southern states from the union and to redefine the meaning of the constitution for all.



A bit more than a century later Martin Luther King made a speech in which he said that he had a dream, "That the day would come when a man was judged by the content of his character and not by the color of his skin". That was 1963 and it was a tough speech. I truly believe that America has reached a point where that is how most of us work and best agree.

Just this week I found myself in a discussion with someone about being woke, systemic racism, gender identity, throwing in a little insult to Dr Seuss and I was good to go.

Systemic racism and gender identity are being thrown at our 6, 7, and 8 year olds in school. It is quite alarming that kids are being attacked by adult world concepts creating the necessity for greater fear and prejudice amongst kids; who are generally slightly sociopathic to begin with. Unfortunately this will carry into their teen years and adulthood. Carried into adulthood these teachings will foster reverse racism and will further human divide. As Masons we have a duty to protect our kids in public schools.

I have chosen a quote from Samuel Adams: One of our founding fathers that applies to what is happening today.

From the Commander of Kadosh

I return to the subject of the Masonic Initiation which I spent some energy addressing in my initial articles in the winter and spring. I rely heavily on the thoughts of Brother W.L. Wilmshurst (British 1867-1939) of whom the journal of the Quatour Coronati states: his work is "a constant source of instruction and assistance to those who are seeking for that which was lost".



As you might recall, Brother Wilmshurst called in to question the nature of the Masonic initiation. He asked is it truly a spiritual journey from darkness to light or just a ceremonial event (no matter how beautiful and professionally presented)? In his book "The Masonic Initiation" published in 1924, he ventured to share his idea of the prospect of the Craft truly realizing its true purpose/s as taught by our Ancient Masters.

In his own words at the time, which I believe to be as true some 100 years later, Wilmshurst wrote:

"First, that which is natural; after, that which is spiritual".

"The Craft will only become what its individual members make it. If they see in it only a ceremonial procedure, at such it will remain, and their initiation will be but one in name and not in fact. But if they strive to realize and make their own the living spirit and intention behind the outward rites and formal usages, the dramatized quest of Light and of the Lost Word may result for them in a blessed finding of that which they profess to seek, and what they find themselves they will become able to communicate to other seekers, until the Craft is justified of all its children, and itself becomes – as it was intended to become – a great light in a dark world".

It is up to you and me!

The officers of the Council are looking forward with enthusiasm to the October visit of Sovereign Grand Commander James Cole to our valley. We encourage you to attend the stated meeting and dinner and take this opportunity to meet Illustrious Cole and hear his message to us. I believe this will be an evening to remember.

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Charles B Coe

From the Master of Kadosh

I hope everyone is doing well and in good health. On the evening of August 10, 2021, Tuesday, The Valley of San Jose Scottish Rite hosted the annual Grandmaster's reception and our monthly Stated meeting. It was a night filled with joy, tears and laughter as we gave toasts to all of the things that mattered most to us. Everyone broke bread and "Fired the Cannons" and enjoyed each other's company, sang songs and shared words with one another as we spent the night away. The highlight of the evening, in my opinion, is the part where the Grand Master of Masons of California gave his speech for the evening. The Most Worshipful Arthur H. Weiss started his speech by sharing some light-hearted jokes and puns, which I found amusing. He then started talking about the future of Freemasonry here in California. He talked about the lingering situation of "The Happening" and how it affected Freemasonry in general, and how, we, as Masons can overcome it, and that is, to adapt. He reminded us that no one is ever alone in this fight, and that we have one another to rely on. There are tools that are in place that we could utilize to keep our craft going for ages to come that is ever evolving. We are the future, We are the Masons of California.



During the Easter weekend last month I had a "Punny" conversation with a friend of mine that joked about the Easter bunny is from Easter Island, where he hides for the rest of the year making easter eggs, just like Saint Nick who hides out at the North pole for the rest of the year making toys. I suddenly remembered my fascination about the giant stone heads sticking out of the ground as shown on some old post cards and travel-themed calendars.

Join me as we take a glimpse into Easter Island.

Walking with the giants. Easter Island, or Rapa Nui as the first inhabitants called it, is situated in the southern part of the Pacific ocean, and lies like a small dot in the middle of nowhere, although it is within the sovereign territory of Chile. It is about 2,300 miles away from the coast of the mainland. The closest neighbor to Easter Island is Pitcairn, an overseas British territory, that has a total population of 67, according to a 2011 census. Easter Island has an area of 63 square miles and yet it has 887 stone statues surrounding the island facing the ocean. The statues carry the name "Moai". Archeologist speculated that they have been carved at some point around between 13th and 15th century. Rapa Nui statues are easily recognizable around the globe, thanks to their peculiar, yet distinct features. The statues have elongated noses, wide chins, rectangular ears, heavy brows, and deeply set eyes. The nostrils are carved out resembling fish hooks.

Ever since their first discovery by the early explorers, people have always assumed that they were only heads. It was discovered on May 2012 that there are bodies attached to the heads

that are buried underground. The tallest statue that has been unearthed so far is about 33 feet tall and weighs about 90 tons. They've also recently uncovered an unfinished statue that would've stood 70 feet in height and calculated to weigh about 290 tons. Most of the monolithic statues were carved from compressed volcanic material called Tuff, about 837 of the 887. There's a group of 7 statues that face inland located in a sacred area called "Ahu Akivi". They faced inland, which was believed to have watched over the villagers as guardians. There's one unique statue found on the island called "Tukuturi", and it is the only one found on a kneeling position. Historians and archeologists believe that the depiction was of an ancient singer. The position of the statue has been seen to be the position the people took in the festival of Nui. Tukuturi is the only statue that resembles a more human-like figure, compared to the other Moai statues. It is also the only statue that has been carved out of reddish stone called Puna pua.

People have always wondered how the statues were transported by the ancient builders throughout the island from the quarries at the foot of the extinct volcano called Rano Raraku situated on the north-eastern part of the island given it's massive weight. A group of American archeologist and scientists back in the 1980's speculated that the statues have been moved by using rope tied around the statue, and rocked from side to side resembling a "walking motion" as it wobbled from side to side. Several years later, They were able to accomplish this with a 10 ton replica. They suggest that their idea explains the ancient Rapa Nui folklore which states that the giant stone statues were walking by the use of magic on their way to their designated places.

"The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil Constitution, are worth defending at all hazards; and it is our duty to defend them against all attacks. We have received them as fair inheritance from our worthy ancestors: They purchased them for us with toil and danger and expense of treasure and blood, and transmitted them to us with care and diligence. It will bring an everlasting mark of infamy on the present generation, enlightened as it is, if we should suffer them to be wrested from us by violence without a struggle or to be cheated out of them by the articles of false and designing men."

Twenty-Ninth Degree, Scottish Knight of Saint Andrew — Part 2

True to its Scottish character, this degree is accompanied to the music of bagpipes. When a member of the San Jose Scottish Rite is a capable bagpiper and available on the date of the conferral, the accompaniment is live. Note that bagpipes were designed for use outdoors, so when you play them inside, they may be a little too loud for some folks.

Opening Ceremony

The Bailiff stands alone on the stage and recites four verses of "Scots Wa Hae" in a Scottish brogue. Robert Burns wrote the lyrics in 1793. It was inspired by a speech Robert Bruce gave to his troops before the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314. Following is a modern English rendition:

Scots, who have with Wallace bled,
Scots, whom Bruce has often led,
Welcome to your gory bed
Or to victory.

Now is the day, and now is the hour:
See the front of battle lower (threaten),
See approach proud Edward's power –
Chains and slavery.

Who for Scotland's King and Law
Freedom's sword will strongly draw,
Freeman stand or freeman fall,
Let him follow me.

Lay the proud usurpers low,
Tyrants fall in every foe,
Liberty is in every blow,
Let us do or die!

"Wallace" refers to William Wallace, the knight who led the Scots to victory over the army of King Edward I at the Battle of Sterling Bridge in 1297 and later served as a Guardian of Scotland until Robert Bruce was crowned king in 1306.

"Bruce" refers to Robert [the] Bruce, King of Scotland, who led the Scots to victory over the army of King Edward II at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314.

"Proud Edward" refers to the King Edward II, son of Edward I, whose army invaded Scotland in an attempt to return it to a vassal state.

Prologue

Following the anthem, a degree team member reads the Prologue, which recounts the legend that Knights Templar, who escaped the dissolution of the Order and execution of its leaders in France in 1307 – 1312, had taken refuge in Scotland, and unexpectedly assisted the Scots in winning the Battle of Bannockburn.

There is no historical evidence that former Knights Templar were present at the Battle of Bannockburn. Nor would there be, as the Templars were being hunted by the Roman Catholic Church, re-

quiring their anonymity to survive.

The Prologue also mentions the Order of the Thistle, which Robert had supposedly re-instituted, and conferred upon 63 of the Knights who fought in the battle, who were believed to be Templars. Traditionally, the Order of the Thistle dates back to a chivalric order founded by Achaius, King of Scots, in the 8th century.

The thistle was adopted as the emblem of Scotland during the reign of Alexander III (1249 – 1286). Legend has it that the King of Norway, intent on conquering the Scots, landed on the west coast of Scotland at night to surprise the sleeping Scottish clansmen. In order to move quietly under the cover of darkness, the Norsemen removed their shoes. One of the soldiers wandered into a patch of thistles, stepped on them with his bare feet, and shrieked in pain. Thus alerted, the Scots won the subsequent battle. So goes a popular version of the legend.

Trial by Inquisition

The Candidate, a Knight Commander of the Temple (28th degree), seeks to become a Knight of Saint Andrew. He is immediately put on trial by men who he thinks are Inquisitors of the Faith. They accuse him of teaching heretical doctrine, performing magic, and of being a Freemason. They note that Popes Clement and Benedict declared all Freemasons excommunicated. The Inquisitors say they would rather put 100 innocent people to death rather than let a single heretic escape.

The Candidate knows he has done nothing wrong and freely admits to being a Freemason. The Inquisitors demand that he renounce Freemasonry and give the names of his associates and superiors, under threat of torture. The Candidate shows he will accept torture rather than renounce Freemasonry and identify its leaders. With that, the Inquisitors are satisfied with the Candidate's fidelity and reveal their true identities as Knights of Saint Andrew.

Historically, since 1738, at least eleven Popes have declared Freemasonry to be incompatible with Roman Catholic doctrines, and members of the Church who associate with, support, or become Masons are automatically excommunicated.

Today, if your church objects to you being a Freemason, you can leave and maybe join a different church. Before the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, there was only one church and without it a Christian was considered forever cut off from God.

Defending the Banner

The next exercise is to test the Candidate's humility, patience, and self-denial. The Sentinel takes the part of the Candidate, and is placed alone beside a campfire, and told to guard the banner of the Order all night until dawn. In San Jose Scottish Rite, the banner is the flag of Scotland.

The Sentinel is given a sword but no armor, and told to

demand the password of any stranger that approaches. The password is "Bruce". His job is to prevent anybody from taking the banner. But he cannot call for help unless he is assaulted by more than three attackers.

During the Sentinel's watch, three rogue knights appear, pretend to be friends, and want to admire the banner. The Sentinel demands the password and a rogue knight says "Robert", which is the wrong word. Two of the rogues then attack the Sentinel while the third tries to seize the banner. The Sentinel fights off all three. The resulting noise alerts the Master of Ceremonies and Bailiff, who come running and ask, "Is the banner safe?" "It is", replies the Sentinel. "By how many were you attacked?" "By three." "You were both brave and fortunate. Remain at your post while we inform the Prior."

The Master of Ceremonies tells the Prior what happened. The Prior sends report to the Venerable Master, who decides to waive the remaining period of probation and allow the Candidate to join the Order right away. The Master of Ceremonies and the Bailiff direct to Candidate to pick up the banner and go with them to the Chapter room.

Explanations

Being a military order, the Knights salute the Banner upon arrival and post it in the East. Then they conduct the Candidate to the Prelate, who explains anybody who are intemperate, unchaste, covetous, or base is rejected by the Order. Then he explains the symbolic purification of heart and soul that results from the rite of baptism. The Candidate performs the rite by washing his face and hands.

The Almoner approaches the Candidate and says, "The poor you have always with you..." (see Matthew 26:11, Mark 14:7, and John 12:8) and the duty of supporting the poor and fallen brother, even if he is a stranger or sojourner. The Candidate deposits four coins into the Almoner's box.

The Prior addresses the Candidate and explains how aspirants to Knighthood had to undergo a long apprenticeship in arms, whereby they proved themselves valiant, daring, and unafraid of death. The probation proves the aspirant's virtue, temperance, fidelity, constancy, and nobility of heart. He further explains that a knight is expected to be virtuous, true, and humble before God; merciful, tolerant, generous, and charitable. Otherwise he will be disgraced as a false and disloyal knight. He asks, "Will you still proceed?" The Candidate says, "I will".

The Prior explain how in every degree in Freemasonry, the Candidate seeks to attain light. In the chivalric degrees you seek to be illuminated by knightly and heroic virtues, which are the light of the soul. The nine great lights of the Knights of Saint Andrew are humility, patience, self-denial, charity, clemency, generosity, virtue, honor, and truth. He asks, "Are you willing to promise that these nine lights shall be your guides hereafter, in all the ways of life?" The Candidate says, "I am".

The Prior goes on to explain what these virtues mean in terms of battle and life: You must never strike a prostrate foe, nor refuse quarter, nor slay the prisoner that can no longer resist, nor refuse moderate ransom, nor despoil those who are unarmed. Furthermore, all true and loyal knights are as brothers to you, all distress

women as sisters, and all poor and destitute orphans as children. He asks, "Will you proceed?" The Candidate says, "I will".

The term "quarter" means that, during battle, if an enemy soldier surrenders, you will take him as a prisoner and afford him a minimum level of care... as opposed to summarily killing him, for example. In modern times, we address quarter in the Geneva Convention.

The Obligation

At this point, the Master of Ceremonies conducts the Candidate to the Prelate to take the Obligation of a Knight of Saint Andrew. The Candidate removes his sword and scabbard. The Prior orders the Knights of the Chapter to assemble to witness the Obligation ceremony.

The Prelate has the Candidate place his right hand over his heart and his left hand on the Holy Bible. Members of the reunion class and the audience stand and place their right hands over their hearts. The Prelate places both of his hands on the Candidate's left hand, and directs the class to say, "I, pronounce your name, and repeat after me."

The Obligation includes support of the Scottish Rite and Freemasonry, defense against imposters, civil or religious assailants, and antagonists and never abandon one's Chiefs in Masonry nor the duty one is assigned to perform, to preserve the Statutes and Ordinances, and never to make known to any unauthorized person the modes or means of recognition, or any other secrets of the Order. After taking the Obligation, the members of the reunion class and the audience drop their hands and sit down.

Knighting Ceremony

At this point, the Knights form an arch of steel with their swords to recognize and welcome the Venerable Master of the Order. The Master of Ceremonies conducts the newly obligated Candidate to the Venerable Master for his consecration. The Knights of the Chapter come to present swords.

The Venerable Master draws his sword and says, "In the name of God, Saint Andrew, and Saint Michael the Archangel, I dub thee, and each of thee, a Knight of the Ancient and Venerable Order of Scottish Knights of Saint Andrew du Chardon of Scotland". As he speaks, the Venerable Master touches the Candidate on his left shoulder, right shoulder, and head with his sword.

When there is enough time during the degree conferral, the Venerable Master may choose to knight each member of the class individually. "Du Chardon" is French for "of the thistle", referring to the Order of the Thistle, as discussed above.

The Knights of the Chapter return their swords and the Chancellor presents the new Sir Knight with the cape and livery of the order. "Livery" refers to the uniform and its

particular colors and design. The banner of the Knight of Saint Andrew is white, with a green Saint Andrew's cross below a golden thistle surrounded by five stars. The jewel is a gold Saint Andrew's cross with an emerald in the center, a knight's helmet above and a thistle below.

The new Sir Knight receives his sword. In the San Jose Scottish Rite, the Sir Knight also receives a badge and tartan of the local order of the Knights of Saint Andrew. Then, following the Prior, the Knights give the plaudit or battery of one, two, three, and four claps with the hands.

Break for Lunch

The Prior directs the Master of Ceremonies to conduct the new Sir Knight to join the Venerable Master at the refecton. A "refecton" is a light meal of food and drink. The Prior then directs the Bailiff to prepare the meal and turns over charge of the Chapter to the Prelate.

The Knights fall out of formation, gather at the refecton table, and remain standing. During the meal, the Venerable Master calls the Knights to attention and asks for several toasts. The Master of Ceremonies says, "To the honor of Robert the Bruce!" The Knights respond, "Hear, hear!" and the Venerable Master orders, "Partake".

The Orator says, "To the honor of King James II of Scotland!" The Knights respond, "Hear, hear!" and the Venerable Master orders, "Partake". The person referred to is King James VII of Scotland, a.k.a. King James II of England, who revived the Order of the Thistle in 1687.

The Prelate says, "To the honor of all our absent brethren!" The Knights respond, "Hear, hear!" and the Venerable Master orders, "Partake".

The Bailiff says, "To the honor of all the brethren of the San Jose Scottish Rite and each of our newly obligated Knights of Saint Andrew!" The Knights respond, "Hear, hear!" and the Venerable Master orders, "Partake".

The Venerable Master says, "To the memory of Grand Master Jacques DeMolay, and his fellow sufferers of the persecuted Soldiery of the Temple! May that order revive, and avenge itself upon its oppressors!" The Knights respond, "To the memory of Jacques DeMolay" and the Venerable Master orders, "Partake". This being the final toast, everybody drains their glasses.

After the toasts, the Venerable Master directs the Prelate to resume charge of the Chapter. The Prelate calls the Knights to attention, declares the hour of refreshment ended, and tells the Knights to prepare for labor. He turns over charge of the Chapter to the Prior. The Prior declares the Chapter called from refreshment and its labors duly resumed.

History of the Order

At this point, the Orator reads a brief history, beginning with the formation of the Knights Templar in 1118 and their dissolution beginning in 1307. After Jacques DeMolay was burned at the stake in 1314, the Knights no longer had a central leader, so they broke up into smaller orders that went by different names.

He recounts the legend that some former Knights Templar found protection in Scotland and eventually joined Robert the Bruce's army of 9,000 and helped him defeat the 18,000 strong army of King Edward II at the Battle of Bannockburn. In light of the Templar's invaluable assistance, Robert re-instituted the Order of the Thistle and conferred it upon 63 Knights, believed to be Templars.

The last Grand Master of the Order of Scottish Knights of Saint Andrew was Prince Charles Edward Stuart (pejoratively known as "Bonnie Prince Charlie"). Following his defeat at the Battle of Culloden in 1746, he took the Order to France, where he established a "Chapter of Rose Croix of Heredom" at the town of Arras. In time, the work of that Chapter was included under the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry as the 29th Degree.

Marching Song

After closing the Chapter, the Venerable Master introduces the Degree Director, who in turn, introduces the cast members. Then the Knights march out of the Chapter room singing the old spiritual, "When the Saints Go Marching In".

The 29th Degree, as presented at the San Jose Scottish Rite, is unique to this Valley. You will definitely enjoy seeing it live whenever they confer it.



Anna is a sweet and delightful 7 year old girl. She enjoys playing with puzzles, toys and having fun with her siblings. She is an active girl who enjoys taking walks and climbing on her jungle gym dome. Anna has pet cats and says her favorite food is ice cream. Anna is a pure delight to see as she greets her therapist each week with a smile and, "Hi how are you?"



Each week Anna is seen for an individual visit and she is also part of a social group. During her group visits she learns skills to promote her social thinking and ability to use her speech and language to interact with peers.

Initially Anna's mom said she had a very limited vocabulary. She had previously received services both privately and through the public schools. Treatment has focused on activities that target several areas such as language development, articulation and auditory processing. Anna has worked on grammar usage such as plurals, is/are, was/were, past tenses and pronouns. She has worked to develop an increase in her vocabulary and how she uses it. Treatment has targeted her "L, R and SH" sounds. Anna has also worked on increasing her auditory processing skills. In social group Anna has worked on feelings, conversational turns, personal space, body language, perspective taking, following group plans and whole body listening. Anna is a star in group and does a wonderful job participating and greeting her peer. Her mom reports, "Her speech has improved. She is very talkative with a large vocabulary and better pronunciation."

Anna is homeschooled, so her mother has great knowledge of her skills, progress and weak areas of development. Her mother is highly involved and does a great job carrying speech and language goals into their home life. Anna's mom related the impact of treatment on her daughter and their family by saying, "It gives me the methods to reinforce her goals at home. It is also wonderful to have more people on our team to help Anna be all she can be. It's rewarding to see her confidence improve. She is able to initiate play with her siblings and other kids."

During her time at the clinic, Anna's mom reported, "I have felt so much compassion towards Anna and me. I love how supported I feel there. So far we have worked with two therapists and I've enjoyed working with both."



From the Chief Knight

Hope all is well with all of you.

The Knights of St. Andrew are in full swing again. With that being said. If any lodge would like KSA to perform flag detail for either a Hiram Award or any other event please let us know.

Within five months lodge installations will be starting up, and you would like KSA to do the flag detail please let us know so that we can put it on our calendar. You can text me on my cell at (669) 888-6423. We hope to hear from all of you soon.



Kaleo Dagns

Stated Meeting Menu Tuesday

September 14, 2021

(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY call the office, by September 10th)

Register at <https://buytickets.at/sanjosescottishrite/563892>

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

- Assorted Appetizers
- Green Salad
- Hot German Potato Salad
- Schnitzel
- Spätzle
- Sauerbraten
- Dessert

I finished up my brief time with him with my favorite quote that Thomas Jefferson made. While not quite a Mason, he personifies to me the ideals of the establishment of a society that is always reflecting on what it is, what it stands for and what it can become as times change. I have mentioned this quote a number of times in various Masonic publications including here in the Rite Word. While I won't quote the full text, perhaps you remember it as it ends with the metaphor of a man still wearing the coat which fitted him when he was a boy. I first saw it on the wall of the Jefferson Memorial as an excerpt from a letter written to Samuel Kercheval, a Mason in Kentucky. They had met when Jefferson toured the area which at the time was the 'New French Territories'. He had kept in touch and written to Jefferson to express his views on the Constitution, which at the time was less than 20 years old. Imagine, we are still having this dialog in society today, each day, with where we came from and where we are going as a society. Perhaps this is what makes us great. Just like the reflection between the heavens above us and the ground beneath our feet, As Above, So Below.

A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and optimist is one who is one makes opportunities of his difficulties
~ Harry S. Truman

Mark Bulger

From the Secretary

The Grand Master's Reception and Festive board went great.. Those that made reservations but did not attend will be receiving a bill in the mail. Please pay it when you receive.



Dues notices are now in your hands. If you were current, with your dues then it also has your dues card for next year, if not then we have your card in the office. It is possible that you paid after the deadline, so if you are current and don't have your card, please contact the office.

If you haven't paid for 2021, now is the time there are currently 47 folks. If you can't pay, call me, we can take care of it, but if you can't be bothered then know you will end up suspended. Calls will be being made in the next little while, please don't ignore them.

September Stated Meeting will be October Fest, please make your reservations now.

The October Stated Meeting will see the Grand Commander, James Cole in attendance. Put it on your calendar now and register at <https://buytickets.at/sanjosescottishrite/551698>

And finally, our Reunion is coming up in October, please get applications into the Secretary's office as soon as possible.

Greg Yell

III. Roger Bibb 33° Class

October 15, 22, 23 and 26, 2021



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Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events

Saturday September 11th ~ Honors Event

Oakland Scottish Rite

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

Consistory Opens

Dress is Colors or Coat and Tie

Tuesday October 12th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 5:45 pm

Grand Commander Cole's Visit

Lodge of Perfection Opens

Dress is Formal with Colors

Saturday October 16th ~ SVOA Grand Master's Reception

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

Military Recognition Night

Council Opens

Dress is Colors or Coat and Tie