



The Rite Word - Valley of San Jose

Brethren

The Lodge of Perfection recently hosted a great day in San Francisco. We took a trip over to Alcatraz and toured the prison. This was followed by a great lunch on Fisherman's Wharf, and then some of the more adventurous took a ride on the Rocket Boat. The weather was gorgeous and we had a wonderful day of fellowship. Look for a photo of our group later in this newsletter.



Brethren, I want to adopt a somber tone for a moment. We all know that this past couple of years has been a time of change. It has been a time of turmoil for some, and new successes for others. It has been a time of division and tumult. In many ways, it appears that our nation is more divided than it has been in over a century. You may have found yourself in sharp opposition to your brothers on a number of issues.

I ask you, my brethren, to remember that Masonry has room for all beliefs and all opinions. I have, unfortunately, seen too many instances this past year or so, on social media and in person, where one brother has made disparaging remarks, and even worse, about those whose opinions differ from his. Brothers have made generalized statements about large swaths of our population – which include their brothers. I believe that this type of behavior is beneath us as Masons. I ask that whatever the situation, you remember your many obligations throughout

your Masonic life. Remember the lessons we are taught, that Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion. This does not mean that you should relinquish your own opinions or passions, but that you respect the opinions of others, and not let a difference separate you from your brothers. And never suffer your passions or your prejudices to the masters of your judgement.

All of us have it within ourselves to be better people. It should be a lifelong process of self-improvement. The goal, as a Scottish Rite Mason is to become better, and then work to improve our craft, to strengthen our fraternity, to bring more Masons into the fold, to shed more light in Masonry, and to increase the fellowship for all concerned. We should, each one us, strive to be remembered as someone who made a difference – but not for self-aggrandizement. Do it to improve the craft, and to inspire others to do the same. What will your legacy be? What will you leave for the craft, and for those brothers who come after you?

I look forward to seeing you at our next Scottish Rite meeting and dinner.

Randy Dawson

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Called From Labor

No deaths were reported this month.



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

Sick or Distressed

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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.

I want to introduce you to the Masonic Restoration Foundation (MRF). If you are already familiar with the MRF this can serve as a refresher/update as to this educational organization.



From their Statement of Purposes, we learn that since 2001, the MRF has been looking into the many issues facing Masonry in North America to identify successful current and historical practices and offering realistic solutions aimed at improving the experience of Masonic labor. They strive to understand modern perceptions of Masonry and to understand what newer Masons seek in the Lodge experience. The MRF fully understands that many men who are joining the craft today have generally done a lot of reading and web research to formulate an opinion of the fraternity.

So, many of these new Brothers come into Masonry knowing more than many of us who have been members for some time. Our younger Brothers seem to perceive Freemasonry as a path or venue for seeking truth, self-improvement, philosophical development and the discovery of one's inner potential.

To learn more about the MRF organization, mission and goals I direct you to their website at www.masonicrestorationfoundation.org. On the website, you can learn of the membership of the Board of Directors present and past. You will see many names you recognize and Brothers you have sat in Lodge with during your travels. Most Worshipful John Cooper and Very Worshipful Allan Casalou have served on the board and Worshipful John Zacharakis (Master of Academia Lodge No. 851 in Oakland) is a current board member.

Worshipful Brother Andrew Hammer, the current MRF president has written;

"If Lodge meetings and functions are no different than any other social function one would normally have in life, save the symbols and jargon, then in time brothers will have forgotten what Masonry truly is,

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Greetings Brothers, Family, and Friends,



Charity, this a pillar of who we are. Through various philanthropies, and Masonic groups, millions of dollars are donated around the globe to help better so many lives. There is a another charity that we should practice, and this is a Charity of investing time into our brothers. A friend recently put it as "Helping good men become better, the ultimate fraternal charity". If we read all of I Corinthians Chapter 13 we are given clear speech on the values that Charity holds, and does not hold.

Verses 4-8 & 13 " 4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,⁵ Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;⁶ Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;⁷ Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.⁸ Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.¹³ And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity" KJV.

When we give of ourselves, this is the ultimate charity. Benjamin Franklin wrote "Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason". When we invest in ourselves we invest in a bolder brighter future for all. We need not the months coming to remind us to be Charitable to our brothers, it is something we do day to day. Have a safe, and happy halloween.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin Franklin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fraternal greetings! Fall is upon us and I hope everyone had a great Summer! Enjoy your pumpkin lattes, ghosts, and goblins! As the leaves change color we are reminded of the ever-changing cyclical nature of life. It should remind us that “this too will pass”, “we are not of the world, but in it”, and our essential being is not rooted in the temporary nature of life but in the eternal, formless, and timeless perfectness of the Grand Architect of the Universe.



This month we are celebrating the Feast of Tishri. The origin of the Feast of Tishri, also called the Feast of the Tabernacle, is described in the Old Testament where it states that the Lord spoke unto Moses saying when “ye [shall] have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days:... [and] Ye shall dwell in booths seven days.... That your generations may know that I made of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt” (Leviticus 23:39,42-43). Additionally, after 450 years of the celebration of the exodus out of Egypt, the Feast of Tishri was celebrated for the completion and dedication of King Solomon’s Temple (2 Chronicles 7:8-10).

The Fest of Tishri is also related to the Fourteenth degree, where the symbolic descriptions of King Solomon’s temple’s position, design, construction, furnishings, and decorations represent special meaning to Scottish Rite Freemasons in building their spiritual temple. As King Solomon was a king of peace and wisdom, by observing the Feast of Tishri we reaffirm our commitment to ensuring brotherly love, peace, truth, justice, and concord to all people in the world through the establishment and dedication of our spiritual temple.

Thus, the Feast of Tishri is one of the most significant Scottish Rite festivals, as it symbolizes Freedom from oppression, as was the case in the exodus of the Jews out of Egypt, and Peace and Wisdom through it’s connection with King Solomon and the building of the Temple.

We hope you, your friends, and family will join us at the Feast of Tishri!

Kenneth Sean Patrick

Knights of St Andrew Welcomes New Members:

Bro. Danile Webb
Bro. Jerome Alipio and
Bro. Mike Lammer



What is the purpose of a Squire Program? Does it work?

Traditionally, Squires served Knights and learned the skills of Knighthood in the process. Many KSA Chapters have adopted a custom of bringing new member into the Chapter as a Squire. This gives the initiate an opportunity to see all of the aspects of the Chapter work while serving the requisite hours of labor in behalf of the Valley. Assigning a Squire to a specific Knight seems to work best. The Knight answers the Squire's questions about the Order making a better informed and better equipped candidate for elevation to Knighthood.

That being said, we are looking for volunteers to be Greeters at our Scottish Rite gatherings. This really puts makes us stand out especially to our visitors who are attending for the first time or for dinners, and other functions.

Recent KSA Chapter Activities:

Sept 1st – 2nd Scottish Highland Gathering and Games, Pleasanton, CA was well attended we have Knights for the following Valleys: San Jose, Oakland, San Francisco, Stockton and Sacramento. <http://www.thescottishgames.com/>



Fourth Degree

During the Fourth Degree, Secret Master, we hear about the Kabbalah, the ancient Jewish tradition of mystical interpretation of the Hebrew Bible. Many people are attracted to Kabbalah because of its many complex symbols, including the Tree of Life, Sephiroth, Olamim, magical words, and other fascinating ideas.

The ideas and concepts of mysticism found in the Kabbalah trace back to Pythagorean Mysticism of the 6th Century Before the Common Era (BCE). Some scholars say that the Kabbalah is the Jewish reinerpretation of Pythagorean Mysticism. Others insist that Pythagorean Mysticism is a pagan reinerpretation of the Kabbalah. When scholars disagree, it's a good bet that nobody really knows the answer.

Many texts form the body of knowledge called the Kabbalah. The two best known texts are the *Zohar* and the *Sefer Yetzirah*. The *Zohar* or Book of Splendor is the foundational work in the literature of Jewish mystical thought. It first appeared in 13th Century Spain but is ascribed to a 2nd Century rabbi, Shimon bar Yochai. The *Sefer Yetzirah* or Book of Formation, is the earliest extant book on Jewish esotericism. It first appeared in the 10th Century but is ascribed to the patriarch Abraham (archaeologically, the 7th Century BCE; traditionally, the 20th Century BCE).

Because these seminal works first appeared during the European Middle Ages, many people suppose that the Kabbalah dates to that period. From a historical point-of-view, that is what the physical evidence shows. However, Kabbalistic ideas appear in earlier documents, including the Holy Bible. One scholar suggested that the only reason the Kabbalah appeared in writing was because of the pogroms in Europe at that time. They killed so many Jewish people that some feared the teaching of Kabbalah might be lost. The only way to preserve it was to write it down.

The Kabbalah is Jewish. Therefore, in order to effectively study it, you have to understand Jewish history,

values, concepts, beliefs, and the Hebrew alphabet and numbering system, which uses letters as numbers. And you need a copy of the *Tenakh*, or Jewish Bible. The books in the Tenach match those of the Christian Old Testament. But the books are arranged differently, into three categories: Torah (Law of God revealed to Moses), Nevi'im (Prophets), Ketuvim (Holy Writings). Perhaps you will recall a lecture from the Blue Lodge: "We read in the Holy Writings that it was decreed in the wisdom and counsels of Diety aforetime..."

Kabbalah is about mysticism, spirituality, magic, sound, and meditation. Not to be critical, but for the most part, those concepts are not practiced in mainsteam religious traditions. So you will have to stretch your mind a little. Quite a lot, actually.

Study of the Kabbalah is not for everybody. From Jewish tradition, we read a story of four prominent 1st Century rabbis who entered Pardes, the mystical garden in Kabbalistic thought. "Four men entered Pardes: Ben Azzai, Ben Zoma, Acher, and Akiba. Ben Azzai looked and died; Ben Zoma looked and went mad; Acher destroyed the plants; Akiba entered in peace and departed in peace." So there you go, a one-in-four chance of success.

Are there any good books about Kabbalah? Yes. But you have to understand, *studying about* Kabbalah is not the same as *practicing* Kabbalah. Kabbalah is a "mouth-to-ear" tradition. That means the tradition is transmitted from teacher to student, personally and individually. Something like the way candidates in the Blue Lodge learn their proficiencies with a coach. If you are really serious about practicing Kabbalah, you must find a Kabbalistic master who is willing to help you. Here's a hint: "When the student is ready, the teacher will appear."

From my own studies, I can suggest two books:

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Thank you for sending me to my first RiteCare Conference! I attended the conference in Los Angeles, CA on August 8-10, 2018, hosted by the California Scottish Rite Foundation. I had the opportunity to meet many different speech-language pathologists and reading specialists serving clients at RiteCare clinics and affiliated clinics from across the United States.



This conference had a track focusing on speech and language topics as well as literacy topics such as dyslexia. It was a wonderful experience having the opportunity to attend a conference with fellow RiteCare clinicians. Additionally, it was very helpful that the conference was small enough to allow some time to speak to the presenters one-on-one in order to obtain further clarification regarding specific questions that came up during the courses. I felt so fortunate to be able to learn about a wide variety of topics that hit home for me. For example, a team of speech-language pathologists from the Orange County RiteCare Childhood Language Center gave a presentation about how to better conduct speech and language assessments with children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, which is very important to us because we have children who come from households who primarily speak Spanish, Vietnamese, Cantonese, Mandarin, Tagalog, Hindi, as well as many other languages. It is very important that our speech-language assessments

reflect the fact that our clients may be exposed to multiple languages and may be learning English as a second language. The team from the Orange County RiteCare Childhood Language Center gave a list of useful resources that we will be able to use in our future assessments.

I also learned about identifying dyslexia in a clinical setting, parent training for young children who are minimally verbal, repeated interactive read-alouds to target vocabulary-building and language skills, and about supervision for training the professionals of the future. The course on supervision was particularly important and special to me because I am supervising a graduate student clinician for the first time. I am excited to bring the new information that I learned to the table and share with my fellow clinicians at our clinic. We are looking forward to implementing the new strategies discussed during the conference!

Sincerely,

Karen Wong, M.A., CCC-SLP



Stated Meeting Menu



Tuesday October 9, 2018
(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY,
by October 5h)

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- Soft Pretzels
- German Pork Roast
- Braised Red Cabbage
- Baby Carrots
- German Potato Salad
- Apple Strudel

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and abandoned what makes it the treasure it has been for centuries to the best of men in all stations in life. It will become just like everything else, conforming to everything else, and nothing more. The very thing that makes the Craft special will have been sacrificed to what is easy and comfortable, and the quarries then become filled with idlers who want the benefits of being called craftsmen, without actually doing or knowing how to do any work.”

This observation is worthy of our further consideration. I hope I have piqued your interest in the MRF and the great work it has and is doing. In August, the MRF held it’s 9th Annual Symposium. Many timely topics and panels covered a wide range of issues important to Masons. Soon, I am sure you will be able to find reference on their web as to where you can get more information on the light presented at the symposium.

Charles B Cowden

Dues Notice

Supreme Council will be mailing out the Dues Notices for 2019 shortly. There are still about 80 members that have not paid their 2018 dues. Please look at your card, if it doesn’t say 2018 then pay your dues.

If you have taken care of 2018 then thank you and please take care of 2019 as soon as you receive it so that it doesn’t get lost in the pile .

Or you can consider buying a life membership and then you would not have to worry about it any further..

The Wise Master of
the San Jose Chapter Knights Rose Croix

and

The Worshipful Master of Liberty Lodge #299

Invite you to our Annual

Stanford Football game and Tailgate Party

Stanford Cardinal vs Oregon State Beavers

November 10, 2018 at Stanford Stadium

Kick off Time is still to be determined

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KSA Events of the Future:

1. October 28th, at noon KSA Stated Meeting in
the SJSR Library, followed by sword tactics.

2. November 11th, at noon KSA Stated Meeting
in the SJSR Library followed by election of new
officers. As we are steadfastly approaching the
end of the calendar year, please plan to attend
and participate in the planning for 2019 and fur-
ther.

Naresh Rampershad

Members, ladies, and friends from San
Jose Valley, departing on their fun and
educational trip to Alcatraz on September
8, 2018.



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Sefer Yetzirah, *The Book of Creation, In Theory and Practice* by Aryeh Kaplan, 1993, ISBN 0-87728-726-0

Qabalah, The Mystical Heritage of the Children of Abraham by David Hale Feldman, 2001, ISBN 0-9701360-4-8

The Renaissance (14th through 17th Centuries) saw the birth of *Christian Cabala* (note the different spelling) by Christian scholars who desired to

make the mystical aspects of Jewish Kabbalah compatible with Christian theology. A parallel work, the *Hermetic Qabalah*, is a Western esoteric tradition involving mysticism and the occult. These systems share many concepts with Jewish Kabbalah, but they are separate and distinct systems of thought.

There is no shortage of online material about Kabbalah. Here are a few links:

<https://kabbalah.com/>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kabbalah>

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

<http://www.jewfaq.org/kabbalah.htm>

<http://www.aish.com/sp/k/>

<https://www.orchalev.org/ecourse-applied-jewish-spirituality.html>

And be sure to watch the X-Files episode where you can see what happens when you mess around with Kabbalistic magic:

<https://www.fox.com/watch/e9bea35f0d9d403e5bbd66e9aefa303c/>

Illustrious Daniel Doornboss 33°

Ill. Doornboss has agreed to provide a regular education piece about our degrees for the Rite Word. Thanks Daniel.

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Upcoming Reunion

November 16, 17, and 20, 2018



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Tuesday October 9th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm

Consistory Opens - Feast of Tishri

Thursday October 15th — SCVOA Meeting Los Altos 712 6:30pm

October 19-21 ~ Grand Lodge San Francisco

Saturday October 27th ~ SCVOA Grand Master Reception 4pm

San Jose Scottish Rite Center

Tuesday October 23rd ~ Monthly All Officer Meeting 7pm

Tuesday November 13th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm

Rose Croix Opens—Military Night

Saturday November 10th ~ Stanford Football Game

Tuesday November 27th — SCVOA Meeting Mt View DeAnza

6:30pm