



## The Rite Word

### From the Venerable Master

Brethren and readers of the Right Word! Greetings from the Lodge of Perfection in the Valley of San Jose, California. As your incoming Venerable Master, I would like to thank you for your trust and confidence in electing me to serve in this time-honored chair for the ensuing Scottish Rite year. It's indeed an honor and a sincere pleasure to serve in this capacity.



I would like to congratulate the Masters of the other three bodies; Tim Lynch of Chapter of Rose Crois; David Kampschafer, Council of Kadosh; and Richard Fisher of Consistory

I cannot be successful alone. I need the co-operation of every one of you in whatever capacity you can contribute.

We are lucky to have our Stated Meeting followed by a special, delicious Sweetheart's Dinner on Valentine's Day. We are ready to shower our significant others with love and tokens of our affection. Please make your reservations and join us at the celebrations.

### **THE SYMBOLISM OF THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES**

You were introduced to the square and compasses very early in your Masonic career in fact they were among the first items discussed on your night of Initiation. They are in evidence throughout all Lodge meetings, and it is therefore desirable that you should have a ready understanding of their Masonic signifi-

cance.

The dictionary defines "emblem" as a symbol, while "symbol" is an emblem, but typifying a special quality of concept. It adds that a symbol implies a transfer of meaning from the physical emblem to an idea by means of an allegory or metaphor.

This is not confusing when you consider that the letters of the alphabet are symbols and when combined into words they convey all kinds of meanings to you, the amount depending upon your knowledge. They convey meanings because you recognise them and can associate them with understandable facts and experiences. Until this is so, the meanings are hidden: if you cannot read, the messages are lost.

So it is in Freemasonry, which is illustrated by symbols. The symbols of Masonry are used to reveal its meanings, not to conceal them but they will remain concealed until one can read the symbols, and understand them, and can recognise and interpret the message contained in each one.

So when we talk of the symbolism of an emblem we are looking for the metaphor of transferred meaning associated with it.

The square, the compasses, and the square and compasses combined have long been accepted as Masonic symbols to teach Masons to "square their actions and to keep them within due bounds". The fact that these emblems enjoy universal recognition of what they stand for was proved in a celebrated court case in the USA in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century when it was ruled that the sign of the square belonged exclusively to Freemasonry.

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## 2023 Honor Roll

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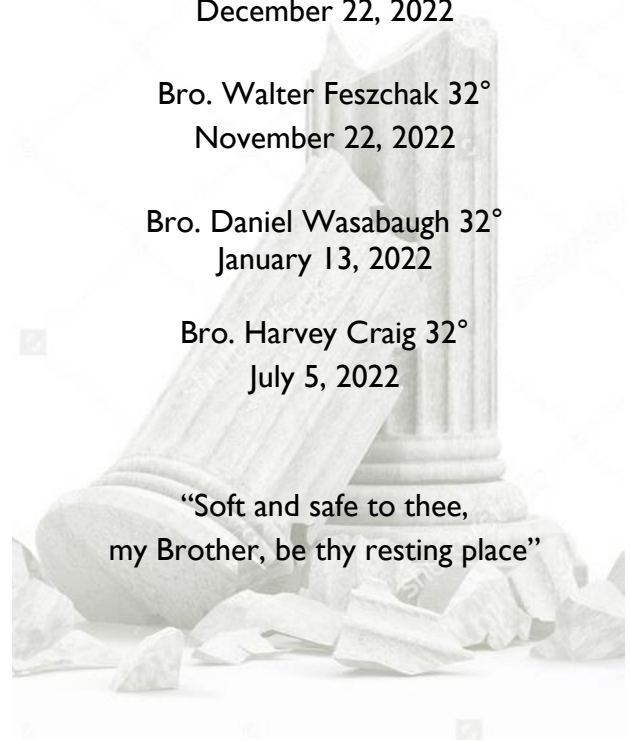
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Bro. Cyril Esty 32°  
December 22, 2022

Bro. Walter Feszchak 32°  
November 22, 2022

Bro. Daniel Wasabaugh 32°  
January 13, 2022

Bro. Harvey Craig 32°  
July 5, 2022



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

### In Memory of Ed Clarke

Ill. Richard Fisher 33°  
Ill. Dee Ayre 33° (Corrected Spelling from January)

### **Congratulations to the New Masters**

We just finished up installing our new Blue Lodge officers recently. Half of the Lodges in the Silicon Valley have Masters who are also member of our Valley. Congratulations to those brothers and thank you for all you do for Masonry.

**2023 - Lodge of Perfection**

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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 Wise Master

I've had the benefit of participating as Wise Master for a little while now and I appreciate being able to continue through this year also. I have enjoyed seeing the blue lodges pull together while they navigate out of the "COVID Funk" and in many cases rebuild or redefine who they are. I see the same need in our valley. We've had light participation and need to reach out to the Brothers we haven't seen in a while and maybe get them coming back again.

As we look to perform all of the Lodge of Perfection degrees, reaching out is a great way to get some of our Brothers who haven't come in a while, a way to participate and re-engage. If each of us takes a few minutes during our blue lodge Stated Meeting to discuss it, in parallel to us reaching out individually, I think we will see our valley start to thrive more as a result.



### From the Commander

Greeting!!

First I would like to thank everyone for electing me to be Commander of the Council of Kadosh.

We have planned a wonderful year here at Scottish Rite and I encourage all of you to please read the Rite Word and the calendar.

From activities for the different Groups to our Night of Instruction.

I look forward to all of you being at our dinners and our Reunions.

The Council of Kadosh is responsible for the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> degrees.

The great lesson of the 19<sup>th</sup> degree is that life, when lived properly, is but a bridge to eternal life.

Once the great secret of life after death is known, a man understands that there is no time but eternity.

Therefore, calamities or disasters which can and will happen are only temporary and will not continue.

We must not be taken down by these calamities, but remain strong to fight against oppression and of ignorance.

We have passed from Alpha to Omega, and understand that Alpha comes after Omega and that the circle of life is renewed.

There should never be an end to learning and science.



## From the Master of Kadosh

Brethren,

Our installation started a new Scottish Rite year. The Masters and officers will start planning activities for 2023. Keep reading the Rite Word for details and plan to take part.

Our February stated meeting and dinner falls on Valentine's Day this year. I, for one, observed this day back in elementary school. A question, though, is who was this Saint Valentine?

Valentine, a physician-priest cured the sight of the daughter of an officer of the Praetorium, who had been blind for 2 years. Valentine got in trouble with the emperor, however, by helping Christian couples to wed when Roman law prohibited young couples from marrying. Roman emperor Claudius II sentenced him to death around 269-270 A.D. when persecution of Christians was common. It is said on the day of his execution, February 14, he sent a note to the girl he cured signed "from your Valentine".

Often Saint's days were merged with pagan holidays to help gain converts. There was a pagan Roman festival held February 13-15 called Lupercalia, a fertility festival. Valentine's feast day was established as February 14 in 496 A.D. by Pope Gelasius I. The holiday shows up in Chaucer's poem "Parliament of Fowls" and in Shakespeare's Hamlet.

Valentine's Day became commercialized in 1840 when Esther Howland, daughter of a Massachusetts stationer, mass produced cards. Those first cards were rectangular with fancy lace, poems, cherubs, hearts, birds, flowers, and other images associated with the day. At the same time, there was criticism in popular literature against pricy cards. Some felt a husband spending his hard-earned wages on the trivial cards was not a good sign for the marital road ahead.

That Victorian criticism aside, this is truly a day to show our appreciation to our sweethearts with cards, flowers, candy and even dinner out. The San Jose Scottish Rite includes our sweethearts, the spouses of our departed brothers, at our February stated meeting dinners. Don't forget to show your appreciation to your special sweetheart on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Bill M. Fiel*



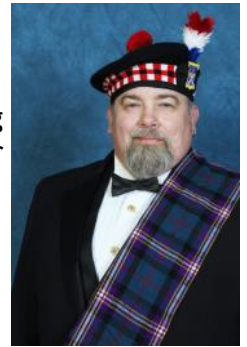
## From the Chief Knight

Happy February to all! It's been really great to see everyone during the blue lodge installations and our recent valley's installation of officers.

As many might know, the Knights of St. Andrew are a service based organization and our focus is to support the other bodies and general valley activities. What many might not know is that KSA is where we focus on the fraternal part of our fraternity in concert with our service. We meet outside of the normal 2nd Tuesday and have found a great brotherhood within our brotherhood.

Over the next couple of months I will be reaching out to all 32nd degree Brothers in our valley to talk about KSA, what we do, and ways you might want to come and participate.

*Tim Lytle*



## Kabbalah, the Beginning Continues

Last time, we learned about Ein Sof, the limitless inconceivable reality concealed by nothingness.

Ein Sof, being unlimited in every aspect, had to go through a process of contraction (Tzimtzum) in order to manifest in a limited, material capacity and pursue the work of creating a physical universe.

The first thing manifested from Ein Sof is Aur (Hebrew for "light"). We consider this kind of light to be a form of energy that provides the material and power to build the universe and set it into motion.

The next thing manifested from Ein Sof is a collection of ten of Divine qualities. They come as Sephiroth (nodes or spheres), in three sets of three, followed by a single Sephira at the end. Each Sephira has a Hebrew name and acquired a color and number.

### Stage 1

The first set of Sephiroth emanates: Kether (Crown), white, 1; Hochma (Wisdom), gray, 2; and Binah (Understanding), black, 3.

The second set of Sephiroth emanates: Hesed (Mercy), blue, 4; Geburah (Strength), red, 5; and Tiphereth (Beauty), yellow, 6.

The third set of Sephiroth emanates: Netzach (Victory), green, 7; Hod (Glory), orange, 8; and Yesod (Foundation), purple, 9.

Finally, a single Sephira emanates: Malkuth (Kingdom) it has four colors, red, blue, green, and yellow; 10. Malkuth is the platform on which Humankind stands.



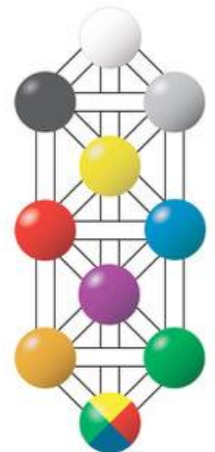
### Stage 2

Initially, the Sephiroth are isolated from each other within shells, called Qlippoth. Then the Qlippoth shatter. The resulting shards introduce and distribute negative or evil energy into existence.



### Stage 3

Without the isolation, the ten Sephiroth form 22 lines of communication among themselves. This is the Kabbalistic Etz Chaim or Tree of Life. The 10 Sephiroth plus 22 lines form what is called the "32 Paths of Wisdom".



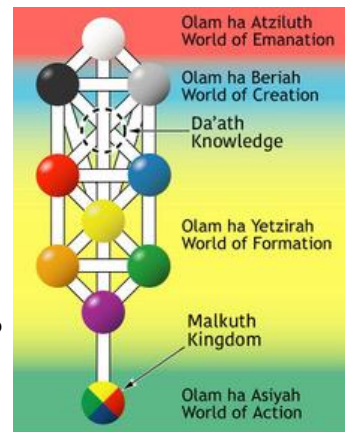
### Stage 4

Suddenly, the center column of Sephiroth, containing Tiphereth (Beauty), Yesod (Foundation), and Malkuth (Kingdom), shifts downward, away from Kether (Crown). This action does two things:

1. Leaves an open space where Tiphereth was. That made room for placeholder called Da'ath (Knowledge).

2. Relocates the platform on which Humankind stands, Malkuth, from Olam ha Yetzirah (World of Formation) to Olam ha Asiyah (World of Action).

This is a Kabbalistic way of charting the separation of God from mankind, the introduction of evil into the world, and why life can be so hard. The upside is that we live in a world of action, where we can do something about the things that bother us.



### What Happened in the Garden?

The Garden of Eden story is found in the first three chapters of the Book of Genesis. The story is packed with so much symbology and etiology that you would have to write a book to explain it all. Countless authors have done just that.

For the purposes of this article, we will cut to the part where God tells Adam not to eat the fruit of the "Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil" or TKGE. A crafty talking snake shows up and convinces Eve to eat it anyway, and she



gave some to Adam, which he ate. When God comes down for a visit, Adam and Eve are upset and afraid. God knows why but still gives them a chance to explain themselves. Adam blames Eve, and Eve blames the snake. Each of the three receives a specific set of consequences. Adam and Eve end up being kicked out of the garden of Eden.

In Jewish tradition, eating the fruit of the TKGE represents the beginning of the mixture of good and evil together. Before that time, evil existed as an entity separate from the human psyche, and it was not in human nature to desire it. Eating and internalizing the forbidden fruit changed this, and thus was born the "yetzer ha ra", the evil inclination. It competes against the "yetzer ha tov", the good inclination. As humans, we each have these urges and regularly choose between them. Our choices determine our spiritual development and what kind of people we become.

In Christian tradition, consuming the fruit of the TKGE was the original sin committed by Adam and Eve that led to the fall of man as described in Genesis 3. The early Christian theologian and philosopher Augustine of Hippo emphasized that the fruits of that tree were not evil by themselves, because everything that God created was good. Rather it was Adam and Eve's willful disobedience of God that caused disorder in the creation. All of humanity is said to have inherited sin and guilt from Adam and Eve's sin.

In Muslim tradition, when God created Adam and Eve, he told them that they could enjoy everything in the Garden except for one particular tree, without naming it. Satan appeared to Adam and Eve, telling them the only reason God forbade them to eat from the tree was that they would become angels or immortal. When they ate from this tree, their sin is referred to as a "slip". They repented to God and asked for his forgiveness, and were forgiven.

So among the Abrahamic faiths, only the Christian has a concept of Original Sin and the Fall of Mankind. But in all three faiths, we find an answer to the question of why evil and difficulty exist in the world.

### Insights from the Kabbalah

Back to the Adam and Eve story. They were ejected from the garden paradise into the world as we know it. In that process, they accomplished two things:

1. Gained the Knowledge they sought, as represented by Da'ath (Knowledge) filling the empty space in the Sephiroth tree.

*David David*

### Hair Cuts

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

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

To date, Kaleo has raised almost \$1K for our clinic. Thank you very much for your dedication.



## From the Venerable Master Continued

Let us look at the two parts separately. The square as a tool of operative masons was used to test the accuracy of the sides of a stone; to prove that they were squares with regard to the other sides, and that all angles were identical. It thus acted as a standard from which the stones were judged as being fit or otherwise for the building.

The square has two meanings - the angle of 90°, the fourth part of a circle, and the two-armed implement containing an angle of 90°. It has been used symbolically for a long time. To the Chinese in 2500 BC "square" meant honest and straight-forward. By the 4th Century BC Mencius taught that all men must apply the square figuratively to their lives if they would walk in the straight paths of wisdom and keep within the bounds of honour and virtue.

Note, too, that nowhere in nature is a perfect square to be found. It must be made by man working with materials - wood, stone, metals - provided by nature. From this we infer that man must work with the GAOTU to secure the bounty He bestows upon His creatures.

In Masonry the square is a symbol of morality and is presented as one of the Great Lights, a Working Tool, and the emblem of the WM. It inculcates the principle of morality, honesty and truthfulness, and points out our duty to our neighbour, to all Mankind, to the Craft.

The compasses were used by operative masons to mark out the ground from the scaled plans of the intended structure. This instrument, working with one point in the centre, describes the circumference of a circle, thus limiting an area to the part enclosed. In the same way the compasses remind us that in His unerring and impartial justice, God has defined the limits of good and evil, and that we shall be rewarded or punished according to the way we have kept within this circumference or gone beyond it.

The symbolism of the compasses thus supplements the inner light we obtain from the Volume of the Sacred Law (VSL) by pointing out the duty we owe to ourselves - the duty of keeping our desires within due bounds, and of circumscribing our passions and prejudices. Without this voluntary restriction, this practice of self-discipline, we cannot be fully free.

The square and compasses, then, refer to a Mason's duty to the Craft and to himself, a symbol of Brotherhood appropriate to the ideals of Masonry. This combination is very old, too, as the Chinese for many years BC used the square and compasses to suggest order, regularity, and propriety.

The position of the square and compasses on the VSL has special significance now, connected with the progress of the candidate through the degrees. However, during the 18th Centu-

ry the points of the compasses and the ends of the arms of the square were directed away from the Master toward the candidate to indicate that he was included in the body of Freemasonry.

From the symbolism of the square and compasses we can learn the way to live. The standard of life, or the standard of living, cannot be measured in terms of material things like cars, TV sets and other technical devices, excellent though they are. They are merely aids to living. The real standard is measured in terms of intangible factors; obligation to the family and friends, widening to concern for our neighbours, to the acceptance of responsibility toward the weak - welfare of the community in place of gain for self. This is what we understand by morality, and this is what we practise when we act upon the square.

As Joseph Fort Newton says,

*A society without standards will be a society without stability and it will one day go down. Not only nations but also whole civilisations have perished in the past for lack of righteousness. Hence the importance attached to the square of virtue, and the reasons why Masons call it the symbol of their Craft. It is the symbol of that moral law upon which life must be based if it is to continue.*

So, we as Masons know that the square and compasses are not just abstract symbols, but through their symbolism they show us that every day, no matter with whom we are or where we are, we should "Square our actions and keep them within due bounds".

*Harsh Rampershad*



This month we are excited to highlight Christian, who has been receiving speech services from Scottish Rite since August 2022. Christian is such a sweet and truly hard working student. He has progressed so much since starting speech therapy. Christian's limited verbal output as well as some misarticulations made is difficult for peers and adults to understand his needs and interests. Christian's confidence has grown exponentially, as he is able to now speak more clearly and with longer utterances.



Christian's family has been a huge factor in his success, as they carry -over techniques and practice at home. He should be so proud of his accomplishments thus far, and I as well as his family are excited to be a part of his growth. Rachelle, Christian's mother, provided her own experience with Scottish Rite as follows:

"Alisha's speech therapy techniques have done so much for Christian. He can easily lose focus and gets uninterested easily, but Alisha is very creative during the session and keeps him engaged the entire time. Christian loves all the exercises that they do, and she always makes sure to incorporate things that he is interested in. Alisha gives the perfect amount of enthusiasm, motivation, and praise to Christian. She knows how to work with him.

When he knows he is having a session with Alisha he is happy and looks forward to seeing her. She does such a great job with him that he doesn't even realize how hard he is working. She challenges him and he improves more and more each session.

I love how she also suggests ways we can continue helping Christian with his speech day to day, this is very helpful. I absolutely love watching their sessions. It is amazing seeing Christian's vast improvement, and I am really in awe at each session. We are grateful that Alisha is part of the Scottish Rite team and blessed that she is working with our son.

We definitely will continue telling other parents about the clinic and have told other parents already. We know first hand how difficult it is to find resources for our special needs child. That is why we tell people about speech

**The following is a list of books that the Clinic would like to have to help the kids. If so inclined you can order from Amazon and have shipped to the SR, or buy and bring it in Thanks for your Consideration**

### List of Requested Books for Clinic Library

The Apple Pie Tree  
 Spot (the dog) any book from the series  
 The Gruffalo  
 Where the Wild Things Are  
 What Should Danny Do?  
 What Should Danny Do at School?  
 What Should Danny Do on Vacation?  
 Dr. Seuss (any book from the series)  
 Mercer Mayer (author) any book from the series  
 Sheep in a Jeep  
 Sheep in a Shop  
 Pirate Pete  
 Shark in the Park  
 Nick Sharat (author) series  
 There Was an Old Lady (any book from the series)  
 Love Monster  
 The Snowy Day  
 The Day It Rained Hearts  
 My Mouth is A Volcano  
 Bears Loose Tooth  
 Bear Wants More  
 Sneezzy the Snowman  
 A Snowy Surprise  
 Good Night Moon  
 Harry the Dirty Dog  
 Bear Snores On  
 Brown Bear, Brown Bear  
 The Zoo  
 Room on the Broom

### **List of books for the clinic continued**

The Carrot Seed  
 The Little Mouse, the Rid Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear  
 The Very Hungry Caterpillar  
 The Very Hungry Bear  
 The Very Sleepy Bear  
 The Mitten  
 Where is the Green Sheep  
 Mr. Grumpy's Motor Car  
 The Scarecrow's Hat  
 Spooky Wheels on the Bus  
 Pete the Cat – any book from the series  
 Llama Llama Red Pajama – any book from the series  
 Ketchup on Your Cornflakes  
 Run Turkey Run  
 Rosie's Walk  
 If you Give a Pig a Pancake  
 If you Give a Moose a Muffin

# Stated Meeting Menu

## Tuesday

### February 14th 2023

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

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

Mediterranean Salad

Chicken Riganati (Chicken with Lemon)

Greek Potatoes

Mixed Veggies

Dessert

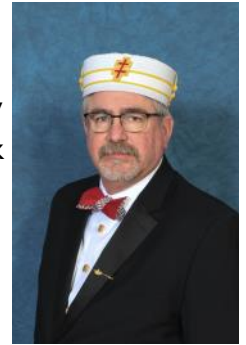
Remember if you do not have a reservation the cost of Dinner will be \$25 if and only if we can accommodate you.

### 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%.

### From the Secretary

Installation is behind us and we now have a new corps of officers. Thank you to those of you who are new to holding office at the Scottish Rite.



Unfortunately, we had to suspend 5 people this year who didn't pay their dues for 2022 and or contact me to get assistance. I never understand why folks won't simply return a call, we have always taken care of those who need it, but yet every year we lose a couple..

We also have an Almoners fund to assist in other matters than dues if one of our members is in distress, but it very seldom gets tapped. Remember, that is what we are supposed to do for our brothers, there is no shame in it, so if you are in need now or in the future, reach out to our Almoner.

This month we recognize our sweethearts, letters were sent to those who are local inviting them to come and join us, but remember all are welcome.

Brothers, this is not only the night we celebrate the ladies of our brothers who have passed, but also your significant others as well.

We have seen an uptick in folks coming down to enjoy the member center, which is great, that's why it exists. We hope that trend continues. We have a giant TV which would be great for watching games, or movies, we have a poker set for a friendly game, so please make a plan to use it.

And finally we got some good news in that Amazon wants to extend their contract for at least another year, this is great news as we can fund our budget without taking as much from our investments as originally planned. So 2023 is looking to be another good year for the Foundation.



### III. Chuck Cowden 33° Reunion Class

Spring Dates April 14 and 15 and May 5 and 6



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#### Petition for Degrees

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

_____		<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>
<i>Candidate's Signature</i>	<b>Degree Fee</b>	\$200	\$200
_____	<b>Annual Dues</b>	\$90	\$0 (For Current Year)
1st Sponsor PRINTED NAME	<b>Total Due:</b>	<b>\$290</b>	<b>\$200</b>
_____			
<i>1st Sponsor Signature</i>			
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2nd Sponsor PRINTED NAME			
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<i>2nd Sponsor Signature</i>			

I hereby authorize the San Jose Scottish Rite to charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
to Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ CVC \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

(Return Petition to Valley General Secretary's Office)

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*Signature of authorized card holder*





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

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

Lodge of Perfection Opens— Sweat Hearts Dinner

**Tuesday February 21st ~ SCVOA at San Jose 10 6:30 pm**

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

Chapter Opens

**Thursday March 9th ~ Chicken Feed at South Valley 187 6:30 pm**

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

Council Opens

**Tuesday February 14th and 15th ~ Reunion**

**Tuesday April 18th ~ SCVOA at Palo Alto 10 6:30 pm**

**Tuesday May 5th and 6th ~ Reunion**

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

Consistory Opens—Capping Cerimony