



## The Rite Word

### From the Venerable Master

Greetings, and welcome to the month of November. While this may feel like the last month of Autumn, it does not fully end until the end of December. November brings the Frost Moon (or Beaver Moon) as this is typically when we see the year's first frost.



One important date this month is on November 30th. St. Andrew's day is a celebrated day in Scotland, and around the globe. The name Andrew in English is translated from the Greek name *Ἀνδρέας* (*Andreas*), being derived from *ἀνδρείος* (*andreios*) meaning "manly, masculine". St. Andrew and his brother Simon called Peter were fishermen from the town of Galilee. Whom Jesus spoke to in the book of Matthew 'And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. (KJV)'.

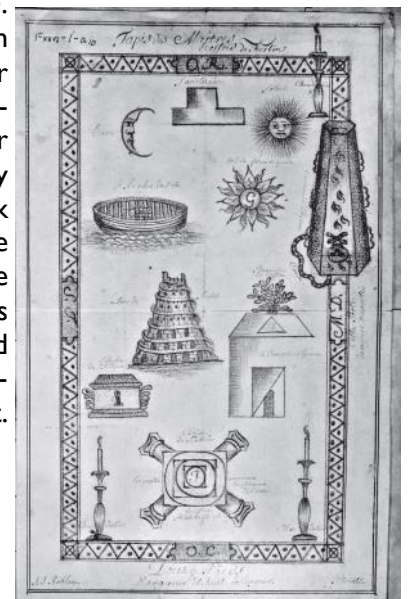
We observe in the Bible that Andrew was with Jesus on many of his monumental events. He was the first disciple Phillip spoke to, of Jesus being sought out by the Greeks. In the book of John we recount Andrew's finding of a young lad with five loaves and two fish, which Jesus used to perform the miraculous feeding of the five thousand. The last supper also shows the intimacy between Jesus and Andrew, as he was one of the four that sat and spoke upon the mount of olives, pertaining to his return.

St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland and has been venerated since around 1000 A.D. with feasts and festivities. In 1320 there was a declaration of independence in which he became the official patron saint. When we look back to the ninth century there was a

mighty battle preparing to occur between the English, and Scotland with King Angus. The King fell into a sleep one night, and during his dream state saw a promised victory over the English. During this slumber he envisioned the symbol of an "X" in the sky, which was the symbol of this patron saint. King Angus made a solemn vow the following, if Scotland were to win, St. Andrew would become their saint. The Scottish were victorious and we find the "X" upon the Scottish Flag in memory of St. Andrew.

As blue or symbolic Lodges are dedicated to the Holy Saints John, green or Scottish Lodges are dedicated to St. Andrew. The earliest evidence of Scottish Lodges appears in Lane's List of Lodges in 1733, depicting Lodge number 115, a Scots Masters Lodge working at the Devil Tavern in London. This tradition spread throughout England and to Europe and in 1742. German members of the *French Union* Lodge in London returned to Berlin and established a Scottish Lodge there called *l'Union*.

This lodge went on to become a mother Scottish Lodge chartering Scots Master Lodges in Germany and Denmark through the middle 1750s. Below we see the broken columns of the Temple placed in saltire, in commemoration of St. Andrew.



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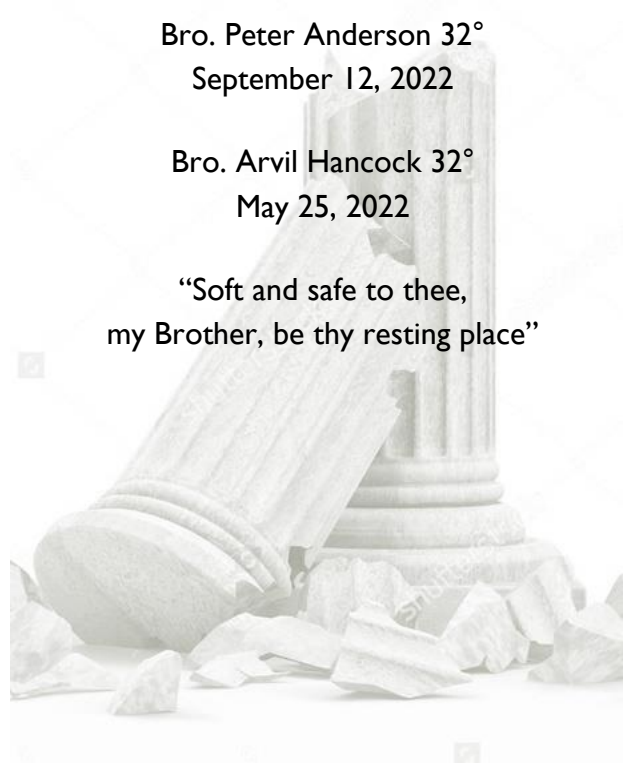
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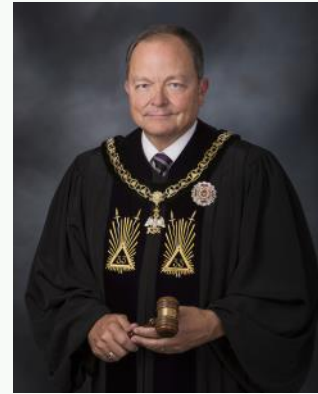
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### From the Master of Kadosh

The Consistory-hosted barbecue on **Sunday** September 25 was quite successful. Ill. Richard Fisher did all of the organization of the food and drinks and did all of the cooking. He and Hon. Wolfgang Lochner did most of the setup before I got there. Not knowing how many to expect they set up two dining tables with chairs by the cooking area and one table with chair at the cigar end. We were pleasantly surprised when we had to set up two more tables with chairs at each end of the patio.



By the time that we were cleaning up, we were out of burger buns, short of hot dog rolls, and the ice chest, once full of sodas, beer, water and wine was almost empty. My sincere thanks to all who helped and all who came to meet, greet and eat.



### From the Acting Wise Master

Congratulations to our recent class of Scottish Rite Masons! It was great to see such interest in the content of both conferred and communicated degrees by this new group as well as some of our more seasoned members.

Keeping on my main focus this year, I would like to make sure our new members are aware of the members lounge downstairs at the SJ Scottish Rite building. There is a great pool table, card tables, poker tables, a large screen TV (ideal of football and other sporting events), as well as some workout equipment if you are so inclined. Just outside you will often find members of San Jose Lodge no.10, Golden Rule #479, and Willow Glen Fraternity Lodge #399 with cigars, enjoying each other's fellowship, and regularly practicing all those virtues which make our Craft so great! With a little bit of pre-planning, you can even schedule a haircut with the resident barber (Kaleo) where your donation benefits the clinic.

If you need an excuse to see the lounge, I have it on good authority that Monday evenings following degree practices or Stated Meetings, there are lodge Brothers there using it. Come on by!

**Tim Lynch**



## From the Chief Knight

### .the 30<sup>th</sup> Degree - Knight Kadosh or the White and Black Eagle

This degree teaches us that to proceed beyond this degree and in life, we must overcome the fear of death.

“Death is inevitable, and in the grand scheme of the Grand Architect, it is the entrance to another existence.

We must all overcome what we fear most in order to fully cross the threshold of self-knowledge, even death is the gateway to the personal knowledge of God.”

There are a few symbols in this degree that some people tend to misunderstand.

The skull is a reminder that before death there is no rank or title Death does not care about virtues or crimes.

From the skull, we can not know who it belongs to, we simply know someone lived and died.

The crown is a symbol of all the kings, emperors, tyrants, and cowards who have abused the power and extinguished the fires of freedom with the blood of patriots.

The cross in this degree is not a symbol of Christianity but rather it represents all religions, and when it is placed next to or with the crown,

it becomes a symbol for unifying church and state, a condition that history has shown the world is a very dangerous pairing.

The pairing is the patron of ignorance and ally of despotism—against which we always must fight for the people and our brethren.



## From the Venerable Continued

Carpet of the Scots Master in Berlin after 1745 by  
Brother Roblau

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By the time Etienne Morin received the degree in Martinique in 1744, it had become *Vrais Maître Ecossais* or the True Scots Master. He was captured at sea on his return voyage and granted permission in London to establish a Perfect Scottish Lodge in Bordeaux in July 1745. This degree became *Grand Ecossais* or *Grand Élu Parfait Maître Ecossais* by 1749, after it was made the 10° and highest degree in Morin's first system called the *Elu Parfait* or Perfect Elect.

The most popular local Scottish high degrees were ordered and made inferior to this degree, and the earliest known network of Scottish High degrees was established in France and her colonial possessions in the Caribbean. In the 1745 ritual at the Bordeaux Municipal Library, there are still columns in saltire described on the flap of the apron. Ironically, we celebrate virtually every holiday in the Scottish Rite except the original Scottish Rite day of celebration, Saint Andrew's day.

Looking at how St. Andrew is intertwined to the 14th degree, we find several key notes of how this early form of Scots Master transformed into the degree that became the 14th. By the time Etienne Morin received the degree in 1744, it had become *Vrais Maître Ecossais* or True Scots Master. This degree became *Grand Ecossais* or *Grand Elu Parfait Maître Ecossais* by 1749. In the 1745 ritual at the Bordeaux Municipal Library, there are still columns in saltire described on the flap of the apron. Ironically we celebrate every holiday in the Scottish Rite except the original Scottish Rite day of celebration, Saint Andrews day.

David M. Kempshall

## Modern Development of the Kabbalah, Part I

Study and development of Kabbalistic ideas continues today. But all the essential texts had been written prior to the year 1600. In modern times, we move from authoring texts to interpreting them. Just as there were a variety of Kabbalistic texts, there arose a great variety of ways to put Kabbalistic ideas into practice. This month, we will discuss to early modern Kabbalists of whose contributions every student of Kabbalah should be aware.

### Baal Shem Tov

Rabbi Israel ben Eliezer (1698–1760), known as the Baal Shem Tov, "master of the good name" or "one with a good reputation". He was a Jewish mystic and healer, and is regarded as the founder of Hasidic Judaism. He lived in what was then Poland but now part of Ukraine.

A central tenet in the Baal Shem Tov's teaching is the direct connection with the divine, he called "devekut" (pronounced: dev eh KOOT), which is infused in every human activity and every waking hour. The literal translation of the word *devekut* is "stickiness". It follows that prayer is of supreme importance, along with the mystical significance of Hebrew letters and words. His innovation lies in "encouraging worshipers to follow their distracting thoughts to their roots in the divine".

For most people, getting their distracting thoughts under control is a major challenge. Persuading yourself to stop thinking of something makes you think about it even more. This is where learning to channel your thoughts, rather than trying to stop them, is more effective and less frustrating. One way to do that is to speak or intone words or phrases, like reciting a mantra tens or even hundreds of times.

Rabbi Eliezer is also regarded as the founder of Hasidic Judaism, a Jewish religious group that arose as a spiritual revival movement during the 18th century, and spread rapidly throughout Eastern Europe. Today, most affiliates reside in Israel and the United States.

The Hasidim ("pious ones") adhere closely both to Orthodox Jewish practice – with the movement's own unique emphases – and the traditions of Eastern European Jews. Many of the latter, including various special styles of dress and the use of the Yiddish language, are nowadays associated almost exclusively with Hasidism.

Hasidic thought draws heavily on Lurianic Kabbalah (see Isaac Luria in last month's article). Teachings emphasize God's immanence (being present everywhere) in the universe, the need to cleave and be one with Him at all times, the devotional aspect of religious practice, and the spiritual dimension of corporeality and mundane acts.

The alternative to immanence is transcendence, to be past or beyond the limits of ordinary experience. The Kabbalah has interesting approaches to explaining how God can be both immanent and transcendent at the same time. We will talk more about that in future articles.

Hasidic Jews are organized in independent sects known as courts, each headed by its own hereditary leader, a Rebbe (pronounced: REB bee). Reverence and submission to the Rebbe are key tenets,

as he is considered a spiritual authority with whom the follower must bond to gain closeness to God. The various courts share basic convictions, but operate apart and possess unique traits and customs. This includes a special style of dress and speaking the Yiddish language.

Note that while Rebbe is a word similar to Rabbi, the two are quite different. A Rabbi is a formally educated student of Torah and Jewish tradition. He is an expert who can answer your questions, give you guidance, and even debate a matter of law or prophecy with you. As a minister, he also holds ritual services, such as Shabbat (the sabbath) and Yom Kippur (the day of atonement). As mentioned above, a Rebbe is also an authority figure, but one the Hasid is expected to honor and obey. You don't argue with him. He will inform you of the correct point-of-view.

### Yiddish and the Ashkenazi Jews

Yiddish is a Germanic language historically spoken by Ashkenazi Jews. It originated during the 9th century in Central Europe. It is based on High German fused with many elements taken from Hebrew and to some Aramaic. Most varieties of Yiddish include elements of Slavic languages and the vocabulary contains traces of Romance languages. Yiddish is primarily written in the Hebrew alphabet.

DNA studies revealed that Ashkenazi Jews originate from an ancient (2000–700 BCE) population of the Middle East who had spread to Europe. Another study suggests that Ashkenazim branched off from other Jews around the time of the destruction of the First Temple, 2,500 years ago. These facts put to rest the suggestion that Jews from Europe are not really ethnic Israelites, or that they have mixed with the general population to the point that there is no Israelite DNA left.

The name Ashkenazi derives from the biblical figure "Ashkenaz", the first son of Gomer, son of Japheth, son of Noah, and a patriarch in the Table of Nations, found in Genesis chapter 10. Of all the ancient nations listed in the table, only Egypt still exists as a nation today.

Why should we know about Ashkenazi Jews? More than two-thirds of them were systematically murdered in the Holocaust. From the survivors came the movers and shakers of Zionism, a movement to re-establish, develop, and protect a Jewish nation in what is now Israel. This is why you find so many Israeli people with fair skin, blond and brown hair, and blue or green eyes. And why so many Palestinian and Arabic people regard modern Israel as form of Western colonialism.

### Vilna Gaon

Elijah ben Solomon Zalman, known as the Vilna Gaon (1720–1797), was also known by his Hebrew acronym HaGra ("HaGaon Rabbenu Eliyahu": "The sage, our teacher, Elijah"). He was born in Sielec, then part of the Polish Lithuanian Commonwealth, now part of Belarus. He died in Vilnius,

then part of the Russian Empire, now in Lithuania.

Vilna Gaon became a scholar at a very young age. By the time he was twenty years old, rabbis were submitting their most difficult halakhic problems to him for legal rulings. At one point, Vilna Gaon was offered the office of rabbi but he declined. In his later years he also refused to give approbations. He led a retiring life, only lecturing from time to time to a few chosen pupils.

The word "halakhic" used above refers to the Halakhah or "the Way". Halakhah is the totality of laws and ordinances that have evolved since biblical times to regulate religious observances and the daily life and conduct of the Jewish people. Having been in development for thousands of years, the body of law, decisions, practices, and opinions is so large that even the experts need guidance once in a while.

The term "approbation" is the same as imprimatur, an official permission to publish a book. Any book carrying an imprimatur is instantly recognized as a permitted authentic source of information... at least it was authentic in the eyes of the person granting the permission. Imprimatur is simply a Latin word meaning "is printed".

Anybody from a Roman Catholic background is familiar with the word imprimatur, which means a license to print a book under church authority. Another term is "nihil obstat", a Latin phrase meaning "nothing stands in the way". It is certification by an official censor that a book is not objectionable on doctrinal or moral grounds.

Vilna Gaon was a prolific author, writing such works as glosses on the Babylonian Talmud and Shulchan Aruch, a running commentary on the Mishnah (early collection of Jewish oral traditions), and insights on the Pentateuch (first five books of the Bible), commentaries on the Proverbs and other books of the Tanakh (Hebrew Bible) later on in his life. However, none of his manuscripts were published during his lifetime.

### **Worries over the Hasidim**

When Hasidic Judaism became influential in his native town, the Vilna Gaon joined the "opposers" or Misnagdim, rabbis and heads of the Polish communities, to curb Hasidic influence. What didn't they like? The traditional rabbis opposed the Hasidic movement because they feared a continuation of Sabbatean theology and perceived Hasidism to have antinomian tendencies.

The Sabbateans were the followers, disciples, and believers in Sabbatai Zevi (1626–1676), a rabbi and Kabbalist who was proclaimed to be the Jewish Messiah in 1666. That same year, when Sabbatai visited Constantinople, he was imprisoned by the Grand Vizier of the Ottoman Empire, who gave him the choice of death by ordeal or conversion to Islam. He converted. Needless to say, that action disheartened the world's Jewish communities and subjected them to the derision of Muslims and Christians for being so gullible as to believe in Sabbatai Zevi.

Another messianic claimant arose in the person of Jacob Frank (1726–1791). Frank rejected religious norms and said that his followers were obligated to transgress as many moral boundaries as

possible, a practice called antinomianism. After Frank's death, his daughter Eve, who had been declared in 1770 to be the incarnation of the Shekhinah or the dwelling of the divine presence, continued to lead the movement with her brothers.

We note that in the Christian Gospels, Jesus of Nazareth was often identified as the Messiah by his close followers. His untimely execution by the Romans likewise dashed his disciples' hopes. But the story of Jesus takes a very different direction from that of the traditional Jewish Messiah. This is an interesting topic for another time.

Antinomianism (Greek anti, "against"; nomos, "law") is opposition to the law and, more especially, a religiously inspired rejection and abolition of moral, ritual, and other traditionally accepted rules and standards. The term applies to doctrines asserting that at certain times, or for certain individuals or groups, mankind is no longer bound by constricting rules and norms applicable to less perfect times or individuals.

During what times? The most common example is the anticipated Messianic Age, when the old things have passed away and a new order is established. This is talking about a future period of time on Earth in which the Messiah will reign and bring universal peace and brotherhood, without any evil.

Who are the exempt individuals? People who have attained higher knowledge, salvation, or initiation into certain mysteries. That is why the problem of antinomianism comes up in connection with Gnostic, mystical, or messianic movements.

The Kabbalah's basic aim was to strengthen the Jewish religious tradition. Antinomian tendencies in Judaism are often based on arbitrary interpretations of rabbinic statements to the effect that in the "world to come" all ritual prohibitions would be abolished. Until said abolishment actually takes place, the commandments are still in full force for us less-than-perfect individuals living in these less-than-perfect times.



**The Personal Representative  
and  
The Venerable Master  
of the  
Scottish Rite Valley of San Jose**

**Invite all**

Scottish Rite Freemasons and all other Brother Freemasons to

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

**Tuesday, December 6, 2022**

**6:30 PM to 9:00 PM**

**Brother David Kampschafer 32nd Degree**

**First Lt Commander Council of Kadosh**

**Valley of San Jose**

**Will present his paper**

**The Four Cardinal Virtues - the Cornerstones of Our Fraternity**

**6:30 PM - Social Gathering**

**7:00 PM - Speaker**

**7:30 PM - Festive Agape/Dinner**

**Cost \$25.00 Paid at time of Reservation**

**Requested attire is white tie & tails, tux or dark suit & tie with SR Cap**

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

Reservations not canceled by December 2, 2022 must be honored.



This month I am proud to highlight Kian, a sweet, dedicated and hard-working student who has been working with his speech therapist, Alisha, for 7 months at Scottish Rite. Kian's family heard about Scottish Rite through Kian's pediatrician.



Kian's mother, Ann, describes Kian's language prior to services as "...mostly speaking in one to three word phrases. When answering questions he almost always responded with just one word. This sometimes made it hard to understand what he was saying since he didn't give the context to his answers. In addition, when someone did not understand him, he would almost always just repeat what he had said before rather than elaborate or explain so that the other person could understand".

Kian currently works through activities to help expand his sentences by sequencing events, answering wh- (who, what, when, where, why and how) questions in full sentences, and using the verbalizing and visualizing technique to describe objects in great detail. Ann says that "Kian now speaks in longer phrases and sentences. He also uses more descriptive language, which helps us understand him much better. In addition, he is much more likely to elaborate or restate differently when we tell him we don't understand something he said".

Per parent, "Kian has Fragile X Syndrome, which causes intellectual disability, sensory issues, and delays in all areas, including social skills, speech, and fine and gross motor skills. He gets some therapy at school to address some of these delays, but his physician and others familiar with his disability recommend tutoring and additional therapies outside of school, including speech therapy, occupational therapy, and social skills. All of these services are extremely expensive, even with health insurance. Having access to high quality speech therapy through Scottish Rite means Kian is able to receive crucial services that would otherwise be difficult to afford".

Kian's family has had a great experience at the clinic. Per parents, "Alisha's speech therapy skills have far exceeded our expectations. Kian has a lot of difficulty focusing, but Alisha keeps him engaged throughout his sessions with her enthusiasm and by incorporating his interests and photographs from his daily life. At school, Kian tends to get frustrated easily when tasks are difficult for him. However, Alisha makes speech therapy so enjoyable for him that he doesn't even realize how hard he is working and how much she challenges

him. She also suggests ways we can continue helping his language development in his daily life, which is really helpful.

It is a joy to observe their sessions. She is also very caring towards him and our family. We are really grateful to have her on his team! We definitely would tell other parents about the clinic and have told other parents. Having a child with special needs can be extremely stressful and sometimes it is difficult to locate much needed resources. As a result, we tell people about speech therapy at the Scottish Rite clinic and how helpful it has been to us every time we have the opportunity."

We are so pleased to hear that Kian's family sees steady progress in his speech development. Kian has truly been a joy to work with every session. He continues to make great strides in expanding his utterances, using descriptive words, and answering wh- questions with more clarity. He should be so proud of the progress he has made so far!



# Stated Meeting Menu Tuesday

**November 8th 2022**

(Vegetarian Entrée by **REQUEST ONLY** call the office, by November 4th)

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

- Green Salad
- Ham and Turkey
- Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes
- Mixed Veggies
- Bread
- Desserts

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%.

### Cost for Life Membership

Age	Factor	Amount
Under 49	21X	3255
50-54	19X	2945
55-59	17X	2635
60-65	14X	2170
Over 65	11X	1705

### From the Secretary

We are in the process of finishing our reunion. At the December Stated meeting we will have the capping ceremony and will also confer the 18th degree after dinner since we had to communicate it during the reunion.



Also at the December meeting we will be honoring the 25/50 year members from 2022.

At the November meeting we will have our annual Military recognition night.

We are going to be updating our website, and give it more functionality, including the ability to make reservations and pay online. We will also be adjusting the cost of meals starting in January, so now is a good time to buy an annual pass and lock in today's pricing.

Dues are coming in at a steady pace, thanks to those that have paid, if you have not, done so, please pay as soon as you can.

Also, now is a good time to think about buying a life membership. The table is on the other side of the page for the costs. If you have already paid your dues and wish to instead do the Life membership, we can apply what you have already paid to the amount. Please let me know if you are interested.

And finally, come down and join us, you pay your dues, why not enjoy the benefit of the brotherhood. Bring some friends and watch a game, or hang out and shoot some pool. If you wish to do so on a night when we are not normally open, just let me know and I can make arrangements.

**III. Chuck Cowden 33° Reunion Class**  
**Spring Dates TBD**



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, 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>
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<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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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(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 November 8th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm**

Council Opens— Military Recognition and Capping Ceremony

Regular Meeting Attire

### **Tuesday December 6th ~ Night of Instruction 6:30 pm**

### **Tuesday December 13th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm**

Lodge of Perfection Opens— Elections 25/50 year recognition

Caping Ceremony and 18th Degree Conferral

Regular Meeting Attire

### **Tuesday January 10th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 5:30 pm**

Lodge of Perfection Opens

Annual Installation immediately following Meeting

Incoming officers arrive no later than 5pm for pictures.

Formal Colors