



The Rite Word

From the Personal Representative

If you are reading this article, then you are one of many who can say, “yeaaaaa, we made another year”.

Happy New Years to all and welcome to a 2023.

Covid 19 is fully passed and we are back to where we were prior to 2019. I hope each of you that has stayed away from the Rite for a while, will come back to experience what the Rite has to offer.

2022 was a tough year for us. Our attendance at our meetings has been smaller, we only brought in 4 new members during the year, and financially we saw a drop in our positive growth. But we did get through it, and now on to 2023. By the time you read this, we will only be a few days from installing our new officers for the year. Help me congratulate them and wish them well as they lead our organization.

2022 was not all doom and gloom. We did have some successes.

Our clinicians continue to give valuable care to our children in their speech therapy. We found during the pandemic since we were forced to treat the kids over a zoom format, that for some, it was a better environment for the kids and parents alike. For those reasons, we continue to treat some of the kids through video therapy. With parents having to be more involved, in many cases, the therapy is more productive. It is a deci-



sion made jointly by the parents and clinicians alike. But however they are treated, kids ARE being treated, and we could not be more proud of what is being accomplished in their treatment.

Although a small class of only four, we were able to initiate 4 new members this past Fall. And we conferred the Reunion live and in person. It was a small class, but we are optimistic for this coming year and the Reunion we did hold was tremendously successful. We have set a goal for this Spring of conferring all 11 of the degrees in the Lodge of Perfection. We are building new degree teams. So, if you can help, Please volunteer to take on a part or two in the new degree teams.

We recognized another graduating senior and again awarded a \$10,000 four-year scholarship to her. We feel good that we are able to help effect lives with our Foundation dollars.

We renewed our contract with Amazon for another year, leasing our parking lot to them for their delivery vans and employee parking. The half million dollars derived from this contract is almost 2 ½ times what we can bring in with our normal rental program in the building. And we don’t need extra manpower, janitorial supplies or wear and tear on the building. We just stay out of their way and continue to collect rent checks. The current lease ends the end of May. Hopefully, they will extend the lease for another year. A real financial boon for our Foundation. We have started seeing more outside rentals as the pandemic has lifted, but we

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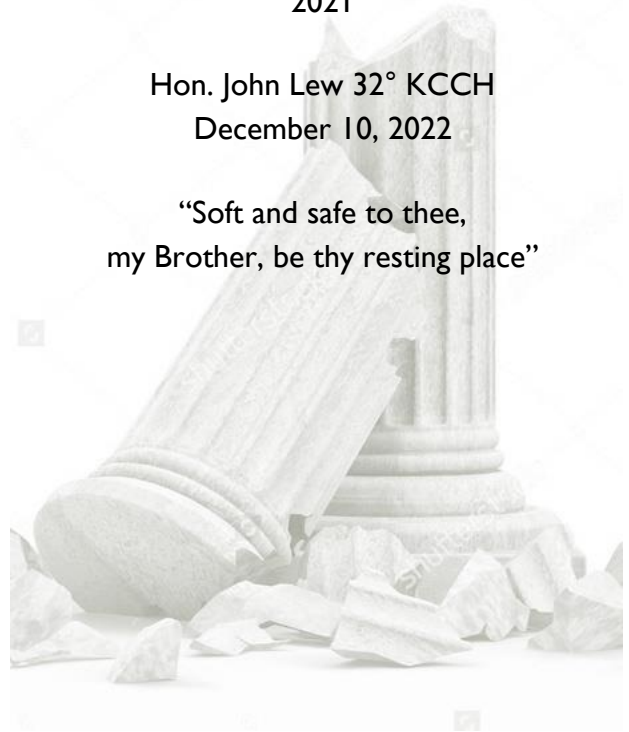
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Bro. William Crawford 32°
2021

Hon. John Lew 32° KCCH
December 10, 2022

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



Note;

Due to a lack of sign ups the Night of Instruction scheduled for December 6th has been canceled.

If you signed up, please see the Angela or Gregg for reimbursement

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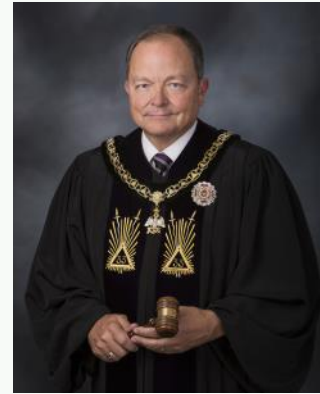
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The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of San Jose, in the Orient of California, acknowledge and yield all allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

From the Master of Kadosh

This is the end of the run and my last office in these bodies. My great thanks to the other officers in the Consistory line particularly Ill. Richard Fisher for all he did to back me up for our outing which was a fizzle because because the Unger family was involved with a 911 emergency call, and nobody else showed up for the trip. Both Ill. Richard and Hon. Wolfgang handled all the set-up and cooking for the BBQ, and all officers except me were at the reunion. I had been out of state, but I finally made it home for the 32nd degree. I know that these officers: Ill. Richard, Hon. Wolfgang, Bro. Helmuth and Bro. Eddie plus the No. 5 to be appointed for 2023 will make a fine team.



I am not leaving, but pushing 80 and with health issues, I need to step back. I will be there when I can.

See you at installation.

From the Acting Wise Master

First I would like to congratulate and thank all of our Brothers who have been elected and agreed to serve our craft in their various positions in this Masonic year. I also think it is important to point out that there are many Brothers who serve who are not in elected positions and I want to thank them as well. We all have talents to give and celebrate, each being as important as the next in how our fraternity works.

As we continue to rebuild in our Blue lodges which helps all appendant bodies as well, let us find ways to strengthen our bonds with each other and find those Brothers who might need help from our talents. Opportunities to find more out about your Brethren are often at social gatherings after degrees or degrees practices or even just because someone holds a gathering.

Here is an open invitation to all Brothers: Almost every Monday evening, San Jose Lodge no.10 and Golden Rule Lodge no.479, following whatever lodge activity they have for the evening, visit the Membership Lounge on the bottom floor of the SJSR center. Some smoke, many do not. Some drink, some do not. All that gather engage in great conversation. Come be a part of it and grow your connections to your Brothers.

Thank you

Tim Lynch

From the Venerable Master

Greetings, and welcome to this new year. I would like to start by thanking Illustrious Ken, Illustrious Gregg, Angela, and the Lodge of Perfection officers. Through your continued assistance we find our Valley, Its officer lines, and clinic are bettered by your leadership and participation. This is now the time of the year when the officer terms are up, and the new lines are to be installed. This, like the tides that ebb and flow, means it is time for brother Naresh to lead our Lodge of Perfection with his corps of officers. He is an abundantly qualified brother that I know will lead the body superbly, and look forward to his year with full support.



The fondness I hold when looking back at what the Valley of San Jose accomplished this year is heartwarming. The reunion not only brought in new members, but showcased the talents of our valley on epic levels. There were many helping hands, and new brothers in new positions during this reunion. If you are not part of a degree team, I would strongly suggest you join one, there is no further intimate connection to learning from the degrees than taking a part in it allowing us to internalize the information further.

The festive boards are always a wonderful time to hone our works. Brother Cowden has always done nothing short of outstanding when orchestrating these events. These times let us break bread with each other, connect with ones on a social level, and open our minds to new learned thoughts. If you have never been, I strongly suggest you attend the next one that we have this ensuing year.

Our Language Clinic is here to help our community's children. With these licensed clinicians, the Valley of San Jose was able to help many children this year through our continued support. Through these good works we are enabled to touch the world exponentially. I always suggest that if one has not visited to see what our talented clinicians accomplish, stop by and arrange a visit through Illustrious Hall the General Secretary. There are truly miracles that happen just on the other side of the break room doors. Do not forget that the clinicians asked us all to donate new books to the clinic since all the old ones were pitched when we initially began the shut down from covid.

Looking at the year and articles written, there is one individual I need to give a very special thanks to. Brother Josef Wäges 32° Freemason, is a member of the Blue Friars, member of Plano Lodge #768, Fate Lodge #802, the Dallas Valley of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry (Southern Jurisdiction), Fellow of the Grand College of Rites, Fellow of the Philaethés, full member of the Texas Lodge of Research, Michigan Lodge of Research and life member of the Missouri Lodge of Research. Editor of The Secret School of Wisdom, the Authentic Rituals and Doctrines of the Illuminati, L'École secrète de sagesse, Rituels et doctrines authentiques des Illuminati: Une école secrète de

From the PR Continued

are far away from where we were prior to the onset of the pandemic.

2022 was truly a tough spot for the Valley's Financial health, and many decisions had to be made on where to cut expenses and what to do to raise income. Unfortunately, it was the first year since I took on the role as Personal Rep, that we did not make our budget goals. A hard pill to swallow, but a reality we will deal with this coming year.

This coming year, being an odd-numbered year, we will have the opportunity to recognize a few of our brothers for their outstanding support to the valley, by elevating them to the rank of Inspector General Honorary or 33 Degree, as well as bestowing the rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour or KCCH. Supreme Council will hold its Biennial Sessions in the Fall, and we will be informed of who will receive honors this year.

On a sadder note, losing any member is heart wrenching and tough for each of us in different ways. No member is more important than another, but I would be remiss if I did not recognize the loss our Valley had to withstand this past year with the passing of Ill Randy Downey. Although we knew of his fight with cancer, he was taken from us suddenly and much earlier than expected. Besides being one of our Masters, he was an integral part of our degree teams, administration of the Valley, and a wise counsel on to how we should operate within the valley. His accomplishments are too numerous to list, but I can truly say, it will take three or four other members to pick up the various functions Randy handled. He will be truly missed and our heart and prayers go out to Mickey as she navigates without him. Farewell dear brother!!!

Finally, I want to recognize the work accomplished by our fabulous staff. In reality, they are not just staff, but a huge part of our family. Ill Gregg, Angela and Monica are truly the ones who see that everything is accomplished for our members, that the building is in top shape and that our Valley thrives. No matter the obstacle, things just get done, and without a lot of fanfare. I can not thank them enough for their efforts and ac-

complishments. They make me and our entire Valley look good. Thanks for everything you do.

And a huge thank-you to our four outgoing Masters, Honorable Brandon Duenas, KCCH (Venerable Master), Bro. Tim Lynch (Wise Master), who stepped in upon the passing of Ill Randy Downey, Ill Jack Harris, 33rd Degree (Commander of Kadosh), and Honorable John Unger, KCCH (Master of Kadosh of the Consistory). They can all be very proud of how they helped lead our Valley.

With 2022 behind us, we look forward to a more prosperous new year, and a new corps of officers who will write a new chapter in our history. Please come out and show your support for the new leadership team.

Always remember, YOU are a valued member of our valley and we need your support. Please come out and help make the Valley as successful as it can be!

I look forward to seeing each of you over this coming year. Come on out and help make a difference!



. Kabbalah, In the Beginning

Where shall we start our reading of Kabbalah? How about the beginning? Makes sense, right? From pretty much any religious viewpoint, the beginning begins with a supreme being taking action, in some way, to either organizing existing material or creating it out of nothing. If the material already existed, what form was it in? Where did it come from? If the material did not previously exist, from what was it made?

You can find answers to these questions in many ancient texts. But they are really just speculations based on human understanding and reasoning. You can find answers in science, too. Theories like the "Big Bang". While they are based on more advanced and verified knowledge yet they are also speculations based on human understanding and reasoning.

Every Entered Apprentice Mason hears this phrase: "In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light' and there was light". That comes from Genesis 1:1-3.

In the Kabbalah, even before the creation, there was a manifestation of Ein Sof (Hebrew for "there is not, end") or Infinity. From a human point-of-view, prior to this manifestation, there was not even nothing. Ein is nothingness. It forms a barrier that is beyond the limit of the human intellect. Humans can neither see it nor comprehend it, which is why we use the word, nothingness.

Sof, or end, manifests next. Sof establishes the idea of limits, in terms of dimension, time, density, or any other characteristic you might apply to anything. Humans can understand "the end" or "limits". Humans assume that everything has a beginning and an end. Everything contains things that can be observed, measured, manipulated, and experimented upon... except, of course, Ein Sof, the limitless inconceivable reality concealed by nothingness.

Things that can be observed, measured, manipulated, and experimented upon form the the basis of science, the systematic method of searching for verifiable facts. But as we noted, when you search for Ein Sof, all you see is nothingness, because Ein Sof is beyond human perception and understanding. Note that just because you perceive nothing does not prove nothing is there.

The next thing manifested from Ein Sof is Aur (Hebrew for "light"). This kind of light is a form of energy that provides the material and power to build the universe and set it into motion. Or to fire off the "Big Bang". More about that in a later article.

Scottish Rite Masons hear about the Kabbalah in the Fourth

Degree. They hear the word and see a symbolic tree. When they return to the classroom, the Brother communicating the Scottish Rite Degrees may give a more accurate description of the Etz Hayyim (Hebrew: "Tree of Life") which manifests after Ein Sof Aur. This Tree of Life is not the same as the one that the Lord God planted in the Garden of Eden, described in mentioned in Genesis 2:9. We will tackle those topics in a separate article.

Although this is speculation on the author's part, a particular word is spoken in the Fourth Degree that sounds very close to a concept in Isaac Luria's Kabbalah, called Tzimtzum, meaning "contaction". Ein Sof, being unlimited in every aspect, has to go through a process of contraction in order to manifest in a limited, material capacity and pursue the work of creating a physical universe.

Now let us look at Genesis 1:1 once again. In good King James English it says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." What does the original Hebrew say? Well, it's complicated. Because who did what and when is not clear. For example, the word "God" is in the form of a direct object. That is, God is not doing the action but is the receiver or result of the action. One scholar translates it as, "At the beginning of creation of God..."

Wait! Whoa! Hold it! Say what? What is this about creating God? We were just talking about Ein Sof, the limitless inconceivable reality concealed by nothingness. Wasn't that God? Not the way most humans think of Him / Her / It / Them.

Humans need a God Being who brings order from chaos. Humans possess a fundamental need of order because they cannot deal with chaos. We ask questions... Who am I?, Why do I exist?, What is the meaning of life? For that matter, What is life? When does it begin? Eventually, humans ask about what is the right thing to do, which action produces the best outcome, and how can I avoid pain and loss.

Humans developed religions, each with its idea of a God Being, to answer those questions. Passing through the filter of religious tradition, those answers may be incomplete, overly simplistic, or outright wrong. Yet those answers enabled human beings to anchor themselves in reality. Or at least what they perceive as reality. What matters is that humans can understand the answers and apply them with positive results. We no longer just exist, we have a purpose and are laboring toward a worthwhile goal.

Kabbalah says yes, humans need a God Being that they can interact with, in their intellectually and spiritually limited way. Therefore, God, as we think of Him / Her / It / Them, was the first thing created. This was not a separate, lesser deity, like the demiurge that many Gnostics believed in. It's all Ein Sof. In some Kabbalistic systems, this human-perceivable manifestation is called "Small Face", as compared the full dose of Ein Soph, or "Vast Face".

The Small Face version of Ein Sof is the entity that designed, created, and manages the universe, using the power of Ein Sof Aur or limitless light. In other words, the universe and everything in it, is a manifestation of Ein Sof. And Small Face is the manifestation of Ein Sof we call God, in a form that humans can conceive and understand.

In the movie "The Ten Commandments", Moses, in the avatar of Charlton Heston, is shown on Mount Sinai talking with a Being that speaks in an ultra-bass voice and instructs him to rescue the Israelite people from slavery in Egypt. Moses asks the Being for Its name.

In the polytheistic world that Moses knew, there existed a vast accumulation of deities. Like all manmade deities, they supposedly had supernatural powers and definitely had human-like personalities. If you claimed to be acting on orders from one of them, people would ask you the deity's name, so they would know which one sent you. It all made perfect sense in those days.

The Being with the ultra-bass voice answers, "...I Am That I Am. Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you." See Exodus 3:14.

Using what we have learned, that name might now hold a new meaning. First, we know the ultra-bass voice belongs to the Small Face idea of Ein Sof, because it is interacting with Moses, a human being. How does Ein Sof introduce Itself to Moses? "I am. I am the one that always existed and will forever exist. I am existence." [Author's interpretation].

If somebody asks you, what you think God is, you can tell them, "Existence". Think about that for a while.

From the Chief Knight

Greeting!

As this year comes to an end I wish to thank everyone who have supported the Knight for this year.

We have accomplished a number of things with the Kuts for Kids and the Koins for Kids program doing very well. At the Jan meeting, I will provide an update for the Koins for Kids program. This is also the month when Hogmanay is celebrated in Scotland.

Hogmanay is the Scottish word for the last day of the old year and is synonymous with the celebration of the New Year in the Scottish manner. It is normally followed by a further celebration on the morning of New Year's Day (1 January) or in some cases, 2 January—a Scottish bank holiday.

The origins of Hogmanay are unclear, but it may be derived from Norse and Gaelic observances of the winter solstice. Customs vary throughout Scotland, and usually include gift-giving and visiting the homes of friends and neighbors, with special attention given to the first-foot, the first guest of the new year.

There are many customs, both national and local, associated with Hogmanay. The most widespread national custom is the practice of first-footing, which starts immediately after midnight. This involves being the first person to cross the threshold of a friend or neighbor and often involves the giving of symbolic gifts such as salt (less common today), coal, shortbread, whisky, and black bun (a rich fruit cake), intended to bring different kinds of luck to the householder. Food and drink (as the gifts) are then given to the guests. This may go on throughout the early hours of the morning and well into the next day (although modern days see people visiting houses well into the middle of January). The first-foot is supposed to set the luck for the rest of the year. Traditionally, tall, dark-haired men are preferred as the first-foot.

The Hogmanay custom of singing "Auld Lang Syne" has become common in many countries. "Auld Lang Syne" is a Scots poem by Robert Burns, based on traditional and other earlier sources. It is now common to sing this in a circle of linked arms that are crossed over one another as the clock strikes midnight for New Year's Day, though it is only intended that participants link arms at the beginning of the final verse, before rushing into the center as a group.

Let us celebrate the coming new year with warm wishes for our fellow men and look forward to the coming year with joy and excitement.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you and the Knights of Saint Andrew it has been an honor and a privilege.

mar sin leat (Gaelic for good-bye)



David M. Kempshall

From the Venerable Master Continued

Sagesse, and On Materialism and Idealism. I owe this phenomenal masonic author so much, for in 2021 he strongly urged me to pursue writing, of which I was not too keen on. Through his helping editing what I wrote, I feel our Rite Word and information therein has benefited greatly. If you are not familiar with this brother, I strongly urge you to read some of his amazing works of literature and thought.

We find that in Middle English Januarie, from Latin Januarius, 1st month of the ancient Roman year, is from Janus the Roman god. In ancient Roman religion and myth, Janus (/ˈdʒeɪnəs/; Latin: IANVS (Iānus), pronounced [ˈjaː.nus]) is the god of beginnings, gates, transitions, time, duality, doorways, passages, and endings. He is usually depicted as having two faces, since he looks to the future and to the past. While we must not forget the past, let us each step through the doorway of the new year to a world of possibilities as if exiting the cave in Plato's allegory. For where we go one, we go all.



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.



Our Newest Scottish Rite Members



Meet Arzad! He has been coming to the RiteCare Childhood Language Center of San Jose since September and is doing great! Arzad is nearly three years old and started therapy at our clinic with about five words. His parents were concerned about his speech and language development as well as his eye contact and responding to his name. While he had received some therapy in the past, his progress was limited. His pediatrician recommended that his parents contact our facility for services.



His mom and dad have noted tremendous improvement in the last couple of months. Arzad now uses more than 30 words and is responding to his name with more consistency. He is beginning to point to items he wants and is using eye contact as well. His parents were coached to limit Arzad's exposure to television and to focus on following his lead in play to help increase his interest in playing together and using words. Specific activities were provided to his parents to help increase his interest in communicating. Arzad's parents have been so happy with their in-person therapy, and they are excited about his progress. Both his mom, dad, and even Arzad's grandmother have been instrumental in carrying out therapy techniques at home to help Arzad. His parents are so grateful for the therapy they have received and commented recently, "In person services has been the most rewarding, and Rachel is very patient in working with Arzad. Hearing Arzad talk and expanding on his word list is very rewarding. We wish we had more hours of speech because it has improved Arzad a lot. Rachel has been wonderful in giving us feedback and tips on how to talk to Arzad. We have learned so much and Arzad has been improving on his words expanding his word list. This clinic will work with your child and parents. They will guide you to the right path. Speech and language takes time to comprehend and this clinic provides excellent techniques on how we can make it happen. Thank you for everything you are doing for us. We very much appreciate your in-person services."

We are so proud of the progress Arzad has made in the past few months! He is such a sweet and fun kiddo! We are looking forward to continuing to help him and his family!

Please consider donating to our clinic to help support the services we provide to families in need like Arzad. We appreciate your support! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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
 Sneezy 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

Stated Meeting Menu

Tuesday

January 10th 2023

(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY call the office, by January 6th)

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

Green Salad

Red Chili (Beef)

White Chili (Chicken)

Black Bean Chili (Vegetarian)

Corn Bread

Cake

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

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

Personal Space Camp

From the Secretary

Welcome to a New Year. Since it is an odd year, we will once again be able to recognize a couple of our brothers with Scottish Rite Honors. This will be held on Sept. 9, 2023 in Pasadena. We should know who, sometime in last May or early June.



Now is also the time to start talking to members of your lodges who are not members of the Scottish Rite about joining at our Spring Reunion. Most lodges have been busy making Masons this last year with the backlog from Covid, so lets get these new members even more light in Masonry. We are also looking for a couple of brothers who are interested in working behind the scenes in the audio and lighting part of the degrees. So please let me know if this is something you find interesting.

We are also looking for any members that enjoy cooking. We strive very hard to put out a quality meal every month. Ten of those dinners are produced in house. This allows us to keep the dinners affordable. We charge less that it costs to go to a fast food place. But we would like to have some others step up and help out. It doesn't have to be every month, it could be once a year. Many hands make light work. Again if interested, please let me know.

And finally, as I keep repeating, this is your Valley, we want you to come out and enjoy it, though the fellowship and the facilities. We have a couple of lodges that are here after lodge most Mondays enjoying the member's Lounge and I would love to see more of that happening.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and will have a Great New Year!!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Ford".

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."

_____		Spring	Fall
<i>Candidate's Signature</i>	Degree Fee	\$200	\$200
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Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events

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

Thursday January 26th ~ SCVOA at Liberty #299 6:30 pm

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

Council of Kadosh 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

Consistory Opens

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