



## The Rite Word

### From the Venerable Master

Greetings as we welcome in August,

The word August is derived from the Latin *augustus*, meaning consecrated or venerable. In discussing the coming month, religion, and also degrees recently, Sufism was mentioned. Seeing the parallels and connections to our craft, I wanted to share a bit about them to contemplate their connections with us.



Sofis, or Sufis are an initiatic mystical Islamic sect which prevailed in the eastern portion of the world, especially in Persia. The name is most likely derived from the Greek *σοφία*, (*sophia*) or *wisdom*, as the foremost writers were familiar with Aristotle and Plato, as their paramount works are filled with Plato's quotes.

There are four stages during their initiation.

1. Sharia (Exoteric Path)

Element: *Earth*.

Kingdom Of nature: *Mineral*.

Level of perception: *Concentration*.

Person: *A worshiper*.

2. Tariqu (Esoteric Path)

Element: *Water*.

Kingdom Of nature: *Vegetable*

Level of perception: *Renunciation*

Person: *A renouncer*.

3. Haqiqa (Inner Truth)

Element: *Air*.

Kingdom Of nature: *Animal*.

Level of perception: *Perception*.

Person: *A knower*.

4. Marifa (Divine Knowledge)

Element: *Fire*.

Kingdom Of nature: *Human Being*.

Level of perception: *Absolute knowledge*.

Person: *A lover*.

The first two degrees encompass the study of the rites, ceremonies, religions, and spiritual worship. The third degree Wisdom, makes one equal to angels and obtains supernatural powers. In the fourth and final degree Truth, he becomes one with Deity. Let us look how this group ties to the Scottish Rite.

### The 25<sup>th</sup> Degree: Sufi Master / Knight of the Brazen Serpent:

The Sufi Master is one who has mastered himself through learning and the obtainment of wisdom. We find that despite the amount of knowledge we consume, there is a lack of fulfillment without the WORD or teaching others. Finally, it is our duty at the end of the day to extend our truths out to the world as we understand it. As a republic of free men and freethinkers, we must leave our truth open to agreement, disparagement, further questioning, debate or absolute destruction by the mob. It is not our place to press our truths on others for it is an absolute that "a serpent-ring was a well-known symbol of time: and to express dramatically how time preys upon itself" (Morals and Dogma, Pike).

To us the Brazen Serpent, Nakhas, is a symbol of the wise interpretation which rescues the Divine Truths from the deprivation which they have undergone by means of the ignorance of many interpreters (Scottish Rite Monitor, De Hoyos).

The great Ouroboros will someday be no more for all living beings, even the stars. The Tau, Tau cross, or Tau mark was a universal sacred symbol among the ancients. It is factually known that the Tau has existed before any of the major religions of today, throughout the world, since the Dawn of thought. In Christianity the cross, or cross of the Old Testament, is called the anticipatory cross. It was the mark upon the forehead of Aaron when Moses anointed him. This sign saved the young Isaac from death, and saved a nation who

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



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**General in California,**  
**Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite**  
**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.***

### Venerable Master Continued

looked upon the brass serpent on the staff which contained the Tau marking. The Egyptians Tau had an oval ring or handle atop which was called the crux ansata, and used as a symbol of life. Dr. Clarke spoke of the Tau cross as a monogram of Thoth, the symbolical or mystical name of hidden *wisdom* among the ancient Egyptians. Again, *wisdom* and faith equate to tolerance. Through this mankind has tried to make sense of the world around him. And finally, the words Holatai (a form of ground mana) meaning that our teachings of truth with tolerance and faith and the acceptance as such by even one other person yields compassion and love which is that divine spark within us all.

*Don't you know that you are the temple of God, and the spirit of God resides in you? - I Corinthians 3:16.*



### 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 Acting Wise Master

Brethren, I hope this note finds you well. As our Venerable Master mentioned during July's stated meeting, the BBQ hosted by the Chapter had a fairly small turnout. For those who were there, it was a good time. As we also heard during the stated meeting, the Night of Instruction had a smaller turnout than expected; even fewer than signed up for the event. Our recent reunion was cancelled for a similar reason.

I think this is an overall trend we are seeing in the Valley in Blue Lodges as well. There have only been a handful of Master Masons raised in the last three years and there is still some fear over COVID. We've also had a lot of Brothers move out of the area which has reduced our numbers as well. What I find more interesting though is that we have so many Brothers who still live in the area and weren't coming to lodge before the pandemic. In discussions with some of those Brothers within my own lodge, I heard a recurring theme: "it's boring". I also heard "we didn't join to attend business meetings" and "we didn't join to practice ritual for 3 hours a week". And you know what, they're right!

We absolutely need ritualists and we need to conduct business. The part that we have let deteriorate too far is the fraternal part of the fraternity. Living in this high tech hub of Silicon Valley forces a lot of people into positions where they work extremely long hours with a lot of stress in order to live here. We need to give a compelling reason for all Brothers to come out and socialize and relieve some of that stress through good fellowship. We need to find their talents and put them to use so they feel valued, a part of something bigger, perhaps in committees or to help plan a social event.

As we prepare for a Town Hall meeting to discuss this topic at Scottish Rite, I would be interested in how each of you are planning to make a difference in your Blue Lodges to bring our Brothers back so all bodies can benefit from their participation.

**Tim Lynch**

## From the Master of Kadosh

### The Event That Wasn't

At the beginning of the year the masters of each of the four bodies were asked to organize an event and a BBQ for the membership. At the suggestion of Ill. Richard Fisher I selected a trip to the Nike missile site in Marin County.

Ill Fisher prepared flyers that were placed on the dining tables at the May stated meeting and on the sign-in table at the June meeting. I also made it the subject of my June column. All attending were to meet at the Scottish Rite Center at 10:30 on the proposed day. Ill Fisher was there in time, but because of a family emergency I was not. After several phone calls back and forth, we decided to cancel the event due to lack of interest.

The next Quarterly BBQ is scheduled for September 25th from noon to 3pm. Come down, and eat some dogs and burgers and fellowship. This is open to all.



## From the Chief Knight

The Supreme Council was founded in Charleston, South Carolina in 1801. In 1911 the Mother Supreme Council began construction of a national headquarters of the Supreme Council in the District of Columbia, called the House of the Temple. Finished in 1915, the House of the Temple remains their headquarters to this day. It is located at 1733 Sixteenth Street, NW. The House of the Temple also contains the remains of Albert Pike, the author of *Morals and Dogma*.

In 1813, a member of the Supreme Council established in New York a Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America. In 1823, the Supreme Council granted jurisdiction of the fifteen states east of the Mississippi River and north of the Ohio River to the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction.

The Scottish Rite is one of the appendant bodies of Freemasonry that a Master Mason may join for further exposure to the principles of Freemasonry.

To join the Supreme Council, one must attain the 32° of the Scottish Rite, and then be conferred the honorary 33°. In the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, the Supreme Council consists of no more than 33 members, and is presided over by a Grand Commander.

Other members of the Supreme Council are called "Sovereign Grand Inspectors General" (S.G.I.G.), and each is the head of the Rite in his respective Orient (or state). Other heads of the various Orients who are not members of the Supreme Council are called "Deputies of the Supreme Council."



*David M. Kempf*

*John P. King*

## Early Ancient Development of the Kabbalah

The Kabbalah was developed over many centuries. Its oldest parts are mystical writings found in the Holy Bible itself. Perhaps the best example is the book of Ezekiel, which dates back to around 600 BCE.

According to chapter 1 verses 1 through 3, the author's name is Ezekiel, which means "God is strong" or "God strengthens". He is the son of Buzi, and born into a priestly lineage. Ezekiel is nearing 30 years old. He lives near the River Chebar, which refers to the Kebar canal off the Euphrates river near the ancient city of Nippur. That location is part of Iraq today.

One day, while hanging out by the canal, Ezekiel begins to see mystical divine visions. He sees a series of visions: a chariot, a scroll, and a siege of Jerusalem. He sees cherubim—living creatures with four faces, a pair of wings, and they stand on wheels. There are also wheels within wheels both full of eyes, and the divine chariot throne of God. He witnesses judgement on wicked leaders of the people, and finally a promise to restore the house of Israel. That's enough to make anybody's head spin.

## The Historical Connection

Did a siege of Jerusalem even happen? Yes, three times. The Babylonian siege of Jerusalem happened in 597 BCE and again 10 years later. That is the siege Ezekiel saw. There were also sieges of Jerusalem during the Great Revolt against the Romans in 70 CE and again in Crusader times, in 1099 CE.

The point is that what somebody perceives in a mystical vision is not necessarily his imagination going out-of-control. It could be an explanation of the past or a warning about the future. Skeptical people dismiss such things. Mystics take note and look for more information.

To the people of Judah, the Babylonian conquest took away and destroyed everything that gave the people their identity and their community. They were taken into captivity and relocated to a different land. How and why did this happen? Ezekiel explains—in fine and extensive detail—why the Israelite people had turned to worshipping other gods. And persisted in the practice despite numerous warnings, all of which they ignored.

From archeology, we have uncovered evidence that idolatry and syncretism were a common practice throughout much of ancient Israel. And a large portion of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) contains repeated warnings against those practices. Ezekiel sums up all that the people and their leaders did wrong, why their acts were so disgusting and disappointing to God, and that as a result, they lost everything that defined them as a people.

Mystical visions, like the cherubim (cherub is the singular form), wheels, and the merkavah, the chariot throne of God, represent something that cannot be expressed in human language. That is why they seem so weird we authors like Ezekiel attempt to describe them.

## The Sons of God Misbehave

Another example of ancient mysticism begins with the brief mention in the book of Genesis chapter 6:

"...the sons of God saw that they (human women) were fair, and they took wives for themselves of all that they chose... The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went in to the daughters of humans, who bore children to them. These were the heroes that were of old, warriors of renown."

The word Nephilim is often translated as "giants", and supposes that they are the children resulting from the union of the sons of God and the daughters of humans. In Hebrew, Nephilim means "fallen ones", alluding to the the sons of God themselves, who fell from grace because they fell for human women.

## The Book of Enoch

The Book of Enoch, a separate text not found in the Bible, expands on this story. There, the sons of God were assigned as watchers, basically eyes in the sky, monitoring humanity. These supposedly divine beings display human weakness when they choose to get involved with the human women.

The sons of God must have been similar to humans, since they can produce children with them. Exactly who were the sons of God? Being "sons", how similar are they to God himself? Taking it a step further, how similar to God are human beings? So the mystery builds.

The Book of Enoch is named for Enoch, Noah's great-grandfather. You can read about him in Genesis 4:7 and 5:21-24. One day God just came down and took Enoch away. There's another mystery for you to explore.

The Book of Enoch itself dates to around 100 BCE. It was written in an ancient language of Ethiopia known as Ge'ez. Only two Eastern Orthodox churches adopted the Book of Enoch into their canon of scripture. But everybody was interested in its apocalyptic theme.

There are three volumes to the Book of Enoch, all

available in multiple English translations. Kabbalah students should take the time to read first book or volume. You can find it online at <https://www.sacred-texts.com/bib/boe/index.htm>.

I really like this printed version of the first Book of Enoch, available on Amazon: [https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0813ZWMDT/ref=dbs\\_a\\_def\\_rwt\\_hsch\\_vapi\\_tkin\\_p2\\_i0](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0813ZWMDT/ref=dbs_a_def_rwt_hsch_vapi_tkin_p2_i0).

### Giants in the Land of Canaan

Another Bible reference to giants is found in the book of Numbers, chapter 13, where Moses sent spies into the land of Canaan to learn all they could about it. After a 40 day recon, the spies reported back that it was "a land flowing with milk and honey", and showed examples of produce they picked and brought back with them. Like a bunch of grapes so large that two men were needed to carry it.

But some of the spies reported that the current inhabitants were cannibals, and they were all very tall and robust. The spies thought they were Nephilim and compared to them, the Israelites were like puny little grasshoppers. The spies actually encountered the Anakites. Whoever they were, the spies were obviously afraid of them.

The Anakites were a tribe descended from a man named Anak. They are mentioned elsewhere in the Bible, as well as Egyptian texts, so we know they were real people. The spies identified the Anakite as Nephilim, although the Nephilim lived in antediluvian times, maybe 2,000 years earlier. In the end, Joshua and his army defeated the Anakites and kicked them out of the land. But maybe a few stayed, thus a few centuries later we have Goliath, the Philistine giant who David confronted.

Were the Anakites really giants? Numbers give us no dimensions. But according to 1 Samuel 17:4, Goliath's height was four cubits and a span. A cubit is 18 inches. A span is four inches.  $4 \times 18 = 72$ . Add 4 and you get 76 inches tall. That is 6 feet 4 inches.

We know from archeology that Israelite men stood about 5 feet 2 inches tall. So how tall would a giant have to be? 6 feet 4 inches, perhaps?

On the other hand, we have uncovered evidence that elephants lived in, or traveled through, the geographical area that corresponds to the Promised Land. It has been suggested that the ancient people may have discovered and dug up the skull of an elephant, and then misidentified it as the skull of a supposedly giant human.

### What about the Milk and Honey?

The combination of "milk and honey", which is found elsewhere in the Bible, is a metaphor used to describe the fertile nature of the land. Biblical references to milk and honey are

generally understood as goat milk and date honey. But there is recent archaeological evidence of a bee-keeping in ancient Israel.

One authority suggests that because milk is a product of animals and date honey is a product of plants, therefore "milk and honey" together represent completeness and harmony.

Another authority suggests that we know milk often has ties to fertility, so the milk could point to the abundance of the land. Honey tended to represent delight, joy, sweetness, and pleasure. This combination could imply that Israel would no longer experience a time of bitterness and barrenness when they entered the Promised Land.

### What about the Kabbalah?

What does all of this have to do with Kabbalah? This is how Jewish Mysticism started. These examples became part of the massive discussion found in the Kabbalah. It is important to understand where the Kabbalah has its roots, what its foundation is built upon. The presence and involvement of God, the nature of evil, and healing the brokenness of the world are prominent themes in Kabbalah.



**By Stuart Pool, 32°**

Master Craftsman Program Manager

That's right: Master Craftsman is now ONLINE! Since its inception in 2009, the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman education program has been a leading source for Masonic education, not only here in the Southern Jurisdiction, but also across the globe. There are currently three components under the Master Craftsman banner along with a Valley Education Tool. For the last decade, the programs have operated exclusively as a correspondence course, requiring participants to mail in quizzes for grading. They are returned with the next quiz. Over the years, surveys indicated that our members strongly supported an online option for the Master Craftsman Program. Well, we heard you! On May 13, 2020, the Supreme Council rolled out the "Master Craftsman: Ritual & History Program" in an online format. This uses for its text Ill. Arturo de Hoyos's *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide*.

The online version of the Master Craftsman: Ritual & History program is identical to the correspondence course with a few exceptions:

1. **IT'S DIGITAL!** All the questions are answered on the computer and immediately sent to the Master Craftsman Program Manager, Bro. Stuart Pool, 32°.
2. Upon completing a quiz, a link for the next quiz will be displayed on the completion screen. If you need to step away, don't worry! We'll send you an email with the link.
3. Upon completing each quiz, you will see what percentage you got right on the quiz, and you also will receive an email with a PDF displaying your answers, so you can determine what you missed and can return to your book to find the correct answer.

If you're worried about missing the notes you receive from the Supreme Council staff on your quizzes ... don't be. Every quiz still will be forwarded electronically to our reviewers, who will make comments and reply to your quiz before the essay is sent back to you.

**Are you currently enrolled in the Master Craftsman Ritual & History correspondence course? Do you want to switch to the online version?** No problem! Email Bro. Stuart Pool at [mastercraftsman@scottishrite.org](mailto:mastercraftsman@scottishrite.org) and ask about switching. We'll generate a registration number for you to enter on the provided link, so you don't need to start from scratch.

Every online quiz will require the confirmation number you received from the Scottish Rite Store when you purchased the program. If you lost the email or cannot find the number, just send an email to [mastercraftsman@scottishrite.org](mailto:mastercraftsman@scottishrite.org), and we'll help. Please do not share your confirmation number with anyone, since it works for only one participant. Multiple entries of the same number will invalidate it and will likely stop your progress. Each quiz is generated for a single confirmation number, so sharing links and confirmation numbers with your brethren does not work.

We are excited about expanding our program and believe this will be a great way of moving our Masonic Education forward to more members. We hope you enjoy participating in the program as much as we enjoyed making it for you! Get started by going to [www.scottishritestore.org](http://www.scottishritestore.org) and clicking on the "Masonic Education" tab.



**SCOTTISH+RITE  
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I have a 11 year old daughter who has a severe speech impairment with many other developmental delays. She was diagnosed with Autism right before she turned 3. She was non verbal with hardly a 6 word vocabulary. We started her with SDC preschool but given the resource crunch, speech therapy availability was limited. She also started getting private speech 2 days a week, 30 minutes each. We noticed her services were not enough for her and her gap was widening. We switched her to an inclusive school where she started getting more speech.



One day at school a fellow special needs parent told me about the Scottish Rite program. We went through the intake and started speech when she was 6. It was life changing for us. Therapists are kind and tailored her services to her needs than to meet written goals. She has come a long way with her speech and have gained confidence talking to others. The social skills group has definitely helped her and her buddy with their social confidence. I have seen them disclosing if they got picked up at school etc. to Alisha, her therapist, the things she couldn't tell me. Alisha has built a bond of trust with my daughter which is super important for her to be able to work with anyone.

We also did speech therapy for my younger daughter with Scottish Rite when we saw she had delays. The customized lesson plans Alisha had for her accelerated her abilities and she graduated the program.

I am so grateful that we partnered with Scottish Rite to make our journey easier. The work that the clinic does is beyond a blessing for the community. We look forward to supporting the clinic and building an inclusive community that helps people like my daughter thrive in this world. We are thankful for the clinic and especially Alisha. My daughter looks forward to her sessions weekly.

## Dress Code

Brethren,

Unfortunately it has become necessary to put this into writing.

Proper dress for Stated meetings is at a minimum coat and tie. This doesn't mean jeans with a sports coat, or a polo shirt.

Unless we have a special event scheduled, the months of June, July, and Aug are Business Casual, which means a minimum of dockers/slacks and a polo shirt. **NO JEANS**, no matter how nice they are.

Yes we want you to come, yes we understand that many of you come directly from work. But, also yes you can throw appropriate clothes in a bag and bring it with you to change.

This is not new, if anything it is actually very relaxed from times past. It is about showing respect for the organization.

Please it is simple, just do it.

## Hat Boxes

We have available hat boxes, where you can store your hat here and can simply pull it out to wear when you are here. They are lockable and you will get a key, then you don't have to risk sitting it on the top of your car and driving over it when you forget about it :) as one of our 33rds did a couple of months ago.

Just see the secretary and he would be happy to help get one secured for you.

# Stated Meeting Menu

Tuesday

July 12th 2022

(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY call the office, by July 8th)

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

Green Salad  
Assorted Pasta Dishes  
Meatballs and Sausage  
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%.

## RSVPs

We need for you to RSVP to our events. It is entirely impossible to know how much food to prepare and how many tables to set unless we know how many people are going to be in attendance.

It isn't hard, sign up on the sheet, call the office, email etc. Whatever is easiest for you to do, but do it.

We don't want to get to a point that we have to deny folks from joining us without reservations. But if we have to we will.

## From the Secretary

We are down to just 28 members that still owe dues for 2022. If you are one of them, please either pay now or give me a call if you need us to assist.

The dues for 2023 are now open, you will soon be receiving your bill and your dues card. Please pay it when you get it so you don't forget. This is also a good way to know if you are one of the 28, if you don't get your card it means you are not current for this year.

Now is the time to start talking to members of your lodges that are not currently members of the Scottish Rite about going through the degrees. The fall reunion will be here before you know it.

How many of you have take our wish to take the Master Craftsman program. We are looking at trying once again to put together a Master Craftsman group study. If you are interested please let me know. We can do it either in person, via zoom, or via a hybrid format. Also new is the ability to do the quizzes online rather than mailing them in which makes the turn around much faster. Again, let me know if you are interested.

Finally, make a reservation and come down and join us for a Scottish Rite meeting. Bring some friends and brothers. Hang out in the member center, enjoy your Scottish Rite.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gus Ford".

III. Hal Leister 33° Reunion Class

Fall Dates TBD



ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY,  
SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, U. S. A.

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

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

Council Opens

Business Casual

### **Tuesday August 30th ~ Foundation Meeting 6:00 pm**

### **Tuesday August 30th ~ All Officer Meeting 7:00 pm**

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

Chapter Opens

Regular Meeting Attire

### **Tuesday September 25th ~ Quarterly BBQ 12:00 pm –3:00pm**

Consistory Hosting

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

Consistory Opens—Feast of Tisheri

Regular Meeting Attire