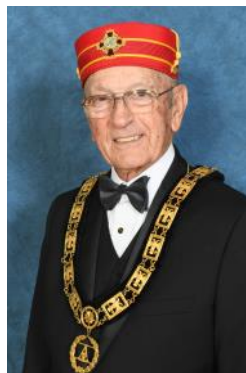




The Rite Word

From the Venerable Master

I will start my article by always saying Hi, and hope that I find everyone in good health. The April Stated Meeting was a good turnout and the Meal was excellent as always. I thank everyone again for the good turnout for Maundy Thursday.



In this article and in future articles I will be writing about our Special Event on June 29th, 2024. Remember this is going to be our Dinner and Musical Songs of the 50's and 60's. This event will be to raise funds for our Rite Care Clinic. Dinner at 6:30 PM and the Musical to start at 7:30 PM. Please call the Scottish Rite Office and make your Reservations. The meal and show are to be prepaid. It will be a lot of fun, and for a great cause. Our Clinic needs our support.

In this Month's Rite Word, I would like to quote an Article on a Masons Obligation's. It's taken from a book called Masonry Defined.

Obligation: The solemn promise made by a Mason on his admission into any degree is technically called his obligation. In a legal sense, obligation is synonymous with duty. It's derivation shows its true meaning, for the Latin word obligatio literally signifies a tying or binding. The obligation is that which binds a man to do some act, the doing of which thus becomes his duty. Hence the Romans called the military oath which was taken by the soldier his obligation, and hence, too, it is said that it

is the obligation that makes the Mason. Before that ceremony, there is no tie that binds the candidate to the Order so as to make him a part of it; after the ceremony, the tie has been completed, and the candidate becomes at once a Mason, entitled to all the rights and privileges and subject to all the duties and responsibilities that enure in that character. The jurists have divided obligations into imperfect and perfect, or natural and civil. In Masonry there is so such distinction. The Masonic obligation is that moral one which, although it cannot be enforced by the courts of law, is binding on the party who makes it, in conscience and according to moral justice. It varies in each degree, but in each is perfect. Its different clauses, in which different duties are prescribed, are called its points, which are either affirmative or negative, a division like that of the precepts of the Jewish Law. The affirmative points are those which require certain acts to be performed; the negative points are those which forbid certain other acts to be done. The whole of them is preceded by a general point of secrecy, common to all the degrees, and this point is called the Tie.

May you always have Love to Share, Health to Spare, and Friends who care. May you be Blessed

Art Pasquelli

We have a new start time for Stated Meetings. We will now start at 6:30pm with social and dinner following. This is to assist our brothers who are coming from work to be able to get to the meeting on time.

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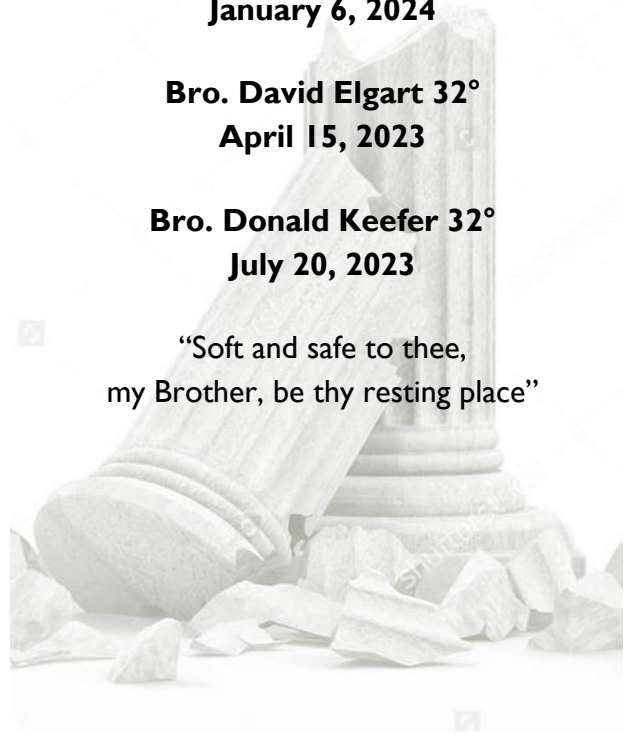
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"Soft and safe to thee,
my Brother, be thy resting place"



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.

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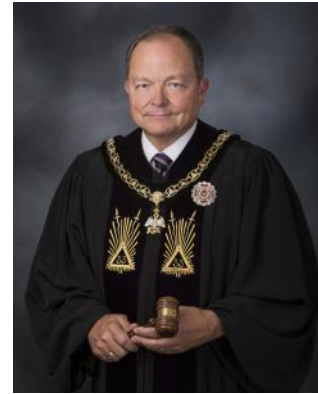
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The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of San Jose, in the Orient of California, acknowledge and yield all allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander 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 Wise Master

First off, I want to thank everyone that attended our Maundy Thursday last month. It is nice to not only continue a long-standing tradition for the Valley but see it grow a bit. Additionally, a big thank you to the brothers of the Chapter and Ill. Richard Fisher for a very nice degree work. And special shout out to Degree Director Honorable Brandon Dueñas for an exceptionally smooth planning & execution of the degree, everything was in order, always makes it easier.



As we move into May, I was doing some research and I find that May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Monthas well as National ALS Awareness Month, Bicycle Month, National Brain Tumor Awareness Month, National Burger Month (I like that one), Community Action Awareness Month (North Dakota only), National Electrical Safety Month, National Foster Care Month, National Golf Month, Jewish American Heritage Month, Haitian Heritage Month, Hepatitis Awareness Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, National Military Appreciation Month, National Moving Month, National Osteoporosis Month, National Stroke Awareness Month, National Water Safety Month, Older Americans Month

So, if any of you are Asian, Pacific Islander, Haitian, of Jewish American Heritage take some time to appreciate our military, use your good mental health and get checked for Hepatitis, Osteoporosis, ALS and any strokes or brain tumors. Then take your bicycle out to get a cheese burger and take some older folks to go golfing while watching for water hazards, practicing water safety and taking the time to appreciate our Military (because we can never do enough of that) and any Foster parents & kids you know. This would be a great service to you and our community and remember, no sticking your fingers in any electrical sockets.

Otherwise, May is the beginning of Spring, and I am happy to report that I have gotten my garden planted for the year. Also in May, in the southern hemisphere it is the beginning of Fall. Isn't that always weird? Like they have Christmas in the middle of summer there. I just can't see Santa in shorts getting a tan. Imagine how hot he must get in that big coat. Turns out that April 1st is National Fun day, I missed it so consider this my contribution abietate late. Perhaps that was a groundhog problem.

I am looking forward to getting into some serious Masonry for our Spring Reunion and will have a full report next month.

Remember "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." ~ Brother Theodore Roosevelt

Mark Burger

From the Commander

The 22nd degree is called Knight of the Royal Axe or Prince of Libanus. Libanus refers to Lebanon and is a common term in masonic circles. My wife's grandfather belonged to Libanus Lodge #154, in Monticello, Indiana for 60 years. Its popularity in masonic symbolism stems from Lebanon's renown cedar forests, which famously produced the timber for King Solomon's Temple. These forests and the craftsmen who harvested it, explain the names for this degree, which emphasizes the dignity of labor as its primary lesson.

As it is worked now, the zeal of the workers of Tyre to assist in holy works, is meant to model admirable masonic behavior. In its original form, as part of the Royal Secret degrees, the same example was provided, not by the Tyrians, but instead by the Sidonians, who the Bible says were the most skilled at falling timber. Along with any mention of the Sidonians, the revised degrees also left one very interesting part of the original work. The early degree refers to the cedars of Lebanon having provided the material for three projects; Noah's ark, the Ark of the Covenant, and King Solomon's temple. In each of these cases, according to the early degree, the Sidonians were enlisted for their service.

Predating any modern concerns for conservation, the ax, a prominent feature in this degree, was seen as a symbol of human progress. Mastery over the forest, converting its raw materials into works both great and fine, symbolized our climb out of the wilderness and the forging of civilization. Solomon's Temple represents this, as do the two symbols which were lost from the original; Noah's Ark and the Ark of the Covenant.

Aside from being built from Lebanese cedar, the three share several other important details in common. All involved a covenant with God, all were ordained with very specific instructions, and all required a significant amount of work.

This is a fine symbol for life and masonry. To keep true to our convictions, to honor our promises, to live up to our agreements and partnerships, takes work. At times the work will be difficult and may even sound impossible. The details might be copious and the directions hard to follow. Temptation and doubt lurk always. To live any type of meaningful life, is to work at it, to contend with the world and to earn your place in it. So it is work, and the willingness to do it, which masonry celebrates above all other traits. Therefore it is the highest compliment to say to a brother, as I do to all of you now, keep up the good work!

Until the next,



Peter McCann

From the Master of Kadosh

On April 13th, we had the Consistory Spring BBQ downstairs at the Lounge. The weather did not cooperate so we ate indoors, but we had a nice turnout anyways. Thank you to everybody who came.

The Consistory trip this year to the Hiller Aviation Museum will be on Sunday July 21st, the day after the 55th anniversary of the first manned lunar landing back in 1969. We were originally going to have it on July 20th, but the Cornerstone Awards are that evening, so we moved it to Sunday. Stay tuned for more information.

Continuing our series on Geometry, there is a particularly interesting and useful value used extensively in architecture, as well as found in nature. As in previous articles, I include an excerpt from "Sacred Geometry – Deciphering the Code", by Stephen Skinner (© 2006 by Octopus Publishing Group Ltd, paperback by Sterling Publishing Co., Inc., ISBN 978-1-4027-6582-7), this time about the **Golden Mean**.

From **Chapter 1** of Sacred Geometry, page 34 (and following):

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The Golden Mean: the arithmetic of growth

Johannes Kepler (1571 – 1630) called the Golden Section 'one of the two great treasures of geometry,' and it was likened by him rather poetically to a precious jewel. In the 16th century it was called the Divine Proportion and in the 19th century it was given the title Golden Number or Golden Ratio or Golden Section. We will call it the Golden Mean.

The common Greek letter for the Golden Mean used to be tau, which comes from the Greek word 'to cut' or 'section'. Since the early 20th century it has been expressed as *phi*, Φ , which is the first letter of the name of the most famous Greek sculptor Phidias (490 – 430 B.C.), as a commemoration of its occurrence in various beautiful forms. [*In his book Sacred Geometry, author Stephen Skinner then refers to later material within the book which makes use of in various works of art*].

Creating the Golden Mean

Φ (phi) is a sacred number with a value of 1.6180339887... . It can be used to divide a line or rectangle into two unequal parts, so that the proportion of the two new parts is the same as the proportion of the larger part to the original line. Lateral thinking shows that division by the number is like cell division: the division of the line in this proportion causes the creation of another line proportionally identical to the original line. You could think of this produced line as the 'child' of the original line. The fact that Φ enables this pro-



From the Chief Knight

Spring is in full swing and we celebrate all those special mothers out there, past present and expecting. Here is also a friendly reminder to set aside some time for remembrance around Memorial day.

Congratulations to our newest members here in the Valley of San Jose, Orient of California. You're conferral through the degrees, to the 14th and all the way up to Masters of the Royal Secret, is just a stepping stone. I would encourage you all to continue learning by taking advantage of the Master Craftsman study.

Like most masonic organizations, there are many ways to get involved with your new home that you have committed yourself to, like officer positions and degree teams. One of the ways you can get involved in our Valley is the KSA. The San Jose chapter of Knights of Saint Andrew (KSA) is primarily a service group within the Valley of San Jose that helps out during meetings, reunions and other events. The KSA also assists with activities in other valleys and masonic bodies around the bay area, like flag presentations and arch of steel presentations. No kilt required.

For more information, ask anyone in a KSA hat, or join us for a meeting. We meet regularly on the 3rd Sundays, at noon

Michael E. Hammer

14th Degree Rings

We have a supply of Stainless Steel 14th degree rings. If you always wanted to have one you can actually wear, now is the time. Please ask me about it the next time you are here. The cost is very reasonable.



Out of the Garden, on to Adventure

Last month, we discussed the Garden of Eden story. We attempted to figure out where the garden was physically located, heard Adam's first instructions from the Lord God, how a wife was found for Adam, and a lot about serpents, mythical and real. And we saw Adam and Eve being expelled from the garden.

This time, we will learn what happened immediately after the expulsion. And we will introduce the concept of "sin", a three-letter word with profound implications and multiple understandings. Our reading comes from Genesis chapter 4, using the King James Version of the Bible.

The First Family

1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord. 2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

The name Cain connects to the Hebrew verb "kana", meaning "to get", as Eve said, "I have gotten a man from the Lord". The name Abel connects to the Hebrew root meaning "the air that remains after you exhale", also synonymous in Hebrew to "nothing".

Were there any daughters? Of course. But women in the Bible were not important enough to mention in most cases. In verse 17, we read that Cain married but his wife's name was not given. Finally, in verse 19, the names of Lamech's two wives are mentioned, but only to identify which son came from which mother.

There is an important change cited here. In the Garden of Eden, the text implies that everyone and everything had a vegetarian diet. Or were they vegans? The text does not give us enough information to know for sure. Out in the world, there developed carnivores (meat-eaters) and omnivores (everything-eaters). Also, we observe that some people, such as Cain, became farmers. Others, such as Abel, became ranchers.

There is no mention of the so-called "hunter gatherers". From archeology, we know such people existed for thousands of years. But that lifestyle was apparently not intended for Adam's posterity.

Abel Passes, Cain Flunks

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. 4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: 5 but unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

The text does not tell us what was lacking in Cain's offering. But there is a clue. Abel brought "the firstlings (first born) of his flock". Cain brought "of the fruit of the ground". But not his first-grown fruits (first of the harvest).

In ancient Judaism, in each agricultural season, the first-grown fruits (the first of your harvest) were brought to the Temple and laid by the altar, as described in Exodus 23:19 and Deuteronomy 26:1-11. According to the traditional Bible timeline, these directions we

given by Moses some 2,400 years after Cain made his offering. So how was Cain to know?

The problem here is not the fact that Cain's offering was rejected but the way Cain reacted to the rejection. Ever the good teacher, the Lord follows up.

6 And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? 7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

The First Sin

This is the first time "sin" is mentioned in the Bible. Sin was not mentioned in connection with Adam and Eve eating the forbidden fruit. There were obviously consequences but, according to the text, there was no sin. The story continues:

8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

This action, the first murder, is the result of sin. So what was the sin itself? Cain's angry and jealous disposition toward Abel. Cain could have asked the Lord how to make the proper offering. Instead, Cain convinces himself that Abel got some kind of special treatment, and he's going to even the score.

It is easy to miss the point here, so let us reiterate. Cain had a choice and he chose poorly. When the Lord came to him (verse 6), Cain had the perfect opportunity to learn how to make an acceptable offering. Instead, Cain ignores the warning "...and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire..." and let his emotions direct him.

9 And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? 10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

In ancient times, the life energy of a person or animal was thought to be in its blood. That's easy to understand. What happens when you lose too much blood? You die. Since the blood contained life, it had the ability to "cry out from the ground" for justice.

Now the Consequences

11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; 12 when thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

Recall that Cain was a tiller of the ground, a farmer. Farmers need a piece of land on which to raise their crops. Take

away the land, the farmer has nothing to work with.

In Forbidden Fruit incident, the ground was cursed. In the Abel incident, the curse falls on Cain himself. The ground, already cursed, will perform even worse for Cain. And he won't be allowed to settle in one place.

13 And Cain said unto the Lord, My punishment is greater than I can bear. 14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.

Cain realizes that he will be infamous, at least once there are more people on the earth to hear about his actions. He is afraid somebody will kill him. And he realizes that his close relationship with the Lord has been lost. The lesson here: When you choose to ignore God, you distance yourself from Him/Her/Them.

15 And the Lord said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the Lord set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

What was the mark? The text does not say. Jewish traditions suggest it was a horn growing on Cain's head or a letter from the Hebrew or Aramaic alphabet on his face or arm. American Protestant tradition suggested the mark was a dark complexion, coincidentally a characteristic of people from Africa.

The point is that other humans were not allowed to execute Cain, even though he committed a capital crime. Here we can safely assume that, at this point in the Bible story, human-imposed capital punishment did not have Divine approval.

16 And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

"Nod" is the Hebrew root of the verb "to wander". Therefore, dwelling in the land of Nod can mean to live a wandering life. The name "Nod" closely resembles the word "nad", usually translated as "vagabond".

Cain starts a family and builds a city

17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch. 18 And unto Enoch was born Irad, who begat Mehujael, who begat Methusael, who begat Lamech.

Cain might have been a wanderer, but he apparently settled in one place long enough to build a city. Evidently, Cain's descendants did not inherit his guilt, so they were not destined to be fugitives and vagabonds.

Cain's great-great grandson starts a family

19 And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. 20 And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle. 21 And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ. 22 And Zillah, she also bare Tubal-cain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

Perhaps this brings a passage to mind, "Tubal cain was the eighth man from Adam, the first artificer in metals, a brother of Jubal, the inventor of music, an account of whom you will find recorded in the fourth chapter of the book of Genesis". Here is that passage.

Cain got off to a bad start. But his descendants did well. The Bible story indicates that Cain and his posterity died in the great flood. Fortunately, their knowledge and skills were somehow passed on to the eventual survivors.

Another righteous son is born

25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

Abel is dead. Cain is banished. Then a third son, Seth is born. His name means "to set", "to place", or "to give". Born after Abel's murder, Eve believed that God had appointed Seth as a replacement for Abel. He is the only other child of Adam and Eve named in the Bible.

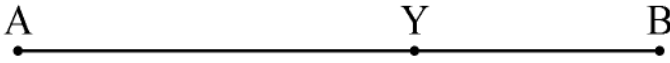
In Genesis chapter 5 we learn that Seth was begotten in Adam's own likeness and image, just like mankind (Hebrew word "adam") was created in God's image and likeness.

Next time, we will explore the concept of sin in greater detail. What did it mean? How does it apply to us?



cess to continue indefinitely suggests its involvement in replication and hence in growth.

Let us do this division in a more formal way with the line AB:



Where

$$\frac{AY}{AB} = \frac{YB}{AY}$$

Cut it at Y into parts AY and YB. For these two parts to be illustrative of the Golden Mean, the ratio between AY and YB must be exactly the same as the ratio between AB and AY. This ratio is always 1.6180339887... to 1.

This decimal recurs forever, so its value cannot ever be expressed perfectly in decimal form. It is therefore an 'irrational number'. Irrational numbers are numbers that cannot be expressed by either an ending or a regularly repeating pattern of numbers after the decimal point. Another irrational number is π , π (3.1415926...). Even though it is an irrational number, Φ in its relationship with itself can form whole rational numbers. In geometry, it is an integral part of the generation of many polyhedra (see pages 56-57 [of Skinner's book]), and many sources show this as it is used extensively in nature to construct life forms.

[Pages 35 and 37 of *Sacred Geometry* have additional illustrations showing how to construct the Golden Mean geometrically, and also its application in drawing pentagrams and pentagons, some of which we will visit next month.]

Some Golden Mean (F) equations

$$\Phi = (\sqrt{5} + 1) / 2 = 1.618$$

$$\Phi^2 = (\sqrt{5} + 3) / 2 = 2.618$$

$$1/\Phi = (\sqrt{5} - 1) / 2 = 0.618$$

$$\Phi = (\operatorname{cosecant} 18^\circ) / 2$$

$$= 1 / (2 \sin 18^\circ)$$

$$= 2 \cos 36^\circ$$

$$= 2 / (\sec 36^\circ)$$

$$= 2 \sin 54^\circ$$

$$= 2 / (\operatorname{cosecant} 54^\circ)$$

$$= (\sec 72^\circ) / 2$$

$$= 1 / (2 \cos 72^\circ)$$

From inspecting the above, you can see that 18, 36, 54 and 72 are key numbers. Now, as these are all multiples of 18, this number is intimately associated with Φ .

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We will continue with our discussion of Φ next month.

See you at the meeting and dinner!

Herbert R. Linden

III. Ken Nagel gets his 50 year pin

From III. Frank Loui



Kyrie is a nine-year-old boy who is being seen in our clinic for help with his speech sound production and language skills. Kyrie is a second grader who enjoys stuffed animals and Pokemon cards. He loves to play show and tell with his therapist, showing his stuffed animals.

Sometimes his animals even take turns playing speech and language games!

Kyrie's family contacted our clinic due to concerns about his speech and language. His mother has a friend whose child is seen at the clinic too!

Kyrie presents with speech sound production skills below that of his peers. His speech intelligibility is low, which makes it difficult for others to understand his speech which can be frustrating for him. He exhibits characteristics of a motor speech disorder, along with an expressive and receptive language disorder. Kyrie's mom reports, "It is difficult for him to communicate with other kids at the playground or in social settings. They sometimes ignore him since his speech is hard to understand."

Since beginning at the clinic Kyrie's mom states "He is getting consistent services versus taking a long break when the clinic breaks or only getting 30 minutes per month with the school district." She now notices that he is trying to pronounce longer syllable words and is speaking with more confidence.

In describing her family's experience with treatment services, Kyrie's mom states, "Angela is extremely knowledgeable about how to treat my son. She consistently gives us home practice and is available to respond quickly to questions or concerns. She is extremely thoughtful and remembers his likes/dislikes and she is extremely patient with him as well. This is a great clinic that provides amazing services. The speech therapist I am working with works with the individual child and looks at them individually versus a one-way approach. I value her insight. This is an extremely valuable resource that helps families and children. I am extremely grateful since my child's school doesn't provide any speech services."



The following is an updated 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 – Updated 12/19/23

Book Titles from Social Thinking.com

Superflex – Superflex takes on Rock Brain and the Team of Unthinkables

Superflex takes on Brain Eater and the Team of Unthinkables

Superflex takes on Glassman and the Team of Unthinkables

Superflex takes on One-Sided Sid, Un-Wonderer and the Team of Unthinkables

Superflex and Focus Tron to the Rescue!

Superflex and Kook Q. Cumber to the Rescue!

You are a Social Detective!

Eye Power/Learning to Use the Power of your Eyes Volume 1

1

Eye Power/Learning to Use the Power of your Eyes Volume 2

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We Thinkers! Series Volume 2 Social Problem Solvers (5

books in series)Hidden Rules and Expected and Unexpected Behaviors\

Smart Guess

Flexible and Stuck Thinking

Size of the Problem

Sharing an Imagination

We Thinkers! Series Volume 1 Social Explorers Curriculum (5 books in series)

Thinking Thoughts and Feeling Feelings

Body in the Group

Thinking with Your Eyes

Whole Body Listening

The Group Plan

Other Book Titles (found on Amazon)

A Birthday for Cow by Jan Thomas

A Pest in the Garden by Jan Thomas

What Is Chasing Duck? By Jan Thomas

My Friends Make Me Happy by Jan Thomas

The Apple Pie Tree

Sheep in a Shop



Stated Meeting Menu

Tuesday

May 14th 2024

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

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

Garden Salad

Burrito Bar (Chicken or Beef)

Whole Pinto Beans (Vegetarian)

Refried Beans

Dessert

We need you to make your reservations by the Friday before. We can't shop properly if you are calling the day of to make reservations.

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%. There is no time limit to use them,

We are looking at a price increase for Dinners starting soon, so now is the time to lock in your savings.

From the Secretary

We are now finished with our Reunion. I want to thank all those who spent the time to learn and put on degrees we have not performed in this Valley in many years. I would also like to thank Hon. Jeff Toone and Bro. Tim Lynch for all of their work on our AV systems.



We brought in a number of new members and we look forward to their participation moving forward. Come down and see them get capped at our May Meeting.

Also in May we are going to be sanding the floors on the stage and lower floor and getting them refinished. At the officers meeting I am expecting to get approval to move forward with building out the Cigar Lounge downstairs. These two projects along with the in process HVAC renovation are the 3 projects that I have left that I hope to complete in my tenure as your Secretary. Your Scottish Rite Temple is now in the best shape it has been in years, we have a great member center and Library that are just sitting here waiting for members to enjoy. So come down and do so.

And lastly Dues, Thanks for all that have paid, if you haven't done so, please take care of it now. If you haven't paid last years, there are 13 of you, whom I have all called myself, I will be sending out a final notice this month and if you don't get it take care of, you will be suspended.



TBD Reunion Class

Fall Time Frame 2024



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")

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_____		Spring	Fall
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1st Sponsor PRINTED NAME	Total Due:	\$290	\$200

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Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events

Tuesday May 14th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:30 pm

Consistory Opens—Capping Cerimony

Tuesday May 22nd ~ SCVOA Meeting 6:30 pm

Willow Glen Fraternity #399

Tuesday June 11th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:30 pm

Chapter Opens

Thursday June 13th ~ SCVOA Meeting 6:30 pm

Mt. Moriah #292

Saturday June 29th ~ Dinner Dance 6:30 pm

Fund Raiser for our Clinic with dinner and live music and dancing.

Tuesday July 16th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 5:30 pm

Lodge of Perfection Opens—Grand Master's Reception

Sunday July 21st ~ Hiller Aviation Museum

Details to follow soon