



## The Rite Word

### From the Venerable

Yes! Believe it we are already in the month of April, and it marks the arrival of spring, the temperatures begin to warm up, the trees and flowers begin to bloom, creating a colorful and vibrant atmosphere. In many parts of the world, April is associated with Easter, a holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The month of April also brings a sense of renewal and hope as people start to emerge from the long winter months and look forward to the promise of summer. It's a time of new beginnings, both in nature and in people's lives, making it a special and exciting month for many.



are used as the edging on aprons of Grand Lodge Officers and on their collars; private lodge officers use light blue collars and have light blue trimmings on their aprons.

A quick Internet search on the history of men's formal wear yielded two useful sites:

From site (1) it seems that black formal wear was invented by an English writer. The idea of wearing black for evening wear was, according to the English clothing historian James Laver, first introduced by the nineteenth-century British writer Edward Bulwer-Lytton, who utilized it "as a romantic gesture to show that he was a 'blighted being' and very, very melancholy." And it was Bulwer-Lytton who gave further impetus to this notion of black as the color for formal wear by writing, in 1828, that "people must be very distinguished to look well in black." Naturally, the moment this statement was noted by would-be dandies, the style became decidedly de rigueur...or "cool" in modern parlance.

This was probably a reaction to the sartorial excesses of men during the time of the English Prince Regent (later Brother King George IV) when dandies such as Beau Brummell wore more splendid apparel than females.

The original dinner jacket was "invented" by Brother King Edward VII when Prince of Wales. He was also the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England in the last quarter of the 19th Century. He

### WHY FREEMASONS WEAR BLACK AND WHITE

This has been the custom for over a hundred years. In the 1700's freemasons did not wear black and white. In an old masonic catechism of that time there is a question asking about the Master's clothing "yellow jacket and blue breeches" forms part of the answer. This was an allusion to the colors of a pair of compasses and a square, perhaps. There is a painting showing the Scottish poet Robert Burns in Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, Edinburgh (Scotland) on his appointment as lodge poet laureate - members of the lodge wear variously colored coats, breeches, and stockings, not black and white. This event was supposedly on 1 March 1787; the painting (by Brother Stewart Watson) was produced in 1846. Blue and Gold were certainly recognized as the official colors of freemasonry in the 1720's - nowadays these colors

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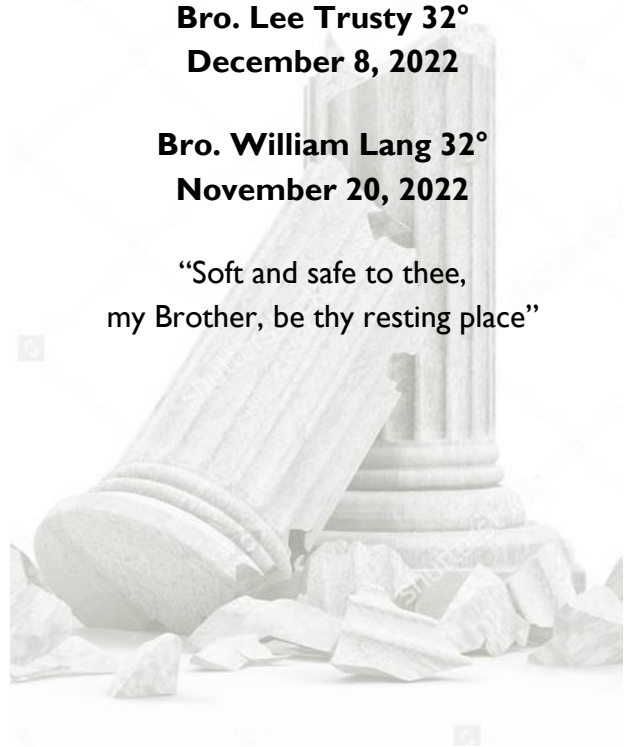
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"Soft and safe to thee,  
my Brother, be thy resting place"



### Free Will

Do you have a will in place? Have you updated the will you do have in place recently? If the answer is no to either of those questions, then you have access to a free service to assist you in creating a will to ensure your desires are fulfilled when you pass on.

You can access the service at the Supreme Website <https://scottishrite.org/giving/ways-to-give/planned-gifts/>

Yes, they would like you to leave something to them in your will, but it is not required.

Go check it out.

Gregg

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## From the Wise Master

April brings with it the time of Maundy Thursday (officially April 6, also known as Holy Thursday) and Easter (April 9). While our Craft has people from all walks of life and faith practices, one thing we have in common is the need to remind ourselves that we walk this imperfect world together with our family and friends. This season gives us another chance to really enjoy time with those friends and family while remembering the good things that come from building that strong core at home.

As a dad, I have great memories of my kids chasing after hidden Easter eggs, hard boiled and/or candy filled, in the yard and house. Watching them explore and try to find the special eggs with a prize selected just for them was great. What filled my heart though was watching them help each other look for the hardest ones together and discuss a plan of how to figure out the puzzles that were set out for them, even while competing to be first to finish. In this small place they practiced civility and good sportsmanship. They practiced good logic, rhetoric, and of course some sibling rivalry.

While in this season, perhaps while reflecting on our faith-based activities, we should take a few minutes to really enjoy what we have and how we have improved our surrounding by passing on our knowledge to our friends and family.



## From the Commander MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Feast Day of the Chapter of Rose Croix is traditionally commemorated every Maundy Thursday and then continued on Easter Sunday. In the earlier 18° ritual and corresponding ordinances, these two days were considered indispensable meeting days of the Chapter, as mandated by the Statutes of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction (SJ), USA. The Knights of the Chapter were charged to observe them as a Feast Obligatory and with a gathering called the Mystic Banquet. Even if a Knight found himself elsewhere alone, he was still instructed to commemorate the Feast Obligatory on Maundy Thursday, with or without his brethren. If, for instance, he was travelling and happened to meet another fellow Knight of the Chapter, both were obliged to go to a convenient place together in order to perform the duty of observing the Feast. Also, if two Knights happened to live within twenty miles of each other, both were likewise required to meet each other on Maundy Thursday to celebrate the Mystic Banquet.

The traditional origin of the Feast Day can be traced to the Last Supper of Christ during the Jewish Feast of the Passover, as memorialized by modern-day Christians every Maundy Thursday. The name “maundy” was said to have been derived from the Latin word “mandum,” meaning mandate or commandment. It was during the Last Supper when Christ, as he broke bread with his disciples, gave them his mandatum novum or new commandment, i.e. for them to love one another (John 13:34). This concept of love or “agape,” which sometimes translates to the concept of charity and brotherhood, is one of the central teachings of the 18° Knight Rose Croix, which is why the Chapter had adopted Maundy Thursday as its annual Feast Day. It should be noted, however, that the Feast Day is not the religious commemoration of the Passover, though both recognize the same history and use the same articles. Similarly, the Feast Day is not an equivalent of the Christian Holy Mass, or of its sacrament of Holy Communion, or of its observance of Holy Thursday, though both observances happen to share the same themes and tradition.

Historically, the earliest written record of the observance of the Feast Day can be found in an early 18° ritual prepared and published by Charles de Ladebat in 1856 in New Orleans. Ladebat was a Sovereign Grand Inspector General and Secretary General of the Supreme Council



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## From the Master of Kadosh

Ritual. To many it brings to mind having someone pass on a proficiency. Ritual, however, is not limited to lodge work. It is believed to have been part of humanity from the beginning.

Ritual has been defined as a repeatable pattern of behavior done at specific times. In other words, ritual is any action that is repeated. It is believed that ritual and intelligence evolved together. It may also have played a role in how society came into being by transmitting cultural knowledge.

Ritual aligns behavior, creating shared experiences and forges a common identity into a cohesive community. A recent example was during the Superbowl when the kicker missed a 3 point attempt followed by a great sigh from the audience

There are three types of ritual: a mythological reenactment or long stand religious ritual that reenacts a sacred story; rite of passage; family ritual.

An example of a religious ritual is the commemoration of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Another is the Hebrew reenactment of the Passover Seder.

A rite of passage ritual can be a quinceaneras, turning 21, graduation or marriage.

Family rituals are more relaxed than religious or rite of passage. These rituals can include gatherings for Thanksgiving, Christmas or a traditional annual vacation to a special place.

Ritual may also play a part in subconsciously improving performance. Unlike habits which are often mindless, rituals are generally mindful, actions carried out for a specific purpose. Many professional athletes have their rituals such as wearing the same pair of socks throughout a tournament. An experiment was made with golfers. Some were given a "lucky ball", some not. Those with the "lucky balls" performed better than those players given an ordinary ball. It was believed having the "lucky ball" enhanced the player's confidence in their abilities and motivated greater effort.

Some research has shown that rituals can have a causal impact on thought, feelings and behavior. This effect may be why our Fraternity's rituals, developed over hundreds of years, have been able to instill high moral values by belonging to a group of like-minded Brethren.



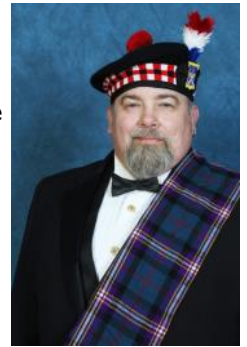
## From the Chief Knight

Our chapter is in a great place with plans of growing to help provide more service to the Valley. All 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Brothers are encouraged to come visit the KSA on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at the SJSR Center downstairs conference room. Our business meeting will be closed to KSA only but that is only a short time starting at noon. The social time following is where we have fun.

While planning activities for the Highland Games (happening on Labor Day weekend, September 2 & 3), we have been working with Chapters in other Valley's to make a grand time of it. The Games are hosted by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco with terrific shopping, music, and fun for the family.

In other outreach, our own Past Chief Knight David Kampshafer recently visited Santa Rosa to Accolade several new members into the newly commissioned Chapter as well as install the officers for the Chapter.

KSA is a service based organization that helps support activities throughout the Valley. Most of our work is done while we are at the monthly stated meetings which keeps the load light while helping things run smoother. During important visits, KSA provides an Arch of Steel salute to dignitaries as well as providing a Flag Presentation team. The Flag Presentation team is also often called upon for blue lodge installations. No kilt is needed and we have a cooler hat than the other bodies J. Come out and see what we are about.



*Tim Lytle*

*Bill M. Fiel*

### Three Pillars of the Tree of Life

Last month, we saw how the Adam Kadmon mapped onto the Tree of Life. This month, we will focus on the three pillars or columns of the Tree of Life.

In the diagram that accompanies this article (found on the Internet and of uncertain provenance), we observe the ten sephirot are arranged in three pillars:

#### Left Pillar

- Name: Boaz
- Means: Strength
- Divine Principle: Feminine
- Divine Qualities: Understanding, Severity, Glory
- Dominance: Intuitive / creative (right brain)

Energy: Yin

#### Right Pillar

- Name: Jachin
- Means: Form
- Divine Principle: Masculine
- Divine Qualities: Wisdom, Mercy, Victory
- Dominance: Quantitative / analytical (left brain)

Energy: Yang

#### Center Pillar

- Name: *your name here*
- Means: *you have to look it up*
- Divine Principle: Equilibrium
- Divine Qualities: Crown, Beauty, Foundation, Kingdom
- Dominance: Balanced (whole brain)

Energy: Combined

What about Da'ath or Knowledge? It was not among the original 10 Sephirot. Instead, when the center pillar slid down, it occupied the former place of Tiphereth or Beauty. Notice that none of the 22 paths intersect with Da'ath.

You will remember in the Garden of Eden story that pursuit of the "knowledge of good and evil" was connected to the "fall of mankind" expressed in the Tree of Life by the center column sliding down and relocating Makuth into the World of Action.

#### Names of the Pillars

We know the names of the two freestanding pillars at the doorway

of King Solomon's temple: Boaz and Jachin. We learned about them in the Fellowcraft degree. The candidate, standing between them is the center or third pillar. He represents a blending of the characteristics assigned to the left and right pillars. For this reason, the name of the center or third pillar is the given name of the person standing there. Each given name has a particular meaning, regardless of the language from which the name is taken. Thus we see how the Tree of Life can be customized to fit every person.

#### Divine Principles

Humans and many other life forms, come in two basic models: male and female. Unlike humans, the Divine has both qualities. The masculine principle is associated with God's transcendence, meaning He is everywhere at every moment, too big for humans to understand or interact with.

The feminine principle is associated with God's imminence or presence, meaning She is present with you at every moment to guide and assist you, and seeking to interact with you. How can somebody interact? Prayer and meditation are the most common techniques.

In the Lurianic Kabbalah, the Ein Soph chose to pass through Tzimtzum or a "contraction" process, in order to acquire the limitations that enable it to form what became the human concept of Deity, who designed and built the universe, and interacts with Its creatures.

In Hebrew, the word for Spirit (רוח, ruach) indicates God's presence and is the word used in the Hebrew Bible. In rabbinic literature, the word שכינה or "shekhinah" indicates the presence of God. Both of these words are grammatically feminine. From these the Jewish faith developed the idea of "Ruach ha Kodesh" or Spirit of Holiness, the imminent or feminine aspect of God.

In Greek, the word for Spirit (πνεῦμα, pneûma) is grammatically neuter, originally making the Holy Spirit an "it". However, the most common New Testament word for Holy Spirit is (παράκλητος, parakletos) or Paraclete, a grammatically masculine word meaning "counselor, advocate, comforter, or helper". Thus the Holy Spirit became male and this became the majority tradition in Christianity.

Remember that these are human ideas based on human understanding. Probably nobody ever thought to ask the Ruach ha Kodesh or Holy Spirit if She / He / It self-identified as male, female, or non-binary.

#### Divine Qualities

When it comes to the Divine qualities, we are interested in those of the center column, since that is the one most closely associated with you and me. The left and right columns only have three qualities, and we get a blending of these into the center column. But the center, counting Da'ath, has five qualities: Crown, [Knowledge], Beauty, Foundation, and Kingdom. How these relate to us humans is

a topic deserving of a separate article. Watch for it in a future issue.

### Left or Right Dominance

According to conventional wisdom, people tend to have a personality, thinking style, or way of doing things that is either right-brained or left-brained.

Those who are right-brained are supposed to be intuitive and creative free thinkers. They are "qualitative" big-picture thinkers who experience the world in terms that are descriptive or subjective.

Meanwhile, left-brained people supposedly tend to be more rational and analytical. They are "quantitative" detailed thinkers who experience the world in terms that are logical or objective.

Unfortunately, there is little evidence supporting the intuitive-and-creative versus rational-and-analytical residences in the human brain, based on current CT, MRI, and surgical technologies. However, according to neuroscientists, the human brain does have many different parts, each pertaining to a specific function.

### Yin and Yang Energy

As we said under Divine Principles, humans come in two basic models: male and female. When these two opposites meet and complement each other, the result is family, tribes, and society.

And the notion arises that everything is somehow organized in pairs of opposites. We can use the 3rd century BCE Chinese / Taoist principle of Yin and Yang as an illustration. The idea of Yin and Yang is that all things exist as "inseparable and contradictory opposite" energies that attract and complement each other.

Yang / Masculine: White, light, day, south, fire (creativity), active, sun, strength, awake, heaven, warm, young, odd numbers, advancing, mountains, rich, hard, loud, and provides **form** to all things.

Yin / Feminine: Black, dark, night, north, water (transformation), passive, asleep, moon, weakness, earth, cold, old, retreating, even numbers, valleys, poor, soft, quiet, and provides **spirit** to all things.

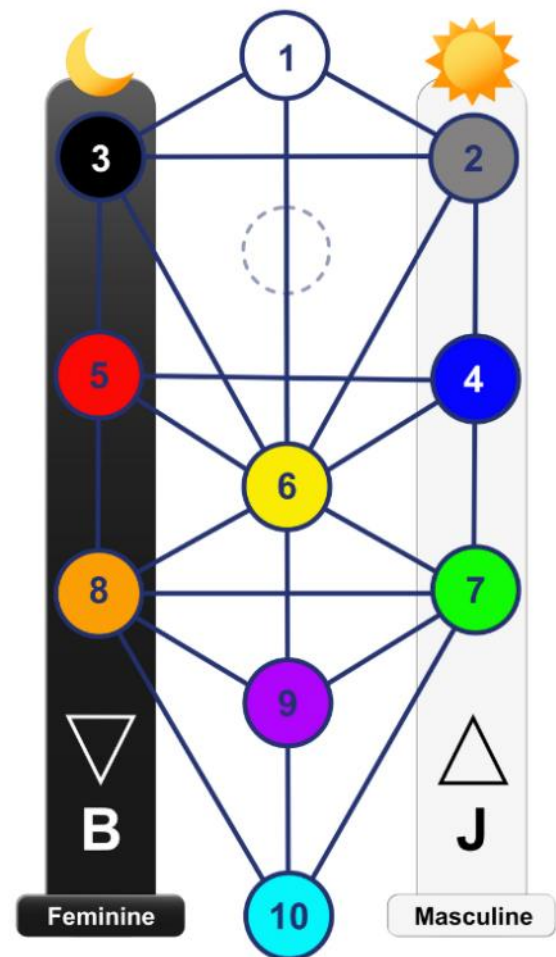
Note that the familiar opposites of good and evil, virtue and vice, worthy and worthless are NOT listed among the pairs. Yin and Yang assume that everything has value and is a natural part of existence.

We often confuse these "inseparable and contradictory opposites" with the gender traits of actual people. For example, men as supposedly active, strong, hard, possessing light, and controlling wealth. While women are assumed to be passive, weak, soft, living in darkness and poverty.

In reality, men and women both share all of these traits. Today, we see women piloting fighter jets and men who are stay-at-home dads. The contrary option, a society in which men and women are segregated into completely separate roles, ends up wasting half of our collective talent and potential.

The teaching of the center pillar combines the energies and traits of both genders into each complete human being with a clear path to develop his or her full talent and potential.

Lastly, note that the Boaz pillar has two additional symbols of the feminine, the moon and the downward-pointing equilateral triangle. While the Jachin pillar has two masculine symbols, the sun and upward-pointing equilateral triangle. These symbols regularly appear in studies of mysticism.



The Kabbalistic Tree of Life has three pillars.

*David Wood*

### From the Venerable Continued

certainly made the dinner jacket fashionable, and no doubt this is why most freemasons wear dinner jackets (some WMs and Grand Lodge folk wear white tie and tails).

From site (2) - the tuxedo was "invented" by Pierre Lorillard IV, a wealthy man of Tuxedo Park in New York State, in 1896. His son and friends wore their first tuxedos to a white tie and tails ball. The cummerbund and bow tie (popular with many freemasons) were later additions to the "tux" outfit.

In the more tropical parts, masons wear white mess jackets rather than the somber dinner jacket or tuxedo or tailcoat. Members of daylight lodges here wear day clothes such as a business suit or perhaps a formal sports jacket.

Frequent attenders at the lodge take their freemasonry seriously, and wearing formal clothes perhaps helps to set the mood. Furthermore, the "uniform" of black-and-white might mean that we pay more attention to the man than his clothes - the reverse might occur if we wore catwalk "gear" to lodge!

In many parts of the world, at least a portion of the lodge floor is black and white. As to how long these checkered or black-and-white mosaic pavements have existed in lodge, maybe someone else can answer that question. I would suspect that these pavements became fashionable in permanent lodge rooms when chalk marks on the floor or floor coverings were no longer required to be laid out by Tyler in temporary accommodation such as taverns and hostelrys. Some lodges meet in temporary accommodation such as clubs, so the rolled up masonic carpet is making a comeback. Such carpets are mainly comprised of black and white squares arranged in a mosaic pattern.

*Harish Rampershad*

### From the Commander Continued

of Louisiana, who, after the 1855 Concordat, transferred membership to the Supreme Council SJ. It was entirely possible that Ladebat adopted an older version of the Maundy Thursday ceremony from the Supreme Council of Louisiana, but no records exist to make such a conclusion.

In 1866, Maundy Thursday found its way listed as a Feast Day in the Code of Statutes of the SJ. Then as of 1878, the Statutes indicated its observance as obligatory. It wasn't until 1994 when the SJ deemed it more appropriate to conduct the Feast Day as a single, public, non-obligatory ceremony held near the Vernal Equinox or March 21 of each year. Note, however, that in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction (NMJ), Maundy Thursday is still observed and is colloquially known thereat as the Feast of the Paschal Lamb.

Source:

"The Feast Day of the Chapter of Rose Croix," The Far Eastern Freemason magazine (2nd Quarter Issue, June 2017).

*David M. Kempshall*



Zac is a cool 12-year-old boy who has been seen at the RiteCare Childhood Language Center of San Jose for an articulation disorder. Zac worked hard and recently met his speech and language goals for producing /r/ in all word positions in conversation consistently!



Zac's parents commented that "Zachary's treatment has helped him develop skills to accurately pronounce sounds he had difficulty with. We can understand his speech clearly and he can produce sounds now that he was not able to when he was little."

Zac's parents brought him to the clinic with the hope of remediating difficulty with /r/. Specific goals were established, and a hierarchy of practice was used to help Zac produce his sound in isolation, syllables, words, and through higher level linguistic contexts. His parents were an integral part of helping Zac as they consistently oversaw his home practice based on drills provided by his Speech-Language Pathologist.

Zac's parents are truly grateful for the therapeutic services they have received through our clinic, stating that "Zachary's treatment has greatly impacted our lives, Zachary's speech is clear and understandable. It has helped him succeed in school. Zachary's pathologist has worked closely with us to help our son providing Zachary with the help he needed, and helping the clarity in his speech so that others can comprehend him. His speech has greatly improved with speech therapy, and it has greatly impacted his success in his future. We are grateful we have received speech therapy thru Scottish Rite. Zachary would not be where he is today without the help of Scottish Rite. Every therapist we have worked with has been so wonderful. They are experienced, kind, and professional in their work. I could not have asked for a better pathologist to help my son. I would and have recommended other parents with children in need of speech therapy to seek help at Scottish Rite for their services."

We appreciate Zac and his family and look forward to continuing to help them and other families in our community!



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

#### **List of Requested Books for Clinic Library**

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

# Stated Meeting Menu

## Tuesday

### April 11th 2023

(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY call the office, by April 7th)

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

Cesare Salad  
Chicken Parmesan  
Spaghetti Marinara  
Garlic Bread  
Dessert

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

### Annual Dinner Ticket Books

You can now buy an Annual Dinner Ticket Book, which gives you 11 Stated Meeting Dinners and 1 Grand Masters Banquet. For a cost of \$150. This saves you \$40 off of the annual price or over 21%.

### From the Secretary

We are now into Spring, which means the days are getting longer, we have moved to Daylight Savings, so we have light later in the evenings. Also, hopefully, we will be moving to a bit warmer weather and we may finally dry out from the incredibly wet, although needed rainy season. It is also time to get the petitions in for new members, surely you know someone in your lodge that could benefit from being a Scottish Rite Mason. Invite them to join us.

We had a great turn out at the February meeting, but then in March with the storm that rolled through that day, attendance was again way down. Hopefully we won't have that problem again. But that also means that those of you who were not here, didn't make your reservations for April at that time, so Please do so now, so we have an accurate count.

This is also the year of the Biennial Meeting, which also means Honors. This year, the event will be held down in Long Beach on September 9th. The 33rd is a closed degree, but the KCCH is open, so those who wish to attend, see me for details.

Our own Ken Nagel, is currently serving as the President of the George Washington Masonic Memorial, and as his first duty he presided over the 100th Anniversary rededication Ceremony. There was also a parade in Alexandria as part of that celebrations. If you didn't see it live, you may view both of them by visiting <https://gwmemorial.org/pages/cornerstone>



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ken Nagel".

### III. Chuck Cowden 33° Reunion Class

Spring Dates May 5 and 6



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SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, U. S. A.

#### Petition for Degrees

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

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

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

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

Council Opens

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

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

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

Consistory Opens—Capping Ceremony

**Tuesday May 23rd ~ Scottish Rite Foundation Meeting 6:30 pm**

**Tuesday May 23rd ~ Scottish Rite All Officer Meeting 7:30 pm**

**Tuesday May 24th ~ SCVOA at Willow Glen 6:30 pm**

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

Lodge of Perfection Opens

**Tuesday July 11th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 5:30 pm**

Lodge of Perfection Opens— Grand Master's Festive Board