



The Rite Word

From the Venerable

I hope everyone is doing well, enjoying the change of weather, our beautiful surroundings, etc. etc. I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude and share my enthusiasm regarding our recent visit to the Egyptian Museum in San Jose, CA. It was an extraordinary experience, and I am thrilled that so many of our fraternity members joined in this fascinating exploration of esoteric education.



From the moment we entered the museum, we were transported to a realm of ancient wonders. The meticulously curated collection of artifacts and exhibits allowed us to immerse ourselves in the mysteries and grandeur of the ancient Egyptian civilization. The pharaohs, the pyramids, and the hieroglyphics came to life before our eyes, igniting our curiosity and imagination.

The guided tour led by knowledgeable Egyptologists was an absolute highlight of the visit. Their expertise and passion for the subject were evident as they delved into the symbolism, spiritual beliefs, and rituals of ancient Egypt. We were captivated by their insights and the stories they shared, providing us with a deeper understanding of a civilization that continues to captivate scholars and historians to this day.

One of the most remarkable aspects of our visit was the camaraderie and shared experience among our fraternity members, spouses, friends, and kids. Exploring the museum together, we engaged in thought-provoking discussions, shared observations, and exchanged ideas. The visit not only enriched our understanding of esoteric education but also strength-

ened the bonds of brotherhood within our fraternity.

The cultural enrichment we gained from this experience cannot be overstated. By immersing ourselves in the ancient Egyptian culture, we broadened our horizons and gained a fresh perspective on the diverse tapestry of human history. The visit to the Egyptian Museum served as a reminder of the importance of embracing diverse cultures and learning from their unique contributions.

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to each and every member who participated in this event. Your presence and active involvement made this visit a resounding success. It is through such collective efforts that we continue to nurture an environment of intellectual growth and lifelong learning within our fraternity.

I encourage you to reflect on this visit and carry the knowledge and inspiration gained from it into your personal and academic endeavors. Let it serve as a reminder of our commitment to the pursuit of knowledge, the value of shared experiences, and the strength of our brotherhood.

Once again, I extend my deepest gratitude to all who made this visit possible, including the organizers, volunteers, and our dedicated fraternity members. Your participation and enthusiasm are invaluable to the continued success of our fraternity.

Wishing you all continued growth, enlightenment, and success in your future explorations.

Your humble Venerable
Master,

**Grand Master Festive Board is July 11th Meeting is at 5:30pm Festive Board at 6pm
If you do not have a reservation by July 7th you will not be seated.**

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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.

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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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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.

From the Wise Master

As a nation, Independence Day is key holiday to celebrate our United States of America. I have traveled the world and visited many countries who do not have a framework like our Constitution or might not even be civilly protected by the rule of law. Each trip I am grateful in having the Rights and Privileges we have all grown to enjoy. We aren't perfect, but we are going in the right direction.



As a veteran I also reflect back on our day of Independence with fond memories of some of the hardest work I have ever done in my life when serving this nation, a sentiment I share with many of our Brother veterans. I reflect on memories of friends I made while serving and the purpose we served...and I smile again with gratitude.

As you celebrate this holiday, be it at a park, a cookout, or wherever you may be, I only ask you to take a moment of peace and reflect on all the things you have been blessed with while enjoying our freedoms, our rights, our privileges, and those who we love and surround ourselves with.

Perhaps bring your lodge Brothers to the membership lounge this month for some bonding and sharing of stories on how we can promote positive civility within our communities so future generations may also enjoy these Rights and Privileges.

From the Commander

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. George Washington issued double rations of rum to all his soldiers to mark the anniversary of independence in 1778, and in 1781, several months before the key American victory at the Battle of Yorktown, Massachusetts became the first state to make July 4th an official state holiday.



After the Revolutionary War, Americans continued to commemorate Independence Day every year, in celebrations that allowed the new nation's emerging political leaders to address citizens and create a feeling of unity. By the last decade of the 18th century, the two major political parties—the Federalist Party and Democratic-Republicans—that had arisen began holding separate Fourth of July celebrations in many large cities.

Festivities including concerts, bonfires, parades and the firing of cannons and muskets usually accompanied the first public readings of the Declaration of Independence, beginning immediately after its adoption. Philadelphia held the first annual commemoration of independence on July 4, 1777, while Congress was still occupied with the ongoing war. July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2023 is on Tuesday, July 4.

The tradition of patriotic celebration became even more widespread after the War of 1812, in which the United States again faced Great Britain. In 1870, the U.S. Congress made July 4th a federal holiday; in 1941, the provision was expanded to grant a paid holiday to all federal employees.

Over the years, the political importance of the holiday would decline, but Independence Day remained an important national holiday and a symbol of patriotism.

Falling in mid-summer, the Fourth of July has since the late 19th century become a major focus of leisure activities and a common occasion for family get-togethers, often involving fireworks and outdoor barbecues. The most common symbol of the holiday is the American flag, and a common musical accompaniment is "The Star-Spangled Banner," the national anthem of the United States.

From the Master of Kadosh

First, a belated happy Father's Day to all! The idea for this day to honor fathers, the third Sunday in June, started in 1909 when Sonora Smart Dodd heard a sermon on Mother's Day. She was the daughter of a Civil War veteran who raised six children after his wife died in childbirth and first celebrated in 1910. Legislation establishing it as a national holiday was signed by President Nixon in 1972.



In May we observed Mother's Day, conceived by Anna Jarvis following her mother's passing in 1905. With financial support from a local department store she organized the first event in 1908 because she felt American holidays were biased towards male achievements. President Wilson, in 1914, officially established the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day, however in 1920 Ms. Jarvis became disgusted with the commercialization of the day and urged people to stop buying flowers, candy and cards for their mothers. Fortunately, that did not take hold.

Observances for other relations have come into being such as: July 23, Parent's Day; July 26, National Aunt and Uncle Day; and (my favorite) September 10, Grandparent's Day.

Here at the Scottish Rite we have a special day that is doubly important, Saturday, October 7. First, that is the day of the Consistory sponsored Family BBQ Day. It also happens to be National Frappe Day.

World War One resulted in the creation of two very different days. The first and most important was Armistice Day. It got its start in 1921 with the burial of an unknown WWI soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. This gave rise to Armistice Day, November 11, by Congressional resolution and twelve years later it became a national holiday. In 1947, after WWII a National Veteran's Day was started on November 11 with parades and other ceremonies. President Eisenhower proclaimed it Veteran's Day in 1954. Later, for about ten years the date was changed to the fourth Monday in October, but it returned to November 11 in 1978.

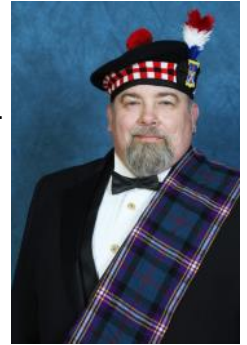
The other National Day WWI gave rise to was National Donut Day. During WWI, the Salvation Army sent over 250 ladies to deliver food to the soldiers on the front lines in France. The ladies found that a soldier's helmet could be used to cook donuts, up to seven at a time. June 2 was selected, in 1938, by the Salvation Army, as the day to honor those women who delivered donuts to the troops.

There are actually two American Thanksgiving Days. We all know the fourth Thursday in November which dates to the Civil War. There is a much older one, Schwenkfelder Thanksgiving, observed on September 22. It dates to 1734 when the second group of Schwenkfelder followers arrived in Pennsylvania. This Thanksgiving was originally celebrated by feasting on butter, apple butter, bread and water.

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From the Chief Knight

In June, our Chapter of KSA was able to share an Accolade ceremony (knighting) and an Elevation ceremony (raising a knight to the rank of Knight of the First Order) during the stated meeting dinner. We appreciate all the questions and interest following the dinner, thank you.



As we mentioned before, KSA's big annual outing is the Highland Games on September 2 & 3 in Pleasanton. So far we have three other Valley's KSA chapters planning to attend with us. I would encourage everyone to come out for some fun on either or both days. We'll have cold drinks and snacks available along with some chairs to take a rest if needed. Pipes & Drums, Highland Dance, shops galore, and whiskey-a-plenty will be at the games in addition to awesome feats of strength and athletic skill

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 :).

Come out and see what we are about

Tim Lopez

Meditating on the Tree of Life, Part 2

In last month's article, we had an introduction to meditation for those readers who have not yet given it a try. This month, we will describe a simple meditation on the Tree of Life, focusing on the Sefirah, Malkuth.

Malkuth is the Sefirah at the bottom of the Tree of Life, and is the 10th of the 32 paths of wisdom. It is the only Sefirah that exists in Olam ha Asiya, the World of Action. And it is the Sefirah that contains physical reality. So Malkuth is a logical place to start.

Malkuth is shown divided into four quarters. Each quarter has its own color:

citrine, olive, russet, and black. Citrine, olive, and russet are created by mixing the colors of other Sephiroth. Just as each Sefirah denotes a certain Divine quality, those qualities find their way down to Malkuth, where we live in the Kabbalistic sense.

Black comes from the qliphoth. Thinking back, you may recall that the qliphoth were the shells that encased and isolated the Sephiroth when they first emanated. The qliphoth shattered, enabling the Sephiroth to create pathways among themselves.

The shards of qliphoth apparently fell to the bottom where their color and influence was picked up by part of Malkuth. Remember that the qliphoth represent a lack of communication and the evil or negative aspect of existence. We encounter those influences every day of our earthly existence. Thus the Kabbalists mapped it all out.

Sets of Four

What else comes in a set of four? A set of tires for your car. Four Aristotelian elements: earth, air, fire, and water. Four cardinal directions: east, west, north, and south. Four seasons: spring, summer, fall, and winter. The Tetragrammaton, the name of God, written with four Hebrew letters: yod, hay, vav, hay. The number four has many qualities and meanings to meditate upon.

The four colors of Malkuth relate to the four elements. Citrine is air, olive is water, russet is fire, and black is earth. We do not normally associate these colors with those elements. Although I admit that, when I was growing up in the East Los Angeles area in the 1960s, the smoggy air sometimes had a citrine color. I have seen plenty of dark green, slimy water, and many places on earth have black sand or black soil. So we also have these things to meditate upon.

More Qualities Attributed to Malkuth

Malkuth, located at the bottom of the middle pillar in the

Tree of Life, and existing in Olam ha Asiya (World of Action), has acquired many attributions.

According to Rebbe (a Hasidic spiritual leader) Nachman of Breslov, "Earth is equivalent to the Sefirah of Malkuth, which is associated with the earth. Therefore earth – like Malkuth – represents the Oral Law (statutes and legal interpretations that were not recorded in the Five Books of Moses). And the Oral Law is the source of the spirit of every living being, as the verse states: 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures, each according to its own kind' (see Genesis 1:24)."

Although Malkuth is seen as the "lowest" sefirah on the Tree of Life, it also contains within it the potential to reach the highest sefirah, Kether or Crown. This is exemplified in the Hermetic maxim "As above so below" and "Kether is in Malkuth, and Malkuth is in Kether".

From a Christian viewpoint, Malkuth is important since Jesus of Nazareth preached that people should "seek first the Kingdom of God". In some systems, the Kingdom of God is equated with Da'ath, the invisible Sefirah representing Knowledge. Here we refer to knowledge in the sense of Gnosis, which is information or understanding of the divine accessed through mystical study and practice.

In comparison with Eastern systems, Malkuth is a very similar archetypal idea to that of the Muladhara (root) chakra. Chakras ("wheels" in Sanskrit) are energy points in the body. The human body is said to have seven major chakras and up to 114 in total. We might look into chakras in a future article.

In Shakta Tantra, which is also associated with the Earth, this is the plane in which karma is expressed. Karma is a concept of action, work or deed, and its effect or consequences. In Western terms, we might say, "You reap what you sow" or "To get one's just deserts".

A tantra ("loom" in Sanskrit) is one of a multitude of esoteric rites practiced by some Hindu, Buddhist, and Jain sects. Shaktism is the worship of the mother goddess Shakti, the active power of the godhead conceived in feminine terms. The Shakti tradition came from 5th century India.

Each Sefirah has an avatar or manifestation of God who goes by a specific name. Malkuth has "Adonai ha Eretz", literally "Lord of the land" who rules over over

the Kingdom of the visible universe. It might include some invisible components of the universe, such as dark matter.

Malkuth also has its assigned archangel, Metatron and Sandalphon, depending on the source you consult. And an angelic host (army or choir), the "Ishim", meaning the "fiery ones". Its Astrological correspondence is the Elements. Its body part (thinking of the Adam Kadmon, the prototypical human whose form is mapped to the Tree) is the feet. Its Consciousness is Guf, the Hebrew word for the physical body. Its mystical image is a young woman sitting on a throne. And its symbol is an altar or temple. Perhaps the altar in the lodgeroom or a Masonic temple?

Brothers with a background in science might be interested to learn that the Tree of Life and each Sephirah have a specific frequency. Malkuth is 532 Hz. If you have a frequency generator application on your computer or smartphone, you can play that sound softly in the background while you meditate on Malkuth. Look for more on frequencies in a later article.

Examples of Topics for Meditation

What is Malkuth:
 The planet earth?
 The physical universe?
 Malkuth means Kingdom:
 Whose kingdom?
 Who belongs to the kingdom?
 Four colors and four elements:
 The number four
 Citrine and Air
 Olive and Water
 Russet and Fire
 Black and Earth

What is Olam ha Asiya (World of Action)?

How do you "seek first the Kingdom of God"?

Dealing with Human Minds

A quality that sets humans above other species is the ability to think in the abstract. That is, we can imagine something that does not actually exist. And, in many cases, the ability to bring that something into existence. That requires an active mind, one which is always looking for something to do.

If you new to meditation, the major challenge will be keeping your mind from wandering. Meditation focuses your mind's attention on a specific thing, be it an object, symbol, idea, or feeling. Sometimes you just have to think forcefully to yourself, "Mind! Be Still!"

Meditation can take you to a quiet, safe place, where you can take a break from the noisy and chaotic world around us. Do-

ing nothing more than achieving a focused mental separation from the world, for even a moment, may benefit your mental and physical wellbeing.

While in a meditative state, we often receive insights into life's problems and challenges, or answers deep and mysterious questions. Your memory is good for recalling how something felt but it is not reliable at recalling information correctly or completely. So keep a pad and pencil handy to record any thoughts and ideas you experience.



From the Commander Continued

It seems that just about every day of the year is a National "Something" Day. Walt Disney Day is the first Monday in December. National Taco Day, October 4, started by Del Taco as a promotion. It is also National Vodka Day. August 24 is National Waffle Day, commemorates the date in 1869 when Cornelius Swarthout received a patent for the first waffle iron. It is also National Pluto Demoted Day observing Pluto's removal as a planet. February 5 is National Shower with a Friend Day, the idea of a plumbing company. But let's not forget January 18, National Peking Duck Day.

If you go online, you can find each day of the year has multiple National Day Ofs. Say, is there still a Del Taco in Campbell?





Our 2023 Scholarship recipient

Scottish Rite Polo Shirts

You can get your very own San Jose Scottish Rite Polo Shirt. These are high quality shirts. They are of a poly wicking material so they will not fade or shrink. They are available in either Black or White.

Cost is \$35 per shirt. Please contact the Secretary to place your order. We have run out of what we had on hand, but I am now taking orders for those that want them.



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.

Cost for Life Membership

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

This is the current price. You can apply this years dues to this amount. There will be a slight increase for next year.

A Letter From The Clinic

Hello and happy Spring. My name is Angela Stephan and I have the pleasure of serving our children as a Speech-Language Pathologist at the Rite Care Clinic in San Jose. I worked at the clinic from 2005-2016. When the clinic began to offer telehealth services in 2020, I was thrilled to join the team once again and provide services via telehealth.

Recently, I was able to stop by the clinic and see all the beautiful remodeling and connect with the other therapists. I was also able to connect with many of the children I work with! Together with their parents, we arranged a meet up at a local park near the clinic. It was so fun to meet these families face to face after working with them online. It was amazing to me, how despite knowing them online, it felt so familiar to see them. We felt like old friends! It solidified for me the type of connection you can make with others online and the important work that can be done.

Many of the parents were able to chat with each other and some siblings came as well. Two boys who attend a social group together were able to meet and play football with my older nephews who came along. My daughter Marie was able to meet a little boy I work with. They met each other one day when my daughter entered the treatment session and were excited to see each other in person! I appreciate the opportunity to continue my work at the Rite Care Clinic.

Sending a big thanks to all my clinic families for taking the time to visit with me.

Warmly,

Angela Stephan

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 5/1/23

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
 Spot (the dog) any book from the series
 Where the Wild Things Are
 Sheep in a Shop



Pirate Pete by Nick Sharat
 There Was an Old Lady (any book from the series)
 Love Monster
 The Day It Rained Hearts
 My Mouth is A Volcano
 Bears Loose Tooth
 Bear Wants More
 Sneezzy the Snowman
 A Snowy Surprise
 Harry the Dirty Dog
 Bear Snores On
 Room on the Broom
 The Little Mouse, the Rid Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear
 The Very Hungry Bear
 The Very Sleepy Bear
 Where is the Green Sheep
 Mr. Grumpy's Motor Car
 The Scarecrow's Hat
 Spooky Wheels on the Bus
 Llama Llama – any book from the series
 Ketchup on Your Cornflakes
 Run Turkey Run
 Rosie's Walk
 Personal Space Camp
 You Choose by Nick Sharratt
 Chicka Chicka Boom Boom



Stated Meeting Menu

Tuesday

July 11th 2023

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

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

Tomato Bisque Soup
Chopped Greek Salad
Chilled Prawns
Pork Tenderloin
Strawberries and Cream

GM Reception Cost is \$25 per person

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

Last night as we were holding our Night of Instruction, many of our brother's were at the bedside of Hon. Wolfgang Lochner as he transitioned from this world to the next. I can't think of a more profound example of why we do what we do in Masonry. Wolfgang was a single guy, with no family in this country, but in his final moments he was surrounded by brothers to comfort him on his journey. So when asked why are a mason, share that story as it speaks volumes.

We are down to just a handful of members who need to pay 2023 dues, which is great. But as time marches on, Supreme will shortly begin to send out notices for 2024, if you are in good standing it will come with your dues card. So if you don't get a new dues card it means you still owe for 2023.

And finally, remember to make your reservation for the July stated meeting for the Grand Masters Reception and Festive Board. This is the one meeting a year where we have a plated dinner. We set only the number of seats for those who have made RSVPs. So if you want to attend, make the reservation. If we don't have it by July 7th you WILL NOT BE SEATED.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wolfgang Lochner".

III. Richard Fisher 33° Reunion Class

Sept 23,30, Oct 20,21 and 24



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

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

Lodge of Perfection Opens— Grand Master's Festive Board

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

Chapter Rose Croix Opens (Business Casual)

Thursday Aug 17th ~ SCVOA Meeting 6:30 pm

Friendship Lodge

Tuesday Sept 12th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm

Council Opens

Monday Sept 18th ~ SCVOA Meeting 6:30 pm

Golden Rule Lodge

Friday Sept 29th ~ Reunion 5:30 pm

Saturday Sept 30th ~ Reunion 8:30 am

Tuesday Oct 10th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm

Consistory Opens

Monday Oct 16th ~ SCVOA Meeting 6:30 pm

Los Altos Lodge

Friday Oct 20th ~ Reunion 5:30 pm

Saturday Oct 21st ~ Reunion 8:30 am

Tuesday Oct 24th ~ Reunion 5:30 pm