



The Rite Word

From the Venerable

Did you know? The equinox happens at the same moment worldwide, although our clock times reflect a different time zone.

The March equinox will occur on **Monday, March 20, at 5:24 P.M. EDT** which will mark the start



of the spring season. It's when the landscape comes to life after a cold winter. There is stronger sunlight, temperatures begin to rise, and the days grow longer and much more

THE PERFECT ASHLAR

From a block of fine white marble, a wise sculptor created an elephant. Its beauty had an inner strength which radiated the culture of the East. When asked how he had created such a masterpiece, the sculptor replied that he had merely chipped away all that was not the elephant.

Throughout the history of World Culture, there have been many sculptors, yet few of these had the insight and the focus to create masterpiece elephants. The quality of what remains after "chipping away" depends upon how discerning the sculptor was.

Numerous factors affect this level of discernment. Was he mentally bogged down with money worries? Was he emotionally polarized with family matters? Was he overwhelmed by his glimpse into the human condition? Did he simply have a common cold? Was he having a bad

day? All these and many more affect the quality of the finished product. (Is this an elephant that you would want in your living room?)

It is, of course, no laughing matter to the disappointed sculptor who sees all too well that his finished product is far from the wisdom, strength and beauty of his original concept. What went wrong? Who will he blame for his foolish, weak and ugly elephant? Who will he blame for his lack of discernment in wielding his working tools?

The ancients Taoists taught that a beginner stepping onto the Path of Enlightenment blames others. One that is traveling the Path of Enlightenment blames only himself; however, one that has completed the Path of enlightenment blames no one.

As brothers in Masonry, each of us have been given a concept of imperfection in the symbol of the Rough Ashlar, (that rough stone just taken from the quarry). We have also been given the concept of perfection in the symbol of the Perfect Ashlar or smooth stone. We were admonished to change the present state of our character, (which we were to consider as our Rough Ashlar), into a perfected character symbolized by the Perfect Ashlar.

Not only were we gently challenged to attain this goal, but also we were given the means by which we could achieve it. Thus we were gradually introduced to the symbolism of our Masonic working tools, one of which is our common gavel. The common gavel looks like a

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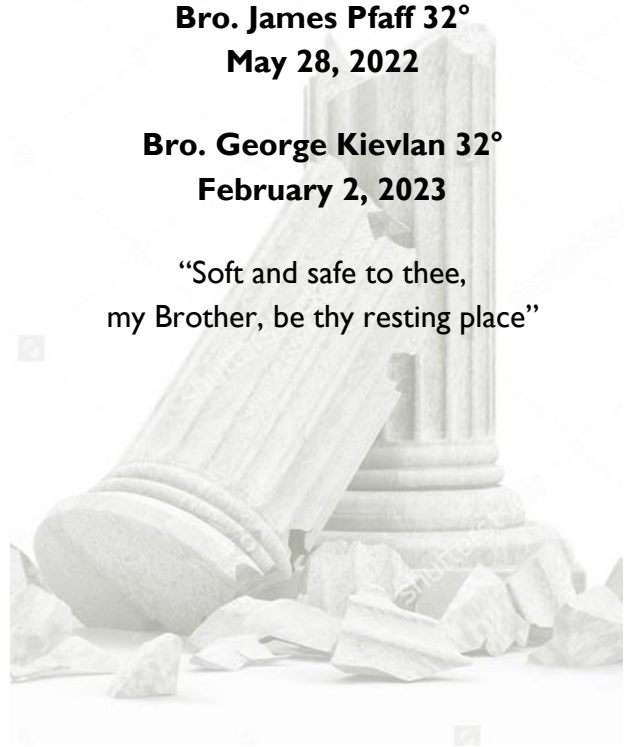
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"Soft and safe to thee,
my Brother, be thy resting place"



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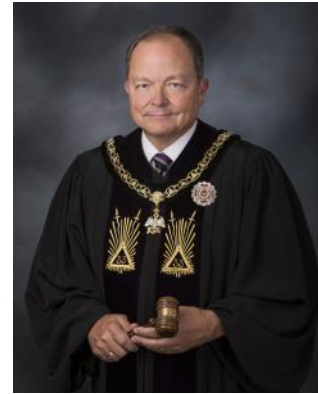
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Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

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

Greetings to all! I hope this month finds you well with great plans to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. For my family, this is one of our big holidays. Three of my children enjoyed performing Irish Dance for several years and this holiday would have them travel from Gilroy to Palo Alto for about 14 performances or so just on this holiday. During the month of March they would perform approximately 50 times which we incorporated into other family outings and trips.

While they do not dance anymore, we still enjoy going to the various festivals and gatherings.

We also have some other important events coming up that everyone should put on their calendar. Come out and celebrate Maundy Thursday with the Valley as we all prepare for Easter. And please plan to attend the Spring Reunion.



Bud and Susan Ramsey Anniversery



From the Commander

The story of Freemasonry and Native Americans begins in 1776 when the Mohawk leader Joseph Brant joined an English Masonic lodge. As an Indian leader and Loyalist ally, Brant traveled several times to England, where he discussed the role of the Iroquois in the Revolutionary War. While in London, he was entertained by the Prince of Wales, had his portrait painted, and joined a Masonic lodge. In his lifetime, the Mohawk chief learned English, gained a Western education, joined the Anglican Church, and translated the Bible into his native language. At the same time, he was a member of the Iroquois Grand Council and a leader of the Indians who fought alongside the British against the Revolution. Following the war, the British provided him with a pension and a land grant along the Grand River in Upper Canada, where he settled in a Mohawk village and joined the local lodge.

Mediating between Indian and white worlds, Brant and the Native Masons who followed him worked to advance the interests of their people.

In the nineteenth century, as the American people moved westward into lands that the Federal Government had assigned to Indians, more Native Americans started joining Masonic lodges. The majority of the Native American leaders in Indian Territory were Freemasons. The Cherokee leader John Ross and his Princeton-educated nephew William contributed to the 1849 founding of their tribe's first lodge. The Cherokee publisher and politician Elias Boudinot, the Cherokee Confederate general Stand Watie, and the Choctaw leader Peter Pitchlyn were all lodge members just to name a few.

Native Americans adapted Masonic ideals and practices to a larger effort to both preserve Native identity and confront the challenges of accommodation to American society. Moreover, when white, middle-class Masons were drawn to Native American wisdom in their quest for primeval truth, modernizing Indians sought within Freemasonry a means for finding their place in middle-class American society



From the Master of Kadosh

Spring is coming and so is Easter. Each year the Scottish Rite, on Maundy Thursday (the day before Good Friday), holds the annual ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. This year, due to Maundy Thursday falling in the first week of April when many Lodges hold their Stated Meetings, the ceremony has been moved to Thursday, March 30.



When I was first in the cast, the ceremony was a tiled event. Some years later it was decided to open it to families and friends so the ritual was modified to allow all to attend. As the name implies, it is a time when our members renew their vows and remember our Brothers who have passed in the preceding twelve months.

The term "Maundy", in Christianity, refers to foot washing which occurs in many churches the day before Good Friday. Others believe Mau day Thursday came from "maundsor baskets" or "Maundy purses". These were alms the King of England distributed to certain poor people before attending Mass, on that day, at Whitehall. "Maundy" is related to the Latin "mendicare" and French "mender" to beg.

In the past, in the United Kingdom, Maunday Thursday celebrations involved the Queen giving alms to senion citizens. One man and woman for each year of the Queen's age. They are given a red purse with regular money in place of food and a white purse with money for each year of the Queen's age. This is not ordinary money, rather specially minted Munday coins which are legal tender but most likely end up as serious collector's items. With the passing of the Queen, I have not found a reference to what King Charles will do. Interestingly, the Queen's late husband and the King's father was a Mason.

The date of Maundy Thursday may or may not coincide with Passover. The date of Munday Thursday is always the Thursday before Easter. Here the Jewish and Christian calendars can differ. Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox in the Christian faith however Passover is based on a calendar system that adds a month in certain years.

Maundy Thursday, in the Christian faith, was the night of Jesus' last supper with his disciples. There is a group, the Jesus Seminar scholars, who consider the Last Supper to have come from a tradition of memorial dinners for the dead.

In the Scottish Rite, our Maundy Thursday observance is not a religious event rather a time to renew our obligations and remember our Brethren who have passed.

Bill M. Fiel

From the Chief Knight

I recently visited the Valley of Oakland for their Installation of Officers. It was great to connect again with our SGIG, Ill Frank Loui and the Personal Representative for Oakland, Ill Johnathan Prestige. If you have not made the trek to see the Oakland Scottish Rite building, I highly recommend it.



More importantly though was re-establishing a connection with the Oakland Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew. We have already started discussions on participating in the Highland Games at Pleasanton in our chapter and now have more interest from that chapter as well. The goal is to get Burlingame and San Francisco chapters involved also.

"Why?," do you ask?

The KSA is very focused on service all year 'round. The Highland Games is a great chance for us to have some fun and build fraternal bonds with Brothers who we only get to see once in a while.

Tim Lopez



Shanta Rampershad Birthday

Kabbalah and the Concept of Man

In last month's article, we learned about the Etz Chaim or Tree of Life. Then we compared it to the Garden of Eden story in the Bible and touched on the Christian concept known as "the Fall of Man". We also considered to other views of the Fall from Judaism and Islam.

This month, we will look at the origin of mankind, and the Kabbalistic concept of Adam Kadmon. Adam is not only a masculine proper name, it is also the name of mankind. The term Kadmon, or more precisely, ha-Ḳadmoni, means "the original". Adam Kadmon is considered to be an incorporeal (does not have a body) intelligence, and is neither male nor female. He (It?) is a primordial idea or pattern, created from the Ein Sof Aur or Divine Light.

Adam Kadmon is the first partzuf (plural partzufim), the third and final stage in the development of the Sephiroth, which becomes a human-like figure possessing the full set of intellectual and emotional powers. It is also referred to as the Divine Persona.

What is the difference between a persona and a person? A persona is the image or personality that a person presents in public or in a specific setting — as opposed to their true self. The Divine Persona or Adam Kadmon is a representation of God that mortals can understand and interact with.

Adam, the character from the book of Genesis, is "Adam ha-Rishon", meaning "first man". This Adam is corporeal, a physical entity made from the dust of the earth, and was first created as "male and female", androgynous, or in modern terms, "gender-neutral" and "non-binary". The final act of Creation was to separate the male and female into a man and a woman. Unlike Adam Kadmon, Adam Rishon are "living souls", such that they are subject to injury, sickness, and eventually death.

In the diagram that accompanies this article (found on the Internet and of uncertain provenance) we see the Adam Kadmon mapped to the Tree of Life. The points of contact between the Adam and the Tree are significant. It might be helpful to find the Kabbalah article in last month's issue of the Rite Word and review the diagrams, especially "Stage 4".

His head is over Da'ath or Knowledge. His right hand rests on Geburah or Severity, sometimes referred to as Justice. His left hand rests on Chesed or Mercy. Over his heart is Tiphereth or Beauty. Over his abdomen is Yesod or Foundation. These Sephiroth belong to the Olam ha Yetzirah or World of Formation.

Adam Kadmon stands on Malkuth or Kingdom, which belongs to Olam ha Asiyah or World of Action. Looking at the diagram we see that many divine qualities are built into Adam

Kadmon. And we see that he is designed to be connected with the our world. While Adam Kadmon is the idea, Adam Rishon is the image.

The image of what or whom? According to Genesis 1:27: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

Recall that Adam Kadmon is the Divine Persona or a representation of God that mortals can understand and interact with. Throughout the Hebrew Bible, God appears as a human form, from walking the Garden of Eden, Lot's visitors, Jacob wrestling with the angel, and Moses beholding God on Mt. Sinai.

In the Christian scriptures, the Divine is represented by a human being, Jesus of Nazareth. How exactly that worked is highly and hotly debated both in religious and scholarly circles. But we see its correlation with ideas from the Hebrew Bible.

Also, notice that the diagram of Etz Chaim or Tree of Life depicts a feminine aspect on the left and a masculine aspect on the right. It also has three columns or pillars. Elohim/Jehovah at the top and Queen/Bride at the bottom of the center pillar. We will explore these concepts in a future article.

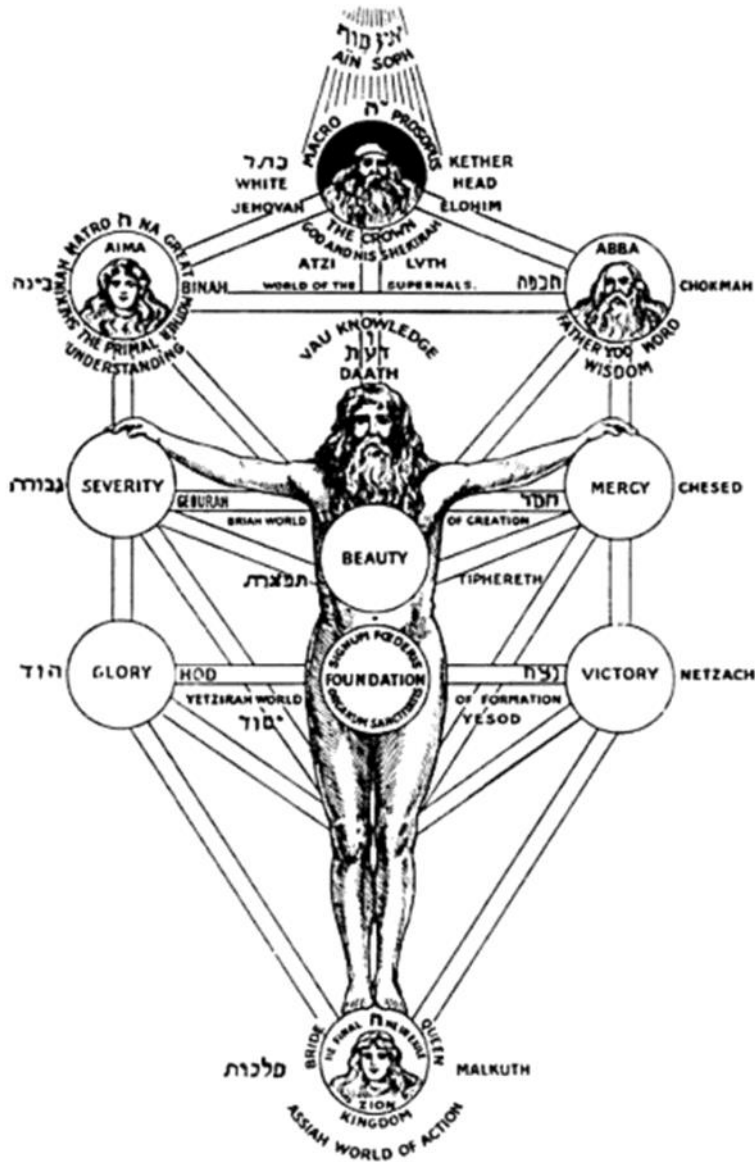
In the scientific world, which does not consider the ideas found in the Bible or Kabbalah, mankind is called "Homo Sapiens" which in Latin means "wise man". As you can guess, what separates mankind from the other species of primates is its complex brain and cognitive skills. Mankind or humans used their intelligence to form societies, create languages, develop technologies, and pursue systematic study of themselves and the world around them. Some of that study became mythology and religion, while some of it became philosophy and science.

Are we children of the Divine or just big-brained apes? Science can explain where humans come from based on physical evidence. We've been around for 300,000 years, continuously growing and developing: planting crops, raising animals, erecting buildings, making and extinguishing fires, wearing clothing, inventing tools, making music, using language, surviving every environmental challenge, and spreading over the face of the earth.

There is nothing wrong with that. In fact, Science shows that among all creatures on the earth only Homo Sapiens has the necessary intelligence to ask questions, form abstract thoughts, and envision new possi-

bilities. Perhaps at some moment in the neolithic period or early history, Homo Sapiens achieved the qualifications and characteristics to be divinely transformed into Adam Rishon.

All this reminds me of a passage from Shakespeare's Hamlet: "What a piece of worke is a man! How Noble in reason! How infinite in faculty! In forme and mouing (moving) how expresse and admirable! In Action, how like an Angel in apprehension, how like a God!..."



David David

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.

small wooden ax head and is used to chip away the unnecessary parts of the Rough Ashlar. We use it symbolically to chip, shape and smooth our Rough Ashlar, (our present character), into a perfect Ashlar, (our concept of the perfect character). In other words, to chip away all that is not the elephant.

After being presented with our common gavel and other working tools and given an explanation of their function, we were then set upon a rough and rugged road. During our travels on this road, we would have many opportunities to use all of our working tools, especially, our common gavel.

It is highly significant for all Masons to reflect, every once in a while, upon a realistic evaluation of the present condition of our individual characters in order to truly see where we stand in this magnificent on-going process of perfection.

Where we find obvious or subtle degrees of foolishness, weakness or ugliness of character, that is where we will be focusing our future efforts with our common gavel in order to bring our present character, (our Rough Ashlar), more in line with our Masonic concept of perfection -- The Perfect Ashlar.

In this process of perfection we can, (and should), invoke the blessings of God so that we may have the wisdom to contrive, the strength to support, and the beauty to adorn all great and important undertakings. Brothers, let there be no doubt about it, the perfection of our character is, according to all Masonic tradition, a great and important undertaking which we, as Masons, are honor bound to ever strive for and achieve.

Most of us are finding that the more we use our common gavel to chip away all that is not our concept of perfection in character, the more we can contemplate and use our other working tools such as the plumb, level, and square. This is simply due to the fact that our character flaws are distractions from perfection and take up much of our mental and emotional energy. As we consciously remove our character flaws we can then use that freed-up energy to more skillfully and energetically use our other working tools.

On this road toward a more perfect concept and practice of Masonry, each of us will encounter situations and conditions which will cause us to sit back and reflect upon our efforts with our working tools.

We ask ourselves some vital questions such as, "How much of an increase in the skillful use of my working tools has my experience on this Masonic road of life produced?". What is the quality of my Ashlar to date? Is it perfect yet? (We're good, but not that good!). Does my Ashlar, (my character) exhibit wisdom for all the world to see, or does it exhibit foolishness for all the world to see? Does my Ashlar, (my character), exhibit strength for all the world to draw hope from, or does it exhibit obvious weaknesses for all the world to avoid? Does my Ashlar, (my character), exhibit beauty for all the world to rejoice with, or does it exhibit varying degrees of ugliness for all the world to shrink from.

Marcel Rampershad



Recognizing our Sweethearts



Madeline is a fun-loving and sweet 5-year-old girl who has been coming to the RiteCare Childhood Language Center of San Jose for a phonological and expressive language disorder. When Madeline first started therapy she was hard to understand as she demonstrated multiple phonological errors that impacted her intelligibility as well as difficulty with early expressive language development. Madeline's therapy focused on using minimal pairs to address her phonological errors as well as other multisensory techniques to help her understand how sounds are produced.



Since therapy began, her parents have noticed improvements, commenting that "She is developing skills to accurately pronounce sounds she has difficulty with...Madeline's speech is clearer and more understandable. It has helped her communicate with others better and get her needs met. Madeline is less frustrated..." Madeline's family has been an integral part of her therapy, as they are consistent with attendance and completing homework provided by her SLP. Her mother notes that "Madeline's [Speech-Language] Pathologist has closely worked with us to help our daughter and provide Madeline with the help she needs...We are happy to see her feeling more confident when she is understood by others. 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 [Speech-Language] Pathologist to help my daughter."

We are so proud of all of Madeline's progress and look forward to continuing to help her



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
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 Bear Wants More
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 A Snowy Surprise
 Good Night Moon
 Harry the Dirty Dog
 Bear Snores On
 Brown Bear, Brown Bear
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 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
 Llama Llama Red Pajama – any book from the series
 Ketchup on Your Cornflakes
 Run Turkey Run
 Rosie's Walk
 If you Give a Pig a Pancake
 If you Give a Moose a Muffin
 Personal Space Camp

Stated Meeting Menu

Tuesday

March 14th 2023

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

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

Green Salad

Pot Roast

Potatoes

Mixed Veggies

Dessert

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

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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 gearing up for the reunion which will be April 14th and 15th, where we will confer the 4th to the 14th instead of communicating the majority. Then on May 5-6 we will confer and communicate the 15th to 32nd degree. Come down and see some degrees that haven't been done in San Jose in many years.



Also, please find a brother in your lodge who wishes to join the Scottish Rite and put the petition in his hand. We need candidates.

On a different note, do your loved ones know what you want to happen when you lay down your working tools? The Supreme has partnered with freewill.com to allow you to create a will at no cost, so that you can make your wishes known. It is a free service (they would like you to remember them in your will, but it isn't a requirement to use the system either. Go to the Supreme website at scottish-rite.org click on "how to give", then chose "giving types" then "planned gifts". There is a link on that page to the freewill site. If you don't have a will, I encourage you to take care of this, for we know not when we will be called.

And finally, we are actually ahead of normal, but we still have 82 brothers that need to pay their dues for 2023, since Supreme sends out the dues cards with the notices for those that are current in their dues, having a dues card doesn't mean you have paid. If you are unsure, give the office a call and we can let you know. Thank you to the over 400 of you that have taken care of your responsibility.

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

III. Chuck Cowden 33° Reunion Class

Spring Dates April 14 and 15 and May 5 and 6



ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY,
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Petition for Degrees

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FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME DATE

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

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

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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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_____		Spring	Fall
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_____	Annual Dues	\$90	\$0 (For Current Year)
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Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events

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

Chapter Opens

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

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

Council Opens

February 14th and 15th ~ Reunion

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