



The Rite Word

From the Venerable Master

Greetings! I hope all are well this month. Thank you to all that could attend the stated meeting and sweethearts dinner for the month of February. Attendance was great and there was a big difference between those that signed up, and those who served at the sweethearts dinner. It is paramount to make reservations so that we can accommodate you, as unaccounted for attendance poses difficulties for all that run and cook for our meetings.



March 20th will mark the kick off of our quarterly Sunday Fun Day. This will be a once per Quarter rotation through the four bodies, and they will be hosting a themed afternoon downstairs in the members lounge. Come down from 12PM to 4PM to the Scottish Rite, for a St. Patrick's themed day. As always, you are welcome to bring something to share, but are not required.

Notably March 20th also marks the Vernal Equinox. Reflections upon the Preceptors words in the first section of the 32nd degree demonstrates the deep importance of the trestle board of the sky. The word vernal means "of or relating to spring". The word equinox comes from the Latin aequinoctium, meaning "the time of equal days and nights," from equi-, meaning "equal," and nocti-, meaning "night". Equinox therefore is not referring to a day, but an actual moment in time.

The Vernal Equinox which we are about to pass

through marks the first of four of these solar events to occur throughout the year, marking our transition between the seasons. Our earthly sphere is now finally awakening from its winter slumber; arising from these last few months of cold & darkness. The Autumnal and Vernal Equinoxes are the time of year where day and night are of an equal measure. The Vernal is the beginning; a fresh start, emerging anew, from the death and darkness of the previous year, with increasing rays of light from this day forward, and advancing towards the next celestial event. Within this natural display of religion, science and astrology all agree that this period is a time of growth and new beginnings.

The first of the astrological signs that start on this day is Aries. Aries marks the first 30 degrees longitude upon our celestial trestle board. Derived from Latin, Aries literally means ram, and logically the ram is its astrological symbol. It is not the only god represented as a ram, the Egyptian god Amun and later called Khnum were also represented in this form symbolizing fertility and rebirth. The symbol of the ram has been a major part of our culture, and can be found even in the Ancient Greek mythology of the golden fleece.

Many groups, and cultures consider the Vernal Equinox as a specific marker. The Persian New Year "Nowruz" (with its roots in Zoroastrianism) falls directly on the Vernal Equinox. The Wiccan holiday Ostara is also directly tied to the Vernal Equinox as well. In ancient Rome followers of Cybele looked

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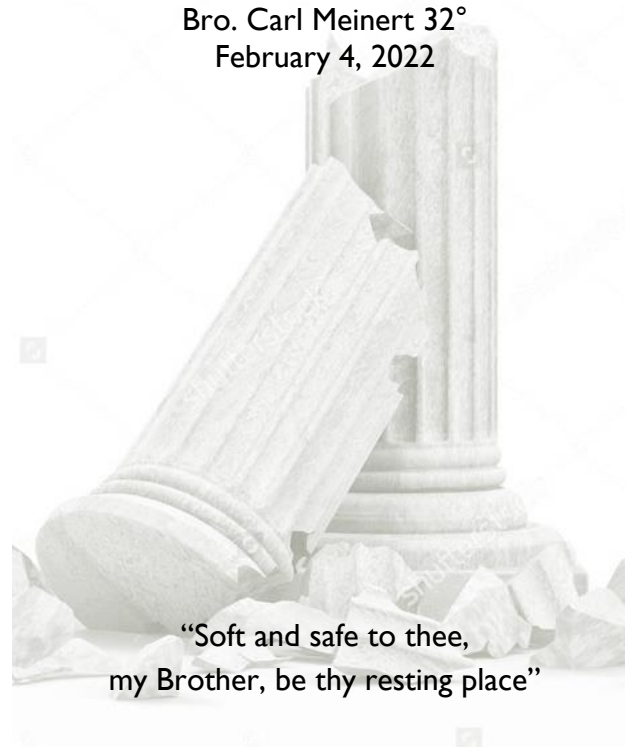
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Memorial for Ill. Hershel Amos

Brothers of the Scottish Rite,

I wanted to inform you that we will be having a Masonic Memorial Service for our friend, mentor, and brother Ill. Herschel R. Amos on Saturday March 5th 1:00 PM at the Pacific Grove Masonic Lodge #331. For those who would care to attend you are welcome, please bring a plain white apron.

Our address is 680 Central Ave Pacific Grove, CA 93950, Downtown just across from the Post Office.

If you are able to attend, it would be helpful to know for planning. If there are any questions or concerns you can reach me at this address or by cell (831) 521-8228

Thank you,

Mark Burger PM, Master

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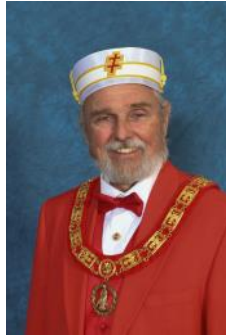


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The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of San Jose, in the Orient of California, acknowledge and yield all allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander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

In March, we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, a time which honors the patron saint of Ireland. Much of his life is the subject of conjecture, and even the dates of his life are uncertain, other than that he lived in the mid to late 5th Century. Born in Great Britain and originally taken as a slave to Ireland, he subsequently escaped and later returned to the Emerald Isle as a missionary. He later served as a bishop, and has been termed, at one point, the bishop of Armagh, Primate of all Ireland.



St. Patrick is credited with using the shamrock to illustrate the doctrine of the holy trinity, which explains in large part the use of the shamrock as a symbol of St. Patrick's Day. Of course, the most famous legend surrounding St. Patrick is his banishment of all snakes from Ireland. Scientific evidence tells us that there never were any snakes in post-glacial Ireland, but that has never deterred the legend from perpetuating itself. Many theories exist as to how he became associated with this legend, but none can be proven over any other.

St. Patrick is buried at Down Cathedral, Downpatrick, County Down, Northern Ireland. This has special significance to me, as it is the county from which my ancestors emigrated in the early 19th century.

March 17, widely accepted as the date of his death, marks the annual recurrence of St. Patrick's Day. Throughout Ireland, it is a day of solemnity, and a holy day of obligation, but also a day of celebration. Feasts and parades are held in his honor each year.

In the United States, of course, St. Patrick's Day is a day to celebrate one's Irish heritage – whether or not one is actually Irish. It is a festive occasion, a day of libations and joy, a day for the "wearing" of the green", and of less than successful attempts to speak with an Irish accent. It is, to put it simply, a reason to have a party.

So be with us at our March stated meeting, as we take the chance to celebrate the Irish in all of us.

Erin go Bragh (Ireland Forever)

Randy Downey

From the Commander of Kadosh

.I am writing as the (Acting) Commander, and I wish to inform you that our Commander Jack Harris is in the hospital. Prayers are much appreciated for his speedy recovery.



How many know what the values of the Scottish Rite are?

Allow me to share the following with you; The Scottish Rite is comprised of Masons from the largest and one of the oldest fraternal organizations. It is consists of body of knowledge and also a system of ethics based on the belief that every man has a responsibility to improve himself while also being devoted to his family, faith, country and fraternity.

As a Scottish Rite Mason, we lead by example, giving back to our communities, and support numerous Masonic philanthropies. We invest in Children, our neighborhoods and our future.

The Mission:

Our Mission thru life is guided by the principal tenets of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity and Truth and our core values, which include the following:

Our Ethics:

We believe that our lives are based on honor and integrity, and we also believe that honesty, compassion, trust, and knowledge are important.

Tolerance:

Freemasonry values religious, ethnic, cultural, social and educational differences. We respect the opinions of others and strive to improve and develop as human beings.

Personal Growth:

We believe that our continuous pursuit of knowledge, ethics, spirituality and leadership brings more meaning to our lives.

Philanthropy

The Fraternity works to make a difference in our communities through charitable giving, community service, and volunteerism.

Family:

Masons strive to be better spouses, parents and family members and are committed to protecting the well being of members and their families, especially when they are in need.

Freedom

Scottish Rite Masons value the liberties outlined in the U. S. Constitution and continually promote freedom of speech and expression, the freedom to worship a Supreme Being in an individual way, and other important liberties. Masons believe it is our duty to exercise all of our liberties within due and proper bounds. David Kampschfer

Jack Harris

From the Master of Kadosh

At a stated meeting possibly back in November 2021, one of the illustrious 33rd degree members commented that there were more white hats in the room than black hats. This may have been a stretch, but by my count at the February stated meeting the combination of white and red hats did outnumber the number of black hats.

Since most members of the Scottish Rite are 32nd degree (Black Hat) members they are poorly represented. Look to why you joined Scottish Rite, Back when I joined membership in either Scottish Rite or York Rite was necessary to join the Shrine and some joined just so they could join the Shrine. That requirement no longer exists so I presume that you joined Scottish Rite to be a member of Scottish Rite, to take part in the degrees, possibly be an officer in one of the bodies.

Speaking of officers, going by the pictures and the list of officers, only five of twenty-six officers have black hats, and most of the line officers have been through at least one line before the line that they are in. I'll admit that this is the third time that I have been Master of one of the bodies, but this is over a twenty-five year period which also included about twenty years on the Twenty-Ninth Degree team. You are a member, so how about getting something out of your membership other than a dues receipt.




From the Chief Knight

Hello, Chief Knight Here.

This year the Knights will be having their charity projects as the following.

Kuts for Kids, Past Chief Knight Kaleo, will be doing haircuts and 100% of the proceeds will go to the RiteCare.

Koins for Kids, save the spare change you have at the end of the day and bring it to the stated meeting for the Koins for Kids Charity.

We will be collecting for the RiteCare Center and the proceeds will assist them in purchasing the items they need to serve the kids and families.

We live to serve.




From the Venerable Master Continued.

at this time of year as one of miracles as well. The Mesoamericans held this time sacred also. El Castillo in Spanish, also known as "the castle" is found in the middle of Chichén Itzá, standing at 79 feet. The pyramid is also known as the pyramid of "Kukulcán". The shadows of what appears to be the shadow of a serpent, descending the steps of the pyramid are visible for a week's time on both equinoxes. Picture in your mind's eye at the sunset, a distortion of light, casting a shadow of a diamond-backed snake upon the stepped terrace of the temple upon its steps. As the sun continues to sink below the horizon for its daily slumber, the snake appears slithering its way downwards. We can all see this easily online, but who would be up for a trip next year to see it in person?



Thirty-second Degree, Master of the Royal Secret, Part 2

Last month, we began our study of the 32nd Degree, learning about the Scottish Rite Camp, Vedic Poets, and Astrological Ages, as discussed in the first section of the degree. Now we will take a look at the second section, where the Aspirant will take The Five Vows.

The second section of the 32nd Degree begins with something we have seen before. On the stage is balustrade, a low fence composed of vertical members topped by a rail. Behind the balustrade was a representation of the Ark of the Covenant. Lastly, there was a chain barrier. We recall these symbols from the Fourth Degree, Secret Master. In that degree, the Candidate (as he is called in the 4th Degree) received a key and the promise that he may one day pass the barrier.

The Master of the Guard brings the Aspirant to the Master of Kadosh, who starts off by saying, "My Brother, the symbols of Freemasonry conceal the Holy Doctrine and the Royal Secret even in the Master's Lodge..." At this point, the Aspirant has no idea what the Holy Doctrine and the Royal Secret are, let alone how he missed them when he received his Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason Degrees.

The Master of Kadosh continues, explaining that while the Aspirant has been shown the special symbol of the Scottish Rite Camp, to understand its meaning, he must first learn the meanings of other symbols. He adds before revealing those meanings, Masonry requires compensation in the form of faithful and zealous service.

Light as a Symbol

The Master of the Guard directs the Aspirant to a chair, where he sits and listens to a short lecture from the Venerable Master, the presiding officer in the 4th Degree. The VM explains the symbol of Light in religion. He notes that the ancient people worshipped various manifestations of light. The Creator was the essential light and life, and often given names related to brilliance, light, living, and splendor. In our own Holy Books, we find perpetuated the old "Light Religion", for example, "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." See 1 John 1:5. And "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." See the Gospel of John 1:4.

The VM continues saying that to people like the Sumerians, Ancient Israelites, Egyptians, and Early Greeks, light, intellect, and truth were all the same thing. Masonic light is wisdom and knowledge. Ignorance is mental darkness and intellectual bondage. He goes on to explain the difference between knowledge and wisdom. You can acquire knowledge but wisdom requires doing something with it, which gives you experience, and helps you insight, understanding, and discernment. If you do an Internet search of "knowledge vs wisdom", you will find a variety of thoughtful explanations.

The Venerable Master concludes his lecture by saying, "The great truths of religions and philosophies teach us what God and nature are, what we are, and lift us up to the sphere of intellectual independence. The wise man makes neither a god or a devil in his own image." To become a Soldier of the Light, you must first obtain light for yourself, and then be willing to endeavor to make those around

you wiser and better. He asks the Aspirant if he is willing to do so, and the Aspirant answers, Yes."

The First Vow

The VM (4th Degree) raps three times to raise everybody, and then walks to the Altar of Perfumes, followed by the Master of the Guard escorting the Aspirant. The VM says, "I warn you that you will be expected to keep the promises made here, to obey where you promise to obey, and to toil where you promise to toil. This is no idle ceremony and these are no unreal obligations. If, when you take a vow, you do not fully intend to keep it, you lie to us and perjure yourself before God. If you do not keep it (your vow) you will no longer be entitled to any man's respect." The VM raps three times to raise everybody and then administers the First Vow:

I will endeavor to make other men wiser and better... constantly endeavor to become so (wiser and better) myself... not neglect the Bodies of which I am or may be a member... read and study the books that have been written for instruction in the Rite... and in all this, be a true Soldier of the Light.

The VM tells the Aspirant, "As the kinsmen of our ancient ancestors sacrificed to the Light and the Creator, sacrifice now with this offering of incense to the God in Whom you put your trust."

Now the Venerable Master of the 14th Degree speaks, explaining that one of the worst personifications of the principle of evil is despotism. It reduces the life of all to the profit of one and the invasion of one into the life of all. The despot imposes his own selfish desires against man's natural-born spirit of freedom, making himself a criminal against the laws of nature. He defends his power by extinguishing life, compressing it, stifling it, and corrupting it, idea by idea, until he reigns as monarch of death, over a shadow of humanity, in a shadow of a realm.

The Second Vow

The VM (14th Degree) walks to the Altar of Perfumes, followed by the Master of the Guard escorting the Aspirant. He raps three times to raise everybody and then administers the Second Vow:

I will hereafter resist arbitrary power and rule... oppose the domineering insolence of those who subjugate free men by manipulating the necessities, passions, or follies... demand for the people a free voice and vote in public affairs... That I may do so, I will myself be free and remain absolute master of my own voice, vote, and opinion.. Never permit any person or body of persons to dictate to me in matters where I alone am accountable and responsible for my actions... follow the convictions of my conscience and judgments of my own intellect, that I will ever be a true Soldier of Liberty.

The VM tells the Aspirant, "As the kinsmen of our ancient ancestors sacrificed to the Light and the Creator, sacrifice

now with this offering of incense to the God in Whom you put your trust."

At this point a gong sounds and the VM directs everybody's attention to three more of our symbols: the Lesser Tetractys, Pentacle, and Triple Triangle. The Lesser Tetractys has 10 points arranged into an equilateral triangle, the Pentacle is a five-pointed star made of a single interlocking path, and the Triple Triangle consists of three equilateral triangles superimposed to form a nine-pointed figure.

The Prior and Wise Master of the 18th Degree arise and approach the Aspirant. The Prior explains, "The (human) intellect, a minute ray of Divine Intelligence, separated like a ray of sunlight from the universal light, still retains a connection and is instinctively conscious of its Divine origin. Because immortality is the essential nature of self, man aspires, adores, and worships. The self, of its own nature, yearns to be free." He directs the Aspirant to approach the laver (a basin with water).

The Prior raps three times to raise everybody and calls their attention to the Aspirant's pending lustration. A lustration is a sprinkling of water to ceremonially purify a person.

Before the ceremony, the Wise Master explains that the original purpose of priesthood was to give expression to the shared sentiment of worship by words and acts of adoration. Eventually, the priests claimed special communion with gods, and demanded authority and reverence for their role as intercessors for the people. Men slowly became slaves of these self-appointed masters and religion became a mystery, understandable only to these supposed lieutenants of the gods. They could then dictate what men should believe, deciding what was orthodoxy (correct teaching) and heresy (opinions contrary to church dogma). With the growth and organization of religions, the supposed sanctity of the priesthood became the most absolute tyranny, to which even kings were forced to obey.

The Third Vow

Next, the Wise Master administers the Third Vow:

I will hereafter be the enemy of spiritual tyranny over the souls and consciences of men... resist all claims of church, synagogue, temple, or mosque to outlaw free conscience, enslave thought, and opinions, and compel men to believe what they may prescribe... As I have opportunity, I will combat superstition with reason and truth, put bigotry and fanaticism to shame, put bigotry and fanaticism to shame, and in this I will be a true Soldier of Freedom of Religion.

The Wise Master tells the Aspirant, "The kinsmen of our ancestors were sanctified with consecrated water and thereby devoted [themselves] to the service of the Creator, and thus, to their fellow men. Similarly, the Christian Apostle James wrote that, "Pure religion was to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep yourself unspotted from the world." See James 1:27. At this point, the Wise Master performs the lustration by pouring a little water from his hand onto the head of the Aspirant, thus purifying him symbolically, and dedicating him to the service of that pure religion.

At this point a gong sounds again. Three lights around the altar,

placed to form a Pythagorean right triangle, are lit. These represent the lesser lights at the altar in the Blue Lodge. But the significance of the Pythagorean right triangle was not explained there. And it won't be explained now, because the Aspirant is not yet prepared.

A note about the lesser lights. In California lodges, the lesser lights are part of a candelabrum, placed on the floor, at the south side of the altar. In some Masonic jurisdictions, the lesser lights are individually placed around the altar just as they are in the 32nd Degree.

The Commander of Kadosh, presiding officer of the 30th Degree, now rises, approaches the Aspirant, and says, "It was the ancient idea that all human power and all strength were the Divine Might manifesting itself in action, nature, and mankind. The ancients believed that that all sovereignty in the world was the Divine Sovereignty displaying itself. It was heroic sovereignty: the bravest, not the craftiest, ruled.

"Feebleness, submissiveness, cowardice, and abjectness can make men slaves and permit the establishment of degrading bondage. The people become the abused instruments of crafty dictators, not through ignorance, but by readiness to surrender thinking for themselves. If they cannot find a genuine hero or a living prophet, they will not be happy until they find a leader of some other kind.

"Those who are truly fit to lead are seldom popular with the masses. They repel rather than attract. The pretentious demagogue replaces them. Among the enemies of human freedom, none is more dangerous. Such individuals are the ruin of republics, yet no republic is without them, nor fails to trust and honor them."

He concludes with, "And if you are willing to swear eternal hostility to the incompetent, the unprincipled, and the foolish who seek or assume to be leaders of the people, and if you will henceforth endeavor to protect the people, come again to the Altar of Perfumes."

The Fourth Vow

The Commander of Kadosh raps three times to raise everybody and administers the Fourth Vow:

I do most solemnly and sincerely vow and promise that I will combat the efforts of all who seek to gain authority by unworthy means—the craft, the unfit, and the incompetent... and constantly endeavor to incite men to be self-reliant and independent... and in all this I shall ever be a loyal Soldier of the People.

The Commander throws incense on the fire and has the Aspirant repeat, "As the smoke and perfume of the incense ascending, spreads abroad, may our Father in Heaven cause the influences of my efforts to be of use to the people and spread at least a little way, not dying at their birth!"

Again, a gong sounds and the Greater Tetractys are lit. The Greater Tetractys has 36 points arranged into an equilateral

triangle. Then we hear the sound of seven human voices, each pronouncing an oration, slowly and seriously:

"One is Three and Three are One: the Fire, the Dawn, and the Morning Star... One is Three and Three are One: the Creator, the Divine Wisdom, and the Divine Word... And God said, "Let there be Light!" and there was Light (see Genesis 1:3)... The Seven are all of One Mind. One is their Thought, one their Word, and one their Act... The Seven are four male and three female... There is no God except the One and only God, the Almighty, and the eight angels uphold his Throne... In the Beginning was The Word, and the Word was with God, and The Word was God. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men." See John 1:1, 4.

The Preceptor of the 32nd Degree points out, "The Greater Tetractys is the symbol of all doctrine of Pythagoras. It will be explained to you when you are ready to understand it. Or perhaps you will discover its meaning on your own. The voices you have just heard give you the keys of its interpretation." The Preceptor has Aspirant sit.

What is the doctrine of Pythagoras? Answering that question is challenging because much of what we know about him comes from legend and tradition. Literary sources are questionable because his teachings were originally given the orally and esoterically. To complicate matters further, in the 5th century BCE, the Pythagorean school split between the Akousmatikoi, who accepted his sayings as divine dogma, and the Mathēmatikoi, who acknowledged the religious aspect but believed in further scientific study and intellectual progress.

Fundamentally, the teachings of Pythagoras included: 1) At its deepest level, reality is mathematical in nature; 2) Philosophy is a means of spiritual purification; 3) The human soul may rise to unity with the Divine; 4) The use of symbols, such as the tetractys, the golden ratio (symbolized with the Greek letter ϕ), and the harmony of the spheres (movement of celestial bodies); 5) Members of the Pythagorean order must observe a strict loyalty and secrecy; and of course, 6) the Pythagorean theorem.

The Minister of State and Master of Kadosh of the 32nd Degree approach the seated Aspirant. The Minister of State says, "He who works faithfully to attain a purpose, by the work itself, prays to God. So, you and we must pray for the success of our efforts in Masonry to make men better and. Not by prayer spoken alone but also by work. Apathy, indifference, and selfishness are what makes Masonry ineffective.... We must be kind, considerate, forbearing, and patient, even with the lazy [member]. Persuasion succeeds better than force. And a curse attends the reluctant performance of a duty. As far as we can wisely go, we must go, encouraging the apathetic [member] to a better performance. Finally, if all exertions fail, charge him with habitual violation of his obligations by neglect of duty and cross him off as unworthy.

The Minister of State sits down and the Master of Kadosh speaks. "You must be sovereign over yourselves and king of your own passions. The True Mason is neither intoxicated by success nor depressed by defeat. Neither must you usurp in order to punish usurpation, nor hate error so much as not to love mankind. If you are ready to bind yourself to the strict, punctual, unremitting performance—at all points and at all times, of

a Perfect Elu (14th Degree), Prince of Jerusalem (16th Degree), Knight Rose Croix (18th Degree), Prince Adept (27th Degree), Knight of Saint Andrew (29th Degree) and a Knight Kadosh (30th Degree), as well as Master of the Royal Secret (32nd Degree)—as those have been declared to you, go and stand at the west side of the Altar of Obligation, facing the East."

The Fifth Vow

The Master of Kadosh raps three times to raise everybody and has the Aspirant kneel at the altar and place his left hand upon the Book of Constitutions and the Triple Triangle, and administers the Fifth Vow:

I do most solemnly vow that I will punctually, faithfully, and diligently perform as my duties as a Mason of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. I will not neglect, through non-attendance, the meetings of any Body of the Rite without valid reasons. When I cannot attend, I will not withhold my contribution for the relief of the poor... Being in all this the loyal soldier of the Scottish Rite. Knowing that our actions live after us, I will endeavor to live a life of honor, so that the world may become a better place and that I may bring tribute to the memories of our illustrious forefathers, the founders of Masonry.

Once again, a gong sounds. The Master of Kadosh asks, "Brethren of this Consistory, are you content that these Brethren (members of the Reunion class) shall now be made Masters of the Royal Secret? If any Brother objects, let him say nay." Nobody says "nay" so the The Master of Kadosh announces, "The Brethren consent that you (members of the Reunion class) may be made a Master of the Royal Secret. Therefore, you are now to take your final obligation.

In the next article, we will witness the final obligation and finally discover the Holy Doctrine and the Royal Secret. But will we understand them?

Joshua is a sweet and engaging young man who is being seen for speech and language therapy. His family was referred to the clinic by a friend. Joshua's parents communicated concerns about his expressive, receptive, and pragmatic (social) language. Treatment began in October of 2021, but in this short time Joshua has shown himself to be a hard worker with a great attitude and sense of humor. Joshua has a toy poodle (just like his therapist Angela) and he enjoys playing video games and watching You Tube videos.



When treatment began Joshua's parents stated social language as a main concern for their son. Conversations are difficult for Joshua, and he often uses only a few words, making for very short exchanges both with his family and peers. His parents hope to see an increase in conversation skills so they can talk with him about his day at school, his thoughts, feelings, and his health.

Treatment has focused on areas of language that are difficult for Joshua such as vocabulary knowledge, sentence creation and comprehension of spoken language and reading. Building these skills will help him use his knowledge to better participate in conversations. In addition to these skills, a big focus of Joshua's treatment is on social thinking to improve his ability to use language in a meaningful way to communicate with others. So far, he has learned what it means to be a social thinker, with future goals for conversation, problem solving and friendship. Joshua's parents have reported an increase in his confidence and an overall increase in speaking. He is now talking and maintaining longer conversations with people, with an increase in his vocabulary and details. Joshua is progressing nicely and more progress is expected!



The Personal Representative

and

The Venerable Master

of the

Scottish Rite Valley of San Jose

Invite all

Scottish Rite Freemasons and all other Brother
Freemasons to

***A Night of Scottish Rite Instruction and
Agape Dinner***

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

6:30 PM to 9:00PM

Honorable Jordan Yelinek 32° KCCH

Scottish Rite Valley of San Francisco

Will present his paper

Our Ritual as a Sacred Text

Schedule of Events

6:30 PM - Social Gathering

7:00 PM - Speaker

7:30 PM - Festive Agape/Dinner

Cost \$25.00

**Requested dress is white tie & tails, tux or dark
suit & tie with SR Cap**

NOTE:

Reservations are required

**Please call the SJ Scottish Rite @ 408-978-7483 or
visit the office to make your reservations**

**Payment must accompany reservation. Reserva-
tions not cancelled by June 17 must be honored.**

Cash, personal check or credit card

Stated Meeting Menu Tuesday

February 8th 2021

(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY call the office, by February 4th)

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

Assorted Appetizers
Green Salad
Crawfish Etouffee
Chicken and Sausage Jambalaya
Bread
Dessert

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,

RSVPs

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

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

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

From the Secretary

We have finally signed the contract to get the remainder of the floor in the Auditorium replaced. This should be done before the March Stated Meeting.

When was the last time you took a look at our library? We have thousands of volumes on a wide variety of topics and at present there is only one Brother who regularly takes advantage of what we have to offer. Come down and take a look, books may be checked out to be read at home should you desire. We also have many books which you could purchase at a reduced rate as they are duplicates, these are mostly masonic in nature.

We are going to start having quarterly BBQ's downstairs in the member's lounge. The first one will be on March 20th. I hope you will come out and enjoy the fellowship.

We are also gearing up for our Spring Reunion. Now is the time to be talking up membership in the Scottish Rite with your masonic friends. We need to get them in as soon as possible.

Lastly, we are down to about 90 members that still owe dues for 2022. Having a current dues card does not mean you have paid since they are sending them out with the billing statements. If you haven't paid, please take care of it soon. Last year we had to suspend 15 members who didn't either pay their dues or contact me to make arrangements if they were having financial difficulty. We don't want to have that happen again.



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

III. Hal Leister 33° Reunion Class

April 29,30, May 7th and May 31st



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")

"I, the above named and below signed, confirm a belief in a Supreme Being, the inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, and an undying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, and the forbearance of a state sponsored religion, principles embodied by the Founding Fathers of the United States of America. I respectfully petition to receive the 4th through 32nd Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. I am currently a Master Mason in good standing."

_____		Spring	Fall
<i>Candidate's Signature</i>	Degree Fee	\$200	\$200
_____	Annual Dues	\$90	\$0 (For Current Year)
1st Sponsor PRINTED NAME	Total Due:	\$290	\$200

<i>1st Sponsor Signature</i>			

2nd Sponsor PRINTED NAME			

<i>2nd Sponsor Signature</i>			

I hereby authorize the San Jose Scottish Rite to charge \$ _____
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Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events

Tuesday March 8th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm

Chapter Rose Croix Opens

Dress is Colors or Coat and Tie

Sunday March 20th ~ Fellowship Lunch Social 12:00 pm

St Patrick's day themed Lunch and Social

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

Council of Kadosh Opens

Dress is Colors or Coat and Tie

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

Consistory Opens

Dress is Colors or Coat and Tie

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

Grand Master's Reception and Festive Board

Lodge of Perfection Opens

Tuxedo no Colors

Tuesday June 21st ~ Night of Instruction /Festive Board 6:30 pm

White Tie Preferred