



The Rite Word

From the Venerable

What is the difference between AF and AM vs F and AM STATES?

AF and AM stands for **A**ncient **F**ree and **A**ccepted **M**asons.

F and AM stands for **F**ree and **A**ccepted **M**asons.

In actuality, it does not matter whether you join an AF & AM lodge or an F & AM lodge in the United States.

In the U.S., every regular lodge is under the jurisdiction of its state Grand Lodge. Due to the fact that there is no Grand Lodge Headquarters for each state's separate Grand Lodge, each state's Grand Lodge is, therefore, its own "headquarters" within that state's jurisdiction.

All Freemasons, both AF & AM (which means **A**ncient **F**ree and **A**ccepted **M**asons, as well as **F** & **A**M, which means Free and Accepted Masons, trace their allegorical history back to the building of Solomon's temple in the Holy Scriptures.

Freemasonry was exported to the British Colonies in North America in the 1730s—with both the "Ancients" (sometimes also referred to as "Antients") and the "Moderns" (as well as the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland) which chartered offspring ("daughter") lodges, and organized various Provincial Grand Lodges.

After the American Revolution, independent U.S. Grand Lodges formed within each state.

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons vs Free and Accepted Masons

From 1751 to 1813, there were actually 2 Grand Lodges in England. The difference in AF and AM vs F and AM states goes back to a disagreement between these 2 Grand Lodges in London at that time.

One group was called the "Moderns", but was actually the older of the 2 English Grand Lodges. The other group was called the "Antients", which became the "Ancients" in AF and AM.

Due to this disagreement, the 2 groups broke into separate Grand Lodges. The disagreement was later healed around 1880, but by that time, there were lodges and Grand Lodges



all over the United States that were descended from one group or the other, and so each group kept their corresponding initials with which they were formed, (which is the reason for which there are small differences within different states' ritual wording and Grand Lodge By-Laws and procedures).

Most Grand Lodges in the U.S. recognize each other and treat each other's members as valid Masons.

Also, all of the U.S. Grand Lodges recognize (and are recognized by) the official Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Scotland and the Grand Lodges in most of Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, Thailand, India, etc.

Prince Hall Masonic Lodge

Historically, the regular (mainstream) Grand Lodges did not recognize the lodges under the "Prince Hall" Grand Lodges. The Prince Hall Masonic Lodge descends from a lodge of Black Freemasons in Boston begun by a Black man by the name of Prince Hall.

Prince Hall Free Masonry began during the War of Independence, when Prince Hall and fourteen other free black men were initiated into Lodge # 441, Irish Constitution, attached to the 38th Regiment of Foot of the British Army garrisoned at Castle Williams...now called Fort Independence, at Boston Harbor on March 6, 1775.

Later, they applied for and received a Charter from the Grand Lodge of England.

After Prince Hall passed away, the lodge ceased to function. Many years later, Black Masons established their own Prince Hall Masonic Grand Lodge. They subsequently issued charters to Black men for subordinate lodges.

Today, many Prince Hall Masonic Grand Lodge are recognized by the regular (mainstream) Grand Lodges. In other states, they are termed as affiliated.

Any Prince Hall Masonic Grand Lodge which is not recognized by their regular counterparts are termed as irregular (non-mainstream) lodges.

AF and AM vs F and AM states grand lodges may be determined as to which state is which, below.

2023 Honor Roll

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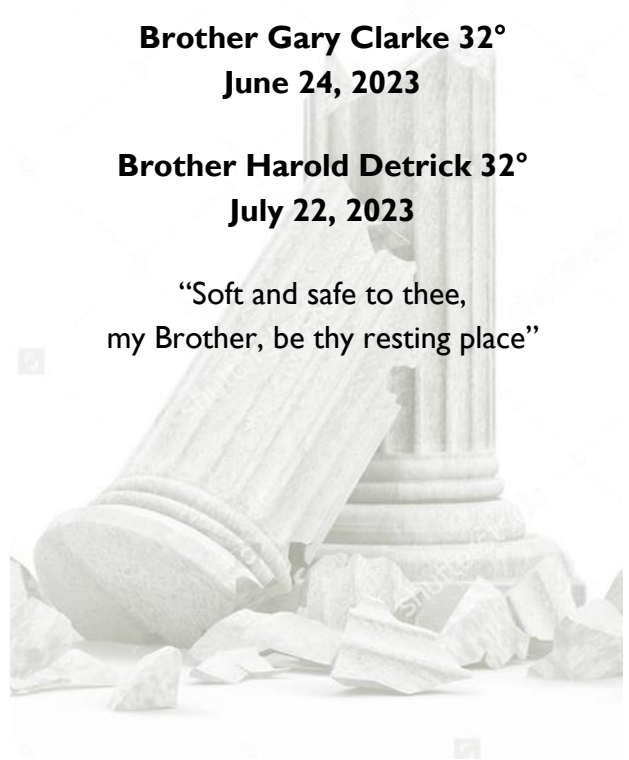
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Called From Labor

Brother Gary Clarke 32°
June 24, 2023

Brother Harold Detrick 32°
July 22, 2023

"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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Venerable Master	Bro. Naresh Rampershad 32°	408-660-0121
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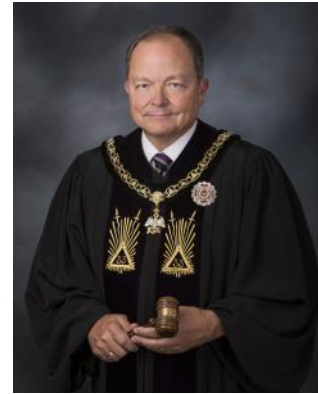
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Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite
Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

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 part of the human condition, we all experience loss. Be it the loss of things, pets, friends, family, or Brothers, we experience these losses and we process them in our own unique ways. Last month we said goodbye to our Brother Wolfgang with a great attendance from people within Masonic fraternal groups as well as other fraternities he was involved in throughout his life. The ceremony was a wonderful tribute to our Brother. And in, dare I say, Wolfgang fashion, there was also great celebration as all those who attended gathered to tell stories and celebrated for many hours after the memorial had concluded.



Tim Lupton



From the Commander

Readers of *Morals and Dogma* have wondered why the book begins with the word force. Was the selection arbitrary, or was it purposeful? If so, what does it mean?



The word force alludes to the ancient word of recognition of an Apprentice Mason, and comes to us via French rituals, as do most of the Scottish Rite Degrees. In French rituals the word force appears where the word strength occurs in English rituals—the latter having a long-standing Masonic tradition through a connection to King Solomon’s Temple. The entrance porch of the temple was flanked by two large freestanding brazen pillars, one on either side, each of which had a particular name.³ The northern pillar was called Boaz (בּוֹזַיִם), while the southern pillar was named Jachin (יָכִין). Contemporary scholarship suggests that Boaz means “In Him [the Lord] is strength,” while Jachin means “He [the Lord] establishes.”⁴ The precise meaning of these words, as well as the reason they were selected, is still debated. According to early Masonic traditions Apprentices and Fellows met respectively at one of these pillars to receive their instructions and wages, and this presented a rationale for the pillars’ names as words of recognition. The names were said to collectively allude to a promise made by God that He would establish his kingdom in strength—a belief which may derive from I Kings 9:5, “I establish your royal throne over Israel forever” or I Chron. 28:7, “I will establish his kingdom forever.” The scripture appears in corrupted form in Masonic ritual, often as “In strength will I establish this mine house to stand firm forever.”⁵

The association between the pillars, the word strength, and the Apprentice Degree is of great antiquity. The Edinburgh Register House MS. (1696), the earliest known Masonic catechism, hints that the names Boaz and Jachin were connected with the Apprentices’ and Fellows’ rituals,⁶ while an early exposé, *The Grand Mystery of Free-Masons Discovered* (1724) explained that “Jachin and Boaz” represent “A Strength and Stability of the Church in all Ages.” Another exposé, *The Whole Institutions of Masonry* (1724), remarked “The Explanation of our Secrets is as Follows—Jachin signifies Strength and Boaz. Beautiful.” When Masonic rituals were translated into French the word strength was rendered as force, as seen in the earliest known French Masonic ritual manuscript, the *Rituel Laquet* (ca. 1745).⁷ It states that the import of the word Jakin is “Strength is in GOD” (La force est in DIEU). Within a score of years, the two significant words were reversed, but the meanings were not. Hence, in the *Rituel du Marquis de Gages* (1763), we find, “Brother Senior [Warden], what does Boaz signify?” The answer is “Most Venerable, my strength is in God” (Frère 1er, que signifie Booz?); “Très Vénérable, ma force est en Dieu”.⁸

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From the Master of Kadosh

We recently celebrated the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, and all enjoyed the holiday and festivities surrounding that day. The magnitude of these celebrations, unfortunately, should have been reserved for another date in our Country's history, the signing of the Constitution.

The Constitution was signed on September 17, 1787. One of the signers proclaimed that the date would be celebrated by parades, bonfires, picnics and illuminations. As we are aware, such has not been the case, Independence Day became the center of those celebrations.

While this is a bit early to talk about the Constitution it is worth a look at what led to its adoption.

Our Constitution did not suddenly appear out of the long dispute with and a war with England, it resulted from successive foundations laid down over the centuries. Ancient ruins show that those structures could not have been built without a system of government to train and control a large number of workmen over the long periods of time needed to complete construction.

The Middle Ages saw the organization of guilds which developed a structure based on written charters and constitutions. The East Indian Company, a trading company, developed from those guilds. It's charter, incorporated in 1600, brought the gem of a written constitution to America.

Freemasonry, it is said, was the foundation of our Constitution. The first Grand Lodge in London, established in 1717, adopted a constitution in 1721. A revised constitution, Anderson's Constitution, was published in 1723 and Brother Benjamin Franklin reprinted it in 1734 for use by American Masons.

The Constitutional Convention was opened in 1787 to revise the American Articles of Confederation. The convention decided to build a new government framework instead of revising the Articles.

Brother George Washington signed the new Constitution of September 17, 1787. To help persuade the original states to sign, thereby ratifying it, a total of 85 essays were written and published in newspapers in the fall of 1787. June 1788 saw the last of the nine states required to ratify it, sign.

A promise made to help secure ratification was that amendments would be accepted to address opponents' objections. Around 200 were collected and under 20 were submitted in 1789. Ten of them, now called the Bill of Rights, became part of the Constitution in 1791. Since then, thousands of amendments have been proposed, only a few have been ratified.

From this brief history it can be seen that our Constitution is still a live document reflecting changes in our society over the centuries.



From the Chief Knight

Time is soon approaching for a Gathering of Clans at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds on Labor Day Weekend (September 2-3). So far we have a few of the Knights of Saint Andrew chapters coming out to participate. Pre-pandemic there was an international gathering of the Knights of Saint Andrew that was hosted in different locations each couple of years. Since the pandemic, that gathering has not returned yet so the local Chapters want to get together and enjoy each others company. This effort is to build relationships between the Chapters as well as between the Valleys in ways that haven't been explored in a while.



Aside from building those relationships, we plan to have a great time listening to the Pipes & Drums, watching the traditional dance and sports competitions, and tasting some of the best whiskeys, bourbons, and other treats at the Highland Games



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

Bill M. Fair

Tim Lyall

Kabbalah and the 32 Paths of Wisdom, Part I

In last month's article, we focused on Malkuth, the Sephirah at the bottom of the Tree of Life that contains physical reality. In this article, we will see how the ten Sephiroth are connected by paths. And how the Sephiroth and paths add up to the 32 Paths of Wisdom.

Ten Sephiroth Paths

The 10 Sephiroth and the 22 paths of the Kabbalistic Tree of Life that connect them together form the 32 paths of wisdom. By way of review, the Sephiroth are: Keter = Crown, Hokmah = Wisdom, Binah = Understanding, Hesed = Mercy, Geburah = Strength, Tiferet = Beauty, Netzach = Victory, Hod = Glory, Yesod = Foundation, and Malkuth = Kingdom.

Twenty-two Letter Paths

The 22 paths that connect the Sephiroth are each denominated by one of the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet. According to *Sefer Yetzirah* (Book of Formation), there are three kinds of Hebrew letters:

Three Mother letters: א מ ש Alef, Mem, Shin)

Seven Single letters: ב ג ד ה ו ז ח ט י ק פ צ ר ש ת Bet, Gimel, Dalet, Kaf, Peh, Resh, Tav)

Twelve Double letters: כ ל מ נ ס ע פ צ ק ר ש ת ז ח ט י ק פ צ ק Heh, Vav, Zayin, Heth, Tet, Yod, Lamed, Nun, Samech, Ayin, Tsadi, Qof)

The three Mother letters are assigned to Air, Water, and Fire.

The seven Single letters are assigned to the seven planets known to the ancients (Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn), seven days of the week, and seven gates of the senses on the human head: two eyes, two ears, two nostrils, and one mouth.

The twelve Double letters are assigned to the twelve constellations of the Zodiac, twelve months of the year, and twelve organs of the human body (for example: the brain, heart, two lungs, liver, two kidneys, gall bladder, pancreas, stomach, intestines, and skin).

Paths of Wisdom in Genesis

According to the Jewish tradition, the concept of 32 Paths of Wisdom is derived from the 32 times that the name "Elohim" (God) is mentioned in the first chapter of the Book of Genesis. Get out your Bible, open it to Genesis chapter 1, and follow along so you can better understand what they are talking about.

Sephiroth represent what Elohim (God) **said**:

Kether – In the beginning Elohim (God) created the heavens and the earth — verse 1

Hokmah – Let there be light — verse 3

Binah – Let there be a firmament... let it divide... — verse 6

Hesed – Let the waters be gathered... let dry land appear... — verse 9

Geburah – Let the earth put forth grass... — verse 11

Tiphareth – Let there be lights in the firmament... — verse 14

Netzach – Let the waters swarm... let fowl fly... — verse 20

Hod – Let the earth bring forth living creatures... — verse 24

Yesod – Let us make man... — verse 26

Malkuth – Be fruitful and multiply... — verse 28

The Mother letters represent what Elohim (God) **made**:

Aleph – the Firmament and divided the waters... — verse 7

Mem – the two great lights... and the stars — verse 16

Shin – the beast of the earth after its kind... — verse 25

The Single letters list what Elohim (God) **saw**:

Bet – the light, that it was good — verse 4

Gimel – that it was good [the separation of dry land and waters] — verse 10

Dalet – that it was good [the earth bringing forth grass, etc.] — verse 12

Kaf – that it was good [the two lights in the firmament] — verse 18

Peh – that it was good [swarming of waters with creatures; of air with fowl] — verse 21

Resh – that it was good [the beasts of the earth] — verse 25

Tav – every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good — verse 31

The Double letters list what Elohim (God) **did**:

Heh – hovered over the face of the waters — verse 2

Vav – divided the light from the darkness — verse 4

Zayin – called the light Day, and darkness Night — verse 5

Het – called the firmament Heaven — verse 8

Tet – called the dry land, Earth... and the waters, Seas — verse 10

Yod – set them [the two lights] in the firmament of the heaven — verse 17

Lamed – created the sea-monsters, creatures that creep, and fowl — verse 21

Nun – blessed them [sea-monsters, creepers, and fowl]... — verse 22

Samech – created man in His own image — verse 27

Ayin – created He him; male and female created He them — also verse 27

Tsadi – blessed them [male and female] — verse 28

Qof – said: I have given you all... — verses 29 and 30

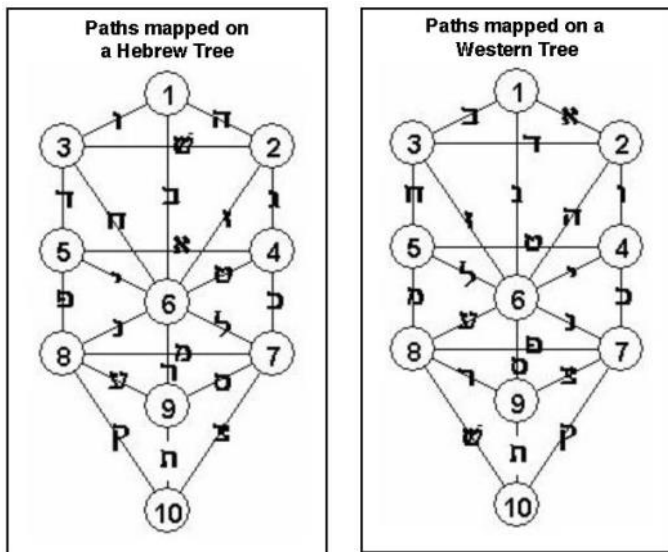
Did you notice?

Somebody with a sharp eye is going to ask why "Qof – said: I have given you all... — verses 29 and 30" is under **did** rather than **said**. Let's look closely. In verses 29 and 30 God is talking to mankind and giving them the work of creation. In the other verses, God is giving a command, "Let there be...".

This is an example of why you often have to read very carefully, and take time to figure out who is talking and to whom are they talking in a Bible account. That is especially true if you consider yourself to be a part of mankind.

Mapping Letters to Paths

There are two systems for mapping the Hebrew Letters to the paths that connect the Sephiroth: the Hebrew Traditional and the Western Esoteric. This is where it gets complicated, because the two systems apply the Hebrew letters and assign the Path numbers differently. See the table and diagrams.



In the table, we list the Sephiroth by name and number, such as Kether, S1; and letter paths by name and the Sephiroth numbers it connects, such as Heh, 1>2, what path Heh connects Sephiroth numbers 1 and 2.

The Tree of Life diagrams, and much of the information used in the article, came from the Hermetic Library website. See <https://hermetic.com/jwmt/v1n3/32paths>. Be sure to include this website in your list of Kabbalah study references.

Next month, we will look for a definition of each Path and seek its promised Wisdom.

Path No.	Hebrew Tree	Western Tree
1	Kether, S1	Kether, S1
2	Heh, 1>2	Hokmah, S2
3	Hokmah, S2	Binah, S3
4	Beth, 1>6	Hesed, S4
5	Vav, 1>3	Geburah, S5
6	Zayin, 2>6	Tiphareth, S6
7	Binah, S3	Netzach, S7
8	Aleph, 4>5	Hod, S8
9	Het, 3>6	Yesod, S9
10	Hokmah, S4	Malkuth, S10
11	Tet, 4>6	Aleph, 1>2
12	Gimel, 2>4	Beth, 1>3
13	Geburah, S5	Gimel, 1>6
14	Daleth, 3>5	Daleth, 2>3
15	Tiphareth, S6	Heh, 2>6
16	Mem, 7>8	Vav, 2>4
17	Yod, 5>6	Zayin, 3>6
18	Kaf, 4>7	Het, 3>5
19	Netzach, S7	Tet, 4>5
20	Lamed, 6>7	Yod, 4>6
21	Peh, 5>8	Kaf, 4>7
22	Nun, 6>8	Lamed, 5>6
23	Hod, S8	Mem, 5>8
24	Shin, 2>3	Nun, 6>7
25	Resh, 6>9	Samekh, 6>9
26	Yesod, S9	Ayin, 6>8
27	Samech, 7>9	Peh, 7>8
28	Ayin, 8>9	Tsadi, 7>9
29	Tsadi, 7>10	Qof, 7>10
30	Malkuth, S10	Resh, 8>9
31	Qof, 8>10	Shin, 8>10
32	Tav, 9>10	Tav, 9>10

David Wood

From the Venerable Continued

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vs AFM States...vs FAAM States -----

AF & AM States

AF & AM - Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
These 24 AF & AM states include: CO, CT, DE, ID, IL, IA, KS, ME, MD, MA, MN, MO, MT, NE, NM, NC, ND, OK, OR, SD, TX, VA, WV, WY.

F & A M States:

F & AM - Free and Accepted Masons
These 25 F & AM states include: AL, AK, AR, AZ, CA, FL, GA, HI, IN, KY, LA, MI, MS, NH, NJ, NV, NY, OH, PA, RI, TN, UT, VT, WA, WI.
All Prince Hall lodges are also F. & A.M.

AFM State:

AFM - Ancient Free Masons
There is 1 AFM state: SC

FAAM District:

FAAM - Free And Accepted Masons
The District of Columbia is F.A.A.M.

David M. Kopsch

So, what is the difference between Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Free and Accepted Masons and the members of Accepted Free Mason states and Free and Accepted Mason states?

The few intrinsic differences between **AF and AM vs F and AM** states grand lodges, the **AFM** grand lodge in South Carolina, and the **FAAM** in Washington, D.C., are minimal.

While both AF and AM vs F and AM states exist, along with AFM states and FAAM in the District of Columbia, (with small differences in ritual wording, some officer titles, etc.) in essence, these minimal differences are not as important as the shared brotherhood between all of these groups within the fraternity.

Harsh Rampershad

From the Commander Continued

Thus, this tome opens with a not-too-subtle hint at the universal word of recognition which binds all Masons, regardless of rank. With a word of greeting Pike takes us by the grip; and with an admonition he challenges us to take up our working tools, with discipline and restraint, and engage our labors as craftsmen. From this opening word to the last, which unveils “the True Word of a Master Mason . . . the True Royal Secret,” we now travel with Pike into foreign countries, until we “at length make real, the Holy Empire of true Masonic Brotherhood” (Morals and Dogma 32:107). So mote it be.

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.

We are so proud of our clinic and all that our organization does for the families we serve. Our clinic is given an opportunity to weave hope into the lives of each family who walks through our doors wondering how to help their child. Here is a letter from a Scottish Rite member whose three-year-old daughter, Isabella, was diagnosed with Autism after their treating Speech-Language Pathologist, Rachel Sense, M.A., CCC-SLP, suspected social communication difficulties and recommended further evaluation with a developmental pediatrician. Isabella's family worked closely with Rachel to develop a plan of care to increase Isabella's communicative interactions and play skills, as well as guide her parents in how to weave the tools from the therapy room into their interactions at home. Isabella was a delight to work with and we are so lucky to have had an opportunity to be a part of her development!



“Thank you very much for all of your work with us and Isabella. I feel that with your help we've become better parents working with Isabella, and we've seen a marked improvement since we started. As a member of Scottish Rite for over a decade, I was familiar with the Scottish Rite Language Program, but never did I think I, myself would be taking advantage of it. We started our journey with Isabella over a year ago for delayed speech when she was three. Through close consultation, in-person, and virtual sessions, we were able to meet with our Speech Pathologist on a weekly basis where our daughter would be engaged and prompted with various speech tasks. What we truly found useful was the parent-centered approach...to make us better collaborators in Isabella's ongoing journey. As parents we have learned so much so that we can be better communicators with our daughter and help her speech capacity to grow together. We have seen amazing strides with Isabella over the last year and without the Scottish Rite Language Center, we would not have seen such progress and improvement, nor would we have been as well equipped with the working tools needed to continue to work with Isabella in what is an ongoing journey. Thank you, Scottish Rite!” - Dan and Nikki

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
 Sneezy 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

Aug 8th 2023

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

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

Salad

BBQ and fixings

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%.

From the Secretary

Are you ready? At some point all of us will lay down our working tools and travel to the undiscovered country. Have you made a plan for how you want that to go or for what happens to you and your earthly possessions once you leave. Have you let those who would be making decisions for you when you become unable to do so, know what it is you want to be done? Now is the time to make your wishes known as when it is happening it will be too late.

Supreme has made available a service where you can write a will you can access it from their site under the "how to give" drop down. Yes they want you to leave something to the Scottish Rite, but that is also not a requirement to use the service. You should also make sure that you have an advance directive signed and given to those you want to speak for you.

We always thing we can do that "tomorrow" but one day you won't have any tomorrows left so take care of it today.

On another note, we are gearing up for our fall reunion, now is the time to get your candidates to submit their applications. Let's make this a large class, surely each of you know someone in your lodge that could benefit from joining the Scottish Rite, so ask them.

Finally, August is our Annual BBQ at the stated meeting. Be sure and make your reservation so we have sufficient food for everyone. And dress is business casual, dockers and a polo shirt or similar. No, shorts, jeans or tee shirts.



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

III. Richard Fisher 33° Reunion Class

Sept 23,30, Oct 20,21 and 24



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 \$ _____
to Credit Card # _____ CVC _____
Expiration Date ____ / ____

(Return Petition to Valley General Secretary's Office)

Signature of authorized card holder



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Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events

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

Council Opens Regular Dress

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 Feast of Tisheri

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

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

Lodge of Perfection Opens

Capping Ceremony and Military Recognition