



The Rite Word

From the Venerable

Mathematics and Freemasonry: A Profound Connection

Within the mysterious and ancient realm of Freemasonry, mathematics takes on a significant and symbolic role. While a comprehensive exploration of the mathematical aspects of Freemasonry could fill volumes, two key mathematical symbols within the craft stand out: the number "Three" and the Forty-Seventh Problem of Euclid.

The Symbolism of "Three"

The number "Three" holds a paramount place in Freemasonry, reflecting a deep connection with the concept of Deity. While no monitorial explanation of this symbol is provided, it is revered and regarded as a profound emblem. The symbolism of "Three" permeates the natural world, with examples like Earth, water, air, and the stages of growth in nature mirroring this tri-part nature of God. Similarly, Freemasonry is steeped in the symbolism of "Three," evident in the three degrees, principal officers, Grand Masters, lights, jewels, and various rituals. "Three" represents a harmonious triad, encompassing Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty, signifying the synergy of mind, body, and spirit as pillars of support for the fraternity.



The Pillars of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty

Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty serve as vital supports within Freemasonry, paralleling their significance in civilization. Wisdom is essential for addressing the world's complexities, especially in times of discord and prejudice. It is hoped that Freemasonry's teachings in this regard will contribute to harmony and brotherhood. The pillar of Beauty represents the spirituality and inner beauty of the soul rather than mere physical aesthetics. It underscores the importance of inner qualities like mercy, justice, charity, and love, working in tandem with wisdom and strength to uphold the institution.

The Sacred Three in Masonry

Throughout the three degrees of Freemasonry, the number "Three" underscores the intertwining of philosophy, meaning, and the glory of the craft with the profound concept of the Great Architect of the Universe. This omnipresence of "Three" symbolizes that God is everywhere, a core belief within Freemasonry.

The Forty-Seventh Problem of Euclid

The Forty-Seventh Problem of Euclid predates Pythagoras and stands as one of Freemasonry's most beautiful and meaningful symbols. It states that in any right triangle, the sum of the squares of the two shorter sides is equal to the square of the longest side. This principle is demonstrated visually when the sides are in a 3:4:5 ratio.

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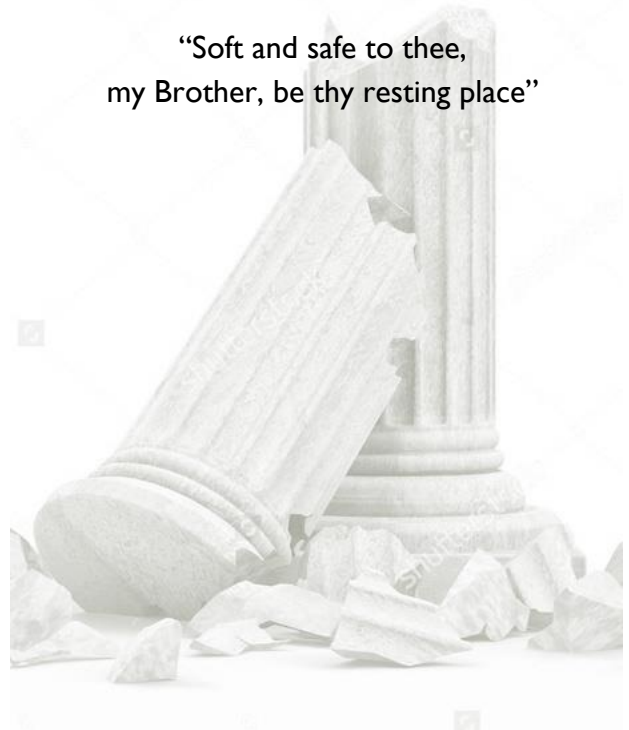
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From the Wise Master

In October we have several holidays and observances. Perhaps most contested is "Columbus Day" (also called "Indigenous Peoples' Day" by some people) and the most well known and celebrated is Halloween. While Halloween may have some trouble with people and shenanigans, for the most part as a father, I love this holiday.

Some years I get to dress up in a themed costume with my family while for others I spend a lot of time trying to help figure out where to get all the little bits and bobs for the kids' costumes. Many years we end up at a friend's house for a party after some time spent Trick or Treating. I hope that this holiday brings you and your families as much joy as it bring to me and mine.

Another major observance to consider as we go through October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Many of us have been touched by this and we should all take a moment to call those loved ones who may have gone through this to see how they are doing. I would also encourage everyone to read more on this topic from the National Breast Cancer Foundation: <https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-cancer-awareness-month/>



If you would like to get a Scottish Rite Polo, then Please let Hon Brandon Duenas know. He is taking the orders and the Order will be placed after the November stated meeting.



From the Commander

Are you familiar with the Masonic blue slipper?

It is a small lapel pin in the shape of a blue slipper.

To find out the meaning of this pin, let us go back in history to Boaz's time from the Book of Ruth. It will be remembered that Elimelech, his wife, Naomi, and their two sons, Mahlon and Chilon, fled to the land of Moab to escape the famine in their homeland of Bethlehem-Judah. Things went well for a while. Then life fell apart for them. Elimelech died. The two sons married Moabite girls - Orpha and Ruth. Yet again tragedy struck. Mahlon and Chilon died. This left Naomi a widow in a foreign land with two widowed daughters-in-law from the land of Moab.

In times of trouble, people think of home and more importantly of God. Naomi found out that the famine back home had subsided, and there was grain and food again. So she confided with Orpha and Ruth that she would journey back home and be among her kinsmen. Certain laws, rules, or customs governed her thinking at this time. Of first consideration was the fact that Naomi was too old to bear a son for her daughters-in-law to marry. Even if she could, the daughters-in-law would not wait for the son to grow up. So the girls should remain among their own people. The girls resisted and started to go with Naomi. Orpha was finally convinced she should stay in Moab. But Ruth remained steadfast and went with Naomi to her homeland. Naomi and Ruth arrived back in Bethlehem-Judah at harvest time.

Naomi also had to take into consideration another law.

When Elimelech died, his next of kin was duty-bound to redeem his possessions and take care of his widow and her family. Since Naomi was getting old, Ruth tried to earn a livelihood. While gleaning in the fields, she was seen by Boaz. And when he found out about her (that she was Naomi's daughter-in-law, etc.), he arranged special treatment for her. She could work with his girls in the field, and the young men were warned not to bother her.

Since Boaz was not married and was kin to Naomi, Naomi decided that she should somehow make Boaz understand his duty to Elimelech's family. So Naomi advised Ruth to bathe and anoint herself and go to the threshing floor after dark and lay at the feet of Boaz. Boaz awoke at midnight and discovered her there. So as not to create a scandal, he gave her some barley and asked her to leave before



From the Master of Kadosh

Sometime back I had the idea to do an article on numbers we come across in Masonry thinking they held some universal and unique symbolism. My research discovered that a lot of numbers have significance to cultural groups, religions, and nationalities. Masonry has some numbers that show up in our rituals and ceremonies. They can be raps on the Lodge Room door, raps of the gavel, claps of the hands or symbolism in degrees. Let's take a brief look at the numbers 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9, not necessarily in a Masonic context.

Three is looked at as the Christian Holy Trinity. It is the number of points to determine a plane, circle, or parabola. It also can be repeated to make nine.

Four is the number of seasons, cardinal points on the compass, sides of a square and looked on as a perfect number.

Five is the number of ways we experience the physical world; sight; smell; hearing; touch and taste. Giving someone a "high 5" is a gesture of celebration. The five Olympic rings signify Europe, Asia, Africa, Oceania, and America.

Seven are the days of the week and days of Biblical creation. Hindus see it as the number of worlds in the universe and the seven seas. It is also the Sabbath and day of rest in a week.

Nine has the strange property of being able to recreate itself. Multiply any natural number by nine then add the single digits and you get nine. Try it! Nine is also the number of completion but not an ending. In Masonry, nine is three times three.

A number, not predominate in Masonry, is **eight**. It is a lucky number in Asia. When pronounced it sounds like the word "prosper". Many casinos, in their advertising will show "888" as a sign of luck.



Bill M. Fiel



From the Chief Knight

Labor Day Weekend (9/2-3) was the 157th Highland Games and Gathering hosted by the San Francisco Caledonian Club. It was reported that the Games had more people attend on Saturday than in many years, even pre-COVID. There were so many people that food vendors ran out of many of their favored offerings (especially the Scotch Eggs). This may be because the weather was an easy 75 degrees with a gentle breeze through a lot of the day. Our Knights of Saint Andrew chapter has been gearing up to use this opportunity to get several of the local valley chapters together and build stronger bonds. We had KSA visitors from Sacramento, Stockton, Burlingame, and Oakland. We also had Blue Lodge visitors from Colorado, Quebec, Washington, Rhode Island, and Virginia along with our local Brothers. Our booth was set up in perfect position to see the Drum Major competition, the pipe bands warming up, and the pipe band competitions. It was a little bit of work to set up and take down but all-in-all, several members of our chapter really enjoyed the fraternal bonds being built and the fun that we were able to have together.

Our next major focus is providing Arch of Steel and Color Guard details for upcoming Hiram Awards and of course, everyone's favorite, Installation Season.

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 Color Guard team. This flag presentation Color Guard is also often called upon for blue lodge installations. No kilt is needed and we have a cooler hat than the other bodies :).



Tim Leggett



Angels and Kabbalah

Many people find the concept of Angels to be very interesting. There are many stories about, lists of, and jobs performed by, angels. Like pretty much everything in the spiritual realm, angels do not subject themselves to scientific study. What we know about them depends on what somebody has written. Then we have to ask, who was the writer? Where did he get his information? What personal experience did he have with these mysterious beings?

Angels by Name

Starting with the Bible, there are three angels listed by name:

- Michael (see Daniel 10:13, 21; 12:1; Jude 1:9, and Revelation 12:7)
- Raphael (see Tobit 5:1, 4, 16; 12:11, 15)
- Gabriel (see Daniel 8:15-16; 9:21; and Luke 1:19, 26)

Michael is the general of God's army. He represents Divine protection. Raphael brings exhortation and healing. Gabriel interprets visions and makes important announcements. The Bible contains no description of these three. In paintings, they are depicted as adult male humans with wings, but never with beards.

Note that the book of Tobit is part of the Apocrypha, which appears in some versions of the Bible and is accepted as scripture among a minority of Christian denominations. The story in Tobit can be confusing, because there is a human character and an angel both named Raphael.

Angels without Names

The Cherub. In Genesis 3, two or more Cherubim kicked Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden and blocked them from approaching the Tree of Life. In Ezekiel 10, an unspecified number of Cherubim appear in Ezekiel's vision. Other mentions of Cherubim are in connection with statues on the Ark of the Covenant or decorations in the Tabernacle and Temple.

Cherubim are mentioned in several chapters of the Book of Ezekiel. He calls them "living creatures". There are multiple descriptions but the general idea is that a Cherub has four faces, those of a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle; and four wings with human hands underneath. Their legs are like a calf, that is, with hooves. Hooves or not, Cherubim can move at the speed of lightning.

The Seraph. In Isaiah 6:1-3, they fly around the Divine throne, calling out "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." Seraphim have three sets of two wings for a total of six. One pair of wings covers their faces, another pair covers their feet, and the remaining two are used for flight. The description suggests that Seraphim look like humans, except for the wings.

How many Angels are there?

In the book of Tobit, Raphael says he is "one of the seven angels who stand ready and enter before the glory of the Lord." So there are apparently four more of these guys. Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite, a 5th Century Christian writer, suggested that the seven angels are: Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Camael, Jophiel, and Zadkiel. They are sometimes referred to as Archangels. Some traditions use different names, or list eight Archangels.

Thomas Aquinas, in his *Summa Theologica*, described nine choirs or ranks of angels, listed here in descending order: Seraphim, Cherubim,

Thrones, Dominations, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Archangels, and Angels. Note how in this system, Archangels are next to the bottom rank.

Moses Maimonides, in his *Mishneh Torah*, names 10 ranks of angels in the Jewish angelic hierarchy, listed here in descending order: Chayot ha Kodesh (the four-faced living beings of Ezekiel), Ophanim (the "wheels" of Ezekiel) Erelim, Hashmallim, Sera-phim (six-wing angels from Isaiah), Malakhim (messengers), Elohim (Godly beings), Bene Elohim (Sons of God), Cherubim, and Ishim (manlike beings).

There are still other lists of angelic names and ranks. In this article, we just want to understand the idea. If you are interested, there are two millennia-worth of writings about angels.

Angels of the Tree of Life

The Etz Chaim, or Tree of Life, has specific archangels assigned to each sephirah:

Kether (Crown) features Archangel Metatron, the angel of life. He connects human beings living on earth with the divine energy of God and helps people incorporate that sacred energy into their lives. Metatron also brings spiritual balance to all of the different yet interconnected parts of God's creation and helps people achieve spiritual enlightenment.

According to Jewish legend, Metatron was originally Enoch, a man who lived for three-hundred-and-sixty-five years on earth before "God took him" and turned him into an angel (Genesis 5:23-24).

Chokmah (Wisdom) features Archangel Raziel, the angel of mysteries. He reveals divine mysteries to people that help them become wiser. Through his guidance, people incorporate mystic knowledge into their lives in practical ways. Raziel helps people reach their full potential, according to God's good purposes for their lives.

Binah (Understanding) features Archangel Tzaphkiel, the angel of compassionate understanding. He leads the angels who send the spiritual energy of understanding to people. Tzaphkiel helps people learn more about God, sends them insights about themselves as God's beloved children, and guides them to make decisions in their daily lives that reflect that core identity.

Chesed (Mercy) features Archangel Zadkiel, the angel of mercy. He and the angels he supervises send the energy of God's mercy throughout the universe. That involves inspiring people to be kind to others because God is kind to them. It also includes giving people peace when they pray so they can be confident that God will answer their prayers according to what's truly best.

Geburah (Strength) features Archangel Chamuel, the angel of peaceful relationships. He exercises "tough love" to strengthen relationships so that people can experience peace—within themselves, with each other, and with God. Chamuel and the angels he oversees test people's beliefs and motivations. In the process, they purify them to help people develop stronger relationships with God.

Tiphareth (Beauty) features the team of Archangel Michael, the angel of protection, and Archangel Raphael, the angel of healing.

As they express the divine energy of beauty, and help people tap into a higher level of consciousness.

Netzach (Victory) features Archangel Haniel, the angel of joy. Haniel expresses God's eternal energy by helping people rely on God (who is eternally reliable) rather than on their changing emotions, and by enlightening people with insights that can bring them joy in any circumstances.

Hod (Glory) also features the team of Archangels Michael and Raphael. In this case, they join forces to fight sin to make sure that the splendor of God's perfect design for creation wins out over sin, which tries to corrupt that glorious design. Michael and Raphael also help people discover and fulfill God's glorious will for their lives.

Yesod (Foundation) features Archangel Gabriel, the angel of revelation. He is a master communicator, so God has assigned him to be in charge of the Tree's foundation and to connect people to God through messages of faith. He helps people rely on their faith in God to make transitions in life.

Malkuth (Kingdom) features Archangel Sandalphon, the angel of music and prayer. He sends messages back and forth between God and human beings in God's kingdom. Sandalphon's efforts are designed to keep the divine energy flowing freely, nurturing all parts of God's kingdom.

According to Jewish legend, Sandalphon was originally the prophet Elijah. According to the Bible, "Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven" (2 Kings 2:11). Sandalphon is considered to be Metatron's twin brother

72 Angels and Names of God

The Archangel Raziel, the angel of mysteries, is said to have written a book, called *Sefer Raziel* (book of Raziel the Angel). Granted, not much originality here.

The story says Adam prayed to God and apologized for listening to his wife Eve, who was deceived by the snake into eating from the Tree of Knowledge. See Genesis chapter 3. In response, God sent "the highest of the angels", Raziel, to teach Adam the spiritual laws of nature and life on earth, including the knowledge of the planets, stars and the spiritual laws of creation.

Raziel also taught Adam the knowledge of the power of speech, the power of thoughts and the power of a person's soul within the confines of the physical body and this physical world, basically teaching the knowledge with which one can harmonize physical and spiritual existence in this physical world.

He also shared the energy contained within the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet, their combinations and meanings of names. This energy is essential to understanding the Kabbalah and is said to empower humans to perform superhuman actions.

Sefer Raziel reveals that love is the eternal divine creative life energy of this earth. It goes on to explain the spiritual laws of birth, death, reincarnation of the soul, and many spiritual laws of "change".

Raziel's book reveals the 72 names of God, based on the text of Exodus 14:19–21. If you just read the Exodus passage in English, you learn about Moses parting the Red Sea. To get the names, you have to read the original Hebrew text, and read alternating lines backwards, a writing technique called "Boustrophedon".

Each of the 72 names is given to one of 72 angels. Each angel belongs to one of the nine choirs or ranks, and rules over a specific demon. These are different angels than the 10 angels assigned to the Tree of Life. Fur-

ther elaboration is beyond the scope of this article.

What are Angels exactly?

According to Migene González-Wippler: "Most people think of angels as ethereal beings, dressed in white, diaphanous (fine textured, semi-transparent) gowns, with gossamer (extremely light or delicate) wings and shiny halos. Nothing could be further from the truth.

"Angels are very real, but they have no physical substance. They are pure intelligence, and their energy is the energy of the cosmos. In Kabbalah, which is the mystical doctrine of Judaism, angels are said to be emanations from the Godhead, who created them to carry out his divine plan.

"They are known as the Malachim, the Creator's messengers, and the ones in charge of the delicate balance of the universe. For that reason they are equated with the universal laws, which they rule and sustain.

"Everything that exists is the result of the interplay of several physical laws, all of which are angels. From the tiniest grain of sand to the awesome power of the human mind, we can perceive the subtle work of angels. They are everywhere and control every material thing, and their intelligence and power transcend human imagination."

Source: <https://www.llewellyn.com/journal/article/2356>

Celebrating Angels

The Archangel Metatron is said to have created an artifact of Sacred Geometry, a mystical three-dimension cube that contains the five Platonic Solids (solid figures with 4, 6, 8, 12, and 20 sides). Metatron's cube is said to help us replace negative thoughts with positive ones and remind us that the universe wants us to discover our personal power and use it to do good.

Many Christian faith traditions have a feast day celebrating angels. It goes by the names:

- Michaelmas (Michael's Mass)
- Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael
- Feast of the Archangels
- Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels

Michaelmas is celebrated on September 29 by the Western Christian liturgical calendar, and on November 8 by the Eastern.



From the Master Continued

tio. When we put down the squares of the first four numbers, 1, 4, 9, and 16, we can see that by subtracting each square from the next one, we get 3, 5, and 7. These are the steps in Masonry, reflecting the progression from Entered Apprentice to Fellowcraft and finally to Master Mason. Despite our limited understanding, this mathematical truth is universally applicable, reflecting the idea that the laws of mathematics are consistent across all worlds. The Problem serves as a symbol of the universality and perfection of divine laws and the reverence due to the Great Law Giver.

In conclusion, mathematics and Freemasonry share a deep and profound connection, evident through the symbolism of numbers, geometric principles, and the pursuit of intellectual and moral excellence. This intricate relationship is a testament to the rich tapestry of thought and meaning woven into the fabric of Freemasonry, providing a glimpse into the profound significance of mathematics within this ancient and enigmatic fraternity.

Naresh Rampershad



From the Commander Continued

dawn so that watching eyes would not recognize her.

Business among the tribe of Bethlehem-Judah took place at the gate of the city. So Boaz sat down at the gate the next day because he knew there was a kinsman more closely related to Elimelech than he. So when the kinsman came by, Boaz called him aside and asked 10 men of the elders of the city to sit with them. Boaz bargained with his kinsman. The kinsman said he would redeem Elimelech's property. But, when he found out that he would have to take care of Naomi and Ruth, he reneged and told Boaz he would not redeem or protect Elimelech's interest. He would leave it to Boaz. The passage from Scripture for these events is the following:

"And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it. Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor: and this was a testimony in Israel."

So the kinsman drew off his shoe and gave it to Boaz. Boaz held it up for all in the gate to see. He asked them to be witnesses that he became Naomi's protector, Ruth's husband, and a redeemer of Elimelech's property. Thus, today we have the little blue slipper as an emblem of the protective influence of Masons for their wives, widows, and daughters.

David M. Rampershad

Our newest Honormen. Ill. Bennie Cooper and Hon. Naresh Rampershad.

Gwen is a sweet and engaging 4-year-old girl. Her older brother Luke is receiving services at our clinic and is almost ready to graduate after making great progress. Gwen is currently working on speech sounds to improve her speech intelligibility, so others can understand her better. She is a smart girl, with a lot to say! During her two months at the clinic, she has been working hard and practicing at home. Gwen is already making her /s/ sound in blends! Gwen has a big brother and two little sisters. She likes stuffed animals, unicorns, would love to have a cat and likes to take dance breaks during speech therapy time. Gwen is a pleasure to work with!



A note from Gwen's family:

Gwen's older brother, Luke, has been in speech therapy for over a year through the Scottish Rite with Angela, and his strides are miraculous. Unlike her older brother, who had a speech delay, Gwen started talking very early and had much to say. Unfortunately, everyone had a difficult time understanding a lot of what she was talking about. Over the summer, Gwen had the privilege of receiving services through the Scottish Rite, also with Angela. Both my children look so forward to their Zoom sessions with Angela and call it their special "Angela Time". Gwen enjoys it so much that she recently told me that when she's a Mommy she is going to let her kids have 'Angela Time' every day. As a parent, watching your child truly look forward to and enjoy therapy is a complete gift. In just a few short months we have seen such improvement with Gwen's speech and we are so excited for her to continue her journey with Angela.

Angela, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for changing our children's lives, we are beyond grateful



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
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 The Little Mouse, the Rid Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear
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Stated Meeting Menu

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

- Salad
- Pork Loin
- Sauerkraut
- Potatoes
- Veggies
- Dessert

From the Secretary

Well, we are already into October, this year has flown by. Don't forget to come out to the second week-end of the Reunion this month and share in the Degrees once again.



Have you paid your dues for 2024 yet? Many of you have and I want to thank you. If you haven't, please take care of it now while you are thinking about it. If are one of the 35 that still owe for 2023 your time is quickly running out.

I want to congratulate our newest Honormen. III. Bennie Cooper received the 33rd degree and Hon. Naresh Rampershad received the Knight Commander Court of Honor. Please let them know you appreciate all they do for the Valley when you see them next.

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

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%.

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

State Wide Reunion Class
April 5th and 6th, 2024



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."

_____	Degree Fee	Spring	Fall
<i>Candidate's Signature</i>		\$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 hereby authorize the San Jose Scottish Rite to charge \$ _____
 to Credit Card # _____ CVC _____
2nd Sponsor Signature _____ 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 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

Monday Oct 7th ~ Scottish Rite BBQ 12:00pm

Friday Oct 20th ~ Reunion 5:30 pm

Saturday Oct 21st ~ Reunion 8:30 am

Tuesday Oct 24th ~ Reunion 5:30 pm

Monday Nov 13th ~ SCVOA Meeting 6:30 pm

Mt. View Deanza Lodge

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

Lodge of Perfection Opens

Capping Ceremony and Military Recognition

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

Lodge of Perfection Opens

Elections—Budget