



The Rite Word

From the Venerable Master:

Our reunion is coming up quickly. We have one last opportunity to get petitions in and voted on. Let's make this a big class. This year, we are honoring Illustrious Royce Ford, and this reunion class is named for him. Let's really do this one right.



The year is drawing rapidly to a close, and very soon we will be installing a new corps of officers. These new leaders will be looking for input on activities. If there is something you would like to see us do, please let them know so that they can make plans. We rely on participation and input and we need your help.

The reunion will take place over one weekend, November 22-24. We begin Friday, November 22 with a dinner and the 4th Degree. We will conclude on Sunday, November 24 with a luncheon and capping ceremony for our new members.

I look forward to seeing you at our next stated meeting on November 12.

Randy Downey

Please attend this reunion, enjoy the degrees and the fellowship, and make it memorable for our candidates. At Scottish Rite, all of our activities and member-driven, meaning they function best when our members are present and participating. We want to see you there.

The Royce Ford Class will be held on November 22-24, 2019.

**We will do the 5 mandatory Degrees with the Capping Ceremony on Sunday Afternoon
All Applications must be received by November 12th at the Stated Meeting**

2019 Honor Roll

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Make an annual Donation to the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies in the amount of \$100 or more and have your name included on the "Honor Roll" Your gift allows the San Jose Bodies to provide the quality events that you deserve.

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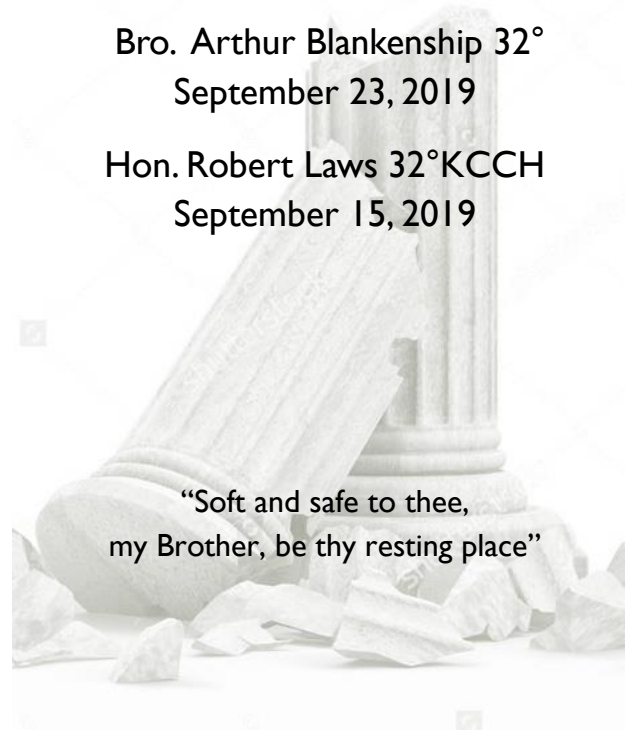
In Memory of William Morgan

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Called From Labor

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September 23, 2019

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September 15, 2019



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

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Calls/Visitors Welcome

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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 \$19 off of the annual price or over 11%. There is no time limit to use them, unlike the previous annual pass which had to be used within the year.

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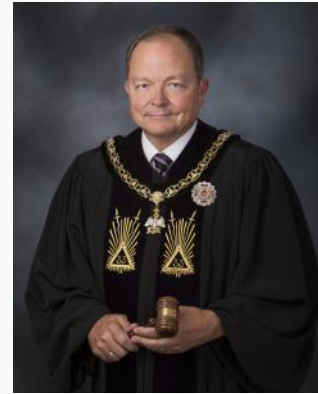
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Ill. James Cole 33°
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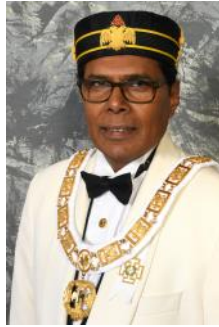


Ill. Frank Loui, 33° P.G.M.
Sovereign Grand Inspector
General in California,
Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite
Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

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 Commander

The Two Jurisdictions of Scottish Rite in United State of America



Southern Jurisdiction

Based in Washington, D.C., the **Southern Jurisdiction** (often referred to as the "Mother Supreme Council of the World") was founded in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1801. It oversees the Scottish Rite in 35 states, which are referred to as *Orients*, and local bodies, which are called *Valleys*.

In the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, the Supreme Council consists of no more than 33 members and is presided over by a Sovereign Grand Commander. The current Sovereign Grand Commander is Illustrious Brother James D. Cole, 33. He served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 2001. Other members of the Supreme Council are called "Sovereign Grand Inspectors General" (S.G.I.G.), and each is the head of the Rite in his respective Orient (or state). Other heads of the various Orients who are not members of the Supreme Council are called "Deputies of the Supreme Council". The Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction meets every odd year during the month of August at the House of the Temple, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Southern Jurisdiction Headquarters, in Washington, D.C. During this conference, closed meetings between the Grand Commander and the S.G.I.G.'s are held, and many members of the fraternity from all over the world attend the open ceremony on the 5th of 6 council meeting days.

In the Southern Jurisdiction, a member who has been a 32° Scottish Rite Mason for 46 months or more is eligible to be elected to receive the "rank and decoration" of Knight Commander of

the Court of Honor (K.C.C.H.) in recognition of outstanding service. After 46 months as a K.C.C.H. he is then eligible to be elected to the 33rd degree, upon approval of the Supreme Council and Sovereign Grand Commander.

Northern Jurisdiction

The **Lexington, Massachusetts**-based Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, formed in 1813, oversees the bodies in fifteen states:

Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Wisconsin and Vermont. The Northern Jurisdiction is only divided into Valleys, not Orients. Each Valley has up to four Scottish Rite bodies, and each body confers a set of degrees.

In the Northern Jurisdiction, the Supreme Council consists of no more than 66 members. Those who are elected to membership on the Supreme Council are then designated "Active." In the Northern Jurisdiction all recipients of the 33rd Degree are honorary members of the Supreme Council, and all members are referred to as a "Sovereign Grand Inspectors General." The head of the Rite in each State of the Northern Jurisdiction is called a "Deputy of the Supreme Council." Thus the highest ranking Scottish Rite officer in Ohio, is titled, "Deputy for Ohio", and so forth for each state. Additionally, each Deputy has one or more "Actives" to assist him in the administration of the state. Active members of the Supreme Council who have served faithfully for ten years, or reach the age of 75, may be designated "Active, Emeritus". The Northern Jurisdiction Supreme Council meets yearly, in the even years by an executive session, and in the odd years, with the full membership invited. The 33rd Degree is conferred on the odd years at the Annual Meeting.

SCOTTISH RITE MILITARY RECOGNITION
NIGHT

November 12, 2019

Join with us for this special, patriotic Stated Meeting Dinner to recognize the service and sacrifices made by our military to help assure our freedom.

During the evening we will honor two members of our military who have made important contributions to their respective services and to the Senior and Junior Reserve Officers Training (ROTC) programs in our Scottish Rite Valley. Further, all past and present military members will be recognized by branch of service.

Wear your uniform or proudly display your awards and decorations of achievement. Come out and meet our honored guests.



Hon. Richard Rosenberg receiving the Artesian of the Temple
Bro. Sean Patrick Receiving his Past Master of Kadosh Pin.



The Personal Representative

and

The Venerable Master

of the

Valley of San Jose

Invite all

Scottish Rite Freemasons and other Brother Masons to

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

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

at

The Scottish Rite Center

2455 Masonic Drive

San Jose, California

Brother Christopher Willingham, 32 Degree

Valley of San Jose

Will Favor Us with an Informative Talk on a Relevant

Masonic Topic: "PURPOSE AND BECOMING"

Schedule of Events

6:30PM – 7:00 PM – Social Time

7:00PM – 7:30PM – Talk by Brother Willingham

7:30PM – Festive Agape/Dinner

Cost \$25.00

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

Reservations are required

Please call the SJ Scottish Rite @ 408-978-7483 to make
your reservations

Reservations not canceled before November 28, 2019 must
be honored

Background to the Sixteenth Degree — Prince of Jerusalem

Last month, we left Zerubbabel and our other heroes in Jerusalem. They received permission from the Persian King Cyrus to rebuild the city and temple. Just as work began, the Samaritans offered to help, but the Israelites rejected their offer. The Samaritans then tried to hinder the work, bribed Persian officials, and filed false reports saying the Israelites were forming a rebellion. King Cyrus successor, Ahasuerus, ordered the building stopped. You can read a detailed account in the Holy Bible, book of Ezra, chapter 4.

Who were these Samaritans and what was their problem?

The answer lays centuries earlier. You might recall from the Lodge of Perfection degrees, that when King Solomon died, his son Rehoboam became king. King Rehoboam immediately expanded his father's aggressive policy of taxation and forced labor. The Israelite people had enough and launched a massive taxpayer revolt.

Of the 12 tribes that made up the nation of Israel, 10 split off and formed their own country, and appointed a man named Jeroboam as their king. Jeroboam came from that rambunctious tribe of Ephraimites. We learned about them in the Second Degree in Blue Lodge. The people inhabited the northern territory known as Samaria and called themselves the Kingdom of Israel, after the patriarch Israel. The remaining group in the south around Jerusalem, became the Kingdom of Judah, named after the royal tribe of Kings David and Solomon.

Thinking back to American history, what happened during the Civil War, when the southern states split off and formed a new country called the Confederate States of America? Nothing but problems. The divided Israelites and Judahites lost the prestige, cohesion, and strength of King David and King Solomon's once mighty kingdom. They were ripe for conquering.

Fast forward a few centuries. To the north of the Levant was what historians refer to as the Neo-Assyrian empire, which arose in 911 BCE and promptly expanded in all directions. In 722 BCE, they captured Samaria and brought an end to the northern Kingdom of Israel, carrying 27,000 people away into captivity into the great Israelite diaspora.

The Assyrian kings Shalmaneser V and his younger brother Sargon II ordered the people of Israel be removed to Halah, to Gozan on the Khabur River, and to the towns of the Medes. Shalmaneser then relocated people from Babylon, Cuthah, Avah, Emath, and Sepharvaim to live in Samaria.

Read the story in 2nd Kings, chapter 17.

According to the Bible account, the God of Israel sent lions among the immigrants to kill them. So the Assyrian king sent one of the Israelite priests from the town of Bethel (we don't know his name) to teach the new settlers about Israel's God and how to stay in His good graces. The eventual result was that the new settlers worshipped both the God of the land, that is, Israel's God; and also their own gods of the countries from which they came.

We refer to this process of moving natives out and foreigners in as ethnic cleansing. In this case, there were two results: The Kingdom of Israel people became what is commonly known as the Lost Ten Tribes. And the newcomers, taught in the beliefs and traditions of the Israelite religion, began to think of themselves as Israelites. They called themselves Shomerim [SHOW mer eem], meaning guardians (of the Torah). The original Israelites called them Shomronim [SHOWM ro neem], meaning inhabitants of Samaria. We know them as the Samaritans.

When the Samaritans saw that the exiles of the Kingdom of Judah returned from Babylonia and began to rebuild the Temple, they naturally wanted to join in. The Judah people, being native Israelites, viewed the Samaritans as foreigners, pretenders, and bogus converts, and refused their offer.

Why were the Judah people so unfriendly to their neighbors?

The answer to that question is in the Judah people's self-image. Genesis chapters 12 through 17 describe the covenant El Elyon (God most high) made with the patriarch Abraham. After proving his willingness to obey His voice, God extended to Abraham three specific blessings:

- To make of Abraham a great nation and all peoples on earth would be blessed through Abraham.
- To give to Abraham's descendants all the land from the river of Egypt to the Euphrates.

To make Abraham the father of many nations and of many descendants.

Circumcision was the permanent sign of this everlasting covenant with Abraham and his male descendants. This is why Jewish and Muslim people consider male circumcision to be an essential practice, because it symbolically extends the covenant of God through Abraham to his descendants living today.

Abraham's descendants receive divine title to "all the

land from the river of Egypt to the Euphrates". Later, this land came to be known as the Promised Land or the Land of Israel. Scholarly, biblical, and traditional views differ greatly as to the territory's specific borders, as well as who is entitled to live within those borders.

So how did these blessings play out in history? Abraham had two sons, Ishmael and Isaac. Ishmael goes on to father 12 tribes, which become what we know today as the Arabic peoples. Isaac has two sons, Esau and Jacob. Esau's descendants become the nation of Edom, known as Idumea in New Testament times. Jacob's name is changed to Israel and he has 12 sons, whose descendants become the 12 Tribes of Israel.

Jacob's son Joseph is sold into slavery and eventually becomes the Vizier of Egypt, and saved the entire region from starvation during a massive famine. The descendants of Judah become the royal line of Israel, including King David and King Solomon. The descendants of Levi become the priestly class. One of them, Moses, frees his people from slavery in Egypt and introduces them to their true God.

The collection of writings that we call the Holy Bible is a compilation of the religious traditions of the Israelite or Jewish people, and by extension, to the Christian peoples some 1,500 years later. You could say that the Bible is a tangible example of how God blessed the earth through the children of Abraham.

In today's crowded and connected world, we think of ourselves as belonging to a country, a faith tradition, a company or profession, and a family. For the descendants of Abraham, those four were all the same thing. From their perspective, they are God's chosen people, chosen even before they were born. As the Israelite people developed through the centuries, civil and religious leaders attempted, with modest success, to keep the Abraham -> Isaac -> Jacob/Israel bloodline pure. Mixing with other peoples was discouraged and intermarriage was forbidden. In reality, such things happened all the time.

Yet, with that mindset, you can understand why the native Israelite people rejected the Samaritans. The Samaritans eventually built their own temple, on Mount Gerizim, located above the West Bank city of Nablus. They developed their own version of the Torah (the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy) and still practice the slaughtering and eating of lambs on Passover eve. That may seem barbaric to modern people, it still preserves a living glimpse into a practice from 3,000 years ago.

There were about one million Samaritans in biblical times. In 1786, during Ottoman rule, they numbered a

mere 100. It is believed that many converted to Islam to avoid persecution. There are about 820 Samaritans living today. Half reside in modern homes at Kiryat Luza on Mount Gerizim and the rest in the city of Holon, just outside Tel Aviv.

Incidentally, these are the same people that gave us the Good Samaritan, whose parable is recorded in Luke 10:25-37.

With this background, we can appreciate the history behind the 16th Degree. And we are prepared to explore that Degree next month.

III. Daniel Doornbos 33°



Honormen Patent Presentations



Stated Meeting Menu

Tuesday

October 8, 2019

(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY,
by Oct 4th)



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

- Assorted Appetizers
- Smoked Turkey Breast
- Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Mixed Green Salad
- Rolls
- Pumpkin Pie



Ill. Bibb and Ford recognized for House of the
Temple Donations



Reunion Schedule

Friday, November 22nd

5:30 – 6:00 pm	Registration
6:00 – 6:30 pm	Open Lodge of Perfection & Class Orientation
6:30 – 7:15 pm	Dinner (Lodge of Perfection to host)
7:15 – 8:05 pm	Confer 4 th Degree
8:05 – 8:15 pm	Break
8:15 – 9:45 pm	Communicate 5 th thru 10 th Degrees
9:45 pm	Close LOP/Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

Saturday, November 23rd

9:00 – 9:45 am	Communicate 11 th thru 13 th Degrees
9:45 – 10:00	Break
10:00 – 10:45 am	Confer 14 th Degree & Close LOP
10:45 – 11:30 am	Open Chapter Rose Croix & Communicate 15 th - 17 th Degrees
11:30 – 12:15 pm	Lunch (Chapter Rose Croix to host)
12:15 – 1:30 pm	Confer 18 th Degree & Close Chapter
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Open Council of Kadosh & Communicate 19 th thru 22 nd Degrees
2:30 – 2:40 pm	Break
2:40 – 3:40 pm	Communicate 23 rd thru 26 th Degrees
3:40 – 3:50 pm	Break
3:50 – 4:35 pm	Communicate 27 th thru 29 th Degrees
4:35 – 4:45 pm	Break
4:45 – 5:30 pm	Confer 30 th Degree & Close Council
5:30 pm	Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

Sunday, November 24th

9:30 – 10:00 am	Open Consistory & Communicate 31 st Degree
10:00 - 11:30 pm	Confer 32nd Degree & Close Consistory
11:30 – 11:45 am	Class Photo
11:45 – 12:15 pm	Social with Families
12:15 – 1:30 pm	Banquet Lunch and Capping Ceremony



Esther is a sweet four year old girl who loves the color purple, flowers, playing with her siblings, and playing with her stuffed dog “Wee Wee.” She has been receiving speech and language therapy

services at the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Clinic since July 2018. Esther’s five-year-old sister, Anna was also seen at this clinic.

Esther's adoptive mother and father, Erika and David, first adopted Esther's older brother, Eli, eight years ago in 2011. In 2015, Eli's biological father and his girlfriend lost custody of Anna when she was four months old. Erika and David requested to adopt Anna so that the two half -siblings could grow up in the same family. Erika and David adopted Anna and her two younger sisters who were born in 2015. All three girls presented with speech and language delays and overall developmental delays. They have adjusted well into their new home and are much healthier, happier, and are now receiving services to meet their needs in speech therapy, physical therapy, and educational needs through their school district, The San Jose Scottish Rite, and through private therapists.

When Esther first started speech and language therapy, she was very quiet, had limited vocabulary, and spoke in two to three word phrases. She had goals to increase her sentence length, build her expressive language, and to improve her articulation. Esther has really come a long way since last year. She was very shy and reluctant to speak, but is now getting more comfortable with expressing herself. She is now speaking in four to five word sentences and using many more words than before. She has added many nouns and verbs to her repertoire and she is now using the present progressive verb tense with occasional help. Esther also learned basic concepts, improved her ability to use s-blends, in words like snow and spoon, improved her ability to make the L sound, produce multisyllabic words, and her ability to formulate questions.

Esther’s mother said, “Having two children with speech delays can be stressful. We want to understand them, yet, it is hard.” Since beginning treatment, “Esther has better enunciation, a larger vocabulary, and longer statements. She can say whatever she needs to.”

Erika said that the most rewarding part of their experience at the clinic has been watching Esther’s confidence grow and watching her bloom. She has been pleased with her experience at the clinic and says that the therapists have been very friendly, supportive, responsive, and caring. She would recommend the clinic to other parents who have children needing help with their speech and language.

We have greatly enjoyed having Esther and her family at the clinic and wish her all the best in her continued success in her speech and language growth and development!



Rebuilding the Temple Program

When we started the building campaign earlier in the year, it was designed to bring in dollars that would eventually lead to fostering even larger funds to help treat the kids in our clinic. Although our clinicians are doing amazing work for the children they treat, we have another 95 kids on the wait list that may very well never get the treatment they deserve. To be able to bring in another 1 or 2 clinicians to take on a bigger load, and bring the waitlist down, we need the requisite dollars to pay them. We can only accomplish this by creating a more attractive building that will help bring in larger dollars through our rental program. We have a dozen or so projects that will do just that, but again, we need additional dollars to accomplish the projects.

A few months ago we refurbished the downstairs meeting room with new paint, a new easy-to-clean floor, all new LED lighting, new plugs and switches, and new window coverings. Originally, we could only rent the space for around \$500 a day. Today, we get \$1,500 a day, and the space has already been rented a couple dozen times. Also earlier in the year, we upgraded our sound system and speakers, which our customers tell us makes their events that much more pleasant to hold. Again, we are able to raise additional dollars through renting our audio system for music events and presentations during conferences. As this article is being written, we are in the last days of converting our old print and photo shop that was downstairs into a high end executive conference room, which the market tells us we will be able to rent for a \$1,000 a day. There are other projects on the drawing board, and as we complete one project, we commence the next. We estimate, to complete all the projects we envision, it will take approx. 2 years or so at a total cost of approx. \$250,000. It is a lot of money up front, but over the long term, will yield significant funds that will only enhance our clinic's potential.

That's the why. Now, an update to the how. As you are all aware, we started the campaign at the beginning of the year. It was envisioned as a 2 – 3 year campaign where we have asked each of you to assist by either contributing a one-time gift or a pledge donation where you can contribute in smaller payments over a period of months as you choose. We are about 20% of the way through the estimated time to complete the campaign and we are very pleased and thankful that we have surpassed the 20% mark in funds raised which have been either directly donated in cash or with pledges which are expected to come in over the next many months.



Total Goal \$250,000

Total Pledges
\$54,809

Total Cash \$37,871

Total Donors 49

Percent of Goal
22%

To date, we have received \$37,871 in direct donations, and another \$16,938 in long term pledges. This brings our total to \$54,809 or just over 21% towards our goal of \$250,000. These donations have come from 49 different donors. With a membership of 622 members, this equates to just under 8% participation. There is still plenty of time in our campaign to contribute, and we hope each of you see the need and the benefit in what we are asking. You don't have to make a large donation to make a difference. Every dollar is precious and will go a long way in accomplishing our goal. We ask only that you consider where we are headed as Scottish Rite Masons, and that you remember, "Each to his own ability". Give as you can, but please participate at some level. Think of the funds we could raise if every member contributed just a little. A large donation, or small, it doesn't matter. But please be a part of the solution.

I want to thank each of you who have so generously contributed thus far. As well, I want to thank in advance, each of you who makes a decision to come onboard and help us reach our ultimate goal. Our Valley is accomplishing amazing things. But, it is only because of you, our members, that we are so successful. You truly make the difference.

Reunion - Royce Ford Class

November 22-24, 2019



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>		\$150	\$150
_____	Annual Dues	\$50	\$0 (For Current Year)
1st Sponsor PRINTED NAME			
_____	Total Due:	\$200	\$150
<i>1st Sponsor Signature</i>			
_____	I hereby authorize the San Jose Scottish Rite to charge \$ _____		
2nd Sponsor PRINTED NAME	to Credit Card # _____		CVC _____
_____	Expiration Date ____ / ____		
<i>2nd Sponsor Signature</i>			

(Return Petition to Valley General Secretary's Office)

Signature of authorized card holder



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Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events

Saturday November 2nd ~ Train Museum Trip

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

Chapter Rose Croix Opens

Tuesday November 12th ~SCVOA Meeting

MV Deanza #194 6:30 Dinner Program Following

November 17th ~ Masonic Smoker

Casa Gran Montoya

Tuesday November 26th ~ Foundation Meeting 6:00 pm

Tuesday November 26th ~ All Officers Meeting 7:00 pm

Tuesday December 3rd ~ Night of Instruction 6:30 pm

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

Council Opens Annual Election of Officers

Tuesday January 14th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 5:45 pm

Consistory Opens

Tuesday January 14th ~ Annual Installation 6:30 pm

Stated Meeting Dinner to follow