



## The Rite Word

### From the Venerable Master

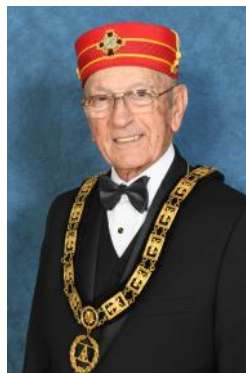
I will start by saying Hi, and hope that I find everyone in good health. Our October stated meeting had a good attendance, meal was good and everyone had a good time. On October 4th and 5th we had the start of our Scottish Rite Fall Reunion. On the 4th we started with the 4th degree and ended with the 6th degree. On Saturday we started Bright and Early, with Brunch at 8:30 AM. We picked up with the 7th degree and throughout the day we conferred or communicated all the degrees up to the 17th. A good 2 days had by all. We will finish the remaining degrees on October 18th and 19th.

At our October Stated Meeting we had a zoom meeting with our Grand Commander, James Cole. Very informative meeting with good questions and answers. Attendance at dinner was good and everyone had a good time. Worshipful Rick Giffin received his 50 year Blue Hat for the Scottish Rite. Congratulations Rick.

The cigar lounge is progressing nicely. Adding to last month's article, all the tile has been set. It's been grouted, sealed and waxed. Next up, finishing the lighting and installing the paneling. It's going to look great. Kudos's to Ill. Gregg Hall and Hon. Brandon Duenas on all the hard work on the tile setting.

This Month's Rite Word, I will be writing on the Knights Templar. It was taken from an article by the National Geographic dated 1-28-24.

In all, eight major crusades, and a number of lesser ones, would be launched between 1095 and 1291, but only the first crusade achieved tangible gains. Led by such high ranking figures as Duke Godfrey of Bouillon; King Philip I of France; and



Robert Curthouse, the brother of King William I of England, the crusaders took Jerusalem in 1099. Hundreds of Jewish and Muslim inhabitants were massacred.

Four separate crusader states were established, including a "Kingdom of Jerusalem, ruled by Godfrey of Bouillon. At the same time, the crusader movement inspired the foundation OF SEVERAL MILITARY RELIGIOUS ORDERS, with which the Knights planned to hold and defend the Holy Land. The most famous, the Knights Templar, was formed circa 1119 when Baldwin II, then King of Jerusalem, sanctioned a group of Knights to protect all Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land. The church of the Holy Sepulchre, which had been destroyed in 614 and again in 1009, was being restored, and Baldwin knew that this would prompt an influx of Christians from regions throughout Europe, it therefore fell upon these Knights to tend to their needs.

The new order was established in a palace in Jerusalem that was believed to be built on the legendary Temple of Solomon. Thus, the order became known as the Poor Knights of Christ and the Temple of Solomon, or "Knights Templar" for short.

Readily recognizable for their white robes marked with a red cross, the Templars developed a particular expertise in finance and soon became one of the most powerful knightly organizations. They were good with the military finance, and charity. But the dealings of the order were always shrouded in secrecy. Though it was officially disbanded in 1312, the legend of the Templars lives on. Historians decry the distortion of a much more nuanced cause, and the Knights Templar legacy is still being contested.

*Art Pasquelli*

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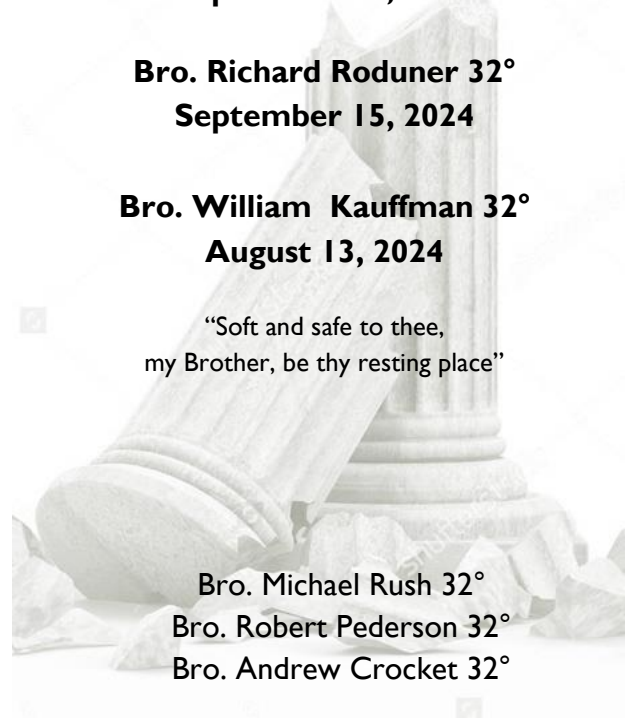
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## From the Wise Master

In this month's issue of the Scottish Rite Journal, there are several interesting articles. One is about how to write articles. It is well written and very informative, as one would think it should be. Somewhat of a self-fulfilling prophecy and perhaps an example of self-reference, (Think – *I think, therefore I am*)

It is our ability as humans that make us special, to think about what we say and do, what we Think. To have some self-perspective, to ask ourselves, 'Is this me? Is this what I think'.

I have long thought that our opinions are the sum of our education and experiences. This ability has never been more important than now. While discourse and discussion with our peers is important, it has never been more important to consider what we think personally, and how we can contribute to our society.

Ancient societies were totally depended on each other in the forms of food, protection, communication and helping each other. In our country today, while these original connections are still important, our right, duty and provide to the whole of society, is to vote. In this small way, each of us reaffirms our contribution to the structure of our Great Society. This simple task has never been more important than in these times of unrest and confusion. Just after you get this Rite Word, you will have the opportunity to do this. Do this with thoughts what is best for of the future of our country and its people. What will bring people together to help each other and continue our great experiment in Democracy. Just after that, hopefully you will be rewarded with going to your email box and seeing more emails actually sent to you personally and a whole lot less of those asking for money!

In another article in the Journal, *Under the Dome*, there is a discussion on how buildings and architecture are the outward expression of a society and government. From the days of Egypt, Greece and Rome, when many different peoples were travelling throughout the world, combining, growing, helping each other and creating a new world, buildings have been the outward expression of the philosophies and ideals of new societies & governments are established. No where is this more true that with our own brief society.

In Washington DC, at most government buildings, the art and architecture takes its cue from the past. Building materials, columns, pediments, domes and grand staircases are all on display as examples of our new republic. This is most evident that at the Capitol of the United States. A glorious building build over several decades in the mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century, it is full of references of the past set as illustrations of our new republic. One interesting example of this is the Corinthian columns, the

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## From the Commander

The 28th degree, *Knight Commander of the Temple*, is, according to *A Bridge to Light*, the first of the truly Chivalric degrees. Ill. Bro. Rex Hutchens, the book's late author, makes the point that though other degrees style the candidate as a 'Knight' this is the first degree that speaks directly to the chivalric duty associated with that title. As the drama of the degree unfolds, the central character is charged to stand guard at his post through the night. Confronted with a number of worldly temptations, he vigilantly upholds his commitment. However, when, at last, the city is attacked by ruthless enemies, he can no longer keep himself from action. He joins with his comrades and they turn back the invaders.

Controversy ensues when it is discovered that the hero is missing from his appointed station. Not knowing the true reason for his absence, his superiors assume that he simply abandoned his responsibilities and is therefore not worthy of the honor he seeks. However when another of the knights recognizes him from the battle, the error is realized and corrected. The Master admits his own mistake and the candidate is acknowledged as a 'knight' alongside his brethren.

The lessons of this degree center around the quality of selflessness, which is a requisite of both humility and brotherly love. At first, the fledgling knight is threatened with the loss of his love and personal property, both of which he is willing to sacrifice to maintain his honor. Next he is absolved of his duty to others, and encouraged to retreat to a monastic life, a relief which he abjectly refuses, citing the value of service in the eyes of the Great Architect. However, when at last, it is not his own security at risk but that of his neighbors and fellow citizens, he can no longer stand aside. His personal convictions become secondary to the welfare of the larger group and he is compelled to act.

The lecture of the degree contains the following admonition to be a person of action; "A mason is not only a moralist and philosopher, but a soldier... times change, and circumstances; but Virtue and Duty remain the same. The Evils to be warred against but take another shape, and are developed in a different form." Today, Masons are soldiers only in a metaphorical sense but the enemies we face are no less real or dangerous. The Evils of selfishness and self-interest, vices which divide and make enemies, lurk today as they have in all ages. For those who have sworn themselves to be defenders of charity, brotherly love, and relief, these are the enemies which must be met and faced-down.

*Peter M. Conway*



## From the Master of Kadosh

Due to too many scheduling conflicts (York Rite Commandery Orders, &c.) and other odd factors (important people absent), the Consistory BBQ originally scheduled for October 12th got cancelled at the last moment. There are no plans at this time to reschedule.

We will have several new 32° Brothers getting their Scottish Rite caps at the Capping Ceremony at the November Stated Dinner. Please plan to attend (RSVP with the Office, see information elsewhere in this Rite Word).

This month will be the last excerpt from the book "Sacred Geometry – Deciphering the Code", by Stephen Skinner, © 2006 by Octopus Publishing Group Ltd, paperback by Sterling Publishing Co., Inc., ISBN 978-1-4027-6582-7. The book is fun, enlightening, and highly recommended.

We diverge slightly from Geometry into the realm of pure arithmetic. Although the ancients absolutely adored whole numbers, the concept of fractions was not unknown, as shown in the text below.

From Sacred Geometry, pages 24 and 25 (paperback edition):

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### The value of fractions

*In the past people used to count in 12s or 60s and divide these numbers by 2, 3, 4 or another number in their head. It was easier to work with 12 or 60 because they can be divided evenly by many other numbers. Ten cannot be so divided. The whole essence of counting boils down to calculating fractions of a whole and the proportions of its parts.*

Ten is divisible only by 2 and 5 and so is not very flexible. Twelve, however, is divisible by 2, 3, 4, and 6. Sixty is much better as it can be subdivided by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20, and 30. You get the idea. So instead of the absolutely infinite range of decimals you can instead break things down quite finely using a much smaller set of fractions, such as 1/60, 2/60, 3/60 and so on.

A hundred years ago it would be natural to think of seven eggs in a box holding a dozen eggs as 7/12 of the contents of the box. Modern mathematics demands a decimal answer of 0.5833333. No ancient civilization would have dreamed of using 0.5833333 for such a simple thing – they would have used simple fractions. Many fractions or relationships can be neatly represented by one whole number divided by another such as 7/12 or 2/3 (rather than 0.6666666). Such a system can also express fractions as ratios. So 7/12 is the same as 7:12 and 2/3 is the same as 2:3. Fractions are more memorable, easier to deal with and more often the exact value that needs to be expressed.



## Choosing the best divisor

The choice of the divisor (or denominator, the lower part of the fraction) is of great importance, so we need to discover what divisors were used by any particular group of architects, builders or civilization. Once we have established that, we can translate all of the modern precise measurements made in meters, yards, feet and inches into the system used by the original builders. Once those whole numbers are available, then the picture becomes much clearer and we can set about examining the symbolism, the meaning and the use of the buildings.

Let's use a very simple and fictional example. If you found a building that measured 666 units in length (never mind what the units are for the moment) rather than 1,811.5367 feet (522.1563 m), then you might reasonably deduce that the building had something to do with the Sun (666 is a solar symbolic number) or even with the Beast of Revelations. If it measured 1,811.5367 feet (522.1563 m) you would make no such deduction. I have used a symbolic number that most readers should recognize just to make the point. [ *The author notes that in his book, he gives the reader both the modern measure and, where possible, the ancient unit figures as well.* ] The logic of such measurements will enable us to say a lot more about the sacred geometry of the building.

When we are working out conversion factors between modern and ancient measures it soon becomes apparent that different peoples, places and civilizations of the ancient world shared the same specific units. It also becomes clear that there were definite connections between measures of apparently disparate things, such as length, weight, volume and even time. This unity seems to corroborate the presence of real and meaningful ancient measures.

## The Ninths

One significant set of decimals is expressed much more easily as ninths, which are particularly important in Greek measurements (10/9 is the conversion factor between the standard Greek foot and the antique one):

$$\begin{aligned} 0.111 \dots &= 1/9 \\ 0.222 \dots &= 2/9 \\ 0.333 \dots &= 3/9 = 1/3 \end{aligned}$$

And the pattern keeps repeating even beyond 1:

$$\begin{aligned} 1.111 \dots &= 10/9 \\ 1.222 \dots &= 11/9 \\ 1.333 \dots &= 12/9 \end{aligned}$$

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## Introducing Abram

The first part of Genesis Chapter 11 deals with the Tower of Babel and phenomenon of different human languages, people living in different places.

In Genesis Chapter 10, we found an initial genealogy of Noah's son Shem. It focused on a man named Peleg, because in his day, the earth was divided. We learned that said division was about humanity, rather than the continents of the earth.

In the second part of Genesis 11, we again find a genealogy of Noah's son Shem. But this one focuses on the ancestors and origins of a man named Abram. We will abbreviate the list here to save time and space. The full account is recorded in the Bible: Shem -> Arphaxad, -> Salah, -> Eber -> Peleg -> Reu -> Serug -> Nahor -> Terah.

Terah, at age 70, had a three sons named Abram, Nahor, and Haran. After that, Terah lived to age 205 but the text mentions no additional sons or daughters.

Haran had a son named Lot and two daughters named Milcah and Iscah. Haran died, apparently without having any additional sons or daughters.

Nahor married his niece, Milcah. They apparently settled in the city of Ur in Sumeria.

Abram married Sarai. According to some Rabbinical traditions, Iscah is also called Sarai. If so, then Abram also married his niece. This arrangement is known as an avunculate marriage, marrying your parent's sibling or the sibling's child. Avunculate marriage is actually legal today in many countries and in the states of New York and Rhode Island, with certain limitations and exceptions.

The couple had trouble conceiving a child. Couples still struggle with that problem today. In Bible times there were no effective medical treatments. And childlessness was a major social stigma. Note that this condition was not caused by Abram and Sarai's avunculate marriage.

## Family on the Move

Genesis 11 ends with Terah, his son Abram and his wife Sarai, and his nephew Lot leaving the city of Ur intending to move to Canaan. They got as far as Haran and decided to stay. No reason is given. Terah died there.

Harran, located between the Euphrates and Tigris rivers, was the border between the ancient Mesopotamian and Anatolian (Asia Minor) cultures. It was founded between 2500 and 2000 BCE as a merchant outpost by traders from the Sumerian city of Ur. That made Harran a logical place to stop on the way to Canaan.

## Abram's Travel Orders and Promise

Genesis 12 begins with the Lord telling Abram to leave his country (Sumaria) and family to move "unto a land that I will shew (show) thee..." which ends up being "from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates..." Gen 15:18.

The "river of Egypt" is also mentioned in Numbers 34:5. But what

is it? Where is it?

Some people think "river of Egypt" must be the Nile river. So says the Palestinian Targum on Numbers 34:5 says. A Targum is an ancient Aramaic paraphrase or interpretation of the Hebrew Bible. They were written in the first century CE, when Jewish people are losing fluency in Hebrew.

Many scholars identify "river of Egypt" as the Wadi el-Arish. A wadi is a river bed that remains dry most of the year due to a lack of rain. It flows for a short time during the local rainy season.

Wadi el-Arish, also referred to as the "brook" of Egypt, is located on the Sinai peninsula, about 30 miles south of the Gaza strip. Today, it marks the Rafah border crossing between Egypt and the Gaza Strip in Israel.

The Lord promised Abram: "And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Gen 12:2-3.

## The Journey Continues

"So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came." Gen 12:4-5.

We don't have the details, but Abram appears to have gathered a substantial herd of animals and a number of servants while he was in Haran.

"And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem (also spelled Shechem), unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite [people] was then in the land. And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, "Unto thy seed will I give this land": and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him. And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai (also spelled Ai) on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the Lord, and called upon the name of the Lord." Gen 12:6-8.

## Famine

Abram and company arrived in the land of Canaan. It was full of Canaanite people. And they are well established, having built cities such as Shechem and Ai. Then God appears and tells Abram that he will give all of this land of Canaan to Abram's descendants. Abram pitches his tent right in the middle of the region, builds an altar, and gives a prayer of thanks.

"And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south. And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into

Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land." Gen 12:9-10

Famines were common in Canaan because the crops there rely on rainfall for irrigation. No rain, no crop, no food. Egypt has the Nile river, a consistent supply of water. So when people in the region were starving, they went to Egypt.

### Beauty and Deception

"And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon: Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive. Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee. Gen 12:11-13

Abram and company arrived in Egypt. He became worried, fearing the Egyptians might kill him and kidnap his newly made widow, Sarai. What to do? He told Sarai to identify herself as Abram's sister.

"And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair. The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. And he entreated (rewarded) Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels." Gen 12:14-16.

Sarai was a big hit with the Egyptians and, since she was reportedly single, Pharaoh wanted to marry her. Thinking Abram is Sarai's brother, and thus a representative of Sarai's family, Pharaoh gave him the donkeys, oxen (cows) sheep, camels, and servants. This is a traditional "bride price", a quantity of goods (or money) that the groom's family gives as gifts to the bride's family. Basically, Pharaoh is purchasing Sarai from Abram. This did not end well...

"And the Lord plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife. And Pharaoh called Abram and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife? Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way. And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had." Gen 12:17-20.

Abram's plan to use deception to protect himself failed. Before Pharaoh could consummate his marriage to Sarai, Pharaoh's household (family members and servants) came down with great plagues, possibly skin diseases. The Egyptians, would have understood that such plagues were a punishment for sin.

Pharaoh somehow figures out that Sarai is actually Abram's wife and not merely his sister. He accused Abram of trickery and the resulting afflictions. He told Abram to take Sarai and go away, sending an escort to be sure they left the country.

Evidently, Abram was allowed to keep the animals and servants Pharaoh had given him. So even though Abram made a total mess of things in Egypt, he escaped starvation and ended lot richer than he was before.

### Abram and Lot Split Up

Abram's next stop is back "unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and [Ai]; Unto the place of the altar, which he had make there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the Lord. And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents." Gen 13:3-5

By this time, Abram and his nephew Lot had acquired such large flocks and herds, and number of servants, that "...the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle..." Gen 13:6-7

So "...Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee... And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where... even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar." Gen 13:8-10

So Lot moved to the plain of Jordan, southward and east of the Dead Sea. That was near the location of those infamous cities, Sodom and Gomorrah. Meanwhile, Abram remained in Canaan. God touched base with Abram, announcing:

"Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever... Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee. Gen 13:14-17

The Lord made Abram repeated promises about his family having a land of their own. Now Abram was standing right in the middle of it. Note however, that the promise will be fulfilled in the future ("to thee will I give it").

Abram then moved to Mamre, on what is today the West Bank (of the Jordan River) territory. It was place known for its mighty terebinth (oak) trees.



ANCIENT AND MODERN MEASURES				
Measures	Metric	Metric	Imperial	Imperial
1 megalithic inch	2.074	0.020	0.816	0.068
1 megalithic yard	82.966	0.829	32.664	2.722
1 megalithic rod	497.799	4.977	195.984	16.332
1 standard cubit	44.893	0.448	17.674	1.472
1 royal cubit	52.375	0.523	20.620	1.718
1 remen	74.069	0.740	29.156	2.429
1 Roman foot	29.260	0.292	11.52	0.96
1 Greek foot	30.48	0.3048	12	1
1 Gr. trimmed ft.	33.866	0.338	13.333	1.111
1 Greek stadia	18288	182.88	7200	600
1 Greek plethron	3048	30.48	1200	100

</excerpt>

See you at the meeting and dinner!

*Helmut R. Nagle*

### **Monterey County Scottish Rite Club**

At the last stated meeting in October, it was the privilege of the Monterey County Scottish Rite Club to make a donation to the foundation. After recently being reorganized and in activity, the Club has been busy working several goals. Among them are finding ways to reach new members, supporting the Rite and donations to causes that support our society. Chief among them is our own Language Clinic. The Club was proud to do this and is looking forward to what it can do in the future.

One of the other great things about a local Scottish Rite Club is the opportunity for Scottish Rite brothers who can't always make it to the Valley for meetings and events, is to get together locally to participate. In Monterey, this has been restarted by several long stating Scottish Rite masons, Hon. Virgil Quina KCCH 32° Ill. Bennie Cooper 33° and Pete Santos 32°.

Brother Quina gave a moving speech in presenting the check to Ill Ken Nagle which we have included here:

It is truly an honor to stand before you here tonight representing the MCSR Club. On behalf of our club, I am humbled to present this donation which reflects not only our commitment to the values of Freemasonry but also our deep appreciation for the work being done here at the San Jose Scottish Rite Temple.

Freemasonry has long been built on the pillars of Charity, Brotherhood and service to others. This contribution is more than just a financial gift - it is a token of our shared commitment to uplifting our community, fostering education, and supporting those in need. The work we do together strengthens these bonds, and it reminds us of the greater good we can accomplish when

we unite in purpose.

The Monterey County Scottish Rite Club is proud to support the initiatives of this Temple, and we hope that this donation helps in furthering the important work that takes place here whether it's assisting children with speech and language development, providing scholarships, or supporting outreach programs. We trust that these efforts will continue to make a positive impact on countless lives.

It is my deepest hope that our small gesture tonight will inspire future acts of giving, and remind us all of the light we bring to the world when we come together as brothers.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to contribute to this remarkable institution. We are grateful for the partnership we share and look forward to many more years of working together in the spirit of service and brotherhood.

Thank you and we may all continue to be a force for good in our communities.

As one of our other goals, we strive to return the level of interest in the Scottish Rite to Master Masons. Doing this we grow our membership to where we have been in the past, such as in this picture of Brother Pete Santos Class of 1971, we see over 75 Masons.

Looking to the future with excitement.





**List of Requested Books for  
Clinic Library – Updated  
7/23/24**

We attended the Parents Helping Parents Special Needs Resource Fair at the end of September. Parents Helping Parents is a local resource for parents of children with special needs. The Resource Fair is an annual event that connects families with a variety of community services in the area. The fair was a great opportunity to speak to families and disseminate brochures to the community about the California Language Centers and the phenomenal philanthropy we provide to our local communities. Approximately 1,100 participants attended the event. We were also able to share with attendees information about the RiteCare Childhood Language Center of San Jose and encourage donations to support our clinic as well as those throughout California. Since the event, we have received numerous inquiries from families interested in speech and language services at our center. The Resource Fair was a great opportunity to reach out to families in need!



**Book Titles from [www.socialthinking.com](http://www.socialthinking.com)**

Superflex takes on Rock Brain and the Team of Unthinkables  
Superflex takes on Brain Eater and the Team of Unthinkables

Superflex takes on Glassman and the Team of Unthinkables  
Superflex takes on One-Sided Sid, Un-Wonderer and the Team of Unthinkables  
Superflex and Focus Tron to the Rescue!  
Superflex and Kook Q. Cumber to the Rescue!  
You are a Social Detective!  
Eye Power/Learning to Use the Power of your Eyes Volume 1  
Eye Power/Learning to Use the Power of your Eyes Volume 2  
We Thinkers! Series Volume 2 Social Problem Solvers (5 books in series - Hidden Rules and Expected and Unexpected Behaviors, Smart Guess, Flexible and Stuck Thinking, Size of the Problem, Sharing an Imagination)  
We Thinkers! Series Volume 1 Social Explorers Curriculum (5 books in series - Thinking Thoughts and Feeling Feelings, Body in the Group, Thinking with Your Eyes, Whole Body Listening, The Group Plan)

**Other Book Titles (found on Amazon)**

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  
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  
Bear Snores On  
Where is the Green Sheep  
Mr. Grumpy's Motor Car  
Ketchup on Your Cornflakes  
Personal Space Camp

# Stated Meeting Menu Tuesday

## October 8th 2024

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

- Garden Salad
- Ribs and Chicken
- Potatoes
- Veggies
- Garlic Bread
- Dessert

We need you to make your reservations by the Friday before. No Exceptions.

Acanthus leaves are replaced with corn leaves as a nod to our society and it's agriculture.

There is a deep lesson in this, in that our buildings in our society as well as Masonry, are a reflection of who we are and who we strive to be. Look at any Lodge and you can easily see how well it runs by just looking at its building. To that end, our Scottish Rite Temple has in the last few years has become perfect example of who we were, are and are becoming.

I wish you a happy Thanksgiving and a good rest from the unrest of this last year.

*Mark Burger*

### From the Secretary

First I would like to thank the Valley for the honor of having the last reunion class named in my honor. I am getting very close to my impending retirement from the office of Secretary. My wife and I will be relocating to our new home in Florida at the end of January.



Work continues on the Cigar Lounge. As I type, the floor is done, we are a little over half way installing the wanes coating , and we are about 90% with the electrical work. Our Goal is to have it functional and ready to use by the November Stated Meeting.

Finally, There are still a few of you that owe your 2024 dues, we will be making calls this month. Please get your dues paid or call me so I can take care of it for you.

Link to online petition



*Gary Hall*

**III. Bob Winter 33° Reunion Class**

**Spring Dates are TBD**



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."**

_____		<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>
<i>Candidate's Signature</i>	<b>Degree Fee</b>	\$200	\$200
_____	<b>Annual Dues</b>	\$90	\$0 (For Current Year)
1st Sponsor PRINTED NAME	<b>Total Due:</b>	<b>\$290</b>	<b>\$200</b>
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<i>1st Sponsor Signature</i>			
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2nd Sponsor PRINTED NAME			
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<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)

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## **Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events**

### **Tuesday November 12th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:30 pm**

Chapter Opens

Military Recognition / Capping Ceremony

**November 28 and 29 Office Closed**

### **Tuesday December 10th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:30 pm**

Lodge of Perfection Opens

**December 24 to January 1 Limited Office Availability**

### **Tuesday January 14th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:30 pm**

Lodge of Perfection Opens

Installation