



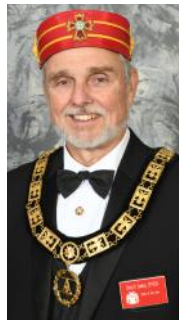
## The Rite Word

### From the Venerable Master:

The holidays are upon us. For most people, the holidays are a time of joy and celebration. For many, however, this can be a time of stress, of concern, and even loneliness. We often tend to overindulge at this time of year. We eat too much, perhaps drink too much. We even shop too much. These can increase our stress levels, and make us prone to illness, and physical exhaustion.

You have to remember to take care of yourself. Take some time to decompress, relax, and give yourself some space to breathe. But at the same time, we need to think about others. Keep an eye out for your Brothers, friends, family, and even strangers, who appear to be in need, are overly worried, or might otherwise be in distress. You know that when someone is hurting, sometimes a smile is all it takes, or a handshake and a word of greeting, to make things a little better. Be a resource for them. Be an ear to hear their stories, a shoulder to lean on, and a pair arms to hug them. Perhaps the need is more profound, and you may need to give more of your time or resources. Be careful not to give too much of yourself, else you find yourself in distress. But be there for those in need – be it a physical, mental, or spiritual need.

This is a time, too, to remember our Masonic charities, to the extent you can. Our Scottish Rite has many ways to show your charity. Donate for the benefit of



our Language Disorder Clinic, or help us in rebuilding our Temple. And of course, there are so many worthwhile causes throughout the family of Freemasonry. None of us can fully support them all, but do what you can.

Remember that our annual installation of officers will be at our January stated meeting, on January 14. Please be there to support the incoming corps of officers.

As this Scottish Rite year comes to an end, the incoming presiding officers of the bodies will be looking to host more interesting and fun events next year. We would like your input, in order to create and execute events that our members would like to see. Please let know if you'd like us to put something special on for you.

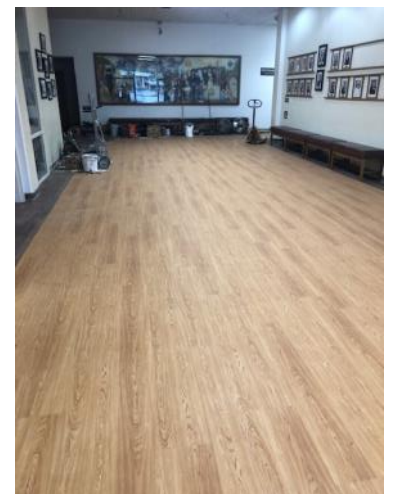
I look forward to seeing you around throughout the coming months.

*Randy Dawney*

The building renovations continue.

Here is a picture of the hallway as you enter the building with the new floor in place.

Please come down and check out your new and improved Valley.



## 2019 Honor Roll

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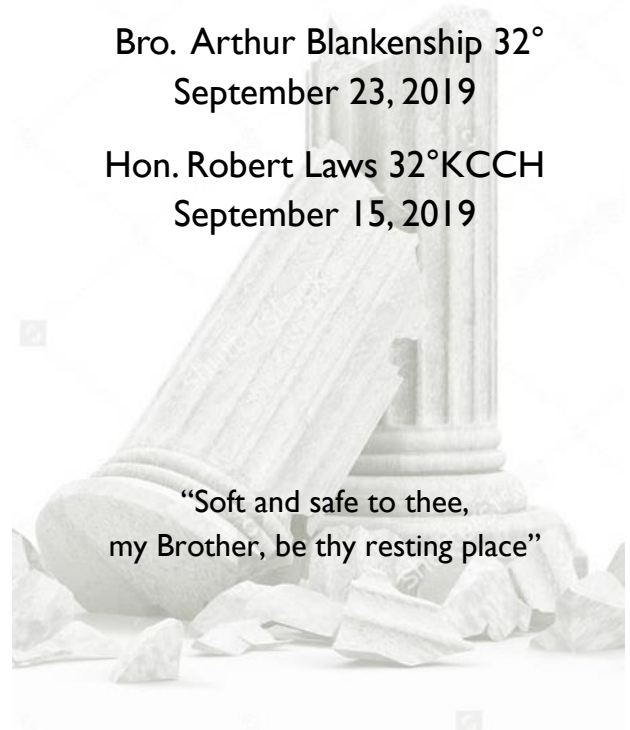
### In Memory of William Morgan

Edna Morgan

## Called From Labor

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September 15, 2019



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

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**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 Wise Master**

I often remind myself; it is not the Lodge but it is the brethren who believe that each man has a responsibility to help make the world a better place while being devoted to his family, faith, country, and fraternity make Freemasonry. We believe in the importance of religion; men of all faiths and religious beliefs are members of the organization. Freemasonry celebrates ethnic diversity and welcomes men of all racial backgrounds.



Brother Joseph Rudyard Kipling was born at Bombay, India on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 1865. He was the son of Brother John Lockwood Kipling. Brother Rudyard Kipling writes: "In 1885 I was made a Freemason by dispensation (Lodge Hope and Perseverance 782 E.C.) being under age, because the Lodge hoped for a good Secretary. They did not get him, but I helped, and got the Father to advise, on decorating the bare walls of the Masonic Hall with hangings, after the prescription of Solomons Temple. Here I met Muslims, Sikhs, members of the Araya and Bramo Samaj, and a Jew Tyler, who was priest and butcher to his little community in the City. So yet another world opened to me which I needed."

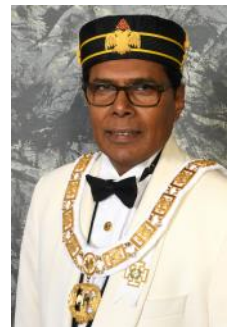
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There was Rundle, Station Master, and Beazeley of the Rail  
And 'Ackmann, Commissariat, and Donkin of the Tail  
And Blake, Conductor Sergeant (our Master twice was 'e)  
With 'im that kep' the Europe shop —old Framjee Eduljee.  
Outside: Sergeant? Sir! Salute! Salaam!  
Inside: Brother! and it didn't do no 'arm.  
We met upon the Level and we parted on the Square  
And I was Junior Deacon in my Mother Lodge out there.  
We's Bola Natt, Accountant, and Saul, the Aden Jew.

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**From the Commander of Kadosh**

The excursion to the Western Railway Museum on Saturday, November 2nd 2019 was a treat. We were on board a train the was driven by our own Illustrious, Richard Fisher – seen on very left of the picture next to the Alcatraz train. We had in attendance 26 adults and 3 children.



On our train ride we learned about the history of the railway line, the residents of the surrounding area prominent buildings, etc from volunteer Ted, our very informed narrator. For those who were there the story about the church stuck with me.

After the train ride Richard Fisher gave a 30 minutes tour of Barn 3 housing historic electric rail cars from the 1890s to the late 1980s on six tracks.

The trip ended with the cheerful group having a late lunch/ early dinner at Black Bear Diner. Everyone had a wonderful time we all returned to our respected place of abode without any incident.

I would like to take this opportunity to thanks each and every one you attend and contributed to make our trip a success. Remember that without your individual participation these out- ing something are not as successful and expected.

**As a nonprofit public benefit educational institution,** the Western Railway Museum relies on charitable contributions to preserve, restore, and operate our collection of authentic, historic electric railway artifacts. Donations also support our educational programs that serve 1000 students and educators each year, as well as buy materials needed to conserve, catalogue, and manage the tens-of-thousands of historic photographs, documents, books, maps, and histories in the F.M. Smith Memorial Library and Archives. To learn more about it, please visit the link below:

<https://www.wrm.org/> .



*Harish Ramprasad.*

From the Master of Kadosh

In November we had our Fall Reunion. At our Spring reunion we did not confer the last two degrees in the Consistory.

The Consistory Degrees are very different from all the preceding degrees. They attempt to illustrate the creation of the ideal balance between the spiritual and the temporal.



**31st degree - Inspector Inquisitor:** This degree teaches prayerful self-examination. The mistakes today should not be committed tomorrow. Simply, the daily look at ones self to learn to live with the future. No apron is worn in the Supreme Tribunal, but in inferior bodies, a white sheep-skin apron with a silver Teutonic cross may be worn. The jewel is a silver Teutonic cross. The jewel may be suspended from a white collar, with a gold triangle with a "31" inside it. But in inferior bodies it may be suspended from a golden chain, the links of which form the eight fundamental degrees of Masonry: The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 14th, 16th, 18th, and 30th.

**32nd degree - Master of the Royal Secret:** The lessons of this degree are that "genuine brotherhood requires mutual regard, opinion, esteem and charity". We always look for the good in all, make allowances for other's short comings. We trust the Supreme Architect to lead us to friendship, morality and brotherly love. The apron is white, lined in black, with a double-headed eagle and a plan of the Camp of the Princes. The jewel is a golden Teutonic cross, with a double-headed white and black eagle in the center.

This last September in Oakland The Court of Honour was held. It consisted of.

**Knight Commander of the Court of Honour:** At the biennial session of the Supreme Council certain Masters of the Royal Secret, having held that degree for at least forty-six months prior to the session, are chosen to receive the Rank and Decoration of Knights Commander of the Court of Honour. These are chosen from the ranks of the Consistory for special service to Masonry, or to mankind, by the Deputy or Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

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*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**

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**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**

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Reservations not canceled before November 28, 2019 must be honored

## Sixteenth Degree — Prince of Jerusalem

This degree reflects the history of the Israelites starting at the return of the exiles from Babylonian captivity, their initial efforts to build a new Temple, problems with the neighbors, and an appeal to the new Persian king for validation and support. Last month's article explained the Biblical history behind the 16th Degree. This article summarizes the degree itself.

The 16th Degree involves a large cast and two different sets, called apartments. The principal actors are Zerubbabel, who is addressed as Eminent Governor; Joshua, the High Priest; Haggai, the Prophet and Scribe; Darius, the Persian King, and two Nehemiahs, one an Israelite prince, the other a Persian prince. In this story, all of the Israelite actors are both skilled workmen and knight warriors.

The action starts with the candidate, dressed as a Knight of the East (from the 15th Degree) enters a council of the Knights of the East, which is already in session. The brother knights are busy drawing designs, cutting stones, and hewing timber. The Master of Ceremonies, Prince Salamial, brings the candidate in and strikes up a conversation with the Expert, Ariel the Elder. Ariel recounts the problems with the adversaries (Samaritians) who interrupt the labors, break down the city walls, and terrorize the workers.

The Assistant Expert, Jarib, enters and reports that a large force of Samaritians (Samaritans) is encamped nearby and they are sending small strike teams to assault the workmen, leaving wounded men all over the place. At this juncture, Master of Ceremonies Salamial brings the candidate onstage, who goes by the name Kadmiel ben Zabud, of the house of Judah but a resident of Tyre. Just then we hear the sound of sword fighting offstage. All the brother knights grab their swords, go out (offstage), and join the struggle.

Prince Mordecai enters and reports on the battle to Zerubbabel the Governor. Zerubbabel orders one of the princes to look for wounded and care for them as needed. The others go back to work for a while. Then they stop, sit down, and act dejected. Master of Ceremonies Salamial then introduces the candidate to Governor Zerubbabel, and hands him letters from the elders of Gebal, a city in Phoenicia, offering to help in the efforts to build Temple.

Governor Zerubbabel welcomes the candidate and asks about his plans. The candidate replies that he is here to help rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple. He says he learned the trade in Egypt, and also worked in Tyre and Media. The Master of Ceremonies and candidate sit for a while, while Zerubbabel and High Priest Joshua read the letters from the elders of Gebal. Zerubbabel recounts the ineffectiveness of the workers, due to the Samaritan assaults, and laments that the Temple may never be finished. Joshua proposes to give the workers a pep talk. Assistant Expert Jarib tells him tells Joshua that the people won't listen to him. He goes on to describe how the intermarriage between Judah and Samaritan peoples has weakened the people's faith that the God of Israel is still with them.

Prophet-Scribe Haggai enters the room, asking why the work has stopped and quotes scripture from the Bible: Haggai chapter 1 verses 6 through 8. Joshua notes that the reign of Persian

King Cyrus, (who released the Judah people from captivity and permitted them to rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple) has died and King Darius is now ruling. He describes Darius as the "King of Kings", a pious and generous ruler. After some discussion, everybody decides that Governor Zerubbabel should travel to the Persian capital and request an audience with King Darius. Zerubbabel puts Prince Seraiah in charge until he returns.

Zerubbabel, the candidate, and four others change into plain clothing, strap on their swords, and set out for King Darius' palace in Susa (also called Shushan). They follow the Euphrates river to what is modern-day Iran. Suddenly, a group of men step into their path and demand the travelers' gold and silver in exchange for permission to pass. Zerubbabel and his men easily defeat the challengers.

In the next scene, Zerubbabel and company arrive at the palace. They meet a second character by the name of Prince Nehemiah. This Nehemiah works for the Persian court. There is a long exchange, in which the candidate asserts that he is a master of the work and is one of the faithful. Zerubbabel says he has ascended the ladder to the fifth step and is a soldier of Mithra.

The followers of Mithraism were known as soldiers. The Mithra cult had seven degrees of initiation, met in underground temples, and had a secret handshake. That might be what the authors of this ritual had in mind when they have Zerubbabel say that he ascended the ladder. Historically speaking, it is highly unlikely that Zerubbabel would convert to the religion of Mithraism.

After the exchange, Zerubbabel is granted an audience with King Darius. Darius recognizes Zerubbabel as the Governor of Judah along with his commission to rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple. A search of the archives verifies it. Darius lives up to his reputation of piety and generosity, ordering that nobody bother the Israelites in their labors and offering to pay for anything needed to complete the Temple.

In the next scene, Zerubbabel and his companions are back in Jerusalem, clothed as Knights of the East. Everybody is ecstatic about their safe return, and eager to hear about their success. Zerubbabel recounts that Darius decreed:

- Judah be advanced from its status as tributary province to be a full member of the kingdom of Media and Persia
- Israelite princes shall be recognized as princes of the Persian realm
- Money from the royal treasury be donated to cover building expenses of the Temple
- The travelers be given an escort to the Persia-Judea border

Upon hearing this, Prince Seraiah, who was left in charge during Zerubbabel's absence, recites from the book of Jeremiah, chapter 30, verse 18: "Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwelling places; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the Temple shall be restored after its former fashion."

The last phrase of Jeremiah actually says, "and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof." But we understand that if Seraiah had used the word "palace", rather than "temple", his statement would mean nothing in the context of the ritual.

Prince Esdras then reads the actual decree, which says that whoever interferes with the rebuilding the Temple, "...let a beam be taken from his house, and set up, and he be nailed upon it; and his house, for his offense, be made a pile of rubbish." It is not clear whether the offender was supposed to die on the beam or just hang there long enough to watch his home be destroyed.

High Priest Joshua then recites a passage from the book of Jeremiah, chapter 31, verses 33 and 34. The actual passage says, "But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Prophet-Scribe Haggai then recites a passage from Jeremiah chapter 32, verses 39 through 41. The passage actually says, "And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them: And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me. Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul."

Zerubbabel asks High Priest Joshua and Prophet-Scribe Haggai to continue serving as his counselors in

the rebuilding of the Temple and "the walls of the city of peace".

Joshua points out that Jerusalem is not currently a city of peace, due to disputes over land that used to be occupied by one family, but when they returned from captivity, somebody else was living there; and some people mortgaged their homes and fields to buy food, while others sold their sons and daughters into bondage as servants, but now they cannot redeem them from servitude.

Haggai attributes the problem to the fact that the laws of Israel do not temper justice with mercy, the people no longer observe the Jubilee Year (per Leviticus chapter 25, every seventh year, all outstanding debts are forgiven and all bond servants are freed), and the people covet properties and resort to violence to take them. His solution is to have Governor Zerubbabel establish a viable system of justice.

Zerubbabel immediately assigns the five princes of his court to the task. That ends the drama. The rest of the degree is instructional. The Wise Master, who earlier played the part of Zerubbabel, then explains the history, symbolism, and regalia of the 16th Degree.

On one side of the jewel is the balance, symbol of judicial impartiality. The other side has five stars, representing the five Princes of Jerusalem in this degree. The two crowns were promised to Zerubbabel and Joshua, as symbols of civil and righteous authority. The letters D and Z, stand for, as you probably guessed, Darius and Zerubbabel.

The sword on the jewel alludes to the sword Ehud used to kill King Eglon of Moab. That event, which happened centuries earlier, is not part of this degree. You should read the story for yourself, especially if you enjoy humorous Biblical adventures. See Judges chapter 3, verses 12 through 30.

The trowel, which hangs from the cordon, represents the Mason builders of the second Temple.

Next month, we will discuss the 17th Degree, Knight of the East and West, and learn about the notorious King Herod the Great.

### III. Daniel Doornbos 33°

Congratulations to our Newest  
Masters of the Royal Secret

Shown with our Honoree

III. Royce Ford 33°



# Stated Meeting Menu

## Tuesday

### December 10, 2019

(Vegetarian Entrée by **REQUEST ONLY**,  
by Dec 6th )



**Call the Office NOW at 408-978-7483 &  
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The Knight Commander of the Court of Honour may be recognized by the red cap they are entitled to wear.

**Thirty-Third Degree (33°), Inspector General Honorary:** The Thirty-third Degree is conferred by the Supreme Council upon members of the Rite in recognition of outstanding work in the Rite or in public life. The 33° cannot be asked for and if asked for must be refused. At its bi-ennial session the Supreme Council elects members of the Rite to receive the Degree. These 33° Masons are Inspectors General honorary and honorary members of the Supreme Council. The active members of the Supreme Council are chosen from among them. They may be recognized by the white cap they are entitled to wear.

**Grand Cross of the Court of Honour:** This is the highest individual honor that The Supreme Council bestows. It is voted very rarely to Thirty-third Degree Masons only for the most exceptional and extraordinary services. The Grand Cross cap is white with a blue band. On the front is a replica of the Grand Cross jewel, which is composed of a Teutonic Cross, with an embroidered crimson rose with green leaves at its center.

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And Din Mahommed, draughtsman of the Survey Office, too.  
There was Babu Chuckerbutty, and Amir Singh, the Sikh  
And Castro, from the fitting sheds —the Roman Catholick  
We 'adn't good regalia, and our Lodge was old and bare  
But we knew the Ancient Landmarks, and we kep' them to a hair  
And looking on it backwards, it often strikes me thus,  
There ain't such things as infidels —except perhaps it's us.  
For monthly, after Labour, we'd all sit down and smoke  
We dursen't give no banquits, lest a Brother's caste be broke  
And man and man got talkin', religion and the rest  
And every man comparin' the God he knew the best.  
So man an' man got talkin' and not a Brother stirred  
Till mornin' waked the parrots and that dam brain fever bird  
We'd say 'twas mighty curious, and we'd all ride home to bed  
With Mohammed, God, and Shiva changing pickets in our 'ed.  
Full oft, on Gov'ment service, this roving foot hath pressed  
And borne fraternal greetings to Lodges East and West  
Accordin' as commanded, from Kohat to Singapore  
But I wish that I might see them in my Mother Lodge once more."





Jonathan is a sweet, fun-loving preschooler who was seen at the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Clinic for a speech and language disorder characterized by difficulty with expressive and receptive language, articulation and pragmatic skills. Before receiving therapy at our clinic, Jonathan's parents described his speech as having limited vocabulary and reduced intelligibility. His mother reported that, "He was only able to say short sentences, most of which was just scripted. He was difficult to understand, and he exhibited echolalia during conversation and even preschool story time." Jonathan worked very hard during his therapy sessions at the clinic.

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His parents noticed that after they had been coming to speech therapy twice a week for the last year, "Jonathan's vocabulary has expanded and he has developed clearer sounds in his speech, such as his /sh/ and /g/ sounds. He is now able to produce multisyllabic words easier and utilize longer sentences." After completing a 18-months of therapy, Jonathan is better able to communicate more functionally at home and at school. His parents reported that "He has more conversations with us and his sister now. The most rewarding thing for us as parents is that because Jonathan has received speech services at the Scottish Rite Clinic, he has better emotional regulation skills. He is better able to communicate and be understood by others, especially his peers. He is so proud of himself when he is able to learn how to produce new sounds correctly. The Scottish Rite Clinic has been an invaluable resource for us. We would not have been able to afford twice a week speech therapy without the Scottish

Rite Clinic! We were on the waitlist for almost a year, but it was well worth the wait, as the speech treatment is above our expectations, even above private speech therapy at other locations!" The San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Clinic is also very proud of all that Jonathan has accomplished and we look forward to continuing to help him and his family!



Your Member Center is now open and ready for use.

Come down and enjoy it.

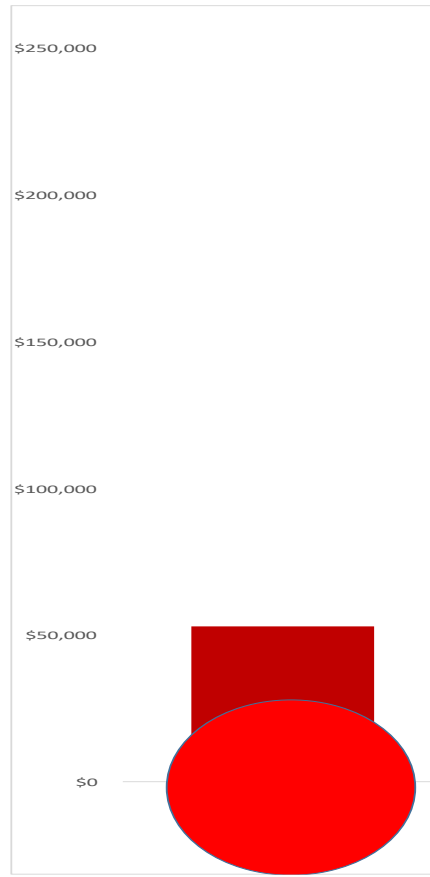


## Rebuilding the Temple Program

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  
\$56,309

Total Cash \$39,875

Total Donors 50

Percent of Goal  
23%

To date, we have received \$39,875 in direct donations, and another \$16,434 in long term pledges. This brings our total to \$56,309 or just over 23% 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.

# Norther California Reunion

June 4 - 7, 2020



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>Degree Fee</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>
<i>Candidate's Signature</i>		\$150	\$150
_____	<b>Annual Dues</b>	\$50	\$0 (For Current Year)
1st Sponsor PRINTED NAME			
_____	<b>Total Due:</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<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)

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*Signature of authorized card holder*



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

**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 Opens

**Tuesday January 14th ~ Annual Installtion 6:30 pm**

Stated Meeting Dinner to follow

**Tuesday January 14th ~ Annual Installtion 6:30 pm**