



The Rite Word

From the Venerable Master

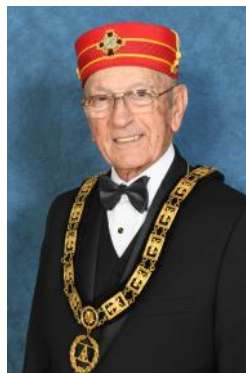
I will start by saying HI, and hope that I find everyone in good Health. Our June Stated Meeting was a good success and the meal great as always.

July 9th will be the Grand Masters Visitation. This is always a great event and enjoyed by all. Dress is Business Casual. No Levi's. If you haven't already called and made your reservations, please do so. We need to support this event.

In this Month's Rite Word, I would like to quote an article on the Square and Compasses. It's an article from a book called Masonry Defined.

Square and Compasses. These two symbols have been so long and so universally combined...to teach us, as says an early ritual, "to square our actions and to keep them within due bounds," they are so seldom seen apart, but are so kept together, either as two great lights, or as a jewel worn once by the Master of the Lodge, now by the Past Master...that they have come at last to be recognized as the proper badge of a Master Mason, just as the triple tau is of a Royal Arch Mason or the passion cross of the Knight Templar.

In a religious work by John Davies entitled Summa Totalis, or all in all and the Same Forever, printed in 1607, we find an allusion to the square and compasses by a profane in a really Masonic sense. The author, who proposes to describe mystically the form of the deity, says in his dedication:



"Yet I this form of formeless Duty, Drive by the Square and Compasse of our Creed."

In Masonic symbolism the Square and Compasses refer to the Mason's duty to the craft and to himself; hence it is properly a symbol of brotherhood, and there significantly adopted as the badge or token of the Fraternity.

Berage, in his work on the high degree, gives an interpretation to the symbol which I have nowhere else seen. He says: "the square and the compasses represent the union of the Old and New Testaments. None of the high degrees recognize this interpretation, although their symbolism of the two implements differs somewhat from that of symbolic Masonry. The square is with them peculiarly appropriated to the lower degrees, as founded on the operative art; while the compasses, as an implement of higher character and uses, is attributed to the degree, which claim to have a more elevated and philosophical foundation. Thus they speak of the initiate, when he passes from the blue lodge to the Lodge of Perfection, as "passing from the square to the compasses," to indicate a progressive elevation in his studies. Yet even in the high degree, the square and compasses combined retain their primitive significance as a symbol of brotherhood and as a badge of the Order."

May you always have love to Share, Health to Spare, and Friends who care. May you be blessed.

Art Pasquelli

Grand Master's Festive Board July 9th. Meeting will be at 5:30PM with Program following. Make your reservation by July 5th or you will not be seated for the event. This Event will be Business Casual rather than the tradition Tux.

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my Brother, be thy resting place"

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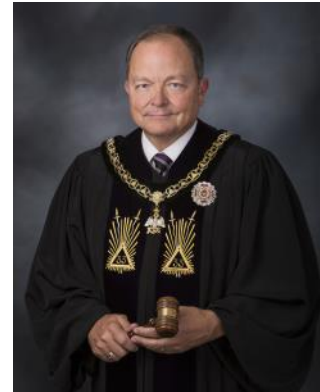
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The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of San Jose, in the Orient of California, acknowledge and yield all allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander 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

Greetings and Happy Summer. First off, I want to say thanks to Chris Boyes for standing in for me in the East at the June Stated meeting. It is always interesting to me with all of the various bodies and groups when the inevitable conflict of dates happens and finding a way to work things out. I thank him for a job well done in conducting the meeting and hosting the dinner.



I always look forward to the 4th of July, with family time, time in my community at functions and time at my Lodge. It is another milestone in each year to stop and reflect of all the good things in my life and where I am going in life.

This summer I find myself finally getting around to one of the mini-series on Netflix that all my friends that know me said I must see. It is called *Outlander* and about a woman who goes back in time from 1945, two hundred years to 1745. This is the time when the Parliaments of England and Scotland have just combined after 100 years of rule after the Union of the Crowns when King James the IV becomes King James the I of the United Kingdom. It is well done and an excellent study of a period always of interest to Masons known as the Age of Enlightenment.

This the time for us as Masons when we see our craft consolidated, moving from Operative to Speculative, and in 1717 formation of the Grand Lodge of England. The series does an excellent job of showing what life is like in this period, especially the contrast between the still wild and agrarian life of the Scottish Highlanders and the blossoming civilization of London and Paris. A time when our Country was born, J.S. Bach and his music were fading, making room for the new ideas of the common man not governed by the Church, Britain becomes the first world power and Mozart was all the rage, all set under the backdrop of the Jacobite movement to bring a Scottish King back to the Throne.

This is also very early time of our Country when our Founding Fathers were crafting the foundation of our Continuation. Their actions were considered at the time sedition against Britain and the Crown. There is an excellent article in a recent masonic publication about one of these men that had to deal with this in a very personal way. Brother Benjamin Franklin, polymath, writer, statesman, inventor, our first Postmaster General and Grand Master of Pennsylvania had to deal with just that. The article does a good job in describing Brother Ben's early life, common law marriage to Deborah Read and his out of wedlock son William. He devoted his life to raising young Franklin giving him a first-class education, understanding of people and his business before taking him to England. Upon his return, William took a post as the Royal Governor of New Jersey. Loyal to the Crown and with the onset of the Revolutionary War he found himself at odds with his father and the formation of our new Country

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From the Commander

The 24th degree, Prince of the Tabernacle, expands on the theme begun in the 23rd degree which we looked at last month. It is the second of the so-called "Mystery degrees" and the first to move from the Lesser Mysteries to the Greater Mysteries. The primary lesson of this degree is the usefulness of symbols in communication. As Freemasons, we have been left in possession of a rich inheritance of symbols, which, in many ways, have become the calling-card of the fraternity. Although Masons are known to deal in symbolism, few, it turns out, actually know a great deal about it.



As the degree teaches, symbolism is capable of very rich and layered communication. The truth is, all communication happens via symbolism. Every word, letter, or picture is actually a symbol. Symbols, generally speaking, are of two types. The first we call conventional symbols. These include letters and numbers, and are so-called because they take their meaning from public or social convention. Simply put, we all agree that a letter represents a specific sound, and so it does. There is no other reason except that we say it does. Conventional symbols are important for communication because they are not open to reinterpretation. Imagine how impossible it would be to read and write if everybody had their own interpretation of letters and numbers.

Another type of symbol is called a natural or iconic symbol. This is a symbol that bears some resemblance to the object it symbolizes. Take for example a triangle. Because it has three sides, it's a natural symbol of anything with three parts. This has made it a symbol in the west of the three-part nature of Deity and also of existence in the past, present, and future. These types of symbols are often very useful for expressing abstract ideas, however they are not always easily explained. This is because each person interprets them according to their own beliefs. This is also the reason that they are often the most personally meaningful expressions which a Mason may find.

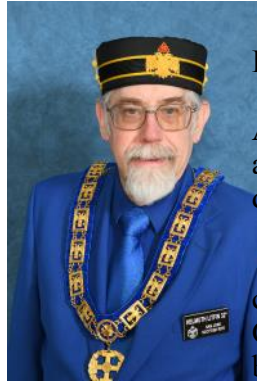
Masonry makes great use of both types of symbols. For most of the symbols, masons are given a conventional meaning. This however, is rarely, if ever, the only meaning. The duty of the Mason is to deepen his understanding of the symbol by discovering what it means to him. For communicating with each other, Masons have adopted many conventional symbols. However, it benefits each mason, in his personal quest for light, to work at interpreting the symbols for the more noble and glorious purpose of adding them to his tool box, useful for his own edification or that of his brothers.

Until the next,

Peter M. Conway

From the Master of Kadosh

As previously mentioned in the June Rite Word, the Consistory trip this year to the Hiller Aviation Museum has been scheduled for Sunday July 21st. We expect to arrive (carpool if you can) at about 10:30 AM so we can enter as a group to get the discounts (the Museum opens at 10:00 AM, I will wait at the entrance until 11:00 AM), and stay until the Museum closes at 5:00 PM.



The Museum regular prices are normally \$21 for Adults, \$14 for Seniors (Age 65+) and \$14 for Youths (5-17), but WITH the (minimum 12 person) discounts the prices are \$19 for Adults, and \$12 for Seniors and Youths. Children 4 and under are FREE with a paid Adult, and Active Military are also FREE. Assuming that we have at least 12 attendees, we will get the discount prices.

Look for a flyer with additional trip details at the July Stated Dinner.

Due to an issue with fonts in the June Rite Word, the “Square-Root” symbol was inadvertently replaced by an unlabeled Ö character; wherever you saw that “Ö”, assume that it was the proper “Square-Root” symbol (does not exist in the font used):



This month, we will finish our brief discussion of ϕ (phi, or the Golden Mean) by introducing the Fibonacci series. As in previous articles, we present excerpts from the book “Sacred Geometry – Deciphering the Code”. See previous Rite-Word articles for publishing information (the page numbers noted in these articles are from the paperback edition of this book; my own comments are enclosed in italicized braces [...]).

From the end of **Chapter 1** of Sacred Geometry, pages 38 and 39:

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Fibonacci and his miraculous series

Although Leonardo da Vinci is world famous, it is another Leonardo who contributed one of the main discoveries that lie at the heart of sacred geometry.

In 1202 Leonardo of Pisa or Fibonacci (c.1170–c.1240) published his *Liber abaci* ‘The Book of Calculations’. In its 15 chapters he explained the basic operations of arithmetic, especially the theory of prime numbers, fractions and Euclid. Then, only as a minor mathematical diversion, almost an afterthought, he came up with the idea of the Fibonacci series.

Leonardo of Pisa had the reputation of bringing the mathematical arts from Arabia to Italy. In other words, translating key mathematical texts from Arabic into Latin. He collected these during his extensive travels to traditional centers of learning, including Egypt, Syria, Greece, Sicily, and Provence. Sicily (together with Toledo) played an especially important role in the transmission of Arabic science to the West as it had been captured by the Saracens in 827, before the Norman knights drove them out between 1060 and 1092. The result, in Leonardo of Pisa’s lifetime, was a good mixture of Greek, Latin and Arabic culture and knowledge.

The very root of beauty

Dan Brown works the Fibonacci series into his *The Da Vinci Code* right at the beginning, and the sequence is scrawled on the floor by the dying curator Sauniere, and later by using it as a code in the bank deposit box security number. Leonardo of Pisa originated it as part of a mathematical diversion designed to calculate the course of a burgeoning rabbit population, assuming certain reproductive rules, beginning with a single pair of rabbits. The resulting number of rabbits at each generation was:

1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 144, ...

Each term is the sum of the previous two terms, so the series effectively ‘grows’ by always referring back to its immediately previous ‘parent’ numbers. It is an ordinary-looking series until you start to examine the relationship between each number and its successor. This grows more interesting if you divide

The World, Version 1.0

The fifth chapter of Genesis has a lot of begetting. To beget it to father, that is to be a male contributor in the process of reproduction. Why do we have to read through this long list of names? This is a genealogy, which identifies who you are relative to who your ancestors were.

In antediluvian (before the great flood) times, the need for genealogies is not readily apparent. In future articles, we will come to know Abraham, with whom God makes a covenant dealing with posterity, land, and divine patronage. Then the question of who are Abraham's descendants becomes vitally important and will directly affect regional matters into the present day.

Here is a Reader's Digest version of the human family as given in Genesis chapter 5. Since the account was written in the Hebrew language, we include the translation or meaning of each name in English.

It all started with Adam, the first human God (Elohim) created. Adam means "man" and "mankind" in Hebrew. God created mankind in His own likeness and in male and female genders. When Adam was 130 years old, he had a son named Seth, which means "appointed". Adam had other sons and daughters, and died at the age of 930 years.

Note that in this genealogy, Cain and Abel are not mentioned. We already learned about Cain's posterity in Genesis chapter 4. Despite their technical and cultural achievements, Cain's descendants are doomed to destruction in the soon-to-come worldwide flood.

With the exception of Seth, we understand that each of the names mentioned here is a first-born son. He is the child destined to inherit his parent's estate and become the new family or tribal leader. This concept is called "primogeniture". There are other ways to arrange family succession, and we will encounter a few of them later in our study.

When Seth was 105 years old, he had a son named Enos, which means "mortal". Seth had other sons and daughters, and died at the age of 912 years.

When Enos was 90 years old, he had a son named Cainan, which means "sorrow". Enos had many other sons and daughters, and died at the age of 905 years.

When Cainan was 75 years old, he had a son named Mahalaleel, which means "the blessed God". Cainan had other sons and daughters, and died at the age of 910 years.

When Mahalaleel was 65 years old, he had a son named Jared, which means "will come down". Mahalaleel had many other sons and daughters, and died at the age of 895 years.

When Jared was 162 years old, he had a son named Enoch, which means "teaching / education". Jared had other sons and daughters, and died at the age of 962 years.

When Enoch was 65 years old, he had a son named Methuselah, which means "his death shall bring". Enoch had other sons and daughters. When he was 365 years old, God took Enoch.

In some traditions, this implies that Enoch entered Heaven without physical death. The purpose of this special assignment is not stated in the Bible text. As we might expect, this situation led to a great deal of speculation about why Enoch was taken and what he went on to do. Enoch deserves a dedicated article, so will continue following the genealogy for now.

When Methuselah was 187 years old, he had a son named Lamech, which means "the despairing". Methuselah had other sons and daughters, and died at the age of 969 years. According to the Bible account, Methuselah lived the longest of any human.

When Lamech was 182 years old, he had a son named Noah, which means "rest" or "comfort". Lamech had other sons and daughters, and died at the age of 777 years.

When Noah was born, Lamech said, "This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord (YHVH) hath cursed". This is a prophecy that Noah will do something that will bring comfort to mankind, which had to work the soil to raise food since the Lord cursed the ground when Adam and Eve were kicked out of the Garden of Eden.

As we reach the end of the chapter, the pattern changes somewhat. The text tells us that when Noah was 500 years old, he had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Were they triplets? No.

Genesis 9:24 implies that Ham as Noah's youngest son. Genesis 10:21 refers to Japheth as Shem's older brother. So we can safely conclude that birth order was first Japheth, then Shem, and finally Ham. The Bible text does not give their birth dates, so we do not know how many years apart they were.

In Hebrew, the Shem means "name" or "fame" as in reputation, Ham means "hot", and Japheth means "enlargement". We will learn more about the adventures of Shem, Ham, and Japheth in a future Rite Word article.

The story continues in Genesis chapter 6. The world gradually fills with people. Verse 1: "And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,"

But disorder soon arose. Verse 2: "That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose."

It is not clear exactly who the "sons of God" are. But they are clearly not humans, meaning the descendants of Adam and Eve. Bible scholars consider the "sons of God" to be part of the "heavenly court". In chapter 1, when God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, according to our likeness...", He was addressing the members of this heavenly court.

Verse 3: "And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive

with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years."

Living a Long Time

The statement in Genesis 6:3 suggests that the long lifetimes (900+ years) we saw in Genesis chapter 5 are going to be shortened to no more than 120 years. This edict may have been a corrective or disciplinary action taken against the humans for permitting their daughters marry the sons of God. Did the humans even have a choice? Meanwhile, the sons of God seemed to face no castigation at all.

As with almost any question about the Bible, there are many ideas and opinions. This writer believes verse 3 may have been inserted at later time, to answer the question why the pre-flood patriarchs lived 900+ years, while modern-day people, whether in second century BCE or today, rarely live beyond 100 years.

There were other stories of long-lived people. For example, among the Hindu faith traditions, there are stories of "yugas" or ages when humans lived up to 1,000 years. We currently live in Kali Yuga, an age of darkness, vice, misery, conflict, and sin; in which human lives max out at 125 years. Kali Yuga is said to have begun in 3102 BCE and will last 432,000 years. So don't get look for improvement any time soon.

Still More Disorder on the Earth

Verse 4: "There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they (the daughters) bare children to them (the sons), the same (resulting children) became mighty men which were of old, men of renown."

In the King James Bible, the English word "giants" is used for the Hebrew word "Nephilim". The English term "mighty men" is translated from the Hebrew word "Gibborim". If you read verse 4 carefully, these seem to be two separate groups of people.

The Hebrew word "Nephilim" means "fallen ones". Fallen from grace? Fallen in battle? Causing others to fall? We don't know for sure. There was a tribe of people called Nephilim living in the land of Canaan, according to the book of Numbers, chapter 13. Those Nephilim existed after the great flood, therefore they could not have been descendants of the Nephilim mentioned in Genesis 6:4.

The Hebrew word "Gibborim" means "mighty ones" or "mighty men", just as it appears in English-language Bibles. These high-achievers are said to be the children resulting from the "sons of God and daughters of men" marital encounters.

Classical literature is full of stories about great men who are the product of divine fathers and mortal mothers. The Greek hero Heracles, better known as the Roman hero

Hercules, is a well-known example.

There is an expanded version of the "sons of God, daughters of men" story in the *Book of Enoch*. We will look at that story in a future Rite Word article.

Divine Disappointment

Verses 5–9: "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord... Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God."

Are we lucky to have Noah or what? The early humans turned out so bad that God is ready to destroy all of mankind, plus the animals and birds. What did the animals and birds do wrong? Nothing. They just happened to be in the way.

Verses 11–13: "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth."

Human behavior was so bad that it somehow corrupted the earth itself. God gave mankind freedom, opportunity, and resources. And what did mankind do with them? In modern vernacular, Earth version 1.0 became totally corrupted and had to be replaced. Only a tiny portion of the original program was still good...Noah.

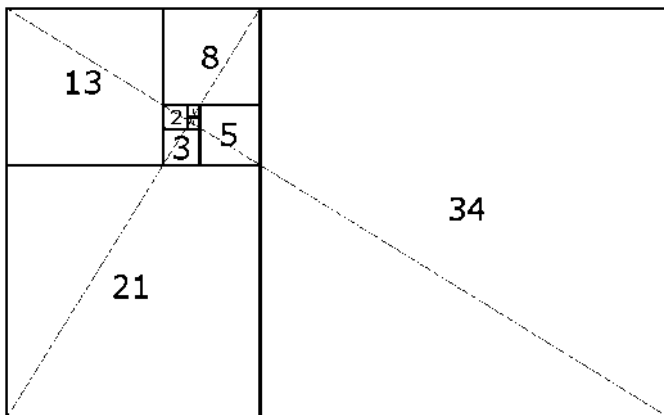
Next in the Bible account comes the story of how Noah built an ark, and gives its dimensions, materials, and overall design. We will learn about that in next month's article.



each number by its immediate predecessor (rounded to three decimal places):

$$\begin{aligned} 3/2 &= 1.500 \\ 5/3 &= 1.666 \\ 8/5 &= 1.600 \\ 13/8 &= 1.625 \\ 21/13 &= 1.615 \\ 34/21 &= 1.619 \\ 55/34 &= 1.617 \\ 89/55 &= 1.618 \end{aligned}$$

Each successive division dodges around a bit, the stabilizes to become 1.6180339887... . This magic number has been expressed by the Greek letter *phi*, Φ [see the *May Rite Word for the introduction to Φ*]. This piece of arithmetic relates directly to an interesting example of geometry. Using the ratio 1 and 1.618 to form the sides of a rectangle makes it become a Golden Rectangle that is derived from the Golden Mean. It has long been recognized that the number *phi*, Φ , is definitely part of the underlying structure of the universe and can therefore rightly be called 'sacred'.



The ancient Greek and Renaissance architects very effectively used *phi* as a way of establishing some of the most visually pleasing ratios for the dimensions of a building, even sometimes down to the proportion of individual windows and doors. You need only to compare a building from either of those two periods with, say, a piece of modern architecture produced in Britain during the 1960s to arbitrary and 'socially conscious' dimensions to realize that Φ is more than just an arithmetical concept – it is part of the very root of beauty.

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Now for some fun.

Here is Φ represented to 32 decimal places:

1.61803398874989484820458683436
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The Fibonacci series and Φ can be put to use in ways completely unrelated to Sacred Geometry. In a departure from our more serious nature, here is a link to a You-Tube video (from about 11 years ago) which shows the Fibonacci series woven into a Tartan (a special plaid pattern conveying identifying information or other meaning). Included in the video is a bagpipe (albeit synthetic) playing music based on the Fibonacci series.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e4sF_Z5oJek

You may also find this by searching You-Tube for

Fibonacci Tartan and Bagpipes – Numberphile

(please excuse the commercials at the beginning and end of the video).

See you at the meeting and dinner.

Enjoy!

Helmut R. Kipfer

Meet Jayden! Jayden has been attending the RiteCare Childhood Language Center of San Jose for help with stuttering. Jayden is smart and fun! He runs the 100 and 400 relay races in track and field at school, plays saxophone, and has won awards for his impressive art. Jayden is an absolute pleasure to work with. His kindness and willingness to learn new strategies for stuttering and participate in discussions about stuttering with other kids who stutter has been amazing to watch. The following are some words his mother wrote about her experience at our clinic.



“Since starting treatment my child has learned new ways to help with [his] stuttering...The stuttering hasn’t completely disappeared, but it happens less often now. And when it does happen, he is better able to handle it without getting too frustrated. He’s starting to feel more confident about speaking and is proud of his progress...It’s also been heart warming to see our child’s confidence grow as he learns to manage his stuttering. He’s more willing to speak up and share...in class; we’re proud of his progress. The most rewarding thing has been seeing my child gain more confidence in speaking. Watching him learn and use new skills to overcome challenges has been excellent. Knowing he has the tools and support he needs to communicate effectively makes me feel proud and hopeful for his future.”



“Our experience at the clinic has been fantastic! The staff is friendly and welcoming, making my child feel comfortable and supported. They are dedicated to helping my child and have patience and understanding. The speech therapists are excellent! They are knowledgeable and experienced, and they make therapy fun and engaging. We always feel like we are in good hands at the clinic.”



“I wholeheartedly recom-

mend the RiteCare Childhood Language Center of San Jose to any parent concerned about their child’s speech. The therapist, Ms. Rachel, is an expert in childhood speech difficulties, creating a positive and supportive environment where children feel comfortable and motivated to learn. She develops personalized treatment plans tailored for each child’s unique needs, ensuring the most effective help possible. Most importantly, the therapists focus on building confidence, helping children overcome self-consciousness, and empowering them to communicate effectively.”

We are so grateful to help Jayden and his family!

The following is an updated list of books that the Clinic would like to have to help the kids. If so inclined you can order from Amazon and have shipped to the SR, or buy and bring it in Thanks for your Consideration

Cost for Life Membership

Age	Factor	Amount
Under 49	21X	3276
50-54	19X	2964
55-59	17X	2652
60-65	14X	2184
Over 65	11X	1716

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

Stated Meeting Menu

Tuesday

July 9th 2024

(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY call the office, by July 5th)

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

5 course plated meal. Please call if you need fish instead of Pork.

Cost of this meal is \$25

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

From the Wise Master Continued

After supporting Britian though several groups during the revolution and loyal to the Crown, he was eventually incarcerated and after release in a prisoner exchange, he moved to England, never to return or see his father.

In my mind, these are two examples of individual opinions and beliefs are perhaps naïve in the context of the greater good, society and our place in history. Today, in a world dominated by personal interests and fragmented and polarized by interested guided by the acquisition of power and special interests, the personal development and the fraternal journey proposed by Freemasonry is increasingly topical and relevant, since it leads to a more tolerant society, characterized by humanism and universality. For this Fourth of July, I celebrate Free Masonry, the opportunity to contribute and the support of our Great Country by listening to others' ideas and opinions and finding ways to participate in living in a world where peace and the free exchange of ideas exists.

Mark Burger

From the Secretary

This month we will have our Grand Master's Festive Board. The meeting will start at 5:30pm and program will follow. Due to the HVAC still not being finished we will be doing this in business casual instead of tux.



You must make your reservation by Friday the 5th or you WILL NOT BE SEATED. So don't call on Monday the 8th and expect to put your name in.

Thanks to Brother Doug Picard 32° who is going to take over our Constant Contact system and will start sending out emails with information that you can use in the coming months. This will allow us to commutate more effectively than just a once a month newsletter.

Supreme has rolled over the dues for 2025. Dues have gone up by \$1 as the per capita increased by that amount. Now would be a great time to buy a life membership. You can count the dues you paid this year towards the life membership, which will save you \$155 off the listed price. See the chart on page 9 for information.

We have also scheduled our Fall Reunion. We will do the Lodge of Perfection degrees on October 4th and 5th. And then we will do the Chapter, Council and Consistory degrees on October 18th and 19th. Now is a great time to find a candidate for the reunion. QR code for the Online petition.



Gary Yell

III. Gregg Hall 33° Reunion Class

October 4-5 and 18-19, 2024



ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY,
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Petition for Degrees

(Full) Name: _____
FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME DATE

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Month, Day, and Year of Birth: _____

City, State, Country of Birth: _____

Are you a US Citizen? YES NO If "No", where are you a citizen? _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Wife/Partner's Name: _____

Years as M.M.: ____ Blue Lodge Name _____ No. _____

Lodge City and State: _____

Date and Place Raised: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer Name: _____

Have you ever previously petitioned for any Scottish Rite Degrees? YES NO

Hat Size: ____ (example: "7 1/8")

"I, the above named and below signed, confirm a belief in a Supreme Being, the inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, and an undying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, and the forbearance of a state sponsored religion, principles embodied by the Founding Fathers of the United States of America. I respectfully petition to receive the 4th through 32nd Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. I am currently a Master Mason in good standing."

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

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Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events

Saturday June 29th ~ Dinner Dance 6:30 pm

Fund Raiser for our Clinic with dinner and live music and dancing.

Tuesday July 16th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 5:30 pm

Lodge of Perfection Opens—Grand Master's Reception

Sunday July 21st ~ Hiller Aviation Museum

Details to follow soon

Tuesday August 13th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:30 pm

Chapter Opens

Thursday August 15th ~ SCVOA Meeting 6:30 pm

Friendship #210

Tuesday September 10th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:30 pm

Council Opens

Tuesday October 8th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:30 pm

Consistory Opens—Grand Commander Zoom Town Hall