



## The Rite Word

### From the Venerable Master

In Middle English Januarie, from the Latin Januarius, is the first month of the ancient Roman year, and derived from Janus the Roman god. Janus (/ˈdʒeɪnəs/; Latin: IANVS (Iānus), pronounced [ˈjaː.nus]) is the god of beginnings, gates, transitions, time, duality, doorways, passages, and endings in the ancient Roman religion and mythology. He is usually depicted as having two faces, looking at the same time towards the future and backwards to the past. While being ever mindful of the past, let us look forward as we take each step through the doorway of the new year, towards a world of possibilities, as exciting as the cave in Plato's allegory.



**Lodge of Perfection Officers**

We have started the year off strong, with our installation of Officers. Thank you to all of those who attended, and a special thank you to Gregg and Angela for their hard work, to make the night a success. Congratulations to Mark Burger on a successful year in leading the Lodge of Perfection, and Congratulations to the newly installed officers.

Looking ahead at the new year, we have many items on the calendar, and I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

**Consistory Officers**



*Bryan D...*

## 2022 Honor Roll

Bro. Neofito Santos 32°  
Ill. Chuck Cowden 33°  
Ill. Durward Ayre 33°  
Ill. Richard Fisher 33°  
Hon. Arthur Pasquinelli 32° KCCH  
Hon. Richard Rosenberg 32° KCCH  
Bro. Bobby Byers 32°  
Bro. Kenneth Martz 32°

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

## Donations

Bro. Timothy Kesler 32°  
Ralph Zerweck  
Bro. William Gunnells 32°  
Bro. Roger Baird 32°  
Bro. Thomas Brumett 32°  
Ill Robert Taylor 33°

In Memory of Ill. Dan McDaniel 33°

Ill. Roger Bibb 33°  
Ill. Durward Ayre 33°

In Memory of Hon Herb Dallas 32° KCCH

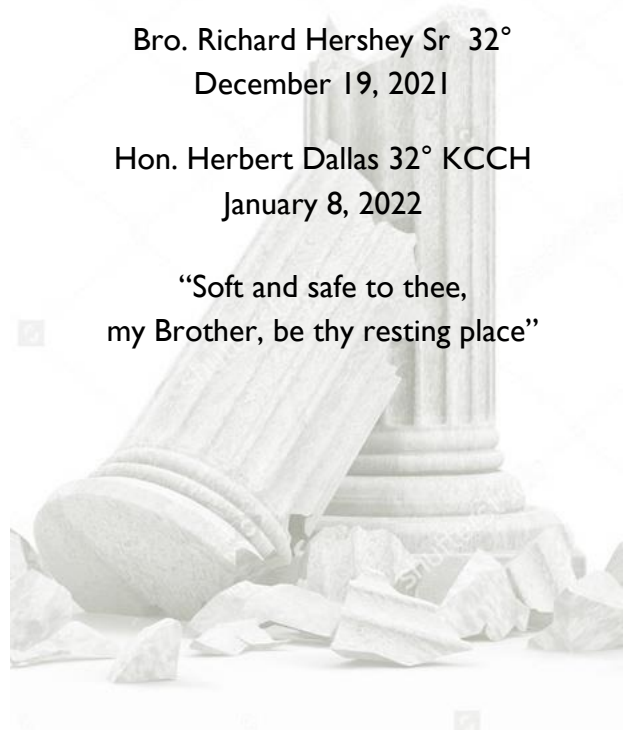
Ill. Richard Fisher 33°  
Ill Durward Ayre 33°

## Called From Labor

Bro. Richard Hershey Sr 32°  
December 19, 2021

Hon. Herbert Dallas 32° KCCH  
January 8, 2022

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



**Ill Frank Loui SGIG installs our officers**



**2022 - Lodge of Perfection**

<b>Venerable Master</b>	Hon. Brandon Duenas, 32° KCCH	408-763-7696
<b>Senior Warden</b>	Bro. Naresh Rampershad 32°	408-660-0121
<b>Junior Warden</b>	Bro. Sean Patrick 32°	505-400-5805
<b>Master of Ceremonies</b>	Hon. Art Pasquinelli, 32° KCCH	408-483-9361
<b>Captain of the Host</b>	Hon. Richard Rosenberg 32° KCCH	650-494-8792

**2022 - Chapter of Rose Croix**

<b>Wise Master</b>	Ill. Randy Downey 33°	408-674-8341
<b>Senior Warden</b>	Bro. Timothy Lynch 32°	408-386-2746
<b>Junior Warden</b>	Hon. Mark Burger, 32° KCCH	831-373-1094
<b>Master of Ceremonies</b>	Bro. Alan Worley 32°	650-281-1574
<b>Guardian of the Temple</b>	Bro. Bengie Vergara 32°	408-834-6786

**2022- Council of Kadosh**

<b>Commander</b>	Ill. Jack Harris 33°	408-858-9054
<b>1st Lt Commander</b>	Bro. David Kampschafer 32°	408-568-0978
<b>2nd Lt Commander</b>	Bro. Toby Vanderbeek 32°	650-722-1669
<b>Marshal of Ceremonies</b>	Bro. Peter Cardilla 32°	831-214-9012
<b>Lt of the Guard</b>		

**2022 San Jose Consistory**

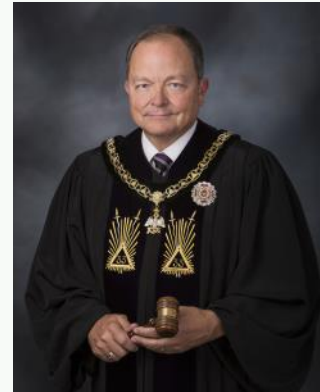
<b>Master of Kadosh</b>	Hon. John Unger 32° KCCH	408-489-8128
<b>Prior</b>	Ill. Richard Fisher, 33°	408-779-4088
<b>Preceptor</b>	Hon. Wolfgang Lochner, 32° KCCH	408-505-1822
<b>Marshal of Ceremonies</b>		
<b>Captain of the Guard</b>		

**2022- General Officers**

<b>Personal Representative</b>	Ill. Kenneth G. Nagel, 33°	510-468-9864
<b>Asst. to the Personal Rep.</b>	Ill. H. Bud Ramsey, 33°	408-838-3730
<b>General Secretary</b>	Ill. Gregg Hall, 33°	408-656-2459
<b>Treasurer</b>	Bro. Joe Campbell 32°	408-234-5447
<b>Prelate</b>	Bro. Mark McEuen, 32°	408-251-3086
<b>Almoner</b>	Bro. Kaleo Gagne, 32°	669-888-6423
<b>Orator/Librarian</b>	Hon. David Kimball 32° KCCH	408-836-6792
<b>Tiler</b>	Hon. Tom Tefft, 32° KCCH	408-465-2585
<b>Director of Ceremonies</b>	Ill. Charles Cowden, 33°	831-685-3416
<b>Chief Knight KSA</b>	Bro. Kaleo Gagne, 32°	669-888-6423

**Directors of the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation**

<b>President</b>	Ill. Kenneth G. Nagel, 33°	510-468-9864
<b>Secretary</b>	Ill. Gregg Hall, 33°	408-656-2459
<b>Treasurer</b>	Bro. Joe Campbell 32°	408-234-5447
<b>Director (exp 2022)</b>	Bro. Garrett Burrow, 32°	408-891-6746
<b>Director (exp 2022)</b>	Hon. Jeffory Toone, 32° KCCH	408-390-5016
<b>Director (exp 2023)</b>	Bro. John Absalon, 32°	909-660-9983
<b>Director (exp 2023)</b>	Bro. Toby Vanderbeek 32°	650-722-1669
<b>Director (exp 2024)</b>	Bro. Sean Patrick 32°	505-400-5805
<b>Director (exp 2024)</b>	Hon. Wolfgang Lochner, 32° KCCH	408-505-1822
<b>Venerable Master</b>	Hon. Brandon Duenas 32°KCCH	408-763-7696
<b>Wise Master</b>	Ill. Randy Downey 33°	408-674-8341
<b>Commander</b>	Ill. Jack Harris 33°	408-858-9054
<b>Master of Kadosh</b>	Hon. John Unger 32° KCCH	408-489-8128
<b>Asst. to the Personal Rep.</b>	Ill. H. Bud Ramsey, 33°	408-838-3730



**Ill. James Cole 33°**  
**Sovereign Grand Commander**  
**Supreme Council A.A.S.R.**  
**Washington, D.C.**



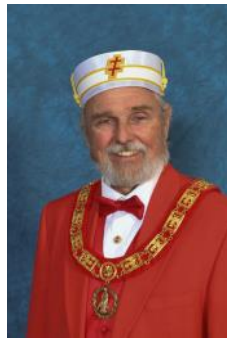
**Ill. Frank Loui, 33° P.G.M.**  
**Sovereign Grand Inspector**  
**General in California,**  
**Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite**  
**Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.**

***The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of San Jose, in the Orient of California, acknowledge and yield all allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.***



**From the Wise Master**

Let me begin by thanking the brethren of the Valley of San Jose, for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Wise Master this coming year. I am looking forward to an exciting year, with many and varied activities. This should be a new beginning for our Valley, after so long apart.



In February we celebrate love, and we honor our loved ones. This is especially true in Freemasonry, as we take this opportunity to honor our sweethearts. It is the tradition of the San Jose Scottish Rite, at our February stated meeting, to welcome the widows of our members, and let them know how important they are to us. Please be there to help us show our beautiful sweethearts how much we care.

The planning for our Spring reunion is underway. We are hoping for a large class this Spring, so get petitions to your Masonic brethren who are not yet members of Scottish Rite. Let them know that ours is a path to further light in Masonry – a path they would be well-served to follow.

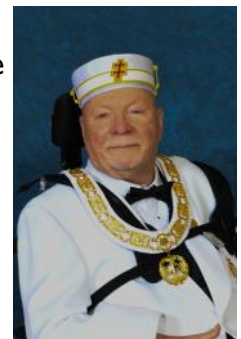
Our Scottish Rite is for you, my brethren. Remember that our stated meetings are always short in length, to allow us to take care of our essential business, but then have time to enjoy each other's company at our dinners afterward. Make sure to get your reservations in for dinner.

I hope you will join us at our meetings and our other activities. Make San Jose Scottish Rite a regular part of your life. We look forward to seeing you.

*Randy Downey*

**From the Commander of Kadosh**

. This is a start of a new year, and as the Commander I look forward to working with the officers of the council to fulfill our responsibilities. The Council of Kadosh consists of the 19<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> degrees. I would like to recap each degree to perhaps bring more clarity to our members of Scottish Rite.



**19<sup>th</sup> Degree-Grand Pontiff:**

The lessons of this degree are learned from the past and how it affects the present and the way we live in the future. We always strive to endure, produce and improve the world as it surrounds us. There is no apron, but the jewel is a gold "parallelogram" (rectangle) with a Greek Alpha on one side and an Omega on the other.

*Jack Harris*



**From the Master of Kadosh**

My brothers I am honored to be installed as Master of Kadosh. For those of you who were at the installation, you know that the turn out was small. The latest (Omicron) variant of Covid 19 has everyone scared. This too shall pass.



If you look at the Instillation program if you were there or the officers listing in the current Rite Word you will notice that there are two open positions in the Consistory line. The problem is that I just don't know many members who aren't already officers. The first two positions are learning positions. Captain of the Guard has no responsibilities at all except possibly moving up one position on those occasions that the Consistory is in charge of opening and closing and one of the officers is absent. The ritual requirements are minimal and easily learned. The primary requirement is to be at all stated meetings if within the length of your cabletow. If you are at all interested contact the General Secretary or me ([johnp4609@yahoo.com](mailto:johnp4609@yahoo.com) or 408-489-8128.)

On a separate but related topic the previous Master of Kadosh phoned me the morning of installation and asked me about officers' pins. It took me some time to get my head around what he was asking. Finally I got it. There is a pin designating each of the five officers. I checked the lapel of my blue blazer and found the pin of Captain of the Guard, bottom of the line. We apparently did not exchange pins at the 2020 installation, and since the 2021 installation was virtual, no pins were exchanged then either. ANY OF YOU, if you have EVER served as an officer in the Consistory, check your blue blazer and see if there is a Consistory officer's pin on it. If so, please get it to me or the Scottish Rite office.

**From the Chief Knight**

I am honored to serve as the Chief Knight of the Knights of St. Andrew (KSA).

The KSA is a service organization of Black Caps and serves in many capacities,



From Door Greeters to Escorts to stagehands during the Reunions.

To learn more, ask a KSA member, by the way, they are the ones with the interesting caps.

Until Later.



**Council of Kadosh Officers**

**Chapter Rose Croix Officers**



## Thirty-second Degree, Master of the Royal Secret, Part I

In the 31st degree, we learned about a final judgement and the reward or penalty an individual might receive based on the choices, intentions, actions, and inactions that happened during his mortal life. In the 32nd degree, we summarize the lessons of the all the previous Scottish Rite degrees and present a philosophy to help each of us, as Scottish Rite Masons, to effectively apply those lessons in our lives.

The organization that provides the 32nd degree is called a Consistory. The presiding officer is called the Master of Kadosh. Recall that Kadosh is a Hebrew term for "Holiness" or something consecrated to a holy purpose.

The degree opens when the Master of Kadosh has the Master of Ceremonies (MC) enter the Consistory with the Aspirant (Candidate). The Prior asks the MC, "Who is this whom you bring before us?" He answers, "It is one who loves wisdom and covets knowledge that he may be a benefactor of men". The Prior asks, "What has he done hitherto toward attaining wisdom, understanding, and knowledge?" The MC explains, "He has ascended from the state of an Apprentice (1st degree) to that of an Inspector Inquisitor (31st degree)".

The Prior then laments, "Alas! Too many who do so learn little or nothing on the way. Most men value only their material interests or the flattery of exalted titles, and few care to learn the lessons taught by the symbols of Masonry. Some join Masonry out of idle curiosity, some because it may profit them in their business affairs, or secure them aid in distress. Others seek to learn our supposed mysteries or to acquire the titles, decorations, and distinctions Masonry confers. Many are satisfied with Masonic rites or degrees that are but shadows and teach nothing of value. Few care for the great truths of Masonic philosophy or become interested in the study of ancient symbols."

What is the Prior talking about? Who is he talking about? You and me, and the Masonic experience in general. Think about it. When you join Scottish Rite, you receive 29 different degrees. While it may take years to earn a single college degree, you can land a Masonic degree in a couple of hours. Or hear one communicated in 10 minutes. The Prior's last sentence makes his point: "Few care for the great truths of Masonic philosophy or become interested in the study of [our] ancient symbols."

The Prior asks the aspirant, "Do you care for these truths?" The aspirant responds, "Yes". The Prior continues, "If the great questions of philosophy about God, the universe, and yourself are of interest to you, then you are not doing an idle thing in receiving this (the 32nd) Degree..."

The Prior explains that the room is dark not in mourning but because the ancient sages are with us, veiled in the shadows. At the vernal equinox, our ancestors gathered before the dawn in the open air, kindled fires, and poured libations upon them, while reciting poems. In the 32nd degree, we hear four voices speaking of "The Supreme Soul, the Light of Lights, Immortal Life, and Preserver of all. He breathes out Wisdom and Power. One is first, it divides into two, and every Spirit comes from this triad of one and two. God is the light that fills all space. The Tree of Life is a symbol of God and man, its three chief emanations are Will, Wisdom, and Understanding".

The Prior comments on how the ancients observed and adored the planets and stars that rose just before the vernal equinox. In them they saw the sacred numbers of 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9, which conceals a great mystery. It has been said that Pythagoras used these symbols, and they have been passed down to us through the Scottish Rite. Their interpretation forms part of the Holy Doctrine and leads toward the Royal Secret.

### The Scottish Rite Camp

The Prior asks the aspirant, "Do you still wish to know the doctrine and the secret?" The aspirant responds, "Yes". The Prior directs our attention to the Scottish Rite Camp, which now appears on the screen.

Stop at this point and open your copy of "A Bridge to Light" to pages 306 and 307, where there is a large foldout color diagram of the camp. If you think, "Oh, I don't have a copy", recall that you were given a copy when you received your Scottish Rite Degrees. You can refer to the diagram as you continue reading this article.

The Camp is a modern symbol of the mystical numbers of 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9. The Prior explains, "If you would have the veil finally removed from between you and the Light, if you would attain the summit of the mountain, up whose slopes you commenced as an (Entered) Apprentice, you must now commence the study of the symbols of this degree". He then asks the Aspirant, "Will this study interest you?" He responds, "Yes". The Prior continues, "It is well. Before you can advance, we must recall for you not only what you have learned and understood but also some of what was hinted in the preceding degrees." He directs the MC to conduct the Aspirant to the Camp.



A different officer, the Master of the Guard, gives the Aspirant a tour of the camp. He begins with the ninth tent, which has a colored flag and two symbolic letters. He notes that Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, and Master Masons are encamped there.

### The Number Nine

Nine tents are arranged around the nonagon that was shown in the 4th Degree. Each has its distinct flag, symbolic letter, and the Masons of various Scottish Rite degrees camped there. The symbolic letters, ordered from the first tent to the ninth are SALIX NONIS. Those are ten letters, which is why the last camp has two.

### The Number Seven

The next figure is the heptagon shown in the 14th Degree. There are no camps on the Heptagon. It is there because 7 is one of the symbolic numbers. Among other things, 7 is the number of perfection or completion.

### The Number Five

The next figure is the pentagon shown in the 18th Degree. There are no tents. And instead of flags there are standards with symbols and Latin mottoes on them. The fifth standard displays the Ark of the Covenant between two palm trees and two lighted torches. Its motto, *Laus Deo*, means "Praise God". The fourth standard displays an ox. Its motto, *Omnia Tempus Alit*, means "Time Nourishes Everything". The third standard displays a two-headed eagle wearing a crown and holding a sword and a bloody heart. Its motto, *Corde Gladioque Potens*, means "Mighty Heart and Sword". The second standard displays a flaming winged heart with a laurel wreath. Its motto, *Ardens Gloria Surget*, means "Burning Glory Will Rise".

The first standard displays a crouching lion with a key in its mouth. The lion wears a collar with the letters S.Q.S., from the French phrase, "je Suis ce Que je Suis", which means "I am that I am". That brings to mind a Bible passage, Exodus 3:13-15, where Moses asks God what His name is, and He responds, "I am that I am".

The lion on the standard represents The Lion of the Tribe of Judah. In Genesis 49:9, Israel blesses his son Judah to be a ruler and protector of the Israelite people, and describes him as a lion's whelp. Among Judah's descendents were King David, King Solomon, and Jesus of Nazareth.

Scottish Rite Masons from the 19th through the 30th degrees are camped at these five locations. The symbolic letters, or-

dered from the first to the fifth are TENGU. We will return to the symbolic letters shortly.

### The Number Three

The next figure is the triangle shown in the 30th Degree. There are no tents, flags, standards or symbolic letters. Appearing by themselves are symbols of a white dove, a black raven, and a golden phoenix. Here are camped the Scottish Rite Masons of the 31st and 32nd degrees.

We do not mention this in the current ritual of the 32nd degree but a third group is said to be camped at the triangle, a Masonic version of the Knights of Malta. When Pope Clement V dissolved the Knights Templar in 1312, he turned over much of their property to the Knights Hospitallers. At the time, the Hospitallers were headquartered on the island of Rhodes. They later relocated to the island of Malta and became known as the Knights of Malta. The French army, led by Napoleon Bonaparte, occupied Malta in 1798 and displaced the Order, which eventually settled near Rome. Known today as the Sovereign Order of Malta, it has no connection with Freemasonry.

### The Number One

The next figure is a circle, a figure of a single side, added to the Camp in this Degree. There are no tents, flags, standards, symbols, or letters. This is where the 33rd degree Scottish Rite Masons are camped. Within the Circle is a Saint Andrew's cross. A 33rd degree Mason invested as Marshal is camped at each end. And camped at the center of the Cross, is the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite.

The rank of Marshal is equivalent to a five-star General in the United States. Marshals are typically appointed only in wartime. In many countries, especially in Europe, the symbol of a marshal is a baton, and their insignia of rank often incorporate batons. You will recall that in the Blue Lodge, the implement of the Marshal's office is also a baton.

### The Symbolic Letters

Now let us focus on the symbolic letters. The letters combine to form a phrase SALIX NONIS TENGU. It is said that this phrase contains the initials of a longer French phrase, which when translated to English means, "Let us now offer to the invincible Xerxes our sacred incomparable treasure, and we will succeed

victoriously".

Right away we ask, "Who is the invincible Xerxes?" In the 32nd degree, Xerxes is a code-name for Frederick II, also known as Frederick the Great, King of Prussia from 1740 to 1786. What made Frederick so great? His most significant accomplishments include his military successes in the Silesian wars, his re-organization of the Prussian Army, the First Partition of Poland, and his patronage of the arts and the Enlightenment.

Xerxes I or Xerxes the Great (519 to 465 BCE), was best known for his massive invasion of Greece from across the Hellespont (known today as the Dardanelles) in 480 BCE, a campaign marked by the battles of Thermopylae, Salamis, and Plataea. His original Persian name was "Khshayarsha" but we learned of him from the Greeks, who called him Xerxes. They pronounced the name "ZAIR zees" but in English we say "ZERK sees". He may have been chosen to represent Frederick the Great because they were both accomplished military leaders.

More importantly, the traditional authority of the Supreme Council stems from the "Grand Constitutions of 1786". This document is said to have been ratified by Frederick the Great on May 1, 1786, just three months before he died. Supposedly, Frederick was the Grand Commander of the order of Prince of the Royal Secret and possessed the sovereign Masonic power over all the Craft. Historically, we know Frederick II was a Freemason, along with the monarchs of many other countries. But there is no record of him holding supreme authority over the Craft.

### The Vedic Poets

The Master of Kadosh concludes the discussion of the Camp summarizes the mysterious numbers 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 combined with the (Saint Andrew's) cross, birds, and animals of the Camp and relates them to the Book of Ezekiel and the Apocalypse of John in the Holy Bible. He explains that the Oracles—persons through whom a deity reveals hidden knowledge or a divine purpose—spoke enigmas, which were fatal to those listeners who misunderstood yet acted on them anyway. Sages invent symbols, which the profane misinterpret due to their ignorance, conceit and malice, until the truth becomes folly and the sublime becomes common.

The Preceptor explains that the Psalms in the Bible, before they were written, were recited from memory by the ancient Israelites. In the same way, the ancient inhabitants of the Indus valley, ancestors to both Indians and Europeans, recited their great epic poems, known as the Vedas. The lights of the Consistory grow dim. Several men in long white robes appear, walk around the room, stop at the altar, and extinguish the

remaining lights. These represent the Vedic poets. We listen to their words:

"O Triune Agni, eldest yet unborn, shine for us while we wait for the morn; Bearer of our oblations to the sky, bring down the Devas (benevolent supernatural beings) from their homes on high; Scatter your rays in the oppressing night, and fill the dark depths of the woods with light."

"You smile sweetly, Usha fair, the dawn appears like golden hair; Revealing all in girlish grace, your bosom bright, your girlish face; You are the life of all that lives, and joy to every creature gives."

"Fair Mitra, bountiful morning star, come from the unknown realms afar; Over the snowy mountains shine, and with your influence divine; Leaves to the trees long naked bring, with sweet smiles and showers of spring."

The Preceptor explains that the Vedic poets sang their hymns when the constellation Gemini rose just before the sun at the vernal equinox. Twenty-five hundred years before the Christian era, the Pleiades (seven sisters) in the constellation of Taurus (the bull) held that place in the sky and made the bull an object of worship for the Egyptians and Assyrians. Other faiths of that time, from Asia to the British islands, used similar symbolism.

By the Christian era (first century CE) the vernal equinox was in the constellation of Pisces (the fishes) and fish symbolism came to dominate the world's religions. In our time, the vernal equinox is about to enter the constellation of Aquarius, where man is the symbol. And so it is that the world's great faiths do not scorn the trestleboard of the heavens. This ends our discussion of the First Section of the 32nd Degree.

### An Astronomy Lesson

During the Earth's annual revolution around the sun, for one day at noon, the sun is exactly above the equator. Day and night are of equal length, 12 hours each. Around March 21, the sun moves past the equator headed northward, marking the beginning of spring in the northern hemisphere. Around September 23, the sun moves past the equator headed southward, marking the beginning of fall in the northern hemisphere.



Leila is a highly motivated and caring 4 year old girl who has progressed through her speech goals in an impressive amount of time! She enjoys working diligently on her articulation drills, reading books, and anything related to arts and crafts. Leila has been receiving speech and language therapy services at the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Clinic for four months.



Prior to speech services at the clinic, Leila had difficulty articulating certain sounds which made being understood by others frustrating for her and a concern to her parents. Leila's parents had been referred to Scottish Rite from a friend who recommended their services.

Leila's parents say "Our daughter's speech therapist, Ms. Alisha has done an amazing job improving Leila's speech. Not only does she make our daughter comfortable, she makes the lessons fun and something our daughter looks forward to each week. Her /k/ sounds are so clear now".

We are so pleased to hear that Leila's family sees great progress in her speech development. We look forward to continuing her progress and having fun sessions!

### From Page 8

During first century BCE, the Greek astronomer Hipparchus noticed that the positions of the stars in his time differed from where they had been recorded in earlier Babylonian times. He then realized that the Earth was moving and not the stars. In addition to the Earth's daily rotation on its axis, and its annual revolution around the sun, the Earth also has a third motion, a wobble of the Earth's axis that makes a full cycle roughly every 26,000 years. That wobble is called gyroscopic precession.

During the equinox, a specific constellation appears on the horizon just before the sun arose. Because of the Earth's precession, that constellation changes every 2160 years. At the time of the Vedas, Gemini (the twins) appeared just before sunrise at the spring equinox. In those days there was not a pair but a multiplicity of gods, including Agni, Usha, and Mitra from the poems.

From approximately 4420 to 2260 BCE, Taurus (the bull) was the constellation appearing just before sunrise. Bull worshiping cults began to form in Assyria, Egypt, and Crete. This period was also known as the Age of Taurus.

From approximately 2260 to 100 BCE, Aries (the ram) was the constellation appearing just before sunrise. The ram replaced the bull among religious cults. In Genesis 22:1-14, we read that Abraham was about to sacrifice his son Isaac, then God provided a ram as a substitute. This period was also known as the Age of Aries.

From approximately 100 BCE to 2060 CE, Pisces (the fish) is the constellation appearing just before sunrise. This age saw the advance of monotheistic faiths and the fish as a prominent emblem. Jesus of Nazareth told his first disciples that he would make them "fishers of men". See Matthew 14:18-19. The letters of the Greek word for fish, ἸΧΘΥΣ, came to stand for Ἰησοῦς Χριστός Θεοῦ Υἱός Σωτήρ, meaning "Jesus the Anointed of God Son Savior. This period is also known as the Age of Pisces.

Somewhere around the year 2060, Aquarius (a man pouring water) will be the constellation appearing just before sunrise at the spring equinox. This period is also known as the Age of Aquarius, which many astrologers envision as a time when humanity

# Stated Meeting Menu Tuesday

## February 8th 2021

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

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

- Assorted Appetizers
- Green Salad
- Stuffed Pork Loin
- Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
- Vegetables
- Garlic Bread
- Dessert

### From Page 9

achieves its destiny and rightful heritage, and we will witness the revelation of truth, expansion of consciousness, and mental enlightenment.

That brings us to the 1967 hit musical "Hair" with its opening song "Aquarius", by the 5th Dimension. Here are the song's opening lines:

"When the moon is in the Seventh House, And Jupiter aligns with Mars;  
Then peace will guide the planets, And love will steer the stars;  
This is the dawning of the Age of Aquarius..." Do you remember that?

While astronomers use their calculations to chart the Ages, some astrologers and New Agers used a different one and arrived at an earlier date.



### From the Secretary

When was the last time you came down to see your Scottish Rite? We have spent considerable time and money upgrading the building to make it better for you.

Have you seen the new Member Center? Have you thought about scheduling an event there? We have an 85 inch TV, a newly recovered pool table, foosball, cards, darts, work out equipment. All just sitting there waiting for you to take advantage. We have grills that can be set up for you to grill some food. We have a covered patio where you can smoke cigars (until the Cigar lounge is completed). We have newly refurbished bathrooms.

How about a meeting, we have a full conference room complete with teleconferencing capabilities. We have an incredible library available, with books on every subject imaginable. We even have books for sale if you want to increase your personal library.

We are here every weekday from at least 8am to 3pm and can be here other times by appointment. If you want to set up a regular event, we can get you keys and a code.

For those brothers traveling from out of the area, we have a fully furnished apartment that you can reserve when you travel to the area for a couple of days.

On stated meeting nights, we move through the business quickly and then move to the dining room for fellowship and food. And the food is always high quality for a reasonable cost.

Come down and join us. I have been the secretary for 4 years now and I still have not met many of you.

Its your Valley, take advantage of it.



### III. Hal Leister 33° Reunion Class

April 29,30, May 7th and May 31st



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>
_____			
<i>1st Sponsor Signature</i>			
_____			
2nd Sponsor PRINTED NAME			
_____			
<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)

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of authorized card holder*





## THE RITE WORD

2455 Masonic Drive  
San Jose, CA 95125-2036

Phone: 408-978-7483

e-mail: mail@sanjosescottishrite.org

Periodicals  
Postage

PAID

We, the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation( TIN 94-2541623), hereby certify that all funds received on the behalf of the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation, The Children's Language Disorders Clinic, and/or the San Jose Scottish Rite Scholarship funds are used for charitable purposes only and the donor receives no goods or services in return for their donation.\*

“The Rite Word (USPS #3043) is published monthly by the San Jose Scottish Rite at 2455 Masonic Dr., San Jose, CA 95125. Periodicals Postage Paid at San Jose, CA. 95125 POSTMASTER: Send address changes to **The Rite Word**, 2455 Masonic Drive San Jose CA 95125”

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

### **Tuesday February 8th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm**

Lodge of Perfection Opens

Sweet Hearts Dinner

Dress is Colors or Coat and Tie

### **Tuesday February 22nd ~ Foundation Meeting 6:00 pm**

### **Tuesday February 22nd ~ All Officers Meeting 7:00 pm**

### **Tuesday March 8th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm**

Chapter Rose Croix Opens

Dress is Colors or Coat and Tie

### **Tuesday April 12th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm**

Council of Kadosh Opens

Dress is Colors or Coat and Tie

### **Tuesday May 10th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm**

Consistory Opens

Dress is Colors or Coat and Tie