



The Rite Word

From the Venerable Master

February 2020 – Rite Word

Brethren, thank you very much for electing me to be your Venerable Master for this year.



I am excited about this, as we are continuing the major enhancements and renovations to our building, and are getting to enjoy many of them this year, and more as donations allow us to do so. If you have not been able to see our new downstairs rooms, for banquets or for business meeting rentals, and our member lounge, please come by if possible to our Stated Meetings or an event to see.

Speaking of events, the incoming Masters of the four bodies and incoming Chief Knight of the Knights of St. Andrew met at Illustrious Ken's house in January to discuss the plans for the year. Many great ideas came up for social events, and we will keep you posted as plans solidify and schedule

gets closer to the proposed dates.

Please also keep in mind our state-wide reunion in June. This year we are also planning again a fall reunion in San Jose. If you are interested in joining a San Jose Scottish Rite degree team, please reach out to me or our General Secretary. We have easy small roles, and longer lectures, and can use help in order to not only maintain our current list of conferred degrees, but to expand on it.

I hope to see many of you at our February Stated Meeting, where we honor our sweethearts, and especially the widows of our members that moved on to the Celestial Lodge. Our fraternal love and care includes our families. Please help demonstrating this important part of our fraternity with your presence.

To a great New Year

Reminder

Reservations for Stated Meeting Dinner are due by Friday February 7th. If you do not make your reservation by that date, Dinner will cost \$20 if there is enough

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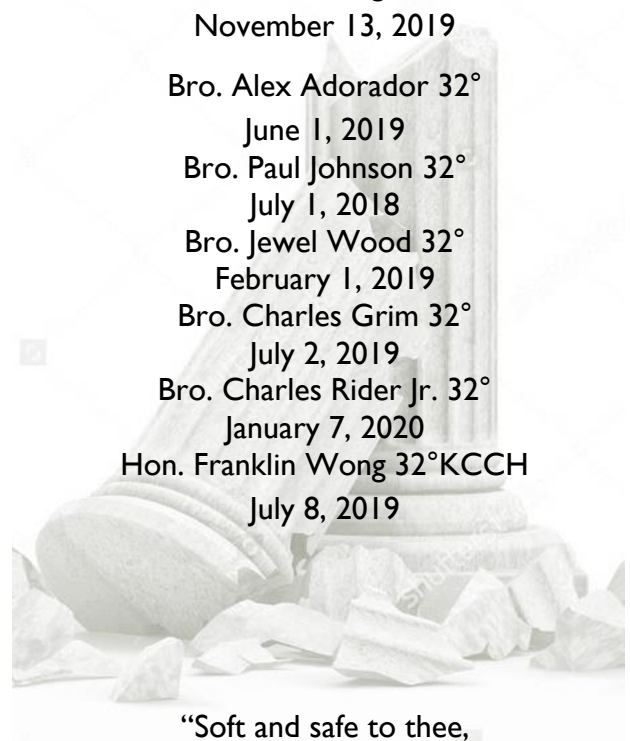
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From the Wise Master

My Brethren:

It is with great honor and pride that I serve you as Wise Master for the ensuing Masonic year. I thank all the Brethren for their vote of confidence, and I want to thank the Wise Masters who proceeded me for all their hard work. But my Brothers, I need your help. I encourage all the Brethren who read the Rite Word to participate in all our activities and ceremonies. This February we will have our Sweethearts Night, where we recognize the Special Ladies in our Life. IN April we celebrate Maundy Thursday. May we honor our Last Years Masters of lodges in the Valley. In June we have a couple of special events.



At our stated meeting we will honor our College Scholarship Winner, and we will have an Agape Dinner honoring our Grand Master, The Most Worshipful John E. Trauner. In November we honor our Military, under the guidance of Illustrious Charles Cowden 33Deg. There are more dates and events throughout the year. Please put these Important dates on your calendar. Call and make reservations for dinner for all the stated meetings, it is always fun to break bread together and visit with each other. Remember my Brethren the success of all our Bodies, relies on your participating in all our events. See you at all our Stated meetings and special events.

Art Pasquonelli

From the Commander of Kadosh

Brethren,

As the newly installed Commander of the San Jose Council of Kadosh, I thank the members of the San Jose Bodies for this opportunity to serve.



The heads of the Bodies are planning a number of social events and tours for 2020. If there is an activity you think would be of interest to the members and their families, please contact us with your ideas or suggestions.

I have been a member of the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies for many years but it recently dawned on me I had no idea of the meaning of "Kadosh". As the Commander of the Council it became time to do some research.

Kadosh is a Hebrew word meaning: holy; consecrated; sacred; separated. In the Scottish Rite the Council degrees are the 19th through the 30th. Some sources call the 19th through 29th degrees the Aerophagus degrees. This is the name of a rock in Athens where trials were held that involved homicide. The 30th degree is the Knight Kadosh or Templar's degree. In all the degrees of the Council, there appears to be a common thread of seeking justice and truth.

If you have not started already, consider taking the Master Craftsman courses. Master Craftsman gives you a chance to take the time and look at the lessons of each of the degrees at your own pace. When I took Craftsman One, there seemed to be a common story thread that progressed from one degree to the next. Excellent resources are provided and the writings give a good idea why a college has offered classes in the literature of Masonry.

Bill M. Fiel

From the Master of Kadosh

The Annual Installation of Officers for 2020 was outstanding. It was very well attended with a scrumptious meal following. A wonderful start for the New year. Our officer line for the Consistory has moved ahead faster than expected and we look forward to being of service and performing well.



My previous messages have been oriented around historic masonic events and places already documented. This year they will include events planned and write-ups of what and how they went. More like 'rip reports', so you can get a feeling of also being there.

A trip to visit a California Gold Mine if you have never been inside one, for example. This would be appropriate since the new Grand Master M.W. John Trauner is from the northern California town of "Rough and Ready" and has planned his year not to overlook many older Sierra Mountain mining towns that have been ignored for some time. Other events to follow.

As an aside: I often wonder how and why they ever picked a Mason from that little town to be this year's Grand Master, and I think it goes something like this – if things should get "rough" later on in this year "we will be ready". Who can say?

Dell Bleiler

From the Chief Knight

First and foremost, I want to thank my fellow Sir Knights of The Knight of St. Andrew for trusting me to become their Chief Knight. I am very humbled and blessed to be given such an amazing opportunity. I love, and appreciate each and every one of you.



To Past Chief Knight Sir Jeff Toone KCCH, It was an honor and a pleasure serving under you, thank you for always being there for me when I needed advice, and for always being a friend and brother, especially; when I was moving here, to California. Thank you for making my transition to California from Hawaii an amazing experience.

I am very excited for the many things we will be accomplishing this year, flag details for installations, and Hiram Award recipients, and never forget the Highland Games during Labor Day Weekend! You will always be updated of our upcoming events.

Our next Stated Meeting for the Knights of St. Andrew will be Sunday, February 23, 2020 at noon in the downstairs conference room in the Scottish Rite Building: 2455 Masonic Drive, San Jose, California.

All 32nd degree black caps are all cordially invited to attend. All you need is a desire to become a knight, and join an amazing group of Knights that work hard for our Masonic Brethren.

Kaleo Dagne



Seventeenth Degree — Knight of the East and West

This is the first of the Modern or Accepted, that is, not Ancient degrees. It is also the first of the philosophical degrees. The initiation that takes place the 17th Degree is only understood when you become a Knight Rose Croix in the 18th Degree.

The 17th Degree degree moves us forward in time to the First Century CE (AD). The regalia and decorations are rich with words and symbols from the Kabbalah. But the ritual itself focuses on two Biblical stories: The death of John the Baptist and the Book of Revelation.

In the Introductory Drama, we meet John the Baptist, best known as the man who baptized Jesus of Nazareth. John practiced a unique form of the mikveh, a Jewish ritual bath, by immersing his disciples in the waters of the Jordan River. He was an ascetic, wearing a coat of camel's hair secured with a leather girdle, living in the wilderness, and dining on locust bean (carob) pods and wild honey. He ministered like the Old Testament prophets by calling on people to repent. That is, to change their wicked ways because the Kingdom of God was coming soon, and everybody needed to be ready.

In the drama, Herod Antipas, Tetrarch of Galilee and son of Herod the Great, describes himself as a Jew but without knowledge of his religion and no idea how he should live. Like many people today, the Antipas of the 17th Degree reflects on the many opinions in circulation, including whether God exists at all. The Captain of the Guard comments on the Essenes, who live strictly but do not sacrifice animals, and have the ability to heal.

The ritual confuses the Essene (es SEEN) people with the Therapeutae (thera PYOO tai), a separate group of Jewish mystics who were regarded as great healers. By the way, that is that is where we get the word, therapeutic.

The Captain of the Guard offers to obtain the services of a holy man from among the Essenes who can hopefully answer Antipas's questions and assuage his worries. Antipas agrees and the officer returns with John the Baptist.

Whether John was an actually an Essene is a matter of debate among Biblical scholars, partly because John is described as living alone, whereas the Essenes lived in a community. Many people believe that the people of Qumran, who produced the Dead Sea Scrolls, were Essenes.

When the Baptist confronts Antipas, he asks whether John is the prophet Elijah. Elijah lived in the Galilee area in the 9th Century BCE, performed great miracles, including a 40-day fast in the desert, humiliating the priests of the rival deity Baal, and even raising a

child from the dead. You can read about him in the Books of First and Second Kings. The prophet Malachi, in the Book of Malachi, chapter 4, verses 5 and 6; predicted that Elijah would appear before the Great and Dreadful day of the Lord, to get the population ready for that event. That described John the Baptist to a tee.

In the Bible account, it was Jesus who identified John the Baptist with Elijah, in the Gospel of Matthew chapter 17, versus 10 through 13. The implication is that Elijah the Prophet was reincarnated as John the Baptist. The Christian tradition favors the idea of resurrection, rather than reincarnation, so this passage is overlooked and many people are surprised to learn about it.

In the degree, Antipas is referred to as the King. No sooner does the Captain of the Guard present John the Baptist to the King, the sparks begin to fly. John negates the King's claim to be servant of God, as John insists that servants of God keep His commandments. The King asks John if he accuses him of wrongdoing. John responds that the King's own actions are what condemn him. The angry King points out that John's life is in his (the King's) hands. John responds, "Perhaps my life, but not my soul". John then goes on to describe Antipas had divorced his first wife and married his brother Philip's wife, Herodias, while Philip was still alive. By Roman standards, that was nothing to worry about. But by Jewish standards such conduct was absolutely unacceptable. You can just imagine the King being confronted by a dusty desert dude wearing a camel-hair cloak. Antipas wanted to have John killed for his insolence. But John was popular with the local folk, and Antipas feared inciting a riot if he executed John. So he tossed him in prison.

The story continues with a discussion of how the King's step-daughter danced before him and a crowd of friends, so impressing (read: sexually stimulating) him that he promises to give the young woman anything she wants. She asks her mother, Antipas' second wife and partner in adultery, who tells her to ask for the head of John the Baptist. The King has to save face, so he can't go back on his promise. In the next scene, the Captain of the Guard presents the King with John's head on a platter and the King cries out, "I have condemned my soul!"

You can read about John and Antipas in the Gospel of Mark, chapter 6, verses 17 through 29.

Now the degree shifts to the Reception, where the candidate is dressed with a hair-cloth thrown over his shoulder

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and a leather belt around his waste, similar to the way John the Baptist dressed. The Officers, gathered in the Council Chamber, all wear white robes. The Captain of the Guard has the candidate sit down and consider a vision of the future.

A scene opens of John the Evangelist, sitting alone on a rocky coastline. An offstage voice introduces the evangelist and describes the tradition that he is the author of the Book of Revelation, the final book in the Christian Bible. Although you cannot see them, the officers take turns intoning a number of paraphrased passages from the Book. To intone is to set your words to a single musical note or a few notes. It adds an ongoing sound to the passage but is not like singing a song.

The Book of Revelation is a work written to the seven churches in Asia. The cities are Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos (or Pergamum), Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. In the middle First Century, those cities were in the heart of the Roman empire. And those cities are still there today, located in what is now western Turkey, and known by the modern names Selçuk, Izmir, Bergama, Akhishar, Sart, Alaşehir, and Eskihisar.

The members of the Christian congregations in those cities were having a difficult time dealing with the Romans, who expected all citizens and inhabitants of the empire to pay proper homage to the state, a range of gods collected throughout the empire, and image of Caesar. The Christians, who believed there was only one God, who was not the Roman state, not included among the pagan divinities, and definitely not Caesar, refused. To the Romans, such refusal would be to us like somebody threatening to overthrow government or who advocated replacing the U.S. Constitution with Sharia Law.

For about 250 years, Christians were viewed as enemies of the Roman empire. They were harassed, imprisoned, tortured, and brutally executed. A few Christians apostatized, that is, they denied their faith, in order to survive. Many unarmed Christians died at the hands of gladiators or wild animals as entertainment for Roman audiences. You can imagine how difficult it was for the early Christians. The Book of Revelation was given to them as a comfort and hope for eventual victory.

Back to the degree. The candidate sets out in search of the light. The Venerable Preceptor prays for the candidate's success. Then the candidate performs a hand-washing ritual, similar to the one in the 14th Degree, and he is questioned and takes a pledge to renounce all that is vicious, sordid and base as the Venerable Preceptor pours a tiny amount of water on his head. This represents baptism of water. Meanwhile one of the officers carefully ap-

proaches the candidate carrying tray of hot coals. That represents baptism with the spirit and with fire.

The Venerable Preceptor mentions Socrates, who drank the hemlock, and Daniel, who openly prayed to his God, in spite of the death penalty for doing so (the lions' den). He asks the candidate if he is prepared to shed his own blood in the service to mankind. Assuming the candidate is willing, he is blindfolded. One of the officers scratches his arm and then pours a little warm water on it to simulate bleeding. To complete the simulation, they apply a bandage over the supposed wound.

The officers rearrange the room, put on their degree regalia, and the Venerable Preceptor asks the candidate if he still prays for light. The candidate says "yes" and the Venerable Preceptor orders, "Give him light!" They remove the blindfold and he beholds a book with seven seals — a central symbol in the Book of Revelation — and announces the opening of the 1st seal.

The Venerable Preceptor takes from behind the altar, a bow, quiver of arrows, and a coronet (crown) and gives them to the first of the officers, who paraphrases the passage of the conquerer riding on a white horse. Then he announces the opening of the 2nd seal.

The Venerable Preceptor takes a naked sword from behind the altar, and gives it to the second officer, who paraphrases the passage of the banisher of peace riding on a red horse. Then he announces the opening of the 3rd seal.

The Venerable Preceptor takes a balance scale from behind the altar, and gives it to the third officer, who charges the candidate to go forth and administer justice, specifically to stop the oppression of the poor. He does not mention justice riding on a black horse. But he does announce the opening of the 4th seal.

The Venerable Preceptor takes a human skull from behind the altar, and gives it to the fourth officer, who paraphrases the passage of death riding on a pale horse. Then he announces the opening of the 5th seal.

The Venerable Preceptor takes a cloth stained with blood from behind the altar, and gives it to the fifth officer, who talks about the persecuted and slain, who are waiting anxiously for the Lord to bring an end to their suffering and justice to the earth. Then he announces the opening of the 6th seal.

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Stated Meeting Menu

Tuesday

February 11, 2020

(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY,
by February 7th)

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

Appetizers
Olive Tapenade Stuffed Pork Loin
Rigatoni Marinara
Fresh Vegetables
Mixed Green Salad
Fresh Bread
Dessert

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The Venerable Preceptor recites the events that will take place just before the Lord's coming, including earthquakes, the sun is eclipsed, the moon turns red, stars fall from heaven, and a might wind. When the wicked inhabitants of the earth see all this, they flee to caves and pray for the rocks to fall upon them, so they don't have to face the wrath of God. The Venerable Preceptor then takes a red liquid and marks the candidate's forehead with a tau (T shaped) cross. Then he talks about the servants of God with His mark upon their foreheads. Everyone bows down and says, "Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to God for ever and ever, Amen!"

The Venerable Preceptor recites the portion about the elders clothed in white, who were interceded for by the blood of the Redeemer. He goes on to describe the future Temple and the Lamb sitting upon the throne who sustains the righteous people. He concludes paraphrasing the passage from Revelation chapter 21, verse 4, "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and where there shall be no more death, neither sorrow or crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away". If you paid attention at a Masonic funeral service, you will remember hearing that line. Then the Venerable Preceptor announces the opening of the 7th seal.

The Assistant Expert lights a gilded vessel containing incense and places it on the altar. After a few moments, he extinguishes the incense and we hear a trumpet sound.

The Venerable Preceptor speaks of hail and fire mingled with blood cast upon the earth, one third of the trees and all grasses burned up. Then the trumpet sounds again.

The Venerable Preceptor speaks of a volcano spewing fire and being tossed into the sea, oceans becoming blood, and one third of the sea creatures dying, and one third of all ships being destroyed. The trumpet sounds a 3rd time.

The Venerable Preceptor speaks of a star falling from heaven and one third of all rivers and springs becoming as bitter as wormwood, and those who drink it die. The trumpet sounds a 4th time.

The Venerable Preceptor speaks about one third of the sun, moon, and stars being eclipsed and darkened, causing the day to dim and night to be dark and gloomy. The trumpet sounds for the 5th time. The Venerable Preceptor speaks of woe coming upon the earth, the spirit of evil reigns, and the locusts of ignorance, fanaticism and superstition. The trumpet sounds the 6th time.

The Venerable Preceptor speaks of four demons, who represent bigotry, intolerance, ambition, and selfishness, are let loose, resulting in fire, sword, and torture slaying one third of mankind. But in time, truth shall overcome error and "great earthquakes of thought" shall no longer shake the souls of nations. The trumpet sounds for the 7th and final time. The Venerable Preceptor announces that the kingdoms of the world shall become the kingdoms of God, He and his anointed [leaders] shall reign forever. The war between evil and good shall end. Good wins, of course.

The Junior Warden gives thanks to the Lord and praises His power, justice, wisdom, and mercy. The Venerable Preceptor continues the prayer, citing the Lord's judgement, reward to all of the servants who loved and served mankind, famous and unknown; the Temple shall be rebuilt in the heavens, where those who have God's name upon their foreheads and His law engraved on their hearts, shall inhabit the Temple's courts forever.

The degree concludes with the Venerable Preceptor presenting the candidate the apron, cordon, jewel, and coronet of a Knight of the East and West.

The Book of Revelation is not so difficult to understand as it is easy to misunderstand. A good source of explanation is the book Victory Through the Lamb by Mark Wilson.

III. Daniel Dornboss 33³



.Happy New Year! We have received so many notes of thanks during the past month from grateful parents who have been helped by our clinic. Thank you to all of the San Jose Scottish Rite mem-

bers who continue to support our clinic! We appreciate you!

Thank you so much for your excellent teaching and guidance with David's speech! It's been an amazing experience for both David and I to be able to witness his progress and using the tools that you introduced to him was so wonderful! Looking forward to another amazing year!

– David and Rose

We are so grateful to have you be Noah's speech therapist...You have been a constant force for Noah – always expecting him to achieve more and helping him to improve. He has grown up so much with your guidance...Thank you for everything!

– Noah and Luwam

Thank you for helping Aiden with his language processing skills for the last few months. Thank you for your patience and dedication. It made a big difference in Aiden's life. He now has tools that he can practice and use. May you continue to bless those all around you and the students that come to the Scottish Rite Clinic.

– Aiden and Lili

Sweethearts Night

At the February Stated Meeting

We will celebrate our
Sweethearts.

We would especially like to invite

Our Widows

For a complementary dinner

Please RSVP

If you need a ride

Please contact the

Secretary's Office.





Lodge of Perfection

Chapter Rose Croix



Council of Kadosh



Consistory



Norther California Reunion

June 4 - 6, 2020



ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY,
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Have you ever previously petitioned for any Scottish Rite Degrees? YES NO

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

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Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events

Tuesday February 11th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm

Lodge of Perfection Opens Sweat Hearts Night

Tuesday February 18th ~ SCVOA Meeting 6:30 pm

San Jose Lodge #10

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

Council of Kadosh Opens - Masters of 2019 Recognition

Thursday March 12th ~ SCVOA Meeting 6:30 pm

South Valley Lodge #187 Chicken Feed

Tuesday April 14th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm

Chapter Rose Croix Opens

Tuesday April 21st ~ SCVOA Meeting 6:30 pm

Palo Alto Lodge #346