



The Rite Word

From the Venerable Master

Hot August Nights

This month as our Valley continues to open back up to our normal calendar of events, we have the privilege of hosting the Grand Master Arthur Weiss for a Festive Board Dinner on our regular stated meeting night. This was originally scheduled for June, and I am excited that we were able to reschedule with him. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in our tuxedos again.



This dinner is another excellent example of the best of who can work and agree. Doing what we do takes constant persistence. Many Lodges and Valleys exist on a schedule and events that they have had for years, continuing to do the same thing month after month, year after year and never do anything new, to grow and change with the times. This is especially evident in the Covid times. For us to continue to move ahead, to update our facilities, to schedule events that interest our members and to practice ritual to prepare for meaningful degrees that ensure our future by providing for men who have come to us interested in what we do and how we contribute to society is what insures the health and future of our Valley and Masonry in General. We are blessed with members and leaders in our Valley, that are not satisfied with the status quo, the same as we did last year or before the pandemic, that continue

to push us ahead and to grow. This is our future.

This is impressive as it is easy to forget we are a volunteer organization. Most of us work for a living, to provide for our loved ones and support our own lives and yet we continue to work in Masonry. All with donations of effort and without pay. This comes though with the most expensive cost of all, one that once it is spent, can never be recovered - Time. We are fortunate to have a place to spend this precious resource in such a productive and meaningful way. To contribute to ourselves and Society.

Our schedule this fall is full, in October we will have the Sovereign Grand Commander III. James Cole for our stated meeting and dinner, a full in person Festival, Stated Meetings and perhaps even some social events. I look forward to seeing you and having the opportunity to help push our Valley ahead to continued success.

Please continue to be safe with your health, making choices in the best interest of yourself, your family, community, and our Great Society.

“Our aspirations are our possibilities”

—Samuel Johnson

Mark Burger

Please see Page 10 for information to register for the Grand Master’s Reception and Festive board on August 10th. You must have a reservation or you will not be admitted. Deadline is August 6th.

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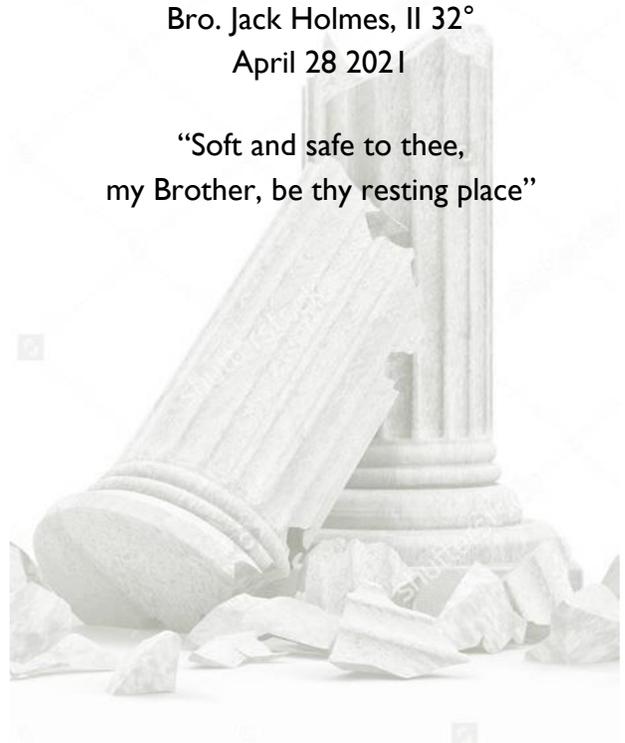
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"Soft and safe to thee,
my Brother, be thy resting place"



Hair Cuts

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He is doing it by appointment only and won't be here on days he doesn't have appointments, so if you would like to get your hair cut and help the Scottish Rite at the same time, please give the office a call to schedule your appointment.

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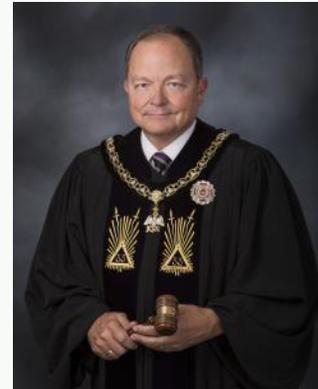
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The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of San Jose, in the Orient of California, acknowledge and yield all allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander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

This month's article is going to be more about what I am passionate about. Not just in terms of Masonry but also about the fact that who I am is primarily based on the fact that I am an American. I have strived in every way possible to not be ignorant of my heritage nor that of those who I was surrounded by.



I do remember being taught that most of our founding fathers were Masons. Through early life many senators and representatives were masons; and I met many of them. Why has this heritage waned? When did civic duty take a back seat to Masons in general and public office was no longer of interest

My life from early on through high school I was raised by British, Swedish and Sicilian men and women. Most of my contact was with Sicilians; some of whom were made men. Of course my father gave them permission to smack me around when deemed appropriate. I would have to say I learned the hard way. Those guys hit hard.

What is most important here is that these men knew more about the US constitution than any college grad does today. They wanted to be Americans when they came here and of course they brought their heritage with them. They studied and tested and they became Americans with the flavor of southern European ideas and opinions.

My mother's parents were from Sweden and mom spoke that language too. Put me with a couple of Brits and Swedes for a couple of days and it is hard to keep my slight childhood Swedish accent from returning. Her parents moved here and went through Ellis Island: Please do note that they actually filed paperwork to enter this country. Their reason for permanent Visa was to teach at Augustana College in Rock Island Illinois. They became citizens of this country. I can remember my grandpa visiting and only talking about how lovely our constitution was. Grandpa and Grandma spoke 7 languages and taught American Civil classes for citizenship. Surprisingly enough, grandpa picked up on Sicilian quickly and helped the new people from Calabria and Sicily learn English and the American law.

From the Commander of Kadosh

This month I am sharing with you an original paper by our Scottish Rite Brother Chris Willingham. Chris is the Master of Paideia Lodge No.852 in Santa Cruz. Each month, our lodge conducts a Night of Instruction at which a brother or brothers present a talk on a subject of their choice. Following the presentation/s the brothers gather at the table for a formal agape dinner. During the dinner the members are afforded an opportunity for discussion of the paper/s. Worshipful Chris has kindly given me permission to share his thoughts on God and Freemasonry. I am sure you will find the paper informative and thought provoking.



The Hidden Stoen Presented to Paideia #852 by Christopher Willingham, PM on 11/21/2019

I speak tonight on a subject that should lie as the cornerstone and foundation of our Masonic life and the true purpose behind all of our labors in the Craft.

As Freemasons, we are self-described seekers of light, striving to divorce ourselves, by rational, mystical, and spiritual means, from the darkness, confusion, and assumptions of the profane world of humanity's common nature. Our Craft is an agency of our quest for moral and spiritual perfection, and as inheritors of an ancient initiatic tradition; we have, or should have, the highest and most serious of purposes in mind.

I speak tonight of God in Masonry, and of God in the life and heart of a Mason.

It has always struck me as more than odd, that we frequently invoke the name of the Great Architect of the Universe, the Supreme Grand Master, or the Almighty Father of the Universe; ask his blessing upon our Lodges and upon our undertakings, and then have little or nothing else left to say. This subject is so seldom discussed within the general body of Freemasonry, and the Masonic community at large, that it is magnified by it's absence. As Masons we seem to speak of God only tangentially, and at a comfortably remote distance, thereby sparing ourselves the self defining obligation to come to grips with that timeless and necessary step of life, as a being conscious of both the gift of life and our own mortality; the need to be of one spirit with God, the author of our creation. It is honoring the gift to do so, and missing the point not to.

We are forbidden in the Ancient Charters to speak, in Lodge, of sectarian religion or politics, lest we divide the fraternity, and alienate each other, over the elevated passions of dogma and opinion. This is rightfully so and is one of our great strengths. This does not mean however that we can not speak openly and passionately about God in our lives and hearts, and about the importance of the Supreme Grand Master as central to Masonry and Masonic life. "No atheist may ever be made a Mason"; this is true enough, as I believe that the true meaning of the teachings of Freemasonry can be but little understood by one who has no deep and abiding faith in God.

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From the Master of Kadosh

I wish all is in good health and doing well. Everyday that passes gives me the feeling of progress, as the people move forward with the changing times, which is a good thing. On July 11th 2021, I attended the first in-person Stated meeting of the Knights of St. Andrew since the happening. It was discussed that there's going to be a couple of Masonic get-togethers/ Smokers that is going to be hosted at our temple. One has been scheduled at the later part of July, the second one is going to be held on the 22nd of August 2021, Sunday, from 1:30p.m. - onwards. It is open to all Brothers and friends! .



Last month, we took a glimpse of the ancient structure called Gunung Padang in Indonesia, there's still a lot of information about the site that we don't know about, and yet I'm here to tell you about a nearby not-so-ancient structure that has been built more recently, compared to the topics we has been taking a closer look of. Join me as we take a glimpse into one of Indonesia's (not-so-ancient) wonders, Borobudur.

Borobudur is a massive Buddhist temple located at Magelang, Central Java, 418 Kilometers or 260 Miles from the capital of Jakarta in Indonesia. It is situated between two volcanoes namely Sundoro-Sumbing and Merbabu-Merapi which are said to be very active up to this day. There are no written records that has any specific information regarding the construction on the said structure, scientists and historians suggests that it was built around the the later parts of 7th century A.D. and finished it's construction around the middle of 8th century A.D. during the Buddhist Sailendra Dynasty. The rival family, Sanjaya Dynasty of Hindi descent built their own temple called Prambanan. You could say that it is an ancient episode of "Keeping up with the Joneses", but we could explore that more some other time. Borobudur was said to have been abandoned during the 14th century due to a volcanic eruption from one of the neighboring volcanoes. It was rediscovered in 1814 by the British rulers of Java namely Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles when the locals told him about the said site. He instructed around 200 or more men to cut down trees, burn dense jungle overgrowth, and dig away the ash to reveal the majestic structure of the temple. Since then, countless restoration projects were undergone, the largest of which was done between 1975 to 1982 by UNESCO and the Indonesian government. Not long after that, Borobudur was listed as a world heritage site, truly worthy of it's honor.

Borobudur consists of 9 stack platforms, 6 of which are squared and 3 are circular, with a central dome located on top, resembling a pyramid capstone. The temple is ornamented with 2,672 intricately carved panels depicting various scenes from probably day to day life of the people from back then, or maybe scenes with religious importance. There's also 504 statues of Buddha dotted around the site, 72 of which surround the central dome, seated on perforated pedestals. What I find fascinating about this site is not because of it's religious background, but the structure itself. Borobudur resembles a step-Pyramid comparable to other ancient structures located around the world. The aerial view from above of this site shows a giant tantric Buddhist mandala, representing Buddhist cosmology and nature of mind. The foundation is square, measuring 387 feet on each side. There's approximately 55,000 meters of Andesite blocks

were used for the construction. It has similar composition from the building blocks used in Gunung Padang that we've discussed last month, although these were quarried at a much later date from nearby quarry sites. The stone blocks were cut and transported to the site and laid down without the use of any mortar. Protruding knobs and angled cuts made it possible for the builders to lay it down precisely without the use of any cement or mortar and gives it structural integrity that can stand the test of time. A very intricate and comprehensive drainage system was also installed at the time of construction incorporated in the design of the temple. There are about 100 spouts on each corner, each one has been carved to resemble a gargoyle or maybe a dragon. Each spout is unique with it's own design and not one of the resembles the other. It also has an extensive system of stairways and corridors.

Another interesting fact is that Borobudur is one of three temples Buddhist temples in the region, including the temple of Pawon, and the temple of Mendut. All three of the temples are positioned in a straight line. This implies a ritual landscape, a relationship between the three temples, but the exact correlation is still unknown to this day. An archeologist also speculated that a lake surrounded the temple of Borobudur. Dutch artist and scholar of Buddhist and Hindu Architecture, WOJ Nieuwenkamp, developed a theory that Progo Valley was once a lake and Borobudur initially represented a lotus flower floating on the lake.

The history of Borobudur is far from complete. To this day, the aerial view of the temple certainly retains the majestic details of the structure. It is enormous and beautiful, one of the greatest archeological sites in South-East Asia.

2021 Scholarship Winner



Twenty-Ninth Degree, Scottish Knight of Saint Andrew — Part I Scotland

If you're going to become a Scottish Knight, you should know something about Scotland and the people who hail from there.

There were people living in what is now Scotland since the Ice Age, some 13,000 years ago. Archaeological evidence indicates that hunter-gatherers in the area hunted for fish and wild animals and gathered fruit, nuts, plants, roots and shells. By 3000 BCE, Scotland was home to nomadic hunter-gatherers as well as the first farmers who built permanent dwellings.

Scotland's recorded history began in 43 CE with the arrival of the Roman Legio II Augusta, under command of future-emperor Vespasian. They named the portion of Britain that lay north of the River Forth, "Caledonia". It included most of the land area of modern Scotland. The Forth river empties into the North Sea, at a place known to the locals as Firth of Forth.

Celts, Picts, Gaels, Romans, and Vikings

Several Celtic or Gaelic tribes living in Caledonia when the Romans arrived. Some accepted the Roman incursion, other resisted it mightily. Some of the resisters painted their bodies blue. The Romans called them "Picti" meaning "painted".

The Romans constructed Hadrian's Wall to defend their northern border, and later the Antonine Wall across central Caledonia to advance the border forward. But they could not defeat the Caledonians, and facing financial problems at home, the Romans eventually withdrew and left Britain completely by 410 CE.

Beside their walls, the Romans left behind their own name for the Celts or Gaels of Caledonia, the "Scoti". Around 800 CE, Viking seamen migrating from Norway and Denmark, crossed the treacherous North Sea to raid, trade, and eventually settle in Caledonia.

Saint Andrew

Mainstream historians believe Christianity was introduced into Scotland during the Roman occupation of Britain. But one tradition has Andrew, one of Jesus's 12 Apostles, traveling and preaching in what is today Eastern Europe, where he may have come in contact with Celtic and Slavic peoples. Some of the Celts later moved to Scotland while some of the Slavs went on to become Russians. This may be the reason that Saint Andrew became the patron saint of Scotland and of Russia.

Saint Andrew died around 70 CE. In time, a tradition arose that Andrew died on an X-shaped cross. That is why you often see icons of Saint Andrew standing near an X-shaped cross. The same idea led to the white X on a blue background of the Scottish flag.

The Christianity that developed first in Ireland and later in Scotland differed from that of Rome, particularly over the method of calculating Easter and the form of tonsure. The Celtic church accepted Roman practices in the mid-seventh century, but kept its own identity.

Clans and Kings

Since their origin in the early Middle Ages, clans were the major social unit of the Highlands, each headed by a clan chief. Belonging to a clan provided protection and access to land for homes and farming. Clansmen paid rents in the form of services or products of their farms, rather than money. There was no central government to maintain law and order, hence the need for protection from a powerful local leader.

The Celts, led by Kenneth MacAlpin, built the new kingdom of "Alba". It was established around 842 CE in the village of Forteviot. This began the Scottish monarchy under King Kenneth I.

In 1297, King Edward of England, in an effort to conquer Scotland, planned for his army to cross the River Forth at Stirling Bridge. But the Scots seized the opportunity to attack, forcing the English army to retreat. One of Scotland's most famous figures, William Wallace, earned his place in the history books for his victory at the Battle of Stirling Bridge.

The resulting Wars of Scottish Independence, often aided by the French, ended in a renewed kingdom under Robert the Bruce, crowned King in 1306. Robert led the Scots in the defeating the English at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314, securing de facto independence from England.

From 1603, Scotland, Ireland, and England shared the same monarch when James VI of Scotland was declared James I King of England and Ireland, in what was known as the "Union of the Crowns". Scotland, Ireland, and England were otherwise separate countries, with their own governments, cultures, and languages.

King James I may be best remembered for commissioning an English translation of the Christian Bible for the Church of England. It was published in 1611 and was known as the *King James Version* and *Authorized Version*. It became a driving force in shaping the English-speaking world, and the most widely printed book in history.

James II, grandson of James I, became king in 1685. A struggle arose over who held the greater power, the Crown or the Parliament. Parliament won and James II was deposed 1689. He was succeeded by his daughter Mary, who ruled with her husband William, Prince of Orange (the Dutch Republic).

In the 1690s, crop failures, international trade conflicts, and ill-conceived efforts at colonization in the Americas caused a major economic crisis. In the end, Scotland reunited with England under the Acts of Union of 1707. Scotland gave up its parliament, currency, and trade laws.

Jacobite Uprising and Scotland's Downfall

Many were dissatisfied with the Acts of Union and the rule William and Mary, especially Highland Scots, who formed a group known as the "Jacobites" (from Jacobus, Latin for James). They wanted James Francis Edward, son of James II and Mary's younger brother, to become King. They launched several failed uprisings in 1688, 1715, and 1719. The would-be King James III was remembered as "The Old Pretender".

The greatest Jacobite failure was the uprising of 1745, led by James Francis Edward's son, Charles Edward, known as "The Young Pretender" and "Bonnie Prince Charlie". At the Battle of Culloden on 16 April 1746, Charles led his 7,000-man, modestly trained, poorly equipped Jacobite army against the 8,000-man, well-trained and better-equipped British army led by the Duke of Cumberland. An hour after hostilities started, the Jacobites had lost 1,500 to 2,000 killed or wounded and 376 captured. The Brits lost about 300 killed or wounded, and nobody captured.

Post victory, the British Government enacted laws further to

integrate Scotland – specifically the Scottish Highlands – with the rest of Britain. Scottish Lords who were loyal to the British government were monetarily compensated for the loss of their traditional powers. Those lords and clan chiefs who had supported the Jacobite rebellion were stripped of their estates, which were then sold and the profits were used to further trade and agriculture development in Scotland.

By an Act of Parliament in 1746 the wearing of tartan was banned. Tartans represented the clans and they identified members of the clan. No tartan, no identity.

A tartan is a patterned cloth originally made of pre-dyed woolen thread. Threads of different colors are woven together at right angles, forming visible diagonal lines where different colors cross, which give the appearance of new colors blended from the originals. The resulting blocks of color repeat vertically and horizontally in a distinctive pattern of squares and lines known as a "sett".

The self-rule of Scottish clans disappeared and clan identity was limited to extended family. The Brits evicted tenant farmers, turning them into migrant workers. If you wanted good work, you had to speak English to get it. The 1846 Highland Potato Famine hit farming communities hard. Attempts at charitable relief effort went on until 1850, when continuing crop failure, the landlords, charities, and the government resorted to encouraging emigration.

Scottish Revival

The kilt dates back at least to the end of the 16th century. Originally, a great kilt was a full-length garment whose upper half could be worn as a cloak draped over the shoulder, or brought up over the head as a hood. The word "kilt" means to tuck clothing around the body.

The small kilt, walking kilt, or modern kilt was developed in the late 17th or early 18th centuries, and is essentially the bottom half of the great kilt. In cool weather, you wear a jacket or sports coat with your walking kilt.

There was a romantic revival in the 1820s, in which members of the social elite across Europe wore tartans and kilts. When King George IV visited Scotland, he wore a kilt, and sparked demand for tartans and kilts far beyond the manufacturing capacity of the Scottish linen industry. The current designation of individual clan tartans was largely defined in this period. Thereafter, tartans became a major symbol of rediscovered Scottish identity.

Robert Burns is widely regarded as the national poet of Scotland and a major figure in the Romantic movement. Besides his original compositions, Burns also collected folk songs from across Scotland, often revising or adapting them. His poem and song "Auld Lang Syne" is often sung at Hogmanay (the last day of the year), and "Scots Wha Hae" served for a long time as an unofficial national anthem.

Scots in America

Large-scale emigration from Scotland to America began in the 1700s, and it accelerated after the failed Jacobite uprising of 1745, due to the breakup of clans and eviction of tenant farmers. Displaced Scots went in search of a better life and initially settled around South Carolina and Virginia, and further in successive generations.

Historians often divide Scottish settlement in colonial America into three separate streams—Lowlanders, Highlanders, and Ulster Scots.

Lowland Scots began to migrate to North America in the eighteenth century after the union of England and Scotland in 1707. They tended to

settle in low-lying coastal areas and cities such as New York and New Jersey. As they were usually well-educated, they easily found work as doctors, schoolmasters, or private tutors for the children of wealthy colonial citizens. Many others were merchants, particularly in the South. Because they were active participants in the British empire, lowland Scots tended to side with the British in the American Revolution.

Highland Scots started arriving in North America in the 1730s. They tended to cluster together in self-contained communities, where they maintained their distinctive cultural features such as the Gaelic language and pipe music. Groups of Highlanders existed in coastal Georgia, the Mohawk Valley in New York, and on the Cape Fear River in North Carolina. Highland Scots overwhelmingly sided with the British in the American Revolution. Many of them emigrated to Canada after the war.

The Ulster Scots, known as the "Scots-Irish" in North America, were descendants of people originally from the Scottish lowlands and the north of England, who colonized the province of Ulster in northern Ireland during the 17th century. After several generations, their descendants left for America, and struck out for the frontier, in particular the Appalachian mountains. Unlike the Highlanders and Lowlanders, the Scots-Irish were usually sided with the Americans in the Revolutionary war.

In the colonial era, the Ulster Scots were usually simply referred to as "Irish". In the 19th century, the "Scots-" prefix came into use when descendants of the Ulster emigrants, who were Protestants, wanted to differentiate themselves from the Catholic Irish immigrants that overran many American cities escaping the Irish Potato Famine.

Scots-Irish Contributions

The Scots-Irish made up a large portion of the American forces during the Revolutionary war. The Scots-Irish "Overmountain Men" won the Battle of Kings Mountain (South Carolina) in 1780, thwarting Lord Cornwallis's plan to invade North Carolina. Theodore Roosevelt commented, "This brilliant victory marked the turning point of the American Revolution".

The Scots-Irish played a major role fighting unfair taxation and tax collectors in the Whisky Rebellion of the 1790s. They were recognized for their loyalty to family, mistrust of governmental authority and legal strictures, and a propensity to bear arms... and to use them. All of this helped shape American values and identity.

The iron and steel industry developed rapidly after 1830 and became one of the dominant factors in industrial America by the 1860s. One historian examined the leadership of the iron and steel industry, and concluded it was largely Scots-Irish.

American bluegrass and country music styles have their roots in the Appalachian ballad culture of Scots-Irish Americans. So does NASCAR, which got its start when Scots-Irish bootleggers souped-up their cars to outrun the revenue agents, and then enjoyed racing against one another. The current number of Americans of Scottish descent is 20 to 25 million, while the number of Americans of Scots-Irish descent is 27 to 30 million. Those numbers add up to nearly one-fifth of the total US population. No wonder so many people are fascinated with everything Scottish

It is a matter of not having a context, or foundation, upon which to erect the building. We are, rightly, and by principle, non sectarian, but that does not mean that we should avoid talking about God. On the contrary, there should be no subject more compelling to discuss in a gathering of Freemasons.

The universality of the nature of our Masonic devotion to God is not what stands in the way of our openness and willingness to make God a part of our Masonic life. As Masons are historically known for their Temperate, Strong, Prudent, and Just natures, not for cowardice; we are plain speakers, and stand together. We see all men as Brothers of one Almighty Father of Creation, and therefore; Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Native American, Sikh, Zoroastrian, and men of countless other faiths, can join as one, perhaps only through the agency of the Craft of Freemasonry, and sing together of their love of God, and the place of God in their lives. The Deist influences of the "Age of Enlightenment", on the formation of the traditions of the Speculative Craft, are misunderstood if they are imagined to be a rational means for distancing men from devotion to their creator, or from truly "placing their trust in Him".

There are many paths to that place where God walks with and within us. We live, however, in a world of confusion and darkness. Making this statement, with which few here would probably disagree, I do not intend you to think of our time and situation as unique; for it has been the common burden of mankind, from the dawn of time, to live in fear, confusion, and uncertainty. The mimetic bath of our social and cultural experiences does everything it can to lead us, barring serious effort and discipline, to fruitless ego dominated understandings of everything, including, and perhaps especially, God. Masons are committed to "making order out of chaos" and dispelling darkness with the light of truth.

The task put before us is no less than the discovery and purification of that within us, which is the gift of the divine inspiration of the Great Architect. This task is elegantly represented by that alchemically derived Masonic motto.

VITRIOL - "The initial letters being taken from the Latin phrase - *Visita Interiora Terrae Rectificando Invenies Occultum Lapidem.*"

"To visit the interior of the Earth and purifying it you will find the hidden stone.

This is the true labor of the Speculative Craft. That part of your divine nature is the hidden living stone, fitted only by your efforts, for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

We here in this room have all witnessed at least one degree and some of us have witnessed dozens, if not hundreds, of all three. Many here tonight have mastered the work of the Craft and can present lectures and charges, indeed the whole body of our cryptic work, from the depths of their hearts. These are truly the cornerstones of the foundation upon which each erects his moral, spiritual, and Masonic edifice. These are the tools by which Masons build lives devoted to the three principle tenets and four cardinal virtues of our order. To imagine that the tools are the purpose of our efforts, is to mistake the tool, an ob-

ject, for the work that it was designed to do. We are not given these great tools for the purpose of self congratulation or personal amusement, but to labor without ceasing, till death stills our hands, to the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe, who has instilled in each one of us, gathered here in this Temple, the hunger for this powerful expression of the glorious fraternity of his children.



Eric has been at Scottish Rite through in-person and telehealth. Eric had transitioned well with

changes during the Covid-19 pandemic. Over the year, Eric's confidence as well as his progress

with his therapy goals has grown.

Eric's parents heard about Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic from one of their friends

who is also a client of the clinic. Per parent, "my son had been diagnosed with ADHD and a

speech delay. He was not able to focus and was not able to speak in full sentences".

Parent's state that since treatment began Eric "likes to attend speech sessions with Ms. Alisha.

He learned a lot from the service and it has helped him in a lot of ways, not only in speech, but

also with his social skills".

Eric's parents thought treatment "helped my son a lot". They appreciate Ms. Alisha sharing a lot

of online resources and suggestions to assist in his speech therapy goals.

Eric's parents feel it is most rewarding to see Eric "build confidence in his daily life, and to make

new friends". They would "definitely recommend" speech services from Scottish Rite Speech

and Language Clinic for those who need help navigating their child's speech-language delay.

We are so pleased to hear that Eric's family sees great progress in his speech-language

development. He will be missed, but his speech therapist, Ms. Alisha is extremely proud of

Eric's progress and determination to focus through this year. Congratulations, Eric!



What is this story really all about? It is an extension of the things Chuck Cowden was talking about in last month's letter. We have allowed an entire generation of American youth to be ignorant of our true history and founding documents. And it should serve as a wakeup call to all of us to do something about it. For those of you who know me well, I serve with a sense of duty and purpose. I spend every moment of every day working to eradicate ignorance. The very ignorance that will turn everyone in this world today into nothing more than sheep; and worth less in self esteem WAKE UP! It is painful to say that I have to watch foreign news in order to know the truth about what is happening in America today.

By the time I graduated High School I had read the founding documents and the Federalist Papers. To date, there are many court decisions (stare decisis) that have diluted or disposed of the original intent of the constitution as written by those who signed it. For the last 12 years the teaching of Civics has ground to zero in our schools.

I have to ask myself: What America do I want my nieces and nephews to have; and what America do my friend's kids want to inherit. If I had GrandKids would I worry about this ignorance that is actually being taught in our schools? You bet!

Next time public schools month rolls around, how about handing out copies of the constitution with a workbook that those seeking citizenship must read and successfully take a test on. Kids should be able to pass that test before graduating.

Just a sub note here. Try taking that practice test online and see how you do. It will wake you up.

Stated Meeting Menu Tuesday

August 10, 2021

(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY call the office, by August 6th)

Register at <https://buytickets.at/sanjosecottishrite/549243>

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

- Tomato Bisque
- Greek Salad
- Chilled Prawns
- Pork Loin
- Strawberries and Cream



Anniversary Awards 25 and 50 year members



From the Secretary



It is so great to be back to meeting in person once again. In August we will have our Grand Master's Reception and Festive board. Then in October our Grand Commander will be here.,

September 11th is the Honors event in Oakland, the KCCH ceremony and the banquet are open to all so if you are interested please contact me for information. Speaking of KCCH for those that have not heard, Brother Arthur Pasquinelli and Brother Mark Burger were selected to receive the KCCH this biennial. And it was a great honor for me to be elected to receive the 33°. There were only 42 red hats and 17 white hats given in all of California, so this is truly and incredible honor.

Now that we can once again use the building as intended, feel free to come down and use the Library and Member Center, we have them for your benefit and they are too seldom used. If you wish to use them during evening hours, just contact me and we can make arrangements.

Our Reunion is coming up in October, We will do the 4th on October 15th. Then communicate as many as can be done that evening. Then on the 22nd we will come back and will have communications and the 14th degree. On the 23rd we will do the 18th and 30th and communicate the others. Then on October 26 we will finish up with the 32nd. Please get your applications in as soon as possible. It is highly likely that the Fee's will go up for the next reunion so get your candidates in before the price goes up.

Finally, you should all have your dues notices, please pay them as soon as possible.

III. Roger Bibb 33° Class

October 15, 22, 23 and 26, 2021



ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY,
SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, U. S. A.

Petition for Degrees

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

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State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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

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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."

_____	Degree Fee	Spring	Fall
<i>Candidate's Signature</i>		\$150	\$150
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1st Sponsor PRINTED NAME			
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Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events

Tuesday August 10th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 5:45 pm

Grand Masters Reception and Festive Board

Lodge of Perfection Opens

Dress is Formal no colors

Thursday August 19th ~ SCVMOA Meeting 7PM

Friendship 210 Hosting

Sunday August 22nd ~ Masonic Smoker 1pm

San Jose Scottish Rite

Saturday August 29th ~ Grand Master's Golf Tournament

Bay View Golf Club

Saturday September 11th ~ Honors Event

Oakland Scottish Rite

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

Consistory Opens

Dress is Colors or Coat and Tie

Tuesday October 12th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 5:45 pm

Grand Commander Cole's Visit

Lodge of Perfection Opens

Dress is Formal with Colors