



The Rite Word

From the Venerable

In this brief discourse allotted to us, we will endeavour to trace and analyze the application of uncommon words and phrases used in Masonry. The meaning, spelling, pronunciation and application of some of these words have varied considerably in the past and even up to the present. Some of the pronunciations and spellings are now obsolete except for their usage in Masonic phraseology.



My research and interpretations are not to be taken as the final word in defining these words and phrases; no doubt many of you can add further light by your own knowledge and interpretations. However, it is my hope to stimulate your curiosity and encourage your further study and research, which after all is what Masonry is all about.

There still seems to be confusion in the minds of some members of the Craft, concerning the meaning of the terms, "**Right Worshipful**", "**Most Worshipful**", and "**Worshipful**" as applied to a brother holding certain offices. They seem to think it has a literal meaning associated with the duties of worship, a kind of religious implication. Such, however, is not the case and in fact, judging by the minutes, it was not until 1730, that the terms "Right Worshipful" or "Worshipful" appear. Till then it was "Brother" and the first Grand Master was described as Brother Sayer.

What is a Lewis? - A son of a Freemason. What does that denote? - "**Strength**".

Some authorities have claimed that to be entitled to the term, the son must be born after his father has been made a Mason; others take a wider view and grant the designation to a son whose father becomes a Mason after the child's birth.

The Word Tubal Cain, means "worldly possessions or possessor of the world", or "one who is jealous of confusion". Tubal Cain was the son of Lamech and Zillah, brother of Jabel and Jubel, and the first worker in metals. He is mentioned in the bible, in the Book of Genesis, Chapter 4, Verse 22. (An instructor of every artificer in brass and iron.)

Hiram Abiff: - a widow's son - name meant Master Workman, Architect and Chief Builder. (He was a Smith and not a stone Mason.)

Hiram, the widow's son, was the son of a Tyrian, his mother being an Israelite of the tribe of Dan, and the widow of a man of the tribe of Naphtali. He was sent by Hiram King of Tyre, to Jerusalem to be Chief Architect to Solomon. Abiff, is generally interpreted as a title of respect or veneration, from the Hebrew "Abi", meaning "my father".

Sprig of Acacia: - Mackey says that it is symbolic of the immortality of the soul; it is a symbol of innocence also a symbol of death and re-birth. In the scriptures, the Acacia is known as "Shitta", or in the plural "Shittim". Wood of Acacia is considered sacred wood, used in making the Tabernacle of Moses, the Ark of the Covenant, and the sacred furniture of the Holy Place. The wood is heavier than water and is not attacked by the white ant or any other insect.

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2023 Honor Roll

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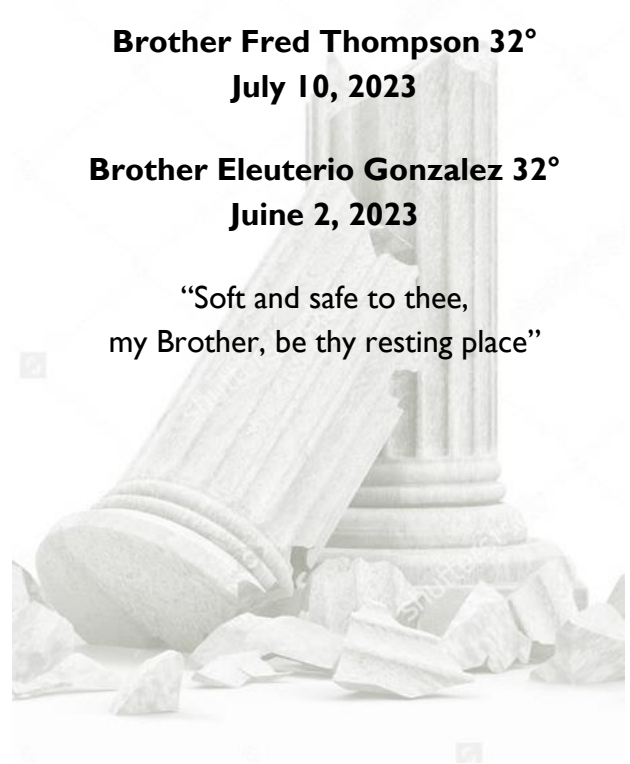
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"Soft and safe to thee,
my Brother, be thy resting place"



Free Will

Do you have a will in place? Have you updated the will you do have in place recently? If the answer is no to either of those questions, then you have access to a free service to assist you in creating a will to ensure your desires are fulfilled when you pass on.

You can access the service at the Supreme Website <https://scottishrite.org/giving/ways-to-give/planned-gifts/>

Yes, they would like you to leave something to them in your will, but it is not required.

Go check it out.

Gregg

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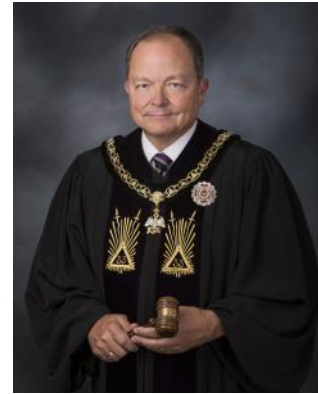
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The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of San Jose, in the Orient of California, acknowledge and yield all allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander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

In August the Chapter Rose Croix had the privilege of opening and closing for our Valley's Stated Meeting. While preparing for the evening I had a few moments to reflect on where I am in the Craft overall and what I get out of it. I do not belong to as many bodies as many other Brothers and my list of accolades blushes in comparison to many others. At the same time, the bodies I belong to I cherish dearly and try to commit as much time as possible to those in order to get the most out of them.



COVID hurt a lot of lodges and Masonic bodies overall with people relocating and large shifts in how we balance work and life commitments. As our blue lodges are rebuilding and we have a lot of newer people in the officer lines with others who may want to be a part of something but the officer line just isn't their thing. Good News, we have the Reunion coming up in our Valley very soon! The last couple of cycles have been very difficult to get new members out to petition but with the rebuilding happening in all of our lodges, perhaps we can get a few more folks out. Ill Nagel mentioned the San Jose Scottish Rite Valley covers 24 blue lodges. While I am not familiar with everyone's lodge, I think I have only counted representation from about 11 at any given Stated Meeting (counting a person from only one lodge if they have plural memberships) and most of them are within the Santa Clara Valley where we seem to be more saturated. Perhaps we can get some additional candidates in from our lodges further out. How many Brothers from your own lodge do you have in the Scottish Rite and how can we get more interested in participating in our activities?

From the Commander

As many people know, Memorial Day is an American holiday that is observed on the last Monday of May, and honors the men and women who sacrificed their lives while serving in the U.S. military. But how did this holiday originate?



Did you know that the Civil War claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history? This required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries.

It was Originally called Decoration Day, and from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, Memorial Day is now a day for remembrance of those who have died in service to our country.

Despite this, the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day in 1966.

On May 5, 1868, General John Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance.

He stated:

"The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land."

During that first national commemoration, former Union Gen. and sitting Ohio Congressman James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried there.

This national event, galvanized efforts to honor and to remember fallen soldiers. It began with local observances at burial grounds in several towns throughout the United States following the end of the Civil War, such as the May 1, 1865 gathering in Charleston, South Carolina organized by freed slaves to pay tribute and give proper burial to Union troops.

In 1873, the first state to designate Memorial Day as a legal holiday was New York. By the late 1800s, many more cities and communities observed Memorial Day, and several states had declared it a legal holiday.

After World War I, it became an occasion for honoring those who died in all of America's wars and was then more widely established as a national holiday throughout the United States.

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From the Master of Kadosh

You may be reading this issue of the Rite Word right around Labor Day however I'm looking ahead to October.

First, a reminder to save Saturday, October 7. This will be the Consistory hosted fall Scottish Rite Burger and Dog BBQ at the Scottish Rite Center. All are invited: members, family and especially Lodge Brothers you would like to introduce the Scottish Rite to.

On a more serious note, our October Stated Meeting and Dinner will be the annual Feast of Tishri. This is an obligatory Scottish Rite observance whose roots go back centuries to the Book of Leviticus. Originally a harvest festival it celebrates the freedom the Israelites won, despite the shackles of Egypt and the armies of the Philistines. This victory is celebrated in the dedication of King Solomon's Temple.

In the story, the Lord said to Moses when the fruit of the land has been gathered, there shall be a feast of seven days. They shall dwell seven days in booths that future generations may know the Lord made Israel dwell in booths when they were brought out of Egypt. This is the Hebrew celebration Sukkot which was the origin of Tishri.

Tishri is the seventh month of the Hebrew calendar which corresponds to the Georgian month of October. During Tishri there are seven holidays on which work is not permitted and the month includes three major festivals: Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. It should be noted that the number seven is the most recognized number in the Bible, used over 600 times and used the most in the Book of Revelation.

Several years ago, our Ill. Daniel Doornbos, 33rd Degree, gave a presentation about how Sukkot was and is observed. One writer said his synagogue had a sukkah, or booth, open to the elements. It was looked upon as a blessing to say prayers and have a meal in the sukkah during the Sukkoth festival.

During our October Stated Meeting dinner, we will observe the Feast with some toasts. Don't forget to contact the office to make your dinner reservations.



From the Chief Knight

September is the big event for Knights of Saint Andrew while we visit the Highland Games at fairgrounds in Pleasanton, CA. With visitors from at least the Santa Rosa, Burlingame, Oakland, and Stockton chapters of KSA coming in town to participate, it is guaranteed to be a great time.

As we look ahead, KSA is preparing for several events. We typically present the flag and provide an Arch of Steel for the upcoming Grand Master's reception by the Santa Clara Valley Masonic Officer's Association as well as Hiram Awards and other celebrations. We also provide these honors at lodge installations. If your lodge would like to have KSA present the flag for your installation or other event, please reach out and let us know. With several events booked already, we want to make sure we have your event scheduled.

Other KSA services: You may have seen KSA serving drinks during dinner or collecting money ahead of the meetings. We support all bodies in the Valley with these types of services and others that just don't fit anywhere else. We have a pretty good time when we hang out and these service opportunities provide us with more time to socialized while accomplishing good work. If you are interested in any of these activities or working with the Audio/Visual equipment, please reach out to the KSA for more information.



Tim [Signature]

Bill M. Fiel

Kabbalah and the 32 Paths of Wisdom, Part 2

In last month's article, we saw how the 32 Paths of Wisdom are mapped onto the Tree of Life. We learned that the concept of the 32 Paths is derived from the 32 times that the name "Elohim" (God) is mentioned in the first chapter of the Book of Genesis. And we learned that there are two different ways to apply the Hebrew letters and assign the Path numbers, following the Hebrew Traditional and the Western Esoteric approaches.

In this article, we will look for a definition of each Path and seek its promised Wisdom. Each path is a form of consciousness, the quality or state of being aware, especially of something within oneself. The key terms here are "being aware" and "within oneself".

Being Aware

What does it mean to be aware? René Descartes [pronounced: DAY cart] (1596–1650) was a French philosopher, scientist, and mathematician. He coined the phrase "Cogito, ergo sum.", usually translated into English as "I think, therefore I am". That statement became a fundamental element of Western philosophy. By that principle, you are aware that you exist.

To exist is a good thing. During meditation, your author sometimes takes a few moments to enjoy his existence... just being... doing nothing, going nowhere, in want of nothing. That is also good preparation for the next step, looking within yourself.

Within Oneself

In Kabbalah, as with other mystical systems, you, as a human being, are a microcosm of the universe. Among other things, that means everything you need is already within you. This is a strange and difficult concept for most people, since we are trained to look for what we need in our environment. That works well for physical needs, such as air, food, water, shelter, clothing, medicine, education, safety, family and social relations. On the other hand, when it comes to mystical practice, you must learn to look inside yourself.

Explanations of the Paths

The Paths of Wisdom are not an expression of physical reality, something that can be observed or proven. Nor are they axioms (established principles), syllogisms (deductive reasoning), theories (speculation) or statements of fact. As we have often seen in mystical studies, words cannot fully describe a concept or idea. You have to apply your mind, spend some time, look up the meaning of words and ideas, and contemplate to reach an understanding.

Below are the explanations of each path based on those provided by the Hermetic Library. The first ten paths are represented by individual Sephiroth. Paths 11 through 32 are represented by the connections between any two Sephiroth, each identified by a letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

The paths are listed in numerical sequence, not the sequence you might use for initiatory purposes. These abbreviated descriptions are for information only.

Path 1. Mystical consciousness, the light of the primordial principle which has no beginning; and it is the primal glory. No created

being can attain to its essence.

Path 2. Illuminating consciousness, the splendor of the unity, like unto that which exalts itself as the head over all. The masters of Kabbalah call it the second glory.

Path 3. Sanctifying consciousness, the foundation of primordial wisdom and is called enduring faith and its roots are truth. It is the father of trust, from which the power of faith emanates.

Path 4. Overflowing consciousness, from which emanate all the holy powers, all the most ethereal emanations with the most sublime essences. They emanate one from the other through the power of the primordial emanator.

Path 5. Root consciousness, the substance of the unity, joining itself to that understanding, which itself emanates from within the province of primordial wisdom.

Path 6. Mediating consciousness, through which the emanation of atziluthic (highest olam or world) influence is increased. It causes that influence to flow unto all those so blessed as to be united to its essence.

Path 7. Hidden consciousness, the radiance that illuminates all the powers of the mind which are seen with the eye of the intellect and through the contemplation of truth.

Path 8. Perfect consciousness, the plan of the primordial. It has no root where it can abide except in the hidden chambers of majesty from which its own secret essence emanates.

Path 9. Pure consciousness, purifies the essence of the Sephiroth. It provides and adapts the design of their patterns and establishes their unity. They remain united, without diminution or division.

Path 10. Resplendent consciousness, exalted above every head and sits on the throne of Binah. It is illuminated with the splendor of all the lights and it causes an influence to flow forth from the Prince of Countenances.

Path 11. Scintillating consciousness, the essence of the veil which is placed before the ordered arrangement of the powers. Who walks this way acquires a special dignity—he can stand face to face before the cause of causes.

Path 12. Transparent consciousness, the substance of that phase of majesty which is called revelation. It is the source of prophecies that seers behold in visions.

Path 13. Uniting consciousness, the essence of glory. It represents the completion of the true essence of the unified spiritual beings.

Path 14. Luminous consciousness, the essence of the Chashmal (a modern Hebrew acrostic that means "speaking silence") the instructor in the secret foundations of holiness and their stages of preparation.

Path 15. Constituting consciousness, it constitutes the essence of creation in pure darkness. According to masters of contemplation, this is that darkness referred to in Job 38:9 as "and thick darkness its swaddling band".

Path 16. Eternal consciousness, the pleasure of the ultimate glory beyond which is no-glory like unto it. It is also called the garden of pleasure (Eden), which is prepared for the compassionate.

Path 17. Consciousness of disposition, it provides faith to the compassionate and clothes them with the Ruach ha Kodesh (Holy Spirit). Within the supernals it is called the foundation of beauty.

Path 18. Consciousness of the house of influence. From its inmost center flow the Arcanum (secret or mystery) and veiled ideas, which abide in its shadow, thus is there union with the inmost substance of the cause of causes.

Path 19. Consciousness of the secret of all spiritual activities, the influence disseminated by it is from the highest blessing and the supernal glory.

Path 20. Consciousness of will, the pattern of all that is formed. By this mode of consciousness one may know the actuality of the primordial wisdom.

Path 21. Consciousness of the desired, which receives the divine influence which flows into it as a result of the blessing it confers upon all that exists.

Path 22. Faithful consciousness, through which the spiritual powers are increased. All dwellers on earth abide in its shadow.

Path 23. Stable consciousness, the power of sustenance among all the Sephiroth.

Path 24. Imaginative consciousness, which provides an image to all created things that have an appearance, in a form fitting to each.

Path 25. Consciousness of trial, the primary test by which the creator proves the compassionate.

Path 26. Renewing consciousness, through which God renews all things which are newly begun in the creation of the world.

Path 27. Exciting consciousness, through which is created the life-breath of every created being under the supreme orb, as well as the motion of them all.

Path 28. Natural consciousness, through which is completed the nature of all that exists beneath the sphere of the sun.

Path 29. Corporeal consciousness, which marks out the forms and reproduction of all bodies which are incorporated under every cycle of the heavens.

Path 30. Universal consciousness, through which the masters of the heavens derive their judgments of the stars and constellations, and perfect their knowledge of the celestial cycles.

Path 31. Perpetual consciousness, which directs the movements of the sun and moon according to



their natural order, each in its proper orbit.

Path 32. Serving consciousness, which directs the motion of the seven planets, each in its own proper course.

So where is the diagram of the Tree of Life, so I can see a map of each path? A perfectly logical question. But in this case, the wrong question. This article is about the many forms of consciousness. So ask about **them**. And then search for their meanings.

Where can I learn more?

You can read more about how the 32 Paths of Wisdom, and their suggest sequence for initiation, from the Hermetic Library website. See <https://hermetic.com/jwmt/v1n3/32paths>. Be sure to include this website in your list of Kabbalah study references.

From the Venerable Master Continued

Beehive: - Why is a beehive frequently used in connection with Masonic designs and illustrations? The beehive is an emblem of industry, and emphasizes the desirability of that virtue.

Blazing Star: - What is the Blazing Star? The Blazing Star is described as one of the "Ornaments" of the Lodge, and is moralized on thus: "The Blazing Star or Glory in the Centre refers us to the sun, which enlightens the earth and by its benign influence dispenses its blessings to mankind".

Why the Rough Sands of the Sea Shore? Entered Apprentices are often puzzled by the reference, "to the rough sands of the sea where the tide regularly ebbs and flows twice in every twenty-four hours." This is a survival of an old superstition. The sea shore, covered by high tide and exposed at low tide, is neither land nor water and anyone buried there would never find rest, but would roam throughout eternity.

Harsh Rampshad

From the Commander Continued

The federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day in 1966. For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30th, the date General Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

Today Memorial Day is commemorated at Arlington National Cemetery each year with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Traditionally, the President or Vice President lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

David M. Rampshad

Cost for Life Membership

Age	Factor	Amount
Under 49	21X	3255
50-54	19X	2945
55-59	17X	2635
60-65	14X	2170
Over 65	11X	1705

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

This month, we are proud to highlight Van, a very sweet and inquisitive student who has been with RiteCare for less than a year. Van is currently working on his expressive, receptive, and social skills. Below are words from Van's parents, and their experience here at RiteCare.



"I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the outstanding speech therapy services that has been provided by Alisha at Scottish Rite for Van, my seven-year-old son. Alisha's dedication has made a tremendous impact on our son's life and his speech development

Before joining Scottish Rite, my son was struggling with his communications. He could not be able to express clearly what he needed or what he wanted. He could not be able to talk in complete sentences. That made people around him including his parents, family members, teachers and peers to make it difficult to understand him. His speech delay impacted his academic struggles, emotional issues and social interactions.

I was introduced to Scottish Rite by Parents Helping Parents. Approximately nine months ago, I enrolled our son in speech therapy at the Scottish Rite under the care of Alisha. She not only demonstrates a deep understanding of speech development but also shows a great patience and empathy for my son. She creates a warm environment making Van immediately feel comfortable, which motivates him to participate in each session. He is even eager for the coming session during the week.

Through personalized therapy plans and creative activities, Alisha tailors each session to meet Van's needs and challenges. For example, reading comprehension and then answering questions starting with Who, What, When, When and Where. Alisha also guides Van's parents on how to help him daily to improve his speech such as reading to him each night before bed time.

Today, my son's vocabulary has expanded. His pronunciation is more clear, and he can express himself better. He can speak in full sentences and clearly mean what he wants and needs."

Van should be so proud of his growth through the RiteCare program. We look forward to see him reach his speech goals!

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

List of Requested Books for Clinic Library – Updated 5/1/23

A Birthday for Cow by Jan Thomas
 A Pest in the Garden by Jan Thomas
 What Is Chasing Duck? By Jan Thomas
 My Friends Make Me Happy by Jan Thomas
 The Apple Pie Tree
 Spot (the dog) any book from the series
 Where the Wild Things Are
 Sheep in a Shop
 Pirate Pete by Nick Sharat
 There Was an Old Lady (any book from the series)
 Love Monster
 The Day It Rained Hearts
 My Mouth is A Volcano
 Bears Loose Tooth
 Bear Wants More
 Sneezzy the Snowman
 A Snowy Surprise
 Harry the Dirty Dog
 Bear Snores On
 Room on the Broom
 The Little Mouse, the Rid Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear
 The Very Hungry Bear
 The Very Sleepy Bear
 Where is the Green Sheep
 Mr. Grumpy's Motor Car
 The Scarecrow's Hat
 Spooky Wheels on the Bus
 Llama Llama – any book from the series
 Ketchup on Your Cornflakes
 Run Turkey Run
 Rosie's Walk
 Personal Space Camp
 You Choose by Nick Sharratt
 Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

Stated Meeting Menu Tuesday

September 12th 2023

(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY call the office, by Sept 8th)

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

Salad

Pasta Puttanesca (Vegetarian)

Fresh Italian Sausage Meatballs

Fresh Sour Dough Bread

Dessert

Annual Dinner Ticket Books

You can now buy an Annual Dinner Ticket Book, which gives you 11 Stated Meeting Dinners and 1 Grand Masters Banquet. For a cost of \$150. This saves you \$40 off of the annual price or over 21%.

From the Secretary

Congratulations to our Honor Men for this biennium. Hon. Bennie Cooper has been elected to receive the 33rd Degree and Bro. Naresh Rampershad has been elected to receive the Knight Commander Court of Honor. They will be invested on September 9th in Long Beach. It will be my pleasure to participate in the 33rd degree.

Our current HVAC system is at the end of it's life. We are in the process of getting the financing set up so that we can move forward with the replacement. It is going to be a major undertaking and expense, but we will have a much more efficient system, which will save us money over time from the lower gas and electric bills. Unfortunately, it will take time, so the building can be a bit warm, please take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Dues notices for 2024 should be shortly hitting your mail boxes. When you get it, please pay it promptly so that you don't forget about it.

Finally, Our reunion is starting up this month, be sure to get your petitions in soon so that they can go through the degrees. Also, come down and join us for some our all of the degrees. The reason it is called a reunion is that the current members are supposed to come down and see the degrees again, Just like in Blue Lodge every time you see a degree, you will pick up something new.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Guss Ford".

III. Richard Fisher 33° Reunion Class

Sept 23,30, Oct 20,21 and 24



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")

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

Consistory Opens Feast of Tisheri

Monday Oct 16th ~ SCVOA Meeting 6:30 pm

Los Altos Lodge

Monday Oct 7th ~ Scottish Rite BBQ 12:00pm

Friday Oct 20th ~ Reunion 5:30 pm

Saturday Oct 21st ~ Reunion 8:30 am

Tuesday Oct 24th ~ Reunion 5:30 pm

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

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Capping Ceremony and Military Recognition

Tuesday Dec 12th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm

Lodge of Perfection Opens

Elections—Budget