



## The Rite Word - Valley of San Jose

September is the first of several months, which, when you consider their name-roots, are out of place. September through December, their names would imply, are the seventh through the tenth months. A quick glance at the calendar, however, tells you that such is not the case.



Of course, these months were initially named from a lack of creativity anyway - the first sixth months having been named for Roman gods. It seems the Romans either ran out of gods, or just didn't seem to care that much, and simply called the last four, "Seven, Eight, Nine and Ten". You will know, I'm sure, that the Roman calendar began with only ten months. July and August were added late in the Roman period, to honor Julius and Augustus Caesar. This, of course, pushed the lackadaisically named last four months into the realm of the nonsensical. We have much to thank the Romans for, but quite obviously, they had their limitations.

So here we are in September. School is back in, and there is more traffic on the roads. Vacations are over. It is back to reality for adults and children alike. Masonry picks up again, after having been dark for a while, at least in a few organizations. And now we hurtle toward the end of the year – Labor Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

We in the San Jose Scottish Rite have accomplished a lot this year, including our huge presence in the Statewide Reunion. Most recently we held our fun and successful Festive Board in honor of our Grand Master.

The rest of the year will be no exception. This month we have a trip to Alcatraz, on September 8, and a visit to the Steinbeck Center in Salinas on September 22. We will see a number of other great activities throughout the year. Please join us for all the fun and fellowship.

We look forward to our Fall Reunion, coming up in November. Be active in talking to your Masonic brethren about the benefits of becoming Scottish Rite Masons, and encourage them to join.

I hope to see you all at our Stated Meeting on September 11.

*Randy Dawney*

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"Soft and safe to thee,  
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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.***

## A PAST MASTER'S VIEW

The Worshipful Master extended to me an invitation to provide an article in this month's Trestle Board. Of course, I said yes as it was his will and pleasure. I have chosen this opportunity to once again briefly ponder on my definition of Freemasonry and a few thoughts on the Masonic initiatic experience. So here we go.



“Freemasonry is a modern - day Mystery School which, through its' progressive, moral science, is a transformational experience taking an initiate from darkness to light through its ancient teachings and the practice of the lessons inculcated in it”.

I have always found the idea that Masonry is an organization that “allows good men to become better men” unsatisfactory. It seems to me it could just as well apply to the Rotarians or many other worthy groups who do good work. I think the definition I proffer implies a more spiritual journey and I believe that Masonic mystic teachings offer an ideal path to follow to find further light.

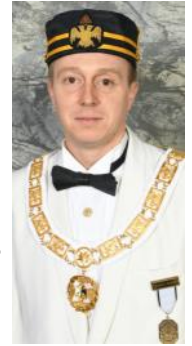
With that in mind, I think each of us should assess the initiatic experience we provide to a duly and truly qualified candidate for our mysteries.

Is it possible to provide this experience in 90 to 180 days which is rather typical of most modern lodges? I think not. It reminds me of the “90-day wonder”. This phrase refers to a past military practice of creating second lieutenants in three months during WW II. I do not see Masonry facing this kind of urgency so why the rush? Any good or great undertaking, like fine wine, deserves some time to be fully appreciated and understood.

I always like to think in qualitative rather than quantitative terms when it comes to considering applicants for our valuable philosophy of life. Not every good man who knocks at our door is a candidate for our degrees. He might just be looking for an opportunity to serve his community or for comradery with good men.

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Greetings Brothers, Family, and Friends,



I would like to start by expressing my gratitude to all those that put in the hard work to make the Grand Masters reception the special event that it was. With all having fun, I believe this may have been some of the best singing yet. Thank you to all that attended.

I hope all will be enjoying a nice relaxing day off this upcoming Labor Day. The first state bill brought to legislation was in New York, but the first to pass into law was Oregon on February 21, 1887. By 1894, 23 of our states had adopted the holiday to pay tribute to the working man and woman.

This month also marks a special time of the year. On the equinox, night and day are nearly exactly the same length – 12 hours – all over the world. This is the reason it's called an "equinox," derived from Latin, meaning "equal night." The September equinox occurs the moment the Sun crosses the celestial equator – the imaginary line in the sky above Earth's Equator – from north to south. This happens either on September 22, 23, or 24 every year, ours falls on the 23rd. A famous ancient equinox celebration was the Mayan sacrificial ritual by the main pyramid at Chichen Itza, Mexico. The pyramid, known as El Castillo, has 4 staircases running from the top to the bottom of the pyramid's face. The staircases are built at a carefully calculated angle which makes it look like an enormous snake of sunlight slithers down the stairs on the day of the equinox. Many cultures have looked at this day with an importance. In our time it is goodbye summer, hello pumpkin spice latte.

Relax, enjoy family, and have a great September.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan H. ...".

Fraternal greetings! I want to congratulate all the new Masters of the Royal Secret, 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Scottish Rite Masons, who attended the Statewide Reunion in Oakland last month. I hope the experience encourages all Brothers to have a renewed vigor in learning the moral and philosophical lessons behind all of the degrees! To that end, I encourage all of you to consider attending the Master Craftsman program that Gregg Hall is currently organizing.



As an additional opportunity for new and experienced Scottish Rite Masons, Mark Scoggins, Ketan Jashapara, and I are forming a group called "Rite Thought". Our first meeting will be held in the San Jose Scottish Rite Library at 7:30PM on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and Mark will present a paper on the intersection of Rosicrucianism and Scottish Rite Freemasonry. The focus of the new group is on achieving an understanding of the various Scottish Rite degrees including the philosophical messages and symbolism. Our meetings will occur every January, March, May, July, September on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:30PM at the San Jose Scottish Rite. We are limiting attendance to Scottish Rite Masons only and encourage all to attend. The format will typically include a main speaker and presentation followed by discussion and discourse.

#### The Symbolism of Chalk, Charcoal, and Clay in the Entered Apprentice Degree and Scottish Rite

An interesting set of symbols in the Entered Apprentice degree is that of Chalk, Charcoal, and Clay. Chalk is associated with Freedom. Charcoal is associated with Fervency, and Clay with Zeal. The main lesson is that the Entered Apprentice must engage in his Masonic Journey with the attitude of a free person, meaning being done willingly, without restraint, and enthusiasm. Additionally, he must be diligent and have ardent affection towards his work. However, more interestingly is the tie of the symbolic representations to alchemy. Alchemists and Freemasons are related in that they both engaged in the same process, but by using different lexicons. Freemasons embark upon the Great Work through the builder's allegory, whereas Alchemists seek to reveal the Elixir of Life through the Philosophers Stone. This is analogous the Freemasons conceptualization of the Perfect Ashlar.

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**If your interested?** Please contact any member of the Knights of St. Andrew or in particular, Jeff Toone, KSA Secretary, email: [sjscottish-riteksa@gmail.com](mailto:sjscottish-riteksa@gmail.com)



#### **What do we do:**

The Chapter is chartered with the object of providing services to/for the Bodies of the Valley of San Jose. These services include but are not limited to providing members for the stage crew of the various Degrees performances, promoting membership within the Scottish Rite, providing Greeters at the door for Scottish Rite Events, and participating in parades. Come join with us to find the LIGHT and have fun doing so.

#### **Recent KSA Chapter Activities:**

Recently, Sir Knight Jeff Toone and I traveled too and attended the bi-annual Knights of St Andrew International Gathering that was hosted by the Valley of Waco, TX. At which there were four speakers that talked about various Masonic/KSA Topics. We were also served some great Smoked Beef Brisket and a BBQ'd whole pig. It was also great to interact with fellow KSA members from chapters around the world.

The Chapter also performed the Arch of Steel and Flag detail for the Grand Masters Festive Board.

#### **KSA Events of the Future:**

1. August 19<sup>th</sup>, Noon KSA Stated Meeting with swords tactics in the SJSR Library

2. Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Scottish Highland Gathering and Games, Pleasanton, CA. We will have a booth on display with refreshments and related literature. It will be a weekend of fun for the entire family. We cordially invite you to come join us in the fun and games. For detailed information please check the website: <http://www.thescottishgames.com/>

3. Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, Noon KSA Stated Meeting in the SJSR Library

*Naresh Rampershad*

### **The Fourteenth and Thirty-Third Degree Rings**

Purity of Honor, integrity of the Sword, spotlessness of the Shield, these were the three highest ideals of the Ancient knights. “Honor that never broke the faith with any one” was supreme and preserved despite anger or personal loss. “Integrity of the Sword in never failing to draw in defense of innocence and right” was a duty embraced with fervor and acted upon with courage. “the Shield never to be sullied by protecting oppression and wrong” was the symbol of each Brother’s dedication to the knighthood. When the ancient knight passed to his eternal home, he bequeathed his Honor, Sword, and Shield to another, one near and dear, one he knew would carry on his quest unblemished and victorious.

The Scottish Rite Fourteenth Degree Ring likewise Symbolizes these noble virtues. Eloquently simple, it is a flat, plain band of gold or other material resembling gold, and embossed thereon is an engraved or enameled plate in the form of an equilateral triangle and within the triangle the Hebrew letter yud. The triangle and yud are the oldest traditional symbols of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Degrees, and they symbolize the True Master’s Word of the Third Degree. Inside the ring is inscribed the Scottish Rite Motto; Virtus Junxit, Mors Non Separabit (Virtue has united and death shall not spate). The ring’s circle expresses the unbreakable fraternal bond between Masons of all generations. According to the ritual, it should be kept during the owner’s lifetime unless superseded by a 33° ring should the owner ever attain that honor. Upon the death of the owner, the ring should go into the hands of his widow, eldest son, the friend who was loved above all others, or another Scottish Rite Freemason.

Although the ring may be altered to fit the new Brother’s Finger, it need not be changed. There is no official instruction designating on what finger it should be worn. The direction of the triangle’s apex is irrelevant so long as the ring is worn with honor appropriate to the deceased Brother, his fraternal heir, and the Rite. As an Evidence of the authenticity, the wearing of the Scottish Rite ring is mandatory under our rituals, vows, laws, regulations, and customs.

To draw attention to the importance of the ring, a number of Valleys have elicited enthusiasm among the Brethren by opening the Fourteenth Degree Ring Ceremony, with a combined ring and cap presentation, to general family attendance. For such occasions, memorable thoughts con-

cerning this honored Masonic tradition may be distributed in the form of the essay, “il Your Scottish Rite Ring Could Speak:”

#### **If your Scottish Rite Ring Could Speak**

Suppose by some miracle your Scottish Rite ring could speak, what would it say?

“I SYMBOLIZE the Scottish Rite and, as such, like Aladdin’s lamp, I am possessed of miraculous powers, for....

“I BRING YOU riches far greater than all the wealth of the fabled El Dorado: I can summon to you the help and the strength of your Scottish Rite Brethren throughout the nations of worldwide Masonry....

“I BRING YOU the grandeur and the splendor of the Scottish Rite Ritual:

That portrayal from antiquity through the golden pen in poetry and the sacred fire in drama that inculcates lofty patriotic sentiments, high moral values, and noble spiritual aspirations....

“I BRING YOU the magnetism of a Scottish Rite Mission’ that never-ending fight for human rights and resources—freedom of the body, freedom of the mind, freedom of the soul.....

“I BRING YOU the beauty of a Scottish Rite Vision: That revelation of truth and of greatness dimly seen in the mystic light that follows purification, initiation, and moral perfection...

I BRING YOU the insight of a Scottish Rite Philosophy: That progress in human development which transforms natural ignorance into sublime wisdom, self-discovery, self-awareness, and self-enrichment...

I BRING YOU the confidence of Scottish Rite Courage: That self reliance in daily living born of an abiding faith in the guidance of Him Who holds the whole wide world in His hands..

“THESE are some of the things I bring to you, a true Freemason of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

*From Forms and Traditions of the Scottish Rite*

Jacob is a five-year-old boy who attended speech and language therapy services at our clinic from May 2017 until July 2018. Jacob loves to play with his twin sister, Colette, and his older sister, Sophia. He also loves his scooter, playing with his Scooby Doo toys, and playing with his cat. Lately, he has been asking his mom for another kitten! He is very talkative and playful in therapy and has many stories to share with Miss Karen. He loves to tell stories about his twin sister and his cat. He is often thinking of others and always requests that we give a prize to his sister at the end of the session as well.



Jacob was referred to the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic by his pediatrician when he was two years old. He had a history of many ear infections and fluid in his ears, requiring pressure-equalizing tubes to be placed when he was two years old. He had to have them replaced this April. Jacob's hearing was being affected by the frequent ear infections and the fluid in the middle ear and he was missing out on exposure to many high frequency sounds during a period of his childhood that was very critical to speech and language development. This may also have contributed to him omitting the final consonant from words.

Jacob's speech therapy sessions at our clinic focused on the elimination of phonological processes, production of multi-syllabic words, articulation of various speech sounds, and expressive language. One of Jacob's phonological processes is Final Consonant Deletion, when a child omits the last sound in a word, such as leaving the last /p/ sound off of the word "pop." He was also missing many speech sounds, such as /f/, /v/, /k/, /g/, /s/, "sh," "ch," "j", /l/ and /r/. Jacob would replace many sounds in the middle of the word with an /h/ sound, even when the middle sound was a sound that he was currently able to make, such as producing "baby" as "bay-hee." He now has more awareness of this and he uses many more consonant sounds in the middle of words. He has greatly expanded his speech sound inventory (the collection of sounds he is able to produce) and is now able to imitate /f/, /v/, /s/ at the word level. He is now also producing /p/, /b/, /t/, /d/, /k/, /g/ in all positions of words when prompted and given feedback to correct himself if he eliminates it in the final word position. "Prior to getting speech therapy, Jacob would replace many sounds with an "H" Sound. He couldn't say any "S" sounds and left out many sounds in the middle of words," said Laurin, Jacob's mother, "Since treatment began, he's more aware of saying the middle sounds of words such as "popping" instead of "poh-hing" He is so much more clear in his speaking now."

Jacob's family has worked hard with him at home to enforce carryover of the skills that he has learned with Miss Karen. "We have all tried to help him out when needed as he gets frustrated when we don't understand him. The sounds that are being worked on that week in therapy are focused on during the week at home as well."

Jacob's mother said, "We've greatly appreciated how generous Scottish Rite has been with letting Jacob get therapy for his speech free of charge. We are so grateful, and have seen such a huge improvement in his speech." They have also enjoyed their experience here because, "The experience has been very easy. We are able to watch him through the double-sided window as he gets his therapy and we see him using many fun toys to play and learn at the same time. He's always rewarded at the end of his session which has helped his focus during his session."

Laurin's advice for other parents is: "I would tell other parents to seek out as much help as possible and as early as possible. The sooner you get help the better for the child. Jacob couldn't hear many soft sounds because he had a lot of fluid behind his ear drum. We didn't realize it at the time because everyone was telling us boys speak later than girls. Luckily the doctor told us that is not really the case and we got help. Had we been more aware he could have been treated even earlier. Also it's very important to work with your child at home every day as well as getting regular therapy."

Jacob, you and your family will be greatly missed at our clinic. Jacob had to discontinue services at our clinic when he and his family moved away in July to be near their family in Louisiana and start a new chapter. We will miss you and your silly and cheerful antics! We wish the Antonowitsch family the best in Louisiana!



# Stated Meeting Menu



**Tuesday September 11, 2018**  
(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY,  
by September 7h)

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

- Assorted Appetizers
- Smoked Tri Tip
- Mashed Potatoes
- Beef Gravy
- Baby Carrots
- Caesar Salad
- Fresh Rolls and Butter
- Dessert



**Attention all Valley of San Jose Scottish Rite 32<sup>o</sup>  
Masons**

Come join us at the Valley's Service Organization

**Knights of St Andrew**

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If he is looking for a more meaningful experience and has a need to achieve a state of perfect balance between material needs and his spiritual aspirations then Masonry, which provides the study and application of laws that unite humans to the creator could be his path.

If we follow the path given to us by our Ancient Masters, then modern day Masonry must re-assess its approach to the initiatic experience. The teachings are there for the wise man to hear and learn. But I strongly argue it can not be rushed. I recommend you to the Masonic Restoration Foundation website to further any interest you might have in the Masonic initiatic experience. This website can direct you to many excellent books on the subject. One book for example, "The Masonic Initiation" by Brother W.L. Wilmshurst describes an initiation which I fear many of our lodges are not familiar with at all. Take some time to think about this. I would love to hear from you on this subject.

*Charles B Cowden*

### **Dues Notice**

Supreme Council will be mailing out the Dues Notices for 2019 shortly. There are still about 80 members that have not paid their 2018 dues. Please look at your card, if it doesn't say 2018 then pay your dues.

If you have taken care of 2018 then thank you and please take care of 2019 as soon as you receive it so that it doesn't get lost in the pile .

Or you can consider buying a life membership and then you would not have to worry about it any further..



The Wise Master of  
the San Jose Chapter Knights Rose Croix  
and

The Worshipful Master of Liberty Lodge #299

Invite you to our Annual  
Stanford Football game and Tailgate Party  
Stanford Cardinal vs Oregon State Beavers  
November 10, 2018 at Stanford Stadium

Kick off Time is still to be determined

COST \$35.00 per person – includes game ticket,  
food and drink during the tailgate and following the  
game

PREPAID RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST

Call the SR office at 408-978-7483 to pay by credit  
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Arrive Early to park in Lot #4 Adjacent to El Camino  
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Recommend Car Pooling

The Wise Master and Officers of  
The San Jose Chapter Knights Rose Croix

Invite you to join us for a visit to

The Steinbeck Museum and

Lunch in the Steinbeck Home in Salinas

Saturday September 22, 2018

Agenda

Museum Visit 10am to noon

Lunch noon to 2:30

(Lunch is from their menu and wine is available)

Admission fee is paid at the door

Adults \$12.95

Seniors and Retired Military and Residents of  
Monterey County \$9.95

(With valid ID)

Age 17 and under \$6.95

Reservations for head count are to be made  
with the SJSR Office at 408-978-7483 or on the  
Sign up Sheet in the Office.



Grand Master's  
Reception  
And  
Festive Board  
Of Fellowship  
August  
Stated Meeting

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The Alchemist can apply the heat of the Charcoal to the base substance of Clay and create symbolic spiritual gold. However, before this can be performed Chalk must be used to instruct the Alchemist on how to perform the process, known as the *opus alchymicum*. Therefore, Chalk represents the knowledge, Charcoal represents the method, and Clay represents the substance through which the Elixir of Life can be created. Freemasonry and Alchemy are related as they describe the same process of spiritual purification of the Great Work, and so these symbols exist in the Entered Apprentice degree.

A possible Scottish Rite connection to the references of Chalk, Charcoal, and Clay in the Entered Apprentice degree are the various colored hats that we wear. The 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree "Black Hat" could be related to Charcoal, as Charcoal is typically black. The Knight Commander Court of Honor (KCCH) "Red Hat" could be related to Clay, as Clay is typically red. Finally, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree "White Hat" might be related to Chalk, as Chalk is normally white. As such, the "White Hats" provide the instruction and knowledge, and the combination of the "Black Hat", Charcoal, as applied to the "Red Hat", Clay, allows for Alchemical transmutation.

Finally, early on in Alchemical process, a black substance is created through a burning process before a white substance called "Manna" is created. Every plant is said to contain some amount of Manna, and, coincidentally, Acacia has a very high concentration. Manna is used ultimately to create a red substance called the "Red Lion" or the "Sangre De Christo", Blood of Christ. The Red Lion is considered by some to be the Elixir of Life or the Philosopher's Stone and is what is used to transmute base metals into gold.

*Kenneth Sean Patrick*

Our Newest Members  
From the July  
Capping Ceremony



## Esoteric Study Group

Brothers' Sean Patrick and Mark Scoggins are putting together an informal study group to discuss the esoteric side of Masonry and Scottish Rite Masonry.

The first meeting will be held on September 18, 2018. And will deal with Rosecrucianism. We hope that many of you will avail yourselves of this learning opportunity.

We too often hear about members wanting Education, but then when events are scheduled few show up. So if you are truly interested in the education side of Masonry then put this on your calendar and plan to be there. If the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday is not normally a good date for you, then make it happen this month and discuss what may be a more mutually agreeable day.

### Did you know??

- We have an app for that..... You can download the San Jose Scottish Rite App at <http://ourapp.link/sr-san-jose>
- You can make reservations and pay for meals directly on our website at [sanjoscottishrite.org](http://sanjoscottishrite.org)
- You can pay your dues online at our website, or on the Supreme Website
- You can get a hat box and leave your hat here securely, for only a one time fee of \$3.

# Upcoming Reunion

November, 2018



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>Degree Fee</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>
<i>Candidate's Signature</i>		\$150	\$150
_____	<b>Annual Dues</b>	\$50	\$0 (For Current Year)
1st Sponsor PRINTED NAME			
_____	<b>Total Due:</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<i>1st Sponsor Signature</i>			

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

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

Council of Kadosh Opens

**Thursday September 18th — SCVOA Meeting Golden Rule 479**

6:30pm

**Saturday September 22nd ~ Steinbeck Museum Trip**

**Tuesday September 25th ~ Monthly All Officer Meeting 7pm**

**Tuesday October 9th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm**

Consistory Opens - Feast of Tishri

**Thursday October 15th — SCVOA Meeting Los Altos 712 6:30pm**

**October 19-21 ~ Grand Lodge San Francisco**

**Saturday October 27th ~ SCVOA Grand Master Reception 4pm**

San Jose Scottish Rite Center

**Tuesday October 23rd ~ Monthly All Officer Meeting 7pm**

**Tuesday November 13th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm**

Rose Croix Opens—Military Night

**Saturday November 10th ~ Stanford Football Game**

**Tuesday November 27th — SCVOA Meeting Mt View DeAnza**

6:30pm