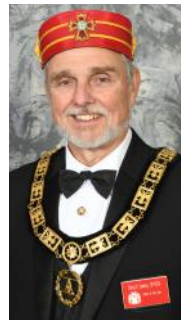




## The Rite Word - Valley of San Jose

From the Venerable Master:



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

It is not too early to start planning for the Spring Reunion. We are hoping for a large class this year, so talk to your lodge brothers about Scottish Rite, and get their petitions. It usually doesn't take a lot of selling to convince a Mason to join Scottish Rite, but it does take a conversation. So engage and help us grow our membership.

You have no doubt heard about our upcoming trip to Philadelphia this year, coming up September 22-29. This will be a fun and exciting trip, as we tour a fabulous city, and see some fascinating historical sites. See the flyer in this issue of the Rite Word and sign up for the trip. It won't be the same without you. Please see trip information later in this newsletter.

I'm looking forward to a great Scottish Rite year, and hope you will be an active part of it. I hope to see you soon.

*Randy Downey*

Illustrious Fisher receiving the Artisan of the Temple



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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

Dear Brethren,

I am honored and excited about serving you as your Wise Master this year. Also, I want to sincerely thank Illustrious Charles Cowden 33<sup>rd</sup> for his mentorship, support and guidance to his officers in 2018 in preparation of our respective offices this year. It will be a difficult year to top Illustrious Cowden's contributions, formal and social events, leadership and services to San Jose Chapter of Knight Rose Croix last year. But I am confident that he will be there for us with good guidance when we are seeking some wisdom.

In 2019, San Jose Chapter of Knights Rose Croix will continue to host our important events for our Valley, our brethren and their family/guests; our Sweethearts Night to recognize all those special Ladies in our life in February, Maundy Thursday in April, Honor our new Masters in May and finally but not least the Military Recognition Night in November.

Come and join us in February to make our Sweethearts Night a remarkable one and show your support to our special Ladies in our life. Without their understanding and support, our journey in Freemasonry would have been a difficult one while trying balance work, family and our service as men.



November Military Recognition Night

From the Commander of Kadosh

It is with great pleasure and humility that I want to thank the leaders and members of San Jose Scottish Rite for electing me to serve as your Commander of Kadosh. I am truly honored by the trust you have instilled in me and I am very excited to get to work.

I want to especially thank the Past Commander, Brandon Duenas, for allowing me to serve as his 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the Council of Kadosh.


As I take on this new role, I also want to congratulate the Leaders of the other Bodies that make up the San Jose Valley of Scottish Rite who were elected to serve with me for the current ensuing Masonic year.

Special thanks to our line officers: Richard Fisher, Charles Cowden, Jack Harris and Rick Bralette. Brethren, Let's do this together, set the stage for a remarkable year and for those who will follow us.

I know that I have big shoes to fill and promise that I will give it my all. I am thrilled to be working with such a great group of elected officers from our Councils and Blue Lodges. I would like to thank and applaud all those that came before me, laid the path and am in awe of your continuous, tireless efforts. **THANK YOU!**

**To the members and sideliners** this will not be possible without your support and participation. **"Investing in Our Future"** please attend gatherings in large numbers, engage in our discussions, planning and contribute with you thoughts, suggestions and constructive criticisms. Let your voice be heard for the advancement of our Valley. If you have not to do so lately, we encourage you to reach out to our brothers for information about upcoming meetings and social opportunities of your respective lodges.

Doing It Together,



## From the Master of Kadosh

I am honored to be the Master of Kadosh, San Jose Consistory for 2019.

I come from a Masonic family. My father belonged to Scottish Rite in Oakland. In 1974 I joined Masonry and became a Master Mason of California #1 in San Francisco, with my father as Master of the Lodge and my brother as 3<sup>rd</sup> base. My father introduced me to Scottish Rite in Oakland. However, I began my Scottish Rite degrees in San Francisco and completed my degrees in San Jose.

Our charity, Rite Care, touches my heart as our son was born deaf. Learning to speak and to read lips was difficult for him. Although his oral language needs were addressed by special classes/school and therapists, we became very aware of the needs of children with speech disabilities and all the repercussions. It affects them all their lives.

In the 90's, my wife, Sandy, and I participated in a Los Altos Masonic Tour of England and Scotland lead by Brother Ed Fenton. During our tour we visited Scotland and England's Grand Lodges, Templar churches, very old English Masonic Lodge Rooms and toured the Rosslyn Chapel before it became so popular. The Masonic influence Great Brittan has had on the US is significant and has made us very aware of how deep our Masonic roots are.

The more one learns of Masonry and Scottish Rite, the more you want to learn.

Giles Morgan's [Freemasonry, Its History and Myths Revealed](#) goes into detail about how Masonry has been the victim of international bigotry and intolerance. Of particular note was Gabriel Jogand-Poges, writing as Leo Taxil in the 1880's Paris, France. He became a Mason, but was eventually rejected by the Brotherhood. He adopted Catholicism and wrote a number of books exposing the secrets of Masonry, portraying "Freemasons as satanic and devil worshipers who engaged in the most appalling and debased behavior during their rites and rituals" His works were very popular in Europe. His works on Masonry were also anti-Semitic and 'portrayed the ceremonies as fantastical and demonic.' He wrote that the punishment for Masons "who betrayed the Brotherhood secrets was potential death." He concluded that the Masons must be ready to commit murder. The Pope Leo XIII rewarded the author with a special honor of the Order of the Holy Sepulcher for his attacks on Masonry.

I am very proud to be a Member of Masonry and Scottish Rite.

*Richard Rosenberg*

## From the KSA

**The Most Powerful Freemasons Ever.** By Eric Goldschein and Robert Johnson

Including one third of the U.S. presidents. Freemasons have over six-million members worldwide.

The following is a list of some

powerful members -- who took the secret vow. **Benjamin Franklin** became a member of Saint John's Lodge in Philadelphia, a few years after starting his own society -- the Leathern Apron Club

**George Washington** performed Mason rites when breaking ground at the Capitol

**Mozart** became a Mason and composed 600 pieces of music

**Simón Bolívar**- was a 33<sup>rd</sup> degree mason-South American liberator and political leader

**Mark Twain** joined a St. Louis lodge

**Winston Churchill** contributed to Freemasonry his entire life, along with being a two time British Prime Minister and honorary citizen of the United States

**Franklin D. Roosevelt** was member

**J. Edgar Hoover** became a Master Mason by age 25, became a Thirty-Third Degree Inspector General Honorary in 1955, and was given the Grand Cross of Honor -- the highest recognition by the Scottish Rite -- in 1965.

**Earl Warren** was one of five Masonic judges

**Jesse Jackson** played an active role in his lodge

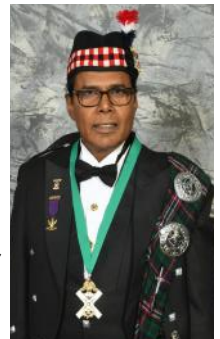
**John Elway** is a perpetual lifetime member, a two-time Super Bowl champion

**Other big names include:**

John Jacob Astor, Andrew Jackson, William "Bud" Abbott, Salvador Allende, Benedict Arnold, Nat King Cole, Samuel Colt, Duke Ellington, James Naismith, Scottie Pippen, Michael Richards, all seven Ringling brothers, Strom Thurmond, Shaquille O'Neal, Paul Revere, Oscar Wilde, Denton T. "Cy" Young, and John Wayne -- to name a few.

Check out Wikipedia's full list of notable Freemasons

*Harold Ransford*



## The Seventh Degree

The Seventh Degree, Provost and Judge, features a drama that takes place during the construction of King Solomon's Temple. The main character is Zabud, who is a Provost and Judge. In the course of the story, two operative masons, Naboth and Uriah, attempt to win Zabud's favor and influence his decision in a matter among the workmen.

"Judge not, that ye be not judged" is the motto of this degree. It comes from the King James Bible, Matthew Chapter 7, verses 1 through 5. You can look that up for yourself. In order to more easily understand its meaning, here is the passage from the Common English Version of the Bible:

"Don't condemn others, and God won't condemn you. God will be as hard on you as you are on others! He will treat you exactly as you treat them. You can see the speck in your friend's eye, but you don't notice the log in your own eye. How can you say, 'My friend, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you don't see the log in your own eye? You're nothing but show-offs! First, take the log out of your own eye. Then you can see how to take the speck out of your friend's eye."

What does that passage have to do with this degree? Very little, actually. Yet it does illustrate two different meanings of the word, to judge. To judge can mean to make a decision based on evidence and arguments presented, which is what happens in this degree. Or it can mean to condemn something or somebody, which was the point of this lesson from the Sermon on the Mount.

The word Provost may be pronounced PRŌ vōst or PRŌ vō. In ancient times, a Provost was an officer whose duty it was to ensure that the King's army did not harm the citizens of the realm. Today a Provost may be the mayor of a Scottish town, a senior advisor at a university, or the chief of a military police force.

In ancient Israel, the Judges were tribal chieftains who ruled from the death of Joshua until the time of the kings (Saul, David, Solomon, and so on.) Generally speaking, a judge is a public official authorized to de-

cide questions brought before a court. The latter sense applies to this degree.

In the Seventh Degree, a Provost and Judge is both police officer and judge of the court. From a 21st Century American perspective, we would say that the roles of police officer and judge must be performed by two different people, because the police necessarily have a prosecutorial approach to the case. But we want impartiality in a judge. And a defense to look out for the interests of the accused, as well.

Now for the ethnic distinctions.

A Phoenician is a person from Phoenicia, an ancient country at the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea, where modern Lebanon and parts of Syria and Israel are today. It included the city of Tyre, from which King Hiram of Tyre comes.

A Hebrew is descendant from one or more of the tribes of Israel, an Israelite. The term Hebrew was normally used by Israelites when speaking of themselves to foreigners and used by foreigners when speaking about Israelites.

Around the First Century, many Israelites lived in what was, at that time, the Roman province of Judea. The predominant religion of those Israelites was called "Judea-ism," or Judaism. Thus the followers of the Hebrew/Israelite faith acquired the name "Jews". Note that even in the First Century, not all people living in Judea were Israelites or Jews. Just as not all people living in Israel today are Jewish.

Back to the Seventh Degree.

Uriah, a Fellowcraft, has hired some Phoenician masons to help build the south wall of the Temple site. Some Phoenicians were members of the Craft, but not the ones that Uriah employed.

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Anna is a sweet and playful four-year-ten-month old girl who has been receiving speech and language therapy services with Miss Karen at the San Jose Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic once a week since July 2017. She is being discharged from our clinic soon to be placed back at the end of our waitlist due to our 18-month time limit policy. Miss Karen also sees Anna's three-year-old sister, Esther for speech and language therapy services at our clinic and has enjoyed getting to know her family over the last year and a half.



Anna's adoptive mother and father Erika and David Spence first adopted Anna's older brother, Eli, eight years ago in 2011. In 2015, Eli's biological father and his girlfriend lost custody of Anna when she was four months old. The Spences requested to adopt Anna so that the two half-siblings could grow up in the same family. Erika and David ended up adopting Anna and her two younger sisters who were born in 2015. All three girls presented with speech and language delays and overall developmental delays. They have adjusted well into their new home and are much healthier, happier, and are now receiving services to meet their needs in speech therapy, physical therapy, and educational needs.

During therapy, Anna has been working on expanding her vocabulary, such as adding verbs to her repertoire, increasing her utterance length, improving her ability to imitate the L sound, and improving her articulation of multisyllabic words. She has worked very hard and made tremendous progress. Anna enjoys playing with the barbie dolls, horses, and cars during our therapy sessions. She has also become well known in the clinic amongst the other clients and parents who attend speech therapy around the same time as her. She has become very social with the other children at the clinic, initiating conversations with them, playing with them in the waiting room. The other speech-language pathologists and parents at this clinic have been offering Anna a lot of praise recently about her progress in her

speech clarity and expressive language!

Anna's mother learned about our clinic when she was looking for resources for her eldest child. Prior to receiving services at this clinic, Anna's mother reported that her language was disorganized. She was difficult to understand due to having few words and multiple articulation errors. She is now speaking in short sentences and her speech clarity has improved significantly. Her mother reports that the most rewarding part about receiving services here has been seeing Anna gaining confidence and self-worth. "Our experience has been very good. Anna's therapist is very kind, patient, and professional. It has been such an excellent resource." Anna's family is thankful for our services and would tell other parents about the clinic.



Brother Hertzberg receives a long over due Patent

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## Rebuilding the Temple Program

In 1982, the members were asked to make donations to Build the Temple. Now 36 years later, the Temple needs some upgrades. We are again asking the Brothers to step up to the plate. The donation levels below are exactly the same as they were back in 1982.

Future projects needed include; replacing window coverings throughout the building, building out the old printing room as a modern conference room, building out the warehouse as a members lounge, new floors through out the building. Also we want to expand the size of the Clinic to accommodate more Children. We have over 100 on the waitlist and our space is maxed out.

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### Rebuilders of the Temple

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Naboth, a Master Mason, but not Uriah's supervisor, objects to the use of foreigners, saying they pollute the Temple because they are not Hebrews and don't believe in the Hebrew religion. Furthermore, they take jobs and receive wages that should go to Hebrew workers. Even though some Phoenicians were members of the Craft, Naboth wants to get rid of all of them.

Naboth tells Uriah to fire his Phoenician masons immediately. Naboth refuses. The case then has to go before Zabud, the Provost and Judge.

Naboth and Uriah both want to ensure that they win the case. So each of them comes separately to Zabud, seeking to influence his decision *ex parte*. *Ex parte* is a legal term that means "one side or party" of a legal proceeding. In a court, both sides are supposed to get a fair and equal hearing. That is why jurors are instructed to consider only what has been presented during the trial, and to ignore any additional information or opinions published in the news or on social media.

First, Naboth approaches Zabud and tells him that the Phoenician masons do excellent work and they don't insist on Master Masons' wages. Then he mentions their friendship and mutual desire to please the king, and expresses hope that Zabud will rule in his favor. Instead, Zabud tells Naboth to get lost, emphasizing that in his role of Provost and Judge he must be impartial, therefore it is as if Zabud did not "know" Naboth.

Then Uriah comes to see Zabud. He points out that the Phoenician masons worship other gods, such as Baal, Astarte, and Melqart; rather than the God of the Hebrews. According to Uriah, even those Phoenicians who are members of the Craft are not "true" Freemasons. And the Phoenicians take jobs and wages that should go to the Hebrews. This time, Zabud points out that there is no law forbidding the hiring of non-Hebrew workers. And that the unjust man, who takes it upon himself to make and enforce his own laws, is accursed.

We can see a number of contemporary issues here, such as immigration, employment of foreign workers, hiring non-Union or unlicensed workers, and even

which religions qualify a man to be a Freemason. This degree does not propose answers to these questions. But it does suggest that we should research and consider all the facts, and then restrain our passions when working through such matters.

By the way, according to archaeologists, most of the skilled work on King Solomon's Temple, was probably done by foreign workers. The evidence suggests that they were Assyrians, rather than Phoenicians, however. Foreign labor was needed because the Hebrews were mostly a pastoral people. Today, we would consider them to be farmers and ranchers. They would have required expert help to build the mighty temple. Just as all those skilled masons would depend on the local people for their food and drink.

III. Daniel Doornboss 33°

### Scottish Rite Polo Shirts

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# The Personal Representative for the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies

*invites you to tour*

# Philadelphia

## Hershey, Amish Country, and Gettysburg

**September 22-29, 2019**

Join Ken and Kathy Nagel, along with the officers and members of the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies, as we explore the City of Brotherly Love – the birthplace of our nation. Tour Independence Hall, see the famous Liberty Bell, visit the incredible Philadelphia Masonic Temple. You'll also visit Chocolate World in Hershey, tour the fascinating Amish Country, visit famous Gettysburg and Valley Forge.



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

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

Rose Croix Opens — Sweethearts Night

### **Tuesday February 19th ~SCVOA Meeting**

San Jose 10 6:30 Dinner Program Following

### **Tuesday February 26th ~ Foundation and AOM**

Foundation Meeting ~ 6pm AOM 7pm

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

Council of Kadosh Opens —

### **Thursday March 14th ~SCVOA Meeting/Chicken Feed**

Leverton Lodge 6:30 Dinner Program Following

### **Tuesday March 26th ~ AOM 7:00pm**