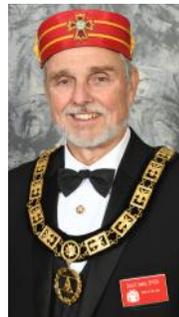




## The Rite Word

From the Venerable Master:

Have you ever stopped to wonder what led you to join Scottish Rite? Maybe you have, or maybe you've known all along exactly why you decided to invest your time and money into the organization.



But if you haven't thought about it for a while, especially if you haven't attended in some time, then I ask you to talk a few moments and ponder. Go ahead, we'll wait.

So do you remember? Chances are, whatever the reasons were, the same is still true today. The lessons taught in our degrees are the same. The fellowship we enjoy at each of our meetings is still there. The collective Masonic knowledge of our members is probably greater than ever before.

As with any Masonic organization, the beauties contained in our body are derived not only from its principles, ideals, and philosophies, but from its members. That means that you and I change the organization and make it better simply by being there and participating. And as we've already seen, the reasons to participate are the same as when you joined.

The Scottish Rite has so much to offer Masonry and the world at large, but it functions best through our interaction with each other. We draw from one another. We learn, grow, and become better together. The more of us there are, the better we become, not only as a body, but as individuals. We want you be a strong and vibrant part of what we do, so that we can become better.

On May 31-June 1, we will have a mini-reunion, and will be conferring the 4<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> degrees. The candidates will get the remaining degrees at our Fall reunion. We need you to talk to the brethren in your lodges, and let them know that in Scottish Rite, they get more light in Masonry.

I look forward to seeing you at our Stated Meeting on April 8.

*Randy Deawney*

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## Reunion Update

We are returning to our old tradition of having an Honoree for our reunions. And the first one will be the MW and Ill. Leo B. Mark Class.

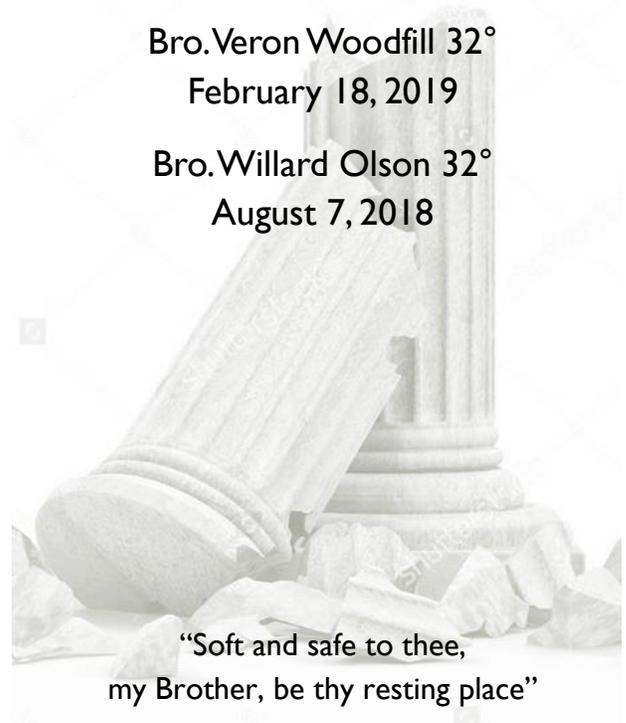
Due to time constraints and availability, We will only be conferring the 4th through the 18th Degrees. The balance will be conferred in the Fall with our Fall Class.

At this point we only have 4 candidates. Please see if you don't have a member of your lodge that would benefit by becoming a Scottish Rite Mason and get their petition in for Balloting at the May Stated Meeting.

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### From the Wise Master

It is the time of the year we observe Easter, also called Pascha or Resurrection Sunday. It is the celebration of resurrection of Christ from the dead as described in the New Testament.



We, Scottish Rite Masons, Knights of Rose Croix in particular, observe “Maundy Thursday” on the Thursday before Easter. “Maundy” is the name of the Christian rite of foot washing which commemorates Christ washing the feet of his apostles during the last supper, as Christ gives them a new commandment “That you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another” John 13:349

Maundy Thursday reminds us that leadership is a service, we are commended to love one another, and through Wisdom we shall have immortality. Brotherly Love is defined as “fraternal affection” extended to all mankind, regardless of race, religion, social class or educational status. Freemasons consider that there is only one race – the human race, and all men are Brothers. The Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

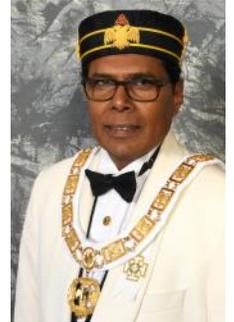
Leadership, Service and Immortality through Wisdom, reminds me Albert Pike’s writing in *Morals and Dogma* “no free government can long endure, when the people cease to select for their magistrates the best and the wisest of their statesmen; when, passing these by, they permit factions or sordid interests to select for them the small, the low, the ignoble, and the obscure, and into such hands commit the country’s destinies. There is, after all, a “divine right” to govern; and it is vested in the ablest, wisest, best, of every nation. “Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding: I am power: by me kings do reign, and princes decree justice; by me princes rule, and nobles, even all the magistrates of the earth.”

“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.” Albert Pike

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keruan Kapur".

### From the Commander

Scottish Rite has been called the “college of Freemasonry” for its further masonic education of the 4°-32° degrees. They are not advanced degrees beyond that of Master Mason in the Blue Lodge, instead, the Scottish Rite Freemasonry degrees are further education on the principals of the Blue Lodge.



The moral truths that prevailed in Jerusalem, Athens, and Rome are just as valid, just as imperative in the digital 21st century. In his confidence in the reality of these principles, man has built his faith in the permanent value of moral truth. Here is to be found the basis of optimism, of faith in the free institutions, and of confidence in a civilization resting on ethical principles. No man can witness the Degrees of the Scottish Rite and be either a cynic or a pessimist. They renew his faith in God, in man, and in the process of history.

The Scottish Rite Degrees put into picturesque but explicit language the civic and social ideals implicit in the Blue Lodge Degrees. For centuries, Freemasonry has been a tremendous force for enlightenment, freedom, and social progress in Europe and in the Americas.

Freemasonry is a compelling and conquering spiritual force, and the reasons are revealed in the Scottish Rite Degrees. Scottish Freemasonry is the foe of intolerance, fanaticism, and superstition. It battles every form of racial and sectarian prejudice and bigotry. It is a mighty exponent of freedom in thought, religion, and government. Thus, the Scottish Rite is a rite of instruction. It interprets the symbols and allegories of Masonry in the light of history and philosophy using the words of the supreme prophets of humanity, ceremonies of the great religions of the world, and significant episodes from history to point the moral and adorn the tale.

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## From the Master of Kadosh

Did you realize that “as many as 80,000 to 200,000 Freemasons were killed by the Nazi regime during WWII? In Mein Kampf, Hitler declared the Freemasonry had “succumbed to the Jews”. Even Henry Ford was “strongly anti-Semitic and viewed Freemasons as being a part of a Jewish conspiracy to control the United States of America.” “He wrote that ‘Jewish Gamblers Corrupt American Baseball’ and said ‘Jewish Jazz Becomes our National Music’. Finally he compiled his articles of hatred into a book with the repugnant title of The International Jew: The World’s Foremost Problem. The book became a bestseller both in America and abroad. It was greeted with great personal enthusiasm by Adolf Hitler himself. He even kept a picture of Ford in his office. Ford would argue that the role of the Freemasons in America was in fact to shift attention away from the labyrinthine anti-American plots of the Jews. He later apologized publicly for his anti-Semitic outpourings, although it seems unlikely he felt and genuine regret about them.” Quotes from Freemasonry Its History and Myths Revealed by Giles Morgan, PP 160-161.



The Freemasons and members of Scottish Rite are active today, and represent good men who care about family, our brothers, our communities, our country and our God. Have you noticed that if you need help from a brother all you have to do is let it be known that help is needed? Have you noticed that 50 year wedding anniversaries are normal for us? Have you noticed that the more involved you are, the more you receive in return?

In our society men often find themselves isolated, moving often, and spending their time at work, or spending their time on the electronic devices, often alone. Is it any surprise that some non-Masons might misinterpret who we are?

Let your non-Masonic friends know you are a Mason and a member of Scottish Rite. Let them know the charities we support and the friends you have met and can count on. Together we can accomplish more than we can by ourselves.

## From the KSA

### Are you a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Scottish Rite Mason?

If you are, and would like to help serve the Valley of San Jose, by helping to provide the stage crew for the various Degrees performances, promoting membership within the Scottish Rite, providing Greeters at the door for Scottish Rite Events, participating in parades, performing arch of steel at special functions, escort our flags, etc.



Then the Valley of San Jose’s Knights of St Andrew Chapter is the group for you to join. We all have a blast working together to serve our Valley.

If you are interested in joining the Knights of St Andrew Chapter, please talk to any member of the Chapter or you can reach out to our Chapter’s Secretary, Angelo Encarnacion at email: [aencarnacion@gmail.com](mailto:aencarnacion@gmail.com)

The upcoming events that the Knights of St Andrew have coming up are:

Apr 14<sup>th</sup> KSA Chapter Stated Meeting, 12pm at Naresh Rampershad’s House

May 19<sup>th</sup> KSA Stated Meeting, 12pm at the San Jose Scottish Rite Library

The Ninth Degree or Elu of the Nine, and the Tenth Degree, Elu of the Fifteen, expand upon the portion of the Hiram Legend dealing with the apprehension, trial, and execution of the three ruffians. Because they have similar story lines and share a common theme, these two Degrees are presented as a combined ritual.

Everything that appears in these two Degrees symbolizes something else. Knowing that, witnessing these Degrees is an exercise in looking beyond the obvious appearance to seek for the deeper meaning. That's an essential habit to cultivate as you receive and confer any Masonic Degree, particularly those of the Scottish Rite.

Scene 1 of the drama takes for a lost sheep. That was a regular task for shepherds back in the days, before they used dogs to keep the sheep together. Pharos finds the carcass of his dead sheep, and perhaps out of curiosity, follows the sheep's trail into the cavern. He sees three men exit the cavern, the three antagonists of the story.

Then Jubelum, the third miscreant, comes back and sits in front of the cavern, and starts lamenting his recent actions. He brings forward a new idea, that he led his two brothers into conspiracy and murder. If that is true, then what of the other twelve Fellowcrafts in the Blue Lodge story, who were initially involved? Did Jubelum convince his brothers, then those three recruit a dozen other workmen?

Jubelum is obviously tormented. He elocutes like a Shakespearian actor about how his grief, dishonor, misery, disgrace, and despair are too great for human strength to bear. He sees spying eyes behind every bush and tree. Those devilish stares of fiery eyes pierce him through, numb his faculties, and paralyze his thoughts and will, and cause his frame to shake like a palsy. He proposes that this is God's way of punishing the minds of guilty men.

Since he could not risk human contact, lest he be recognized and reported, he had to eat the "food of beasts". The ritual does not mention what that food was, but it sounds like a daily portion of grass and leaves. Not even a fruit or piece of bread. It turns out that Pharos the shepherd does recognize him and hastily goes into town to inform King Solomon. No word on who he left behind to watch the sheep.

Scene 2 features two heroes from the Eighth Degree, Satolkin and Yehu-Aber, the latter played by the exemplar candidate. They are part of a team of nine Fellowcrafts sent out to find and apprehend the fugitive ruffians. Satolkin and Yehu-Aber become separate from the others in the darkness. They happen upon the ruffian's cave, which now has a small lamp on the floor. The light from it symbolizes the pale light of despotism.

They discover filthy dirty man (Jubelum) in the cavern sleeping on a plie of straw. They agree to tie him up and question him. But the situation is risky. He might have a weapon and resist them. Satolkin tells Yehu-Aber to take the man alive if possible but to defend himself if necessary. And it was necessary. As the man struggles and reaches for his dagger, Satolkin stumbles and falls, requiring Yehu-Aber to engage the suspect. Satolkin urges his companion to strike for the head and then the chest, while he shouts "nakam!".

Jubelum falls dead. Satolkin severs Jubelum's head takes it with him as the nine Fellowcrafts return to Jerusalem.

Nakam is a Hebrew word that means "revenge", indicating that Jubelum's death was justified revenge for his murder of Hiram Abiff. More on that later.

Scene 3 is King Solomon's audience chamber. When the nine show up before him, carrying a severed head, Solomon is offended and angry. He accuses Yehu-Aber of disobeying orders and threatens severe punishment. Satolkin speaks up and explains what happened. It was a case of self-defense, and the reason for bringing the head was to make a positive identification. Sure enough, a Fellowcraft recognizes the head belonging to Jubelum.

In the ritual, the Fellowcraft uses the name Jubelum-Akirop, which is the first time a ruffian appears to have a second or alternative name. According to the French ritual, Akirop means "assassin" although it has likely been corrupted over time to the point that the original word is no longer recognizable.

King Solomon, as he does in many Masonic stories, recognizes his error and changes his mind. He rewards the nine Fellowcrafts with the title of Elu, which means "elected" in French. Why French? Remember that the Scottish Rite originated in France, so we find a strong French influence in many of its rituals.

Scene 4 has King Solomon expressing his desire to find and bring to justice the other two ruffians. Suddenly, one of the nine Elus appears with information that the remaining ruffians sought refuge in the land of Gath. Gath was one of five principal Philistine cities, and the home of the famous giant, Goliath, whom David killed. King Solomon sends the nine Elus plus six other men to Gath.

Scene 5 opens with the group nearing the city of Gath. Ben-Dekar, one of the nine Elus, comments that the King of Gath received King Solomon's messages and added his guard to the posse searching for the two ruffians.

According to the Biblical history, the King of Gath at the time of this story was Achish. He was reportedly an extremely tall man (was he related to Goliath?) and had six digits on his hands and feet. That condition is called "polydactyly" and is caused by a genetic mutation. I once read an interesting non-Biblical story of six-fingered giants hailing from that same geographical area.

Back to the story. The Elus split up and exit the stage, while the remaining ruffians, Jubela and Jubelo, approach the front of the stage and sit down on two large stones. With heads bowed, they talk back and forth about the guilt and misery they suffer. Jubela describes a dream where he sees his mother praying for a blessing on her son.

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Indy is an enjoyable 15 year old boy who has been seen at the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic secondary to delays with pragmatics and social communication. Pragmatics is one of the five areas of language development that helps us navigate our relationships with others, regulate ourselves to our environment, and maintain attention so that we can learn new things and interact appropriately with others. Indy participates in our “Social Thinking” program to learn social executive functioning skills, which helps our students learn how to collaborate with others and problem solve through situations using a variety of strategies. The “Social Thinking” program is based on extensive research from Michelle Garcia Winner, a renowned Speech and Language Pathologist, who has studied social thinking and how best to help children who have difficulty navigating their social interactions at home, school and in the community.



Indy has been working on utilizing key concepts to practice his social executive functioning skills such as, following the group plan, thinking with his eyes, keeping his body in the group, using whole body listening, understanding hidden rules and expected and unexpected behavior, making smart guesses verses wacky guesses, using flexible thinking verses stuck thinking, understanding the size of the problem, and sharing an imagination. Social communication and social executive functioning skills help us participate in group activities and to interact with others in a way that helps everyone feel comfortable. Teaching these concepts has helped Indy relate to others using empathic thinking and perspective taking, two skills which relate to early developing skills for language and cognition, central coherence, joint attention and intention, emotional regulation, self-regulation and theory of mind. Without these basic building blocks a person will have difficulty collaborating, negotiating, and learning as part of a group.

Indy’s mom has seen an improvement in Indy’s social thinking skills since treatment was initiated. She stated,

“Speech at Scottish Rite has been great. Rachel has a deep understanding of his needs in social/behavioral speech and has provided excellent tools to take home and share at school.” She further commented that the therapy Indy has received has been “wonderfully effective” and “fantastic”.

Indy has made great progress understanding and using many of these concepts during our therapy time. And his mother is introducing the key concepts to Indy’s teachers at school to help carryover his skills outside of our therapy time together. I am particularly proud of his Indy’s perseverance and I am looking forward to continuing our learning time together!



# Stated Meeting Menu

## Tuesday

### April 9, 2019

(Vegetarian Entrée by **REQUEST ONLY**,  
by April 5th )



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

Assorted Appetizers  
Sliced Ham in Raisin Sauce  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Corn  
Caesar Salad  
Fresh Rolls  
Dessert

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Then she changes to a look of disgust resulting from his involvement in conspiracy and murder. He imagines the sky turning red, lightning flashes, and thunder quakes. A hand with its index finger pointing at him while voices exclaim "You ingrate son, remorse is yours and death!"

Ben-Dekar, Satolkin, and the candidate, playing Yehu-Aber, enter from a side curtain. Ben-Dekar says, "Behold the assassins, Jubela-Guibs and Jubelo-Gravelot!" They drop their tools, grab their daggers, and take the two suspects into custody.

What is the French connection to the names Guibs and Gravelot? A guib is an antelope that lives in what was once French West Africa. Gravelot is the name of a French village which saw the greatest battle of the Franco-Prussian war in 1870. How and why did these names become appended to the ruffians?

Scene 6 finds the posse of fifteen men back in Jerusalem and Ben-Dekar rehearsing the adventure to King Solomon. The King orders the suspects incarcerated until the next day, and then proceeds announce a new Order called "Elu of the Fifteen" in honor of the fifteen men of the posse. He lectures on the nine lights of the Chapter as a different individual kindles each of them. You can look up the virtues they represent in A Bridge to Light.

Hiram, King of Tyre, who has said little so far in the ceremony, pronounces the members of the class to be duly invested with

the Degrees of Elu of the Nine (9th Degree) and Elu of the Fifteen (10th Degree), and invests them with the jewels, cordons, and aprons of these two Degrees. A Bridge to Light has pictures of the regalia.

Finally, the lecture of the Degrees describes how the heads of the three ruffians are placed upon the gates of the city, which confirms that portion of the story in the Third Degree. It explains how Jubelum- Akirop symbolizes ignorance, the principal enemy of human freedom. The darkened cavern where he was hiding represents the intellectual darkness in which ignorance resides. Jubela-Guibs and Jubelo-Gravelot symbolize ambition, which breeds tyranny and despotism; and fanaticism, which leads to intolerance and persecution.

According to Albert Pike, ignorance, fanaticism, and ambition are the enemies of human progress. The lecture admonishes us to become champions over these vices. I would suggest that the best way is to avoid ignorance from the start by studying history, following multiple sources of the news, and paying attention to what is happening in the world around us. The man who busies himself observing, studying, and learning about other people has little time left to develop intolerance toward his fellowman.

The Annotated edition of Pike's Morals and Dogma has in interesting commentary on the meanings and applications found in the Ninth and Tenth Degrees. If you have a copy, it's a worthwhile read.

Important in this Degree, as well as a subsequent Scottish Rite Degree, is the word nakam (revenge). We will learn more about that in a later installment.

A historical side note: Nakam was the name of a group of about fifty Holocaust survivors who, in 1945, sought to kill Germans and Nazis in revenge for the murder of six million Jews during the Holocaust. They planned to kill a large number of German citizens by poisoning the water supplies of Hamburg, Frankfurt, Munich, and Nuremberg. The leader, Abba Kovner, a Russian Jew, was arrested while traveling on a British ocean liner and threw the poison overboard. Fortunate for the people living in those cities.

## Commander of Kadosh Continued

The degrees of the Scottish Rite are divided into six sections, originally there were seven, but the 15th and 16th Degrees (originally a section to itself called the Council of Princes of Jerusalem) were merged with the Chapter of Rose Croix.

There are four coordinate bodies within the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction:

### **Lodge of Perfection 4<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**

Preside over by **The Venerable Master**

### **Chapter of Rose Croix, 15<sup>o</sup> – 18<sup>o</sup>**

Preside over by **The Wise Master**

### **Council of Kadosh, 19<sup>o</sup> – 30<sup>o</sup>**

Preside over by **The Commander**

### **Consistory, 31<sup>o</sup> – 32<sup>o</sup>**

Preside over by **The Master of Kadosh**



## **Maundy Thursday**

**The Wise Master cordially invites you to our**

**Annual Maundy Thursday**

**Night of Remembrance and Renewal**

**Thursday April 18, 2019**

**This is a Mandatory Event to Remember those that have passed away in the preceding year.**

**Dinner will be at 6:30**

**Program to follow**

**Reservations are encouraged so we know how many will be here for dinner.**

Brothers,

I have been tasked to be the Chairman of the Valley of San Jose's Audio-Visual Committee. The goal of this Committee is to establish and provide a group of Masons that would be technically proficient in the Audio-Visual systems of the San Jose Scottish Rite building, so that they can run them properly, to properly maintain our Audio-Visual equipment and to make recommendations when needed for improvements to the equipment.

Recently, the Valley of San Jose hired a sound system professional to come in and fix and upgrade our auditorium's sound system. One of these upgrades included the purchase of a new Soundboard (pictured above) that will enable us to better serve the Valley of San Jose's needs. With the purchase and installation of this soundboard, this Professional has offered to come at a later date, but before the start of our next reunion (Starts May 31<sup>st</sup>) to teach a class on how to properly use this soundboard, as well as our full Sound System and related equipment. If you have ever had a desire to learn how to properly use a soundboard or want to learn how we are going use our system if you already know how to use a soundboard. This is your chance!!

Please let me know, my email is [toonej@gmail.com](mailto:toonej@gmail.com).

While this sound system will be primarily used during our Scottish Rite meetings and other Masonic events. There is a possibility that this system be rented by renters. If it is rented, they will also be **hiring** at least one member of this committee to run this system. Yes, that means that if we are hired, then the committee members working that event will be **Paid** by the hour for their work! The reason for this, is that this sound system will now **ONLY** be used by those that are approved by the Valley of San Jose as well as properly trained to use our Audio-Visual systems. Seeing as these other events will not be tiled events, it has been decided that we will open membership in this committee (subject to the Valley of San Jose approval) to masons who are not Scottish Rite Masons. If any of you know of any Brother that isn't a Scottish Rite mason, and you think would fit in with this committee. Please have them get in contact with me.

Thanks

Jeff Toone Valley AV Chairman

### 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.

All donations are tax deductible, and you will receive the appropriate plaque and have your name placed on our Donner's wall.

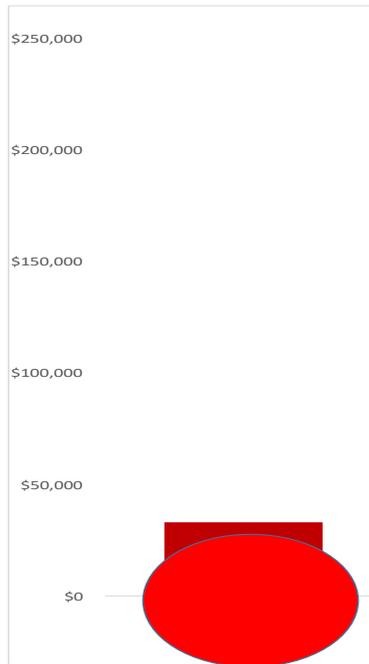
- Setter of the Corner Stone      \$25,000+
- Designer of the Royal Arch      \$9,000 to \$24,999
- Artisan of the Temple            \$3,000 to \$8,999
- Craftsman of the Pillars        \$1,500 to \$2,999
- Hewer of the Ashlars            \$750 to \$1,499
- Cutter of the Cedars             \$250 to \$749

You can make a one time donation or alternatively you can make a pledge that will fit within your budget. And any amount will be gratefully accepted.

Please contact the Secretary to Make your donation.

#### Cutters of the Cedar

- Ill. Roger Bibb 33°
- Bro. Gary Brandeburg 32°
- Bro. Mike Rush 32°
- Bro. Harold Miller 32°
- Bro. Charles Davidson 32°



Total Goal \$250,000  
 Total Pledges \$32,659  
 Total Cash \$13,042  
 Percent of Goal  
 13%

### **Life Memberships**

Effective July 1 the Price of Life Memberships will be going up, so if you would like to get one at the reduced rate now is the time. Listed below is the Current Cost and the new Cost in July.

Age	Current	New
Under 49	\$1995	\$2541
50 - 54	\$1805	\$2299
55 - 59	\$1615	\$2057
60 - 65	\$1330	\$1694
Over 65	\$1045	\$1331

## III. and MW Leo B. Mark Reunion

May 31, June 1, 2019



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>			
_____	I hereby authorize the San Jose Scottish Rite to charge \$ _____		
2nd Sponsor PRINTED NAME	to Credit Card # _____		CVC _____
_____	Expiration Date ____ / ____		
<i>2nd Sponsor Signature</i>			

(Return Petition to Valley General Secretary's Office)

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of authorized card holder*



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## Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events

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

Consistory Opens — 25 and 50 Year Pins

### **April 18th ~ Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm**

Night of Remembrance and Renewal

### **April 21st ~ Masonic Smoker 1:00 pm**

Naresh Rampershad's Residence

### **Tuesday April 23rd ~SCVOA Meeting**

Palo Alto #346 6:30 Dinner Program Following

### **Tuesday April 30th ~ AOM**

### **Tuesday May 14th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm**

Chapter Opens — Honoring New Master Masons

### **Wednesday May 29th ~SCVOA Meeting**

Willow Glen Fraternity #399 6:30 Dinner Program Following

### **May 31st and June 1st ~ Reunion**

Ill and MW Leo B. Mark Class

### **July 16th ~ Night of Instruction 6:300 pm**