



The Rite Word

From the Venerable

THE VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW

If you were asked, "What do you consider the most important feature of Freemasonry?" you would undoubtedly say, "The Volume of the Sacred Law is essential to the institution of Freemasonry". You would back up your opinion by quoting an extract from The Aims and Relations of the Craft.



The first condition of admission into, and membership of, the Order is belief in the Supreme Being; the Volume of the Sacred Law, is always open in Lodges. Every candidate is required to take his obligation on that book or the Volume that is held by his particular creed to impart sanctity to an oath or promise taken upon it.

But you don't even need that, because our Ritual proves it for us. You will recall what it says about the VSL.

- * *It teaches us the all-important duties we owe to God, to our neighbours and ourselves;*
- * *Is to be regarded as the unerring standard of Truth and Justice;*
- * *Teaches us to believe in the wise dispensation of Divine Providence;*
- * *Is to rule and govern our faith;*
- * *May be regarded as the Spiritual scripture of the GAOTU;*
- * *Is one of the Great Lights of Freemasonry.*

Despite the importance we, as Speculative Freemasons, attach to the VSL, we are surprised to learn that the records that have come down to us make no reference to the Bible or sacred writings or whatever name it is known by as occupying a particular place in Lodge ceremonial before the late 1600's. This does not mean to say that there was no religious back-

ground to the ceremonies of our Masonic forebears.

In fact we have proof that there was The Regius Manual Script, an operative document thought to date from about 1390, and written in priestly language contains charges and statements such as these:

- * *He must love God well and Holy Church.*
- * *They loved God well and all His lore and were in His service evermore.*

Similarly, the second oldest of the surviving early Masonic manuscripts, the Cooke Manual Script. (about 1420) refers to:

- * *Man's debt to God.*
- * *An invocation of the Trinity at the beginning, and a Closing Prayer.*

and, in particular, says a Mason is required:

- * *To love God and Holy Church and all Saints.*

In addition to these, many of the old Manual Scripts, Constitutions, or "Old Charges" - documents concerned with operatives' practices and requirements - contain instructions, often in Latin, prescribing a form of administering the oath. The earliest of these instructions appears in the Grand Lodge Manual Script, dated 1583. Translated from the Latin, its opening passage begins:

"Then one of the elders holds out a book and he or they (that are to be sworn) shall place their hands upon it and the following precepts shall be read".

This is very much like our present day practice of swearing on oath in Court, but it cannot be assumed that the "Book" here referred to is the Bible. It may be the "Book of Charges" - ie, a copy of the Constitutions - for it is to be remembered that the first complete Bible in Britain was not printed until 1535, and only fifty years later would not have been widely available.

The Colne Manual Script No 1, which appeared in about 1685, describes the manner in which a Candidate should receive the Charge. This refers to the oath or obligation taken.

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This month**

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

Go check it out.

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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 June we celebrate the end of the academic year with our children and get to experience their joy in seeing a fun summer ahead of them. We get to reflect on how fun those summers were when the bell rang for our last day of the school year and maybe even remember some of our childhood friends we haven't seen in a while. We get to experience this because we are Fathers and celebrate our own unique day this month also. Even for those who might not have kids of their own but serve as the positive fatherly role model for someone who needs it or perhaps as the mentor who is helping guide another when they need help, they get to share in the day as well.



While we celebrate our special day this month, let's remember to reach out to our Brothers and see how they are doing. There are some great events coming up which gives us more opportunities to get out and socialize. Also, as the weather is getting better, more lodges have begun using the members lounge much more. Often on Monday nights there are Brothers who come over after practice or degrees just to enjoy some of that social discourse we all need. Please come and enjoy the members lounge, take pictures, and share these good times with all of our Brothers.

From the Commander

When Pope Leo XIII, in his 1884 encyclical *Humanum Genus*, admonished the Roman Catholic faithful to expose Masonic subversions wherever found, the fervent response came from the least likely of quarters.



Leo Taxil—the pen name of one-time Mason, longtime pornographer, and anti-Catholic polemicist Gabriel Jorgand-Pages—became an outspoken leader in the pontiff's anti-Masonic crusade.

After authoring several pious tracts and performing a lengthy penance, he was ultimately absolved. He then devoted his considerable literary energy not only to extolling the Roman faith but to asserting Freemasonry's impious roots.

The books were very well received, and in 1887 the publisher who confirmed Catholic suspicions about Masonic diabolism was granted a private audience with the Holy Father.

For a number of centuries before this unlikely team of pontiff and pornographer, the Roman Catholic Church was alternately Masonry's benefactor and nemesis.

Taxil's exposes continued for more than a decade in books that were widely distributed throughout the Catholic world. In 1895, he was joined by Diana Vaughan, a former Palladian Grand Priestess who claimed lineage from the seventeenth-century Rosicrucian and alchemist Thomas Vaughan. Diana had recently converted to Catholicism and was now in hiding in France, fearing mortal consequences should the Craft ever discover her whereabouts.

Over a period of two years Vaughan, in volumes entitled *Memoires d'une ex-Palladiste* that were published by Taxil, documented female Freemasons' role in the Palladium. She described ceremonies in which serpents seductively slithered across the bare breasts of Mistress's Templar. Moreover, she disclosed the sordid details of the Palladium's recent history.

Taxil's and Vaughan's testimonies confirmed the Church's wildest speculations. Catholic scholars pounced on this miraculous wealth of firsthand material. Bishop Fava of Grenoble published a booklet exposing "women's lodges" as harems and brothels for Freemasons. Leon Meurin, the bishop of Port Louis (now Mauritius), compared notes with Taxil, which Meurin later published in his treatise *Lafranc-maconnerie, synagogue de Satan*.

Fava and Meurin's polemics expanded on a long-established line of Catholic anti-Masonic writing.

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From the Master of Kadosh

June, for many, is the start of summer and soon the Summer Solstice will arrive. There have been some articles in the Rite Word about the Winter Solstice but what about that other Solstice and Midsummer Day?

The word "solstice" comes from the Latin "solsistre" meaning "sun stood still".

When the sun changes direction and days start, again, to become shorter, it appears that the sun halts it's movement, briefly.

The date of the Summer Solstice is often taken to be June 20 however that is not always the case. The astronomical year is 365.25 days. Because of this, in the Northern Hemisphere, the actual date of the event can shift from June 20 to June 22.

This longest day of the year has been observed by civilizations for a very long time. The Egyptians saw the Solstice as the start of the Nile River's annual flooding which resulted in water for the crops and a guarantee of plentiful harvests, meaning plenty of food. At Stonehenge, on this day, the sun rose behind the entrance and the light was channeled into the center of the structure.

Midsummer Day is locked-in on June 24, first, due to the old Julian Calendar. Shakespeare used this date in the play Midsummer Night's Dream. It seems there is a Celtic myth that on that night, fairies were active as the characters in play were to find out.

Second, Midsummers Day was set as the Feast of St. John the Baptist, one of Masonry's two Saints John, by the early church. Their basis was that the Gospel of Luke placed his date of birth 6 months before the birth of Jesus, which they had set on December 24. Thus, June 24 became the Feast of St. John the Baptist.

Freemasonry observes June 24 as the Festival of St. John the Baptist and refers to him in our ritual. To Masons, this should be the time to renew and strengthen fraternal ties.



From the Chief Knight

During the June dinner, the Knights of Saint Andrew will be performing Accolades for a couple of our members. While any black-hat member of Scottish Rite can be a part of KSA, this knighting ceremony is particular to our group and extends that special display of our fraternal bond.



Our plans for the Highland Games on Labor Day weekend are coming together and we are looking forward to all interested Scottish Rite families (that's right, not just the men!) to come out and have a good time. We are working with other Valley's to make sure there is a place for folks to hang out and socialize between events. The games are surrounded with great vendors for all types of wares, a great vendue for watching the athletic events, outstanding displays of Highland Dance as well as pipes and drums units performing, and perhaps one of my favorites.... the Whiskey Tasting experience. It might be one of my favorite experiences there because several years I would bump into Randy and Micki Downey and enjoy a few of the many many bourbons and whiskeys, then compare notes.

KSA is a service based organization that helps support activities throughout the Valley. Most of our work is done while we are at the monthly stated meetings which keeps the load light while helping things run smoother. During important visits, KSA provides an Arch of Steel salute to dignitaries as well as providing a Flag Presentation team. The Flag Presentation team is also often called upon for blue lodge installations. No kilt is needed and we have a cooler hat than the other bodies. Come out and see what we are about

Tim Lopez

Bill M. Fiel

Meditating on the Tree of Life, Part I

In last month's article, we learned about the center pillar of the Kabbalistic Tree of Life. This month, we will discuss a few meditation techniques you can try. If you already have a meditation routine, skip this article and wait for next month's issue.

Meditation is a practice you learn to do. It takes practice and consistency. There are many ways to do it, probably as many ways as there are people who regularly meditate. Some people think that meditation is little more than thinking about something. Actually, it is a lot more. The topic or subject may be the same but the techniques are vastly different.

Meditation is a mental exercise for the purpose of reaching a heightened level of spiritual awareness. That means we are reaching beyond the five senses of human nature. And it means we will use new and different methods to reach that higher awareness.

First, you need a place to meditate. The family room, while family is watching TV or playing video games is not going to work. You need a place that is quiet and free from interruptions, like the bathroom. Not joking.

People who meditate regularly prepare a place, typically but not necessarily a dedicated room in their homes. When you visit somebody's home and learn that they have a chapel or special room, you have found a true practitioner. And when somebody is in there with the door closed, the family understands not to disturb them except in an emergency.

When you think of people in meditation, you often visualize somebody in the "lotus position", sitting on the floor, cross-legged, with each foot placed on the opposite thigh, soles facing upward. If you are young, flexible, and of normal weight, you might be able to achieve this position with a little effort and discomfort. If you do yoga, you can probably do it with little or no effort.

Most of us would sit on the floor, legs folded with feet below the knees, which positions the knees above the waist. This is called Sukhasana or the "easy pose". Like most things that come easy, the easy pose offers a significantly reduced benefit. When it comes to a seating position, the idea is to keep your knees below your waist. Thus the qi (pronounced: chee) flows properly in your body. What is qi?

Going with the flow

Qi is an East Asian concept. The word literally means "vapor", "air", or "breath". Believers in qi describe it as a vital force, the flow of which must be unimpeded for health. In the West, qi is considered pseudoscientific because its existence cannot be verified by existing scientific methods. Yet qi is the basis upon which acupuncture is said to work. Is acupuncture an effective treatment? Millions of patients say yes.

In Kabbalistic studies, we do not limit ourselves to a scientific approach to reality. After all, nobody can prove that God exists, yet every regular Freemason believes in God. The proof of divine existence comes from making contact, which is the ultimate goal of mystic study and practice.

Back to sitting. Most Westerners cannot fold themselves into the lotus position. And we learned that the easy position is essentially ineffective. So what do we do? The easiest thing is to sit on a padded stool or chair. Then you sit up straight and cross your legs at the ankles. Then your knees are below your waist. And you can sit that way long enough to achieve results.

Do not cross your legs the conventional way by placing one leg atop the

opposite thigh. That elevates one knee above the waist, which defeats the purpose of achieving proper flow of qi.

Relaxing your body

You must relax to relieve built up tension in your body. You accomplish this one part at a time. Maybe start with your face, then extend to your neck and shoulders. Or start with the fingers of one hand, then the hand itself, extending to the arm; or the toes of one foot, then the foot itself, extending to the ankle and knee. After relaxing the extremities, focus on relaxing your back. But keep your body upright without being stiff or slouching.

Just the act of consciously relaxing can be a big help after an intense day at work. In fact, beginning meditators have been known to fall asleep shortly after completing their relaxation work. If that happens to you, it is because you need the rest.

Assuming you have not fallen asleep, and with your body in a proper position, we move to positioning the mind. Typically, the practitioner begins by concentrating on his/her breathing or repeating a mantra. The idea here is to focus your mind on doing something. You cannot simply clear your mind. You need something to displace whatever is going on in there.

Focusing your mind

Normal breathing is regulated by the autonomic nervous system. That is, you do it involuntarily and unconsciously. But you can control of your breathing by doing it consciously and deliberately. By controlling your breathing you focus your mind.

What do you say to somebody having a panic attack? "Sit down and breathe...slowly and deeply." Panic is also autonomic. But you can manage the feelings of panic by taking control of your breathing. See, how useful learning all this stuff can be.

The use of Mantra came from Hinduism and Buddhism. Mantra has been in use for thousands of years. An individual mantra is a word or sound repeated many times to aid mental concentration for your meditation. A mantra is a mystical formula of invocation or incantation.

Invocation versus Incantation

Invocation is the act or process of petitioning for help or support. When capitalized, Invocation means a prayer or entreaty. In contrast, incantation or conjuration is the use of spells or verbal charms spoken or sung as a part of a ritual magic. For our intents and purposes, we will invoke but not incantate.

An example of incantation is "Avada Kedavra", Aramaic for "I will destroy as I speak", straight from the Harry Potter series. And everybody knows "abracadabra" which was a magic charm to ward off misfortune, harm, or illness. It dates to 3rd century CE and Quintus Serenus Sammonicus (d 212 CE) in his *Liber Medicinalis*.

Anatomy of a Mantra

A well-known mantra used in meditation is "Om Mani Padme Hum" (pronounced ohm, mahnee, pahdmay, hum). Om is the primordial sound and the ancient equivalent of the Big Bang that sparked the universe into existence. Mani is a jewel, Padme is a

lotus flower, and Hum complements Om. Taken together, the words can mean, "praise to the jewel in the lotus".

The lotus, like the water lily, grows in water. The both have white flowers, although some lilies have a rose color while some lotuses are pink. They are related but still different plants. The main difference is that the lotus leaves and flowers rise above the surface of the water, while those of the water lily float on the surface of the water.

The lotus flower is regarded as a symbol of fertility, beauty and wealth. Hindus believe that every individual has a spirit of the holy lotus flower inside them, thereby associating this flower with life and existence.

The water lily symbolizes beauty, unity, peace, and finding balance. Buddhists regard the water lily flower as a symbol of rising from the mundane to the spiritual world. Of course, Masons immediately think of the lilies, symbolizing purity, that decorated the chapiters of the two freestanding pillars of King Solomon's Temple.

Using the Mantra

Repeating a mantra helps you to focus your mind. How many times should you recite a mantra? Advanced practitioners often say a single mantra 1,000 times during a directed meditation. They may also recite multiple mantras during a single meditation, which can go on for hours.

How much time should you spend in your first meditation? Five minutes is plenty. What counts is that you meditate consistently, daily, and with intent. After a few weeks, you might extend your meditation time to 10 minutes. Another way to look at it, if you feel pressured or exhausted, you're doing it wrong.

Ready to get started? There are many online sources of guided meditations. Two examples are listed below. However the best way is to work in-person with somebody who meditates regularly, or ideally, somebody who teaches meditation practices.

Insight Timer has a no-cost 13-minute audio recording.

<https://insighttimer.com/dannyraphael/guided-meditations/sefirot-meditation-on-the-tree-of-life>

The Kabbalah Center offers 7 audio meditations for \$42.00

<https://store-us.kabbalah.com/products/tree-of-life-healing-meditation-by-alison-serour>

Next month we will try out a meditation on Malkuth, the sephira representing us and our world.



From the Commander continued

In 1738, about twenty years after the public debut of the first speculative lodge, the blind and all-but-bedridden Pope Clement XII condemned, not only any particular Masonic secret but Freemasonry's secrecy in general. "For if they were not doing evil," he reasoned in his bull In eminent, "they would not have so great a hatred of the light." Clement's bull also vaguely mentioned "other just and reasonable motives" for placing Freemasonry under edict.

Taxil reluctantly organized a conference in Paris at which Vaughan promised to publicly address the world for the first time.

When the day came, in the spring of 1897, Taxil mounted the stage alone. He proceeded to announce to the assembled press, clergy, and disgruntled Freemasons that for the past twelve years he had duped them all. Diana Vaughan was no more than an employee of an American type-writer company who once worked for Taxil as a stenographer. As mischievous as her employer, she had agreed to lend her name and face to Taxil's hoax.

The Palladium, for its part, was utter nonsense, as Freemasons and less naive Catholics had been saying for years. References to "real-life" Palladian Freemasons like Adriano Lemmi and Albert Pike were no more than elaborate libels a despicable but effective technique that Taxil had employed in his anti-clerical years to cast Pope Leo XIII as a homicidal maniac and Pope Pius IX as a sex fiend. Pike, though steeped in anti-Catholicism and racial bigotry, had nothing to do with global conspiracies or satanic rituals.

With a sneer, Taxil cynically thanked the Catholic press and prelates gathered at the conference. He had wanted only to expose their ignorance, and they had played along famously. The twelve-year charade also repaid a debt long owed to the Freemasons.

In 1881 the Temple of Friends of French Honor, embarrassed by Entered Apprentice Taxil's reputation for plagiarism and lewd fiction, had drummed him out of the Grand Orient.



From the Venerable Continued

"One if the eldest taking the Bible shall hold it forth that he or they which are to be made Masons may impose and lay their right hand upon it and then the Charge shall be read".

This appears to be the first clear reference to the VSL in the surviving Masonic documents.

Many of the later documents point out the importance attached to the VSL in Masonic ceremonies, and, in particular, in the taking of the Obligation by the Candidate. Here are two examples:

The Edinburgh Register Manual Script, of 1696, in describing "The forms of giving the Mason Word", says: 'You are to take the person to take the word upon his knees, and after a great many ceremonies... you make him take up the Bible and laying his right hand upon it you are to conjure him to sec(r)ecie...'

Samuel Prichard's exposure, "Masonry Dissected", of 1730, describes the taking of the Obligation in somewhat similar terms:

'... my naked Right Hand on the Holy Bible; there I took the Obligation (or oath) of a Mason'.

We can see from these the central place of the sacred writings in the ceremonies of the early Speculative Freemasons had thus been clearly established by the first few decades of the 18th Century.

Although there seems to be no evidence of any definite instructions by the Grand Lodge of England, or any official act of adoption by that body, it is fairly clear the term V of the SL was adopted somewhere about 1723 or just after, as a common title for the Holy Books of all religions - a term giving no offence to the adherents of any particular religion. But we cannot rule out that the use of the terms was associated with Charge I of the Charges in the 1723 Book of Constitutions. This provided, among other things, that

... though in ancient times Masons were charg'd in every country to be of the religion of that country or nation, whatever it was, yet 'tis now thought more expedient to oblige them to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves ...

A close reading of the Ritual reveals that the VSL is referred to both as part of the furniture of the Lodge, and also one of the Great Lights. This apparent inconsistency reflects one aspect of the development of our ceremonies. The sacred writings were first referred to as part of the furniture of the Lodge about 1730. A little later we find the Bible, Square and Compasses described as Pillars of the Lodge. The first known reference to Great Lights is to be found in France in 1745 but this meant what are now called Lesser Lights. The first reference to the VSL Square and Compasses as the Three Great Lights appears in English writings about 1760, and this usage was confirmed by the Lodge of Reconciliation set up in the early 1800's to settle differences of practice at the time of the formation of the

United Grand Lodge of England.

Freemasonry is non-sectarian and non-doctrinal in character. The presence of the VSL, on the altar of a Lodge may, therefore, appear at first glance at odds with this basic concept. But the VSL on our altars in New South Wales is not to be regarded as evidence that the Lodges of this Jurisdiction are Christian in character, although it is, of course, true that the majority of Lodge members are essentially Christian in their affiliations. Its presence is no more than a symbol, a representative of all the great books of the religious teachings, which have particular significance to particular groups of people. In some Jurisdictions other works replace the Bible on the altar. Singapore Lodge, a Lodge working under the English Constitution, uses no fewer than six Vs of SL of different faiths. As one Scottish Grand Lodge authority puts it: "The Volume of the Sacred Law, no matter though it be our Bible or the Sacred Writings of the Hindu, the Zendavesta of the Parsee, or the Koran of the Mohamadan, typifies the Mind or Will of the GAOTU, the Great First Cause - the Creator and Preserver of the Universe - the Great Life-Giver, that Great Unknown and Unknowable which is manifested in His Universe. As the VSL is not read in our Lodges, its teachings per se are of no consequence. It is a symbol and a symbol only, and it is shown as supporting the other two symbols, the Square and Compasses.

...for us it is an open Book, with only one word written thereon, and that word is "GOD".

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Harsh Rampershad

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

Night of Instruction and Agape Dinner

Tuesday June 20, 2023

6:30pm to 9:00pm

Brother David Kampschafer 32°
 Commander of Kadosh

Will present his paper

The Four Virtues

6:30pm Social

7:00pm Speaker

7:30pm Festive Agape Dinner

Cost is \$25 due at time of reservation

Requested Attire is White Tie, Tux or Dark Suit
 with Scottish Rite Cap

If we do not have the minimum number this
 event will be cancelled.

Stated Meeting Menu Tuesday

June 11th 2023

(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY call the office, by June 7 th)

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

Green Salad

Chicken Plicata

Rice

Mixed Veggies

Dessert

Remember if you do not have a reservation the cost of Dinner will be \$25 if and only if we can accommodate you.

From the Secretary

As we head into the Summer months the June and Aug meeting will be business casual. This means dockers and polo shirts or similar. No Jeans or tee shirts.

Our July meeting will be in Tux for our Annual Grand Master's Reception. Which also means we will be starting a little earlier that month at 5:50pm for our meeting.

In August we will have our annual BBQ meal.



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%.

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III. Richard Fisher 33° Reunion Class

Fall Dates TBD



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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_____	Degree Fee	Spring	Fall
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Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events

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

Lodge of Perfection Opens (Business Casual)

Tuesday June 20th ~ Night of Instruction 6:30pm

Tuesday July 11th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 5:30 pm

Lodge of Perfection Opens— Grand Master's Festive Board

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

Chapter Rose Croix Opens (Business Casual)

Thursday Aug 17th ~ SCVOA Meeting 6:30 pm

Friendship Lodge

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

Council Opens

Tuesday Sept 18th ~ SCVOA Meeting 6:30 pm

Golden Rule Lodge