



The Rite Word

From the Venerable Master

Greetings Brethren

In April we will be having our Scottish Rite Reunion. By showing your support at the degrees and talking to the candidates, you will make them feel welcome to our Valley. Please come to the April 4th, 5th, 25th and 26th degrees. The members in the cast would also appreciate your presence.



I would like to continuing to quote from a book by W. L. Wilmshurst "The Meaning of Masonry".

This is in reference to the meaning of "opening a Lodge".

"Three degrees or stages of such openings are postulated. First, one appropriate to the apprentice stage of development; a simple *Sursum corda!* or call to "loft up your hearts!" above the everyday level of external things.

Second, a more advanced opening, adapted to those who are themselves more advanced in the science and capable of greater things than apprentices. This opening is proclaimed to be "upon the square," which the First Degree opening is not. By which is implied that it is one specially involving the use of the psychic and higher intellectual nature.

Third, a still more advanced opening, declared to be "upon the center," for those of Master Mason's rank, and pointing to an opening up of consciousness to the very center and depths of one's being.

How far and to what degree any of us is able to open his personal Lodge determines his real position in Masonry and discloses whether we are in very fact Masters, Craftsmen or Apprentices, or only tutelary such.

Spring has come, and I hope everyone is in good health to enjoy the days ahead.

Reuben Rosenberg

Link to online petition:



**Please mark your calendars for the dates of the Reunion.
We appreciate all who can come out and show support.**

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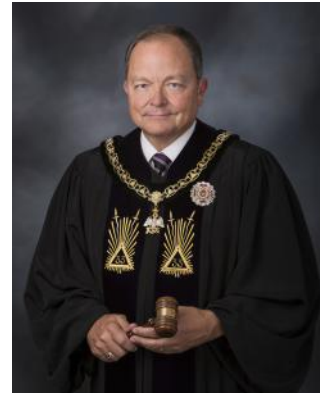
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Sovereign Grand Inspector
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The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of San Jose, in the Orient of California, acknowledge and yield all allegiance to the Supreme 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

I hope everyone's April is off to a good start. Hopefully, everyone has now adjusted to the time change and is ready for Spring and warmer weather. I have continued to be fascinated with the symbolism and significance of the colors we use in Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite.



Here's a little light reading on the significance of the colors within the Chapter of Rose Croix:

The Chapter of Rose Croix is a degree in the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, and its colors hold deep symbolic meaning. The Chapter of Rose Croix (or the 18th degree) often revolves around themes of spiritual enlightenment, the search for truth, and the resurrection. The colors associated with this degree—**blue, red, white**, and sometimes **purple**—carry rich symbolism:

1. Blue

- **Significance:** Blue is often associated with the **heavens** and **divine wisdom**. It represents spiritual elevation and enlightenment, symbolizing the quest for higher knowledge and understanding.

2. Red

- **Significance:** Red is a color that signifies **passion, strength**, and **sacrifice**. It also relates to the **sacrifice of Christ**, which is a central theme of the Rose Croix degree. Red evokes a sense of fervor, transformation, and renewal.

3. White

- **Significance:** White represents **purity, light**, and **spiritual renewal**. It is a symbol of **resurrection** and **immortality**. In the context of the Rose Croix, white also signifies the initiation into new knowledge and the continuous journey of personal transformation.

4. Purple

- **Significance:** Sometimes used in the context of the Rose Croix degree, purple is a combination of red and blue. It symbolizes the balance between **spiritual wisdom** and **earthly passion**, as well as the unity of **heaven and earth**. Purple is often linked with **royalty** and **nobility**, indicating a high spiritual calling.

Overall Symbolism:

The colors used in the Chapter of Rose Croix represent a journey from darkness (ignorance) to light (knowledge and spiritual growth). They reflect the process of death and resurrection, a theme that ties into the concept of **personal transformation** and **renewal**. Each color, with its individual meaning, contributes to the overarching lesson of self-improvement, enlightenment, and the pursuit of truth



From the Commander

Hello Brethren, hope everyone's April has gotten off to a great start. I often wondered about the following phrase at our opening, "Whose See is in Charleston." I researched this and found the following explanation:



- > In Scottish Rite Freemasonry, the phrase "whose See is in Charleston" refers to the historical origins of the Supreme Council, 33° of the Scottish Rite (Southern Jurisdiction, USA), which was established in Charleston, South Carolina in 1801.

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- > Breaking It Down:

- > • "See" is a term traditionally used to describe the seat or headquarters of a governing body, often in religious or organizational contexts.

- > • Charleston was the birthplace of the Mother Supreme Council of the world, making it the first and oldest governing body of the Scottish Rite.

- > • The phrase acknowledges the Supreme Council's jurisdiction and authority, specifically referencing its historical roots in Charleston.

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- > Even though the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction (SJ), is now headquartered in Washington, D.C., Charleston remains symbolically significant as the original home of the Scottish Rite's governing body.

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From the Master of Kadosh

A Journey of Reflection and Brotherhood

April is a month of renewal and reflection, marked by the observance of Holy Week for Christians around the world and deeply significant for Freemasons who honor their principles of brotherhood and moral rectitude.

Holy Week, the final week of Lent and the week before Easter, is a sacred period in the Christian calendar. It begins with Palm Sunday, commemorating Jesus Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The week progresses through solemn observances, including Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Spy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, culminating in the celebration of Easter Sunday.

During Holy Week, Christians reflect on the Passion of Christ—his suffering, crucifixion, and resurrection. Palm Sunday is marked by the blessing of palm branches, symbolizing the palms waved by the crowd as Jesus entered Jerusalem. Maundy Thursday recalls the Last Supper, where Jesus established the Eucharist and washed the disciples' feet, embodying humility and service. Good Friday is a day of mourning, as believers commemorate Christ's crucifixion and death. Finally, Easter Sunday celebrates the resurrection, embodying the victory of life over death and light over darkness.

Freemasonry, a fraternal organization with centuries-old traditions, emphasizes moral integrity, intellectual pursuit, and the bonds of brotherhood. Freemasons are dedicated to the principles of truth, relief, and brotherly love. The organization values the pursuit of knowledge, personal development, and the betterment of society.

Freemasonry's rituals and symbols draw from various philosophical, religious, and historical sources. The square and compasses, the most recognizable symbols of Freemasonry, represent the tools of stonemasons and the moral lessons they embody. The organization is known for its charitable endeavors, fostering a sense of community and support among its members and the broader society.

The observance of Holy Week and the values of Freemasonry intersect in their shared emphasis on introspection, moral rectitude, and service to others. Both traditions encourage individuals to reflect on their actions, seek personal growth, and contribute to the greater good.

During Holy Week, Christians are called to contemplate the ultimate sacrifice of Christ and the profound love and forgiveness it represents. This period of reflection aligns with the Masonic practice of self-examination and the pursuit of higher moral standards. Freemasons are encouraged to live



by the principles of charity, humility, and integrity, which resonate with the themes of Holy Week. Furthermore, the fraternal nature of Freemasonry echoes the sense of community and brotherhood that is central to Holy Week observances. The fellowship among Freemasons mirrors the bond among Christians as they gather to commemorate the Passion of Christ and celebrate the resurrection.

As April unfolds, the confluence of Holy Week and Freemasonry offers a unique opportunity for individuals to deepen their spiritual and moral commitments. The themes of sacrifice, redemption, and brotherhood invite both Christians and Freemasons to engage in meaningful reflection and to seek ways to embody these values in their daily lives.

In conclusion, the month of April, with its celebration of Holy Week and the principles upheld by Freemasonry, serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of introspection, moral integrity, and community. It is a time for believers and Freemasons alike to renew their dedication to their faith and values, striving to make a positive impact on the world around them.

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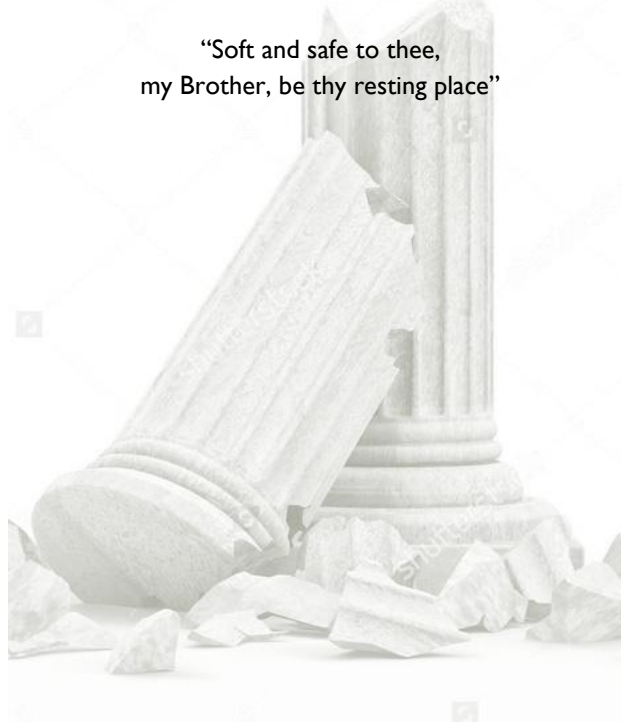
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Called From Labor

No Deaths Reported this month.

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



Congratulations to Hon. Dee Ayre 32° KCCH who will be presented his 50 year pin and certificate in his blue lodge (San Jose 10) on June 16th by Most Worshipful Art Salazar!



From the Chief Knight

I hope everyone is doing well! The Knights of Saint Andrews are planning to have a barbecue on Sunday May 18th, starting at 12:00pm downstairs at the Scottish Rite Center. All are welcome. Also, please mark your calendars for July 8th Grand Master's Festive Board. KSA will be performing the Arch of Steel, and will escort the flag that evening. If you haven't witnessed this impressive ceremony, here's your chance.



Here's a little information on the Arch of Steel:

In Scottish Rite Freemasonry, the Arch of Steel holds symbolic significance, particularly in the 29th degree, known as the Knight of Saint Andrew. This degree is part of the Rite's teachings and emphasizes the importance of duty, service, and the warrior-like virtues of dedication, loyalty, and sacrifice.

The Arch of Steel itself is a dramatic and ritualistic element within the degree, often involving candidates passing beneath or through it, symbolizing the transition from one stage of initiation to another. This ritual serves as a reminder of the strength, resolve, and protection required to uphold the principles of the Scottish Rite and Freemasonry in general.

Specifically, the Arch of Steel represents the commitment to protect and defend the Masonic fraternity, as well as the collective bond of brotherhood. It is also a symbol of the trials and challenges that a Freemason must endure in his personal journey of moral and spiritual development.

The ritual surrounding the Arch of Steel reinforces themes of courage, unity, and the importance of standing together in times of adversity, a central tenet of the Scottish Rite's philosophy. It is a powerful visual and symbolic gesture of a Mason's dedication to the ideals of the Rite and the Masonic brotherhood.

I'm sure everyone is aware of the terrible fire in Los Angeles recently. Our Almoner, Brother Kaleo Gagne is raising money for this event through the sales of wrist bands for the "Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund." Please make a donation and receive your

wrist band. He is selling them for \$20.00 each and he still has plenty left. Zelle is also accepted as payment.

If anyone is interested in joining the Knights of Saint Andrews, please let me or any other member know.

Chris Boyes-Chief Knight



Pictured above is the Knighting Ceremony that was conferred upon Brother Richard Rodriguez by the Knights of St. Andrew



Scottish Rite Polo Shirts

You can get your very own San Jose Scottish Rite Polo Shirt. These are high quality shirts. They are of a poly wicking material so they will not fade or shrink. They are available in either Black or White.

Cost is \$35 per shirt. Please contact the Secretary to place your order. We have run out of what we had on hand, but I am now taking orders for those that want them.

From the Clinic

Claire is a sweet and happy 2-year-old who came to RiteCare Childhood Language Center of San Jose in need of speech-language therapy services just before her second birthday. Her parents self-referred after hearing about the organization through a family friend, due to their concerns with Claire's speech development and limited sound repertoire. The state program was a longer process than expected for Claire's family and they were eager to get support as soon as possible for her speech and expressive language development. When her parents first brought Claire to RiteCare Childhood Language Center of San Jose, she was a little shy with new people, but so very excited to play and explore the new environment with the safety of her mother and father nearby on the floor with her. Claire initially made very few sounds or words that were recognizable to those outside of her family. She used a few gestures to communicate her immediate wants and needs, but her parents felt that since Claire is such a bright child, they were concerned that she was not able to fully communicate her immediate wants, needs, thoughts and ideas that she should for her developmental level.

Over the past few months, Claire has found her voice! She is much more communicative as she now works hard to make new sounds and imitate her parents and the SLP when they model sounds and words for her. Claire has further developed her gestural and sign language vocabulary as she continues to acquire new sounds and word approximations while developing her verbal skills. Claire's mother has expressed her joy at seeing her daughter make progress, "She has been given so many more sounds and signs since we have been coming to speech. She is being challenged, and I am so proud and grateful for her progress. It has been rewarding watching Claire grow more confident with vocalizing her needs. She is learning that speech is a tool to get her needs met faster and is definitely seeing the benefit. It's been amazing watching her personality unfold as she grows more confident."

Not only has Claire persevered with learning to say sounds and words, but her parents have also learned to be amazing play and speech-language models. At a young age, the most important relationship is the child and par-



ent. Through coaching and modeling, Claire's parents have learned speech and language stimulation techniques they have taken home with them, and they now provide speech and language modeling that is consistently needed for their daughter. We know that Parents are the experts of their own children and Claire's parents are the true example of this in the way they listen, play, and communicate with their daughter. When asked if their family would recommend the RiteCare Childhood Language Center of San Jose resource to other families, Claire's mother was enthusiastic in her response, "The center has been prompt and very effective in helping Claire get the help she needs. Jen is so easy to work with and we have seen so much progress with her guidance."



List of Requested Books for Clinic Library – Updated 7/23/24

Book Titles from www.socialthinking.com

Superflex takes on Rock Brain and the Team of Unthinkables

Superflex takes on Brain Eater and the Team of Unthinkables

Superflex takes on Glassman and the Team of Unthinkables

Superflex takes on One-Sided Sid, Un-Wonderer and the Team of Unthinkables

Superflex and Focus Tron to the Rescue!

Superflex and Kook Q. Cumber to the Rescue! You are a Social Detective!

Eye Power/Learning to Use the Power of your Eyes Volume 1

Eye Power/Learning to Use the Power of your Eyes Volume 2

We Thinkers! Series Volume 2 Social Problem Solvers (5 books in series - Hidden Rules and Expected and Unexpected Behaviors, Smart Guess, Flexible and Stuck Thinking, Size of the Problem, Sharing an Imagination)



Sodom and Gomorrah

Last time, we learned how Abraham negotiated with God in an effort to stop the Almighty from destroying the five cities of Sodom. Why destroy them? Because of the bad behavior of the inhabitants. Abraham persuaded the Lord to promise him not to destroy the towns if just ten righteous people could be found living there.

We turn to Genesis chapter 19. The two angels who sojourned with the Lord at Abraham's encampment have arrived at Sodom and encountered Lot, Abraham's nephew, sitting at the city gate.

Lot Offers the Angels Hospitality

"And there came two angels (disguised as men) to Sodom at even [end of the day]; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them [the two angels] rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; And he [Lot] said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they [the two angels] said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. And he [Lot] pressed upon them greatly; and they [the two angels] turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat." Genesis 19:1-3

"But before they lay down (to sleep), the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them." Verses 4-5

Most of us understand the concept of "to know in the Biblical sense". The men of Sodom wanted to gang-rape the two men staying at Lot's house. As the host, Lot is obligated to protect any guest staying under his roof. But he is one man facing half the town.

"And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof." Verses 6-8

To us 21st century folk, the idea of offering your daughters to be raped by a mob is absolutely unthinkable and thoroughly disgusting. Obviously, Lot was desperate.

"And they [the mob] said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow [Lot] came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee [Lot], than with them [the angels disguised as men]. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door." Verse 9

The mobsters declared that Lot was just a short-term resident. And when he said, "brethren, do not so wickedly", Lot acted like a self-appointed judge over his neighbors. Lot was about to lose his life. The two angels swung into action.

"But the men [the disguised angels] put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door. And they smote the men [in the mob] that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door." Verses 10-11

The angels subdued the mobsters by temporarily blinding them. Thus blinded, they couldn't find the door to Lot's house. Everybody was safe inside but not for long. It was time to get out of town.

Escape from Sodom

"And the men [the disguised angels] said unto Lot, Hast thou here any (family) besides (those in your house)? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it." Verses 12-13

In verse 8, Lot described his daughters as being virgins. But now we find out that they were married, or perhaps betrothed, each to a man of Sodom.

"And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law." Verse 14

The sons-in-law thought Lot was joking. Perhaps they, like the other citizens of Sodom, assumed their collective behavior was perfectly acceptable. And, not being affiliated with Abraham, they had no idea who "the Lord" was or why he would destroy their town.

"And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters,

which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. And while he [Lot] lingered, the men [the disguised angels] laid hold upon his [Lot's] hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the Lord being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city." Verses 15-16

There is a hint of the supernatural here. The group didn't walk or ride out of town. They were "brought forth" and then "set" or placed outside the city. The angels tell Lot to head for the hills. Lot doesn't like that idea.

Seeking Refuge

"And it came to pass, when they had brought them [Lot's family] forth abroad, that he [one of the angels] said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. And Lot said unto them [the angels], Oh, not so, my Lord: Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die: Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, is it not a little one? and my soul shall live." Verses 17-20

Afraid of some unknown evil or danger that might befall Lot and family if they stayed outdoors, Lot wanted to relocate to a nearby town.

"And he [one of the angels] said unto him [Lot], See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken. Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar." Verses 21-23

Zoar means "small" or "insignificance" in Hebrew, or as Lot called it, "a little one". It was located southeast of the Dead Sea and one of the five cities: Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboim, and Zoar; that God intended to destroy. But thanks to Lot's plea for a place of refuge, Zoar was spared. Apparently Lot's group travelled all night. By the next morning, they arrived. And then it happened...

"Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground."

Verses 24-25

Lot's Wife

Despite all that the two angels did for Lot and his family, Lot's wife apparently was not paying attention to the instruction, "look not behind thee": "But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt." Verse 26

Why did she look back? Jewish legend offers three suggestions:

1. She liked Sodom's way of life and mourned the loss of the city.
2. She looked behind her to see if her daughters, who were married or betrothed to men of Sodom, were following.
3. On the night the two angels visited Lot, he requested that his wife prepare a feast for them. But they were out of salt, so she asked her neighbors for some, which alerted the town that the Lot household was entertaining guests.

The story of Lot's wife becoming a pillar of salt appears to be based in part on a folk legend explaining a geographic feature. A pillar of salt (actually stone) named "Lot's wife" is located near the Dead Sea at Mount Sodom in Israel. A second one is located across the Dead Sea, in Jordan, not far from the ruins of a Byzantine Monastery.

Back in verse 19, Lot was afraid to escape to the mountains, fearing some unspecified evil. After the destruction, he was afraid to stay in town. Lot and his daughters headed for the hills.

Hoping to Save the Human Race

"And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters. And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:" Verses 30-31

The daughters, who may have never travelled beyond the five cities, seemed to believe that the entire world had been destroyed, and they and their father were the only people left on earth. Therefore, they should to procreate in order to save the human race. Assuming their father would not agree to incest, they made a plan to obtain his cooperation.

"Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie

with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father." Verses 33-36

Apparently Lot had no idea what happened. At some point, he learned that both his daughters are pregnant. Perhaps he assumed that their respective husbands were the fathers, and were now tragically lost to brimstone and fire. At least the pregnancies were successful.

"And the first born bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day. And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Ben-ammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon (Ammonites) unto this day." Verses 37-38

Why are those names significant? In the following centuries, the Ammonites inhabited the country east of the Jordan river. The Moabites inhabited the country east of the Dead Sea. Neither nation showed any kindness to the Israelites as they passed through their territories during the exodus. As a result, they were prohibited from "entering the congregation of the Lord to the tenth generation", per Deuteronomy 23:3. Their lack of hospitality was attributed to their progenitors being products of incest.

Next time, we will rejoin Abraham and his continuing adventures.

David Drouillard



Stated Meeting Menu Tuesday

April 8th 2025

(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY call the office, by April 4th)

Assorted Appetizers

Pork Tenderloin

w/Brandy Raisin Glaze

Potatoes au gratin

Vegetables

Mixed Green Salad

Garlic Breadsticks

Dessert

Invite family & friends. We need you to make your reservations by the Friday before. No Exceptions.

From the Secretary

As I've said before, we have a lot of people participating in the degrees and all the setup that goes around them, and there are still opportunities (and needs) for others to pitch in and help. So, this is my pitch for you to get involved. If there's a particular role you'd like to do or a specific area you'd like to be involved in, let me know.



I want to thank everyone that contributes so much of their time, energy, and effort to making our events successful. I really do appreciate it.

I think we all know we can make a difference, but sometimes we need to feel like we are making a difference.

Author Foster C. McClellan once said, "Trust yourself. Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement." So let's fan those inner sparks...come on down and join us...make a difference. Together we can achieve great things.

Bud Ramsey

III. Bob Winter 33° Reunion Class

April 4th and 5th and April 11th and 12th



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."

_____	Degree Fee	Spring	Fall
<i>Candidate's Signature</i>		\$200	\$200
_____	Annual Dues	\$90	\$0 (For Current Year)
1st Sponsor PRINTED NAME			
_____	Total Due:	\$290	\$200
<i>1st Sponsor Signature</i>			

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

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Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events

April 4th and 5th ~ Scottish Rite Reunion

Friday and Saturday—4th thru 18th Degrees

Tuesday April 8th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:30 pm

Council Opens

Thursday April 17th ~ Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm

Night of Remembrance and Renewal

Light dinner followed by the Ceremony

April 25th and 26th ~ Scottish Rite Reunion

Friday and Saturday—19th thru 32nd Degrees

Tuesday May 13th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:30 pm

Consistory Opens

Tuesday June 10th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:30 pm

Lodge of Perfection Opens

Tuesday July 8th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:30 pm

Chapter Opens (casual dress)