



## The Rite Word

### From the Venerable Master

It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.

—Aristotle

Welcome back my friends.....

It was a cold and misty morning when I left Pacific Grove for my drive up to the Scottish Rite but it warmed up quick on the way. I suffered in silence as I tried to get the air working and continued the trek up from the Monterey Peninsula to San Jose. I started thinking, it was my first trip to the Scottish Rite Center in a year for a meeting. It was a great moment for me to walk in and see all of the improvements and our building in its fresh new state. A fitting beginning for the opening back up of California and getting back to normal. I was honored to open the Lodge of Perfection for the first time sitting in the East. I encourage everyone to come up see the new Scottish Rite Center and attend our meetings & events as we continue this year.

July as always is the month of celebration of the birth of our nation on the Fourth. This year is especially poignant as our society reopens and continues to heal from the long social and political winter of this last year.

Also in July is Bastille Day, national birthday of the new republic of France. So named after the storming of the Bastille Castle and prison in Paris on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1789. This, along with our American Revolution a few years earlier help cap off the long historical period known as the Age of Enlightenment which also gave birth to modern Masonry as we know it to-



day.

A hero of this period is the Marquis de La Fayette. A Mason and friend of Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and Benjamin Franklin was instrumental in helping found our great Nation. Having helped in the Revolutionary War he went home to France and formed the National Constituent Assembly where with others wrote the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen. This work became the template for the Declaration of the Independence and the creation of 'Natural law, the basic principles of the democratic nation-state. One we continue to enjoy in our Great Society today. He was so impressed with the new society we had created, having suffered through a recent upheaval in his own country with the French Revolution which started with the storming and destruction of the state prison the aforementioned Bastille Castle in Paris and as Brother George Washington described him as a friend and father, he gave him a key to Bastille which you can see to this day in the main hall of Mount Vernon. Lafayette was an exponent of the ideals of the Age of Enlightenment, especially on human rights and civic nationalism, and his views were taken very seriously by intellectuals and others on both sides of the Atlantic. To this day, his grave is the only place in France where the Flag of the United States flies each day.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our meetings and events in the coming months.

Philosophy is a kind of journey, ever learning yet never arriving at the ideal perfection of truth. ~ Albert Pike

*Mark Burger*



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"Soft and safe to thee,  
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### Reunion

We are working on finalizing the dates of the Reunion to be held in October. Stay tuned for next months Rite Words for the dates.

In the mean time, please start talking to your bothers wo are not Scottish Rite masons and start getting in their applications.

Also we are looking for some folks to join in our Degree teams, specifically we have a number of openinngs both speaking and non speaking in the 30th degree. Please let the secretary know if you are interested in taking a part.

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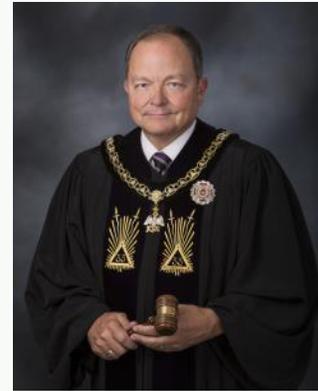
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### From the Wise Master

Just the other day as I looked at my watch I thought about where we are in God's time. The book of Genesis skips from billions of years of creation and many thousands of axial line and polarity changes of the earth to Adam.



Adam was the beginning of the current human race (*Homo erectus*). Curious to think that was the beginning of the timeline of the Torah; perhaps between 7 and five thousand years ago. A lot has happened since then in human terms. Noah was a descendant of Adam and was the beginning of our current timeline. That timeline started with the destruction of the earth by water. For those of you who need to refresh on this story read Genesis 5 and 6. Here God promises to never again destroy the earth by water.

Let's fast forward to Isaiah 24. Where are we now in God's time? There is a hint that God's plan is to destroy the earth by fire. This will connect with the creation before Adam. A science that God created in the beginning is one that our world leaders can either connect with now or try to do battle with using the people as pawns. That doesn't solve where we will grow our food 50 years from now.

I mentioned that the earth has undergone many polarity and axial changes. These happen every 25,000 years. In December of 2012 the earth started a new cycle; and eventually will change to magnetic south and will also tilt axis 15 degrees in the opposite direction. This will expose the 3 mile ice shelf of Antarctica to equatorial sun as well as expose the Arctic to melting climates. North America will become the extreme north and over a period of 25,000 years the glaciers will reinvest themselves in our rock formations and most of our land will be uninhabitable. Get a globe out and tilt it the other way and see where things fall. Interesting how this fire thing works. **Continued on Page 8**

### From the Commander of Kadosh

We are beginning to plan for a Fall Reunion and there is much excitement in our Valley at the prospect of being back together in person to welcome new candidates into our beloved Scottish Rite. As you know, one of the five mandatory degrees to be exemplified is the 30<sup>th</sup> Degree, Knight Kadosh or Knight of the White and Black Eagle.



The 30<sup>th</sup> is the last of the Chivalric Degrees and Jacques De Molay, the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar, is the historic figure exemplified and associated with the legend of this degree. We are all familiar with the history of the Knights Templars, the King of France and the Pope in the early part of the 14<sup>th</sup> century which culminated in the death of the Grand Master. In "A Bridge to Light," the primary purpose of this degree is said to be "to make real, in action, the noblest sentiments of man. The Knight Kadosh is charged to restore to man all his powers and dignity of manhood and to make true again the ancient description of man that he was made in the image of the Deity.

With this in mind, I will share for your contemplation, several thoughts from the Legenda of this degree. It is said that Pike used the Legenda to "amplify the teachings" and form the essence of the lecture of the degree and the duties of a Knight Templar.

--- War against Ignorance. All forms of tyranny are nourished by ignorance:

Ask all people of the past who have suffered abuses and persecution ... the cost of Ignorance and Fanaticism, and what deplorable excesses it can lead mankind (Legenda XIXXXX).

---War against Despotism. Despots seek first of all to control men's actions. Then, their thoughts.

The Templars made no issue with liberal and well-regulated government. They were not at first, nor are they now, the advocates of radicalism and unbridled popular license, itself the worst of tyrannies; but they do believe that a constitutional Monarchy, or a well-regulated and safely balanced Republic, based on an inviolable Constitution, expressing the will and having the assent of the people, is the only government to which a moral and enlightened human being ought to submit (Legenda XIX-XXX). **Continued on Page 8**

## From the Master of Kadosh

I wish all is well with everyone, and I just wanted to say how elated I was to see familiar friendly faces, as well as new faces last month during the June in-person Stated meeting at the San Jose Scottish Rite temple. It has been more than 15 months since everyone broke bread and enjoyed fellowship with one another. I'm pretty sure everyone felt the same way as I did. There was also an Open-house event held on Sunday prior to the Stated meeting which was attended by more than forty people consisting of our brothers and friends, which is truly remarkable. I would like to personally thank all of the brothers for their continued support towards our Valley, as well as the leadership that works tirelessly putting countless hours behind the scenes to make the transition back to normalcy the more seamless.



When we look at history books about Pyramids, we often see the Great Pyramids of Giza in Egypt, The Pyramids of the Sun and Moon in Teotihuacán in central Mexico, The Ziggurat of Ur in Iraq. But what if I told you that there is such a Pyramid much older and tremendously more massive than all of those I've mentioned above. Join me as we take a glimpse of this ancient structure known as Gunung Padang.

Located in South East Asia, West Java, Indonesia, Gunung Padang is considered to be the largest megalithic structure in all of South East Asia. It was first discovered back in 1914 by Dutch explorers who then announced that it is no more than a natural land formation. I wouldn't blame them since it was probably covered by a dense jungle during that time. Fast forward to 2010, A geologist named Dr. Danny Natawidjaja from Cal Tech raised the idea that Gunung Padang is a man-made Pyramid instead of it just being a mountain. Dr. Danny Natawidjaja and his team of archeologists and geologists conducted their study from 2010 to 2015 by using advanced ground-penetrating radar, seismic tomography, resistivity surveys, and other remote sensing technology available during that time. They also did some direct excavations and as well as deep-core drilling/sampling on the site. In 2012, Samples with carbon elements taken from the core-drilling from the depths of 5-15 meters were sent to Beta Analytic in Miami, Florida, show results that the age of the samples were about 13,000- 20,000+ years old. The said results were deemed controversial by mainstream archeology since it has the ability to re-write the history books, therefore the findings were rejected and dismissed. I wonder if you can re-

call the article I wrote about Gobekli Tepe a few months ago, which had similar results of around 13,000+ years old. At this point I wouldn't be surprised anymore since forensic technology is advancing every minute.

Gunung Padang stands about 885 meters or about 2,904 feet in height, eclipsing that of which of the Pyramids of Giza in Egypt. The site covers a mountain in a series of five terraces bordered by retaining walls of stone which is composed of Andesite, which is a type of volcanic rock with a combined composition of Rhyolite and Basalt. There is a portion of the site that is covered by Andesite monolithic blocks that was made into 400 steps rising to about 95 meters or 312 feet, this does not include the whole structure. To put this in perspective, the tallest Pyramid in the Giza plateau complex stands in at 455 feet from the base to the tip. Geoelectric and Georadar surveys confirmed that there had been evidence of construction around the site and that the formation is man-made and did not coincidentally form squared or geometrical patterns naturally.

The idea of building a massive structure with hexagonal monolithic blocks with columnar joints certainly is an artistic sight to behold during the time of construction. It is a shame that it did not stand the test of time, given the variables of erosion due to the yearly monsoon rains, earthquakes, and random growth of trees and vegetation as well as the weight of the monolithic blocks, lead to the demise of the site.

One more fascinating feature of this site is that there is an underground chamber located 15 meters or 50 feet below the surface between the 2nd and 3rd terrace according to the data found by using ground penetrating radar. No one knows what the artificial cavity may contain since more than 34 scientists lobbied the political authorities therefore halting the excavation that is being conducted by Dr. Danny Natawidjaja and his team until further notice. This fact reminded me of Zahi Hawass, Minister of Egyptian antiquities, prevented archeologists and scientists who presented data from ground penetrating radars, to explore the hidden chambers of the Pyramids of Giza and underground tunnels of the Sphinx. Up to this day, Gunung Padang is yet to be fully discovered. Only time will tell.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John P. ...'.

## Twenty-Eighth Degree — Knight Commander of the Temple

### Constans is Tempted by Love for His Lady

While pacing around the room, Constans thinks aloud, "At last, I am about to realize my desire! I have but this short vigil, and I will reach my goal! 'Tis surely but a simple task, for what can tempt or harm my here, alone before this sacred altar?"

At this juncture, we hear the sound of a harp playing a waltz. Constans recognizes it, "How well I know those strains! 'Tis a measure to which I have often danced with her. With her! (Referring to his lady.)

Suddenly, an Officer (of the Chapter) appears and takes Constans by surprise. He says, "Constans, what do you here alone, in all this gloom and atmosphere of tedious sanctity? We wait for you where all is light, joy, color, and harmony! The feast is tasteless in your absence; without you the dance lags. What are you doing in this dark and incense-smothered air? Come with me!"

Constans responds, "Behold my arms (referring to the sword and other items he is guarding). I am set to watch for this one night. I dare not leave, or I become dishonored. Dear friend, this time, I cannot come."

The Officer then enhances the temptation. "Nay Constans, I bear a message from your lady. She bids me say that in your absence she takes no joy in feast or dance; sadless and melancholy seize upon her; and she bids you, by the troth that you pledged to her, to hasten to her side!"

A *troth* is a pledge to be faithful. It is usually connected with engagement to be married. From it we derive the words *betrothal* meaning an engagement, and *betrothed* meaning the person who is engaged.

After a short pause, Constans replies, "My good friend, say to my lady that now, as ever, my heart and faith are hers alone, and I will ever do her bidding in all that touches not my honor; but this thing (abandoning his post) I cannot so and retain my honor. I cannot come."

The Officer doubles down. "Be careful, Constans. At the feast is your ancient rival; he sits beside your lady in the seat you should have, and constantly whispers in her ear. She asks me to say that if you do not come at once, you will prove your lack of love for her. Unless you come now, come never, nor look again upon her face." He pauses and then continues, "Come Constans; none will know of your absence (from his overnight vigil) other than we, who are tried and trusty friends, and you can return long before dawn."

Constans has a visible mental struggle. He turns toward the altar in silent prayer. Then he responds, "No! I will not come! Be gone, and tempt me no more! I will keep my vigil!" After which he falls on his knees before the altar.

The first Officer leaves and another one shows up, calling for Constans.

### Constans is Tempted with His Property and Heritage

Constans exclaims, "Hark! That is the voice of my chief retainer. God grant there be no ill tidings!"

A *retainer* is a servant attached to a household, in this case, the one belonging to Constans. The *chief retainer* is the man in charge while the owner is away.

The second Officer rushes into the room. "Constans! Constans! Come with all speed! Your feudal enemy, knowing of your vigil here, has siezed this opportunity to attack your castle! We made such defense as we might, but, surprised and leaderless, your retainers have been beaten back. We hold only the great keep, and the enemy prepares to burn all else! Knowing our case is deperate, I broke through their lines with a few picked men. With you to lead us, and the friends you can rally to your aid, we shall soon scatter the invaders and save the stronghold! Lose not time but hasten!"

Visibly torn between two impulses, Constans says, "I come!", raises his sword, takes a few steps, then suddenly pauses. "But nay! What said the Commander? 'Let no consideration tempt you to leave this spot.'" Constans tells his retainer, "Go, strive to gather up such of my friends as love me well enough to assist you. Let you and your men do your best, and I will hold you blameless of the outcome. But for me, I cannot go! I cannot go!"

The second Officer argues, "But Constans! Consider! 'Tis the ancient stronghold, the immemorial home of your ancestors that is at stake. Your sole inheritance! If this be lost, you are ruined! Think! In all these centuries, no foe has ever trod its battlements. Your ancestors have given their lives and treasure to preserve it unconquered. If you desert it, you will be unfaithful to your heritage. Surely, in such a desperate case, you are absolved of your vigil. The Order to which you seek admission would not see you thus ruined. Come! When we make known the truth, all will surely hold you blameless."

At this point, Constans is in great mental agony. He groans and turns toward the altar with his arms raised and exclaims, "O, Lord, My God!" Then he turns back again. "Shall I for mere worldly possessions, however dear, abandon my trusts, and prove myself wanting in those qualities that were avouched for me? Shall I relinquish the goal now hard within my reach? No! My trust is in God! I will keep my vigil!"

Constans turns back toward the altar and collapses before it. The second Officer moves toward Constans, but quickly realizes he can't convince him. The Officer throws up his arms in frustration and rushes out. Then a monk in a brown habit comes from behind curtain, where he was listening to everything that was said.

### Constans is Tempted with Distorted Religious Ideas

The Monk calls, "Constans!" Constans looks up from the altar and then stands. "You have done well, indeed to withstand those temptations of the flesh. What are worldly love and earthy possessions? Mere shadows, which shall vanish

when you pass from this mortal world. Your disregard of them proves you to be prepared for entrance into the state of grace wherein your soul shall be the first and only consideration. You have successfully passed that trial, and we deem you worthy to receive the direct instruction and teaching of those who are so greatly your superiors. Come with me, therefore, and I will set your feet upon the way."

Constans replies, "But I have been placed here to keep a solemn vigil; I may not leave my watch until break of day. How, then, may I follow you, yet forfeit my honor?"

The Monk replies scornfully, "Honor? A word for children! A bauble, a mere name created to dazzle the eyes of unthinking men with its false worldly glitter, and turn their regard away from the reality of things of the soul. Honor, fame, knighthood, these are but things of a day, while the soul, your precious soul, shall endure for eternity! Consider, Constans, is it not your duty to God, no less than to yourself, to cast aside all such hindrances, and devote thyself to the salvation of your one possession which will not perish with this world of sin (referring to Constans's soul). 'Tis God's own command. Shall He not be obeyed? Come!"

Constans replies, "I hear your words with all due reverence to the cloth, yet I cannot feel that God desires me to purchase the salvation of my soul at the cost of my given word."

The *cloth* refers to non-liturgical clothing worn exclusively by members of the clergy. A monk's habit and a Christian minister's distinctive collar are examples of such clothing. Note that some ministers wore no distinctive clothing or jewelry at all. Liturgical clothing or vestments are worn by the clergy when performing religious rites and rituals. Vestments vary among the many religious traditions.

Now the Monk is angry. He shouts at Constans, "You fool! Do you not know to whom you are speaking?" The monk threatens Constans with hellfire and torment. Then he pleads with him to abandon worldly illusion, assume the garb of a monk, live as a hermit, and save his soul.

Constans questions the idea that God would command him to abandon his fellow men and seclude himself, taking no heed of the sufferings and trials of others, doing service only to himself. "Do the scriptures not teach that God is love? My trust is in God, the God of love. Be gone false priest and leave me to my vigil!"

Though Constans figured out that the Monk attempted to mislead him, the Monk's words still haunt him. "Is there no help for me? Must I indeed be condemned to eternal punishment?" He goes on to say, or perhaps pray, "Father, I am not learned in the arguments of churchcraft and theology. I cannot contend and reason. I only feel, and if that voice which I hear within me, which always hitherto has prompted me for good, be indeed from You, then I am content. Take my hand, Father and lead me through the darkness to the dawn!" At that, the Monk leaves.

### Constans Makes a Critical Decision

Constans bows his head and clasps his hands. For a few moments there is silence. Then a disturbance arises, faintly at first but growing constantly louder. He rises and exclaims, "What, the clash of arms?"

'Tis the battle cry of our mortal enemy! The city is under attack! He runs to the window. "They have forced the gates! Then enemy is even now walking our streets! Our soldiers are driven like sheep before wolves! I must lend my aid now!"

Then Constans remembers the requirements of his vigil, "How can I go?" Looking again out the window, "The enemy is within the gates and the city is nearly in their hands! How well I know those men, they are brutal marauders without mercy or pity! They will spare neither man, woman, or child!" He faces back toward the altar and raises his arms. "I must go! I cannot put my own desires and ambitions before the lives and liberties of my fellow citizens." He prays, "Be my judge, Father! If in this I do wrong, punish me. But grant that I may first turn this tide of battle and save our people!" He raises his sword and rushes to the city's defense.

At first, the noise of battle increases. A trumpet sounds and we hear a shout, "My trust is in God!" More trumpet blasts. Then the noise lessens and the lights dim. For a few moments, the room is completely dark. A few more moments and the light begins to slowly shine again. The knights from the Order that Constans wanted to join come stumbling back in bearing wounds and damage from battle.

The CO, weary but grateful, says, "My Brothers, it is indeed fitting that we should give thanks to God! Truly, our city has been miraculously preserved this night! Our enemy had forced the gate and his mercenaries swarmed the streets. Our brave defenders were driven back, and all seemed lost. Men say a miracle was worked. I did not see it. Lieutenant, did you see this miraculous defender?"

The ILC responds, "In truth, I saw him well. We battled until we had fallen back to the last stronghold. Our men were disheartened with surprise and defeat, and they began to give way. Suddenly, a mounted knight appeared, wearing shiny chainmail, armed with helmet, sword, and shield. He cried out, 'My trust is in God!' and fell upon the invaders with such fury that they began to fall back. Our men were heartened by the knight's example and pressed forward again. At last, the foe broke and scattered, confounded by the sight of our unknown champion. No sooner did the enemy disappear from our streets and we closed the gate, the mysterious knight disappeared. Well may a miracle have happened, for that man seemed more than mortal."

### Constans Answers for Abandoning His Vigil

The CO says, "Praise be to Him (God) who raised up that unknown champion in our hour of need!" Then he turns toward the altar, pauses, and his expression turns to disappointment. "Where is our Serving Brother who sought to become a knight? The man who was left here to keep a vigil before this altar?" Everybody looks around and shakes their heads. The CO continues, "If he has deserted his post and forsaken his vigil, then he is dishonored! If he does not appear straightway, then we will be justified in demanding the forfeit our laws prescribe. Herald, let him (Constans) be

### From the Wise Master Continued

Create a place where the sun is when you do this to get perspective.

While mankind is partially responsible for current global warming the truth of the matter lies in the fact that the laws of nature are playing a big role in this and our focus should be on the big picture: What is God's plan? To answer that question we would have to focus on all of the prophets but particularly two of them; Isaiah and Saint John the evangelist, also known as John the Apostle. John is one of Masonry's patrons and is the author of the book of Revelation. I would encourage all to refresh their memories of this book in the bible. It would seem that prophecy would be fulfilled prior to earth getting too far into this 25,000 year cycle.



### From the Commander Continued

--- War against Ignorance, Tyranny, Despotism and Vice.

The arms wherewith to war against Tyranny, Superstition and Ignorance, are Knowledge, Virtue and Love, and Charity for mankind (Legenda XIX-XXX).

And thus the warfare against the powers of evil that crushed the Order of the Temple goes steadily on, and Freedom marches ever onward toward the conquest of the world (Legenda XIX-XXX).

So, as you think about your preparation for the upcoming reunion, pull out your copies of "A Bridge to Light" and the "Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide" to refresh your memory and understanding of the degrees. As you witness the exemplification of the degrees your study will, I think, enhance your experience.

The officers of the Council encourage you, if you can, to attend and participate in the reunion. I know that some degree directors will be looking for cast members and staging support. If you are interested, please let me know and I will connect you with a director. Just your very attendance to observe the degrees and participate in the Brotherly activities of the reunion will demonstrate to the candidates your support for their decision to join our beloved Scottish Rite.

Check the Calendar of Events in the Rite Word to stay informed about coming events such as our reception for the Grand Master in August and the visit of the Grand Commander to our Valley in October.



summoned thrice."

There is a trumpet blast. Then the Herald calls, "Constans!" Another trumpet blast and he calls again. A third trumpet blast and he calls the third time. In a few moments, Constans enters from the back of the room and stumbles to the center, looking tired and disheveled. He stands with his head bowed, anticipating the criticism he is about to receive.

The CO asks him, "Have you, even in this short space, forgotten our instructions: 'Let nothing tempt you from this spot.' If for one short night you could not keep your faith, how do you think that noble knights and honorable men may trust in your words? Traitor! Weakling! You great of speech and small of heart and courage! I declare you forsworn and dishonored, a scorn of your fellow men, and outlaw, devoid of fortitude, prudence, and temperance, and therefore subject to the sword of justice! Lead him forth and scourged through the streets of the city so all can see the manner in which he violated mistrust and the depth of his dishonor."

The CO orders Constans to "Remove and hand over the helmet we gave you, it having been disgraced by protecting somebody such as you!"

### **Constans is Recognized as the Hero**

Constans removes the helmet and hands it to the ILC. Suddenly, the ILC steps forward and exclaims, "By Heaven! Here stands our unknown defender! By this helmet, I recognize him!" The CO questions, "Kights, is this indeed so?" Several of them reply, "'Tis indeed true", "Aye! I know recognize him!", and "There is no doubt".

The CO, in a decidedly different tone of voice, admits, "Yet, 'tis nobler to err, and thereafter willingly admit the error and make amends, than never to err at all. Constans has saved the city and all therein. How wrongly we accused and judged him, without investigation! He left his vigil, it is true, but in the cause of justice and humanity. He preferred to sacrifice his hope of knighthood and honors within his reach, to serve and protect his fellow men. His steadfastness in temptation and his unselfishness in sacrificing for others forgives the offense of abandoning his post.

### **Constans Becomes a Knight**

The CO asks, "Constans, is it still your desire to become a Knight?" He answers, "It is." Then the Chaplain asks Constans, "Are you prepared to assume the vows of a knight that we have all assumed?" He answers, "I am." The Chaplain directs Constans to kneel on both knees and clasp his hands together. He complies.

The CO steps forward, takes Constans's hands within his own, and says, "We do hold you now to have become consecrated to the service of this Order of Knights and servant of the poor, the sick, and the unfortunate. We hold you to be enlisted in that service for the rest of your life. Do you now promise and vow that you will stand firm at your post, so long as manhood and duty demand, whatever may be the consequenced to yourself?" Constans answers, "I do. So help me God."

The CO draws his sword and says, "By my authority and power as Commander of this Chapter, and in the name of the Grand Master of the Order, I hereby constitute (taps him on the left shoulder with his sword), create (taps him on the right shoulder), and dub (taps

him on the head) a Knight. Arise Constans. I present you with the apron and gloves, collar, scarf, and jewel of the Order. The colors of these decorations are white, red, and black. I present you with the sword of a knight, to enable you to maintain the rights of Masonry and of men, and to punish their enemies and tyrants. If in that contest you should fall, you will have fulfilled the noblest destiny of a knight and a gentleman."

The ILC places the sword-belt upon Constans. The CO throws the mantel over his shoulders and says, "Take this sign, in the name of God, for the increase of faith, the defense of the Order, and the service of the poor." The CO fastens the strings of the mantle around Constans's neck. "Receive the yoke of the Order, for it is easy and light, and with it you shall reap honor." See Matthew 11:30. "My Brethren, embrace your new Brother (referring to Constans) in token of friendship, peace, and brotherly love."

### **The Five Excellent Qualities**

The CO continues, "A Knight should have five excellent qualities, which are represented by the five lights that form the Symbolic Cross upon our table: humility, temperance, chastity, generosity, and honor. It is only by the constant practice of the first four (qualities), and by the jealous care of your own honor, that of the Chapter, and that of the Order, that you can deserve to wear the sword and spurs of a Knight."

"Attention, Kights! You will now recognize Sir [states the Candidate's name] and his companions and will now join me in applauding their admission to this degree!" The cast members applaud.

### **Closing**

The CO ascertains if anyone has any matter of business to bring before us or any other matter for the interest of the Chapter, of the Order, or of Masonry in general. After everybody has spoken, the CO orders, "Since no one has anything further to offer or propose, I shall proceed to close hte work of the fortunate session. To order, Knights!"

Then the CO raises his right arm to the square. "In the name and under the auspices of the Supremenb Council of the Thirty-Third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, I declae the Chapter duly closed. Brother Chaplain, delive the usual charge at parting."

The Chaplain says, "All things whatsoever your would that men should do to you, do you even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets! Be not overcome by evil; but overcome evil with good. As we have opportunity, let us do good to all men. Endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Do all things without murmuring and disputing that you may be blameless and harmless, the sons of light, without rebuke, shining as the lights in the midst of the darkness of the world!" See Luke 6:31, Matthew 22:40, Romans 12:21, Ephesians 4:3, and II Corinthians 4:6.

All respond, "Amen! So mote it be!"

The CO declares, "My Brethren, go in peace, and love one another always!"



# Stated Meeting Menu Tuesday

## July 13, 2021

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

Register at <https://buytickets.at/sanjosescottishrite/542184>

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

Appetizers  
BBQ Meal  
Fresh Bread  
Dessert



### Hair Cuts

Bro. Kaleo, who is a licensed Hair Stylist is doing hair cuts on a reservation basis on Sundays between noon and 5pm. He is donating 100% of the money collected to the Scottish Rite.

He is doing it by appointment only and won't be here on days he doesn't have appointments, so if you would like to get your hair cut and help the Scottish Rite at the same time, please give the office a call to schedule your appointment.

### From the Secretary



It was so nice to have our members back in person in June. We spent a lot of time, effort and money updating the facility while we were shut down and now it is time to enjoy the fruits of our labors. So please come out and be a part.

The requirement to either have proof of vaccine or a 72 hour test is now gone, however we do still need for everyone to register for events, so please take the time to do so now and Join us in July when we will have 25 and 50 year recognitions, as well as capping for our members who came in when we were unable to meet in person and we will honor our scholarship winner for the year.

Next, you will be receiving your dues notice and dues card for 2022 if you have not already, when you get it, please pay your dues so you don't forget about it. Simply having the card doesn't mean your dues are paid. If you don't get a card that means you either haven't paid your dues for 2021 or paid it after the cut off date for when the new cards were printed.

We are down to 53 members that haven't taken care of their dues. If you are one of those, please either pay them, or give me a call to let me know you are in financial distress and we will take care of it for you.

The Supreme Council is set to vote on the Honors for this biennial on June 21st, so by the Stated Meeting we should know who will be honored this year with the KCCH and 33rd degree.

So Please come down and join with us as we can once again meet as Masons.

**III. Roger Bibb 33° Class**

**TBD in 2021**



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

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

Chapter Rose Croix Opens

Dress is Business Casual, no jeans, tee shirts or shorts

### **Tuesday August 10th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 5:45 pm**

#### **Grand Masters Reception and Festive Board**

Lodge of Perfection Opens

Dress is Formal no colors

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

Council of Kadosh Opens

Dress is Colors or Coat and Tie

### **Tuesday October 12th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 5:45 pm**

#### **Grand Commander Cole's Visit**

Lodge of Perfection Opens

Dress is Formal with Colors