



## The Rite Word

**From the Venerable Master**

Greetings Brethren

At our February meeting dinner we honored our Sweethearts with a beautiful Flower. It was a privilege to thank our sweethearts while we participate in Scottish Rite and help us in our endeavors. Please do not to forget to call-in or signup for our Stated Meeting dinners, a head count is essential to ensure enough food for all.

In April we will also be celebrating Maundy Thursday



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

If the Lodge with its appointments and officers be a sacramental figure of oneself and of the mechanism of personal consciousness, opening the Lodge in the successive Degrees imply ability to expand, open up and intensify that consciousness in three distinct stages surpassing the normal level applicable to ordinary mundane affairs.

This maybe passes unrecognized in Masonic Lodges. The openings and closings are regarded as

but so much casual formality devoid of interior purpose or meaning, whereas they are ceremonies of the highest instructiveness and rites with a distinctive purpose which should not be profaned by casual perfunctory performance or with out understanding what they imply.

As a flower "opens its Lodge" when it unfolds its petals and displays its centre to the sun which vitalizes it, so the opening of a Masonic Lodge is sacramental of opening out the human mind and heart to God. It is a dramatized form of the psychological process involved in so doing.

*Russell Rosenberg*



**Please note that there has been a change to the date of the second week of the Reunion.**

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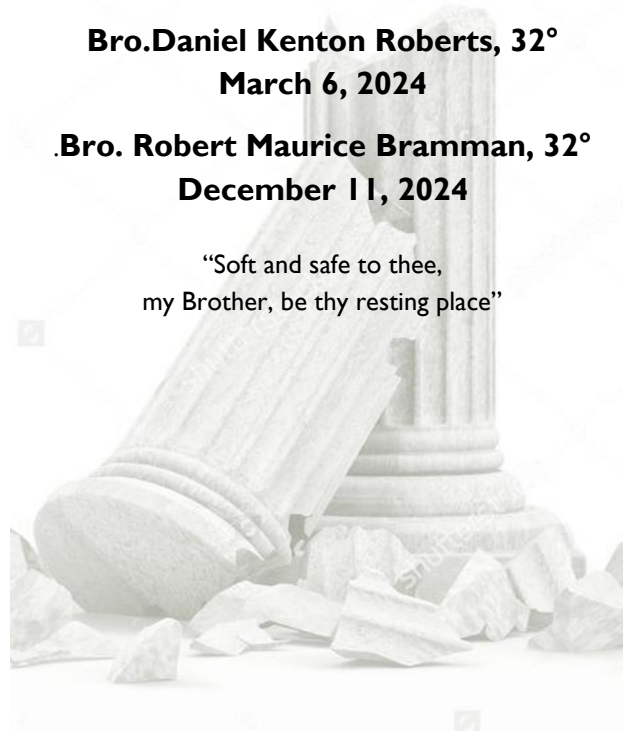
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## Called From Labor

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**March 6, 2024**

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**December 11, 2024**

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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 Wise Master**

I am humbled by the history of, and the footsteps I've followed, to ascend to Wise Master of the Scottish Rite and it has led me to question our connection to the Rosicrucians.



**Here are the Similarities Between the Rosicrucians and the Chapter of Rose Croix of the Scottish Rite:**

The Rosicrucians and the Chapter of Rose Croix of the Scottish Rite share striking similarities in their philosophies, symbolism, and esoteric teachings. Both groups, though distinct in their historical origins and development, emphasize spiritual enlightenment, the pursuit of knowledge, and the application of mystical symbolism to convey deeper truths. Their commonalities highlight the enduring influence of Hermeticism, alchemy, and Christian mysticism on Western esoteric traditions.

**Historical Background**

The Rosicrucians, a mystical society that emerged in early 17th-century Europe, presented themselves as a secret fraternity devoted to esoteric knowledge and spiritual transformation. Their foundational texts, such as the Fama Fraternitatis and Confessio Fraternitatis, described a brotherhood committed to the healing of mankind and the advancement of knowledge through alchemical and mystical practices.

The Chapter of Rose Croix, forming part of the Scottish Rite's higher degrees in Freemasonry, particularly the 18th degree (Knight Rose Croix), developed within the Masonic tradition in the 18th century. Although rooted in Freemasonry, the Rose Croix degree incorporates elements of Christian mysticism, alchemical symbolism, and philosophical ideals reminiscent of Rosicrucian thought.

**Philosophical Similarities**

Both the Rosicrucians and the Rose Croix emphasize the pursuit of enlightenment and spiritual rebirth. The Rosicrucians believed in a transformative process of inner development through alchemical

**From the Commander**

Hello brethren, and welcome to March. The heads of the four bodies are planning some upcoming fun events to be determined. We welcome any input on what you would like to do, so that we can get great participation.



**The Origin of the Commander of Kadosh:**

The title of "Commander of Kadosh" in Scottish Rite Masonry has its roots in the ancient and medieval traditions of the Knights Templar and other chivalric orders. The term "Kadosh" itself comes from Hebrew, meaning "holy" or "sacred," symbolizing a person who is devoted to the highest moral and spiritual principles. In the Scottish Rite, the degree of Commander of Kadosh is part of the 30th degree, and it emphasizes themes of chivalry, honor, and the pursuit of truth.

The origin of the Commander of Kadosh title can be traced to the post-Templar period, when the idea of sacred warriors evolved into a broader spiritual mission within Freemasonry. The Scottish Rite, which originated in France in the 18th century, sought to

*Michael A. Mora*



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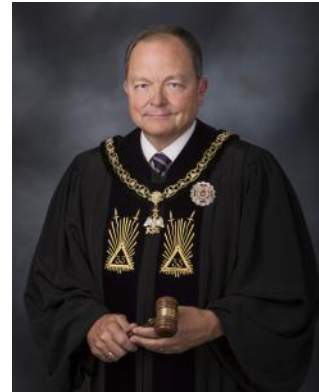
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***The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of San Jose, in the Orient of California, acknowledge and yield all allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander 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 Master of Kadosh

My Brethren,  
In continue last month Masonic Calendar. The most important aspect of the Masonic calendar is its symbolic value, representing the concept of "light" as a metaphor for spiritual and intellectual enlightenment that we (Freemasons) strive to achieve. We have the last four topics about Masonic calendar.



### York Rite Knights Templar Calendar

York Rite - Knights Templar Chivalric

Anno Ordinis: In The Year of The Order (A.O. or A.:O.:) (1118 C.E.)

Anno Ordinis is Latin for In the Year of the Order.

**Historical Significance:** In the year, 1118 C.E. (Common Era), 9 French knights, followers of King Baldwin, the King of Jerusalem, and at his behest and in his presence, took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

With great humility, they assumed the title of the Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ. The job of this brotherhood-in-arms was to protect the pious pilgrims in their passage to the holy city of Jerusalem.

King Baldwin assigned them residence in a part of his palace which stood near the former site of the Temple of Solomon. The Abbot and Canons of the Temple gave them a street between the palace and the Temple in which to store their arms and magazines. Thus, they derived the name of Templars.

**Math:** Anno Ordinis is found by subtracting 1118 from the current date, thus the year, 2010 minus 1118 = 892 A.O. (Anno Ordinis)

**Relevance:** The date 892 A.O. celebrates the operative and speculative existence of the Knights Templar from its origin in the year, 1118 C.E. over the last 892 years. (up to the year, 2010)

### Royal Arch Masons Calendar

Royal Arch Masons: In The Year of the Discovery

Anno Inventionis (A.I. or A.:I.:) (530 B.C.E.)

Anno Inventionis is Latin for In the Year of the Discovery.

**Historical Significance:** King Solomon built the first temple. Zerubbabel built of caused to be built, the Second Temple.

Little is known or written about Zerubbabel except that he was a famous man and that at all events, Zerubbabel was governor of Judah in the second year of Darius Hystaspis' reign in 520 B.C.E..

The Masonic calendar used by Royal Arch Masons dates from the year of the second temple having been caused to be built by Zerubbabel in 530 B.C.E..

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## From the Chief Knight

**If anyone wondered, who are those guys in kilts?**

**Here you go!**

The Knights of Saint Andrew is an honorary service organization within the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, composed of 32 Degree Scottish Rite Masons who are dedicated to supporting their Valleys through service, leadership, and commitment. Established in 1993 in the Valley of Tulsa, Oklahoma, the organization was created to provide dedicated assistance to Scottish Rite bodies while offering younger or newer members an opportunity for active involvement.

Named after Saint Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland, the Knights emphasize principles such as humility, service, and brotherhood. Members often assist in degree work, perform ceremonial duties, and support various Valley functions and charitable endeavors. The organizations distinctive black glengarry hat and tartan symbolize its connection to Scottish heritage and the values upheld by the Scottish Rite.

Through their service, the Knights of Saint Andrew play a vital role in fostering camaraderie and ensuring the smooth operation of Scottish Rite activities, making them an integral part of the Masonic community while embodying the core tenets of Freemasonry: brotherly love, relief, and truth.



If anyone is interested in joining KSA, please let me or any of the other members know. We have a lot of fun, and it is free to join. Kilts are optional.

## Abraham gets and in-person visit

Last month, we read about Ishmael, Abram's son by the Egyptian hand-maid Hagar. And about the difficulties brought on by conflicting expectations between Hagar and Sarai. We also saw that the Lord changed Abram's name to Abraham, and Sarai's name to Sarah and what those name changes implied.

This time, we continue our focus on Abraham's promise of posterity. In Genesis chapter 18, Abraham entertains three strange and interesting visitors. And he bargains with the Lord over the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah.

"And the Lord (YHVH) appeared unto him [Abraham] in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground..." Genesis 18:1-2

Here's a clue about the identity of the three men. Since everybody traveled on foot, we would expect Abraham to see the three men approaching from a distance. Instead, they suddenly appear.

"And [Abraham] said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they [the 3 visitors] said, So do, as thou hast said." Genesis 18:3-5

Even though Abraham addresses the men as "My Lord", he has not yet identified one of them as God and presumably the other two as angels.

Abraham offers the travelers hospitality. In Abraham's world, such behavior was expected. Since there were no hotels or restaurants or paved roads in those days, the act of providing food, drink, and rest to a traveler could be the difference between life and death.

"And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth." Genesis 18:6

Some things never change. The man of the house offers hospitality, the woman of the house is stuck with the cooking.

### How much food are we talking here?

How much is a measure? The Hebrew term is "seah", equal to 7 quarts. Times three is 21 quarts, which is about 23 pounds of flour. Even today, the Bedouin bake cakes on hot stones and the result looks like a cross between a pancake and a biscuit. Lots of pancake-biscuits, in this case.

"And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man [one of his servants]; and he hastened to dress it." Genesis 18:7

How much meat can you get from a calf? A modern veal calf is raised until about 4 to 5 months of age, at which time it weighs up to 450

pounds. Back in Abraham's time, we might expect the calf to be smaller, say, 200 pounds. According to the beef industry, the final trimmed meat you get from a cow is maybe 40 percent of the animal's original weight. That means Abraham's calf yielded 80 pounds of meat.

And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat." Genesis 18:8

Generally speaking, an adult human eats about one pound of food at a meal. If we add the bread, meat, milk and butter, we have at over 100 pounds of food. That's enough to feed three people for a month!

How much food did the three guests consume? Did Abraham invite the neighbors to dine with them? What did he do with the leftovers? The text does not answer these questions.

### The Guests ask about Sarah

"And they [the 3 guests] said unto him [Abraham], Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. And he [one of the guests] said, I will certainly return unto thee [Abraham] according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him." Genesis 18:9-10

The phrase "time of life" refers to the moment when a child is born and becomes "alive". In Jewish tradition, a newborn child becomes alive when he takes his first breath. So the guest predicts that Sarah will give birth to a son, the son will survive, and the guest plans to pay a return visit at that time.

"Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women [she is post menopausal]. Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure [sex], my lord [husband] being old also?" Genesis 18:11-12

We do not know how many of the Lord's promises to Abraham, about one day having a large posterity, that Sarah actually heard. She might assume that the idea of an 80+ year old woman having a successful pregnancy and giving birth to a child was simply nonsense. So she laughed at the idea.

"And the Lord [YHVH] said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? Is any thing too hard for the Lord [YHVH]? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son." Genesis 18:13-14

By now it is clear that one of the guests is God himself, disguised as a human. Although, the text does not actually say that. The disguise was not trickery. It reflected the belief that the glory of God is so great and powerful that a mere mortal would instantly burn to ashes in His presence.

One of your author's favorite Bible verses: "Is any thing too hard for the Lord?"

In verse 13, the text says that Sarah laughed at the idea of bearing a son. She was no doubt embarrassed at being called out.

"Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he [the Lord, YHVH] said, Nay; but thou didst laugh." Genesis 18:15

Sarah was afraid that the Lord heard her and would be angry at her unbelief. But the Lord let the matter slide without taking offense.

### Next Mission: Sodom and Gomorrah

"And the men [the 3 guests] rose up from thence [Abraham's encampment], and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way." Genesis 18:16

The guests start walking toward Sodom. Abraham gave them a personal escort. At some point along the trail, the Lord decides to let Abraham in on the plan.

"And the Lord [YHVH] said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him." Genesis 18:17-19

The Lord planned a personal visit to the city of Sodom to determine if the place was really as bad some of its citizens evidently claim.

"And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know." Genesis 18:20-21

The "cry" or outcry refers to the lament and pleading of the righteous people that lived there, who are vexed by the behavior of their evil neighbors. The text omits any specifics.

"And the men [the 3 guests] returned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the Lord. And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?" Genesis 18:22-23

At this point, Abraham apparently knew which one of the three guests was actually the Lord [YHVH]. Abraham realized that the Lord was contemplating the destruction of Sodom, and he was concerned that innocent people will be killed along with the guilty. So Abraham began a kind of negotiation with the Lord. He started with 50 righteous people.

"Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge [the Lord, YHVH] of all the earth do right? "And the Lord said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes." Genesis 18:24-26

"And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes: Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he [the Lord] said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it." Verses 27-28

They were down to 45 righteous people.

"And he [Abraham] spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he [the Lord] said, I will not do it for forty's sake." Verse 29

Then they were down to 40 righteous people.

"And he [Abraham] said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he [the Lord] said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there." Verse 30

Next is was 30 righteous people.

"And he [Abraham] said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he [the Lord] said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake." Verse 31

Then it was just 20 righteous people.

"And he [Abraham] said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he [the Lord] said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake." Verse 32

Finally, they were down to 10 righteous people. If the Lord could find 10 righteous people in Sodom, he would not destroy the city.

"And the Lord went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place [his encampment]." Verse 33

End of the negotiation. In the next article, we find out how many righteous people there actually were in Sodom, what happened to them, and what became of the city.



*From the Wise Master continued*

symbolism, where the practitioner sought to achieve higher wisdom and harmony with the divine. Similarly, the Rose Croix degree focuses on the allegorical death and resurrection of Christ, symbolizing the Mason's journey from ignorance to enlightenment and the triumph of truth over error.

**Symbolism and Ritual**

Symbolism plays a crucial role in both traditions. The Rosicrucians frequently employed the rose and the cross as symbols of secrecy, sacrifice, and the union of opposites of the material and spiritual worlds. The Rose Croix degree adopts these same symbols, using the rose to represent beauty and the cross to symbolize sacrifice and redemption. Rituals in both groups often reflect themes of death, rebirth, and the search for hidden knowledge, reinforcing the initiate's spiritual evolution.

**Esoteric Knowledge and Mysticism**

Another significant similarity lies in their commitment to esoteric knowledge. The Rosicrucians were known for their alchemical practices and Hermetic philosophy, blending science, mysticism, and religion to uncover universal truths. The Chapter of Rose Croix incorporates similar mystical elements, encouraging members to reflect on the nature of existence, morality, and the divine through allegory and symbol.

**Conclusion**

The Rosicrucians and the Chapter of Rose Croix of the Scottish Rite share profound philosophical and symbolic commonalities, rooted in their mutual quest for spiritual enlightenment and esoteric wisdom. Their use of similar symbols, rituals, and mystical teachings underscores the interconnectedness of Western esoteric traditions and highlights the enduring legacy of these mystical societies in the pursuit of higher knowledge and spiritual truth.


*From the Master of Kadosh continued*

**Math:** Anno Inventionis is found by adding 530 years to the current date, thus 2010 C.E. + 530 B.C.E. = 2540 A.I. (Anno Inventionis)

**Relevance:** The date 2540 A.I. celebrates the building of the Second Temple, 2540 years ago, (as of the year, 2010), believed to be on or very near the site of Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem.

**Royal and Select Masters & Cryptic Masons Calendar**

Royal and Select Masters & Cryptic Masons: In The Year of the Deposit

Anno Depositionis (A.:Dep:) (approx.. 1000 B.C.)

Anno Depositionis is Latin for In the Year of the Deposit. Historical Significance: Anno Depositionis dates from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed in 1000 B.C.E..

Math: The Masonic calendar used by Royal and Select Masters is found by adding 1000 to the current year; thus, the current year (as of this writing), 2010 C.E. + 1000 B.C.E. = 3010 A.:Dep: (Anno Depositionis).

Relevance: The Masonic calendar which Royal and Select Masters and Cryptic Masons celebrate is the year in which Solomon's Temple was completed, 3010 years ago. (as of the year, 2010).

**Order of High Priesthood Calendar**

Anno Benefacio (A.:B.:) In The Year of the Blessing

Anno Benefacio is Latin for In The Year of the Blessing.

Historical Significance: this date is used by the brethren of the Order of High Priesthood to signify the elapsed period of time calculated from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest, Mechizedek as referenced in Genesis 14:18-20.

Math: Add the year of the blessing, 1913 B.C.E. + the current year, 2010 C.E. = 3923 A.:B.: (Anno Benefacio).

Relevance: The Order of High Priesthood celebrates the blessing of Abraham by Melchizedek, 3923 years ago as the beginning of their Masonic calendar. (as of the year, 2010, when this page was originally written)

Other Freemason Rites (degrees) have their own Masonic calendar, but these are the most well-known.

As we conclude our exploration of the Masonic calendar, let us remember that time, like the tools of the craft, is a valuable resource to be used wisely. May the lessons gleaned from our study guide us as we navigate the journey of life, always striving to become better versions of ourselves. So mote it be.





## **From the Clinic**

Maya is a sweet, 5-year-old child who is seen at our clinic to treat her speech sound production. She is seen once per week via telehealth services. She has an adorable smile and is a great reader. She likes to play games and talk about her days. During each session she jokingly puts emojis on the screen that match her target sounds. Maya is an absolute delight to work with.



Maya's mom stated, "Before starting therapy, my child's speech was quite delayed and unclear. She pronounced /r/ sounds like /w/ and often replaced /th/ sounds with /d/ which made communication difficult at times. It was challenging for others to understand, especially with more complex words."

Maya's speech sound goals have included /r/, /r/ blends, /th/ and vocalic /r/ sounds. She has responded well to treatment and has made nice, steady progress so far. Maya's maturity and hardworking nature have helped her progress. Her family has regular attendance and work hard on her home program. Her family reported, "Since starting therapy, we've seen a significant and noticeable improvement with her speech. Her pronunciation has become much clearer and she's able to form words and sentences more confidently. Seeing her progress is amazing!"

Her mom stated, "The most rewarding part of receiving services here has been seeing her progress and growth, all thanks to Angela's amazing approach. Her friendliness, bright energy and encouragement have made every session something Maya looks forward to. Maya especially loves the games and repeatedly asks me to play more with Angela. Watching Maya gain confidence in her speech has been so fulfilling for us as parents."

Her family spoke of their time at the clinic stating, "Our experience at the clinic has been exceptional. From the moment we started, Angela made us feel comfortable and supported. She's not only incredibly knowledgeable but also genuinely kind and patient with Maya, which has

made all the difference. The atmosphere here is warm and welcoming and we always feel confident Maya is in the best hands. We especially love the ability to learn remotely as it cuts down on commute time and appreciate the willingness for the center to work with our schedule."

Additionally, her family said, "I would highly recommend the Scottish Rite Center to other parents concerned about their child's speech and language development. The staff really care about helping each child to succeed. If you're looking for a place where your child will feel encouraged and understood, this is definitely the right spot!"



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

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# Stated Meeting Menu

## Tuesday

### March 11th 2025

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

- Assorted Appetizers
- Chicken Marsala
- Rice Pilaf
- Vegetables
- Mixed Green Salad
- Garlic Bread
- Dessert

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



### From the Secretary

We have a Reunion coming up on April 4th & 5th and April 25th & 26th. Although we have a lot of people participating in the degrees and all the setup that goes around them, we still have 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 function that you think you'd like to be part of, let me know. Thanks to everyone that contributes so much of their time, energy, and effort to making our events successful. Your consistent assistance is really appreciated.

There's much to do and sometimes the load can seem too much...but if we all do our share, the task will not be more than we can handle. St. Francis de Sales said, "We shall steer safely through every storm, so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on God. If at times we are somewhat stunned by the tempest, never fear. Let us take a breath and go on afresh." This is much easier to do when we have each others' support. Are you willing to give us your support? See you on Tuesday night!

*Bud Ramsey*



### III. Bob Winter 33° Reunion Class

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



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## Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events

**Tuesday March 11th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:30 pm**

Chapter Opens

**Thursday March 13th ~ SCVMOA Meeting 6:30 pm**

South Valley No. 187 Chicken Feed

**Thursday March 30th ~ Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm**

Night of Remembrance and Renewal

Light dinner followed by the Ceremony

**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

**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