



The Rite Word

From the Venerable Master

Greetings, and welcome to the month of October. This is the tenth month of the year according to the Gregorian and Julian calendars, however this was not always so. In the context of the original Roman republican calendar (750 BC), October was the eighth month. The Roman calendar consisted of only ten months including : Martius, Aprilis, Maius, Junius, Quintilis, Sextilis, September, October, November, and December. January and February were added to complete our twelve month calendar in 450 BC. This eighth month's name stems from Latin and Greek ὀκτώ / οκτώ meaning eight, and the later Middle English Octobre.



The month of October has the astrological sign of Libra, and holds the seventh place in the astrological sky. Libra's footprint above covers 180°–210° of celestial longitude. Libra is represented by the scales. We see this represented in the Greek goddess Themis holding the scales of justice while she herself symbolizes wisdom, good council, and divine law. Libra is the only zodiac sign represented by a non living animal/mythological creature being the scales.

A couple notable events are celebrated this month, and one of which is Sukkot(Oct 9-16th). Sukkot (סוכות) is a major Jewish holiday and the last of the Shalosh R'galim (three major pilgrimage festivals). Sukkah (Hebrew) means huts/booths, and stems from the Autumnal festival hag ha-asif when they were used for the celebration of the harvest. The three sided structure is covered with branches/thatch so that the sun may be blocked, but also to allow for the starry night to be viewed. This harvest time celebration commemo-

rates the holy land, in part by four species of plants. "And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days."(Leviticus 23:40 KJV). Arba Minim translated from Hebrew means 'four species'. The four are thus classed: etrog (a small citrus fruit in english called a citron), two willow branches (aravot), three myrtle branches (hadassim), and a palm branch (lulav). When these six are bound, the order is left to right : willow, palm, and myrtle. When bound together, it is collectively called the Lulav, and is waved in all four of the cardinal directions, with the addition of above and below signifying the presence of God being all around. This joyous holiday also holds the memory of the vulnerability in which the Israelites used these portable homes in the desert which they wandered for those 40 years while relying on the Great Architect.

Another holiday this month is Samhain (samain in ancient Celtic religion), and is a major part of the Wheel of the Year. This being the last and the most important of the fire festivals, marks the time of the year when the world of the gods may be viewed by man, when the veil is thinnest, and tricks are played on their mortal worshipers. Ancestors' past are honored and welcomed home whilst evil ones are warded off, while wearing masks along with costumes to hide from evil and harm. Food is prepared not just for the living, but also for those ancestors' past, with a portion being ritually shared with the less fortunate ones. This several day holiday likely predates the Celts of 2,500 years ago, and is evident at the Tara location. The Mound of Hostages on the hill of Tara where the Celts celebrated Samhain has an entrance which aligns with morning

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rays of the holiday, and shows the celebration dating 4,500 to 5,000 years ago. We see the cauldron as a symbol associated with this holiday depicting the feminine and cosmic container for all life, death, transformation, and rebirth. The besom (broom) has a twofold purpose, the first sweeping the physical autumn leaves from one's home, and also to sweep and cleanse the evil from a space. These besoms are traditionally constructed with birch twigs, bound to purification and renewal. The mighty acorn is another item associated with this time of year and holiday, by its potential to become the great mighty oak. The oak represents wisdom, longevity, and rebirth; while an acorn in your pocket may be an amulet of good fortune to come. The colors for this holiday are black, orange, and purple. The black to signify death, and the ending of things. The orange shows that vitality that exists of life within death. Purple gives the meaning of wisdom, inspiration, and insight.

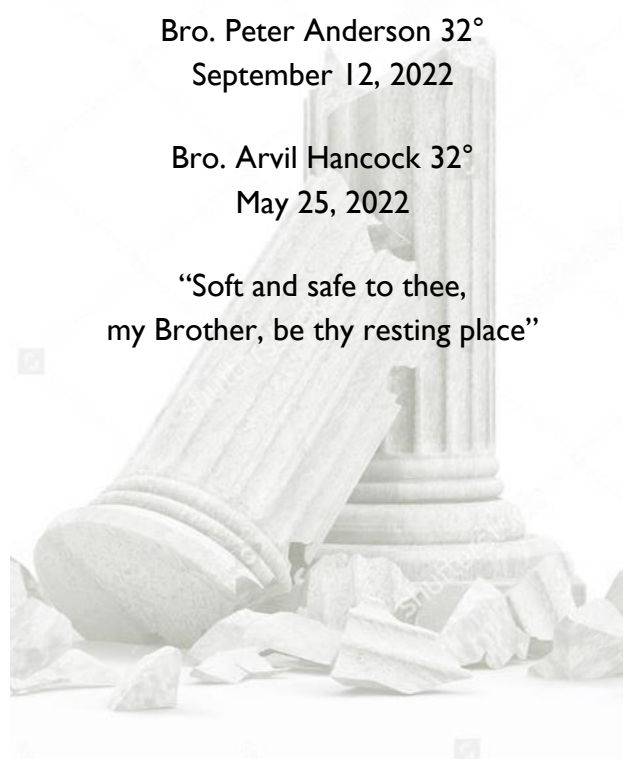
These two decidedly different holidays, from two very different traditions, are celebrations of life, harvest and death, making the month of October a month of reaping and celebration. The commonality of themes in these opposite faiths is central to the study of comparative religion, intertwined within our Scottish Rite ritual.

Called From Labor

Bro. Peter Anderson 32°
September 12, 2022

Bro. Arvil Hancock 32°
May 25, 2022

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



3rd Quarterly BBQ, make plans to attend the next one.



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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

Feast of Tishri

The Scottish-Rite-Masonic Feast of Tishri celebrates the dedication of King Solomon's Temple. The origins and significance's of the Feast of Tishri make it the most "Scottish Rite" of Festivals. No other occasion epitomizes the character and purpose of the Rite more wholly than this historic celebration of the dedication of King Solomon's Temple. To marshal the meanings of the feast is to summarize the principle ideals and traditions of our Fraternity.

DUTIES: We observe the Feast of Tishri because it is an ageold custom, which now has power of law. Under the Statutes of The Supreme Council the Feast is "obligatory," a sacramental sharing of our fraternal spirit.

LESSONS and SYMBOLS: The symbolic details of the Temple's position, design, construction, furnishing and decoration carry intense meaning as they apply to the spiritual temple of Freemasonry built in the soul of every Brother.

Through the symbols of the Temple we gain enlightenment and we recommit ourselves to building Freemasonry "in the hearts of men and among nations."

Source: Orator's Report on the Feast of Tishri, October 2012, Valley of Bremrton, Orient of Washington



From the Acting Wise Master

Have you come to the SJSR after hours to use the Members Lounge yet? If not, I recommend checking it out. So far, in the last 6 months, San Jose Lodge no. 10 and Golden Rule 479 have been taking part in fraternal discourse after practices and events by making regular visits to the lounge. While the big screen TV is great for football and other sporting events, there is a pool table, card tables, and other spaces set aside for activities. Most of the time, these lodges come over, set up a table or two and several chairs outside, grab drinks of their choice that they brought or stored in the lockers (lockers are available, just contact the SJSR Secretary), and maybe enjoy a cigar or pipe. Many nights we stay until midnight conversing about not just ritual but each other's lives and families creating bonds and memories.

This is the connection to our Brothers that makes our Craft so special and important. Be part of how we make the Craft better by having social events for members. As we build the Blue Lodge foundations, we help ourselves by keeping these Brothers excited about participating.

Tim Lynch



From the Chief Knight

Is there a connection between the Knights Templars and the Knights of St. Andrew



Knight Templar Origins

The Order of the Knights of the Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ and the Temple of Solomon, or the Knights of the Temple was established in 1119. The Templars were the first priestly order of armed knights. The order was created to provide safe transit for Christian Pilgrims visiting the Holy Land from Europe.

Knights swore allegiance to the Pope and took vows of poverty, loyalty and chastity. The order grew in numbers and popularity as they fought to keep the Holy Land open. Their ability to make good judgments and quick decisions in business, made the most of the gifts granted to them by their grateful patrons all over Europe.

Despite the sacrifice and devotion of the Templars, Pope Clement V acting on the insistence of Phillip the Fair of France declared the Templars heretics and on Friday, October 13, 1307, members of the order in France were arrested. Imprisoned, many were executed, more tortured, and all impoverished. In most of Europe, the Estates of the Order were confiscated and divided between the sovereign, the Knights Hospitalers (Knights of St. John of Jerusalem or Knights of Malta) and the Pope.

When the Grand Master, Jacques DeMolay and the Preceptor of Normandy, Geoffrey de Charney were burned alive, on March 18, 1314, the Templars no longer had a common head, the remaining survivors were compelled to leave their homes to save their lives.

Knights of St. Andrew Origins

In Portugal, the Templars were announced as innocent and the name of the order was changed to the Order of Christ. In England, King Edward denounced them and forbade them to remain in the realm, unless they entered the Commandries of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem.

In Scotland, they found protection and joined the army with which King Robert the Bruce met the English invasion of his country led by Edward II of England.

On the 24th day of June, 1314 the Battle of Bannockburn was being fought when a group of 63 armored and mounted Knights rode into the fray and turned the tide of battle. This intervention may well have tipped the scales in favor of Scottish independence.

In gratitude for the assistance of that group, Robert the Bruce created the Order of Saint Andrew du Chardon (of the Thistle) of Scotland.

King Robert reserved the title of Grand Master for himself and his successors forever. He granted a charter of land to the members of his new Order. Prince Charles Edward Stuart was the last Grand Master of the Scottish Order and exercised his powers by establishing a Chapter of Rose Croix at Arres, France.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite

When the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite was organized in the early 1730s, explanatory degrees were added to those of the Blue Lodge and degrees of the Rites of Heredom and Perfection along with other degrees and rites from Scotland, France, and Germany were added.

The 29th Degree became the "Scottish Knight of St. Andrew." Exemplifying the qualities of the Knights Templars and those of the Order of St. Andrew du Chardon, this degree remains with us today.

David M. Kempf

From the Commander

23rd: Chief of the Tabernacle

In this degree, we are reminded that we owe our knowledge to our faith in a revealed God. Therefore, it is our duty to disseminate this knowledge to all mankind. A Mason who believes in God has a duty to acquire knowledge and disseminate this knowledge to other people so that others are also enlightened. A Mason who is generous with his knowledge knows that he will receive the blessing of God, not by sacrificing living beings, but by destroying superstitions and bringing happiness and prosperity to other people.



Jack Harris

Medieval Development of the Kabbalah

In 638 CE, Caliph Omar conquered Jerusalem and the lands of Mesopotamia, Syria, Palestine and Egypt. Caliph Omar permitted the Jews to reestablish their presence in Jerusalem after a lapse of 500 years. According to one historian, Jews worked as assayers (verifying the weight and purity) of coins, dyers of cloth, tanners of leather, and bankers, and sometimes served in the Caliphate (government).

The Yeshiva Academies in Babylon were the chief centers of Jewish learning at that time. These schools were led by scholars called Geonim (gee OH neem) meaning "geniuses", who were recognized as the highest authorities in Jewish law. When the Muslim rulers instituted the kharaj or jizya land tax on their non-Muslim subjects, many Babylonian Jews migrated to the Mediterranean region.

Moorish Rule and Jewish Golden Age

During the period of Moorish rule in Al Andalus (modern-day Spain and Portugal) from 711 to 1492, there arose a golden age of Jewish culture when Jews were generally accepted in society. They studied botany, geography, medicine, mathematics, poetry and philosophy. They also did well in commerce and industry. In Toledo, Jews were involved in translating Arabic texts into Medieval Latin, as well as translating Greek and Hebrew texts into Arabic.

Then came the Crusades and the pogroms. Pogroms are riots incited with the aim of massacring or expelling an ethnic or religious group, particularly Jews. Moorish rule continued in Spain and Portugal until 1238 when the Christians forced the Moors southward, where the Moors established the kingdom of Granada. In 1492, the Spanish monarchy under Ferdinand and Isabella conquered Granada and offered all Jews and Muslims (the Moors were Muslim) the choice of conversion to Christianity or expulsion. This action is known as the Spanish Inquisition.

Moses Maimonides

During the golden age, Moses ben Maimon (1138–1204), commonly known as Maimonides, was born in Córdoba. He went on to become one of the most prolific and influential Torah scholars of the Middle Ages. Maimonides worked as a rabbi, physician, and philosopher in Morocco and Egypt. He once served as the personal physician of Saladin (1137–1193), the Ayyubid commander who defeated the Crusaders at the disastrous Battle of Hattin in 1187 and eventually took control of Palestine.

Maimonides is essential to our study because of his scholarship. He composed several texts, including a 14-volume "Mishneh Torah", which still carries significant canonical authority today. In his "Commentary on the Mishnah", Maimon-

ides formulated the "Thirteen principles of faith", his view of the required beliefs of Judaism:

1. The existence of God
2. God's unity and indivisibility into elements
3. God's spirituality and incorporeality.
4. God's eternity.
5. God alone should be the object of worship.
6. Revelation through God's prophets.
7. The preeminence of Moses among the prophets.
8. The entire Torah (both the Written and Oral law) is of Divine origin and was dictated to Moses by God on Mt. Sinai.
9. The Torah given by Moses is permanent and will not be replaced or changed.
10. God's awareness of all human actions and thoughts.
11. Reward of righteousness and punishment of evil.
12. The coming of the Jewish Messiah.
13. The resurrection of the dead.

For the average reader, Maimonides wrote "The Guide for the Perplexed", in which he intentionally omitted his esoteric meanings of Torah. Instead, he offered a rational approach to explaining the Torah and God's commandments. By so doing, he enraged the Jewish traditionalists, for whom the commandments were to be obeyed simply because "God said so", without question or discussion.

Mainstream academics view Maimonides' philosophy as a mutually-exclusive alternative metaphysics to Kabbalah. Some of them say that Maimonides fought against the Kabbalah as it existed during his lifetime.

However, many Kabbalists then and now consider Maimonides a covert subscriber to Kabbalah. As evidence, they cite his approach to interpreting the Bible, his understanding of God, his description of the roles of the imagination and intellect, his assertion that the Commandments have an understandable function, and his description of a three-tiered cosmic order.

Whether he believed in Kabbalah or not, Maimonides' rationalist arguments assisted the Kabbalists in purifying their transmitted teachings from mistaken interpre-

tations. In that way, Maimonides made a substantial contribution to Kabbalah.

Abraham Abulafia

Abraham ben Samuel Abulafia (1240–c.1291) was a philosopher and writer, and the founder of the school of "Prophetic Kabbalah". He held Maimonides in high esteem but disagreed with his philosophy. Later in life, Abulafia experienced visions and immersed himself in the study of *Sefer Yetzirah* (Book of Creation) and its numerous commentaries, which explain the creation of the world and man as based on Hebrew letter combinations.

Moses de León

Moses de León (c.1250–1305) was the Spanish rabbi and Kabbalist who first publicized *Sefer ha-Zohar* (Book of Radiance). The Zohar is a foundational work of Kabbalah. De León claimed to have received his material from the second-century Rabbi Shim'on bar Yohai. Scholars reject this claim and believe de León was the author, or perhaps one of multiple authors.

De León seems to have composed the Zohar over a long period of time, in a unique style of Aramaic from the time of bar Yohai. He released portions of his work to his fellow Kabbalists. He never intended to publish the Zohar for public consumption.

Moses Cordovero

Moses ben Jacob Cordovero (1522–1570) is another a central figure in the historical development of Kabbalah. Around 1550, he founded a Kabbalah academy in Safed (in the Galilee region of Ottoman Syria), which he led for twenty years until his death. According to Jewish legend, the prophet Elijah revealed himself to Rabbi Cordovero.

The village of Safed or Tzfat is a mountaintop town located 40 kilometers (25 miles) east of Acre and 20 kilometers (12 miles) north of Tiberias. The Jewish settlement at Safed dates to the Second Temple period. It became famous as the "City of Kabbalah" and home to rabbis, Kabbalistic scholars, and other Jews fleeing the Spanish Inquisition.

The magnum opus of Rabbi Cordovero, composed in 1548, was "Pardes Rimonim" (Garden of Pomegranates). It is the main source of Cordoverian Kabbalah, a comprehensive interpretation of the Zohar and a friendly rival of Luria's interpretation of the Kabbalah.

Among Cordovero's disciples were many of the luminaries of Safed, including Rabbi Eliyahu de Vidas, author of "Reshit Chochmah" (Beginning of Wisdom), and Rabbi Chaim Vital, who later became the official recorder and disseminator of the teachings of Rabbi Isaac Luria.

Isaac Luria

Isaac ben Solomon Luria Ashkenazi (1534 – 1572) is commonly known in Jewish religious circles as "Ari" (the Lion) and was a leading rabbi and Jewish mystic in the academy of Safed. He is considered the father of contemporary Kabbalah, his teachings being referred to as Lurianic Kabbalah.

Chayyim and Shmuel Vital

Chayyim ben Joseph Vital (1542-1620) was a rabbi in Safed, the foremost disciple of Isaac Luria, and went on to become the official recorder and disseminator of Luria's teachings. He published "Etz Hayim" (Tree of Life), the primary introduction and interpretation of Lurianic Kabbalah. The rest of Vital's writings were buried with him as unedited manuscripts.

Shmuel Vital, son of Chayyim Vital, exhumed his father's grave and removed certain writings but left the rest buried. From the recovered writings, he published an arrangement of Lurianic Kabbalah known as the "Shemona She'arim" (Eight Gates). The gates are: 1. Introduction, 2. Words of R. Simeon bar Yochai (supposed author of the Zohar), 3. Words of Our Sages, 4. Mitzvot (commandments), 5. Verses, 6. Intentions, 7. Prophetic Spirit, and 8. Reincarnation (transmigration of souls).

Sefer ha Bahir

Another work that came to light during this period was "Sefer ha Bahir" (Book of Clarity or Illumination). It is attributed to the first century Rabbi Nehunya ben HaKaneh, who studied under Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai. The Bahir was first published in 1176 by the Kabbalist school in Provence, a geographical region of southeastern France. The first printed edition came from Amsterdam in 1651.

Sefer ha Bahir is an explanatory study on the first chapters of the book of Genesis. It was written in a mixture of Hebrew and Aramaic, as a dialogue between a master and his disciples. The Bahir contains commentaries explaining the mystical significance of Biblical verses, the shapes of the Hebrew letters, their cantillation signs and vowel points, statements in the *Sefer Yetzirah* (Book of Creation), and the use of sacred names in magic.

If you are interested, most of the Kabbalah-related documents mentioned in this article have been translated to English and are readable online.



**The Personal Representative
and
The Venerable Master
of the
Scottish Rite Valley of San Jose**

Invite all

Scottish Rite Freemasons and all other Brother Freemasons to

A Night of Scottish Rite Instruction and Agape Dinner

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Brother David Kampschafer 32nd Degree

First Lt Commander Council of Kadosh

Valley of San Jose

Will present his paper

The Four Cardinal Virtues - the Cornerstones of Our Fraternity

6:30 PM - Social Gathering

7:00 PM - Speaker

7:30 PM - Festive Agape/Dinner

Cost \$25.00 Paid at time of Reservation

Requested attire is white tie & tails, tux or dark suit & tie with SR Cap

Please call the SJ Scottish Rite @ 408-978-7483 or visit the office to make your reservations

Reservations not canceled by December 2, 2022 must be honored.

Meet Genevieve! She loves dressing up like Disney princesses and is quite the artist! Genevieve is a ball of laughter and is always fun to talk and play with during therapy time at the clinic. She started therapy at the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Clinic after receiving an assessment from another clinic that revealed a mild expressive language delay as well as an articulation disorder complicated by a mild malocclusion type III or underbite. Genevieve's parents found our clinic via a referral from a friend whose son had received services at the Scottish Rite.



Sadly, Genevieve's family relocated to the East Coast over the summer. Genevieve and her family were such a joy to see each week! We wish them all the best on their new adventure! Genevieve's big smile and sunny disposition will be missed!

Genevieve has met her expressive language goals and made significant progress toward her articulation goals. Since starting therapy, Genevieve's parents noted that she "is easier to understand and can more clearly articulate her feelings, needs, and concerns. This has helped both at home and with immediate family, but also connection to extended family such as grandparents. Before receiving speech, she had trouble communicating with peers at school, and that is no longer an issue." Genevieve enjoys games and reading books during therapy sessions. She received both in-person sessions as well as Telehealth services. Her mother commented that the biggest reward for services at our clinic is "Seeing how much Genevieve looks forward to receiving services. She has formed a special bond with her teacher... We never have to drag her to do anything speech related; she is genuinely excited to learn through play."

Her parents noted that the San Jose Scottish Rite has provided an optimal experience, "Our experience has been exceptional. Genevieve's progress has been significant and rewarding for her and our family... We have referred friends to the clinic. It is a wonderful resource in our community, especially for families without insurance, or whose insurance does not provide feasible options... At other centers it definitely felt more like a business center – there was a visible turnover of SLPs and the service felt somewhat impersonal. When my daughter is at the Scottish Rite, I never feel rushed. She gets an exceptional and attentive experience, and I have ample time at the end of each session to hear how she is progressing."



Stated Meeting Menu

Tuesday

October 11th 2022

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

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

Green Salad

Olive Tapenade stuffed Pork Loin

Rice

Mixed Veggies

Bread

Desserts

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

Annual Dinner Ticket Books

You can now buy an Annual Dinner Ticket Book, which gives you 11 Stated Meeting Dinners and 1 Grand Masters Banquet. For a cost of \$150. This saves you \$40 off of the annual price or over 21%.

RSVPs

We need for you to RSVP to our events. It is entirely impossible to know how much food to prepare and how many tables to set unless we know how many people are going to be in attendance.

It isn't hard, sign up on the sheet, call the office, email etc. Whatever is easiest for you to do, but do it.

We don't want to get to a point that we have to deny folks from joining us without reservations. But if we have to we will.

From the Secretary

The dates for the Reunion are set, and will be the 14th, 15th and 25th of October. Please come down and support our new candidates and to view the degrees once again. You will get something new out of them every time you see them. It is also not too late to find a candidate or two. We have only brought in a handful in the last few years do to Covid and other reasons. But I know you all have been raising masons in your lodges. It is time to introduce those new brothers to the Scottish Rite.

Dues season is upon us, you should have received your dues notices, they came with your dues card, provided you were current with this years dues. Please pay it as soon as possible. The majority of our funds every year come in at the end of the year, so we need those payments to cover our expenses.

We are working on putting together a Master Craftsman group study program. We have tried in the past, but then no one showed up for it. So we need to find out if there is interest. Please let me know if you are interested. The Valley can now buy the programs in Bulk, so we can get you the first two at a \$20 cost rather than the normal \$40 and if you join the study group and finish the program, we will refund you the \$20. So by completing it you will actually get it for free. We would like to make this investment in your education, so please help us to help you.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Guss Ford".

III. Hal Leister 33° Reunion Class

October 14, 15, and 25th



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."

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

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Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events

Tuesday October 11th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm

Consistory Opens—Feast of Tisheri

Regular Meeting Attire

Tuesday October 14th ~ Scottish Rite Reunion

Dinner at 5:30pm Confer 4th and 12.

Tuesday October 15th ~ Scottish Rite Reunion

Coffee/Snacks 8am Confer 14, 18, and 30 Lunch served

Tuesday October 25th ~ Scottish Rite Reunion

Dinner at 5:30pm Confer the 32nd

Dress for Reunion is coat and tie

Tuesday November 8th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm

Council Opens— Military Recognition and Capping Cerimony

Regular Meeting Attire

Tuesday December 6th ~ Night of Instruction 6:30 pm

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

Lodge of Perfection Opens— Elections

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