



The Rite Word

From the Venerable Master

Greetings, and welcome to the beginning of Fall. The Autumnal equinox falls this year on September 22, marking the time of year where the number of hours of light and dark are of equal measure at the equator. Darkness grows each day until the shortest day of the year, and the beginning of winter solstice. Through these seasons of change, we see in nature the cycle of life. Ancient people knew and felt that within this annual cycle, were the keys to its secrets, for humanity to learn and grow from. When we look at our indigenous cultures, we see how central to their beliefs, the earth and its four cardinal points are during the year. The Summer and Winter solstices, along with the Vernal and Autumnal equinoxes demonstrate through the variation of their stages of light, that there is an internal journey or internal cycle within and for each of us.



There are countless harvest festivals throughout time in nearly every culture. The Wheel of the Year is a modern creation encompassing pagan imagery from older traditional forms, forming a composite spanning across times and across multiple cultures. Older pagan traditions observe the solstices, equinoxes, and cross-quarter days with further astrological significance. These were simple markers to live by for agricultural purposes, inherent for a culture's survival and quite literally determining the time for sowing and the time for reaping, thereby sustaining the land and her people.

The sacred cosmology of modern pagans, view life in a cyclical manner, thus being an endless cycle of birth, life, and death only to be reborn again. This is demonstrated in each corner of the eight pointed Wheel of the Year and the solstice, equinox, and cross quarters days on the lunar

calendar. Those dates are marked by Yule (Dec 20th-23rd), Imbolc (Feb 2nd), Ostara (Mar 19th-23rd), Beltane (May 1st), Midsummer (June 19th-23rd), Lughnasadh (Aug 1st), Mabon (Sep 21-24th), and Samhain (Nov 1st).

Mabon is the celebrated festival of the Autumnal equinox, also known as Harvest Home. Mabon is the second holiday on the Wheel of the Year. This marks the mid-period of the harvest cycle of equal night and day. A period of time of what was sown to be reaped accompanied by thanks given to mother earth for the bounty provided. The name of Mabon is after a Welsh deity per modern tradition. This deity was considered the son of the Earth Mother Modron, and the god of light. Though there are some historians that dispute that Mabon was ever actually worshiped by celtic individuals, and only attributed to modern paganism between the 1950s through 70s. Symbols of this include gourds, apples, dried seeds and pomegranates, pine cones, ivy vines, and horns of plenty. Herbs associated with Mabon are rose, ferns, acorns, thistle, and honeysuckle. The colors used in this are red, gold, brown, maroon, and orange, and are all colors we associate with this time of the year. With symbols of various farming including baskets, scythes, and hand trowels all in reflection of the Goddess Mother or Green Man.

We see throughout time and across cultures, a universality of light and dark. The cycle of birth, life, death, and ultimately rebirth occurs not only in the external world, but is also a cyclical internal pattern within us all.

Lastly, if anyone is in need of a ride to the Scottish Rite stated meeting from the Monterey area, please contact the Scottish Rite main office. A brother has purchased a limo in order to shuttle brothers. See y'all at the next states meeting.

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From the Master of Kadosh

Summertime is almost over, and it's time for what comes next – FOOTBALL SEASON and to bid farewell to summer fun. Join us on Sunday September 25, for fun and fellowship



when the Consistory will be hosting a BBQ get together at the Scottish Rite Center from 12 noon to 3 pm. Ill Richard Fisher has volunteered to tend the grill cooking burgers and dogs. The rest of the Consistory officers, including me, will be there as hosts and to set up and clean up.

Bring your whole family wife, kids, grandkids etc.

This is a chance to get together socially with your Scottish Rite brothers, and if you make an appointment through the office you could get your hair cut.

***Just as the previous events this year this one is presented without charge, but a donation for the clinic would not be refused.

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.

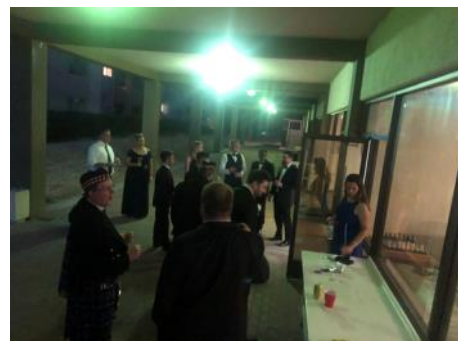
To date, Kaleo has raised almost \$1K for our clinic. Thank you very much for your dedication.

From the Acting Wise Master

Last month I touched on bringing some of the fraternal part back into the fraternity in order to build those stronger bonds with our Brothers. This is a really crucial component for us to reap the benefits within our Valley. During the month of August there have been several times Brothers from local lodges have come together to celebrate and socialize. Many have taken advantage following the Scottish Rite meetings to visit the members lounge downstairs to play some pool, smoke a cigar, and just enjoy each other's company.

With football season coming up there are several Brothers planning to make excellent use of the members lounge to watch the games. The lounge might open in time for the 10am game and stay open until the Sunday Night game is over. There has also been some discussion about Monday Night Football being shown. Both days are still being figured out but the basis is for good fun and bonding with our Brothers. Even if you don't like the game, there is plenty to do with the game playing in the background (pool, cards, chess, board games, etc). Come join the fun!

Tim Lynch



From the Chief Knight

The 29th degree is entitled the Scottish Knights of St. Andrew

Who was St. Andrew and what are the lessons of this degree?

So who was St Andrew? In simple terms, he is the Patron Saint of Scotland.

St Andrew has been celebrated in Scotland for over a thousand years, with feasts being held in his honor as far back as the year 1000 AD.

However, it wasn't until 1320, when Scotland's independence was declared with the signing of The Declaration of Arbroath, that he officially became Scotland's patron saint. The flag of Scotland, the St Andrew's Cross, was chosen in honor of him.

St. Andrew was one of the first disciples chosen by Jesus. Andrew, along with Peter, James and John formed the inner circle of Jesus' 12 apostles. Andrew was however a disciple of St. John the Baptist prior to becoming a follower of Christ.

Not a great deal is known about his early life other than he is mentioned in the Bible as taking part in the 'Feeding of the Five Thousand'.

It is not absolutely certain where he preached the Gospel. While it is not certain where or what Andrew actually preached it appears he traveled great distances in order to spread the word, and it may be this which links him with Scotland.

St Andrew was continually open to new light; he was pliable and teachable.

When the truth was presented to him, he accepted it enthusiastically and wished others to share it."

The lessons taught in this degree

The candidate learns about the fall and destruction of knighthood and the age of chivalry; the gradual increasing and decreasing of institutions; and of the rise, fall, and re-birth of the knightly orders.

It's also emblematic of the oath that the candidate takes to become a brother to aid in rebuilding the Order of the Temple.

The Candidate learned the duties of a Knight of St. Andrews.

1. Show reverence and obedience to Deity.
2. Serve the truth.
3. Protect virtue and innocence.



4. Battle manfully for truth and right, free speech and free thought, defending the people against tyranny.

"Death before dishonor" was a part of a Knight's vow. Considering the news today of dishonor among politicians, investment managers, and corporate executives, the general public's perception of honor is not very high and its perception of chivalry is next to nothing.

As all 32° Scottish Rite masons are Scottish Knights of St. Andrew. The real question for the Scottish Knight of St. Andrew, is how can a Knight live and be successful within the real world and yet still be true to his knightly vows?

David M. Kempshall

Late Ancient Development of the Kabbalah

The Second Temple period (516 BCE – 70 CE) was a period of multiple religious currents emerged and extensive cultural, religious, and political developments occurred. During this time the Israelite people adopt the name "Jews". The name derives from the tribe of Judah, whose traditional land became Judea, the name of a Roman province, and Judea-ism or Judaism, the religion practiced by the people living in Judea.

The development of the Hebrew Bible, the synagogue, and Jewish eschatology (the part of theology concerned with death, judgment, and the final destiny of the soul and humankind) all happened during Second Temple period. It was during this period that the sects of the Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, Zealots, and early Christianity were formed.

Eschatology is the part of theology concerned with death, judgment, and the final destiny of the soul and of humankind. Death was no longer the end of a man. Life is eternal and we will be judged and rewarded or punished for what we did.

Such thinking can lead to Apocalypticism, the belief in a sudden, dramatic, and cataclysmic intervention of God into human history and the eventual rule of the elect of God in a renewed heaven and earth. Basically, God comes to replace everything we human wrecked, reorganizes everything the right way, and keeps a close eye on us from now on.

One well-known example of Apocalypticism is belief in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Jesus himself described his eventual return and urged his followers to be spiritually prepared. The early Jesus followers believed his Second Coming would happen during their lifetimes. But they were disappointed. Two thousand years later, faithful Jesus followers continue look forward to that apocalyptic event.

Such apocalyptic beliefs began in the struggles of the Jewish people when the Kingdom was divided. Later, Israel conquered by the Assyrians, and then Judea by the Babylonians. Then came Persian rule, followed by Greek rule, then local Hasmonean rule, followed by the Herodian dynasty under Roman rule. Imagine how the people felt, living in their homeland yet it was no longer theirs to govern. They yearned for the anointed one, or Messiah, the great leader who would come and set things right.

End of the Prophets and Beginning of the Rabbis

The Second Temple period begins with the construction of the Second Temple under Zerubbabel, the appointed governor of the territory, at that time part of the Persian empire. The prophets of those days were Ezra and Zechariah. You can read their accounts in the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament).

When Malachi, the last of the prophets, died, prophecy

ceased. That left the Jews without their version of divine guidance, at a time when they felt most in need of support and direction.

To replace the divine guidance, they turned to the men who were the best educated in the divine guidance the nation had previously received. That is Torah, Prophets, and Holy Writings. Those men formed a body called the Bet Din or "house of judgement". Thus the prophets of God were essentially replaced by a committee of humans.

At some point during the 2nd century BCE, the men who were the best educated in the writings that would eventually become the Hebrew Bible, acquired the title of "Master" or "Rabbi". They were also known as Rebbe, Rav, Rabbeinu, and Rabban.

These men we thought of as teachers. They were not priests, who (theoretically) are intercessors between God and man. The Rabbi's job was to interpret and apply the Law as contained in the Torah (first five books of the Bible). It was not until the 19th century CE that Rabbis became leaders of congregations.

Once the title of Rabbi became common place, the Bet Din adopted the name Rabbinical Court. There were three levels of courts. The highest level was the Sanhedrin, the grand central court on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, which had 71 members. The "Nasi" was the prince or leader of the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin was a separate entity from the Temple Priesthood.

The Sanhedrin and Priesthood cooperated with each other and formed a government of, for, and by the Jewish people. There was no church-state separation. Religious observance was central to daily life and defined the Jewish ethnic identity. Arrangements similar to this were common among many nations in antiquity.

The Herodian rulers, King Herod the Great and his sons, had influence over who lead this two-body Jewish government. However, the Herodians obtained their authority to rule from the Romans, thus they were viewed as outsiders and oppressors. Great tension arose between the Jews and their Roman rulers, eventually leading to war.

No More Jerusalem, No More Temple

During the Roman siege of Jerusalem (70 CE), the city and the Temple of God were destroyed. The Jewish Historian Josephus estimated that over a million people, mostly Jews, died in the five-month long siege. Some 97,000 people were taken into slavery. Just a few thousand Jewish people remained alive and free.

They immediately recognized the need of a new way of maintaining the Jewish identity and religious practice.

The surviving Jews urgently needed a new cultural and religious center. Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakai (47 BCE – 73 CE) answered the call. He and his students founded a new Yeshiva (religious center) in Yavne.

Yavne or Yavneh (pronounced: YAHV nay) is also known as Jabneh in some English Bibles, Jamnia (pronounced: ee AHM nee ah) by the Romans and Greeks, and by the Crusaders as Ibelin (pronounced: EYE blin), where they built a defensive castle in 1141.

These events mark the beginning of the Talmudic period (70 – 500 CE), where any significant commentary on the Torah was gathered and added into a collection eventually known as the Talmud. When they arranged the modern Talmud in book form, there were so many volumes that it resembled a set of encyclopedias.

What about the Kabbalah?

So what does any of this have to do with Kabbalah? It was during the Talmudic period that the seeds of Kabbalah were planted by Rabbi Akiva ben Yosef and his disciple Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai.

Rabbi Akiva ben Yosef (150 CE – 35 CE) is known simply as Rabbi Akivah. You may recall from the first article in this series that Rabbi Akiva was one of four sages who entered the Pardes, the divine orchard or paradise. He alone emerged in a state of peace.

Akiva taught many mystical concepts. An example was the idea that the Shekinah, the imminent divine presence, traveled with the people of Israel, (the Jews) wherever they wandered during their exile from their homeland.

After the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple, this idea takes on a special meaning, since most Jews lived in the diaspora, spread throughout the known world. This concept of the Shekinah parallels Jesus' teachings about the Holy Spirit. They are just different expressions of same thing.

Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai (2nd Century CE), a student of Rabbi Akiva, is said to be the author of the Zohar (Book of Splendor), by writing down the lessons and practices he learned from Rabbi Akivah.

We have no writings from Shimon bar Yochai. But we do have the writings of Moses de León (1240 – 1305), who claimed that he copied material from an ancient book of wisdom (the Zohar) authored by Shimon bar Yochai. De León explained that he received the material through a meditation technique called "automatic writing".

Beginning around 1280, de León published portions of this "ancient book of wisdom" and circulated them among his kabbalist friends. These documents were not intended for the larger Jewish community, let alone the Christian world surrounding it.

Another prominent 1st century Kabbalist was Rabbi Nehunya ben HaKaneh (1st - 2nd Century CE), the author of the Sefer Ha Bahir, a lesser known but very important treatise on the Kabbalah. Some sources say Nehunya ben HaKaneh was a student of Shimon bar Yochai, others say he was just a contemporary.

The Bahir was first published by the Provence school of Kabbalists and was circulated to a limited audience in manuscript form. Unlike the Zohar, no medieval scholar takes credit for a miraculous transmission of the Bahir from ancient times.

You might get the idea that the Kabbalah and Talmud represented competing philosophies. Such was not the case. Many of the late ancient Kabbalists also contributed to the Talmud or are mentioned in it. The Talmud emerged as a scholarly and rational study of the Torah. While the Kabbalah developed as a mystical study of the Torah. More on that when we discuss the Medieval period in a separate article.



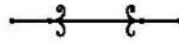


The Scottish Rite Research Society

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2022 Symposium

All Masons and guests are cordially invited to attend the Scottish Rite Research Society Symposium at the Oakland Scottish Rite Temple on September 17, 2022 from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm, followed by a reception and refreshments. Featured presenters include Ill. C. James Graham, 33°, S.:G.:I.:G.: in the Orient of Arkansas, Ill. Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, G.:C.:., Ill. Rex Hutchens, 33°, G.:C.:., Hon. Adam Kendall, 32°, K.:C.:C.:H.:., and Bro. Josef Wäges, 32°, with a panel moderated by Bro. Tigran Agadzhanian, 32°.



September 17, 2022

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm: SRRS Symposium

5:00 – 7:00 pm: Reception and refreshments

Cost: \$15.00 per person

(cash or check made out to the Oakland Scottish Rite)

Casual Attire



RESERVATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE IN-PERSON EVENT

RSVP Deadline: September 14, 2022 (please indicate how many in your party)

To reserve, email: akendall@scottish-rite.org

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Luke is a very sweet and gregarious 6 year-old boy. He has two little sisters and he loves all things related to transportation- cars, trucks and street signs. This year he will start kindergarten. Luke is a delight to work with. Each week he tries his best. He has a loving and supportive family who diligently work with him at home and it has made a great difference in his speech progress.



When Luke first began speech therapy his speech intelligibility was low, which made it very difficult for others to understand him. Mom reported frustration and hurt feelings when others didn't understand him. Luke demonstrated inconsistent sound errors, he dropped parts of multisyllabic words and showed a decrease in intelligibility during connected speech.

Luke's mother graciously wrote the following passage:

We were so fortunate to hear about the Scottish Rite Speech and Language clinic from an old co-worker of my Mom's. Her daughter was in the program and she only had amazing things to say about it to my Mom. My Mom knew Luke had been in need of speech assistance and was eager to refer me.

Luke was speech delayed and that has been a huge challenge for him because he is very social and has A LOT to say. I frequently found myself "translating" for Luke, as no one outside of his immediate family, was able to understand him. It was hard to watch him approach other children at a park to play and they'd be unable to understand him and that would result in them not playing with him, which would just break his little heart.

We have noticed a world of difference in Luke's speech. He is so much more confident now and we recently traveled to visit family and Luke was chatting with so many new people on the airplane and at the airport - and for the first time in a long time, I wasn't "translating". It warms my heart to watch him be able to speak on his own, proudly!

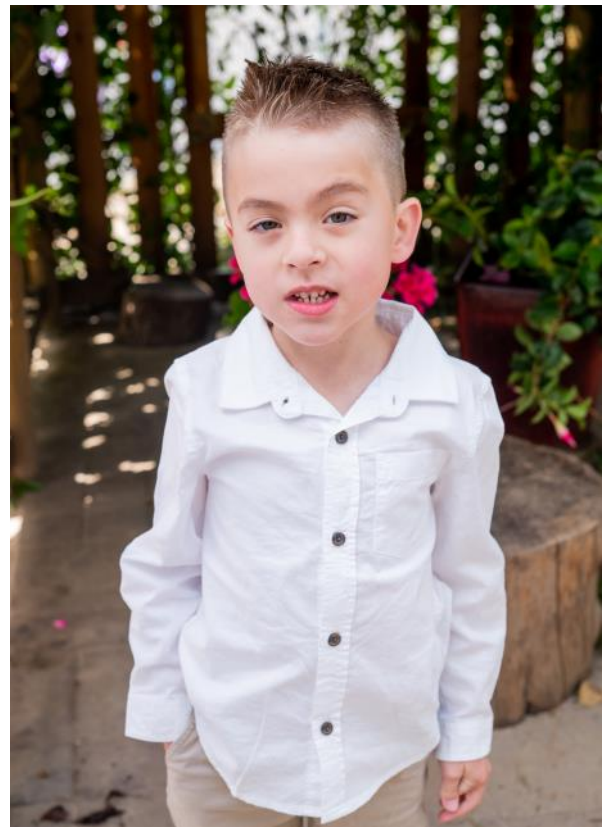
Luke has grown even closer to his sisters, as they are

now able to understand him so much better. He doesn't hesitate to talk to us about whatever he is feeling. So much stress has been alleviated as we are all able to communicate so much more efficiently.

Watching our child flourish and excel, it is almost like a whole new world has opened for Luke. He has made so many new friends and relationships and we attribute so much of this success to the care he has received from his incredible speech therapist, Angela, through the Scottish Rite.

The care we have received has been inspiring and rewarding. Angela genuinely cares about our Luke and wants him to succeed as much as we do. This truly feels like the most amazing gift we could give our son.

Luke and his family have been a joy to work with and we look forward to his continued progress



Stated Meeting Menu

Tuesday

Sept 13th 2022

(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY call the office, by July 8th)

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

Green Salad

Sour Kraut

Hand Made Sausages

Spatzel and German Potato Salad

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

By now you should have received your Dues notice with your dues card. Please pay it as soon as possible. If you did not get a card with the notice, it means that you are not current for 2022. Please take care of that now.



We have our next quarterly BBQ coming up on September 25th. Its free, come down and enjoy the fellowship with your brothers. That is supposed to be a big part of what we do.

The reunion is coming up. So we need you to identify someone in your lodge that is not a Scottish Rite Mason and invite them to join. Even if we only have a 10% success rate, that is 50 new members and the biggest class we would have had in many years.

Also make plans to come down for some are all of the degrees. It is called a Reunion, because it is the time to reconnect.



III. Hal Leister 33° Reunion Class

Fall Dates TBD



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Are you a US Citizen? YES NO If "No", where are you a citizen? _____

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Years as M.M.: ____ Blue Lodge Name _____ No. _____

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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."

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| _____ | | Spring | Fall |
| <i>Candidate's Signature</i> | Degree Fee | \$200 | \$200 |
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| 1st Sponsor PRINTED NAME | Total Due: | \$290 | \$200 |
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