



THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY FOR THE VALLEY OF SAN JOSE IN THE ORIENT OF CALIFORNIA



My Brothers.

From the Venerable Master

My early experience in Judo and Jujitsu lasted many years and my education was based on old Japanese traditions. Tests were hard and failure was harder. I learned to apply my spirit to the betterment of myself and others. I became part of the examining board of the United States Judo Association and Soke Di of the International Golden Dragon Jujitsu Federation. And I was still in pursuit of the pure spirit of Budo. Eventually, I found myself teaching the wrong people, and set all of this aside; because I was no longer in pursuit of the right spirit.



In my practice of Kendo today I am in unison with so many others who are in pursuit of the pure spirit. To us, Kendo is not just a sport. Every time I pick up my Shinai (sword) I am the blacksmith who forms it; I have to be of pure mind and of good heart; otherwise I will wield a bad sword.

My journey in Masonry isn't so much different. The pursuit clarifies with age. When I was 21 years old and did my third degree I heard words, and I repeated them; but really had no model in my mind as to what they were. Now at 61 I know what torments, trials, hardships, earthly ambitions, uncertainties and fleeting pleasures are. I also know that I am not done with these categories yet.

Over the years I have read the monitorial part of the third degree many times and have explored how the 3 steps, the pot of incense, the bee hive, the book of constitutions guarded by the Tyler's sword, the sword pointing to the naked heart and the all seeing eye, the anchor and the ark, the 47th problem of Euclid and the hourglass and scythe help me on this pursuit. I had to come to terms with how all things in Masonry apply to how I wield my Masonic education inside and outside of our doors.

I encourage everyone to sit down and take stock in our writings. It is in doing this that I understood the deep teachings of the degrees of Masonry.

The pursuit of the pure spirit of Masonry will never die.

MARTIN MAXEY

VENERABLE MASTER





Brielle is a beautiful six-year-old girl who began receiving services



here at our clinic at the beginning of summer 2016. She has been working mostly on her articulation skills such as producing her /s/, “sh,” and /r/ sounds twice a week with Ms. Jenna. Brielle tends to distort her /s/ and “sh” sounds by blocking the air that is coming through her teeth or not pushing her air through hard enough. We are working on producing these sounds accurately, and she is

improving each day! You may be thinking, “Wow, she is already working on /r/ at such a young age?” Well, surprisingly children should be producing /r/ at the beginning of their words at age 3! It did take her a while to get a good /r/ sound, but now she is on a rrrrrroll! Each day her /r/ is sounding better and better in her conversation!! She is also practicing irregular past tense verbs, and answering “who” questions. She is learning new words every day! She loves to earn goldfish crackers and water breaks for her hard work! Brielle has got a great imagination and enjoys playing with the animals from our toy room at the end of her speech therapy sessions.

Sally, Brielle’s mother heard about our clinic through her sister who brought her son here in the past. In addition to Sally’s nephew being seen at this clinic, Ms. Jenna also got the pleasure of working with Brielle’s big sister! Before receiving services at our clinic Sally noted that some of Brielle’s, ”words were very distorted, but now she is doing so much better. It is easier for everyone to understand her.”

Sally also commented, “It has been a very positive experience at the Scottish Rite Clinic and we are so grateful. I tell people all the time about how great this clinic is. Ms. Jenna has been so sweet. We love her! Thanks to the Scottish Rite Center for providing this service. “ Brielle’s clinician is hopeful that she will meet all her speech therapy goals in the very near future! Keep up the awesome work Brielle!

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Jurisdiction of the U.S.A. was going to come to Sacramento, California in October for his final visit as S.G.C. “Ronnie” is a wonderful Grand Commander who has guided our Scottish Rite craft for two multi-year terms and this would be his last in that capacity. Well, I just wasn’t about to miss this Grand Scottish Rite reception event!



I left a day early to stay with my sister in the Grass Valley area and then would hop down to Sac for the meeting, and with the smell of smoke still lingering in the air from some of the many Northern California fires still raging. There was lots of traffic on the road and it was some fun trying to find the Scottish Rite building in South East Sacramento for my first time even though I had directions. But the building and property site were gorgeous and located right adjacent to a bend in the American River.

Many of my friends were already there and there was an open bar for refreshments and conversations. The dinner hall was enormous and well lighted. I counted thirty large tables and well over 200 attendees. Ill. Seale then arrived and all of the S.R. Valley dignitaries welcomed him. Invocation and dinner was next. The prime rib feast with all the fixings was enjoyed while background piano musical interludes enhanced the meal which was served by a group of young DeMolay boys. After dinner—prayer and an enjoyable piano recital were followed by an “on stage dinner representation” of a traditional October “Feast of Tishri” with toasts by all as appropriate followed by a standing ovation from everybody.

Next came the 50 year member patent and blue cap presentations to nine older worthy long time Scottish Rite brothers that was presided over by Ill. Frank Loui 33° S.G.I.G for California and with Ill. Ronald A. Seale, 33° S.G.C. doing the each actual capping. A history of each of the nine recipients was read describing their life, family, business, military and long years of service to the fraternity. Ill. Seale then gave a very nice and stimulating talk of his time in office and prospects for the future. He has a commanding presence and a most articulate way of presenting Masonic subjects—“he talks with great knowledge and sincerity from the heart”.

What an evening, this one was special, and he graciously signed my 300th year Masonic Grand Lodge anniversary history presentation boxed book. It really made my day.

Dell Bleiler, Commander of Kadosh



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Our newest 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Brothers from the Fall Reunion.

(front row, l to r) Mike Hertzberg, Mark McEuen, Thomas Brumett, Marius Dumitrean, Angelo Encarnacion, Cirilo Paredes

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BRO. Wilfred Scholefield, 32nd DEGREE
October 9th, 2017
BRO. Frank Walliser 32nd DEGREE



"2018" Honor Roll

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Your annual gift of \$100.00 or more will help the San Jose Lodge of Perfection, Chapter Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh and Consistory reach the level necessary to provide

Congratulations to our 2017 Honoumehen



III. Ken Nagel congratulates III. Bud Ramsey on having been Coroneted a 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary (left), and Brothers Tom Tefft (middle left) Hank Vleck (middle right) Tom Bergevin (lower left) and Martin Maxey (lower right) on having all been Invested as Knights Commander of the Court of Honor.



Sorry, the Scottish Rite and the Consistory. While I feel like although we do need some actual instruction and direction and maybe some lighthearted triviality - it's more about communicating the ideals of the Scottish rite to list each month



That being said, I will attempt to accomplish some of each.

So I am sitting in my car, waiting for the light, my mind wanders and I find myself looking at the bumper sticker on the car in front of me, it said: *Fighting Hate, Teaching Tolerance, Seeking Justice*. I was awestruck by the simple clarity of this message. I couldn't agree more.

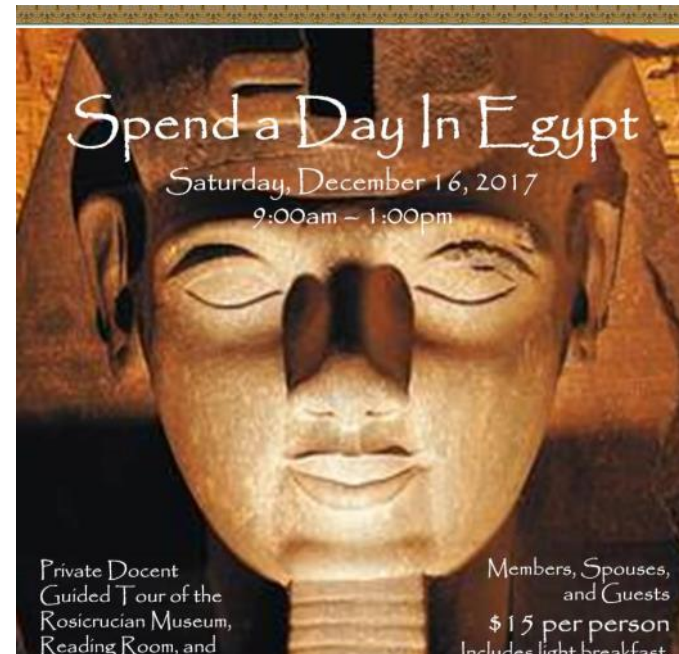
Everyone has an opinion, political or religious persuasion, thoughts on who should be doing what (presumably for the common good, but perhaps not always) or advice on what they think is 'right'. But what makes it all work *in our country* is recognizing that each of us *has that* choice. Seems that what is being lost these days is that recognition and respect, that while we might not agree with each other, we have the responsibility to listen to each other. Now, more than ever we needed as Masons to help further this important aspect of our society.

The Valley now has a new Phone App, similar to the one provided to the Blue Lodge by the Grand Lodge of California. To get it, go to <http://ourapp.link/sr-san-jose> on your phone's browser while connected to the Internet.

Join us for a 'Day in Egypt' at the San Jose Rosicrucion Museum. This is one of the largest collections of Egyptian artifacts outside of Egypt and at the site is the Grand Lodge of AMORC, the Ancient and Mystical Order of the Rosicrucion. Some say they are a distant cousin of Masonry. Come and find out. The day includes a light breakfast, Tour of their extensive Reading Room, a Guided Tour of their Museum and a chance to meet their Grand Master Julie Scott. Saturday December 16th, 9:00 AM San Jose. \$15 pp. Call (831) 521-8228 or email MarkBurger@PacificGroveMasonicLodge.org for reservations.



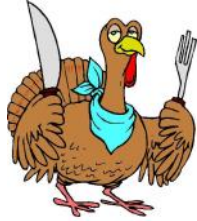
III. HAL LEISTER is presented with the "GOLD AWARD"





Thanksgiving

Assorted Appetizers
Smoked Turkey Breast with Gravy
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans Caesar Salad
Fresh Rolls & Butter - and Dessert



Vegetarian Entrée (Must be requested by 11/10/17)



\$15.00 per person. Call or email your reservations NOW!!

*The Personal Representative
and
The Venerable Master*

*of the
Valley of San Jose*

Invite all
Scottish Rite Freemasons and other Brother Masons to
A Night of Scottish Rite Instruction and Festive Agape

**Tuesday, December 5, 2017
at**

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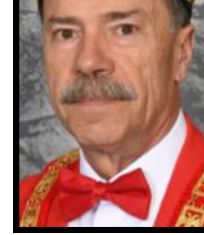
**Will Favor Us with a Talk on
Hermetic Philosophy and Masonry;
Possible Links**

Schedule of Events

6:30p.m. – 7:00 PM – Social Time
7:00p.m. – 7:45 PM – Presentation of the Paper
7:45p.m. – Festive Agape/Dinner
Cost \$25.00

Freemasonry in Romania.

Freemasonry has a long history in Romania, going back as far as 1734. That is only 17 years after the constitution of the United Grand Lodge of England and two years before the birth of the Scottish Rite. Many key moments in Romanian history, including the country's unification and independence were strongly influenced by Masons. The National Grand Lodge of Romania was founded in September 1880. One year later, in 1881, the Supreme Council of Romania was created. For the next half century, Freemasonry was the driving force behind Romania's rapid progress. Those were years of great achievement and change. Romania emerged as a modern nation with a democratic government, a booming economy, and a rich cultural life.



Those hopeful times abruptly ended with the beginning of World War II. But the worst was still to come. It arrived with the Soviet tanks that imposed a communist regime in Bucharest, thus marking the beginning of a nightmare that would last for 50 years. Romanian Freemasons paid a heavy price. They were persecuted, arrested, tried, sent to jails, or forced into labor camps. In 1948, Freemasonry was outlawed by the communist regime. At that time, more than 1,500 Brethren were registered by the Romanian Grand Lodge. No more than a few hundred were still alive in 1964 to benefit from a general amnesty, and by 1989 only 10 Masons living in Romania survived the communist regime. There were, of course, a few Romanian Brethren living abroad. After almost half a century of ruthless dictatorship, a miracle occurred. Communism collapsed and so did the dictator Ceausescu's regime. It was a rebirth for the whole nation and a time of great need. And so it was, of course, time for Freemasonry to step in again. The Grand Orient of Italy and the Grand Lodge of California reconstituted the first Romanian Lodge in 1990 with the assistance of the Grand Lodges of France and Austria. Three years later, the National Grand Lodge of Romania was reopened, and S.G.C. Kleinknecht and his Supreme Council initiated the first Master Masons into the Scottish Rite. In October 1993, the same Mother Council of the World re-consecrated, in Washington, D.C., the Supreme Council of Romania, Portugal, and Poland. Romanian Brethren were grateful then, and they remain so to this day. In particular, they are pleased that Ill. Kleinknecht and his distinguished delegation were able to attend and help celebrate the 10th anniversary in post-communist Romania. This celebration has closed a difficult chapter and has opened a new one in which genuine Brotherhood and Unity in Europe and the world must and shall triumph.

And in May 14 to 17, 20014 the National Grand Lodge of Romania has organized and hosted the 13th session of The World Conference of Regular Masonic Grand Lodges: 106 Grand Lodges were represented, 76 Grand Masters and 32 Grand Secretaries as well as an impressive number of Deputy Grand Masters, Pro Grand Masters and Grant Officers were in attendance, making the 13th session of The World Conference the largest gathering of representatives in history.



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Tuesday, Nov 14th ~ *Scottish Rite Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm*

6:30pm - Social Hour ~ 7:00pm - Dinner ~ Program - Capping Ceremony & Military Recognition Night

Sunday, Nov 19th ~ *Monthly Masonic Get Together from 1pm—7pm*

Host—Wors Will Montoya, 2999 Bradbury Dr, SJ Bring a dish to share Open to All Masons and Friends

Thursday, Nov 23rd ~ *HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Give Thanks to the GAOTU for all Your Blessings!*

Tuesday, Nov 28th ~ *Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting at 6pm*

Tuesday, Nov 28th ~ *Monthly All Officer Council Meeting at 7pm*

Tuesday, Dec 5th ~ *“Night of Instruction”~~ See Flyer inside the Rite Word*

Tuesday, Dec 12th ~ *Scottish Rite Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm*

6:30pm - Social Hour ~ 7:00pm - Dinner ~ Program - Christmas Theme

Saturday, Dec 16th ~ *“Spend a Day in Egypt” Guided Tour of Rosicrucian Museum~~ Details inside Rite Word*

Monday, Dec 25th ~ *MERRY CHRISTMAS! May the Spirit and Joy of the Season be with you ALL!!*