



The Rite Word - Valley of San Jose

Brethren,

The holidays are upon us. For most people, the holidays are a time of joy and celebration. For many, however, this can be a time of stress, of concern, and even loneliness. We often tend to over-indulge at this time of year. We eat too much, perhaps drink too much. We even shop too much. These can increase our stress levels, and make us prone to illness, and physical exhaustion.



You have to remember to take care of yourself. Take some time to decompress, relax, and give yourself some space to breathe. But at the same time, we need to think about others. Keep an eye out for your Brothers, friends, family, and even strangers, who appear to be in need, are overly worried, or might otherwise be in distress. You know that when someone is hurting, sometimes a smile is all it takes, or a handshake and a word of greeting, to make things a little better. Be a resource for them. Be an ear to hear their stories, a shoulder to lean on, and a pair arms to hug them. Perhaps the need is more profound, and you may need to give more of your time or resources. Be careful not to give too much of yourself, else you find yourself in distress. But be there for those in need – be it a physical, mental, or spiritual need.

This is a time, too, to remember our Masonic charities, to the extent you can. Our Scottish Rite has many ways to show your charity. Donate for the benefit of our Language Disorder Clinic, or help us in rebuilding our Temple. And of course, there are so many worthwhile causes throughout the family of Freemasonry. None of us can fully support them all, but do what you can.

I wanted to give you a heads up that at our January Stated Meeting, the Lodge of Perfection will host Scottish Heritage Night. If you own Highland apparel, we encourage you to wear it proudly at that meeting. We will have a celebration of all things Scottish, so come out and join us for this fun event.

As this Scottish Rite year comes to an end, the incoming presiding officers of the bodies will be looking to host more interesting and fun events next year. We would like your input, in order to create and execute events that our members would like to see. Please let know if you'd like us to put something special on for you.

I look forward to seeing you around throughout the coming months.

Randy Dawney

2018 Honor Roll

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Make an annual Donation to the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies in the amount of \$100 or more and have your name included on the "Honor Roll" Your gift allows the San Jose Bodies to provide the quality events that you deserve.

Donations

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Sharon Reynolds

Called From Labor

Bro. William Mealor Jr 32°
May 21, 2018

Br. Howard Bjerke 32°
January 1, 2018

Bro. Wayne Atnip 32°
October 3, 2018



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

Sick or Distressed

Hon. Franklin Wong 32° KCCH
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Calls/Visitors Welcome

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Calls/Visitors Welcome

2018 - Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master	Hon. Randy Downey, 32° KCCH	408-674-8341
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Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

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.

December 27 is Saint John the Evangelist Day and Freemasons celebrate this day in honor of one of our Patron Saints. This date marks the second feast day of our year to celebrate the Holy Saints John. The Evangelist is also known as the Apostle of Charity which probably is, in part, his connection to our fraternity along with his strong resolve and purity of his love of the Divine.



I find it particularly interesting that The Grand Lodge of All of England and its predecessor, the Ancient Society of Freemasons in the city of York elected and installed their President, then their Grand Master on the day of the Evangelist. In London, the Ancient Grand Lodge of England elected their new Grand Masters on the same day. In 1813, when the Moderns and Ancients came together as the United Grand Lodge of England, it was on the Feast of the Evangelist. So, take a few moments on the 27th to celebrate this most important person in our Craft's past, present and future.

On December 4, the Valley of San Jose will hold it's 23rd Scottish Rite Night of Instruction and Agape Dinner. I hope many of you can plan your busy schedules to attend this evening of education. All the details you need are found elsewhere in this Rite Word. This event is open to ALL Masons. Bring a guest from your Blue Lodge. They will thank you for including them in this night of Brotherly Love.

On November 13, this Valley held it's sixth annual Military Recognition Night during the Stated Meeting Dinner. Two service members were honored for their military service and contributions to their respective Junior and Senior Reserve Officer Training Programs at Soledad High School and Santa Clara University. It was a pleasure to have several ROTC cadets join us. They were an impressive group. All veterans in attendance were recognized as their service anthem was played. It was a great celebration and one of my favorite events of the year.

Enjoy the Holidays with your family, friends and Masonic family. Take time to assist those not as fortunate as we, it is the Masonic way.

Charles B Coe

Merry Christmas! 2018 is coming to a close, but not before the most wonderful time of the year. There is more to December than falling temperatures, snowflakes, and hot cocoa. This is my favorite time of the year. One in which family, charity, and spending time with our brothers is filled with. Please remember your brethren at this time. Ask one or more of our older brothers who are alone at this time of the year to join your family in its celebrations. You will be amazed at how they react and how it makes you feel.



We will start to notice a change in our days shortly. The 21st of December marks the Winter Solstice, and the shift from the longest day of darkness to lengthier days of light. This shift carries much importance for everything on the planet. The tracking of earth's sun dates back to Stonehenge in England, Machu Picchu in Peru, and before always playing major roles in our world. I know that I am already looking forward to warmer days.

Remember that our annual elections will be coming up at the Stated Meeting in January and then later in the month we will be having our installation. If you have ever wanted to get involved as an officer now is the time to make your desires known.

Have A Merry Christmas and Safe New Year

Benjamin H. ...

Fraternal greetings! This is a special time of year when we have several family-based holidays including Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, and New Year's celebration. It is the time for the transition from Fall to Winter. It is a time of endings and new beginnings. It is a time of reflection and setting new hopes for the next year. I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season and look forward to everyone coming back to the Scottish Rite renewed and refreshed in the new year!



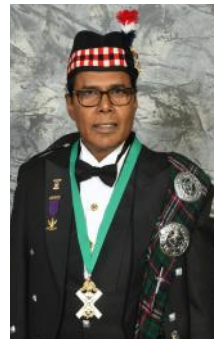
Justice and Charity

Out of the Seven Virtues of Fortitude, Temperance, Prudence, Justice, Faith, Hope, and Charity, two of the virtues have stuck out in my mind as being problematic for me to understand in the past. Those virtues are Justice and Charity. I have given significant thought on these two virtues as well as read numerous books to try and clarify my understanding of the two areas.

First let's consider the word Justice. In our modern world, and in modern English, when I hear the word Justice it evokes thoughts about the justice system, ensuring people pay for their crimes, and judgement. As such, when thinking about how to embody the virtue of Justice, it was met in my mind with a bit of resistance, as I wasn't sure how this was a virtue one would want to aspire to. Not that the judicial system is a negative concept in our society but being judgmental isn't something most spiritual traditions uphold. As such, in thinking and studying the word Justice, I've learned that Justice is the opposite of Prejudice, and that it means to treat all people equally. This means we need to treat everyone we meet with the same level of esteem and respect. Justice is the opposite of Prejudice, as prejudice is based on calling out differences in people and treating people according to our likes and dislikes about their traits and differences. Therefore, if we are to truly realize God's kingdom in earth as it is in heaven, we need to recognize God's spark or essence in every being and know that we are all equal irrespective of any outward appearances or character traits that we might dislike. This is what is embodied in the concept of Justice, as it relates to the word as a virtue.

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Many Masons and the profane as well, have had a keen interest in the history of Freemasonry. Many books on Masonic history were written, numbered in the thousands, but only a few centered around the ancient ties and myths associated with Freemasonry.



Is it truth or myth? That has been the question of the ages. Its origin is lost in the abyss of unexplored antiquity. No historical records or accounts can point out the precise place or time of its beginnings.

As Freemasons, we are aware of our American history back through the Civil War and the fight for independence from England. Our Declaration of Independence was supported by many Freemasons, most notably George Washington, our first President of the United States as well as our first Grand Master. However, Benjamin Franklin played a historic role in our history. The genius of Franklin was so overwhelming and manifested in so many directions that no paper can list his achievements. Printer, author, editor, inventor, scientist, diplomat; founder of schools, postal systems, government; ambassador, wit, speaker; philosopher, politician and Freemasonry, that he was one of the most gifted men of all time. Franklin was not merely a Lodge member, content with that and nothing more, but a Freemason intensely interested in the Craft. Franklin was initiated in 1731 in St. John's Lodge in Pennsylvania. Franklin's membership immediately changed his style of writing in his print shop, the Gazette. He published story after story about Freemasonry in America in general and in Pennsylvania in particular. They have become foundation stones on which is erected the early history of Freemason in this nation. **(In the interest of space this article will continue).**

I proudly announce Knighting of Knights' John A John Absalon, Daniel Webb and Jerome Alipio. On the same day, Sunday November 11th the following Knights were elevated to KOTFO: Angelo Encarnacion, Marshall Wallace, John Absalon.

KSA Events of the Future: December 16th at noon KSA Stated Meeting in the SJSR Library followed by election of new officers. As we are approaching the end of the calendar year, please plan to attend, participate in our elections, and planning for 2019 and further.

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1. In the morning, before rising, thank the God of your Heart for the new day that you are privileged to live on the earthly plane, and ask God to inspire you throughout the day. Then, while facing east, take seven deep breaths as you focus on the vitality that is awakening in you. Afterwards, drink a glass of water and then begin your daily activities.
2. Despite the trials and tribulations of life, always consider life the most precious gift the Cosmic ever granted human beings, because it is the medium of our spiritual evolution and the source of the happiness we seek. Furthermore, regard your body as the temple of your soul, and take great care of it.
3. If you can, reserve a place in your home dedicated to prayer, meditation, and the study of the Rosicrucian teachings. Make it your own oratory, your sanctum, and keep it free from any profane concern or activity.
4. Before every meal, give thanks to God for being fortunate enough to have something to eat, and think of all those who do not have the privilege of eating their fill. If you are alone or together with other members of the Order, place your hands above your food, palms down, and say mentally or aloud this symbolic invocation: "May this food be purified and magnetized by the vibrations radiating from my hands so to provide for my body and soul's need. May all those who are hungry be associated with this meal and be given a spiritual share of its benefits. So Mote It Be!"
5. You know that the aim of all human beings is to perfect themselves; to become better persons. Therefore, constantly endeavor to awaken and express the virtues of the soul that animates you. In doing so, you will contribute to your evolution and serve the cause of humanity.
6. Isolate yourself for a moment every day, preferably in your Sanctum, and send thoughts of love, harmony, and health towards humanity as a whole, particularly towards all those who suffer physically or mentally. Also ask God to assist them on all planes and to preserve them as much as possible from the ordeals of life.
7. Behave in such a way that all those who share your existence or live in contact with you regard you as an example and feel the desire to be like you. Guided by the voice of your conscience, may your ethics be as pure as possible and may your first preoccupation always be to think well, speak well, and act well.
8. Be tolerant and defend the right to be different. Never use the faculty of judgment to blame or condemn anyone, for you cannot read the hearts and souls of others. Look at them benevolently and leniently, and see what is best in them.
9. Be generous towards those who are in need or less favored than you. Arrange things every day so that you do at least one good deed for someone else. Whatever your good deed, do not boast, but thank God for enabling you to contribute to the well-being of others.
10. Be moderate in your behavior and avoid extremes in all things. Be temperate, and follow the middle way in all circumstances.
11. If you hold a position of power, do not be overly proud about it and do not become intoxicated by the power you may wield. Never

use your position to force others to do anything that they disapprove of or that is unfair, illegal, or immoral. Hold your office with humility and make it serve the common good.

12. Be attuned to others and speak with care. If you ever criticize, make sure that it is done constructively. If someone asks you for advice on a subject you do not know well, humbly admit your ignorance. Never stoop to telling lies, backbiting, or slander. If you hear malicious gossip about someone, do not support it by lending a willing ear.
13. Respect the laws of your country and endeavor to be a good citizen. Always remember, the key to human progress lies in the evolution of consciousnesses.
14. Be compassionate. Regard all humanity as your family. Beyond race, culture, and belief, all human beings are brothers and sisters. Consequently, they all deserve the same respect and consideration.
15. Consider Nature as being the most beautiful sanctuary and expression of Divine Perfection on earth. Respect life in all its forms, and look upon animals as conscious and sensitive beings—and not as mere living things.
16. Be and remain a free thinker. Think for yourself and not according to what other people think. Likewise, let everyone think freely; do not impose your ideas on others and always remember that others are also evolving.
17. Respect all religious or philosophical beliefs, as long as they do not strike a blow at human dignity. Do not support fanaticism or fundamentalism in any shape or form. As you live your faith, make sure that you are neither dogmatic nor sectarian.
18. Be faithful to your promises and commitments. When you give your word of honor, consider it to be a sacred pledge that binds you. If you must take an oath, think of the Rose Cross, the symbol of your ethical ideal, while doing so, and remember that any lie you might tell will have karmic consequences for you. Although it is possible to deceive others, no one can escape Divine Justice.
19. If you can afford and wish to do so, support the Order materially, so as to promote its activities and contribute to its strength.
20. The purpose of the Order is to contribute to the raising of consciousnesses, and the transmission of its centuries-old teachings. Therefore, make yourself available to present its ideals and philosophy to those who seek Knowledge, but say you are perfecting Rosicrucian.
22. In the evening, just before going to sleep, draw up a balance sheet of the day's activities and consider whether the day was constructive or not. Carefully consider what you have thought, said, and done throughout this day. From this review, draw useful lessons for your spiritual evolution, and make firm resolutions. Once this is done, send positive thoughts to humanity as a whole, and then leave your soul to God's care before falling asleep.



Tate is a vivacious and energetic five year old boy who has been seen at the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic secondary to a moderate phonological disorder. When Tate first started at our clinic, his mother reported that he was difficult to understand and was behind his peers with his speech sound development. She explained that he would often get frustrated because he could not communicate effectively.

Tate has worked very hard since treatment started and his mother has noticed a difference! She explained that Tate's speech "has improved leaps and bounds since he has been visiting with Rachel. Before you had to listen very closely to what he said to understand him but now he is able to do a better job articulating his thoughts". While Tate continues to need help with his speech, he is making strong gains toward his speech goals.

When Tate's mom was asked about her thoughts regarding the services Tate has received from our clinic, his mother was so kind and gracious. She stated, "One of the reasons we sought out help for my son was because he was so frustrated about feeling that people did not understand him. It often led to meltdowns, fights or tears. Since Tate has started at the Scottish Rite Speech clinic, he has [made] great strides in terms of his confidence and articulation. With Tate feeling better about his own words, the frustration and discord we [were] experiencing at home has decreased. Rachel is amazing. I truly feel like she cares about Tate

and his success. She is so understanding and patient. I am so thankful for how she has helped Tate. Since working with Rachel Tate feels better about what he is saying. Although it is not perfect, it is an improvement, one that he personally feels. I have nothing but good things to say about the clinic. I am thankful and want this clinic to be available for those who need help. I can see that it takes donations and support from the community".

Tate's family has been a blessing to our clinic. His determination and the support from his mother have definitely contributed to his continued progress. Part of his success is that he is supported by the members of the San Jose Scottish Rite. Thank you for the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children in our community. We appreciate you and so does Tate!



Stated Meeting Menu Tuesday



December 11, 2018

(Vegetarian Entrée by **REQUEST ONLY**,
by December 7th)

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

- Assorted Appetizers
- Chicken Marsala
- Rice Pilaf
- Mixed Vegetables
- Mixed Green Salad
- Fresh Rolls
- Dessert

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 \$19 off of the annual price or over 11%. There is no time limit to use them, unlike the previous annual pass which had to be used within the year.

Dues Notice

Supreme Council has mailed out the Dues Notices for 2019. There are still about 40 members that have not paid their 2018 dues. Please look at your card, if it doesn't say 2018 then pay your dues.

If you have taken care of 2018 then thank you and please take care of 2019 as soon as you receive it so that it doesn't get lost in the pile .

Or you can consider buying a life membership and then you would not have to worry about it any further..

Rebuilding the Temple Program

In 1982, the members were asked to make donations to Build the Temple. Now 36 years later, the Temple needs some upgrades. We are again asking the Brothers to step up to the plate. The donation levels below are exactly the same as they were back in 1982.

We have already started the work, putting in a new floor and paint in the down stairs room, Soon we will have new window coverings. See pictures in this Rite Word.

Future projects needed include; replacing window coverings throughout the building, building out the old printing room as a modern conference room, building out the warehouse as a members lounge, new floors through out the building. Also we want to expand the size of the Clinic to accommodate more Children. We have over 100 on the waitlist and our space is maxed out.

All donations are tax deductible, and you will receive the appropriate plaque and have your name placed on our Donner's wall.

Setter of the Corner Stone	\$25,000+
Designer of the Royal Arch	\$9,001 to \$24,999
Artesian of the Temple	\$3,001 to \$9,000
Craftsman of the Pillars	\$1,501 to \$3,000
Hewer of the Ashlars	\$751 to \$1500
Cutter of the Cedars	\$250 to \$750

You can make a one time donation or alternatively you can make a pledge that will fit within your budget. And any amount will be gratefully accepted.

Please contact the Secretary to Make your donation.

Rebuilders of the Temple

Hon. Hank Vlcek KCCH
Cutter of the Ceder

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Next is Charity. Often times the word Charity in our modern culture evokes thoughts of giving alms to others or organizations to assist poor and distressed people. While this is no doubt an honorable and valuable act to engage in, it is not necessarily the true intent of the word Charity, as spelled out in the Seven Virtues and in Masonic Ritual. In many works, including Aldous Huxley's The Perennial Philosophy, the meaning of the word Charity is Love. Love is an overloaded term in the English dialect which represents many different emotional and other virtuous concepts. Charity is the type of Love that is God's love. Charity is the highest virtue in the Seven Virtues and is the quality that we all must possess in demonstrating God's love in our works. It is selfless love and given without an expectation of something in return. It is through God's love and grace, as embodied in the word Charity that enables us to transmute our sin and negativity into enlightenment and positivity.

So coupling the term Justice with Charity, we need to show the highest form of God's love to everyone we encounter equally in order to truly practice these aspects of the Seven Virtues.

Kenneth Sean Patrick



Scottish Rite Polo Shirts

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 will place

the order in December. So please let us know ASAP. You need to provide the size and color you desire.

This is a gentle reminder that if there is any need for a flag detail for Blue Lodge officers' installations. Please have your request in no later than 3 weeks before the actual installation date. This will give us enough time to coordinate for available Knights as well as to schedule practice if need be.

Naresh Rampershad



Knights at the recent Knighting and elevation to KOTFO

The PR and VM of the SJ SR Valley

invite all Freemasons to a SR Night of Instruction and Agape Dinner

Dec 4

Time Social Hour 6:30PM

Talk 7:00PM

Dinner 7:45PM

Cost \$25.00/pp

Speaker

Brother Christopher Willingham, 32nd Degree

Subject "In the light of a New Day:" How Neuroplasticity Can Impact Our Masonic Study and Behavior

Dress White tie, black tie or business suit

Reservations may be made with the Secretary

All reservations not canceled by November 30 must be honored.



The Personal Representative for the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies

invites you to tour

Philadelphia

Hershey, Amish Country, and Gettysburg

September 22-29, 2019

Join Ken and Kathy Nagel, along with the officers and members of the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies, as we explore the City of Brotherly Love – the birthplace of our nation. Tour Independence Hall, see the famous Liberty Bell, visit the incredible Philadelphia Masonic Temple. You'll also visit Chocolate World in Hershey, tour the fascinating Amish Country, visit famous Gettysburg and Valley Forge.



Your 7-day journey includes all of the following:

- *5 nights accommodations at a first-class hotel in downtown Philadelphia*
- *2 nights accommodations in Gettysburg*
- *Welcome Cocktail Party*
- *Full breakfast daily*
- *4 Dinners*
- *1 Lunch*
- *Airport Transfers*
- *Luxury Motor Coach transportation throughout the tour*
- *City tour and walking tour of Philadelphia*
- *Tour of Independence Hall*
- *Tour of Philadelphia Masonic Temple, home of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania*
- *Hop-on/Hop-off Bus ticket*
- *Sightseeing Pass, valid at dozens of venues*
- *Battleship New Jersey tour*
- *Visit to Chocolate World in Hersey, with many chocolate related experiences, and trolley tour of Hershey*
- *Tour Amish Country, a traditional farmhouse, and family style dinner*
- *Visitor Experience and Tour of Gettysburg Battlefield*
- *Tour of Valley Forge Encampment*
- *Delaware River Dinner Cruise*
- *Charter Bus Driver gratuities*
- *Airport-Hotel Transfers*
- *All fees and taxes*
- *Special gifts from Star & Compass Travel*

Package Price (land only)

\$2,295.⁰⁰ per person



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Group Travel for the Masonic Family

Upcoming Reunion

TBD in Spring of 2019



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."

_____	Degree Fee	Spring	Fall
<i>Candidate's Signature</i>		\$150	\$150
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Tuesday January 29th ~ Installation of Officers

6 pm Practice and Pictures 7 pm Installation Refreshments following