



## The Rite Word

### From the Venerable Master

Form & Content, Harmony & Melody, Point & Counterpoint, Allegory & Metaphor

Learning to understand history is partly about learning to listen, to understand what others have to say in the present or have said in the past and how they have changed their stance based on their experiences.

In music, counterpoint is the relationship between two or more musical lines or voices which are harmonically interdependent yet independent in rhythm and melodic contour. The term originates from the Latin punctus contra punctum meaning "point against point", i.e. "note against note".

I think these concepts relate as examples of our ongoing experience as humans and Masons to examine the world and make it a better place for all. We do this though our ritual, our discourse and our contributions to others, our support for Society and the people that create it. And we do it with this delicate balance of our understanding of the past and thoughts on the future, our ongoing dialog with each other as to what is right, what is truth and what is the best path.

It is this form of life that we have chosen that allows the content of our experiences to exist. This definition of what we find important, meaningful and with con-



text. And we do this together. We meet, we study, we dine, we discuss. In music, harmony is the process by which the composition of individual sounds, woven together produces a new and different sonic experience. An example of how the whole is greater than its parts. That is how I see our time together, to take what we each know and strive to learn from each other and together work to make the world a better place.

In this past year we have certainly done that. We are coming close to the end of a chapter in human history that could have easily wiped us all out. But together we worked though the unknown, found out what made a different and put it into the fabric of life. And society is a better place for it. Even in our Valley, work didn't stop; a few dynamic individuals took the opportunity to turn an old tired building into a new fresh, vibrant beacon of Scottish Rite.

As the Grand Master begins the process of moving Masonry back out of the our houses and k in to the public eye , with the rest of society getting back to business, I look forward to seeing all of you in person at our June Stated Meeting in our new building.

If we don't change, we don't grow. If we don't grow, we are not really living. Growth demands a temporary surrender of security.

—Gail Sheehy

*Mark Burger*

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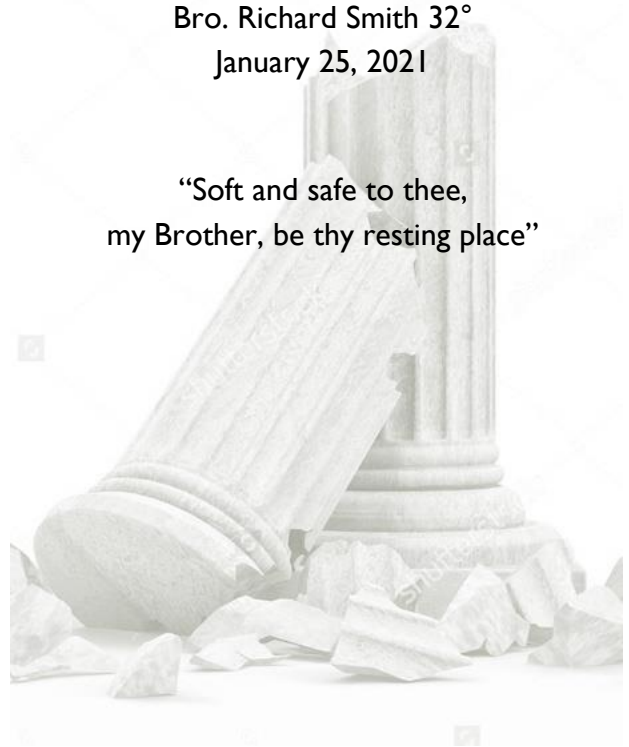


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January 25, 2021

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



Completed up stairs ladies room



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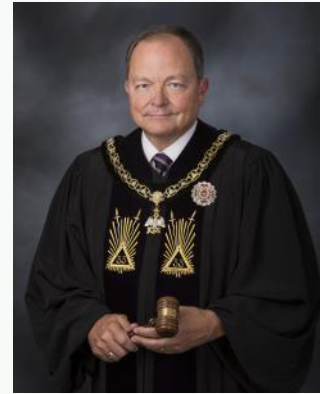
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### From the Wise Master

This week I had the honor of attending the Nevada Grand Masters Official visit to Nellis lodge #46 in Las Vegas. I dined with Most Worshipful Richard M. Graver and found myself right at home with his friendly spirit and his tone. He truly wanted to be part of that unity that we should share, and he created it; both at the dinner table and in the lodge room.



I also attended Las Vegas Scottish Rite and hit it off quite well as many in attendance were also at that Nellis Lodge meeting. It is nice to meet with Masons both for the camaraderie and to reunite in our philosophy.

The Las Vegas Scottish Rite Reunion is June 25-26 and I plan to make that. One person here recognized me from the 29<sup>th</sup> degree that we put on for SF and Oakland a while back. I found that rather interesting; that our world is really that small. He did ask if I would share the script and I said I would be glad to sit with him with my copy of it. I'm happy to be having success at fellowship here as we all need friends in our lives. Masonry by definition can provide for that.

I mentioned in my last message that I would share a few facts about Maundy Thursday. The main actor here is Caiaphas the high priest and the leader of the Sanhedrin council: The full body of the Pharisees and the Sadducees. His sole purpose was to stay in power and maintain his control over the council and the Temple; therefore the people.

It is no secret that Jesus was a problem for him as the people saw Jesus as their liberator both from the Sanhedrin and Caesar. I would think it was Caiaphas that started the King of the Jews rumor among the people and then related it to Pontius Pilate; who just happened to be his neighbor.

The truth about Maundy Thursday is that everything was done quietly in terms of the arrest of Jesus and he was taken to the house of Caiaphas. All that happened after that was fairly quick as the Sanhedrin only had until sun down on Friday to fully

### From the Commander of Kadosh

"Those who have approached the mystery of initiation and those who ignore them will not have, in their stay in the world of Shadows, a similar fate."

Lamblichus Chalcidensis

From Darkness to Light (continued)

We are most fortunate to have on our doorstep the headquarters of an Order that has its roots in the mystery traditions, philosophy, and myths of ancient Egypt dating back to circa 1500 BCE. Many of you know this Rosicrucian Order as AMORC or more fully as Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis. In fact, several members of our Valley are members of this international Mystery School having been initiated and brought from darkness through the Order's lessons.

A few years ago, our Chapter Rose Croix arranged a Valley visit to Rosicrucian Park to see the Grand Temple, the Egyptian Museum, the gardens, research library and Rose-Croix University International. This excellent, guided tour afforded us the opportunity to become more familiar with AMORC and increase our understanding of the history, organization and to a limited extent the teachings of AMORC.

The AMORC Initiatic Tradition is delivered through a course of lessons to prepare the student (Neophyte) for the Temple Section. The mystical path then continues with a series of nine degrees which further develop the elements of the lessons and through ritual reveal practical applications of the principles of their teachings. From Darkness to Light!

There are many excellent sources for more information on AMORC; the worldwide web and a plethora of books just waiting to inform you. I suggest a trip to the park for an in person "eyes on" look at the Order will further any interest you might have in this Mystery School and its Initiation. 1342 Naglee Avenue San Jose, CA 95191 408-947-3600

The 30<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight Kadosh or Knight of the White and Black Eagle

In the Fourth Apartment, the Candidate, representing the Knight Constans, is tasked to provide his Profession of Faith to the Supreme Judge and Frank Judges. He is tasked by the judges to declare his beliefs in matters Masonic, Political and Religious and have them found acceptable before he is allowed to proceed in his initiation as a Knight Kadosh. It is worth our time and attention as we reflect on our own Masonic work and travel to re-examine our own Profession of Faith in these matters of import to our Craft.

The officers of the Council look forward to the day we can meet



## From the Master of Kadosh

I hope that everyone is doing well and in good health, as health guidelines are starting to ease up, we are one step closer to normalcy, as more and more people are getting vaccinated. It's been tough as we journey through a rough and rugged road, but we are almost there. At the time of this writing, it has been discussed by the leadership of our Valley, together with some of our brethren during the May stated meeting, that we are going to be slowly transitioning to in-person meetings in the near future, enabling us to marvel at the outstanding facade of our newly renovated Temple, as well as being able to socialize and meet face to face with our brothers.



Speaking of Temples, it's fascinating how ancient stone-builders were able to design and execute such magnificent composites during their time, it's astounding that some ancient structures are more intricate compared to the majority of modern architecture. It seems that some of the ancient building techniques were lost in time. One good example is Kailasa Temple. Join me as we take a glimpse of this ancient wonder.

Kailasa Temple is located in Ellora, India, believed to have been built between 756-773 CE. One interesting fact is that, It was not constructed by putting blocks upon blocks of stones together, but rather, by carving it. It is a massive megalithic stone structure carved out of a mountain, which is, to this day, a great engineering endeavor. The ancient builders used ancient techniques to perform vertical excavation from the top of the mountain and working their way downward. It is so hard to imagine ancient builders accomplished this task with mere chisels and hammers, some people speculate that advanced ancient tools were used. Both scientists and historians can't agree on how the rocks were removed. It is believed that there's at least four hundred thousand tons of rock that was removed from the face of the mountain. Historians has not found any written record of this monstrous task, therefore speculating that it was built in less than 18 years.

Let's do a quick math to see if the historians are right. Let's assume the ancient builders worked for 18 years, 12 hours a day, every day, with no breaks at all. Let us ignore the factors of rainy days, festivals, war times, and diseases, as well as the time to create intricate carvings and complex engineering, designing and planning, and assume that all of the ancient builders worked at a constant speed and effort ceaselessly to remove the rocks. If 400,000 tons of rock were removed in 18 years, that is 22,222 tons a year, 60.8 tons of rock a day, which means removing about 5 tons of rock every hour for 12 hours, which is an impossible feat even to this day with all of the modern heavy machinery and equipment. Putting that aside, In 1682, King Aurangzeb, from the Muslim empire of Munghal, commissioned 1000 men to destroy Kailasa Temple and erase all traces of it. Ancient records show that the 1000 men worked for 3 years in

## From the Chief Knight

Starting June 6, 2021, from Noon to -5:00 PM I will be giving hair-cuts in the Barber Shop from Anyone can make a half-hour appointment for \$25.00 cash or Check. All proceeds including tips go to the building of the temple fund.



Every Sunday from noon- 5:00 PM thereafter will be the same, clients will call Scottish Rite to make the appointment in half-hour time slots. I will create a monthly form and I can collect the monies. this is for wet down hair cut.

*Kaleo Dagne*

attempt to destroy Kailasa Temple with only minimal effect. They were only able to disfigure statues and desecrate carvings on the walls. King Aurangzeb realized that the task was impossible and gave up.

There is so much complexity with the structure. There are rain water harvesting systems, drainage systems, hidden underground passages, secret peepholes, elaborate balconies and stone bridges in different areas, complex stairways that connect multiple levels. All of this had to be planned carefully before carving the mountain, there are no external rocks or connecting rocks that were used at all. Everything had to be carved out of the mountain perfectly.

It is only logical to think that if the ancient builders were able to build such a magnificent structure, people would have gained the experience and the knowledge overtime, to design and build bigger and better structures in the future. However, the Kailasa Temple is the oldest and biggest structure of its kind. The advanced ancient rock-cutting techniques and knowledge that were used to construct such a monstrous structure has been lost in time.

*John P. ...*

## Twenty-Eighth Degree — Knight Commander of the Temple

You may recall that in *Morals and Dogma*, the Knight Commander of the Temple degree is the 27th, while the Knight of the Sun or Prince Adept degree is the 28th. And the discussion of the Knight of the Sun or Prince Adept degree took up 220 pages. By comparison, his comments on the Knight Commander of the Temple degree fill less than three pages.

The body of Knight Commanders of the Temple is called a Chapter. Their meeting place includes a large round table, around which the Knights sit. Like the knights of the round table in Arthurian legend. Atop the table are: five lamps arranged as a passion cross with the "head" of the cross at the East; a Crucifix, a copy of the Pentateuch in Hebrew, a crown or garland of laurel (a "victor's" crown), a sword and a large key placed so they cross each other; an apron and pair of gloves from this degree; and the working tools of Symbolic Masonry, scattered over the table in no particular order.

*Pentateuch* is Greek for "five books" and refers to the first five books of the Bible. Its original name is the *Torah* and it is the most sacred scripture in the Jewish tradition. The *Torah* you find in the Ark of a modern Jewish temple or synagogue is in Hebrew and is read aloud in Hebrew. No reason is given why the Knights cannot to use the Bible in their own language to give them a better chance of understanding it.

The Chapter officers consist of the Commander, First and Second Lieutenant Commanders, Hospitaller (not related to the Knights Hospitaller), Marshal of Ceremonies, Recorder, Treasurer, Reverend Chaplain, Captain of the Guard, Herald, and Sentinel. The Commander sits at the East of the table. The other officers have places around it. Each officer is addressed as "Brother".

The Grand Master of the Order is the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, or Deputy of the Supreme Council, in the Orient (state) where your Valley is located. Our S4G4I4G4 is Illustrious Frank Loui, 33° who is also a Past Grand Master of California.

The uniform is a white woolen tunic that extends down to the mid-thigh. A Teutonic cross is embroidered on the tunic. Over that is a scarlet mantle lined with white silk that reaches almost to the floor. There is a black passion cross on the right side of the mantle. They also wore a broad-brimmed hat with red plumes and a rosette of black and white.

The Teutonic cross was originally the emblem of the Teutonic Knights, who were from Germany. By way of comparison, the Knights Templar were primarily from France. The Knights Hospitaller came from many lands, while their leadership was primarily from France and Italy.

The jewel of this degree is the shield with a double-headed eagle on top of a gold Teutonic cross on top of a black Teutonic cross. Along the upper arm of the crosses is a *semé*, in this case a chain of five blue ovals. The double-headed eagle is an emblem of empire. Its use dates back to the Hittites, who lived around 1680 to 1178 BCE, in what is today Turkey.

In the West of the Chapter room, these words appear:

"In many words thou shalt not avoid sin."  
"Life and death are dispensed by the tongue."

These statements are similar to two passages from the book of Proverbs: "Sin is not ended by multiplying words, but the prudent hold their tongues." and "The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit." Proverbs 10:19 and 18:21 NIV

### Reception of the Candidate

The Captain of the Guard (CG) brings the candidate into the Chapter room. The Commander (CO) asks who the candidate is. The CG replies, "A poor Serving Brother-at-arms, who, having given evidence of his valor and virtue, now seeks the habit and fellowship of the Order."

What is his name? "Constans, represented by Brother [candidate's name]." Why does he desire to obtain this favor? "That he may more efficiently assist in our labors of beneficence." Is this answer from the lips only, or from the heart? "He replies that he is a Prince Adept" (27th degree).

The term *Serving Brother* refers to the entry-level position in a chivalric order. The new member typically performed menial work and moved on to advanced tasks according to the skills he came with or acquired on-the-job. In time, a worthy Service Brother would be chosen for advancement. Depending on the order, he might become a Sergeant or an Officer Brother.

The CO orders the First and Second Lieutenant Commanders (1LC and 2LC) to prepare the Serving Brother for the vows of knighthood. They remove his belt and sword, hood-wink him, and place a lit candle in his right hand.

1LC explains to the candidate that he is now free to enter upon the upcoming solemn engagement (knighting). The candle signifies charity, the most sacred duty of the Order. The blindfold teaches humility, the first of five excellent qualities of a knight. He says, "If you are willing to humble yourself, that you might be exalted, place yourself in our hands and we will conduct you safely through every danger.

This idea comes from the Gospels: "For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." See Matthew 23:12 and Luke 14:11.

The 1LC takes the candidate's left arm and the 2LC takes his right. They lead him out of the Chapter room and then through as many rooms and passages as possible, eventually returning to the Chapter room. But they don't tell the candidate where he is and the other knights remain silent, so he won't figure it out. 1LC says, "You stand there, blind and defenseless."

Somebody offstage recites the following text in a low, somber voice:

O, Mason! who does sleep away  
Life's brief, uncertain, stormy day;  
We all must die! We all must die!  
And death is ever drawing neigh.

The Brother Terrible on high  
With sonorous voice to all will cry;  
We all must die! We all must die!  
judgement is ever drawing neigh.

Assemble, Masons, one and all!  
Rise in in the body at my call!  
We all must die! We all must die!  
And Heaven or Hell is drawing neigh.

*Editor's note: I'm sure whoever wrote this ritual had a clear idea of who is "The Brother Terrible on high". If you find out, please let me know.*

ILC explains that justice for an evil deed often takes a long time to happen. So the hearts of men choose to proceed with doing evil as if no justice will ever happen. But the justice of heaven is certain. As recounted in the oration above, the great justice comes after death and results in eternal reward or punishment.

### Questions for the Candidate

The ILC takes the candle from the candidate while another Brother places a kneeling pad before him. ILC tells the candidate to kneel on both knees and in the presence of your Father who is in Heaven, with hands clasped together, appeal to Him to hear your solemn vows and make a distinct answer. He then asks, "Do you solemnly covenant that you will never be guilty of betraying female innocence?" The candidate responds, "I do. So help me God."

"Do you solemnly covenant that you will regard yourself as the almoner of God, to dispense His bounties, so far as your means permit." The candidate responds, "I do. So help me God."

The LCs say "Amen" and tell the candidate to rise and listen to the following explanation and questions:

"Those who formerly entered this Order consecrated themselves to the service of the sick and suffering, were constantly employed in works of mercy, and devoted themselves to the service and defense of the Christian faith. They were no longer allowed to act for themselves, but on the contrary, were obligated absolutely to renounce their own will and pleasure, and implicitly to comply with that of their superiors. The change of circumstances and manners makes this strictness to be required no longer; but you will contract with us an analogous engagement:

- Do you promise that you will not neglect the sick and suffering of your Brethren?
- Do you promise that you will consider it the highest glory to benefit your fellows?
- Do you promise that you will devote yourself to the service and defense of the principles of Scottish Masonry, to such extent as your other duties permit?

Do you promise that no harm shall come to Scottish Masonry in

consequence of your resentments, piques, and grudges?"

To each of these, the candidate responds, "I do."

The CO asks the candidate, "If you remember that any Brother bears a grudge against you, go your way, first be reconciled to your Brother, and then return." See Matthew 5:23-24.

The ILC asks, "Do you agree the commandment, and not to stand at the altars of Masonry, having an unreconciled quarrel with your Brother?" The candidate responds, "I do. So help me God."

The Chaplain says, "Swear not at all, neither by heaven, for it is God's throne, nor by the earth, for it is His footstool!" See Matthew 5:33-35. "Do you agree to obey this commandment, and never to take the name of God in vain?"

The candidate responds, "I do. So help me God."

The CO says to the ILC, "We have heard the responses of this Serving Brother; place him now in charge of the Herald that he may observe how constancy, devotion, and fidelity may be determined."

### A Cast Member assumes the Role of Constans

The Herald takes away the candle, removes the hoodwink, and conducts the candidate to his seat with the Reunion class. At this point, one of the Brothers assumes the part of Constans. The Brother is armed with a sword, shield, helmet, and suitable clothing. Meanwhile, the stage hands remove the furniture from the room and substitute a simple altar. Then, the Officers, knights and attendants march in. Two Brothers place Constans before the altar.

The CO says, "My Brother Constans, through this night alone, you are to watch sleeplessly until, with the dawn, we return. Arm yourself, therefore, with fortitude, prudence, and above all else, with fidelity. Let no consideration tempt you on any account to leave this spot, or to relax your vigilance. If you do so, you will become perjured and forsworn, and will have proven yourself unworthy to be in the company of brave and faithful men. My Brothers, depart now in peace, and with the dawning, return with me, that all may witness the manner in which it will end."

On their way out, the CO turns and says, "Forget not Constans, there lies your honor!"

Continued Next Month



### From the Wise Master Continued

carry out their plan. Maundy Thursday was not only the end of Passover but the evening before Shabbat. The Jewish people were busy preparing for two holy requirements at the same time and were not too involved with activities other than that.

After being flogged Jesus was taken back to Pilate's house by the soldiers followed by the Pharisees and the Sadducees along with Caiaphas and his priests. These were the people in Pilate's court; not the Jews at large. These are the people who granted freedom to Barabbas. The name Barabbas means "The Son of The Father" and was a common name at the time. Some Jewish scholars would say they set Yeshua (Jesus) free as that is the title he went by.

After the arrest and crucifixion of Yeshua his disciples were the next targets and they knew it. Let's talk about that in the next round.

*Martin Mary*



Completed Down Stairs Bathrooms

### From the Commander of Kadosh Continued

together in our Temple and share the experience of Brotherly Love and further Light in Masonry. So, be it virtually or in person, see you in June to celebrate the Craft!

*Charles B Cowden*





Natalie is a fun-loving, sweet 4 year-old preschooler who loves Minnie Mouse, Elmo and Frozen. Natalie started with the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Clinic with very little speech secondary to bilateral hearing loss. Natalie's speech and functional communication were extremely limited prior to the start of speech and language therapy with our clinic. Natalie's mother reported that before therapy was initiated, Natalie "communicated primarily with grunts, screeches, and vowel sounds."

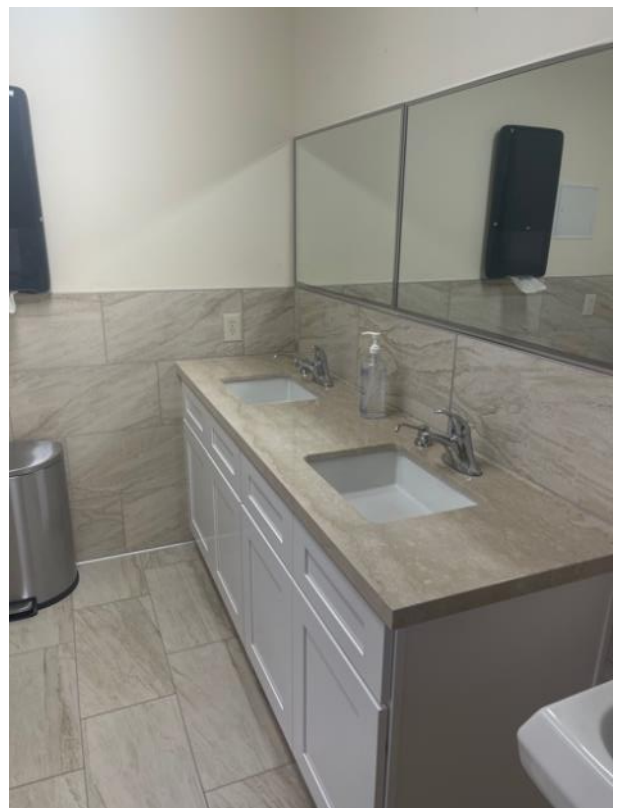


During the course of therapy, Natalie received tubes and her hearing has improved. She is now very talkative and is using consonant sounds with consistency. She continues to make progress and works on increasing her repertoire of consonants to improve intelligibility. Her mother stated, "Natalie's speech therapy has been a blessing to our family. There was a lot of frustration on our end because we couldn't understand her or we were constantly interpreting her sounds to friends and family so they might understand her. Natalie is much happier now that she can express herself and be heard. Speech with Ms. Rachel is an activity that we look forward to in our house. Natalie loves playing with Ms. Rachel and I appreciate the patient, empathetic way she works with our family. Natalie's overall improvement in expressive language has been a huge advancement for us as a family."

Natalie and her family are a blessing to our clinic! We look forward to continuing to help Natalie improve her speech and language skills!



Completed up stairs men's room



## **Stated Meeting Menu**

**Tuesday**

**June 8 2021**

**(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY call the office, by June 4th )**

**Register at <https://buytickets.at/sanjosecottishrite/526835>**

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Appetizers  
Garden Salad  
Chicken Marsala  
Au Gratin Potatoes  
Fresh Vegetables  
Fresh Bread  
Dessert

## **Open House**

**Sunday**

**June 6, 2021**

**Join us for an Open House to see our new and improved building.**

**10am to Noon Tours  
Noon to 1pm Lunch  
1pm to 3 Tours**

**Between noon and 1 we will be serving Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Pulled Pork Sandwiches.**

**Register at <https://buytickets.at/sanjosecottishrite/526843> or call the office.**

## **Attendance at Events**

As per the Grand Master the following requirements are in place to attend in person events.

1. You must register for the event. You can register the day of the event, however, if you are not pre registered there is no guarantee that you will be able to eat, that will depend on how much food is available.
2. You must have either a full vaccination (14 days after final dose) or a negative test result within 72 hours of the event (the 72 hours is from time of test, not time of results). This is not negotiable and you will be refused admission.
3. You must wear a mask when not actively eating or drinking.
4. We have several hand sanitation dispensers in the building that you may use when needed.

These restrictions are as per the Grand Masters Edict and we are constrained by them.

We hope that the Governor will update the regulations on June 15th as promised and that the Grand Master will then update his orders accordingly.

**III. Roger Bibb 33° Class**

**TBD in 2021**



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."*

_____	<b>Degree Fee</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>
<i>Candidate's Signature</i>		\$150	\$150
_____	<b>Annual Dues</b>	\$50	\$0 (For Current Year)
1st Sponsor PRINTED NAME			
_____	<b>Total Due:</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<i>1st Sponsor Signature</i>			

2nd Sponsor PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby authorize the San Jose Scottish Rite to charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 to Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ CVC \_\_\_\_\_  
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*2nd Sponsor Signature* Expiration Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

(Return Petition to Valley General Secretary's Office)

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*Signature of authorized card holder*



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## **Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events**

### **Sunday June 6th ~ Open House 10am to Noon**

Come see your newly renovated building

### **Tuesday June 8th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm**

This meeting to be in person

Lodge of Perfection Opens

Dress is Business Casual, no jeans, tee shirts or shorts.

### **Tuesday July 13th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm**

Chapter Rose Croix Opens

Dress is Business Casual, no jeans, tee shirts or shorts

### **Tuesday August 10th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 5:45 pm**

#### **Grand Masters Reception and Festive Board**

Lodge of Perfection Opens

Dress is Formal no colors