



The Rite Word

From the Venerable Master

I would like to thank all that attended our Maundy Thursday Ceremony of Remembrance and especially the cast: Hon. Jeff Toone 32°, Ill. Gregg Hall 33°, and Ill. MW Ken Nagel 33°.



We have a very special day this month which started out with the name of Decoration Day, which began after the Civil War in 1868. This holiday was started by the Grand Army of the Republic, a fraternal group of veteran Union soldiers from Illinois. They would decorate the graves of the fallen Union soldiers from the Civil War with flowers, in remembrance of their service to their nation. By 1890 nearly every Northern State had adopted the holiday, but eventually the first and second world wars changed the character of the holiday to include memorializing the fallen from these wars as well. Due to the rivaling observance dates between Union and Confederate groups, Congress established Memorial Day in 1971, to occur on the last Monday in May. This act united the Union and Confederate groups by honoring both sides of fallen soldiers on the same day, and helped to ease the last remaining scars of the conflict. This should not be confused with Veterans Day however, which celebrates United States military veterans.

Memorial Day has its own unique flag ceremony. We will notice the flag of the United States moving several times throughout the day. In the morning, Old Glory will be quickly hoisted to full mast, then ceremoniously lowered to half mast until noon, when it will be raised back to full mast for the remainder of the day. The journey up and down the flagpole, and the symbol-

ic meaning of the flag's movement is one of beauty. While at half mast it reminds us of the over one million soldiers that have given their lives for our country. When the flag is raised to full mast at noon, it symbolizes these soldier's memories being raised by the living, acknowledging that their efforts were not in vain, and allowing us to rise up and to fight to secure our liberties in their memories in their example.

Remembering the service of these soldiers to their nation, we ask ourselves how we can be of service to others. Within our Scottish Rite Valley in particular, we have one program that does so much for our community; the Rite Care Clinic. This program has helped many children resolve various speech difficulties, through the copious hours of work by licensed clinicians with the children. This is a service funded by our Scottish Rite Valley alone. We had donations of about \$3,000 from our membership for the clinic last year, and are very thankful for those. I am certain we will far surpass that amount this year, and am actively assisting in making that happen. We also should think outside the box, as monetary donations are not always possible, nor the best or most appropriate act of charity. Take a lesson from our Brother Almoner Kaleo Gange. He has been cutting hair for \$25 and donating 100% of the proceeds, totalling roughly \$1,000 which was a third of the annual donations collected for this program last year. Well done Brother, and keep up the 'Cuts for Kids' you have created. Your service to the community, by combining your profession with charity is an example for us all.

Bryan R. ...

2022 Honor Roll

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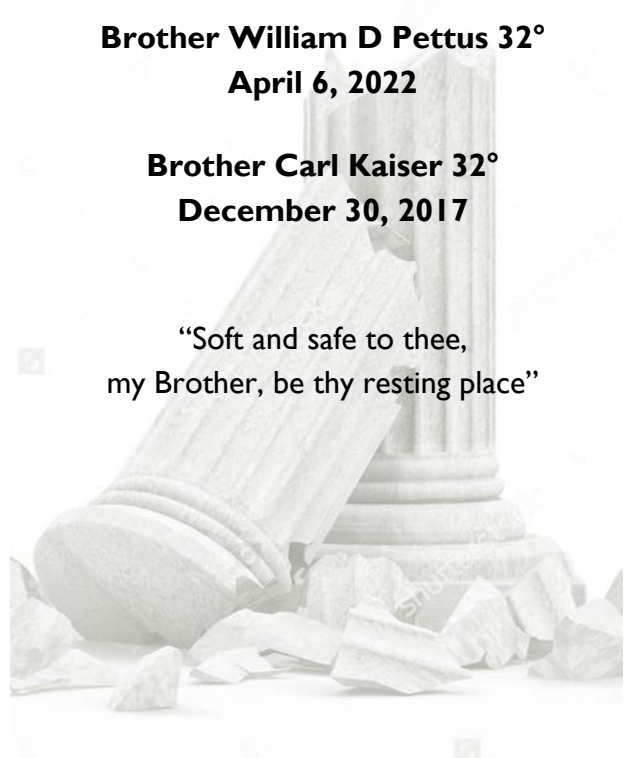
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Bro. Raymond De Ocampo 32°

Called From Labor

Brother William D Pettus 32°
April 6, 2022

Brother Carl Kaiser 32°
December 30, 2017

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



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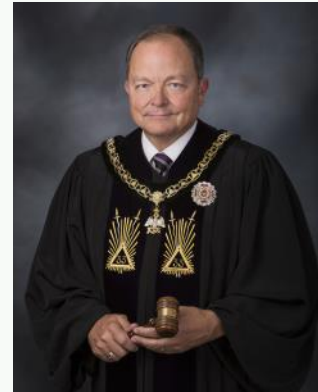
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Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite
Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

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.

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

Invite all

Scottish Rite Freemasons and all other Brother-
er Freemasons to

**A Night of Scottish Rite Instruction and
Agape Dinner**

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

6:30 PM to 9:00PM

**Honorable Jordan Yelinek 32° KCCH
Scottish Rite Valley of San Francisco**

Will present his paper

**Our Ritual as a Sacred Text
Schedule of Events**

6:30 PM - Social Gathering

7:00 PM - Speaker

7:30 PM - Festive Agape/Dinner

Cost \$25.00

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

NOTE:

Reservations are required

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

**Payment must accompany reservation. Reserva-
tions not cancelled by June 17 must be honored.**

Cash, personal check or credit card

Why don't you come?

When I joined the Scottish Rite 17 years ago, there were regularly 175-200 folks here for dinner every month. Now we are averaging about 50.

So the Question is why are you not attending? You paid your money, and spend your grains of sand going through the reunion to get your degrees. You pay your dues every year. So obviously your membership means something to you.

But why don't you join us for our stated meetings and dinners? Why don't you come to our social events? why don't you come down and take advantage of the Library and Member Center?

This is an honest question that we need to find the answers to.

What can we do differently so that you will find value in actually attending? What are we doing wrong? What do we need to do differently? Do you not like the food? Do you not like the fellowship? Do you need a ride?

Please, please let us know.

You can call the office at 408-978-7483. You write to me at gHall@sanjosescottishrite.org. You can call or write to any of the officers listed on page 2. You can send a letter via US Mail. Whatever works, but please share your thoughts.

We have upgraded the facilities, we have upgraded the food, we keep the business portion of the meeting to the bare minimum, those were issues of the past that we have rectified. But again we need to hear from you so we can make other needed changes.

This is your Scottish Rite, so why are not here?

From the Master of Kadosh

I guess you can tell by now that I am not a Masonic scholar. I am so dyslexic that i can barely get through the other articles in the Rite News let alone research a topic.

The officers of the consistory are planning an outing,, but I am dragging my feet because my wife has been sick with an infection since her surgeries in December. The doctors can't figure hou to treat it. Right now that is taking all of my attention.

Beating a dead horse to death, we still have two vacancies in the Consistory line. Some ritual is required, but all business is managed by the Lodge of Perfection. If it is within the length of your cabletow to make a monthly stated meeting, and a quarterly officers' meeting (missing only one or two), please contact Ill. Nagel, Ill. Hall or me to express your interest. The most difficult part is writing a monthly article.



From the Chief Knight

29th Degree – Scottish Knight of Saint Andrew

The main theme of the 29th Degree focuses on the fictionalized events, which take place after the capture of the chivalric Knights of the Alliance.

The Sultan Beyazid, received at his temporary court, which set in the interior of the Cathedral of St. Andrew, several chivalric Knights who belong to the Order of St. Andrew.

The Sultan Quoting from the prophet Mohammed, "Thou shalt not degrade noble enemies!", immediately unchains the Knights and provides a respectful opportunity to eventually set them free.

While the incidents that portrayed in this degree are not historical in fact, the lesson taught is Toleration – which is one of the great tenets of Freemasonry. This degree is unique in the sense that it is the only Scottish Rite degree where religious tolerance, particularly between Christianity and Islam, the second largest monotheistic religion in the world, is emphasized.



John P. King

David M. King

Knight Commander of the Court of Honor

When you became a Master of the Royal Secret, you were invested with a black cap. Years ago, there was a point during the 32nd degree ritual, when the current members removed their caps. A few minutes later, the current and new members all put on their caps at the same moment. More recently, we hold a separate capping ceremony at a post-Reunion dinner, where each candidate can be capped by someone he chooses, including a spouse, family member, his top-line signer, or another Scottish Rite Mason.

At some point early in your Scottish Rite experience, you noticed that the caps come in different colors. New members always get the black caps. But you also see red, white, and blue caps. If you paid attention during the Reunion, you heard an explanation of the different colors. And, if your brain was not already overloaded with information, you might even remember what each color represented.

You have no doubt attended a Hiram Award ceremony, where one particular Brother was recognized for his service to Masonry in general and to his Lodge in particular. Most Masonic organizations, whether local, statewide, nationwide, or international have some kind of award or system to honor their most dedicated and contributing members.

The San Jose Scottish Rite, belongs to the Orient of California, which in turn belongs to the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. That means a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason in San Jose, after several years of active and dedicated service, could possibly receive the Knight Commander of the Court of Honor (K.C.C.H.).

Aspire through Service

If you aspire to high honors, you might be disappointed with Freemasonry. True, the Fraternity has many honors, but they are given to those who contribute their time, efforts, intellect, and resources to building Masonic organizations and serving the members of those organizations. In other words, as one Masonic leader said, "Work for the cause, not the applause." Albert Pike famously said, "What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal."

When it comes to service, in Masonry, other organizations, or the community in general, opportunities are limited only by your perception and imagination. Many men learn to serve as part of their Masonic experience. You don't have to be a Mason to make a difference in the world. But for most of us, being a Mason certainly helps.

How do you find something right for you? Local Masonic bodies are generally small enough that the active members know what other active members are good at. So somebody

may ask you to join in. And, you can practice situational awareness. That is, keep your eyes and ears open, pay attention what is happening around you, notice people who need help, find things that need fixing, and look for ways you can contribute.

Becoming a K.C.C.H.

Do you have a secret wish to be a K.C.C.H. some day? First, you have to understand a few things: 1) You might never receive it. 2) You do not ask for it. 3) At least 46 months must have passed since you received your 32nd degree. 4) The numbers of nominations and nominees are limited. And 5) The whole process is confidential until the recipients are announced.

Anybody who has served in the military knows that for every man or woman who receives an award or commendation, at least one other equally deserving man or woman goes unrecognized. That's the thing about honors, the fact that you received one does not set you above somebody else who did not.

What is K.C.C.H.?

The Knight Commander of the Court of Honor (K.C.C.H.) was created by Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite in the year 1870. The idea was to honor those Brethren who have shown significant achievement. Since that time, 33rd Degree Masons have been chosen from among the ranks of K.C.C.H. Masons. However, during the ceremony, the K.C.C.H. candidate is specifically told that receiving the K.C.C.H. does not mean he will eventually receive the 33rd degree.

Note that the Northern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite does not confer this honor. If you happen to live in one of the 14 states under the Northern Jurisdiction, this whole discussion is moot.

The K.C.C.H. is the investiture of a rank and decoration. It is not the conferral of a degree or an initiation ritual. As an investiture, the K.C.C.H. is open to the public. Just like the capping ceremony of the 32nd degree, your family and friends may also attend the K.C.C.H. investiture.

The presiding officer of a Court of Honor represents the Sovereign Grand Commander, but the actual person is only required to be a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. The other officers of the body must all be Knights Commander of the Court of Honor or 33rds.

At the investiture's culmination, the Sovereign Grand Commander says, "I dub and create thee a Knight Commander of the

Court of Honor and may our Father in Heaven make thee a good Knight in the service of our fellow men".

The K.C.C.H. Jewel

The jewel of the K.C.C.H. is described as "a passion cross, fitched". The term "passion cross" refers to the cross upon which Jesus of Nazareth was executed. Crucifixion was the standard method of execution for people who were not citizens of the Roman empire and had been convicted of capital crimes. The term "passion" comes from Latin verb "patior", which in the first person present tense is "passus sum" meaning "I suffer".

What the author probably had in mind was a Latin cross. In this design, part of the vertical beam extends above the cross beam. The three upper arms are equally long. Or the top arm is shorter than the two horizontal arms. In all cases, the bottom arm is always much longer than the others.

Fitched is a term of heraldry that means the lower limb of the cross is pointed, as if it were designed to be driven into the ground. Of course, the original passion cross was inserted into the ground. But fitched does not describe the cross in the K.C.C.H. jewel.

The design of the K.C.C.H. cross begins with a Latin cross. Then the arms narrow in the center and becoming gradually wider at the outer ends, and their edges are straight, something like a Maltese cross. Add to that, a flower at the end of each arm, like a cross flurey. This combination of features distinguishes the K.C.C.H. cross from all other cross designs in the system of heraldry.

The K.C.C.H. cross rests on a circle of golden laurel leaves. At center of the cross is a raised circular plate, with gold beads around the circumference. The plate is white and at the center is a green trefoil, a graphic composed by the outline of three overlapping circles. On the K.C.C.H. cross, the trefoil looks more like a clover leaf or shamrock. Around the trefoil or clover leaf are the words in letters of gold, KT.-.COMM.-.COURT OF HONOUR.

Symbolism of the Clover

Clovers are flowering plants in the legume or pea family. Clover is a crop grown for animal feed, as nitrogen fertilizer, and as a flower pollinated by bees to make clover honey. Unfortunately, clover is also a pernicious weed infesting many a homeowner's lawn.

By the way, a four-leaf clover is a rare variation of the common three-leaf clover. They occur in stands of regular three-leaf clovers, so you have to look very carefully to find one, assuming there is one to be found. According to folk wisdom, to find four-leaf clover is considered a sign of luck. Botanists

would probably agree.

The trefoil or three-leaf clover on the K.C.C.H. jewel is intended to suggest the concept of the Trinity, where God is said to exist in the form three co-equal, co-eternal, con-substantial, divine persons. The Trinity is the most common concept of God accepted among the various Christian faith traditions.

The K.C.C.H. Cap

The most distinctive apparel of a K.C.C.H. Mason is his red cap. In the investiture ceremony, the speaker refers to the red cap as "a symbol of the nobility of the soul, which is the parent of all knightly virtues." It replaces the black cap a Brother receives when he takes his 32nd Degree.

The color red has a range of symbolic meanings among different cultures. They include life, health, vigor, war, courage, anger, love, and religious fervor. The common thread in all these is passion, defined as a strong and barely controllable emotion.

Something many people do not notice about the K.C.C.H. cap is that the emblem on the front of the cap is the very same image as the K.C.C.H. jewel. Such is not the case with the caps and jewels of the 32nd and 33rd degrees.

The K.C.C.H. Synthetic Badge

Another emblem of the K.C.C.H. is the Synthetic Badge. It is a gold rectangular bar, 1.5 inches wide, with three diamonds imbedded, forming the shape of an equilateral triangle. They call it a "synthetic" badge because it synthesizes or brings together all the teachings of Masonry.

In the investiture ceremony, they refer to the Synthetic Badge thus, "so called because like the points of the compasses, the tenets of Masonry are contained within its bounds... Its form will remind you of your first steps in Masonry... Its gold base, the metal of the sun, itself a symbol of intellectual light and knowledge, as its genial warmth is of loving-kindness and sympathy, may suggest to you your continuing duty to spread the blessings of education and abound in charitable deeds; while the triangle of reflected light will impress you and each of us that the highest teachings of the fraternity of Freemasons is symbolized by the triangle..."

Proper Introductions

When you introduce a 32nd Degree Master of the Royal Secret, you say "John Doe, Thirty-second degree". After John receives his K.C.C.H., you say "John Doe, Thirty-second degree, Knight

Commander of the Court of Honor". Don't just say "Thirty-second degree, K.C.C.H." or "Knight Commander Court of Honor", omitting "of the" in the middle. If you say it wrong, maybe two or three people might notice.

Thinking back to October 4, 1999, the day I opened a letter from H. Douglas Lemons, Past Grand Master of Masons in California (1981) and, at that time, the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in California. His letter informed me that I would receive the rank and decoration of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. That news came as a total shock. I read the letter a few more times to be sure it was really for me. However, I was especially impressed by final last paragraph:

"Do not mistake this Honor as a reward for services rendered in the past: It is not. Your conduct has pointed you out as a dedicated worker in the vineyards of Freemasonry, and one who will consider this Honor as an opportunity and incentive for even greater service in the future. Wear it proudly and work diligently, and you will prove our worthiness to bear the Title: "Knight Commander of the Court of Honor"!"



Master Craftsman Program

How many of you have worked on the various Master Craftsman programs? We call ourselves the "College of Freemasonry". Shouldn't that mean that we are actually striving to learn something?

The first two programs are now available in an online format, so no more mailing tests back and waiting for the next one.

We are once again talking about holding a group to work on them, so stay tuned for more information.

<https://scottishrite.org/scottish-rite-master-craftsman-program/>

Dress Code

Brethren,

Unfortunately it has become necessary to put this into writing.

Proper dress for Stated meetings is at a minimum coat and tie. This doesn't mean jeans with a sports coat, or a polo shirt.

Unless we have a special event scheduled, the months of June, July, and Aug are Business Casual, which means a minimum of dockers/slacks and a polo shirt. **NO JEANS**, no matter how nice they are.

Yes we want you to come, yes we understand that many of you come directly from work. But, also yes you can throw appropriate clothes in a bag and bring it with you to change.

This is not new, if anything it is actually very relaxed from times past. It is about showing respect for the organization.

Please it is simple, just do it.

Hat Boxes

We have available hat boxes, where you can store your hat here and can simply pull it out to wear when you are here. They are lockable and you will get a key, then you don't have to risk sitting it on the top of your car and driving over it when you forget about it :) as one of our 33rds did a couple of months ago.

Just see the secretary and he would be happy to help get one secured for you.

This month we proudly highlight Remi! He is smart, sweet, and enjoys playing with his stuffed animals and cars. Remi has been with Scottish Rite for about 7 months. When he first started



speech services at Scottish Rite, his expressive language skills were limited which made it difficult to interact with peers and adults. Remi also had difficulty producing the /f/ sound in

words.

Remi has made great progress in his ability to sequence and describe picture stories, expand his utterances to comment and request, and make creative stories during pretend play. He is also able to say his /f/ sound more accurately in sentences, making it easier for others to understand him.

His mother states, "I am so thankful that I found out about the Scottish Rite Speech center from someone at my gym. I have seen Remi's improvement with speech and language as well as his enthusiasm to see Ms. Alisha every week. The center has helped support me and the school so very much in my son's journey with a speech delay. I'm just so grateful to have this added resource to our support network. It's been something that Remi and I both look forward to. always get concrete feedback after each session as well as take home activities to do at home. I'm so grateful for Alisha and the Scottish Rite Center! Thank you so much!"

I am so proud of Remi and his continued progress toward his speech goals. I look forward to working with him every week. He is truly a joy, and I am grateful for his participation and enthusiasm during each session.



May Stated Meeting

At the dinner this month our Clinicians will be there to give us a presentation on what they do to help the kids.

Most of us know that we have the clinic, but have no understanding of what goes on. So please plan on joining us to hear directly from our clinicians and ask them any questions you might have.

Stated Meeting Menu

Tuesday

May 10th 2022

(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY call the office, by May 6th)

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

Assorted Appetizers
Green Salad
Assorted Tacos
Refried Beans
Mexican style rice
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 \$40 off of the annual price or over 21%. There is no time limit to use them,

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

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the Spring Reunion. There were some health issues with some of the cast and no time to find replacements.

On that note, we NEED members to step up and join our degree teams, we need to have understudies for the parts so that when bad things happen we can still continue on. Please talk to any of the officers and they will be happy to direct you to the right person. We have parts that are only a line or two, to ones with major speaking parts so there is something for everyone.

We have some big upcoming events in the next few months.

May stated: Clinicians coming to give a presentation

June Stated: Grand Masters reception and Festive Board

June 21st; Night of Instruction and Agape Dinner

July Stated: Annual BBQ dinner.

Please put these on your calendar and plan to join us.

We still have 55 members who have not paid their 2022 dues. We had to suspend 10 members last year. Please don't let this happen to you. If you are having financial difficulty all you need to do is call the office. It is what we are all charged to do, to take care of a brother in need, but YOU have to act, we are not mind readers from the distance. Call and we will help, we are not looking to explore your situation, we just need you to say you need help and we will.



III. Hal Leister 33° Reunion Class

Fall Dates TBD



ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY,
SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, U. S. A.

Petition for Degrees

(Full) Name: _____
FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME DATE

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Month, Day, and Year of Birth: _____

City, State, Country of Birth: _____

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

E-Mail Address: _____ Wife/Partner's Name: _____

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

Lodge City and State: _____

Date and Place Raised: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer Name: _____

Have you ever previously petitioned for any Scottish Rite Degrees? YES NO

Hat Size: ____ (example: "7 1/8")

"I, the above named and below signed, confirm a belief in a Supreme Being, the inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, and an undying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, and the forbearance of a state sponsored religion, principles embodied by the Founding Fathers of the United States of America. I respectfully petition to receive the 4th through 32nd Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. I am currently a Master Mason in good standing."

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

<i>1st Sponsor Signature</i>			

2nd Sponsor PRINTED NAME	I hereby authorize the San Jose Scottish Rite to charge \$ _____		
_____	to Credit Card # _____ CVC _____		
<i>2nd Sponsor Signature</i>	Expiration Date ____ / ____		

(Return Petition to Valley General Secretary's Office)

Signature of authorized card holder



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Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events

Tuesday May 10th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm

Consistory Opens

Dress is Colors or Coat and Tie

Tuesday May 24th ~ Foundation Meeting 6:00 pm

AOM following at 7:00 pm

Tuesday June 14th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm

Grand Master's Reception and Festive Board

Lodge of Perfection Opens

Tuxedo no Colors

Tuesday June 21st ~ Night of Instruction /Festive Board 6:30 pm

White Tie Preferred

Tuesday July 12th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm

Annual BBQ Meal

Chapter Rose Croix Opens

Business Casual

Tuesday August 9th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm

Council Opens

Business Casual