



The Rite Word

From the Venerable Master

Independence Day is a special time for all to celebrate the birth of our nation with the signing of the *Declaration of Independence*. The Fourth of July officially became a federal holiday in 1941, though its celebration dates back to the 18th century, immediately following the American Revolution. Many orations and speeches from this early period adopted a republican calendar in use through 1800, dating their documents 'year of the Revolution', and counting the years since 1776. Representatives of the thirteen colonies assembled, weighing a resolution to declare their independence from Great Britain. On July 2^d the Continental Congress voted in favor of this resolution, two days later adopting the *Declaration of Independence*, drafted by Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston. From 1776 through today, the fourth of July has been celebrated as the birth of American Independence with parades, just like the ones celebrated by South Valley 187 and many other lodges, along with our Brother Shriners. Every family has a unique way to celebrate, gathering with food and friends, and my personal favorite, with fireworks.



One of the two zodiac signs this month holds the fire sign. This elemental has been venerated through all time and in all of man's religions. Zoroastrianism is the first monotheistic faith, which has the burning of fire as a principle element of its worship to create an eternal fire. The earliest religions were religions of nature and evoked universally by Jefferson in the *Declaration of Independence* as 'the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God.' The sun is considered to be the universal fire. Quintus

Curtius invoked the sun as Mithras, the sacred and eternal fire. Fire was not the idol of worship itself, but rather the visible symbol of the Supreme Deity. It gives life and light, and is the creator of the energy from where we came, and to where we ascend. The burning flame ascends toward heaven, to its divine origin. Its base symbolically ignites, grows, and ascends towards the celestial fire, or God. This belief is referred to as the 'flame secret' by its adherents.

This is the concept of universal religion and is a principal ideology of all ancient religions. It can be observed from India to Egypt, and is encoded in the astrological mythology of the Greeks and the Hebrews, influencing modern thought and religion. In the Hebrew scriptures we see fire used in prominent and divine ways. Upon Mount Sinai God revealed himself to Moses. *There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush.*^[1] God revealed his name and commanded Moses to lead his people from captivity. Burnt offerings were the principal form of their worship, providing a sweet-smelling aroma to the Lord, with nothing being returned to the worshiper, making it distinct from other faiths and a true sacrifice. God also answered Elijah's prayer for a sign of his presence at the altar he constructed and *the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.*^[2] Fire has always been a symbol of Holiness to the Lord, and can be visibly seen by our three lesser lights in our Lodge rooms as symbols of the Great Architect of the Universe. When we delve into the high degrees, and other ancient institutions, we find that fire is used as a process of purification. As fire is identical to light and the symbol of divinity of the Zoroastrians,

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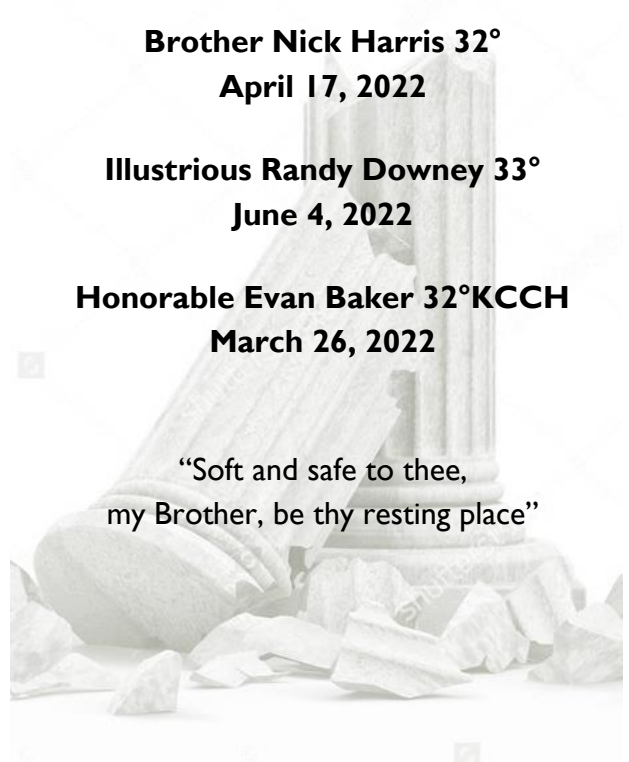
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Brother Nick Harris 32°
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"Soft and safe to thee,
my Brother, be thy resting place"



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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.

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Masonry is intimately attached through the equivalent viewing of light as the Divine Truth, and the symbol of the Great Architect.

Brother Edouardo Laboulaye through his vision gave America both liberty and fire, commissioning brother Frederic Auguste Bartholdi to build the Statue of Liberty. It is seen internationally as a beacon of peace, hope, and freedom, symbolizing the friendship and alliance of France and the United States. Freemasons labored to build Lady Liberty together, and this Franco-American Union assembled together some three-hundred pieces shipped across the Atlantic. The flame of Lady Liberty symbolically burns in her torch, with *'Liberty enlightening the world.'* We see in our ritual how deeply our brothers put thought into how they could impart this symbol in our gentle craft, for all the world to view. Let us each allow our own flame of Masonry to shine, as our brothers before us, with their knowledge and gifts bestowed upon us all.

"Let Your Light Shine" -Randy Downey PGHP



[1] Exodus 3:2. KJV

[2] I Kings 18:38. KJV



From the Acting Wise Master

A Festive Board of Fellowship has many moving pieces and is a great time to see folks who may not make it to Blue Lodge or the Valley very often. In formal dress and fine dining, we take time to celebrate each other while giving toasts and joining in song together.

June's Festive Board was our visit with the Grand Master of Masons in California, Most Worshipful Jeff Wilkins. Many of us in this area know Most Worshipful Jeff through his frequent visits over the years, his great fellowship with each lodge, and his always cheerful support of the Brotherhood.

It was my privilege this year to offer the third toast of the evening which was "To the Craft, wither so ever dispersed". The toast goes as follows:

"Over the face of the Earth, may our Brethren of all nations be united under the mantle of universal friendship and brotherhood for the benefit of all mankind. To all distressed Masons who are unable to be with us this evening, we wish a speedy relief to their suffering. Let us with reverence invoke for all the favor of the Great Architect of the Universe that it may please Him to assist the unfortunate, and bring them into safe and good harbors".

I admit my vulnerability for delivering this toast a year early and our intended well-wishes for our Brothers wither so ever dispersed. And while we also remember our departed Brothers who suffer no more, let us, in the spirit of this toast, also wish them fond comfort in the celestial lodge above where they may be with the Great Architect of the Universe until time shall be no more.

Tim Lynch

Note; Even though he passed, we are leaving Randy as the official Wise Master till the completion of his term. This was the last of the 4 bodies for him to have presided and it meant a lot to him.

From the Master of Kadosh

What is your Masonic Story?

My first contact with a Masonic Temple was in 1981 (I think) when my oldest daughter joined Job's Daughters. Her masonic relationship was my wife's father. Over the years my other two daughters joined Job's Daughters, I drove carloads of girls to other bethels for visits. I really enjoyed Job's Daughters meetings. In 1987 my oldest daughter turned 21 and got her majority in Job's Daughters, and I realized that when the youngest turned 21 and got her majority I would no longer be welcome in Bethel meetings.

I applied to George E Tutt lodge in the summer of 1987 and first met with a number of lodge members I guess to see if they thought I was ok. This preceded the required investigations by three brothers.

I was raised a Master Mason in January 1988 by the lodge already in advanced stations.

Early in 1992 I was proposed for membership in San Jose Scottish Rite. You remember proposals or propositions? That's where a member of the Rite would recommend a member of his lodge and the office would send out an invitation to join Scottish Rite. There were 45 in my class. I was number 41. I have gone through the lines of the Council of Kadosh, The Chapter or Rose Croix, and now the Consistory.

My advice to you is to approach a member of your lodge whom you think would be an asset to our valley. The worst is if he says "NO," but just maybe he will say "YES!" Remember there is an application in the back of "The Rite Word."



From the Chief Knight

Knighthood Tradition Theme

Every man needs to possess at least some knightly energy. Being a knight is one of the essential archetypes of manhood. Freemasonry draws on the Knighthood tradition which dates back to the Crusades. Knights were expected to be the most gallant and virtuous of men. Such men dedicated themselves to defending the rights in the world for life. Their basic ideals or tenets were family unity, moral education, courage, honor, and courtesy. A Mason is first and foremost a moralist, a philosopher, a symbolist, and a spiritualist; he is also a soldier of honor, loyalty, duty, and truth; actively engaged in the warfare of life. The Knighthood Tradition Theme declares that the battle is a constant engagement for the very best virtues against ignorance, tyranny, and fanaticism. Life is a battle for good, and to fight that battle heroically and well, is the great purpose of man's existence. We all progress upward toward perfection through the same life struggle. Our goal is to live up to the promise of the Elus the continuators of Creation who will receive the highest levels of knowledge and insight. These will become the gifted and enlightened men. This is the essence of true Masonic Knighthood.



David M. Kengsch



John P. King

An Introduction to the Kabbalah

Welcome to our new series in Kabbalah studies. We hope to explore and explain some of the concepts found in the Kabbalah and come to an understanding of what Kabbalah is and what value it may offer you.

Kabbalah is both a collection of obscure writings and a complex body of philosophy built around those writings. The material comes to us through a cadre of Jewish sages and extends back over a period of 1,000 years.

The word Kabbalah comes from the Hebrew word spelled Qop Bet Lamed Heh, transliterated as Q B L H. It means "receiving". There are maybe two dozen different ways to spell Kabbalah in English. We use "Kabbalah" because it is one of the most popular.

The Rite Word School of Kabbalah

The author will endeavor to provide an article in the Rite Word every month, as we did with a discussion of each of the Scottish Rite degrees. In order to do that we will include material that is already published on Kabbalah. So please, don't accuse me of plagiarism if you read something in this column that you have encountered somewhere else.

This series is intended for members of the Scottish Rite. We are not scholars. Few of us will ever advance beyond the basics when it comes to Kabbalah. But there is nothing wrong with that. Even a short journey may result in finding valuable treasure.

The Philosophy Student

A co-worker once told me the story of his fellow college student taking a final exam in philosophy. There was just one single question on the exam: "Why?" Most of the students began pouring out all of the information they could remember from taking the course, hoping to include the whatever words the professor was looking for, and watching the clock to avoid running out of time. This one particular student answered the exam question with just two words: "Why not?" He got a A.

The point is that philosophy is not like mathematics. There is no single specific and correct answer to any question in philosophy. As demonstrated above, a valid answer does not necessarily take hundreds of words to express. For many of us, this is a new and different way of thinking. Mysticism, which includes Kabbalah studies, could be described as philosophy on steroids.

My Starting Point

Years ago, I attended a lecture at Temple Emanu-El, a large Reform Jewish congregation in San Jose. The guest speaker was Daniel Matt, Professor of Jewish Studies at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley California, and a well-known scholar of Kabbalah. At the time, Dr. Matt was working on a translation of the Zohar, the principal text of Kabbalah, into English.

The final product, with contributions from two other scholars, "The Zohar, Pritzker Edition, The Complete Set" was published in 2018 and consists of over seven thousand printed pages. And you thought Leo Tolstoy's "War and Peace" was a long read!

Where did Kabbalah come from?

What we know today as the "Sefer ha-Zohar" or "Book of Radiance", was written by Moses de León, a Spanish Jewish mystic in the late 1200s. De León claimed to be not the author but merely a copyist, getting his material from the second century Rabbi Shim'on bar Yohai.

Right here, we understand why many people say the Kabbalah was invented in the Middle Ages. Because the original manuscript dates to that time. Yet the material supposedly comes from the 100s, a decade after Jesus of Nazareth but in the same geographical area.

Moses de León seems to have composed the Zohar over a long period of time and released portions of his work to his fellow Kabbalists. The Zohar was never intended for public consumption, not in pieces nor as a single document.

De León wrote in his unique style of Aramaic, the common language of Palestine and Judea at the time of Shim'on bar Yohai. Yet by De León's time, Aramaic had been out of daily use for nearly a millennia.

Aramaic was the language in which Jesus of Nazareth taught. It is related to Hebrew but there is enough difference to classify Aramaic as a separate language. The alternative would be to say Hebrew was a dialect of Aramaic. Despite falling out of use, the study of Aramaic never ended. To this

very day, sages and scholars continue to learn and use it to read newly discovered manuscripts from the ancient Middle East.

First prerequisite

I propose that there are three prerequisites to meet before one is ready undertake even a casual study of Kabbalah.

You must understand that we are dealing with Jewish people, culture, and history. Those are unfamiliar topics to most of us. You can learn a lot from good reference books such as "Jewish Literacy" by Joseph Telushkin.

But there is nothing better than cultivating a friendship with a Brother Mason who is an active, informed member of the Jewish faith. That is how the writer of this article embarked on his study.

Second prerequisite

We need a basic understanding of the Hebrew Bible, which Jewish people call the Tenach [pronounced: ten-AHK] but most of us know as the Old Testament. It's called the Hebrew Bible because that is the language in which most of the text was originally written.

The Tenach or Hebrew Bible is considered as having three major sections:

- Torah, or Pentateuch, or first five books of the Bible, attributed to Moses
- Prophets, books such as Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel
- Holy Writings, books such as Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job, Ruth, Esther, and Daniel

To the Kabbalists, the Torah is considered the starting point. However, many of the mystical parts relate to the Prophets and Holy Writings. Fortunately, most of the current books on Kabbalah cite the references to the Hebrew Bible. And we can read the Bible in English.

Having a Bible, printed or online, at your fingertips, is essential in your Kabbalah study. When you encounter a reference to a Bible passage, you must take the time to look up that passage and make the effort to understand the material in its original context. For that reason, I strongly suggest you use what they call a "Study Bible", one full of footnotes, references, essays, and maps.

Which version? One that you can easily understand.

Third prerequisite

You must be comfortable thinking "out-of-the-box" when it comes to Mankind and its relationship with the Divine. In this writer's experience, most of the men who become Masons and join Scottish Rite are open to considering new ideas. And when you encounter an idea that challenges your current beliefs, you are comfortable thinking about it without feeling pressured to immediately accept or reject the strange new idea.

Your Final Warning

Many readers are familiar with a story that comes from the Babylonian Talmud, Hagigah 14b. It refers four Rabbis who walked into "pardes", the divine orchard or paradise:

Four men entered into pardes: Ben Azzai, Ben Zoma, Aher, and Akivah.

Ben Azzai looked and immediately died.

Ben Zoma looked and went insane.

Aher cut the plants [became a heretic and left Judaism].

Akivah emerged in a state of peace.

So there you have it, one chance in four of finding peace and enlightenment by approaching the Divine, as we do by studying Kabbalah.

Next time, we will look into developments after the time of Moses de León, which shape the Kabbalah as we experience it today.





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.

Parker is a super sweet three-year-old boy who loves playing with dinosaurs and cars! Parker started speech and language services at the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Clinic as he had a mild expressive language delay. His parents noted that he was not combining words and sought speech and language services. They were referred to our clinic from their older son's preschool teacher who had an excellent experience with our clinic when her children were in our speech and language program. At 2 years, 6 months of age Parker was not consistently combining words in short phrases or sentences. Typically, children begin combining words into short phrases around two years of age or when they have approximately 50 words in their expressive vocabulary. Given targeted therapy at our clinic to help Parker expand his utterances, he began combining words very rapidly and made significant progress in a very short period of time. His mother commented that his language started "booming since working with Ms. Rachel. He's extending the length of his phrases and becoming clearer when speaking. People who interact with him regularly are definitely noticing a big improvement." Parker has made such excellent progress that he has now finished his therapy at our clinic!



July Stated Meeting

At the dinner in July our Clinicians will be there to give us a presentation on what they do to help the kids. We had to re-schedule the May Presentation do to illness.

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.

His parents are very grateful for our program, "We feel so fortunate to be receiving such excellent services at no cost. As parents, we always want the best for our children, especially when it comes to their development and meeting milestones. There is a peace of mind knowing that we aren't sacrificing quality of treatment for our son due to out-of-network insurance issues or hefty out-of-pocket costs. Our experience with the Scottish Rite clinic has been nothing but positive. Rachel has gone above and beyond to communicate with us her evaluation of Parker and what she intends on accomplishing during the extent of his treatment. She has been flexible with us switching from telehealth to in person therapy. Parker is always excited for the days he gets to see Ms. Rachel. We couldn't be happier. I would definitely recommend the Scottish Rite clinic to parents who are concerned about their child's speech and language development. Our experience has all been positive and we've seen our son thrive in the short time he's received treatment."

Stated Meeting Menu Tuesday

July 12th 2022

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

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

- Green Salad
- Beans
- Assorted BBQ
- Bread
- Desserts



Annual Dinner Ticket Books

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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

We need to deal with the reservation situation. You all are grown adults. If you wish to attend a dinner then make a reservation. Its not hard, you can sign up at a previous event, you can call the office, you can email me. Whichever works. What you cannot do is continue to show up without having made a reservation. We have to set up and let folks know how many to cook for.

Moving forward if you don't make a reservation, then dinner will cost you \$25 provided we can accommodate you. And calling the day of isn't making a reservation. Yes we want you here, but we can't continue guessing if you will be or not.

Next up is dues. We still have 38 members that have not paid dues for 2022. If you are one of them pay now. And having a dues card in your hand doesn't mean you paid as they are sending them with the dues notices.

The Dues year in the system has also now rolled and you will soon be getting your notice for 2023. First off don't throw away your card that is going to be with it. Second, pay it when you get it so we don't have to chase you down. If you are in financial hardship call me, I will take care of it, but you need to reach out that's your part of the deal.

Finally, we lost a good friend and active brother last month when Ill. Randy Downey passed away. He leaves a massive hole in our Valley which we must now fund a way to fill. We could use some help filling all the many jobs he did. See Ken or me if you are willing to step up and help out.



III. Hal Leister 33° Reunion Class

Fall Dates TBD



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FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME DATE

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

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

Lodge City and State: _____

Date and Place Raised: _____

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

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

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

Annual BBQ Meal

Chapter Rose Croix Opens

Business Casual

Sunday July 10th ~ Social BBQ 12:00 pm

Social BBQ

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

Council Opens

Business Casual

Tuesday September 13th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm

Chapter Opens

Regular Meeting Attire