



## The Rite Word

### From the Venerable

Seal of Authentication: While we are unsure of the exact date that Masonic rings began to be worn by the fraternity, Signet rings have been a part of religion in many cultures throughout history.

In past eras, Signet rings were worn by Kings, Popes, Bishops, Roman Emperors and other high ranking church officials and noblemen as a sign of their nobility, importance, and power. Probably the most famous religious signet ring in the world, today, is worn by the Pope. Sacred Seal: His ring is called the "Fisherman's Ring", a massive and ornate gold seal ring, which denotes the seal of his authority. Upon the Pope's death, the Cardinals break his ring, and a new signet ring is created for each new succeeding Pope. Status Symbol and Rank: These signets, or seals provided visual and symbolic "certification" which validated acts executed in their name.

In other words, they provided a visual "Plumbline of Authenticity" proving that the wearer was not only truly who he said he was, but they symbolized his power in the community. The theft of a signet ring was, many times, punishable by death.

### How to Wear a Masonic Ring:

**Q: On which finger should I wear my Masonic Signet ring?**

A: There is no right or wrong finger or right or wrong hand on which to wear your Masonic Signet Ring. Most married men wear them on the opposite hand from which they wear a wedding ring...usually on their 3rd finger.

**Q: Which direction should the Square and Compasses face?**



If I lay my hand out flat in front of me, should the 2 "legs" of the Compasses point toward me or point outward and away from me?

A: This subject is one on which Grand Lodges have made no regulation. Popular opinion seems to be widely divided. But let's look at this more closely. When the emblem of the square and compasses is displayed on a building, or a button, universal custom requires that the points of the compasses point downward. When displayed on the Altar they point away from the Master.

While you may wear your ring with the 2 legs of the compasses pointing toward you, as some say, to help you remember your obligation, historically your Masonic Signet Ring is an outward showing to others denoting your "Seal of Authenticity" as a Master Mason. The 2 legs of the compasses should, therefore, face away from you, just as the original signet rings did, which were used to imbed the image of their "seal". Fraternal Masonic Signet Rings: Modern day Freemasons proudly wear their Freemason rings as a symbol of their ongoing obligation of loyalty, their brotherhood and as a visual statement that they are a member of the oldest fraternity on Earth. Some Freemasons may be unaware that a Master Mason ring can also be called a Blue Lodge Masonic ring or a Masonic Signet Ring because the word "signet" denotes the actual construction of the face of the ring.

How should I wear my Masonic Ring?

Answer 1:

If the ring is worn to remind the wearer of his masonic obligation, the tips of the compasses should point toward the wrist. If the ring is worn to advise those who see it that the wearer is a mason, the tips of the compasses should point toward the fingertips. There is no "Required" or "Approved" Form

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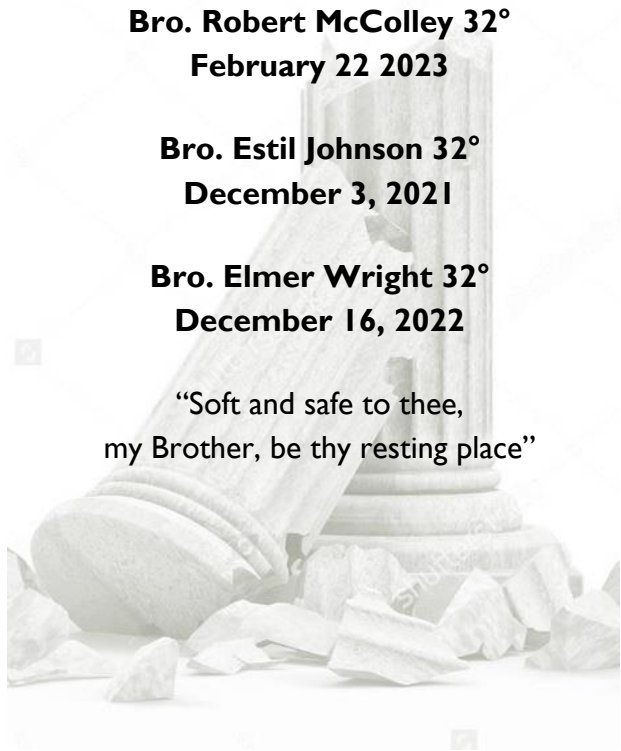
## Called From Labor

**Bro. Robert McColley 32°**  
**February 22 2023**

**Bro. Estil Johnson 32°**  
**December 3, 2021**

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**December 16, 2022**

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



### Free Will

Do you have a will in place? Have you updated the will you do have in place recently? If the answer is no to either of those questions, then you have access to a free service to assist you in creating a will to ensure your desires are fulfilled when you pass on.

You can access the service at the Supreme Website <https://scottishrite.org/giving/ways-to-give/planned-gifts/>

Yes, they would like you to leave something to them in your will, but it is not required.

Go check it out.

Gregg

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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.***

### From the Wise Master

When I look at the Mother of my children, I see one of the strongest women I know. She is the glue that holds a lot of the pieces together and the chief caretaker of our children. Pre-pandemic, her favorite thing for us to do for Mothers Day was to attend the Irish Flaedh (pronounced "flaw"), or Irish Festival, in Mountain View. It was often that our kids would dance at the festival which really made it even better.

As we have the opportunity to celebrate our moms this year, let's take some time to really convey why we love them so much and do something special for them. As busy as we all usually are throughout the year, this special day really needs to help us convey how much we love the moms in our lives.



### From the Commander Continued

Instructions that discouraged members from joining oath-bound fraternities. The Encyclopedia of Mormonism, a quasi-official 1992 publication, clarified the church's position by stating that "the philosophy and major tenets of Freemasonry are not fundamentally incompatible with the teaching, theology, and doctrines of the Latter-day Saints."

Unlike many American Christian churches in the 21st century, the LDS Church does not currently have an anti-Masonic position. Although some lingering suspicion continues on both sides, there is no formal barrier preventing a male from being both a member of the church and a Mason, and many have elected to do so. In 2008, Glen Cook, a practicing Latter-day Saint, was made the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Utah. Another prominent Latter-day Saint Freemason is Mark E. Koltko-Rivera, who has authored a popular and accessible introduction to Freemasonry entitled "Freemasonry: An Introduction."

### From the Commander

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Freemasonry

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has a longstanding policy of maintaining no official position on Freemasonry. Some people, however, see links between the two movements in practice, structure, and symbolism, which go back to the church's origins.



Although the impact of Freemasonry in LDS Church doctrine is the subject of intense debate, it is known that Joseph Smith Sr., the father of the church's founder and first president, Joseph Smith, became a Freemason in 1816. Joseph Smith, likewise, became a Freemason in 1842, when the church was headquartered in Nauvoo, Illinois.

He and hundreds of his followers—including his first four successors as church president—all became Freemasons. Shortly after becoming a Freemason, Smith introduced the church's temple endowment ceremony, which contained some symbols and language closely paralleling some of the rituals of Freemasonry.

When the church relocated to Utah in 1847 after Smith's death, Brigham Young was unsuccessful in establishing masonic lodges in the Utah Territory. This was due to several factors, but the church's practice of polygamy and the strong anti-Mormon sentiment of the era greatly contributed. Distrust between members of the church and Masons grew throughout the second half of the 1800s.

Many Freemasons who were not members of the LDS Church harbored strong anti-Mormon sentiments that started in Nauvoo. Soon after Smith and his followers were initiated, the Grand Lodge of Illinois was compelled to revoke the charters of several predominantly Latter-day Saint lodges due to anti-Mormon sentiment and rumors of irregularities. In 1872, the Grand Lodge of Utah was formed and immediately implemented an anti-Mormon policy prohibiting members of the church from become Masons or from associating with Utah lodges from out-of-state. The church also began discouraging its members from joining any "oath-bound" fraternities or "secret societies" without naming Freemasonry specifically, eventually codifying it in the Church Handbook of Instructions.

In 1984, the Grand Lodge of Utah and church leadership, under church president Spencer W. Kimball, mutually agreed to drop their antagonistic positions. The Grand Lodge of Utah rescinded its ban on members of the church, and the church removed language from the Church Handbook of

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## From the Master of Kadosh

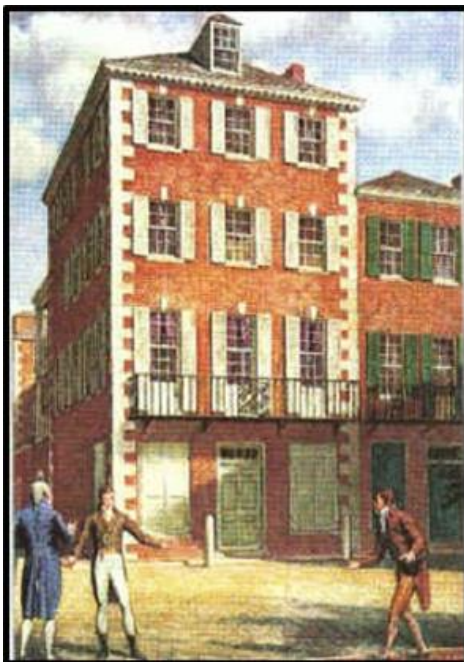
Say! Have you seen our See?

At the opening of the Stated Meeting, the ritual of the four Masters refers to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction's See being in Charleston, South Carolina. We are all familiar with the House of the Temple of the Southern Jurisdiction in Washington DC but our See in Charleston? This begs two questions: what is a See and why Charleston?

A "See" is defined as the jurisdiction or diocese of a church's bishop. See comes from the Latin "sedes" which denotes the seat or chair. It also refers to the town where a bishop resides, or his cathedral is located. An example of this is the Catholic Church's use of "Holy See" referring to the See of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope.

On to the second question, why Charleston? In 1783 a Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection, for the first time in the United States, was established in Charleston conferring the 4<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup> degrees.

The 33 Degrees of the present Scottish Rite existed in parts of the previous degree systems but came into being with the founding of the Mother Supreme Council in Charleston in May 1801. Those Founding Fathers are known as the "eleven Gentlemen of Charleston". They met in the Shepherd's Tavern in Charleston, where in 1754, where Freemasonry was founded in South Carolina. The Southern Jurisdiction later met in the Charleston Masonic Hall.



**Shepherd's Tavern**

The Civil War was not kind to Charleston. During the War, the



## From the Chief Knight

Over the last few months, several knights have taken the time to get out and be social with their lodges and multi-lodge gatherings. The main conclusion came down to how important our social discourse is to our fraternity and how little we actually have that meaningful time. We certainly have time at dinner to talk or just before a meeting ... but actually connecting during a non-structured, non-time constrained window of Brothers gathering and just talking about anything... Masonic and non-Masonic is what we really need. Connecting on the human level and not just the Masonic level.

For SJSR body events and other Masonic body gatherings, try to create that time and space where these interactions can happen. Don't just show up to "put an 'x' in the box", but show up expecting to commit the time to connect with your Brothers.

KSA is a service based organization that helps support activities throughout the Valley. Most of our work is done while we are at the monthly stated meetings which keeps the load light while helping things run smoother. During important visits, KSA provides an Arch of Steel salute to dignitaries as well as providing a Flag Presentation team. The Flag Presentation team is also often called upon for blue lodge installations. No kilt is needed and we have a cooler hat than the other bodies. Come out and see what we are about.

*Tim Light*

Southern Jurisdiction's records and rituals were burned in the conflagration of Charleston. During the last couple of years of that War, the Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander, Albert Pike, 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree, was revising our rituals, aided by Albert Mackey, M.D., 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree (one of the authors of the "History of Freemasonry Illustrated").

Much material for this piece came from a book that can be found online, "A Brief History of the A. & A.S. Rite of Freemasonry" by Edwin A. Sherman, 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree. Several years ago, I wrote a piece about him and his founding of what became the Scottish Rite Valleys of Oakland and San Jose. Under the direction of Albert Pike, Brother Sherman founded over 20 additional, what would become, Scottish Rite Valleys. He was a resident of Oakland and is buried in Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland.

*Bill M. Fiel*



### Divine Qualities of the Center Pillar

When it comes to the Divine qualities, we are interested in those of the center column, since that is the one associated with you and me. The left and right columns only have three qualities but the center has five: Crown, [Knowledge], Beauty, Foundation, and Kingdom.

As we dive deeper into the meaning of the sephiroth and the paths among them, we must remember that there are multiple interpretations and ideas about what they mean. In this series, we focus primarily on the Jewish applications and practices related to Kabbalah. There are also Christian and esoteric applications and practices. While the themes are similar, what you find written about them might seem totally different.

### Kether or Crown

The name of God associated with Kether is Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh (I am that I am), the name through which he revealed himself to Moses from the burning bush. This idea is explained in the Perfect Elu or 14th degree.

The first sephirah is called the Crown, since a crown is worn above the head. The Crown therefore refers to things that are above the mind's abilities of comprehension. All of the other sephiroth are likened to the body which starts with the head and winds its way down into action. For us humans, the most important quality of Kether is that of divine mercy:

"Who is a God like you,

who pardons sin and forgives the transgression  
of the remnant of his inheritance?

You do not stay angry forever

but delight to show mercy.

You will again have compassion on us;

you will tread our sins underfoot  
and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

You will be faithful to Jacob,

and show love to Abraham,

as you pledged on oath to our ancestors

in days long ago." (Micah 7:18-20 NIV)

According to rabbi Chaim Hezekiah Medini (1834 – 1904), there are "Thirteen Attributes of Mercy" in connection with the above passage of Micah. Following is a brief list.

1. Compassion before a person sins
2. Compassion after a person has sinned
3. Mighty in compassion to give all creatures according to their need

4. Merciful, that humankind may not be distressed
5. Gracious if humankind is already in distress
6. Slow to anger
7. Plenteous in kindness
8. Plenteous in truth
9. Keeping kindness unto thousands
10. Forgiving iniquity (distorting what is good)
11. Forgiving transgression (fracturing relationships)
12. Forgiving sin (missing the goal)
13. Pardoning

### Da'ath or Knowledge

Da'ath is not always depicted in representations of the Tree of Life; and could be abstractly considered an "empty slot" into which the "germ" of any other sephirah can be placed. When it does appear, Da'ath is the mystical state where all ten sephiroth in the Tree of Life are united as one. In some interpretations, Da'ath is where the Divine Light, a scaled down version of the Ein Sof Aur or Limitless Light, is manifest.

Da'ath, being a location but not a sephirah, does not have Name of God associated with it. When it does appear, Da'ath is part of the middle pillar, so we must include it in our study.

### Tiphereth or Beauty

The Name of God associated with Tiphereth is Adonay Eloah (Lord God). Tiphereth is commonly associated with of Spirituality, Balance, Integration, Beauty, Miracles, and Compassion.

Tiphereth is the force that integrates and balances Chesed (kindness or compassion) and Gevurah (strength or discipline). Thus harmonized, creation flowers forth. Tiphereth also balances Netzach (victory or endurance) and Hod (majesty or vigor) in a similar manner.

### Yesod or Foundation

The Names of God associated with Yesod are El Hai (Living God) and El Shaddai (God Almighty). Yesod is likened to the "engine-room of creation".

Yesod is the foundation upon which God has built the (physical) world. It also serves as a transmitter between the sephiroth above and the reality below. The light of the upper sephiroth gather in Yesod and are channelled to Malkuth below. In turn, it is through Malkuth that the earth and her inhabitants are able to interact with the Divinity.

### Malkuth or Kingdom

The Name of God associated with Malkuth is Adonai (Lord). Malkuth is associated with the realm of matter and relates to the physical world, including the earth, planets and stars. Even though Malkuth is the emanation furthest from the Divine Source, it is still on the Tree of Life and therefore has its own unique spiritual qualities.

The Shekhinah (dwelling or settling of the presence of God) is associated with Malkuth. Shekhinah is seen as the feminine divine presence descended in this world, dwelling with the people of Israel and sharing in their struggles throughout history. No matter what befell to the Israelitish people, a remnant of them has always survived.

The Divine Light is always shining, but not all humans can see it. The perception of the Divine Light can occur at any time that humans become altruistic. Altruism is the principle and moral practice of concern for the welfare and happiness of other human beings or animals, resulting in a quality of life both material and spiritual.

On the other hand, the Divine Light cannot be seen by humans when they are selfish. Selfishness is being concerned excessively or exclusively, for oneself or one's own advantage, pleasure, or welfare, regardless of others. Unfortunately, this tends to be the default condition for most of us, most of the time.

Perhaps it is time for us to upgrade our default settings.



## Night of Instruction and Agape Dinner

Tuesday June 20, 2023

6:30pm to 9:00pm

Brother David Kampschafer 32°

Commander of Kadosh

Will present his paper

### The Four Virtues

6:30pm Social

7:00pm Speaker

7:30pm Festive Agape Dinner

Cost is \$25 due at time of reservation

Requested Attire is White Tie, Tux or Dark Suit  
with Scottish Rite Cap

If we do not have the minimum number this  
event will be cancelled.

## From the Venerable Master Continued.

Answer 2:

The correct way to wear your ring is: With PRIDE, for being part of the oldest and greatest fraternal organization on earth.

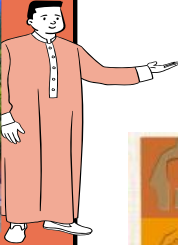
With LOVE, for the children in our hospitals, for the widows in our widow's homes, and for the recipients of the millions of dollars PER DAY of our Masonic (and affiliated) charities. With JOY, for knowing that you are "at home" in Masonic lodges throughout the world. With recognition of the fact, that whenever you wear a Masonic ring, you are identifying yourself to the rest of the world, both Mason and non-Mason. The lessons of ethics, charity, morality, and rectitude of conduct are to be practiced by you, as a Mason, in all your dealings with outside world. Remember, when you wear a Masonic ring, YOU ARE MASONRY!

But about your original question, of which direction you should wear your ring, I am going to leave that to you. For in the final analysis, the direction of the ring doesn't matter. The only thing that matters, is the direction of the man who wears the ring.

Answer 3:

One common idea is to wear it with the square and compass opening into yourself, or rather, pointing at yourself, so it appears upside down to the rest of the world., reminding you of all your dealings, or the tenets of Masonry. Another point of view, of course, (oh yeah...you can see this coming) is to wear it outward, sharing the light of Masonry with the world, and proclaiming your membership in the craft. This is how I wear my Brotherhood ring, as I, quite honestly, like to show it off to everyone, and am proud to display my membership in the craft. I believe that my actions speak for themselves and want to create an image associated with the Square and Compasses of uprightness, true dealing, and fair judgement. These are the ideals I strive for.





# A Tour of



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Adults (65 and older) - \$8.00  
Students with ID - \$8.00  
Children (ages 7 to 17) - \$8.00  
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### Access to the Museum

Ramp access is available, and drop-offs are permitted.

Questions? Please email at [info@egyptianmuseum.org](mailto:info@egyptianmuseum.org).

### Inside the Museum

There is an elevator lift for wheelchair accessibility.

The San Jose Lodge of Perfection invites all Mason, their spouses, children, family and friends to spend a few hours with at the [Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum](#) on Saturday **May 20<sup>th</sup>** at 11 am. 1660 Park Ave, San Jose, CA 95126 **Save the date and stay tuned for more details.**



10 - Grand Temple Tour with Grand Master Julie Scott

10:45 - Museum Tour with James

11:30 - 12 noon - Library Tour

Contact Naresh at [nramp1@hotmail.com](mailto:nramp1@hotmail.com) For Reservations



This month we are proud to highlight Jared Castenada, a 7 year old boy, who has been receiving speech therapy with RiteCare since January 2020. Jared is a sweet, inquisitive, and smart student who continues to improve on his language comprehension and social skills.



Jared came to the clinic when he was 4 years old. The parents were referred by a social worker who assisted in scouting for a speech therapist. During this time, Jared was only able to utter around 10 words, more or less. He instantly enjoyed his very first session with Ms. Alisha Leong. Ms. Alisha incorporated a lot of play activities which made speech very enjoyable for him. However, due to the business closures caused by Covid 19, his sessions switched to an online Zoom platform. Although Scottish Rite offered to give online sessions, we were not able to continue with Jared's speech therapy because we were not familiar with Zoom (Thank you for introducing us to zoom, Ms. Alisha :) Jared stopped therapy with Scottish Rite until in-person sessions at the clinic restarted.

When businesses started to reopen, I really sought out Scottish Rite because of the success of his sessions. Therapy re-started around September of 2021. By this time, Jared's speech had improved a little so Ms. Alisha gave him more age appropriate sessions. As of date, Jared has immensely improved on his reading comprehension skills and he is now able to answer wh-questions (what, who, where, when, why and how) more accurately. Furthermore, Jared has improved with his conversation skills and is now talking a whole lot.

Jared always looks forward to going to Scottish Rite every Wednesday. It has become a highlight every week when I say "you have Ms. Alisha later," or "you have Ms. Alisha on Wednesday." It is equivalent to saying "you're going to the park." That's how he likes it!

We are very happy with Scottish Rite. Aside from the fun learning experience that my son is getting, Ms Alisha is very understanding, considerate and easy to talk to. It's very easy to air out our concerns regarding Jared and she even adjusts to our schedule. Scottish Rite has been a big big help in Jared's speech and overall well being and my husband and I are forever grateful.

We look forward to continuing



**The following is an updated list of books that the Clinic would like to have to help the kids. If so inclined you can order from Amazon and have shipped to the SR, or buy and bring it in Thanks for your Consideration**

The Apple Pie Tree  
 Spot (the dog) any book from the series  
 Where the Wild Things Are  
 Sheep in a Shop  
 Pirate Pete  
 Shark in the Park  
 Nick Sharat (author) series  
 There Was an Old Lady (any book from the series)  
 Love Monster  
 The Day It Rained Hearts  
 My Mouth is A Volcano  
 Bears Loose Tooth  
 Bear Wants More  
 Sneezzy the Snowman  
 A Snowy Surprise  
 Harry the Dirty Dog  
 Bear Snores On  
 Room on the Broom  
 The Little Mouse, the Rid Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear  
 The Very Hungry Bear  
 The Very Sleepy Bear  
 Where is the Green Sheep  
 Mr. Grumpy's Motor Car  
 The Scarecrow's Hat  
 Spooky Wheels on the Bus  
 Llama Llama – any book from the series  
 Ketchup on Your Cornflakes  
 Run Turkey Run  
 Rosie's Walk  
 If you Give a Pig a Pancake  
 If you Give a Moose a Muffin  
 Personal Space Camp  
 You Choose by Nick Sharratt

## Stated Meeting Menu

Tuesday

May 9th 2023

(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY call the office, by May 5th)

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

Green Salad

Taco Bar (Chicken, Al Pastor, Carne Asada)

Dessert

Remember if you do not have a reservation the cost of Dinner will be \$25 if and only if we can accommodate you.

### 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%.

### From the Secretary

Well, we are now 1/3rd of the way though the year. We are down to only 58 members that have not paid their dues. If you are one of them, please take care of it today, or give me a call if you need assistance.

Our reunion is this month, please come down and join us, we are adding some degrees that haven't been preformed in many years.

We also have an off site event the details of which are on another page, but plan to join us for that.

Our numbers are finally starting to pick up at our stated meetings. The meetings are short and we have a good meal following. Please make a reservation and come down and join us.

We have a number of local lodges that are now coming down and using our member center for social events. It is a great way to socialize without the formalities of being in your own building. We have a pool table, games, a large TV, and currently a patio where folks can enjoy a cigar if they want. (we are still planning the indoor smoking lounge, but we need for that want to support it to justify the expense.)

Finally, do you have an idea of an event or gathering that you would like to see? Let me or one of the Masters know and we can look into providing it. It is your Scottish Rite, so make it a place you want to be.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Guss Yell".

**III. Chuck Cowden 33° Reunion Class**

**Spring Dates May 5 and 6**



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

**Petition for Degrees**

(Full) Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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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>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>
<i>Candidate's Signature</i>	<b>Degree Fee</b>	\$200	\$200
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## Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events

**Tuesday April 18th ~ SCVOA at Palo Alto 10 6:30 pm**

**Tuesday May 5th and 6th ~ Reunion**

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

Consistory Opens—Capping Ceremony

**Tuesday May 20th ~ Rosecrution Museum 11 am**

**Tuesday May 23rd ~ Scottish Rite Foundation Meeting 6:30 pm**

**Tuesday May 23rd ~ Scottish Rite All Officer Meeting 7:30 pm**

**Tuesday May 24th ~ SCVOA at Willow Glen 6:30 pm**

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

Lodge of Perfection Opens

**Tuesday June 20th ~ Night of Instruction 6:30pm**

**Tuesday July 11th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 5:30 pm**

Lodge of Perfection Opens— Grand Master's Festive Board