



The Rite Word - Valley of San Jose

From the Venerable Master:

In March, we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, a time which honors the patron saint of Ireland. Much of his life is the subject of conjecture, and even the dates of his life are uncertain, other than that he lived in the mid to late 5th Century. Born in Great Britain and originally taken as a slave to Ireland, he subsequently escaped and later returned to the Emerald Isle as a missionary. He later served as a bishop, and has been termed, at one point, the bishop of Armagh, Primate of all Ireland.



March 17, widely accepted as the date of his death, marks the annual recurrence of St. Patrick's Day. Throughout Ireland, it is a day of solemnity, and a holy day of obligation, but also a day of celebration. Feasts and parades are held in his honor each year.

In the United States, of course, St. Patrick's Day is a day to celebrate one's Irish heritage – whether or not one is actually Irish. It is a festive occasion, a day of libations and joy, a day for the “wearin’ of the green”, and of less than successful attempts to speak with an Irish accent. It is, to put it simply, a reason to have a party.

St. Patrick is credited with using the shamrock to illustrate the doctrine of the holy trinity, which explains in large part the use of the shamrock as a symbol of St. Patrick's Day. Of course, the most famous legend surrounding St. Patrick is his banishment of all snakes from Ireland. Scientific evidence tells us that there never were any snakes in post-glacial Ireland, but that has never deterred the legend from perpetuating itself. Many theories exist as to how he became associated with this legend, but none can be proven over any other.

So be with us at our March stated meeting, as we take the chance to celebrate the Irish in all of us.

Erin go Bragh (Ireland Forever)

Randy Downey

St. Patrick is buried at Down Cathedral, Downpatrick, County Down, Northern Ireland. This has special significance to me, as it is the country from which my ancestors emigrated in the early 19th century.



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Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of San Jose, in the Orient of California, acknowledge and yield all allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

From the Wise Master

Sometimes it is necessary to step back and observe to see the truth laid in front of us. Subtle, creeping changes (sometimes intentional) in socially accepted norms, changes our beliefs and actions, thus slowly changing who we are, what we believe in and how we supposed to act. As we slowly accept a new normal especially promoted with social acceptance, we tend to react, instead of act within our values and virtues which we have committed to live by.



Man is a social animal. Man can learn many behaviors and when man acquires the socially expected behaviors, he is considered a fit and proper member of the regularly organized society.

Modern man is facing a challenge called Social Engineering while seeking Masonic Wisdom. Social Engineering is the use of centralized planning in an attempt to manage social change and regulate the future development and behavior of a society. Social Engineering was only theoretical for large scale implementation until social media made it possible for reaching out to large unquestioning masses to regulate behavior of society, thus managing change in certain direction especially focusing on individual rights and not so much on individual obligations but obligations of others.

A Man's mind is cultivated through teachings, examples and social acceptance which then becomes a habit in daily life. In order to minimize the influence of Social Engineering, a man must be selective and questioning of information, teachings, socially accepted and redefined (popular and perishable) good and evil.

All seeing eye reminds us. The Deity knows all of our thoughts and actions; our behaviors are driven by purpose within Masonic Virtues and formed by the square and the compass. Remember, Circumstances do not make the man; they merely reveal him.

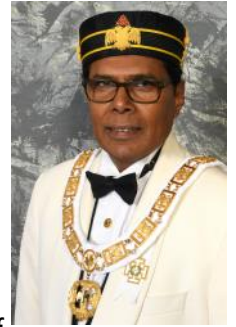
With that, I would like to refocus on Masonic Wisdom and quote Albert Pike from *Morals and Dogma*:

“The obligations of our Ancient Brethren of the Rose ☩ were to fulfill all the duties of friendship, cheerfulness, charity, peace, liberality, temperance and chastity: and scrupulously to

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From the Commander

After joining the fraternity, a Master Mason soon discovers the amazing wealth of additional opportunities to learn about and to participate in **Freemasonry**. While there is no Masonic degree more important than that of Master Mason, there is a long tradition—almost as old as Freemasonry—of “high degrees” that expand upon and elaborate the teachings and lessons of the first three degrees. Enthusiastic Masons eager to learn and to participate more are prime candidates for Masonry beyond the Third Degree.



– Scottish Rite Conferral –

The conferral of degrees in the Scottish Rite is quite different from the first Three Degrees you received in your local Blue Lodge.

- Conferral is traditionally during a 1, 2 or 4 day Reunion (our term for a new class of initiates) usually in the Spring and Fall.
- One person is chosen to represent everyone in the receiving of the degrees.
- Degrees are conferred as theatrical events before candidates as an audience rather than as a participatory ceremony.
- These theatrical presentations may involve stages with elaborate scenery and costumes.

The **American Scottish Rite** is a collection of degrees that build upon the legends of the **Blue Lodge**.

- The rite offers a total of 30 degrees beyond 3° Master Mason.
- Each degree is based on an idea of progressive ethical awareness and self-knowledge through self-reflection and dramatic allegories.

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From the Master of Kadosh

If you came to Installation of the 2019 Officers for our Scottish Rite, Valley of San Jose, you would have noticed that the altar had four items representing our belief in God: the Bible, the Book of Mormon, a Torah, and a Koran. Four beautifully framed Charters were also present. Thank you General Secretary Gregg Hall. This year our Valley is making an extra effort to update our building facilities and expand our "Rite Care" child language center.



The Consistory is concerned about justice and recognition that all people must judge their own weaknesses and failings before judging others. Justice must be accompanied with compassion and understanding. It is also focused on the difference between our physical and spiritual beings. Your spirit can overcome your self-interest through struggle.

I am very proud to represent our Valley as Master of the Consistory. As a Mason, family man and Jew. Seeing the Torah on the altar meant a lot. Thank you. My birth father was Protestant, my stepfather was Jewish. Both were Masons. I see no real conflict with Protestant and Jewish beliefs and Masonry. Wanting to do right by men and protect wives and children, upholding God, helping others and supporting our Country,

Extra support for Rite Care really helps. Knowing children with speech impediments can overcome much of their hearing weaknesses will help them to become the best people they can be. Better speech helps children to reach for the best future they can have. Not just focusing on their weakness, they can focus on their achievements. Our son would never have gotten a good job at Costco if he didn't believe in he could do the job well, despite his hearing and speech difficulties. Overcoming physical weaknesses and lack of confidence, such as speech problems changes children's futures.

Richard Rosenberg



From the KSA

Are you a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason?

If you are, and would like to help serve the Valley of San Jose, by helping to provide the stage crew for the various Degrees performances, promoting membership within the Scottish Rite, providing Greeters at the door for Scottish Rite Events, participating in parades, performing arch of steel at special functions, escort our flags, etc.

Then the Valley of San Jose's Knights of St Andrew Chapter is the group for you to join. We all have a blast working together to serve our Valley.

If you are interested in joining the Knights of St Andrew Chapter, please talk to any member of the Chapter or you can reach out to our Chapter's Secretary, Angelo Encarnacion at email: aencarnacion@gmail.com



Angelo Encarnacion



The Eighth Degree

The Eighth Degree, Intendant of the Building, is the story of finding somebody to replace the deceased Hiram Abiff as the Chief Architect of the work on King Solomon's Temple. In Masonic legend, Hiram Abiff is a polymath, someone who knows a lot about many different things. Such people are both rare and valuable. Kings Solomon and Hiram King of Tyre confess that they cannot find a suitable person to replace Hiram Abiff. As a result, all work on the Temple has come to an abrupt halt.

Ahishar, the Treasurer, proposes that Hiram Abiff must have had the foresight to prepare for the day he could no longer labor, and provide for his replacement. Ahishar does not know who the replacement might be, so he leaves the audience chamber to start asking around. Ahishar encounters a Temple workman familiar with Hiram's business continuation plan, and brings the workman back with him to speak with the two kings.

The Temple workman, whose name is not given, reports that prior to his untimely demise, Hiram Abiff cultivated a circle of young craftsmen, eager to learn and advance themselves. He taught them the skills he accumulated during his travels in Egypt and Persia. His top students were: Adoniram ben Abada (son of Abada of the tribe of Dan), Yehu-Aber, known as the "noble Phoenician"; Satolkin of the tribe of Benjamin; Zelec, another Phoenician from the city of Gebal; and Gareb of the tribe of Naphtali. These five would eventually replace Hiram Abiff. That's pretty significant when somebody leaves the company and it takes five people to replace him.

According to the workman, Hiram had indicated that after he was gone, these young men would be able to take his place. Hiram had named Adoniram as supervisor over the entire project, Yehu-Aber as chief artificer in brass, Satolkin as chief wood worker, Zelec as chief stonemason, and Gareb as chief artificer in silver, gold, and engraving. Each of them was given a senior management position with all the workers of their respective specialties reporting to that individual.

King Solomon asks Ahishar if he believes the five students of the Master Hiram are indeed qualified to carry on his work. Ahishar says they are, and each can work for a probationary period until one of them might be chosen as Master Architect. Hiram King of Tyre agrees and it just so happens that Ahishar has the five young men waiting just outside. He brings them in for an interview.

The primary candidate represents Adoniram. Additional candidates or degree team members assume the parts of the other four in the ceremony.

Then King Solomon tells the Master of Ceremonies to prepare them for investiture. The emcee then explains to the candidate that to become an Intendant of the Building, each must be charitable and benevolent. Furthermore, they should sympathize with the working man, relieve his necessities, see to the comfort of his family, and smooth for him and his dependents the rugged pathway of life. They must recognize all men as their Brothers, and themselves as almoners of God's bounty. Then he asks the candi-

dates if they are willing to perform the duties previously assigned to the Grand Master Hiram Abiff. He also asks the same question of the other candidates or team members.

Assuming everybody answers, "yes", King Solomon tells them to prepare to be invested with the high office of Intendant of the Building. Each of the five lays aside the clothing and decorations of the Provost and Judge from the previous degree and puts on a white robe. Then they proceed walking around the Lodge room or stage two times.

On their way around, King Solomon admonishes them not to oppress a hired servant or laboring man that is poor and needy; to pay him his wage on the day he earns it, and not make him wait until later, lest he plead with God for relief and He punish you.

Next, Tsadoc, the High Priest, commends you to relieve a Masonic Brother who has fallen on hard times, even though you don't know him personally. By the way, the name Tsadoc means "righteous". The Tsadokite priesthood was in charge of the Temple in Jerusalem at the time of Jesus of Nazareth. According to Bible accounts, they didn't live up to the name.

Then Hiram, King of Tyre, charges that if one of your Brethren is poor because he is unable to work, you shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand from him.

King Solomon then tells the candidate, that, when he reaps his field, not to reap out to the corners nor gather the gleanings, which refers to gathering grain or other produce left unharvested by the reapers. The gleanings and uncut corners are for the stranger, fatherless, and widow. The commandment to leave the corners and not harvest the gleanings comes from Leviticus 19:9 and 23:22.

Tsadoc, the High Priest then teaches the candidate that when a Brother is poor, and as a result, comes to work for you, you shall rule over him in fairness rather than rigor.

King Solomon then asks the candidates for their affirmation that they will adhere to these principles, promise to practice benevolence and charity, not deal harshly with a Brother in your employ, make unjust accusations against him, nor refuse aid to his children. With the candidates' assent, King Solomon declares them Intendants of the Building and Chief Architects of the Temple. Note that Ahishar spoke of one of the five possibly being chosen as Master Architect. It turns out that all five men qualify.

Tsadoc, the High Priest invests the candidates with the apron, cordon, and jewel of an Intendant of the Building, and describes the apron's colors: white symbolizes purity of morals; red, zeal for Masonic service, and green, a reminder of the unfading fidelity of our Grand Master Hiram Abiff.

Next, Tsadoc describes the jewel of this degree, which is a triangle, an emblem of the One God, symbolized by the Hebrew word, "achad" or "one", on the front.

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Arthur is a sweet and gentle six year-old boy who Ms. Karen and Ms. Jenna provided speech therapy services for up until last month. He loved to play with foam blocks, tree house toys, toy elevators, and animals. His favorite books were Good-night Moon, and The Very Hungry Caterpillar which we have in the clinic with matching felt pieces and board. He mostly enjoyed telling his clinicians the whole story that he had memorized via online videos. His clinician would withhold turning the page of the book until he had produced the entirety of sentences on the pages. Another thing Arthur would love to do was sing Whitney Houston's song "I will always love you" into a toy microphone. His clinician would take turns with him singing parts of the song and he would have to fill in the blanks the lyrics at the end of her sentences. This was one of the ways Ms. Jenna would try to stimulate Arthur's speech output.



Arthur had attended our clinic for eighteen months, secondary to a diagnoses of an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Arthur's main challenge was that he had difficulty focusing on the clinician's task at hand (a non-preferred task). He tended to want to sing songs that were unrelated to his learning task. It is possible that the task was difficult for him so he wanted to sooth himself or "check out" with calming toons or phrases he had memorized from musical toys. This behavior is called scripting. There were times when his clinician would sing the tune that he was singing to the non-preferred task with different words to try to have him "check back in" to the clinician's task. Arthur was often content playing by himself, so the clinician would put her hand on top of his hand and keep it from moving until he described what he was doing or what he wanted to do with the toy. This technique made for a much more vocal session!

Arthur had been working on producing "he" and "she," "boy" and "girl" and "yes" and "no" responses correctly when picture or object describing. He also worked on

offering friendly greetings and goodbyes to his clinicians while facing them and looking them in the eyes. While "yes" and "no" responses were improving, the other concepts had been very challenging for Arthur to grasp. Arthur's mother and father had both been involved in his treatment and occasionally participated in the treatment sessions. His parents had worked hard to implement the techniques from therapy. They liked to use his favorite books, videos, and songs as motivation for good behavior and participation. We will continue to address the above goals when he returns to treatment here in the future. Arthur had met his goal to consistently and independently request a toy that was in or outside the therapy room with one of his clinicians without reaching out and taking it. Great Job Arthur! It is our hope that he will be able to carryover this behavior across settings and different people.

Arthur's parents learned about our clinic from another parent at his school. According to Arthur's parents, before receiving services at our clinic, his "pronunciation of words was not clear and he spoke only a few sentences." Since receiving eighteen months of speech therapy here, "He is able to ask for the things he wants much more clearly. He has also learned more words and knows how to answer more questions." Arthur's parents noted, "Ms. Jenna and Ms. Karen are very helpful, friendly and responsible. They always try to accommodate us with schedule day and time changes. They always do their best to teach Arthur. We will be recommending this clinic to others as it is beneficial for San Jose residents, useful for speech and language services, and helpful for children to improve their speech. We love this clinic!"

Stated Meeting Menu

Tuesday

March 12 2019

(Vegetarian Entrée by **REQUEST ONLY**,
by March 8th)



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- Assorted Appetizers
- Corn Beef
- Red Potatoes
- Braised Cabbage with Baby Carrots
- Caesar Salad
- Fresh Rolls
- Dessert

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This term likely refers to Deuteronomy 6:4, which says, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord is God, the Lord is One." On the back are the words "Ben-Khurim", meaning the wearer is a son of the noble Hiram (Abiff). The idea is to remind the wearer to act consistently with his exalted character.

King Solomon gives a short lecture recounting the meaning and gravity of being appointed one of the five artificers to work in the Temple as a replacement for Hiram Abiff. He is followed by the Orator, who gives a somewhat longer lecture recounting the events and teachings of the previous Degrees from the First through the Seventh, which brings the ceremony to its close.

The Hiram-style manager is remarkably different in his role and duty as a manager and leader of Craftsmen. He is almost like a parent, seeing to every need of each Brother and his dependents. And apparently having the resources to provide such generous benefits. Such behavior is clearly a Masonic idealization of history. It was just in the last Century that protections such as medical care, disability income, retirement pensions, and other benefits became available to workers and their families. In our day, a manager is necessarily distant the people that work for him. He represents the interests of the company and its shareholders. And we would feel personally invaded to have our bosses inquiring into our personal lives. Unless the manager was a Brother Mason.

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avoid impurity, haughtiness, hatred, anger, and every other kind of vice."

"The Degree of Rose X teaches three things; --the unity, immutability and goodness of God; the immortality of the Soul; and the ultimate defeat and extinction of evil and wrong and sorrow, by a Redeemer or Messiah, yet to come, if he has not already appeared. It replaces the three pillars of the old Temple, with three that have already been explained to you,--Faith [in God, mankind, and man's self], Hope [in the victory over evil, the advancement of Humanity, and a hereafter], and Charity [relieving the wants. and tolerant of the errors and faults of others]. To be trustful, to be hopeful, to be indulgent; these, in an age of selfishness, of it opinion of human nature, of harsh and bitter judgment, are the most important Masonic Virtues, and the true supports of every Masonic Temple. And they are the old pillars of the Temple under different names. For he only is wise who judges others charitably; he only is strong who is hopeful; and there is no beauty like a firm faith in God, our fellows and ourself."

If you have any comments or questions regarding this article, feel free to contact me.

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Lost somewhere in the story is the concept of training one's replacement. Nobody will have the same job forever. Sooner or later, you will be gone and somebody else takes your place. Some people hold onto their knowledge in an effort to become irreplaceable. That is supposed to protect them from being terminated in the next corporate reorganization. In my experience, companies don't work that way. Conversely, if you want to get a promotion, the belief that "you are more valuable where you are" is certain to get yourself passed over. So go ahead and train your replacement. Your employer may not care or even notice. But the people you work with will notice. And they may be in a position to help you in the future.

By III. Daniel Doornboss 33°

From the Commander Continued from page 4

The **Scottish Rite** degrees give insight to the expansion of Masonic legends.

- The Lodge of Perfection, 4°–14°, is concerned with events following the tragic incident of Hiram Abiff
- The 15° and 16° explain the return of Zerubbabel from Babylon to rebuild the temple at Jerusalem.
- The 17° and 18° center around re-instituting the word under the Law of Love as taught by Jesus and other religious reformers.
- The 19°–30° culminate with the Degree of Knight Kadosh, a spiritual knighthood similar to the Knight Templar, and develop the **Scottish Rite's** myth of Masonic succession from crusading knights.
- The 31° teaches us that it is human to err. That it is far nobler to sin & repent than to have never fallen from grace in one's life.
- In the 32°, Master of the Royal Secret, the candidate is taught equilibrium in the Southern Jurisdiction.

March Rampasheed.

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Brothers,

I have been tasked to be the Chairman of the Valley of San Jose's Audio-Visual Committee. The goal of this Committee is to establish and provide a group of Masons that would be technically proficient in the Audio-Visual systems of the San Jose Scottish Rite building, so that they can run them properly, to properly maintain our Audio-Visual equipment and to make recommendations when needed for improvements to the equipment.

Recently, the Valley of San Jose hired a sound system professional to come in and fix and upgrade our auditorium's sound system. One of these upgrades included the purchase of a new Soundboard (pictured above) that will enable us to better serve the Valley of San Jose's needs. With the purchase and installation of this soundboard, this Professional has offered to come at a later date, but before the start of our next reunion (Starts May 31st) to teach a class on how to properly use this soundboard, as well as our full Sound System and related equipment. If you have ever had a desire to learn how to properly use a soundboard or want to learn how we are going use our system if you already know how to use a soundboard. This is your chance!!

Please let me know, my email is toonej@gmail.com.

While this sound system will be primarily used during our Scottish Rite meetings and other Masonic events. There is a possibility that this system be rented by renters. If it is rented, they will also be **hiring** at least one member of this committee to run this system. Yes, that means that if we are hired, then the committee members working that event will be **Paid** by the hour for their work! The reason for this, is that this sound system will now **ONLY** be used by those that are approved by the Valley of San Jose as well as properly trained to use our Audio-Visual systems. Seeing as these other events will not be tiled events, it has been decided that we will open membership in this committee (subject to the Valley of San Jose approval) to masons who are not Scottish Rite Masons. If any of you know of any Brother that isn't a Scottish Rite mason, and you think would fit in with this committee. Please have them get in contact with me.

Thanks

Jeff Toone Valley AV Chairman

Rebuilding the Temple Program

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

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

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

Setter of the Corner Stone	\$25,000+
Designer of the Royal Arch	\$9,000 to \$24,999
Artisan of the Temple	\$3,000 to \$8,999
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Hewer of the Ashlars	\$750 to \$1,499
Cutter of the Cedars	\$250 to \$749

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

Please contact the Secretary to Make your donation.



Total Goal
\$250,000

Total Pledges
\$31,239

Total Cash
\$10,330

Percent of Goal
12%

Rebuilders of the Temple

Hewer of the Ashlars

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Upcoming Reunion

May 31, June 1, June 14, June 15 and June 25, 2019



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

Petition for Degrees

(Full) Name: _____
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Month, Day, and Year of Birth: _____

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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. _____

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

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

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

_____	Degree Fee	Spring	Fall
<i>Candidate's Signature</i>		\$150	\$150
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Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events

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

Council of Kadosh Opens —

Thursday March 14th ~SCVOA Meeting/Chicken Feed

Leverton Lodge 6:30 Dinner Program Following

Tuesday March 26th ~ AOM 7:00pm

March 31st ~ Masonic Smoker 1:00 pm

Joe Campbell's Residence

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

Consistory Opens — 25 and 50 Year Pins

April 21st ~ Masonic Smoker 1:00 pm

Naresh Rampershad's Residence

Tuesday April 23rd ~SCVOA Meeting

Palo Alto #346 6:30 Dinner Program Following

Tuesday April 30th ~ AOM

May 31st and June 1st ~ Reunion

June 14th and 15th ~Reunion

Tuesday June 25th ~ Reunion 32°