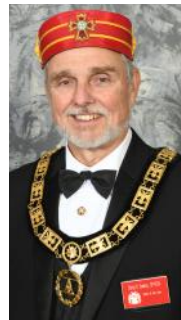




The Rite Word

From the Venerable Master:

The House of the Temple is the headquarters of the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction. It has been open to the public for tours since it opened in 1915. It contains a number of museums, exhibits, and collections, including the Masonic collection of Illustrious Brother Burl Ives, the Albert Pike Museum, the Hall of Scottish Rite Regalia, and the Americanism Museum.



founding of the Southern Jurisdiction, in Charleston, South Carolina. The cornerstone was set on October 18, 1911, and the building was completed in October, 1915. It was patterned after the tomb of King Mausolus of Turkey

The House of the Temple stands 130 feet high. It bears many attributes and dimensions of symbolic significance to Masons, including the 33 columns – each 33 feet high, and the steps leading to the front doors, in groups of three, five, seven, and nine, in reference to Euclidian geometry.

The library in the House of the Temple is the oldest in the District of Columbia that is open to the public, and houses more than 250,000 books, manuscripts, and other publications. Among the contents are an impressively large Masonic collection, an Abraham Lincoln collection, and a Robert Burns collection. Here also is the repository of Scottish Rite records, artifacts, and history, contained in the Archives.

The Supreme Council is sponsoring the “Rebuilding the Temple” campaign, to help restore the House of the Temple to the glorious state in which it should remain. You can donate to the campaign, through the House of the Temple Historic Preservation Fund, by going to the Supreme Council website:

www.scottishrite.org/development/giving

The building was first proposed at the Supreme Council sessions in 1909, and the project was begun under the direction of Grand Commander James D. Richardson, who was given complete control of the building process. After reviewing several submissions, he selected John Russell Pope, who also created the Jefferson Memorial, as the architect. The ground-breaking ceremony took place on May 31, 1911, the 110th anniversary of the

We should consider how lucky we are to have such a wonderful headquarters building

Randy Dawney

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Reunion Update

We are returning to our old tradition of having an Honoree for our reunions. And the first one will be the MW and Ill. Leo B. Mark Class.

Due to time constraints and availability, We will only be conferring the 4th through the 18th Degrees. The balance will be conferred in the Fall with our Fall Class.

At this point we only have 4 candidates. Please see if you don't have a member of your lodge that would benefit by becoming a Scottish Rite Mason and get their petition in for Balloting at the May Stated Meeting.

Called From Labor

No brothers were reported as having passed this month.



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From the Wise Master

Good Will, is not something we hear very often these days. Good Will is not only very important for relationships in our marriages and within our fraternal organization but also so important for a healthy and a well govern society.



How does Good Will apply to our Fraternal Brotherhood, our Marriages and our relationships, as Freemasons?

For many years, researchers have pondered the great social dilemma of failed marriages and broken homes. There have been many theories on the root causes. Researchers observing couples as they react to one another, have been able to reach a consensus that was profoundly simple. The consensus was that many marriages fail due to one, single, fundamental mind set; lack of Good Will. After that Researchers were able to observe couples for specific signs of lack of Good Will, and were able to predict future failed marriages with great degree of accuracy. It is also interesting to note that, Dr. John Gottman's studies, using the "thin-slicing" method, have further expanded into broader relationships beyond just marriage, and researchers we able to successfully predict the outcome of human relationships and interactions.

The Greek Stoic philosopher, Epictetus has once said "Circumstances don't make the man, they only reveal him."

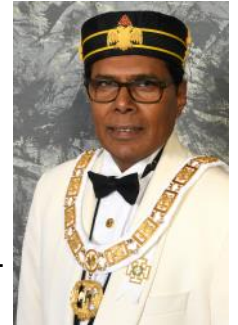
It is our human nature to feel pain, hurt, anger, fear, irritation, anxiety, confusion, jealousy, resentment. But also, **it is our choice to whether to respond or react** to these emotions.

Our reactions come naturally in the form of withdrawal or desire for retaliation when something happens that might normally upset us or trigger some kind of emotional reaction. For an example, in traffic, honking our horn or doing something worst, when we are irritated by other drivers. Or remaining silent but angry if someone cuts into a line which we have been waiting for some time. Our reactions are usually learned by example, without any conscious, critical or cognitive thinking, in other words not mindful. They are the manifestation of popular and deemed acceptable behaviors observed in our society, seen in social media or regularly watched on TV. The Good Will which is necessary for a strong relationship, brotherhood and marriage, often fall victim to our reactions which

From the Commander

Esoteric Freemasonry

Defined as knowledge intended for, or understood by, only a few, Masonic Esoterica is even perceived as meant for even fewer. It is an often-debatable vein of Freemasonry that man traditionalists argue as fuel to the already mythic origins of the fraternity. Even worse, that in many cases Masonic Esoterica is a later addition added to flavor its origin. All said, Masonic Esoterica exists, whether mystical or not, some masons as some time felt that these things were connected and were relevant to one another. This excerpt strives to explore these aspects of Esoterica and illuminate some of its function to the mystery schools.



The 47th Problem of Euclid

There are so many symbols, words and phrases in Freemasonry used both as part of its rituals as well as part of its vocabulary, that studying and trying to understand the "meanings" them is a very worthwhile and a rewarding journey. One such prominent symbol and phrase, is the 47th problem of Euclid, which is one of the main symbols introduced in the Third Degree.

In the Year 3650 (300 B.C.E.), *Anno Mundi*, which was 646 years after the building of King Solomon's Temple, Euclid, the celebrated geometrician, was born.

Euclid has been always associated with the history of Freemasonry, and in the reign of Ptolemy Soter, the Order is said to have greatly flourished in Egypt, under his auspices. The well-known forty-seventh (47th) problem of his first book, although not discovered by him, but long credited to Pythagoras, has been adopted as a symbol in Masonic instruction.

The Plumb Rule

The jewels of the three principal officers of a Lodge are also the working tools of the Fellowcraft degree. They are the: PLUMB, LEVEL, and SQUARE. Why are these jewels given these distinctions? There are two basic reasons: First, in earlier times, the Fellowcraft was the ultimate degree. There was no Master Mason degree. The Fellowcraft was the Journeyman of today.

The Ashlars

We are told that the Ashlars lie open in the lodge for the brethren to moralize on. Did you ever see a

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From the Master of Kadosh

There is considerable speculation about the founding of Scottish Rite, but most agree that there is an inseparable link to the Scottish Jacobite cause of the 17th and 18th centuries. (Efforts to put the Stuarts back on the British throne)



When looking up the history of Scottish Rite Masonry as early as 1733 a reference to “Scotch Masons’ Lodge appeared in a manuscript list of lodges by Dr. Richard Rawlinson. The early designations “Scotts,” “Scotch,” and “Scottish” refer to a type of Masonry practiced, rather than referring to native Scottsmen. Early Scottish Degrees, after the Master Mason’s Degree were created in 1734-35 as “Excellent Mason” and “Grand Mason.” These Scottish Degrees are older than Royal Arch Degrees. Did you know that the “Supreme Council at Charleston,” as it was sometimes called, was the first Supreme Council of the 33 degree in the world. It continues to exist today as the Supreme Council, 33 degree, Southern Jurisdiction although the headquarters were moved to Washington DC about 1870. In its early days, the Supreme Council exercised authority over the entire USA as well President of the Supreme Council of Masons of the Untied States. By 1734-35, the Supreme Council issued “warrants of Constitution” to create Sublime Grand Lodges of Perfection (which administered 4-14 degrees) and Grand Councils of Princes of Jerusalem (administering 15-16 degrees). The Supreme Council only exercised direct control for degrees over 16. In the earliest days of Scottish Rite the high degrees were conferred only on Past Masters, or virtual Past Masters of Blue Lodges. In an agreement the Supreme Council At Charleston, organized a Supreme Council for France. The title “Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite” was used for the first time. Beginning with the administration of Grand Commander Albert Pike in 1859, the title, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, became generally used in the Southern Jurisdiction.

All jurisdictions of Scottish Rite in the world operate independently. The Northern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite in the US was formed in 1813 and consists of 15 Northeastern States, headquartered in Lexington, Mass.

The Southern District separates the degrees as follows:

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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

The upcoming events that the Knights of St Andrew have coming up are:

May 19th KSA Stated Meeting, 12pm at the San Jose Scottish Rite Library

June 9th KSA Stated Meeting, 12pm at the San Jose Scottish Rite Library

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The Northern Jurisdiction separates the degrees as follows:

Lodge of Perfection	4 – 14
Council of Prince of Jerusalem	15 – 16
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Consistory	19 – 33

Ref. Scottishrite.org, -Freemasonry, its history and myths Revealed, by Gile Morgan, p144

Eleventh Degree

The Eleventh Degree, Elu of the Twelve, continues the story from the Ninth and Tenth Degrees, where the assassins of Hiram Abiff are brought to justice. You may recall that when Satolkin and Yahu-aber attempted to take Jubelum into custody, Jubelum reacted violently and ended up being killed. The other two assassins, Jubela and Jubelo, were apprehended in Gath.

In the first section of the 11th Degree, Jubela and Jubelo are put on trial under Zabud, a recently appointed Judge in Israel. King Solomon orders Zabud to give the accused brothers a fair trial. To lighten the burden on the judge, King Solomon also orders him to choose 12 men from among the 12 tribes of Israel, to serve as a jury. These men are the Elus, or "Elect". The exemplar candidate plays the part of Ben Dekar, one of the jurors.

Banaias, the Captain of the Host (leader of the army) serving as a prosecutor, presents accused assassins, Jubela and Jubelo, to the court, adding that the two previously confessed their crimes. Judge Zabud asks them if they admit to being the assassins of Hiram Abiff. They plead guilty. Zabud puts the question to the jury of 12 Elus, who, not surprisingly, return a verdict of guilty.

Zabud rises and proclaims "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth!" He should have gone ahead and quoted the rest of Leviticus 24: 19-21 which says, "Anyone who maims another shall suffer the same injury in return: fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; the injury inflicted is the injury to be suffered. One who kills an animal shall make restitution for it; but one who kills a human being shall be put to death."

This is the legal principle of Lex Talionis, a retaliation authorized by law, in which the punishment corresponds in kind and degree to the injury. This principle was common in the ancient Near East, and is found in the Code of Hammurabi, which predates the book of Leviticus. The idea here is intended to prevent excessive punishment at the hands of either an avenging private party or the state. Occasionally you read in the newspaper how one gang member killed another over a pair of tennis shoes. That is the kind of gross asymmetrical retribution that Lex Talionis sought to avoid.

We might consider two alternative points of view. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus of Nazareth said, "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also..." (Matthew 5: 38-39). And as Mohandas Gandhi stated, "...an eye for an eye will make the whole world blind".

Of course, in the time of King Solomon, the words of Jesus and Gandhi had not yet been spoken. So old Jubela and Jubelo were taken without the gates of the city and hanged until dead. Then they were beheaded and their heads placed on the city gates.

The blessings of freedom and justice, made possible in part by the right to Trial by jury, were all jurors must agree to reach a guilty verdict, is the primary theme of this Degree.

In the second section of the 11th Degree, Yosaphat, another of the 12 Elus, reports to King Solomon that complaints have arisen throughout the kingdom regarding the collection of revenue. The wealthy bribe the tribute collectors in order to escape paying. Then the tribute collectors extort the poor people not only for their own share, but also the amounts the wealthy people should have paid. As a result, the poor are in arrears and unable to pay, and the lost revenue leaves the Temple unfunded and the army without food.

Tribute is another term for tax. The situation as described in the 11th Degree is not supported by the Biblical account. But it is quite relevant to the goal of fairness and everyone paying their share.

In King Solomon's day, there were multiple forms of tribute or taxation. All were based on Biblical teachings:

- Forced labor
- Royal taxation system
- Emergency tribute levy
- Head or Poll tax
- Sabbatical year, Jubilee year, and Gleaning rights
- First fruits and other offerings

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we usually later defend because of our pride.

On the other hand, our responses are mindful; they are our conscious decisions that are learned, internalized and practiced. These responses represent our values, beliefs and ultimately our identity, who we are.

A person responding with assumption of Good Will is mindful of the brewing reaction. Watches reaction go away and gives the benefit of the doubt by assuming no intentional harm meant by the other person, despite how much he or she may have hurt, angered, or irritated us. The action which has triggered our emotions can very well be unintentional or impersonal. Such as a misunderstanding, as a result of an unintended consequence of a well-intended act, accident, error in judgement, etc. If we simply react with a retaliation, then may be our reaction is the only intentionally and purposefully action to inflict equal or greater harm or pain to the other person. Although such retaliation does not solve our feelings, there is a false satisfaction of justice. But, is there a justice in purposeful and intentional retaliation to hurt someone for an unintended, perhaps even unaware action? There would be no peace and harmony in a relationship or brotherhood with those whom we have chosen to be with. Same thing is true when reaction is passive aggressive through silence and withdrawal. Assumption of Good Will sets us on to the path of harmony and peace in our relationships, and then forgiveness cements it. Those who chose to act repeatedly with intention to inflict harm, pain or hurt others in a relationship will eventually destroy the relationship.

In Masonry we learn to live by the Masonic virtues Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice, and promise to respond (act) within the square and the compasses, and by the plumb.

The Square is an emblem of virtue, in which we must square our actions by the square towards all mankind. The compasses demonstrate our wisdom of conduct by confining our desires and keeping our passions within due bounds. A plumb line was used to test vertical walls with the line of gravity by operative ma-

sons. In speculative Masonry, plumb symbolizes; an upright Mason who stands straight up, doesn't bend or wobble in principals, like a good solid column that won't cave in under pressure, including those that are internal. The plumb line teaches the principle of morality, to avoid dishonesty in conversation and action, and to direct our steps in the path which leads to immortality. This idea of the immortal life was always connected in symbology of the perpendicular, something that rose directly upward. This symbolism is also observed during Sunday prayers in church, as the worshipping Christians stand up, as a reference to the Lord's resurrection on that day.

Another aspect of Good Will is in respect and obedience. Obedience is almost always achieved through fear. However in a society of people with good will, respect is granted by wisdom and obedience by respect. Obedience to God comes from his Good Will towards Men kind, and respect to God comes from his wisdom that teaches us.

We live in times, where arrogance and narcissism are confused with high self-esteem while humility is devaluated and considered a weakness. Let's remember that before the last supper, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as a sign and example of humility and love. Jesus was also demonstrating that the leadership is a service provided with humility and agape love, despite he already knew, one of the disciples was going to betray him the next day. The word Maundy comes from the ceremony of washing the feet of the poor and Thursday the day of the last supper.

The Good Will is unconditional and the single most important element that brings harmony and strength to our three grand principles; brotherly love, relief and truth. Practicing Good Will, builds strong relationships including successful marriages, stronger societies and countries towards peace and harmony.

I want to end this with Luke 2:14 (KJV) "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Also translates to "on earth peace to men of good will," . . . With that, I wish you all peace and harmony in your relationships.



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Tuesday

May 14, 2019

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- Scalloped Potatoes
- Corn
- Mixed Green Salad
- Fresh Rolls
- Dessert

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Tithes

Unfortunately, we don't have the space here to discuss where each of these came from and how they were administered.

What we do know is that King Solomon built not only the magnificent Temple, but also royal palaces, other buildings in Jerusalem, cities such as Tadmora in the Wilderness (known today as Palmyra, in Syria) and other cities around the kingdom. Many cities were constructed primarily to store military equipment and supplies. And King Solomon rebuilt existing cities too, including those he gave to Hiram King of Tyre in exchange for the latter's help in building the Temple. We learned about that in the Sixth Degree.

Most of the taxation was in the form of agriculture goods, what we would call in-kind contributions. On the other hand, the head or poll tax of one-half shekel per person involved actual money.

The Israelite Monarchy, in the persons of Kings Saul, Da-

vid, and Solomon, united the 12 Tribes into a single country. But that union was always tenuous and each tribe had an independent streak. We might think of that as the tension between State's rights and Federal power.

King Solomon set up 12 administrative districts, each headed by an appointed governor. In the 11th Degree, the governors are chosen by lots. More importantly, the district boundaries cut across tribal boundaries, an arrangement that weakened taxpayer resistance. Solomon focused on two aspects of taxation: Forced labor, ostensibly involving only non-Israelites living in the kingdom, and the Royal taxation system, which was the plan with 12 districts.

The plan worked, even in Solomon's advanced years when he apostatized from the God of Israel in favor of the deities worshipped by his many foreign-born wives. After Solomon's death, his son Rehoboam ascended the throne. The dissatisfaction with King Solomon's latter reign was exacerbated by Rehoboam's idea of including the Israelite people in the forced labor pool, as well as increasing the required tribute.

The result was a taxpayer revolt. The country was split into two, Israel in the North and Judah in the South. The Northerners accepted the leadership of Jeroboam, one of those rambunctious Ephraimites we learned about in the Fellowcraft Degree. Thus divided, the strength of Israel was greatly diminished.

And her enemies took notice. In 732 BCE, the Assyrians invaded the Northern Kingdom and hauled the people into captivity. Today, we think of them as the lost tribes of Israel, because nobody knows for sure where they went.

The Southerners stuck with Rehoboam and other descendants of King David. In 586 BCE, the Babylonians, responding to a revolt by the Judah people under King Zedekiah, sacked Jerusalem and demolished the Temple. They dragged the survivors to captivity in Babylon. A tragic end to the Davidic dynasty but not the end of the story as we shall see in a future article.

Ill. Dan Dornboss 33°

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brother contemplating the Ashlars and trying to derive some moral benefit from them? For the most part they are quickly referred to and just as quickly forgotten. The Ashlar is the freestone as it comes from the quarry.

The Qur'an in the Craft Degrees

Over the years, several times the question has arisen about handling the Qur'an for use in a Lodge, and which verses to use for the conferral of degrees upon Muslim candidates and Brethren. In fact, the very first time that this writer ever browsed on-line, he happened upon the Freemasonry.org Welcome Wall, and found posted there the entry of an Australian Brother who had been the last one to post to the Wall before I opened the web site.

The Holy Saints John, duality in the construct of one

The Saint's, John the Baptist and John the Evangelist, appear to Freemasons in several places in our catechisms. Their proximity and use in our rituals have been questioned for many years as to their use and placement. Looked at together, saint John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist serve to represent the balance in Masonry between zeal for the fraternity and learned equilibrium. The Saints John, stand in perfect parallel harmony representing that balance.

Saint John the Evangelist

December 27th is Saint John the Evangelist day, which is the 2nd feast day in the year to celebrate the Holy Saints John. The placement of the holiday also marks the winter solstice, which is directly opposite Saint John the Baptist's day at the summer solstice in June making a notable completion in the cycle of the solar year. The actual dates are slightly off, but you get the symbolism.

Behind The Symbol

Archaeologists have discovered many old cities, built on the ruins of still older cities, which in turn were erected upon the remains of cities still older. These several cities were built, existed for a time, were destroyed and forgotten and new cities built above. The artifacts found at the top are totally different from those found at the bottom of the complete excavations, as in nature, since the several cities may have been thousands of years in building, life, destruction and rebuilding....

Corn, Wine, and Oil

The wages which our ancient brethren received for their labors in the building of King Solomon's Temple are paid no more. In the lodge we use them only as symbols, save in the dedication, constitution and consecration of a new lodge and in the laying of cornerstones, when once again the fruit of the land, the brew of the grape, and the essence of the olive are poured to launch a new unit of brotherhood into the fellowship of lodges; to begin a new structure dedicated to public use.

Harold Rampsted.

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.

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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.

Brother
Bill Digges 32°

Receiving his Blue 50
year member hat at the
Masonic Homes in
Union City



Total Goal \$250,000

Total Pledges \$32,709

Total Cash \$13,429

Percent of Goal
13%

Life Memberships

Effective July 1 the Price of Life Memberships will be going up, so if you would like to get one at the reduced rate now is the time. Listed below is the Current Cost and the new Cost in July.

Age	Current	New
Under 49	\$1995	\$2541
50 - 54	\$1805	\$2299
55 - 59	\$1615	\$2057
60 - 65	\$1330	\$1694
Over 65	\$1045	\$1331

III. and MW Leo B. Mark Reunion

May 31, June 1, 2019



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."

_____	Degree Fee	Spring	Fall
<i>Candidate's Signature</i>		\$150	\$150
_____	Annual Dues	\$50	\$0 (For Current Year)
1st Sponsor PRINTED NAME			
_____	Total Due:	\$200	\$150
<i>1st Sponsor Signature</i>			
_____	I hereby authorize the San Jose Scottish Rite to charge \$ _____		
2nd Sponsor PRINTED NAME	to Credit Card # _____		CVC _____
_____	Expiration Date ____ / ____		
<i>2nd Sponsor Signature</i>			

(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 14th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm

Chapter Opens — Honoring New Master Masons

Wednesday May 29th ~SCVOA Meeting

Willow Glen Fraternity #399 6:30 Dinner Program Following

May 31st and June 1st ~ Reunion

Ill and MW Leo B. Mark Class

Sunday June 9th ~ Masonic Smoker

Brother Chris May's House

Tuesday June 11th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 6:00 pm

Lodge of Perfection Opens — Business Casual Dress

Thursday June 13th ~SCVOA Meeting

Mt. Moriah #292 6:30 Dinner Program Following

July 16th ~ Night of Instruction 6:300 pm

Sunday August 18th~ Masonic Smoker

San Jose Scottish Rite