



The Rite Word

From the Personal Rep

Happy New Years to all and welcome to 2020!

Well, another year has ended, a new corps of officers is about to be installed, and it is time to look ahead to another wonderful year in the Valley of San Jose.

There were many highlights this past year and we ended strong. This past year, we were able to honor and give recognition to some of our members for their outstanding support of our valley. Brothers. Jack Harris and Randy Downey were coroneted a 33 Degree Inspector General Honorary and Brothers Toone, Duenas, Harbick and Rosenberg were elevated to the rank of Knight Commander Court of Honor. It was my honor to nominate them and they honor our Valley. Congrats to all.

We also saw the addition of 18 new members through two Reunions. Last Spring, we had a class of 7 (named the Leo B. Mark Class in his honor) who witnessed the 4th through the 18th degrees. And then, in November, those same 7 came back to witness the rest of the degrees along with 11 other new candidates (named the Royce Ford Class in his honor). The degrees were conferred in an exemplary manner and Ill Dan Doornbos once again, communicated those degrees which were not actually conferred. Thanks, Dan. We are pleased to have these 18 new members



onboard, and we are even happier to have been able to honor two outstanding men who have contributed so much to our Valley.

Administratively and personally, I want to recognize the two individuals who worked tirelessly to ensure our Valley runs smooth. Bro. Gregg Hall, our General Secretary has done an outstanding job in modernizing the office (and although we are a fraternity), has brought a business background to the office that has made us more efficient as well as more cost effective. And Angela Athans, our angel without wings, continues to bring a brightness to our Valley and a sense of fraternal pride to the outside community. Her efforts in ensuring all individuals or groups that rent our facility, fully understand just what Scottish Rite Masonry brings to a community. Her personal touch and warmth earn her many accolades from all who deal with her. I personally, and we as a Valley could not get along without these two members of our family.

Financially, we had another outstanding year. Both our Bodies and Foundation budgets ended in the black. For our Foundation, we saw a higher than budgeted rental income of nearly \$100K. It makes the day to day operations flow smoothly when we have the proper funds to operate. Our new budgets for 2020 have been created and I feel comfortable in our plan. I am anxious to see what we can accomplish next.

As I stated earlier, our Installation is just around the corner. We made a decision after our last year's Installation, to move the date of the Installation from the last

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2020 Honor Roll

Bro. Art Pasquinelli 32°

Make an annual Donation to the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies in the amount of \$100 or more and have your name included on the "Honor Roll" Your gift allows the San Jose Bodies to provide the quality events that you deserve.

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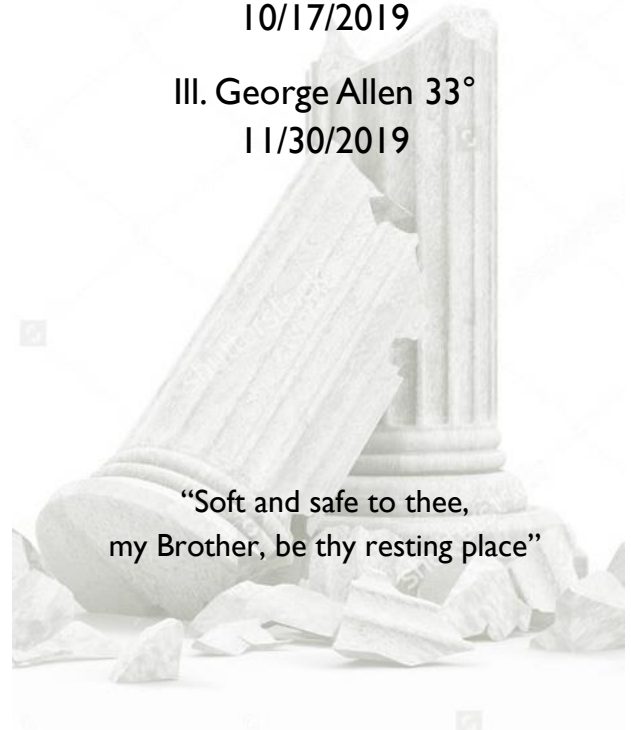
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my Brother, be thy resting place"

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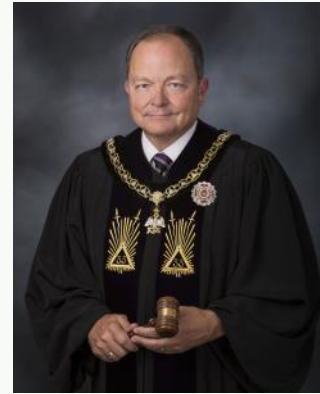
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Sovereign Grand Inspector
General in California,
Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite
Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

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

As this year comes to an end, it has been my honor and privilege to serve you as your Wise Master. I sincerely thank my Rose Croix officers Bro. Laurentiu Murgu 32°, [Bro. Art Pasquinelli 32°](#), Hon. Martin Maxey 32°



KCCH and Bro. Timothy Lynch 32° for their dedication to our craft, leadership and support to our Valley. I am also grateful to Bro. Art Pasquinelli 32° for covering for me many times, acting as your Wise Master during my absences. Some of you may know that I have been living in Northern California, Redding area last 3 years. It has been a challenge to manage my travels down to the bay area and my everchanging work schedule. Thank to all my officers for stepping up and watching after our Chapter of Rose Croix. I wish all incoming officers congratulations and wish them a successful year for our Valley of San Jose.

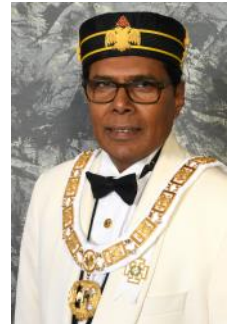
Brother Edwin Markham was an American poet. He was born on April 23rd, 1852 in Oregon City, Oregon. Markham was a member of Acacia Lodge No. 92 of Coloma, California. Markham's poem, called "Outwitted":

He drew a circle that shut me out—
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in!

Another meaningful poem by brother Markham called "Brotherhood":

THE crest and crowning of all good,
Life's final star, is brotherhood;
For it will bring again to Earth
Her long-lost Poesy and Mirth;
Will send new light on every face,
A kingly power upon the race,
And till it come, we men are slaves,
And travel downward to the dust of graves.
Come, clear the way, then, clear the way;
Blind creeds and kings have had their day;
Break the dead branches from the path;
Out Hope is in the aftermath--
Our hope is in heroic men
Star-led to build the world again.
Make way for brotherhood--make way for Man!

From the Commander of Kadosh
[Visit the Past, don't live there](#)



In the masonic fraternity we often like to bring out the famous figures that have graced our lodges. George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Franklin D. Roosevelt are just some of the names that often get knocked around when these conversations come about.

It is inevitable that all of the brothers who are standing around start nodding their heads. Almost saying "Yes, Yes, quite right."

The problem is this makes us the quarterback from our high school days. The guy who threw that amazing touchdown pass in the final seconds of the big game. We all know him or someone like him. Wherever he goes he is telling everyone that story.

The problem is he is now in his 50's and still talks about the big moment because he hasn't done anything since that big moment. He has sat back and let the world pass by convinced that everyone will always be impressed by that "incredible pass". Turns out, they aren't.

Like that former high school quarterback we use great figures in the past to hold on to our glory. Unlike that former high school quarterback we don't realize that there are others, some very recent, who have brought credit to the fraternity. Notice I used the word "credit" instead of glory.

These famous men who have done great and glorious things have brought glory to themselves and credit to the fraternity. Their presence in our lodge rooms should only be a footnote, an example, of what the masonic fraternity is capable of.

Within the walls of our lodges these men have learned the valuable lessons that are taught in our order. Would they have been the same great men without the masonic fraternity? That is hard to say. Personally I doubt it. Who we are is a combination of the sum of all our experiences. Men have come to the fraternity and honed their leadership skills. They have learned to speak in public. They have walked and talked with men from different places in life and hopefully learned from them.

It is this combination of events, along with so many more than I can offer, that has helped not only make people like George Washington, Ben Franklin and FDR the men they are. It has also helped make men who have been titans of industry and it has helped make leaders out of men in their community, all of them worthy to stand on the same level as those who roll off the tongue when people mention famous masons

The men who have come before us and have done great things, both inside and out of the fraternity, should be an inspiration to us as

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From the Chief Knight How did the Knights of Saint Andrew start?

The origins of the Order date back to the period of 1220-1232 AD, when a Confraternity was established in the City of Acre, of the then Crusader Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem (occupying the same territory as the modern state of Israel) to protect pilgrims and merchants.

This Confraternity, consisting of burgesses and knights of largely French heritage, met in the City's Castle and chose the Holy Apostle, St. Andrew, as their Patron. They constituted themselves as a Crusading Order of Knights with the object of resisting tyranny and protecting public safety.

During the turmoil of the Sixth Crusade, these worthies of the Order defended the poor, the sick and the weak from adversaries. In the best tradition of the Military and Religious Orders of the time, they founded their lives on prayer, charity, service and protection.

About this time, possession of Acre was being contested by the Holy Roman Emperor, Frederick II operating from his base in Sicily. Through his marriage to Yolande, daughter of John of Brienne, a leading Crusader, the Emperor had become embroiled in the affairs of the Crusader states. The Emperor sent a fleet of ships against Acre in 1227, whereupon the Knights and Officers of St. Andrew of Jerusalem appealed to Pope Gregory IX, who excommunicated the Emperor for this action.

During the subsequent negotiations with the Muslims by the Emperor Frederick, the Knights of St. Andrew remained aloof. Though some progress for the Crusaders appeared at first to have been made, their adherence to treaty commitments made at that time eventually enabled an army of Turks in pay of the Sultan of Egypt, to crush the remaining Crusader enclaves by about 1244.

It was at about this juncture that the existing historical records of the Knights of St. Andrew were lost. It is speculated that the records may have been transported to the Byzantium in hope of safekeeping, only to be lost yet again when the city fell to the Turks in 1453.

The modern KSA has become a group that exists throughout many Valleys nationwide. It started in the Valley of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and was meant to provide a social and service setting for the newest Scottish Rite Masons.

The KSA in the Des Moines Valley was established by the Personal Representative to the SGIG, William Knoll 33° and the Valley Advisory Conference with the first knighting occurring on February 11, 2009. Since its inception, the Des Moines KSA has continued to evolve and grow, with a new knighting ceremony introduced at the June 13, 2012 knighting.

From the Chief Knight:

I would also like to thank all of the 2019 KSA Officers that served alongside me this year. It was truly an honor and a



From the Master of Kadosh

It has been a great year as Master of Kadosh and I would like to thank the Members and Officers for making it such. I definitely received more out of Scottish Rite and our members and families than I have put into it. I

strongly encourage those who have not been to San Jose Scottish Rite recently to come. Scottish Rite is evolving. The building has gone through a reconstruction/remodeling. A new conference room, lounge, and dining room have been built down stairs. The floors, walls, TV, pool table, exercise equipment are available even on non-meeting times for our members to use and enjoy. You might even see Ken working out.

We just had our fall reunion and brought in many members. Their enthusiasm was powerful and refreshing. The reunion was a big success. Welcome new members. You will receive more out of Scottish Rite the more you participate. See you at our next our events.

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privilege. I would also like to congratulate the newly elected 2020 KSA Officers. The incoming officers are: **Chief Knight** – Sir Knight Kaleo Gagne, **First Knight** – Sir Knight Mike Lammer, **Knight of the Watch** – Past Chief Knight Sir Knight Naresh Rampershad, **Secretary** – Angelo Encarnacion, **Monk Knight** – Past Chief Knight Sir Knight TJ Jackson, **Sentinel** – Past Chief Knight Sir Knight Jason Barnett

KSA Events of the Future: KSA Stated Meeting on January 12th, at noon in the SJSR Conference Room. We will be having a Potluck to celebrate the outgoing officers as well as the incoming 2020 KSA Officers. 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

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Tuesday of the month, up to our regular Stated Meeting night on the 2nd Tuesday (this year, Tuesday, Jan. 14th) and I congratulate all the officers who will be installed. Please attend and help support those who have taken on a leadership role in the Valley. It is our annual celebration of the new corps of officers and the time to celebrate the New Year. I want to also thank our outgoing Masters, who did a marvelous job in 2019. Many thanks go to Brothers Randy Downey, Karem Kapkin, Naresh Ramparshad and Richard Rosenberg as well as our Chief Knight, Jeff Toone. All of your efforts were greatly appreciated and our successes are your successes.

For 2020, many of our programs and events will continue. As we did this past year, we will again hold our Annual Grand Master recognition “Festive Board” where we will honor our Grand Master, MW John Trauner, and his Lady Dana. This is always a great event and we look forward to this year’s celebration. Other events to look forward to, are our two “Nights of Instruction” banquets chaired by Bro. Chuck Cowden. Bro. Chuck will also chair our Military Recognition Night, which has become an annual and very enjoyable event. Bro. Richard Fisher is again chairing our Scholarship Committee, as we will honor another graduating senior on their way to college. We will continue some traditional events like our Maundy Thursday Celebration, Sweethearts Night, as well as 25 - year and 50 - year membership celebrations. We will again attend the Highland Games in Pleasanton. What an exciting day! But besides our traditional events, we are looking for many new ideas to come from you as well.

Our Foundation is still very strong, but we can always use a new contribution here or there to continue our work. Unfortunately, in our clinic, we lost two of our clinicians, but Rachel continues to do amazing things with our kids, and I am very proud of what is being accomplished by her. She is working feverishly to find additional competent individuals to hire that can fill our open positions. Thanks, Rachel for your dedication. For the past couple of years, we have also made sizable contributions to the Grand Master’s project, Raising a Reader, Masons 4 Mitts,

recognition of our DeMolay leadership at their Annual Conclave, and our Scholarship program. We were also pleased to be able to make our final installment contribution to the Supreme Council’s House of the Temple, refurbishment project. In total, over the last six years, we were able to contribute the \$150,000 we pledged to the project.

I said just a few lines earlier that we can always use a few more contributions to aid us doing the good work we wish to accomplish. This past year, we set a 3 year “Building Fund Campaign” in motion to raise funds (\$250,000) to help us modernize the building which would in turn allow us to raise more funds through our rental program. Although we can currently handle up to about 65 kids a year in our language clinic, we still unfortunately have more than 100 kids on the waiting list. The list is so long, that realistically, many of them will never get the treatment they deserve. We would like to do more, but we need more funds to make it happen. I asked each of you to step up and be a part of this campaign. I am pleased to report that to date, from approx. 50 of our members and one sizable bequest, we have raised nearly \$200,000 towards our goal. But I am a little disappointed that we have not been able to convince more of you how important our work is. Although 50 some of our members have stepped up, that is only 8% of our membership. There are many more of you that we have not heard from, and I hope that you will come onboard and help us reach our goal. There are 6 different levels of giving to choose from (we ask only, “Each to his own ability”).

With this past year’s contributions many facets of the building have been upgraded. First, we completely refurbished the downstairs event room which can handle an event of about 150 people and which we can now rent for almost triple what we could charge prior to its facelift. Secondly, we created a professional style Conference Room which can handle up to 40 – 45 individuals and which we plan to market to local businesses (new dollars we haven’t seen in the past). Next, we created a new “Member Center”, which by itself won’t garner funds, but one which we hope will be used by our members to better enjoy what Scottish Rite Masonry has to offer. And within the last few weeks, we installed a new

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floor throughout the building, disposing of the carpet and installing a more useful vinyl floor. It has made the building seem brighter, more open and much cleaner. This new floor, along with all new drapes throughout the building (our next project) will allow us to raise our rental rates to what the outside market rates indicate we should and can charge. Come see the new building.

So please consider giving a hand. Your generosity will help many children who desperately need our assistance. It is easy to do and feels good making a difference.

First, choose a level of giving that is comfortable for you and your family.

Second, you will be asked to make a pledge of a dollar amount within that level of giving.

Third, you will have the choice to make either a one-time donation or choose to make recurring contributions over the next 1 or 2 years (you can divide the payments up for ease of your own budgets).

And finally, you can choose to pay by check or to pay by credit card as you so choose.

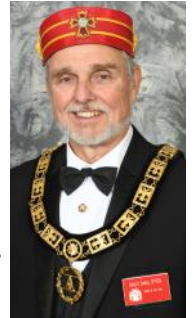
As in past years, I want to close this article with some thoughts on how we can best serve you. We only know we are doing ok, if we hear from you. Please give me your thoughts about where you see our Valley is heading, or what you would like to see done, regarding our Valley? What would excite you to return to an active role? Our Valley is here to support you, but I need to know your thoughts and desires. Please contact me when you think we are failing, but most importantly communicate. You are a valued member and we value your input. Please make sure you stop by the office and thank Gregg and Angela for all their efforts. They are invaluable to me, and they make my job very easy. I want to also thank Ill Bud Ramsey for assisting me as our Assistant to the PR. His support is also invaluable.

I look forward to seeing each of you over this coming year. Come on out and help make a difference! Happy New Year to all!



From the Venerable Master:

Welcome to January, and to 2020. I hope that this holiday season has brought you joy and warmth, and that the coming year brings you happiness, health, and prosperity.



Our Scottish Rite year is coming to a close this month, and a new one commences. I hope you enjoyed this Scottish Rite year, and I hope you keep coming back, to enjoy the fellowship that thrives in the Valley of San Jose. We are looking forward to an exciting year of fellowship, learning, and fun. We hope for a large class of new members at combined reunion for Northern California, coming up in June. Remember that this is YOUR Scottish Rite. Be an active part, and increase the usefulness of our bodies.

Our annual installation of officers will take place on our stated meeting night, Tuesday, January 14. I hope you will be present, to congratulate the outgoing officers and welcome the new leaders of the bodies. This will be a fun event, so we hope you will be there.

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as your Venerable Master for the past two years. I wish all the best to the new officers, as they embark on the journey of 2020.



Happy New Year!

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members of the masonic fraternity. They should inspire us to do our own great deeds so that we may inspire those who come after us, to do great things as well.

"This is why we are great as an organization". We should be saying "I am going to do something great to bring the same credit to the fraternity as those men did".

Please join me to practice the concept of "**visit the past, don't live there**". Who knows maybe one day your legacy will be in our history.



Stated Meeting Menu Tuesday January 14, 2020

(Vegetarian Entrée by **REQUEST ONLY**,
by January 10th)

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



Important information

Cost of dinner will be \$15 per person starting in January. We are going to start mixing up Caterers and getting some variety. However, we have to be able to give accurate numbers.

As such **ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY BEFORE STATED MEETING**. If you do not make your reservation by then, then the cost will be \$20 if and only if we can accommodate you.

Further if you make a reservation and do not cancel by the Friday before and no one takes your reservation spot, you will be billed for the cost of the meal.

- Appetizers
Old Fashion Braised Chuck Roast
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Roasted Carrots
Caesar Salad
Rolls

Pictures of your newly remodeled Library. When was the last time you took a look at the wealth of information available to you? Also, we have a number of books that are duplicates and are for sale to our members. Please check with the Secretary if you are interested.





Kyle is a fun, friendly, and talkative six-year-four month old boy who attends speech therapy services at the San Jose Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic. Kyle loves to play with his older sister, read books, play games, spend time with his family, and visit his relatives in Oregon and Taiwan.

He was referred to the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Clinic by a friend who also has a child who attended therapy at this clinic. Kyle has attended speech therapy services to address a receptive language delay, expressive language delay, articulation disorder and to monitor his fluency skills. Throughout this past year, Kyle has improved his ability to produce the /l/ sound and the /sh/ sound. He has also improved his ability to say multisyllabic words, achieving the correct sequence of syllables, without leaving any chunks out. Kyle has also made improvements in his receptive language skills by improving his understanding of concepts such as “first,” “next,” “then” and “last.” He has improved his expressive language skills in the areas of pronouns and usage of the past tense. He has worked very hard in his therapy sessions and is very motivated by earning game time and prizes.

Prior to attending speech therapy services at this clinic, Kyle’s mother, Sharon, reported that he was having difficulty with speaking in clear sounds or making sentences that people could understand. “After a year of treatment at the clinic, my child is able to produce a lot more words with correct sounds and he is also forming longer sentences to express his needs and feelings.”

She said that the treatment has impacted their family on a daily basis because, “The improved speech has helped him building more confidence talk to people. It also helps family members to understand his needs and reduces frustration for everyone.”

Kyle’s parents say that the experience has been rewarding. “Our speech therapist is very patient and accommodating. We feel that we have built a very good friendship with the therapist and my child enjoys coming to the weekly sessions. The clinic provides what my child needs and the therapist always tries her best to work with our schedule. I would definitely recommend it to friends who

need speech services.”

We enjoyed working with Kyle and his family and wish him all the best in his continued success in speech therapy and at school!



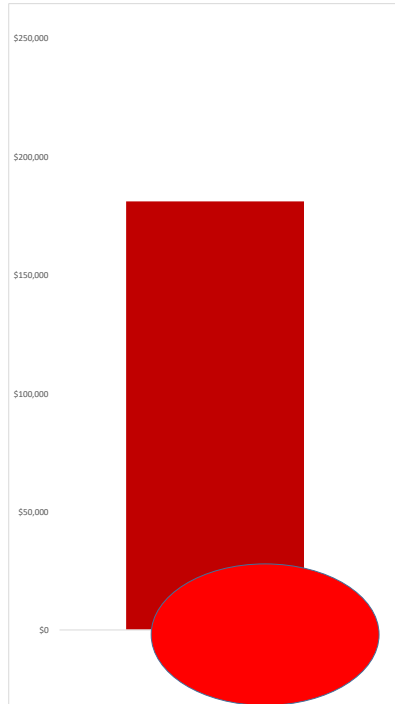
We are happy to announce that we have found a New Clinician that will start in January. Her name is Alisha Leong. Please join us in welcoming her to our Scottish Rite Family.

Rebuilding the Temple Program

When we started the building campaign earlier in the year, it was designed to bring in dollars that would eventually lead to fostering even larger funds to help treat the kids in our clinic. Although our clinicians are doing amazing work for the children they treat, we have another 95 kids on the wait list that may very well never get the treatment they deserve. To be able to bring in another 1 or 2 clinicians to take on a bigger load, and bring the waitlist down, we need the requisite dollars to pay them. We can only accomplish this by creating a more attractive building that will help bring in larger dollars through our rental program. We have a dozen or so projects that will do just that, but again, we need additional dollars to accomplish the projects.

A few months ago we refurbished the downstairs meeting room with new paint, a new easy-to-clean floor, all new LED lighting, new plugs and switches, and new window coverings. Originally, we could only rent the space for around \$500 a day. Today, we get \$1,500 a day, and the space has already been rented a couple dozen times. Also earlier in the year, we upgraded our sound system and speakers, which our customers tell us makes their events that much more pleasant to hold. Again, we are able to raise additional dollars through renting our audio system for music events and presentations during conferences. As this article is being written, we are in the last days of converting our old print and photo shop that was downstairs into a high end executive conference room, which the market tells us we will be able to rent for a \$1,000 a day. There are other projects on the drawing board, and as we complete one project, we commence the next. We estimate, to complete all the projects we envision, it will take approx. 2 years or so at a total cost of approx. \$250,000. It is a lot of money up front, but over the long term, will yield significant funds that will only enhance our clinic's potential.

That's the why. Now, an update to the how. As you are all aware, we started the campaign at the beginning of the year. It was envisioned as a 2 – 3 year campaign where we have asked each of you to assist by either contributing a one-time gift or a pledge donation where you can contribute in smaller payments over a period of months as you choose. We are about 20% of the way through the estimated time to complete the campaign and we are very pleased and thankful that we have surpassed the 20% mark in funds raised which have been either directly donated in cash or with pledges which are expected to come in over the next many months.



Total Goal \$250,000
Total Pledges \$181,309
Total Cash \$40,087
Total Donors 51
Percent of Goal
73%

To date, we have received \$40,087 in direct donations, and another \$141,222 in long term pledges. This brings our total to \$181,309 or just over 73% towards our goal of \$250,000. These donations have come from 51 different donors. With a membership of 622 members, this equates to just under 8% participation. There is still plenty of time in our campaign to contribute, and we hope each of you see the need and the benefit in what we are asking. You don't have to make a large donation to make a difference. Every dollar is precious and will go a long way in accomplishing our goal. We ask only that you consider where we are headed as Scottish Rite Masons, and that you remember, "Each to his own ability". Give as you can, but please participate at some level. Think of the funds we could raise if every member contributed just a little. A large donation, or small, it doesn't matter. But please be a part of the solution.

I want to thank each of you who have so generously contributed thus far. As well, I want to thank in advance, each of you who makes a decision to come onboard and help us reach our ultimate goal. Our Valley is accomplishing amazing things. But, it is only because of you, our members, that we are so successful. You truly make the difference.

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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 January 14th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting 5:45 pm

Lodge of Perfection Opens

Tuesday January 14th ~ Annual Installtion 6:30 pm

Stated Meeting Dinner to follow

Thursday January 23rd ~ SCVOA Meeting 6:30 pm

Liberty Lodge #299

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

Chapter Opens Sweat Hearts Night

Tuesday February 18th ~ SCVOA Meeting 6:30 pm

San Jose Lodge #10