

# SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY OF OAKLAND

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SUMMER

2023

## A MESSAGE FROM THE WISE MASTER

Robert S. Strohmeyer, 32°, Wise Master, Gethsemane Chapter No. 2, Knights Rose Croix



The tremendous wave of rejuvenation presently washing over our Valley is inspiring to behold. On every front, the brethren of Oakland Scottish Rite are not just bouncing back from the pandemic, but exceeding our prior expectations for member engagement and

growth. In the Rose Croix, we're continuing to revive our Chapter as well. We held our first convocation in several years on March 13, and had a great turnout for our Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal on April 6.

The Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal is an annual observance held on Maundy Thursday (the Thursday immediately preceding Easter) to commemorate the brethren we have lost in the year. Traditionally, this observance had been held across two observances, one on Maundy Thursday to extinguish candles in honor of our lost brethren, and another on Easter Sunday to relight the candles in hope and renewal for the year ahead. Owing to the prevalence of family Easter observances, we now hold combined ceremonies on Maundy Thursday. It should be noted that while the ceremony coincides with Easter, it is expressly created as a multi-faith event, honoring the traditions of many faiths.

I hope you all will join us again next year.

Over the remainder of the year, the Chapter will continue to hold quarterly convocations with a focus on Masonic education specifically related to the Rose Croix, its traditions, and its degrees. The next convocation of the Gethsemane Chapter of Rose Croix will be held Monday, June 26, at 7:00 pm, and we will have a light dinner beforehand. Brother Thomas Langford will give an interesting overview presentation of the Rose Croix degrees, followed by refreshments in the Members' Lounge after the meeting.





# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Christopher R. Boggess, 32° KCCH, General Secretary

**M**y Brothers,

First, let me say WELCOME to our newest 32° Masters of the Royal Secret! On April 14–16, the Valley of Oakland had a total of seventeen members journey to the Valley of Guthrie, Oklahoma, where they witnessed the entirety of the twenty-nine Scottish Rite degrees. We even had a couple of non-local Oakland members meet us there! One brother, who previously received the virtual degrees, made the journey to complete his obligation of seeing and participating in the experience. In addition, our Valley's Director of the Work, Assistant Director of the Work, and the Director of Education visited the behind-the-scenes action of the Guthrie degrees first-hand. They also worked with the Guthrie teams in costuming, the AV Department's sound and lights, followed the Class Guide communications, and even went so far as to participate in the degrees!

I look forward to being a part of their labors as we bring our Oakland degree teams and stage crew back to life. To our "black hats," and especially our newer members, I urge you to join the Knights of Saint Andrew (KSA). They are our Valley's service organization responsible for leading dignitaries and building tours. They are the face of the Valley to many of our guests.

We recently conducted the Rose Croix Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. I sincerely thank our Wise Master, Bro. Robert Strohmeyer, 32° and his Gethsemane Chapter of Knights Rose Croix for their work. In many ways, reading the names of our fallen knights and tolling the bell is the last time our brothers are mentioned in formal masonic fashion, and it was my honor to be allowed to participate.

On July 1st we will honor the 300th Anniversary of Anderson's Constitution. I would like all of our brethren to attend this important event, which will feature presentations by *two* members of the world's premier lodge of research, Quatuor Coronati No. 2076: Worshipful Bro. Ric Berman, PM (a past master of the lodge), and our own Hon. Adam Kendall, 32° KCCH. Please see page 18 for more information.

During the next few months, we have some excellent food planned, frivolity, and additional education opportunities. We have our Feast of Tishri in October, and our degree teams are performing the 27th, 28th, and 29th degrees. Our degree teams, stage crew, and Valley need your help and participation. Please speak to me, Hon. Mark Harris, 32° KCCH, Bro. Carl Brickner, 32°, or Bro. Carlos Alvarez, 32°, to find out how YOU can do your part.

Thank you, my Brothers, for your continued support of the Valley of Oakland. It has truly been an honor to be of service. I look forward to seeing you all at the temple soon.





# VMAP & SCOTTISH RITE RECRUITMENT

Carlos Alvarez, 32°, VMAP Chairman

**G**reetings Brethren!

I am proud to announce that we have five newly obligated Scottish Rite Masons this year and expect an additional class of candidates by the end of spring. In the 19th Degree, we learn that a faithful Mason labors to benefit those who succeed him. Considering this lesson, I would like to share two aspects of our Valley that represent the inspiration and essence of our Masonic traditions: our temple and the degree work, respectively.

The Oakland Scottish Rite Temple serves as a locus for our Masonic labors. It is, therefore, the center of our fraternal culture, as it houses our artifacts, regalia, lodge room, stage, banquet halls, and library. In addition, it is a testament to the commitment of our long-departed brothers who labored to provide a meeting place that would last well into the future. For these reasons, the Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation (OSRHF) should be considered a charitable cause close to our hearts. The OSRHF works diligently to preserve and restore our building's architecture, our Masonic and local history, and interprets our Masonic material culture. If you have any questions or an interest in assisting with our various preservation projects, please contact the Executive Director of the OSRHF, Hon. Adam Kendall, 32° KCCH.

If you wish to delve into the Scottish Rite tradition and also have fun with your brothers, consider participating in our degree work, which is the marrow of our organization. This year we are creating new degree teams and providing opportunities for ritualists and backstage crew of any skill level. You will find that participation in the degree work is rewarding and will bring you closer to the potent culture of our Valley. For more details, please contact the Director of the Work, Hon. Mark Harris, 32° KCCH.

I would like to kindly remind you that if you bring in a candidate this year, there will be a greater probability that our temple will thrive and continue to be a house of further light in Masonry for generations to come. Please do not hesitate to contact the front office for assistance. If you are a top-line sign for three applications within the calendar year, the Valley will pay your dues for the following year.

If you are interested in forming a social club, we will happily support these endeavors. We can assist, provided that there are seven additional members. We would love to see membership clubs that promote fellowship and brotherly love.

May our temple and labors stand as a testimony to the inspiring Masonic qualities of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty!





# VALLEY OF OAKLAND DEGREES & REUNIONS

Mark Harris, 32°, KCCH, Director of the Work

## LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

I am encouraged and inspired by the potential of our Valley. We not only have talented and creative brothers, but ones that truly love Oakland Scottish Rite. In our blue lodge, we are charged to practice moral and social virtues. Where they intersect, fun is to be had. So as we practice Freemasonry and do everything that needs to be done, we want to have an enjoyable experience.

Each and every brother is welcome and encouraged to participate in whatever interests you. If you are a ritualist, your assistance is welcome for our degrees. If you enjoy the complexities of the backstage, we can also use your help there.

You are welcome to join us for our degree and crew committee on the fourth Monday from 6:00 pm to approximately 9:00 pm. We will have something to eat, set goals, and strategize on how to accomplish them. We will also work on the stage, checking our props and backdrops. In the next couple of months, we will begin practicing and blocking our degrees.

The Valley of Burlingame is partnering with us to perform the 28th and 29th degrees during the 2024 reunion. As we add degrees in the future, our partnership will benefit both valleys. Please feel free to contact me, or our Assistant Director of the Work, Bro. Carl Brickner, 32°, if you have any questions.

## OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE 3RD DEGREE TRAVELING DEGREE TEAM

We are forming a costumed traveling Master Mason degree team. Traveling to our Craft lodges demonstrates our commitment and love for our brethren. The Valley of Oakland has the unique opportunity with our collection of blue lodge ritualist to do some great work. We also have the advantage of wearing costumes in the second section of the degree. If this sounds fun to you, and you are already play a role in the degree, please contact me via email: [songmaster1@icloud.com](mailto:songmaster1@icloud.com).

## HELP NEEDED WITH VIDEO AND GRAPHICS PRODUCTION

Any brother who has experience with video production and using graphic design software such as Adobe Photoshop, your assistance is needed to assist us with creating a multimedia presentation for several of our degrees. Please contact me for more information.





# OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

An Innovative Approach to Fraternal Culture and Preservation  
Adam Kendall, 32° KCCH, Executive Director

## **TO SHINE AS THE STARS FOR EVER AND EVER**

Each time I step into the Oakland Scottish Rite temple, I find myself looking at it in wonder and muse that I was similarly moved when I first entered the building twenty-eight years ago. When I was a child, my mother lived on Madison Street, and I was only slightly familiar with the front of the building since we rarely drove on Lakeside. On those occasions, the façade was usually lit and was a striking sight with the (then) mysterious symbols dramatically visible in the dance of light and shadow. I would stare wide-eyed from the car's back seat, with only an inkling of what went on in the building.

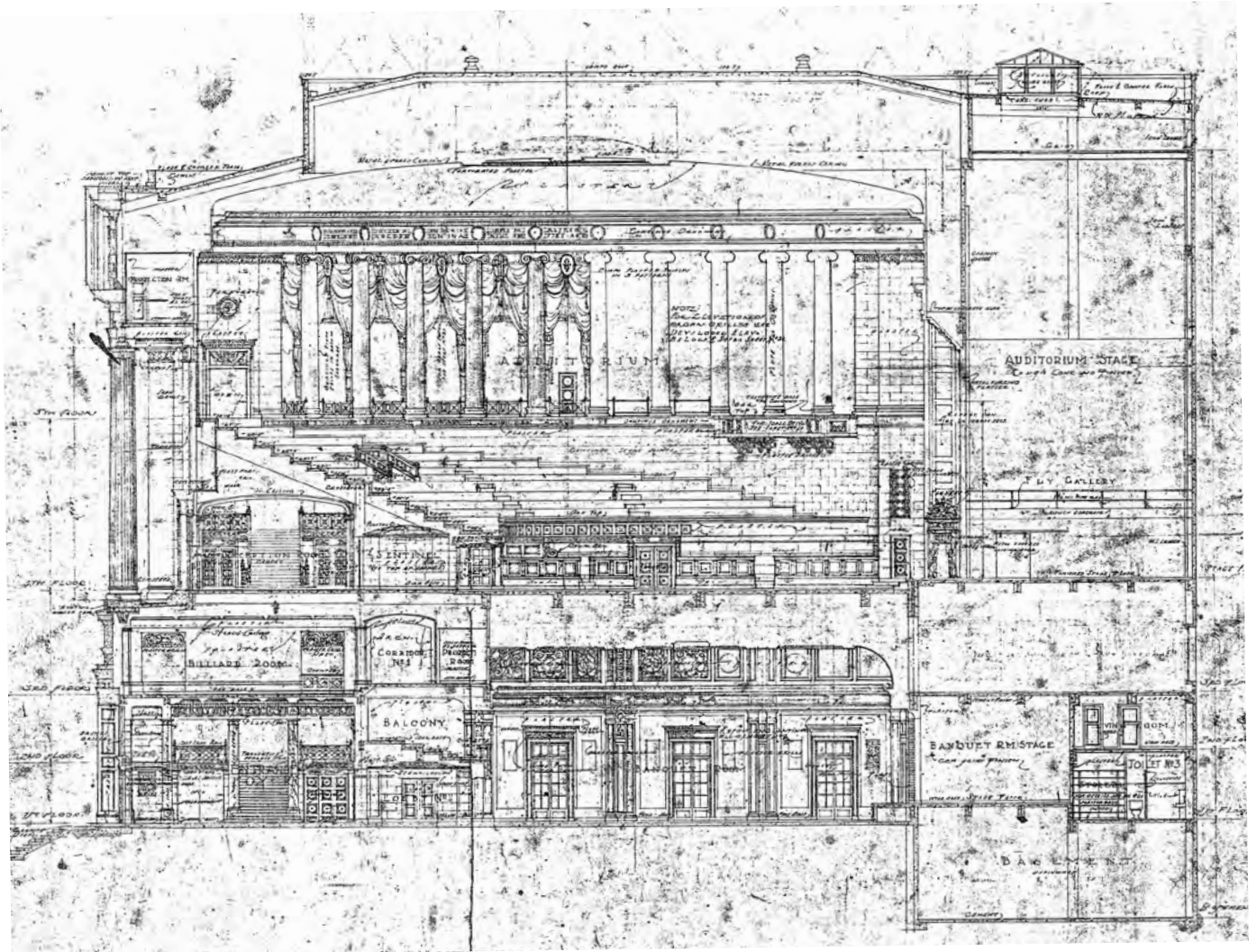
It wasn't until I was twenty-five that I finally saw the interior during a joint reunion between Oakland and San Francisco Bodies. I was floored.... This is what I had always wanted to see in a Masonic building! Its beauty, arguably unmatched in California, was elegant yet restrained; everything had its place. The temple does not try to impress; it does so effortlessly, exuding a power that intrigues yet perplexes. Its design and symmetry delights to such a degree that they almost demand a careful examination of the building's cultural and artistic influences

Most who have walked its halls are clearly impressed. I'm always pleased to hear brethren echo my sentiment that it is what they expected a Masonic building to look like! Indeed, the temple exemplifies the potent power of Freemasonry and is a beautiful example of the golden age of fraternalism. With the potent local history that is experienced by simply walking through the doors, we can continue our legacy as a beacon of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty if we are willing to commit to recognizing that we, the members, are a part of the building. In other words, it is an extension or enhancement of our Scottish Rite lessons. It helps us to enunciate the mysteries and to give contour to our identity. While we could meet elsewhere in a less complicated and austere environment, why would we? When we speak of Freemasonry's appeal, we mention its beauties. These beauties are expressed in the Craft's material culture, which includes its temples, halls, and other artworks and literature.

This fraternal material culture is dependent upon local and national culture. As such, each month we enter into something that is significant for our identity and reputation. Unfortunately, many of the great monuments to Freemasonry have been lost over time, and we should consider ourselves fortunate to have inherited such a rare jewel. Our efforts today will benefit future brethren who, like us, enter the Oakland Scottish Rite Temple and live history, not just dream about it.

Our new 501(c)(3), the Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation, was designed to help us realize

our historical and future potential. As a historian and the Foundation's executive director, I want to encourage you to consider us in your annual or long-term giving plan. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [akendall@scottish-rite.org](mailto:akendall@scottish-rite.org). Please also visit our growing website, [www.osrhistoricalfoundation.org](http://www.osrhistoricalfoundation.org), or our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/OSRHF>



Blueprint cross-section of the Oakland Scottish Rite Temple (ca. 1925–26).

# From the Harry G. Yetter Masonic Research Library & Museum

Highlighting the Historical Treasures of the Oakland Scottish Rite Temple

Adam Kendall, 32° KCCH, Executive Director, Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation



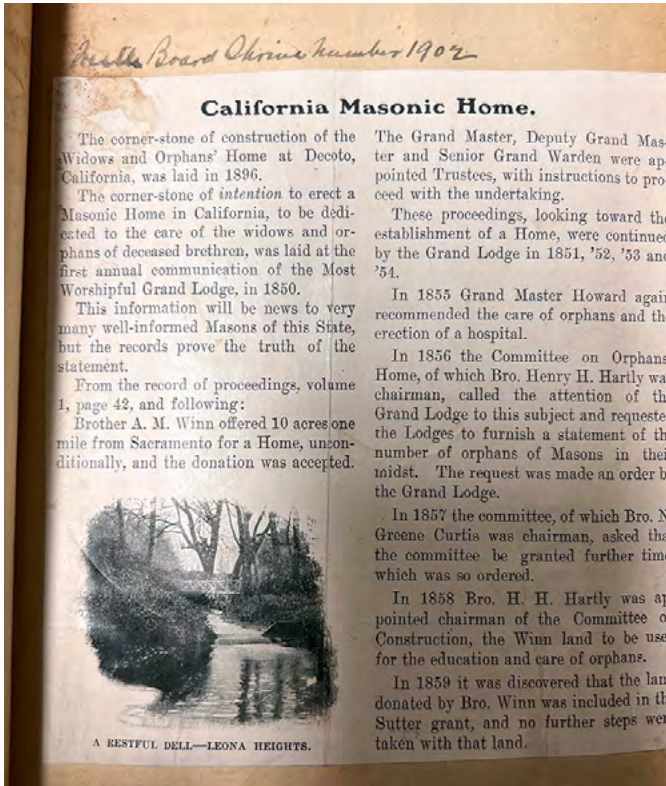
## FINDING THAT WHICH WAS LOST

While working in the archive, I came across a curious book titled, *History [of the] Masonic Home, 1850–1902*, compiled by Charles Lewis Patton, PGM (1864–1923). Intrigued, I paged through it and discovered that it was more a scrapbook compilation than a printed affair. Nevertheless, the book is a fascinating chronicle of the plans to build the Masonic home at Decoto (now Union City) by a trustee of the Masonic Home (appointed in 1895). Essentially, it's a collection of pages from the California Grand Lodge proceedings, materials and accounting lists, columns culled from Masonic magazines and newspapers, along with annotations, lists of trustees and committees, and an index by Patton, are glued or inked onto the pages.

One may wonder why such a compilation is so important, especially when the information can presumably be located in the Proceedings. This is true, but most will not savor leafing through those several volumes—especially if they do not realize that the plan to build the California Masonic Homes began at the inception of the jurisdiction (1850), until it opened in 1898. Having the entire process laid out in an indexed volume, along with clippings from popular Masonic magazines, brings everything into focus. Additionally, the collection was compiled by an individual who was intimately involved, first as a trustee in 1895 and later as the Grand Master of Masons in California in 1899.

Documents such as these are a valuable resource for historians as they pull together published primary sources and additional perspectives and sources that may have otherwise gone unnoticed or forgotten.



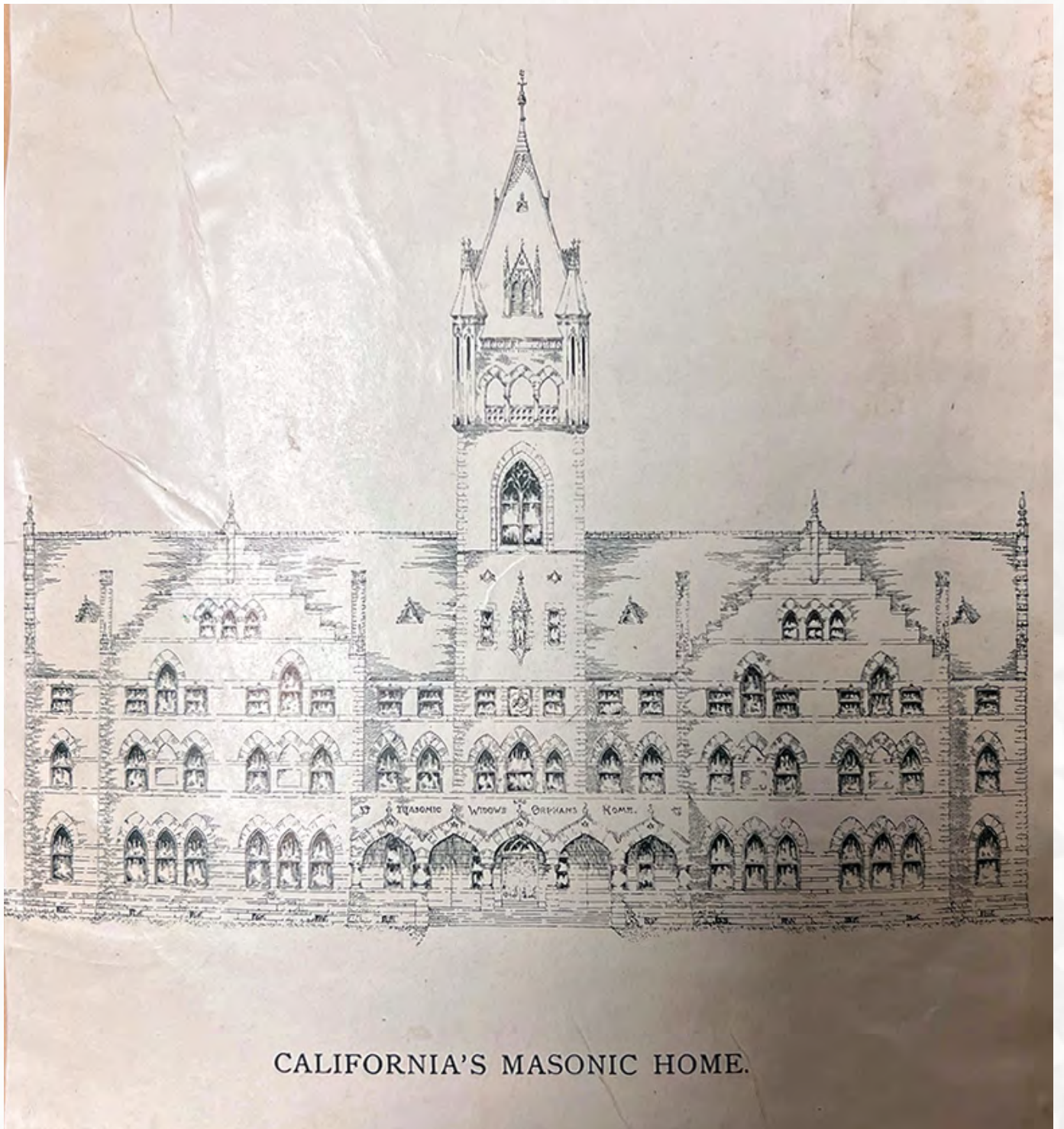


Origin story of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, as printed in a 1902 edition of the popular San Francisco Bay Area Masonic magazine, *The Trestleboard*.

1902 list of Masonic Home trustees. Charles Lewis Patton's name can be seen at the top.

Trustee	First Appointed	Term Expires	Succeeded by whom	By whom appointed
Charles Lewis Patton P.G.M. California Lodge No 1.	May 4 1898	1904	Spear	Stevens
Edwin Whipple P.M. Alameda Lodge No 167.	Oct 12 1898	1903 1906	Patton	Stevens Kutling
William Johnston P.G.M. Franklin Lodge No 143	Oct 12 1898	1903 1906	146	Patton Kutling
William Frank Pierce P.M. Oakland Lodge No 168	May 20 1898	1905	Coleman	Patton
Edward Peabody P.M. California Lodge No 1	Aug 11 1897	1904	Curtis	Lucas
John Truingsen P.M. Oriental Lodge No 144	Oct 13 1900	1903 1906	Shink	Forsberg Kutling
John Kelly Young P.M. Washington Lodge No 20	Oct 12 1901	1904	Cook	Lucas
Thomas Norton King Solomon's Lodge No 260	Oct 17 1892	1905	Forsberg	Headman
Samuel George Tompkins San Jose Lodge No 10	Nov 1902	1905	Lucas Lippert	Headman





CALIFORNIA'S MASONIC HOME.

An early design for the Home, printed in the April 1896 edition of *The Tresleboard*.

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.” — Gandhi



## OAKLAND VALLEY EDUCATION PROGRAM

V. Thomas Langford, 32°, Director of Education

### THE DEGREE REVIEW PROGRAM

We spent the spring quarter reviewing the degrees in the Council of Kadosh dedicated to the Ancient Mystery Tradition. In these philosophical degrees, we examined theological questions associated with the religious mystery traditions and undertook a more in-depth evaluation of the system of moral philosophy known as virtue ethics.

In May, we will cover the fourth and final degree dedicated to the ancient mystery traditions: the 26th degree, Prince of Mercy or Scottish Trinitarian. The setting is the catacombs beneath the imperial city of Rome, and the vehicle of instruction is early Christianity and the three grades of its initiatic mysteries.

In June, the Capstone Guild will hold its quarterly meeting. We will review the 27th degree, Knight of the Sun, or Prince Adept in July. This unique degree focuses on medieval-era mystery traditions and the influence of the Renaissance. However, there is no definite historical setting, for we are in the realm of the eternal. The mythic figures of Father Adam and Father Truth summarize the lessons learned from past degrees and introduce us to the symbolism of alchemy, astrology, and numerology. Seven angels exemplify various forms of symbolic instruction in the manner of oracles.

In August, we begin our review of the chivalric tradition, starting with the 28th degree, Knight Commander of the Temple. This degree provides instruction in knightly virtues. Set during the middle ages, we follow a young squire named Constans performing his chapel vigil—the last step prior to investiture as a Teutonic Knight. This dramatic degree depicts the temptations that challenge a man on a quest for truth and honor. It gives us deep insight into one of the noblest conceptions of the human spirit.

The Degree review program meets in person after our stated meeting at 8:10 PM.

### THE CAPSTONE GUILD

The Capstone Guild will hold its fourth quarterly meeting on June 5 to discuss the 4th degree, Secret Master. This degree is the first in the Lodge of Perfection and continues the Hiram legend and is an introduction to the Scottish Rite system. Specifically, he is introduced to the Kabbalah as a philosophical system as we contemplate the nature of Deity. The Guild will also select the summer quarter study topic from the Chapter of Rose Croix at this meeting.

The Capstone Guild is intended to be an in-depth examination of one of the higher degrees. As a group member, you study and compare the 1783 Franken Manuscript, the *Magnum Opus* of Albert Pike, and the reunion degree script used by the Oakland degree teams.

Please remember to return any signed-out degree scripts. These should not be duplicated and will be returned to me after the meeting covering that degree.

I am keeping track of attendance at the Guild meetings because after attending a certain number of sessions, a special jewel will be presented to qualifying members of the Capstone Guild.

While the Guild is a serious attempt to understand the degree's history, purpose, and symbolism, you do not have to be a group member to attend the meetings. Everyone is invited to participate in the review discussion even if they have not formally signed up.



Look to the East!

# VALLEY EVENTS

## OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE HOSTS AUTHOR CHRISTOPHER McINTOSH

On February 6, brethren and guests convened in the library for a most interesting presentation by renowned author and scholar of Rosicrucian and esoteric subjects, Dr. Christopher McIntosh, titled "Occult Russia: Pagan, Esoteric, and Mystical Traditions." Lively discussions followed in our Members' Lounge.



Dr. Christopher McIntosh signs books following his presentation.

## THE VALLEY OF OAKLAND'S CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE AND RENEWAL

On April 6th, our brethren and guests celebrated the annual Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal, hosted by Gethsemane Chapter, Knights Rose Croix.



## THE VALLEY OF OAKLAND TRAVELS TO GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA

On April 14–16, our Personal Representative, General Secretary, Director of Education, and the Director and Assistant Director of the Work, accompanied several brethren and five candidates to the legendary degree reunion held at Guthrie, Oklahoma.



*Above:* Ill. Jonathan Prestage, 33°, Personal Representative, and Bro. Carlos Alvarez, 32°, pose with brothers in front of the Guthrie temple.

*Below:* Our General Secretary, Personal Representative, Director of Education, and Director and Assistant Director of the Work pose with fellow brothers and our new 32° Masters of the Royal Secret: Don McCue, Rick Lauziere, Christopher Benz, Charlie Gokbayrak, and Alexander Seyfert. Bro. John Minagro also attended, fulfilling his obligation from the virtual degrees.



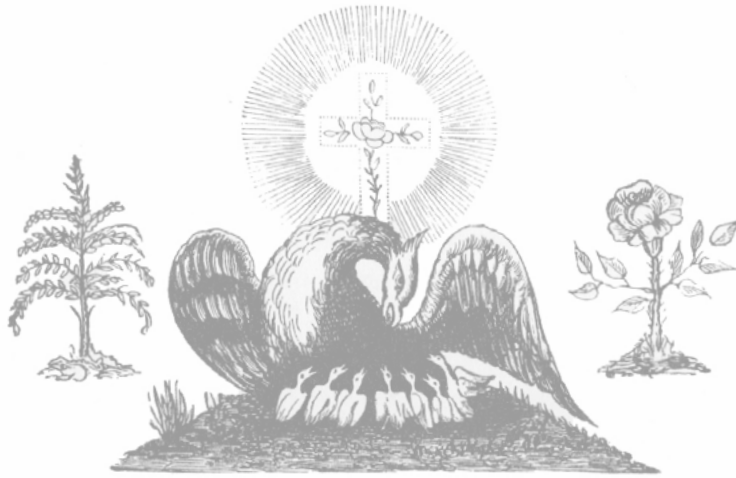


Our Personal Representative, Ill. Jonathan Prestage, 33°, greets Bro. Chris Smith, 32° who relocated to Oklahoma a few years ago and now joins us when the Valley travels to Guthrie.



Bros. Carl and Carlos discover a profound secret and commemorate the moment with refreshments.

# IN MEMORIAM



HARRY M. POND, JR., 32<sup>o</sup>  
AUGUST 10, 1926 – JANUARY 21, 2023

CLEVELAND VALREY, 33<sup>o</sup>  
AUGUST 12, 1930 – APRIL 14, 2023



“Be not sad, my Brethren, but let us rejoice that these men lived, that we knew them, and that they were one with us in the Mystic Bond of Freemasonry. Let us celebrate their lives by making the best of their examples.” –Albert Pike



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For online events, we will send the **Zoom** connection details each week to all members via email.

## MAY

- May 1 Stated Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. 6:00 pm Dinner (Enchiladas) with mariachi band; Meeting, 7:00 pm (Summer Attire). Degree presentation, 8:00 pm; Social, 8:00–10 pm
- May 12 KSA Meeting and Social. Members' Lounge, 7:00 pm
- May 22 High 12 Luncheon (Carnitas & al Pastor). 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 12:00 pm
- May 22 General Robert F. Travis Chapter, No. 490, National Sojourners. 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 1:00 pm
- May 22 Scottish Rite Temple Association Board meeting. ZOOM, 6:00 pm
- May 22 Degree Teams Meeting, Practice & Social. *In-Person*, 7:00 pm
- May 29 Memorial Day (*Building and Office are closed*)

## JUNE

- June 5 Stated Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. 6:00 pm Dinner, "Hawaiian Night!" (Kahlua Pork); Meeting, 7:00pm (Summer Attire). Degree presentation, 8:00 pm; Social, 8:00–10 pm
- June 9 KSA Meeting and Social. Members' Lounge, 7:00 pm
- June 21 Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation Meeting. Zoom, 6:00 pm
- June 26 High 12 Luncheon (Roast Beef). 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 12:00 pm
- June 26 General Robert F. Travis Chapter, No. 490, National Sojourners: 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 1:00 pm
- June 26 Scottish Rite Temple Board Meeting. Zoom, 6:00 pm
- June 26 Degree Teams Meeting, Practice & Social. *In-Person*, 7:00 pm

## JULY

- July 1 Celebrating 300 Years of Anderson's Constitutions (see page 18)
- July 3 Stated Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. 6:00 pm Dinner, "Western Night" (BBQ Ribs) Meeting at 7:00 pm (Summer Attire). Degree presentation, 8:00 pm; Social, 8:00–10 pm
- July 4 Independence Day (*Building and Office are closed*)
- July 14 KSA Meeting and Social: Members' Lounge, 7:00 pm
- July 24 High 12 Luncheon: (Tri-Tip); 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 12:00 pm
- July 24 General Robert F. Travis Chapter, No. 490, National Sojourners: 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 1:00 pm
- July 24 Scottish Rite Temple Association Board meeting. *In-Person*, 6:00 pm (New York Steaks)
- July 24 Degree Teams Meeting, Practice & Social. *In-Person*, 7:00 pm

If you are aware of any brother who is ill or in distress, please contact  
Hon. Walter Crossley, 32° KCCH at [walt777cross@hotmail.com](mailto:walt777cross@hotmail.com) or (510) 334-4394

# Celebrating 300 Years of ANDERSON'S CONSTITUTIONS



2023 marks the tercentenary of the publication of The Constitutions of the Freemasons – the '1723 Constitutions' – a book whose Enlightenment principles provide the philosophical foundations of modern Freemasonry.

Understanding its context and content explains the origins of modern Freemasonry and the relationship between Freemasonry and Society today.



## TWO IN-PERSON EVENTS

**SATURDAY: JULY 1, 2023**  
**05:00 PM**

Oakland Scottish Rite Center  
1547 Lakeside Drive  
Oakland, California

- OR -

**WEDNESDAY: JULY 5, 2023**  
**06:30 PM**

Long Beach Scottish Rite Center  
855 Elm Avenue  
Long Beach, California

## TICKETS

\$35: Limited Early Bird Pricing + Book  
\$25: Standard Attendance Pricing

*Open to Masons & General Public*

## GUEST LECTURES AND Q & A

**Dr. Ric Berman**

*Past Master*  
Quatuor Coronati Lodge  
No.2076



**Adam Kendall**

*Member*  
Quatuor Coronati Lodge  
No.2076



## Followed By

Catered Social and No-Host Cocktail  
Reception

*Inventing the Future* Book Signing  
with Dr. Ric Berman

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# RELIEF



## **Masonic Family and Senior Outreach Services**

Brought to you by the California Masonic Grand Lodge, the Masonic Family Outreach Services (MFOS) exists so that no fraternal family has to go through tough times alone. With one phone call, it becomes our mission to help you and your loved ones.

MFOS offers compassionate, individualized support to California Masons under age 60 and their loved ones. No matter what life challenge you are facing, from job loss to identifying resources for a special needs child, we are here to offer knowledge and support.

Additionally, through our home and community-based services under the Masonic Senior Outreach Services, we assist fraternal family members age 60+ with aging at home or in a retirement community in their local area.

We offer case management services and financial assistance to elder fraternal family throughout the United States; and expertise, guidance, and support to seniors. We connect clients with the resources they need to stay safe and independent.

To request assistance from either of the California Grand Lodge Masonic Family Outreach Services or the Masonic Senior Outreach Services

Phone: (888) 466-3642

For more information visit online:

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Oakland, CA 94612

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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: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Month, Day, and Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife/Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 Scottish Rite Degrees? YES  NO

*If you answered "YES", to which Valley did you petition, and why were you unable to become a member?*

Ring Size: \_\_\_\_ Cap 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, as well as the entire separation of church and state as set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America. I respectfully petition to receive the 4<sup>th</sup> through 32<sup>nd</sup> Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. I am currently a Master Mason in good standing."

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Candidate's Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
1st Sponsor PRINTED NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
1st Sponsor Signature

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2nd Sponsor PRINTED NAME

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2nd Sponsor Signature

### Application Fees

Fall Initiation Fee: \$200

2023 Dues: \$120

**Total: \$320**

Payable by Mailed Check or Call for Credit Card

Please Return Petition with Payment to:

[oakland@scottish-rite.org](mailto:oakland@scottish-rite.org) or the General Secretary's Office at 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, CA 94612

# Valley of Oakland

## Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S.J., U.S.A.



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