

SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY OF OAKLAND

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WINTER

2022

A MESSAGE FROM THE WISE MASTER

Robert Anderson, 32°, Wise Master of Gethsemane Chapter, Rose Croix

Greetings brethren from from the Gethsemane Chapter No. 2, Rose Croix. As you know, our Chapter presides over the four degrees of the Scottish Rite that comprise the Rose Croix. In particular, we focus on the 18th Degree, Knight Rose Croix.

The 18th Degree presents to the initiate the great enigma of the universe: the question of opposites and the reconciliation of sin and wrong/pain and suffering with the unbounded beneficence of the Great Architect of the Universe. Through spiritual alchemy, we Knights Rose Croix seek to transform ourselves from the base state of the rough ashlar to the sublime state of the perfect ashlar through our quest to live by the New Law of Love. It is our duty to practice charity to the poor in all aspects and to give light to our fellow brethren.

Each year, our Chapter is responsible for organizing and presiding at the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. This ceremony is a Mystic Banquet held on the Thursday before Easter, Maundy Thursday, to commemorate the commandment given by the Master of Nazareth to his disciples: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another" (John 13:34). The Christian brother interprets this as a commandment from the Great Architect; the Jewish brother views it as a command from a prophet for a prophesy yet to be fulfilled, and brothers of other

religious persuasions believe it to be a righteous precept by which to live. All Scottish Rite Masons observe the Mystic Banquet as a memorial service honoring knights of the Chapter who have passed from this earthly plane over the past year.

We also commemorate in this celebration the lives of all those who labored to improve humankind and were rewarded for their efforts with betrayal, punishment, and death. Yet we all pledge to live our lives by the New Commandment, though we may face personal sacrifice and danger in doing so. One by one, we extinguish the lights of our candles until we are plunged into the darkness of despair. But then, one splinter of light shatters the darkness and reignites our candles, one by one, as we kindle the renewal of confidence and joy.

The time is fast approaching that our temple will be voting on new officers. Our Chapter is looking for good brothers to join us as Knights Rose Croix and become leaders of our Chapter and our Temple. Will *you* answer this call?



A MESSAGE FROM THE VENERABLE MASTER

Jerry Journey, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master Oakland Lodge of Perfection



This is my last Bulletin article as your Venerable Master, and I cannot begin to express the honor and pleasure it has been to serve you during 2022. It has been a very eventful year and one which I shall not

soon forget. Attendance at our events and activities has been very encouraging as we continue to bounce back from the ravages of Covid! We are on a roll; let's keep going in that positive direction. I especially thank the Officer Corps, our Personal Representative, and all the Valley staff for their advice and support. As an emeritus member of the Knights of Saint Andrew, I also extend thanks to the Knights for all they do for our Valley. Should Brother Dinesh be elected to succeed me in this office, I hope that he will be supported in the same positive way!

Sadly, we have lost four of our Illustrious Brethren this year: Arthur Porter, Ron Montes, Bill Stanley, and Al Donnici. The memorial services for all were well attended, and on behalf of their families, I thank you for that!

On Saturday, September 17th, our Valley hosted the Scottish Rite Research Society symposium. It was well attended, and the research papers were well presented and received. Our Honorable Adam Kendall, 32° KCCH, gave an excellent paper on the Most Worshipful Benjamin D. Hyam, the third Grand Master of Masons in California (1852).

Brethren, if you have not already done so, please try to get at least one candidate signed up for the reunion class in November. This is the only way we will continue to grow the Valley of Oakland!

For my last entry in the log of our lesser-known Masonic Founding Fathers, we will focus on John Dickinson.* He was born in 1732 in Talbot County, Maryland. Brother Dickinson was a signer of the Articles of Association, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution of the United States. During the formative years of this country, Brother Dickinson represented two colonies. He signed the Articles of Association as a representative from Pennsylvania, and while representing Delaware, he signed the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution of the United States. He studied law in Philadelphia and later at the Middle Temple in London.

Returning to the colonies, he was admitted to the bar in 1757 and practiced law in Philadelphia. Brother Dickinson was known as the "Penman of the Revolution" for his "Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania" (1767-1768), a series of letters that were important in uniting the colonists against the Townshend Acts. He drafted most of the 1774 "Petition to the King," calling for a repeal of the intolerable Acts, and in 1775 he wrote the Olive Branch Petition, a final attempt to avoid war between Great Britain and the Thirteen Colonies. Commissioned as a Brigadier General, he and Thomas McKean were the only members of the Second Continental Congress to actively take up arms during the Revolutionary war. Brother Dickinson's Masonic history is brief, showing him "Entered January 11th, 1780" in Lodge 18, Ancient York Masons, Dover, Delaware. His membership record also shows the notation, "Never since appeared in Lodge." Brother Dickinson died February 14th, 1808, and is buried in the Friends Burial Ground, Wilmington, Delaware.

And there you have it!

As we enter into the holiday season, on behalf of my family and me, we extend our sincerest best wishes for the season to each of you and your families!

*Sources: Ronald E. Heaton, *Masonic Membership of the Founding Fathers* (Washington, DC: Masonic Service Association, 1961), and Wikipedia .com

FROM THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE



Dear Brethren and Friends,
As we approach the Thanksgiving Holiday, I must express my gratitude toward our brothers and the Oakland Scottish Rite Center staff. They continuously work behind the scenes to support our meetings and events. Due to the efforts of many unsung heroes, our Valley is able to constantly offer our membership and extended family of spouses and friends a gratifying and memorable experience. I am immensely grateful for our brethren who have returned after the pandemic to liven our meetings and fill the great halls of our temple. To each of you, I extend my love and gratitude.

Our November Stated Meeting will be held on the 6th and features a delicious Thanksgiving dinner at 6:00 pm. This event is open to our spouses and friends. In addition, we will always host a social in the Members' Lounge during the meeting, so there's a warm place for our guests while the brethren conduct the business of the Oakland Valley.

The Scottish Rite Valley of Sacramento will host the conferral of the Scottish Rite degrees on November 11th and 12th, and our Valley will have several candidates present for this reunion. We appreciate Sacramento Valley for conferring courtesy degrees upon our candidates while Oakland continues to build up its new degree teams under the direction of Hon. Bro. Mark Harris, 32° KCCH.

To each of our armed forces veterans, I extend my gratitude for your service and wish you a wonderful Veterans' Day celebration. In honor of the holiday, the building will be closed.

For those unaware, our temple is now hosting a Masonic association for veterans: the National Sojourners. Every fourth Monday, General Robert F. Travis Chapter No. 490 will meet immediately following the Oakland High Twelve Chapter No. 2 luncheon. The meal and presentation are open to all, and our patriotic and veteran Masons are invited to meet the chapter members on these days.

The Knights of St. Andrew social on the second Friday returns on December 9th. Master Masons and all Scottish Rite brethren are invited to join us at 7:00 pm for good food and libations. Those interested in potential membership with the Oakland Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew may attend their monthly meeting held on the same evening at 6:00 pm.

Because this bulletin encompasses the Christmas Holiday season, may I wish you and your loved ones a joyous winter and a Merry Christmas. I hope for a prosperous new year and good health for all through the coming holidays.

We are hosting a big event on January 30th of the new year. All lodge Masters and Master Masons are invited to join us at 6:00 pm for a tour of our beautiful temple, a prime rib dinner, and a presentation on what the Valley of Oakland and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry have to offer to our brethren seeking further light in the Craft. I hope each of our lodge Masters and Master Masons receiving notice of this occasion will be able to join us.

May all of you enjoy a healthy and happy holiday season ahead!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Jonathan H. Prestage, 33°

Personal Representative of the SGIG in California

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Christopher R. Boggess, 32° KCCH, General Secretary



My brothers,
We had an A-M-A-Z-I-N-G dinner at the Feast of Tishri. The lamb was superb and cooked to perfection. There was pea soup... Now, before you say anything, did I mention it was amazing? My experience with pea soup was in the army, and then Anderson's on I-5. What the chef made for us at the feast put those to shame. I had two servings, but I know brothers who had three and four! The dessert was made from scratch and was delicious. Many thanks to the chef and crew of My French Cuisine for the food, the LOP line, the toasts, and Guy Haas's presentation on the history of the feast. It was a great night. Let me say this, brothers: if you did not attend, then you missed out.

Regarding the upcoming reunion: on November 11th and 12th we will send our candidates, the Director of the Work, and the Assistant Director of the Work to the Valley of Sacramento. It would be greatly appreciated if you could attend this reunion to show support. Oakland has already made reservations for the festive board, so if you want to attend, you will be required to contact Sacramento directly and see if they have any space and then pay separately. Let's have a good turnout and show support for our candidates!

The holidays are here. Halloween has just passed, All Saints Day, Thanksgiving is around the corner. Christmas and the new year are just peaking over the horizon. We have some great events planned, so we invite you to spend at least part of your holiday with us! In 2023 we will welcome you as we hold elections for our upcoming officers' corps. The installation will be on January 29th, and then on January 30th, we will enjoy an evening of dinner and fellowship as we host a Master Masons' Night with the Deputy Grand Master of California in attendance.

I was recently asked a question, which, for emphasis, I will delay until my article's conclusion. To correctly articulate an answer, I needed to do some research and what I read could easily be revised to reflect what is happening at the Rite, in Freemasonry, and in our modern society. I have adapted the original text here:

...Every generation leaves a legacy of achievement and failure. In my lifetime, I've had the privilege of knowing many good men and women of my generation – Christians, Jews, Muslims and people with no religious faith at all; people who have made the world better by the gift of their lives and their joy in service to others. But the biggest failure, the biggest sadness, of so many people of my generation, including parents, educators, leaders, and brothers, is our failure to pass along our knowledge in a compelling way to the generation now taking our place.

We can blame this on the confusion of the times. We can blame it on our own mistakes in pedagogy. But the real reason Masonry's knowledge, teachings and history doesn't matter to so many of our young adults and teens is that – too often – it didn't really matter to us. I know there are tens of thousands of exceptions to this, but it is still true. A man can't give what he doesn't have. If we want to change the culture the various lodges, valleys,

councils, chapters and offices that we all belong to, we need to begin by taking a hard look at the thing we call our own. If we don't radiate the knowledge, passion and courage of the different degrees and tenets of Scottish Rite (and Masonry) that are inculcated to us, if we don't bring that to our daily lives, nobody else will – least of all the young people who see us most clearly and know us most intimately.

This was the question I was asked: How does Oakland Scottish Rite “make good men better”? This question requires serious thought and consideration to answer when it is posed to one of us. So my question to YOU is: how do you and your involvement in Masonry “make good men better”?



A beautiful Scottish Master Mason's certificate, 1839
From the collection of the Harry G. Yetter Masonic Research Library

VMAP & SCOTTISH RITE RECRUITMENT

Carlos Alvarez, 32°, VMAP Chairman

Greetings Brethren! I am excited to announce that we have accomplished the major landmarks suggested by our Supreme Council VMAP Board and have received our Valley Membership Achievement Program plaque for 2021.

We have significantly updated the way we receive applications: we are now online! The Supreme Council has established an Oakland Scottish Rite membership portal, which allows Master Masons to submit their applications. The candidate will still need to include two signers, but if the application is missing these names, they will be invited to a Master Mason social night hosted by our Knights of Saint Andrew. At this event, they can be introduced to the brethren and eventually be sponsored for membership. To access the new online application, go to: <https://scottishrite.jotform.com/212414936205955>.

A vital component of our Valley's future success relies on membership growth. If every one of our active members focused on "JUST ONE" candidate a year, we would improve our Valley and community. The profound tenets of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry have positively impacted Master Masons for the last two hundred and twenty-one years. We are fortunate to have received this light and owe the same opportunity to future brethren. Please consider "JUST ONE," in which we can help guarantee the future of the Royal Secret among Master Masons for another two hundred-plus years. *JUST ONE!*

The best recruitment method is to live a life that reflects the virtues of our Craft, to be present for a Master Mason who seeks further light of Masonry, and to be able to mentor and accompany him to the doors of our Scottish Rite temple. For additional recruitment inspiration, ask yourself what led you to be an active member of the Oakland Scottish Rite.

Please feel free to contact the front office, or me, for any questions regarding membership.





OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION



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

This is news worth repeating: the Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation (OSRHF) is now a 501(c)(3)! This means that we can benefit from grants and tax-deductible gifts. If you value our historical legacy on the lake — which includes our beautiful and unique building — then I encourage you to keep the Foundation in mind when making your annual giving. Our temple is arguably the most beautiful in California and our impact on the state’s culture is considerable. Governors, mayors, a Supreme Court justice, industrialists, merchants, scholars...all have graced our gleaming portal. We stand on their shoulders, proud that we continue to honor what they have built for us.

So that we might continue to inspire, we are excited to announce that we now have a website, which will be frequently updated with the Masonic treasures entrusted to us. Check it out at: <https://osrhistoricalfoundation.org>



OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

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About the Foundation

Purpose

The Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that seeks to maintain and preserve the historic architecture and local history of the Oakland Scottish Rite Temple. Additionally, it aims to publicly display and interpret Masonic fraternal culture.

About

Since 1883 the Oakland Scottish Rite has been one of the city's leading organizations. As a popular institution of civic engagement and charitable aims, its membership rosters have included notable local individuals such as Supreme Court Justice and California Governor Earl Warren, Oakland Mayor and California Governor George Pardee, and US Representative and Oakland Tribune publisher Joseph Crowley. Throughout its history, the building has hosted numerous community events, concerts, and an impressive array of important historical figures such as former presidents Nixon, Obama, and Clinton, Senator Robert Kennedy, General Jimmy Doolittle, and many others.

Designed by Colborne- based architect Carl Heimer (1875 - 1943), the Scottish Rite Temple was completed in 1927 and is one of Oakland's most iconic historic buildings. The pilared structure stands prominently over Lake Merritt, a recognizable landmark on Oakland's skyline for nearly five years. Its 1936 Art Deco facade and main doors are decorated with mysterious and striking historical symbols. The temple's lavishly ornate rooms, auditorium, and ballroom are distinguished by their ornate Revival-style Neo-Classical design, in addition to the building's exquisite architecture showcasing history and membership, it features an impressive public research library and museum. Through exhibits and tours visitors may experience first-hand the rich local, statewide, and international history of Freemasonry.

Hours

Monday - Thursday

10 am - 4 pm

Although hours and access to our library are free and open to the public, we do charge a fee for each access or research opportunity and the viewing of rare items, see made by appointment or email seven days in advance.



OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION NEWS LIBRARY VISIT US



San Francisco Call

Stored in the Oakland Scottish Rite archives are some copies of an interesting set of certificates from a variety of Masons.

By A Kendall



Memories of Love the War Site Site

Oakland Scottish Rite founder, Major Edwin Sherman (1829-1904), was a professional organizer and fraternalist. A tireless promoter of several organizations.

By A Kendall



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

Local Heritage II

It is unfortunate that many Masonic certificates and other records go unnoticed, unresearched, or discarded by those who believe that, aside from some occasionally pretty artwork, include some forgotten names of little interest to the present membership. I suppose that it's easy to look toward the popular exploits of our most famous members but forget that there are others who may also have lived fascinating and adventurous lives. The only difference between the famous and the unsung is a personal and institutional unfamiliarity with subtle winding avenues of history. There's nothing inherently wrong with this, but the lesson here is that we acknowledge that there is still so much for us to learn about our local Masonic pioneers.

This is one such tale. However, it's only a small sampling and further research will reveal (at some point) a very different aspect of Brother Charles McPhail Hitchcock's life. Now that I've whetted your appetites, here is Part I: The Story of Charles M. Hitchcock and Lilly Hitchcock Coit.

The first photograph (see next page) is of a Master Mason certificate issued to Charles McPhail Hitchcock (1810–1885), a native of Baltimore who was made a Mason in California Lodge No. 1 in San Francisco at a relatively late age (65 years). The second photograph is a note signed on the certificate's reverse by Alexander Abel, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of California, attesting that Hitchcock was the father of local legend, Lilly Hitchcock Coit (who will be discussed momentarily).

Hitchcock was a US Army surgeon who settled in San Francisco, California in 1849 with his family following the Mexican War (1846–1848). During this war, he famously operated on a wounded Jefferson Davis, who would later become a US Secretary of War (1853–57), US Senator (1857–61), and most infamously, president of the Confederate States of America (1862–1865). As mentioned above, he was the father of Lilly Hitchcock Coit, aka “Firebelle Lil” (1842–1952).

Shortly after arriving in San Francisco at age seven, Lilly possessed an unflagging fascination with firefighting and was made a mascot and honorary member of Knickerbocker Engine Company No. 5, which bestowed her famous nickname. She would accompany the SF fire brigades to some of the city's most dangerous fires and would proudly accompany the firemen at civic functions and parades.

Lillie eventually married SF Stock Exchange caller, Benjamin Coit, but their union ended in divorce. By the time Lilly died, she had accumulated a large estate and left it “to be expended in an appropriate matter for the purpose of adding to the beauty of the city which I have always loved.”

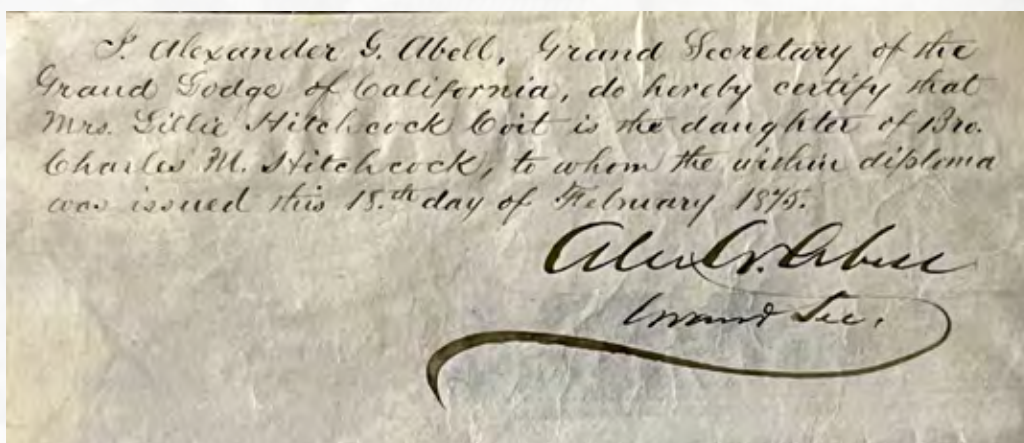
The iconic Coit Tower that crowns the summit of Telegraph Hill was constructed in her memory by architect and friend, Arthur Brown. It is appropriately modeled after a fire hose nozzle.

Sources: Cypress Lawn Heritage Museum, <https://cypresslawnheritagefoundation.org/lillie-coit.../>

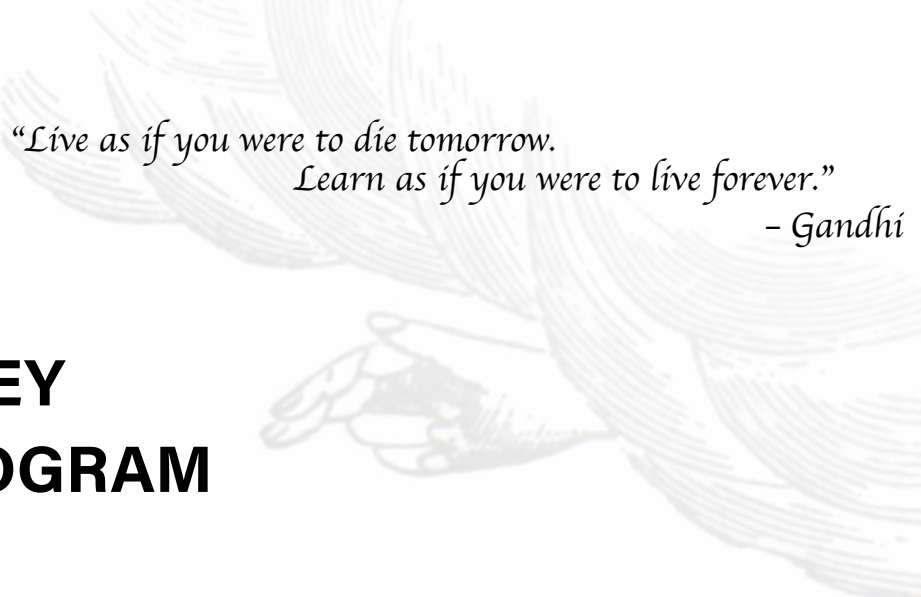
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Hitchcock Certificate (obverse)



Hitchcock certificate (reverse)



“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

Degree Review Program

The Degree review program meets in person after our stated meeting at 8:00 pm.

In the last quarter, we began looking at the degrees in the Council of Kadosh, which introduces us to the chivalric degrees and uses the Medieval traditions of knighthood to teach their timeless duties and virtues. They are considered philosophical for two reasons. First, they examine theological questions through comparative religious studies. Second, they present a more in-depth evaluation of the system of moral philosophy known as virtue ethics. In October, we reviewed the 21st Degree: Prussian Knight (or Noachite) and delved into the Masonic traditions of defending the unfortunate and the practice of charity to help us understand the virtues of modesty and humility.

In November, we will cover the 22nd Degree, Knight of the Royal Axe, also known as the Prince of Libanus. This degree begins our exposure to a selection of religious and mystical traditions, namely the Roman Colleges of Artificers (*Collegia Fabrorum*) and a religious sect known as the Druse, who settled in the mountains of Lebanon. With this historical backdrop, the degree is a commentary and meditation on the virtue of work.

In December, the Capstone Guild will meet for its quarterly meeting.

We will cover the 23rd Degree, Chief of the Tabernacle, in January. This degree uses Judaism as the vehicle to explore the ceremonies and ideas associated with the Lesser Mysteries. The Lesser Mysteries were initiatory ceremonies employed mainly in ancient Egypt, Persia, Greece, and Rome. These were religious mysteries that were open to all people. The Mysteries were said to fill a gap created by the insufficiency of popular public religion and the quest by some men for a higher truth.

The Capstone Guild

The Capstone Guild will hold its third quarterly meeting on December 5th to discuss the 27th degree, Knight of the Sun or Prince Adept. This degree is an instruction into the nature of symbolism. We are reminded not to confuse the symbol with the thing symbolized—a practice that leads to confusion and error.

The Guild will select the Spring quarter study topic at the December meeting. The idea is to review a degree each quarter from one of the four bodies of the Scottish Rite system.

The Capstone Guild is intended to be an in-depth examination of one of the higher degrees. Therefore, as a group member, you should study and compare the *1783 Franken Manuscript*, the *Magnus Opus* of Albert Pike, and the actual Reunion Degree Script.

Please remember to return the signed-out degree scripts. These scripts should never be duplicated in any way and should be returned to me following the relevant meeting.

I am keeping track of attendance because, after a certain number of sessions, a special jewel will be presented to qualifying members. While the Capstone Guild is a serious attempt to understand the history, purpose, and symbolism of the degrees, you do not have to be a member of the group to attend the meetings; everyone is invited to attend.

Salve Frater!



“Masonic Mysteries” interpreted by Midpoint AI. This is an artificial intelligence program designed to produce artworks and photography according to a user’s descriptive commands.

KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW

Dinesh Chhabra, 32°, Lord of the Clan

History of the Knights of Saint Andrew

The origins of the Order date back to 1220-1232 AD, when a confraternity was established in the city of Acre in the Crusader kingdom of Jerusalem (which occupied the same territory as the modern state of Israel) to protect pilgrims and merchants.

The confraternity, consisting of burgesses and knights of predominantly 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 military and religious orders of the era, they founded their lives on prayer, charity, service, and protection.

The possession of Acre was being contested by the Holy Roman Emperor, Frederick II, who was based 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. The knights and officers of the Order of St. Andrew of Jerusalem appealed to Pope Gregory IX, who excommunicated the emperor for his action.

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

At this juncture, the existing historical records of

the Knights of St. Andrew were lost. It is speculated that the documents may have been transported to Byzantium in the hope of safekeeping, only to be lost yet again when the city fell to the Turks in 1453.

The tradition of service by knights wearing the cross of St. Andrew has continued. The Castle of Edinburgh was protected by such Knights for nearly nine-hundred years, maintaining the tradition of service and protection.

The Knights of Saint Andrew Valley of Oakland

The Knights of Saint Andrew is a special group of 32° of Scottish Rite Masons dedicated to providing service on behalf of the Scottish Rite. Several Knights of Saint Andrew (KSA) chapters exist throughout the country. Our Chapter exists to assist the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Oakland.

The types of service performed include assisting in reunions, acting as greeters, providing escort service for dignitaries and ladies attending Scottish Rite functions, serving as guides, presenting colors, and providing aid to Scottish Rite events. Charity shall prevail within every knight's duty, keeping the principles of knighthood.

The Knights of Saint Andrew promotes the uprightness of chivalry in each member's mind, thus setting an example of the knightly virtues portrayed within the order by practicing diligence and enthusiasm. To strive for truth is our goal, duty, and service, our ideal passions. We are constantly improving ourselves through our dedication to promoting the principles and practices of Masonry and the Scottish Rite. Such enthusiasm operates to the continuation of Freemasonry's efforts to exalt the nobler nature of man within himself.

The Knights of St. Andrew is an excellent way to

nurture and develop future leaders as they learn their organizational and leadership skills, explore the inner structures of the Scottish Rite, and thus gain a more profound admiration for our Order and our brethren who work in Freemasonry as a whole.

There are two levels of membership: Squire and Knight.

The Squire Level consists of selected members who have pledged to perform services for the Scottish Rite and abide by the bylaws and regulations of the order and the precepts of Freemasonry.

The Knight Level is for members selected for this honor based on their demonstrated service to the Scottish Rite, abiding by the bylaws and regulations of the Order and the precepts of Freemasonry, and pledging their continued service and fidelity.



VALLEY EVENTS

At the October Stated Meeting dinner our Honorable John McPartland, 32° KCCH was awarded with the Cleveland Valrey Meritorious Service Award.

The award's purpose is to provide recognition from the Valley to veterans who have distinguished themselves while serving in our nation's armed forces.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



NOVEMBER

- Nov 7 Stated Meeting: 3rd floor. 6:00 pm “Thanksgiving” Dinner; Meeting, 7:00 pm (Coat & Tie); Degree Presentation, 8:10 pm; Social, 8:00–10 pm
- Nov 11 Veterans’ Day (OSR Building closed and *NO* KSA Meeting)
- Nov 11 & 12 Degree Reunion in Sacramento. *See General Secretary’s office for more information*
- Nov 18 KSA Meeting and Social. Members’ Lounge, 7:00 pm
- Nov 28 High 12 Luncheon (Beef). 3rd floor, 12:00 pm
- Nov 28 General Robert F. Travis Chapter, No. 490, National Sojourners. 3rd floor, 1:00 pm
- Nov 28 Scottish Rite Temple Association Board meeting. *ZOOM*, 6:00 pm

DECEMBER

- Dec 5 Stated Meeting: 3rd floor. 6:00 pm Dinner “It’s Christmas Time;” Meeting, 7:00pm (Coat and Tie). Proposed slate of officers for 2023 will be presented. Degree Presentation, 8:10 pm; Social, 8:00–10 pm
- Dec 9 KSA Meeting and Social. Members’ Lounge, 7:00 pm
- Dec 12 High 12 Luncheon(Chicken Parmesan). 3rd floor, 12:00 pm
- Dec 12 General Robert F. Travis Chapter, No. 490, National Sojourners: 3rd floor, 1:00 pm
- Dec 12 Scottish Rite Temple Board Meeting. Zoom, 6 pm
- Dec 14 Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation Board Meeting. Zoom, 6:00 pm

JANUARY

- Jan 3 Stated Meeting: 3rd floor. 6:00 pm Dinner (Meat Lasagna) Meeting at 7:00 pm. Voting for 2023 Officers. Degree Presentation, 8:10 pm; Social, 8:00–10:00 pm
- Jan 13 KSA Meeting and Social: Members’ Lounge, 7:00 pm
- Jan 23 High 12 Luncheon: 3rd floor, 12:00 pm
- Jan 23 General Robert F. Travis Chapter, No. 490, National Sojourners: 3rd floor, 1:00 pm
- Jan 23 Scottish Rite Temple Association Board meeting, *In Person*, 6:00 pm
- Jan 29 Installation of Officers, 5:00 pm

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

2022 Officers

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General Secretary Christopher R. Boggess, 32° KCCH
Orator Adam Kendall, 32° KCCH
Almoner Martin J. Aurelio, 32°
Almoner Emeritus Cleveland Valrey, 33°

Oakland Lodge of Perfection

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Senior Warden Dinesh Chhabra, 32°
Junior Warden Christopher R. Boggess, 32° KCCH
Expert Walter G. Crossley, 32° KCCH
Assistant Expert John L. McPartland, 32° KCCH
Captain of the Host Carlos I. Alvarez, 32°

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1st Lt. Commander Samuel A. Maffei, 32°
2nd Lt. Commander Adam J. Hanin, 32°
Chancellor Julius (Sandy) Kahn, III, 33°
First Deacon John P. Minagro, 32°
Second Deacon Charles D. Kimbrell, 32°
Lieutenant of the Guard Jonathan J.F. McCune, 32°

Gethsemane Chapter of Knights Rose Croix

Wise Master Robert B. Anderson, 32°
Senior Warden Robert S. Strohmeyer, 32°
Junior Warden Cary L. Carlson, 32° KCCH
Expert L. Robert Ramos, Sr, 32°
Assistant Expert Tigran Agadzanyan, 32°
Guardian of the Temple Benjamin G. Brookshire, 32°

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Prior Carl J. Brickner, Jr, 32°
Preceptor Lambert Yim, 32°
Chancellor Julius (Sandy) Kahn, III, 33°
Minister of State V. Thomas Langford, 32°
Expert Lyman C. Penning, 32°
Assistant Expert Lukas K. Szymanski, 32°

Knights of St. Andrew

Lord of the Clan Dinesh Chhabra, 32°

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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:

<https://masonichome.org/in-your-community/family-outreach-services/>

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Your generous gift will help our community of children with speech and language disorders.

FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	LAST NAME	
PHONE*		EMAIL*	
STREET ADDRESS		CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	
MASONIC AFFILIATION			
<input type="checkbox"/> Please send me information about planned giving opportunities			
Gift Information			
AMOUNT OF GIFT		DATE OF GIFT	
<input type="checkbox"/> IN HONOR OF: OR <input type="checkbox"/> IN MEMORY OF: (Please fill in the Person's Name)			
PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED OF GIFT		YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE TRIBUTE	
STREET ADDRESS		CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	
Payment Information			
<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK ENCLOSED (Please make checks payable to: California Scottish Rite Foundation memo – Oakland CLC)			
<input type="checkbox"/> MY COMPANY HAS A MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM (Please attach company form)			
<input type="checkbox"/> ONE-TIME DONATION <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Club <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Membership		A Sustaining Membership is a monthly, quarterly, or annual gift that you can pay in a convenient, ongoing way. Your Sustaining Membership will automatically renew each month, quarter, or year unless you choose to cancel or change it. <input type="checkbox"/> SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP \$14.00 per month <input type="checkbox"/> SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP \$42.00 per quarter <input type="checkbox"/> SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP \$167.00 per year	
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CREDIT CARD NUMBER		EXPIRATION DATE	CVV NUMBER*
NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD			
BILLING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)			
AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURE			

* The CVV is a 3 or 4 digit number on the back of most credit cards (on the front if American Express).

MAIL TO:
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1547 Lakeside Drive
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Consult your Attorney or Tax Advisor.*



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 4th through 32nd 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

2nd Sponsor PRINTED NAME

2nd Sponsor Signature

Application Fees

Fall Initiation Fee: \$200

2022 Dues: \$120

Total: \$320

Payable by Mailed Check or Call for Credit Card

Please Return Petition with Payment to:

oakland@scottish-rite.org or the General Secretary's Office at 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, CA 94612

Valley of Oakland

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