

SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY OF OAKLAND

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2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER OF KADSOSH

Samuel A. Maffei, 32°, Commander of Kadosh, De Molay Council No. 2



Brethren, it is hard to believe that fall is almost upon us. Soon the autumnal equinox will be here, and ice in coffee will give way to everything pumpkin spice. As we approach the equinox on September 22 and celebrate the end of this year's harvest season, let us come together and celebrate the brotherhood and fellowship we enjoy. I want to thank for the opportunity to serve as your master of Kadosh this year

Mark October 21st on your calendars for our degree team's performance of the 27th through the 29th degrees. Not only will they be a preview of the Orient-wide reunion in April 2024, but these degrees are of great importance to our Council of Kadosh, especially the deeply philosophical and elegant 28th Degree Knight of the Sun, or Prince Adept. The tenets of duty and honor resound throughout. These correspond to the overarching theme of spiritual chivalry. In *Morals and Dogma*, Albert Pike inculcated:

There was a time when a Knight would die rather than utter a lie, or break his Knightly word. The Knight Commander of the Temple revives the old Knightly spirit; and devotes himself to the Knightly worship of truth. No profession of an opinion not his own, for expediency's sake of profit, or through fear of the world's disfavor; no slander of even an enemy; no coloring or perversion of the sayings or acts of other men; in insincere speech and argument for any purpose, or under any pretext, must soil his fair escutcheon [coat of arms]. Out of the Chapter, as well as in it, he must speak the Truth, and all the Truth, no more and no less; or else speak not at all (p. 579).

Keeping in mind these wise words, we should consider that our performance of this degree and the others are not just a duty, but a great honor! This conferral will illustrate how our Valley is on the upswing, utilizing the great talents that have gathered under our roof. Please lend support to the degree team for all the hard work put into these performances. Better yet, consider joining in and be a part of our grand tradition!

Lastly, I would like to invite the membership to our annual Feast of Kadosh on January 13th. Please put this into your calendars now! Also, please check out our new Oakland Scottish Rite crossword and game page. Each of the answers is to be found somewhere in the building. Happy hunting!



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Jonathan H. Prestage, 33°, Personal Representative

Dear Brethren,

I hope you're staying cool and out of the sun during these hot summer weeks! Considering the temperatures, our attire for stated meetings will continue as casual summer wear until September. This month, in August, we welcome all Shriners to our delicious roast chicken dinner on Monday, August 7th, at 6:00 PM. If you wear your Shriner's fez, you'll eat with us for free out of recognition for all the beneficent work our brethren in the Shrine accomplish. As always, our dinner is followed by the Oakland Valley meeting, Scottish Rite education, and social time with our brethren.

Congratulations to our newest Oakland Honourmen! Hon. Bro. Adam Kendall, 32° KCCH, has been elected to receive the 33°, Inspector General Honorary! We were also blessed with two new elections to Knight Commander of the Court of Honour! Bro. Dinesh Chhabra, 32°, and Bro. V. Thomas Langford, 32°. These men are bright examples to each of our members, exemplifying a sincere devotion to the values of our fraternity and a commitment toward the success of our Scottish Rite Valley of Oakland in particular. Their recognition is well deserved, but honors within the Scottish Rite are not given as a capstone of completion for work accomplished but rather a recognition of the continued efforts each of our Honourmen is expected to lend well into the future. I know our brethren will perform extraordinary acts of service on behalf of our Oakland Valley well into the future.

The stated meeting in September will be held on Monday, September 11th, due to the Labor Day holiday the week prior. We'll enjoy a Chicken Marsala dinner before the meeting. On Saturday, September 30th, at 4:00 PM, the Valley of Santa Rosa and Oakland will co-host a special Feast of Tishri in our temple with a traditional festive board dinner and a talk on the history and personal meaning of this grand Scottish Rite Feast. The Feast of Tishri is a mandatory feast of the Scottish Rite, and I expect to see many of our brethren in attendance for this auspicious occasion!

Please join us for our Oktoberfest dinner on Monday, October 2nd. We will tap a keg of beer and serve a German favorite, *Semmelknödel mit Rindfleisch und Rahmschwammerl* (traditional dumplings with beef and mushroom ragout).

Hon. Bro. Mark Harris, 32° KCCH, and Bro. Carl Brickner, 32°, are organizing our degree teams currently and beginning to practice for the exemplification of the 27th through 29th degrees on Saturday, October 21, 2023. For our brothers who recently received their Scottish Rite degrees through the 18°, Knight Rose Croix, we will communicate the 19th through the 26th degrees, so they may participate as our candidates in Oakland on October 21st. After the degree exemplifications, we will host an elaborate Feast of Saint Andrew, supported by our own Knights of St. Andrew. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this unique experience in October.

The last event I wanted to mention will be held on Monday, October 9th, where the efforts of our Wise Master, Bro. Bob Strohmeyer, 32°, will continue to blossom as our Gethsemane Chapter of Knights Rose Croix will hold their meeting for all Scottish Rite 18° Masons. Bro. Strohmeyer will present a special lecture on the history of Rosicrucianism, its history, and the context of its relationship to the Scottish Rite's Rose Croix degree. This event will be an exceptional occasion, as it is rare for any brother to have the opportunity to view or participate in a full Rose Croix chapter, its opening and closing ceremonies,

and its regalia. Food and libations will be provided this evening as well.

In closing, I also wanted to make our brethren aware of the developing Valley website, thanks to the efforts of Bro. Strohmeyer. He has been building the site in coordination with Hon. Bro. Adam Kendall and myself. We now have an up-to-date Google calendar hosted on the website, which our members may subscribe to on their personal devices or view online at www.valleyofoakland.org.

May you and your loved ones stay healthy and cool through these summer months, and I look forward to seeing you soon in our beautiful temple!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Jonathan Prestage, 33°
Personal Representative



Postcard (ca. late 1920s–early 1930s). Donated by Hon. Christopher Boggess, 32° KCCH



VMAP & SCOTTISH RITE RECRUITMENT

Carlos Alvarez, 32°, VMAP Chairman

Greetings Brethren! As we welcome the vibrant colors and cool breezes of autumn, I extend my warmest greetings to our esteemed members. For those brothers who may have been away from our gatherings, I encourage you to reconnect and become an active part of our Scottish Rite activities. Our degree teams are gearing up to commence practice sessions in August, and we wholeheartedly invite you to join in. Contact Honorable Mark Harris; he will gladly guide you in finding the perfect role, whether in the cast or the crew. Participating in the Scottish Rite degrees is a remarkable and honorable endeavor, as it plays an integral part in shaping us into true Scottish Rite Masons. Embracing this opportunity to participate in the degrees will enrich your Masonic journey and contribute significantly to our Valley's prosperity. I implore you to heed the call and make the most of this chance to be involved.

I encourage you to regularly attend our stated meetings, where you can feast upon delicious food, partake in enlightening educational programs, and cherish quality social time. Feel free to extend an dinner invitation to other Master Masons so they can meet us and begin to explore further light. The more, the merrier!

I kindly remind everyone about the privilege of bringing in candidates this year. By doing so, you will contribute to the success of our Valley, ensuring that it continues to shine as a beacon of light in Freemasonry for generations to come. Please don't hesitate to contact the front office if you need any assistance.

Moreover, if you sign three applications within the calendar year, the Valley will cover your next year's dues as a token of appreciation. Additionally, we encourage interested members to consider forming a social club. We are looking to establish a billiard club where we can play together socially, improve our skills, and host Valley tournaments. For more details, feel free to reach out to Brother Lakshaye Aggarawal. Let us foster fellowship and brotherly love!



“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° KCCH-elect, Director of Education

THE DEGREE REVIEW PROGRAM

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

We spent the summer quarter completing the degrees in the Council of Kadosh. At the July meeting, the 27th degree presented a review of symbolic instruction associated with the tradition of symbolic initiation.

With the change of the season comes a new focus in the program. The new allegory is the chivalric tradition of feudal Europe. In August, we cover the 28th degree, Knight Commander of the Temple. This degree provides instruction in the knightly virtues. Set in the middle ages, a young squire named Constans performs his chapel vigil, the last step prior to his 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 insights into one of the noblest conceptions of the human spirit.

We will review the 29th degree, the Knight of Saint Andrew, in September. The second of the chivalric degrees, this degree is organized around the Knight Templar tradition and its secret revival. We follow Knight Constans as he performs his banner vigil at the Scottish encampment of the newly formed Knights of Saint Andrew. This degree builds on the courtly virtues introduced in the 28th degree with a renewed focus on heroism. Each degree emphasizes virtues associated with the highest realizations of the human character or spirit. We view the tragic dimension of unrecognized virtue in the 28th and the rewards of recognition in the 29th. However, underlying both degrees is a more important esoteric message regarding the role of judgment.

In November, we will review the 30th degree, Knight Kadosh. The 30th degree is the aggregate of the two esoteric traditions that have been the overarching themes of the Council of Kadosh: the ancient mysteries and spiritual chivalry. Both are associated with a philosophical system that emphasizes the importance of personal integrity and character building. We have moved from the lodge's focus on the nature of Deity, the chapter's consideration of our spiritual relationship with Him, to the Council's inspired conception of our societal roles. The formal instructions of the 30th degree will prepare us for the final step to understanding the Royal Secret.

THE CAPSTONE GUILD

The Capstone Guild will hold its fifth quarterly meeting on October 2nd to discuss the 18th degree, the Knight of Rose Croix—the final degree in the Chapter of Rose Croix. From it, the Mason will gain invaluable symbolic instruction in the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity, which are linked with the trinity of wisdom, strength, and beauty. During the meeting, we will be taking a closer look at the sym-

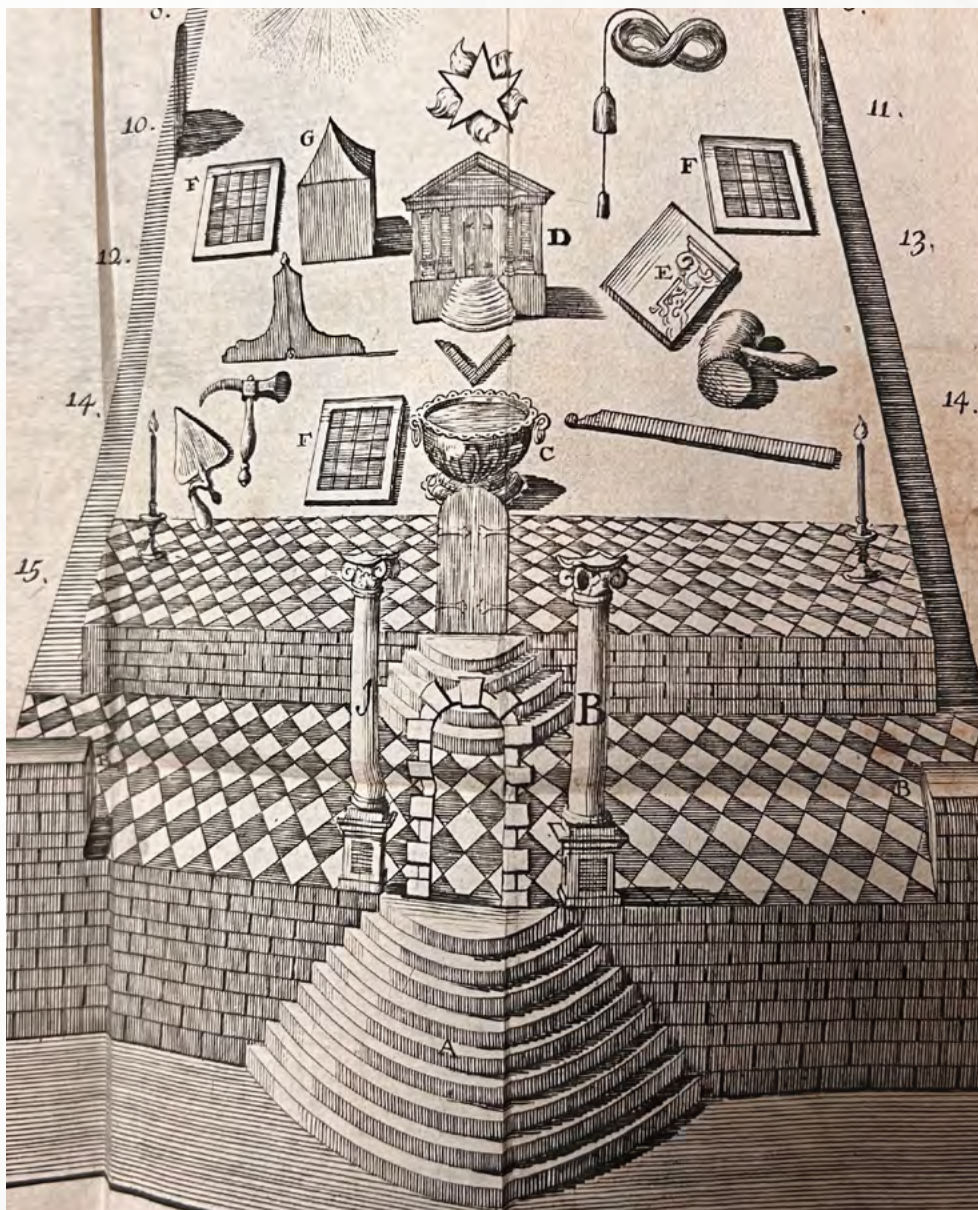
bolism of the coronet, the cross, the rose, and the pelican. The Guild will also select the winter quarter study topic at the October meeting, a degree from the Council of Kadosh.

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, Albert Pike's *Magnum Opus*, and the Reunion Degree Script used by the Oakland degree teams.

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.

Salve Frater!



Les Maçons Écrasés, suite du livre intitulé l'Ordre des Franc-Maçons trahi, traduit du Latin, 1744.



OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

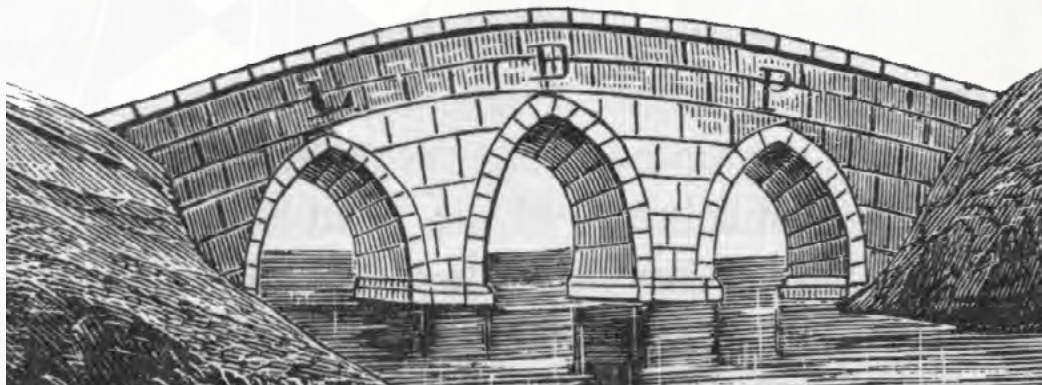
An Innovative Approach to Fraternal Culture and Preservation
Adam Kendall, 33°-elect, Executive Director

SUPPORTING A LEGACY

I am deeply honored to see so much fraternal support for the historical events we've been hosting the past few months. From last September's Scottish Rite Research Society symposium to the most recent event celebrating the tercentenary of Anderson's Constitutions, these affairs not only bring us together, but they assist us in understanding how Freemasonry's appeal and influence matters in a wider study of history. Moreover, they exemplify our Valley's strong (and rare) connection to the fraternity's makers and interpreters of history; it is a powerful and industrious group that seeks the silent shade of wisdom, yet extends its benevolent influence beyond its walls. Is it any wonder that our beautiful temple—one of the most luxurious and admired on the west coast—still stands as testimony of what we were *and* what we will be?

As I stated in the last bulletin, and echoed at each stated meeting, the Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation was designed to help us realize our historical and future potential. As its executive director, I want to strongly encourage you to consider our future brethren and take your place as a benefactor when devising your annual or long-term giving plan. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at akendall@scottish-rite.org. Please also visit <https://osrhistoricalfoundation.org/donate/> where you can become an annual or monthly donor. Please also enjoy the frequent posts on the site about our treasures, as well as our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/OSRHF>.

Brethren, our future is squarely in our hands. As Scottish Rite Masons, will you heed the charge?



From the Harry G. Yetter Masonic Research Library & Museum

Highlighting the Historical Treasures of the Oakland Scottish Rite Temple

Adam Kendall, 33°-elect, Executive Director, Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation

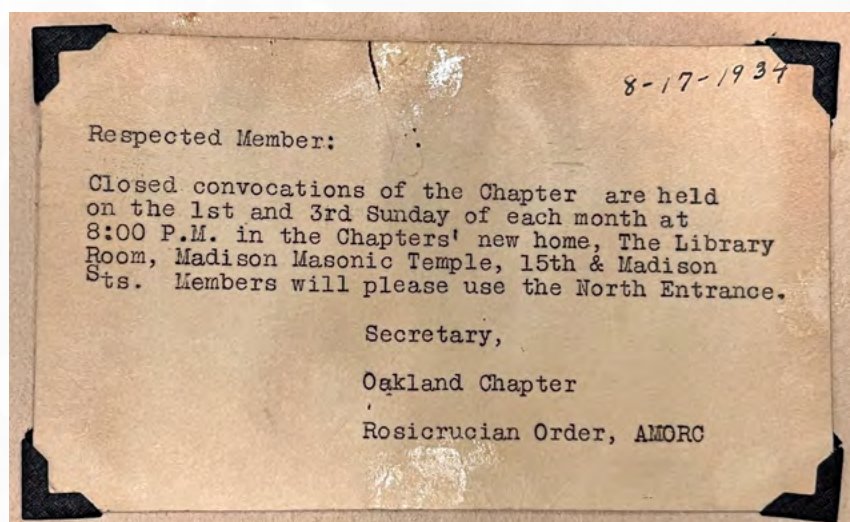
A HISTORY WITHIN A HISTORY

After several months since their discovery, we were able to recover three boxes that were stored in the basement of the Valley of Oakland's old temple on Madison Street. After the valley vacated the premises, it was still in Masonic hands (this is from information I've been able to glean from oral histories). Tucked in these records is a fascinating scrapbook dated 1928 until the late 1940s (with photographs) and other written materials belonging to Oakland Lodge, chartered by the influential Ancient and Mystical Order Rosæ Crucis (AMORC), a non-denominational philosophical and mystical fraternal order which owns Rosicrucian Park and the Egyptian Museum in San Jose, California.

First convening as a chapter in the Pacific Building in downtown Oakland, they met at an array of Oakland locations, including the Pythian Castle, the Women's Club, the Baha'i Rooms, and even in their own homes (the latter was sternly rebuked in a letter by their grand lodge, which was also included in the collection).

In 1934, they began meeting at the Madison St. Scottish Rite Temple. In 1934, they began meeting at the Madison St. Scottish Rite Temple. How long they met at this location is unclear, but the documents' cold storage indicates that it was, perhaps, for several years as the group grew from chapter to lodge. The records' presence *might* also suggest that some of our Scottish Rite members belonged, and the documents were stored in the temple for safekeeping. During the early 20th century, there were several Oakland Scottish Rite members who belonged to AMORC and other mystical / philosophical fraternities, such as the Theosophical Society and the Vedanta Society.

Such crossovers are fascinating for our own fraternity, as it reveals the depth and breadth of our members' interests, including the vast wisdom imparted in the curriculum of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; it's a fascinating social network of soul-searching. These documents also feature now-closed or renovated meeting halls that once held an important place in civic life, which patronized and supported a vibrant community of philosophical and social fraternities.





Oakland Lodge, AMORC, ca. 1942

SECRETS OF A FORGOTTEN WORLD

Did a race of supermen build the Great Pyramid? Are the tales of the sunken continents of Atlantis and Lemuria legend or scientific fact? Do you know about the strange culture and wisdom which these peoples of the lost races left behind them? The secrets of the ancient mystery schools live on. Learn the truth about the hidden power of mind and the strange forces of life and soul. These are but some of the fascinating subjects of this lecture.

FREE LECTURE *With Talking Motion Pictures*

All are welcome—Come and bring a friend to hear Mr. William Norris, F. R. C., Rosicrucian lecturer, make this forceful address. Also SEE and HEAR the motion picture, "Lemuria, the Lost Continent."

Tomorrow Night 8 o'clock City Club Theatre 1428 Alice Sunday Jan. 30

The ROSICRUCIANS (AMORC)
NOT A RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE

The lodge, and its organization, AMORC, held events throughout the SF Bay Area, notably the City Club Theatre (a few blocks away from our temple), and the Scottish Rite Temple on Sutter and Van Ness (now the Regency Theater)

You Are Cordially Invited to Attend the
ROSICRUCIAN PUBLIC ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 8:00 O'CLOCK
OPEN TO ALL * * * FREE OF CREEDS
A Weekly Period for Self-Unfoldment

April 25: "Ancient Secrets for the Mastery of Life" with sound film, "Along Civilization's Trail."
May 2: "Does the Soul Return?"
May 9: "Secrets of a Forgotten World" with sound film, "Lemuria."
May 16: "Miracles of Self-Healing."
May 23: "Attaining Cosmic Consciousness."

By GILBERT N. HOLLOWAY, F. R. C., M. A.

Questions and Answers: Interesting questions concerning Life and the day's problems answered at each assembly.

DOORS OPEN AT 7:15 - COME EARLY - ENJOY MUSIC
No Admission Fees - No Collection - All Welcome

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1270 SUTTER STREET
(Sponsored by the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC:
a non-sectarian Philosophical Fraternity)

VALLEY EVENTS

COME FOR THE FEAST, STAY FOR THE FELLOWSHIP!

For our May stated meeting, brethren and guests celebrated Cinco de Mayo complete with a mariachi band! In July, we adorned ourselves with leis and feasted on delicious Hawaiian-style Kaluha pork! In July, it was Western Night with barbequed ribs. The jury has spoken: if you haven't been to a stated meeting dinner in a while, you are really missing out! Won't you come join us next month for fun and fellowship?



Celebrating at our Cinco de Mayo Fiesta!

CELEBRATING 300 YEARS OF ANDERSON'S CONSTITUTIONS

On July 3, our Valley of Oakland, along with the Valley of Burlingame, hosted a symposium celebrating the tercentenary of Rev. James Anderson's *Constitutions of the Free-Masons*, first compiled in 1723. Featured speakers were two distinguished members of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076: Dr. Ric Berman, a past Master the lodge, and our own Hon. Adam Kendall, 33°-elect. Quatuor Coronati Lodge is the premier research lodge in the world and its annual journal, *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*, has been in continuous publication since 1886! For more information, visit www.quatuorcoronati.com.

Following the presentations, guests convened in the Members' Lounge for refreshments, discussion, and a book signing by Worshipful Brother Berman.

Fun fact: California has enjoyed only one other full member of Quatuor Coronati Lodge: the late San Francisco-based author, Alex Horne (*King Solomon's Temple in Masonic Tradition*, and others).

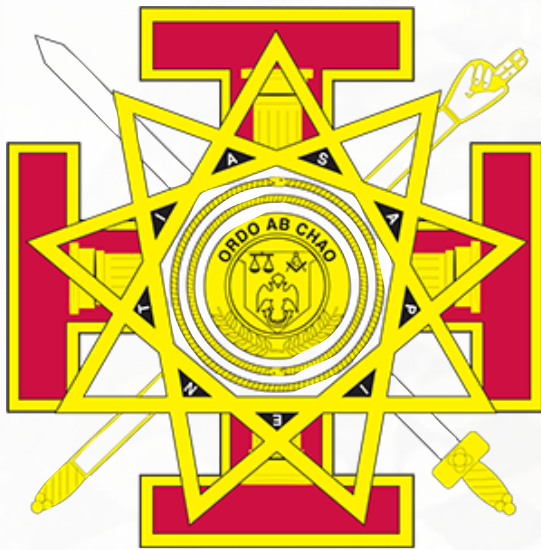


Clockwise from Left: Dr. Ric Berman and Adam Kendall present; our dedicated Knights of St. Andrew register attendees.

2023 SCOTTISH RITE HONOURMEN

Every two years, the Oakland Valley elects a select limited number of brethren to receive the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite's highest honors. These distinguished brethren are selected for their dedication to the Craft and their communities. Congratulations to the following brothers for their prestigious and well-deserved attainment!

The 2023 Orient of California Honours will be held in Long Beach on September 9th.



**33^o, INSPECTOR
GENERAL HONORARY**

ADAM KENDALL



**32^o, KNIGHT COMMANDER
COURT OF HONOUR**

*DINESH CHHABRA
V. THOMAS LANGFORD*

WHAT WE DO FOR OURSELVES DIES WITH US. WHAT WE DO FOR
OTHERS AND THE WORLD REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL.

☛ ALBERT PIKE ☛

IN MEMORIAM



ROBERT N. CAIN, 32°

OCTOBER 21, 1926 – JANUARY 23, 2023

PAUL W. WARD, 32°

SEPTEMBER 16, 1923 – FEBRUARY 19, 2023

WALTER R. GRAHAM, 32°

JULY 5, 1935 – APRIL 28, 2023

LEONARD WILLIAMS, 32°

NOVEMBER 17, 1970 – APRIL 29, 2023

RICHARD D. MCKENNA, 33°

MARCH 19, 1940 – MAY 23, 2023

LOYAL L. STARK, 33°

MAY 24, 1935 – MAY 25, 2023

EDWARD P. MARGHERIO, 33°

SEPTEMBER 7, 1926 – JUNE 14, 2023

CALVIN W. GITSHAM, 33°

FEBRUARY 16, 1937 – 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

AUGUST

- August 7 Stated Meeting: 3rd floor. 6:00 pm Shrine Night Dinner (Roasted Chicken). Wear your AAONMS fez!; Meeting, 7:00 pm (Summer Attire). Valley Education, 8:00 pm and Social, 8:00–10:00 pm.
- August 11 KSA Meeting, 7:00 pm. *Knights only.*
- August 14 Degree Team Practice. *In-Person*, 6:00–9:00 pm
- Aug. 20–22 Supreme Council, A. & A. S. R. Biennial Session, Washington, DC
- August 28 Oakland High 12 Luncheon. 3rd floor, 12:00 pm.
- August 28 General Robert F. Travis Chapter, No. 490, National Sojourners. 3rd floor, 1:00 pm
- August 28 Scottish Rite Temple Association Board meeting. *ZOOM*, 6:00 pm
- August 28 Degree Team Practice. *In-Person*, 6:00–9:00 pm

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 4 Labor Day (Building Closed)
- Sept 8 KSA Meeting, 7:00 pm. *Knights only.*
- Sept 11 Stated Meeting: 3rd floor. 6:00 pm Dinner, (Chicken Marsala); Meeting, 7:00pm (Suit and Tie). Degree presentation, 8:00 pm; Social, 8:00–10:00 pm
- Sept. 18 Degree Team Practice. *In-Person*, 6:00–9:00 pm
- Sept 25 Oakland High 12 Luncheon. 3rd floor, 12:00 pm.
- Sept 25 General Robert F. Travis Chapter, No. 490, National Sojourners: 3rd floor, 1:00 pm
- Sept 25 Scottish Rite Temple Board Meeting. Zoom, 6:00 pm
- Sept 30 Feast of Tishri, 4:00 pm Social; 5:00 pm Dinner. This is a joint event with the Scottish Rite Valleys of Santa Rosa and Oakland. RSVPs requested through oakland@scottish-rite.org

OCTOBER

- Oct 2 Stated Meeting: 3rd floor. 6:00 pm Oktoberfest Essen: Semmelknödel mit Rindfleisch und Rahmschwammerl (Dumplings with beef and creamed mushroom sauce) Meeting at 7:00 pm (Suit and tie; Degree presentation, 8:00 pm; Social, 8:00–10:00 pm
- Oct 9 Gethsemane Chapter of Rose Croix convocation, 7:30 pm; 6:30 PM social
- Oct 11 Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation Meeting. Zoom, 6:00 pm
- Oct 13 KSA Meeting and Social: Members' Lounge, 7:00 pm
- Oct 23 Oakland High 12 Luncheon: (Tri-Tip); 3rd floor, 12:00 pm
- Oct 23 General Robert F. Travis Chapter, No. 490, National Sojourners: 3rd floor, 1:00 pm
- Oct 23 Scottish Rite Temple Association Board meeting. *In-Person*, 6:00 pm

If you are aware of any brother who is ill or in distress, please contact our Valley offices directly at oakland@scottish-rite.org or (510) 451-1903

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Phone: (888) 466-3642

For more information visit online:

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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 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
2023 Dues:	\$120
Total:	\$320

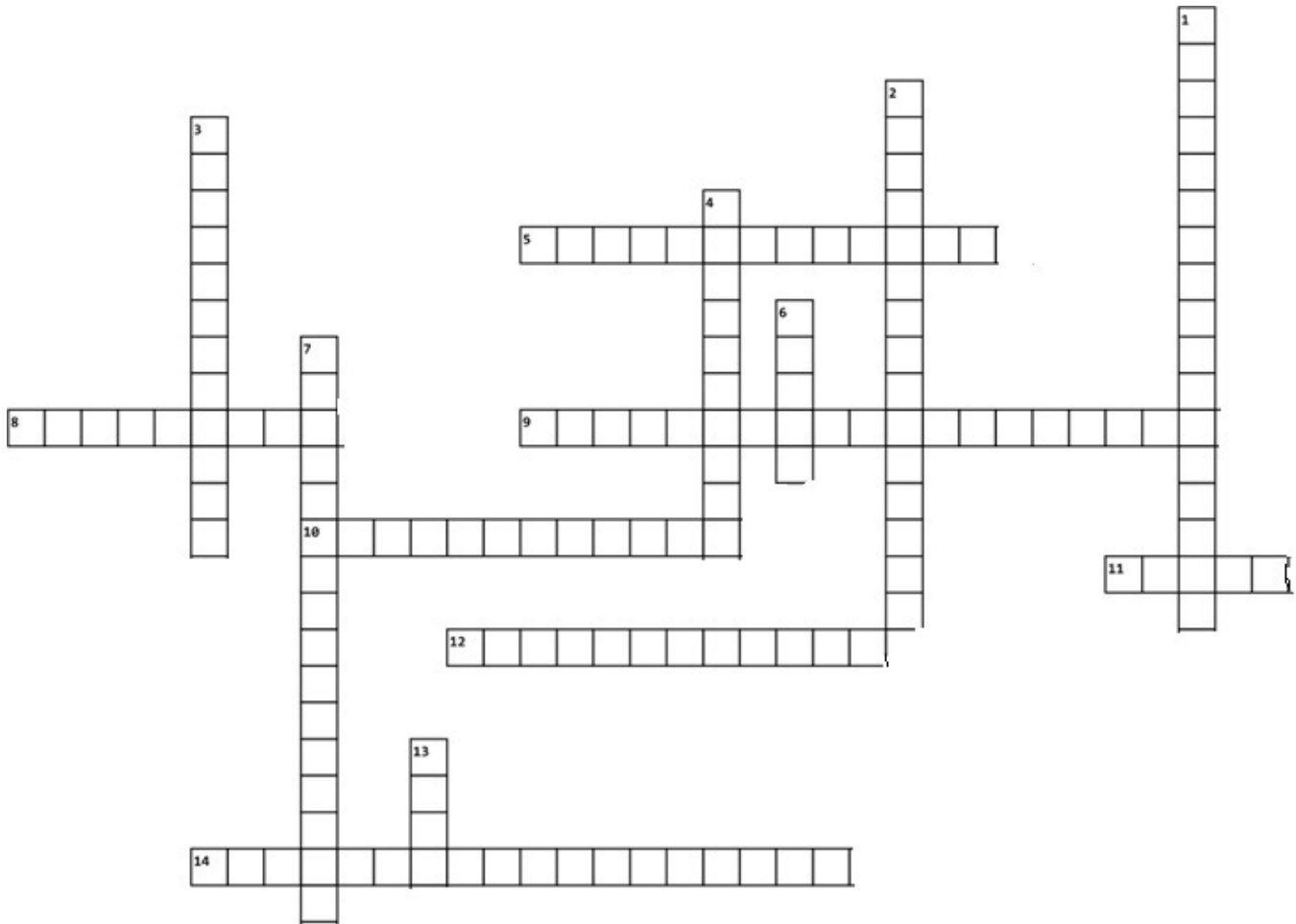
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Please Return Petition with Payment to:

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

OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Hint: the answers are located throughout the building!



Across

Down

- 5. I lived from 1839-1914.
- 8. The SGIG.
- 9. Oakland Scottish Rite - Americanism Committees July 4th 1976 Painting.
- 10. I lived from 1856-1932.
- 11. The original number of columns on the front of the building.
- 12. One of our Librarians.
- 14. The lake is not named after me.

- 1. The P.R.
- 2. The model of our Organ.
- 3. Venerable Master 1927.
- 4. Director of the Work.
- 6. Ibis or Baboon, of magic and the moon. What shall the Feather of Truth reveal about you?
- 7. Lord of the Clans Favorite Degree.
- 13. This Starbucks roast is not named after me.

Valley of Oakland

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