

SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY OF OAKLAND

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FALL

2022

A MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER OF KADOSH

Guy Haas, 32°, Master of Kadosh, Oakland Consistory

My Dear Brothers, I hope that the lazy days of summer have been filled with leisurely activities with family and friends. The year has sped by, and I am amazed that we are approaching autumn. Soon our thoughts will turn to cooler weather, yellowing leaves, and the commencement of the festive season.

The first of these celebrations is a series of harvest festivals whereby communities and families unite to celebrate nature's bounty. This abundance, which is needed to sustain our societies throughout the long nights of winter and not just the holiday season, is represented by the horn of plenty, or *cornucopia*, overflowing with fruits, nuts, and grains.

However, the harvest represents more than a plethora of food; it illustrates the collective labor required to produce it. Abundance is the reward for all, reminding us that work, whether individual or group, should never be for selfish benefit. It is meant to be shared.

Our harvest celebrations underscore cultural responses to labor. Secular and sacred traditions are constructed around it, and sciences (such as geometry and astronomy) and art unite with it. Thus, our seasonal festivals reveal traditions that highlight the relationship between people and their environment, and an elevated sense of existence and belonging that is far beyond day-to-day survival.

It has been said that *laborare est orare* (to work is to pray). This phrase suggests that work helps us commune with a higher quality of ourselves. Furthermore, understanding why we labor and to take pride in what we do helps us to encourage remarkable results in others. In the 23rd degree, Chief of the Tabernacle, one of the lessons is that while God sanctions the acquisition of knowledge, one must also be generous with it so that all beings may prosper. Therefore, future generations' potential will be increased by sharing our bounty, laboring with purpose, honing skills, and imparting knowledge.

Our Masonic traditions encourage a similar mindset: to gather together those who "can best work and best agree" so that their undertaking will reflect that wisdom, strength, and beauty necessary to honor the past, satisfy the present, and benefit the future.

As you will read in the following article by our Personal Representative, the Feast of Tishri reminds us of these precepts. It, too, is a harvest festival held in conjunction with Freemasonry's central legend: the building of Solomon's Temple. It is a celebration of communal labor and the preservation of tradition.

Come join us for the Feast on October 10th!

A MESSAGE FROM THE VENERABLE MASTER

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



Greetings Brethren!

I hope everyone is having a joyous and safe summer. I find it very hard to believe that 2022 is half over! As I write this article for the August–October bulletin, I can’t help

but feel a certain sadness that my year of serving you as Venerable Master is half over. But we still have many fun events remaining!

First, we will enjoy a great Chinese dinner before the August meeting. We will enjoy hosting our brethren and nobles in September as we celebrate “Shrine Night at the Rite.” Please remember that since the Labor Day holiday is on Monday, September 5th, our Stated meeting will be scheduled for September 12th. Lastly, on October 10th, we will celebrate the Feast of Tishri, one of our obligatory observances.

Continuing with my series on Masonic Founding Fathers, another lesser-known Brother was John Sullivan. His biography is excerpted from Ronald Heaton’s *Masonic Membership of the Founding Fathers*.¹ Sullivan was born on February 17th, 1740, in Somersworth, New Hampshire. Brother Sullivan studied law, was admitted to the bar, and began his practice in 1760, at just twenty years of age. He subsequently earned his Doctor of Laws degree (LL.D.) from Harvard College in 1780. In the fight for independence, he was twice

elected to the Continental Congress in 1774-1775 and 1780-1781. He was one of the signers of the Articles of Association and was commissioned a Brigadier General in the Continental Army in June 1775 and Major General in August 1776. However, in 1779 he had to resign due to ill health. He was the Attorney General of New Hampshire from 1782–1786 and was the first “President” or Governor of that state from 1786–1789.

In 1789, Brother George Washington appointed him Judge of the United States District Court of New Hampshire, in which office he served until his death. Brother Sullivan was a member of St. John’s Lodge Number 1 of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He received both the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees on March 18th, 1767, and was made a Master Mason on December 28th, 1768. On July 8th, 1789, he was elected as the first Grand Master of Masons in New Hampshire, presiding as Grand Master-elect on July 16th, 1789, and was installed in that office on April 8th, 1790. His installation as Grand Master was delayed as he had never served as Master of a Lodge. He was elected Master of St. John’s Lodge No. 1 on December 3rd, 1789, thus qualifying him for the office of Grand Master. Once again, ill health forced him to resign on October 10th, 1790, after only five months in office. Most Worshipful Sullivan died on January 23rd, 1795, in Durham, New Hampshire, and was buried in the Sullivan family cemetery in that same town.

Have a great summer, stay safe, and we’ll see you in Lodge!

¹ Ronald E. Heaton, *Masonic Membership of the Founding Fathers* (Washington, DC: Masonic Service Association, 1961).

FROM THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE



Dear Brethren and Friends,
During the month of August we are hosting a delicious Chinese dinner planned by Brother Lambert Yim in recognition of the Chinese mid-Autumn Moon Festival. Please join us for this delightful meal on Monday, August 1st, at 6:00 pm. The August Valley Stated Meeting will follow at 7:00 pm, with the Capstone Guild meeting at 8:15 pm, thus completing the evening for our brethren.

On Friday, the 12th of August, our Knights of St. Andrew will host their monthly 2nd Friday meeting and Social Night. Stop by the Temple at 7:00 pm in the Members' Lounge and enjoy the snacks and libations provided by our hosts.

We've also begun hosting the Robert F. Travis Chapter No. 490 of the Masonic National Sojourners on the fourth Monday of each month at approximately 1:00 pm. Travis Chapter joins our Oakland High Twelve Chapter No. 2 for a delicious lunch and informative lecture at 12:00 pm and then holds their meeting for Masonic veterans and patriots at 1:00 pm. Many members of our Oakland Valley, including myself, patronize this chapter of the National Sojourners, and I'd recommend joining us for lunch on the fourth Monday. If you're a veteran, please consider joining us at 1:00 pm.

In September, we have the honor of hosting all Shrine Members for our Shrine Night on Monday, September 12th. Because Labor Day lands on the 1st Monday of September, we'll host our Stated Meeting and Shrine Night dinner on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Lastly, for our big events this quarter, don't miss the Feast of Tishri to be held on Monday, October 10th, at 6:00 pm. Regarding the Feast, the *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide* (Third Edition) explained:

The origins and significances of the Feast of Tishri make it the most Scottish Rite of festivals. Although originally celebrated as a harvest and gathering festival, no other occasion epitomizes the character and purpose of the Rite more wholly than our historic celebration, held in conjunction with the dedication of King Solomon's Temple (2 Chronicles 7:8-10). To marshal the meanings of the feast is to summarize the principal ideals and traditions of our Fraternity.

First of all, we observe the Feast of Tishri because it is an age-old custom which now has the power of law. Under the Statutes of the Supreme Council, the feast is considered an obligatory observance, a sharing of our fraternal spirit.

Secondly, the rich legendry of the Temple's dedication, held in connection with the Feast of Tishri, is an essential part of the Fourteenth degree. The symbolic details of the Temple's position, design, construction, furnishing, and decoration carry special meaning as they apply to the metaphorical temple of Freemasonry built in the heart of every Brother. Through the symbols of the Temple, we learn to recommit ourselves to building Freemasonry "in the hearts of men" and among nations.

Significantly, Solomon, a king of peace and wisdom, built the Temple. The Lord [...] delivered this responsibility and glory to Solomon, whose very name derives from the Hebrew word shalom, meaning peace. Thus in observing the Feast of Tishri, we reaffirm our dedication to human concord and the brotherhood of all men in a world of peace. As individuals and a Brothers in the Rite, we resolve to build, as Solomon did, through harmony and cooperation, ever seeking peace for all mankind.

The consecration of the Temple must be observed at the Feast of Tishri because it teaches the equality and unity of all members of the Rite. The people of Israel, unified under Solomon, were equal in their devotion to the Lord and equal in their sovereignty to all other nations. In the Feast of Tishri, all Perfect Elus and those of higher Degrees can join at the banquet table and share the bond of fraternal unity.

Yet another reason to keep the Feast of Tishri is that such observance fosters the spirit of fellowship [...]. Within the context of the Feast of Tishri, we realize more deeply than ever before the value of our fellowmen, without which the individual is lost in a self-imposed prison of human isolation.

Finally, the law, legend, peace, equality, unity and fellowship of the Feast of Tishri combine to make this the Masonic feast of feasts. At the reflection table, all men – Jew, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, and others – join in a common voice of thanksgiving where every man can share his gratitude and express his sincere thanks to Him who made all things. The Deity has given us life, the strength to live it fully, and the joy of sharing the beauty and goodness of His creation with our fellowmen. Most of all, He has given us freedom. The Feast of Tishri celebrates this freedom which the Israelites won with the guidance of Providence, despite the shackles of Egypt and the armies of the Philistines.

This ancient victory celebrated in the dedication of King Solomon's Temple is kept forever fresh through our keeping of the Feast of Tishri. It promises to all men that the burdens of tyranny are temporary, that the darkness will yield to light, that knowledge will conquer ignorance, and that the Creator intended all men to be free. The message of Tishri comes to us strongly and clearly from across the ages because it has been so preserved in the symbolism and allegory of the Scottish Rite. Through our observance of this great feast of thanksgiving, we, as heirs of Solomon, perpetuate his magnificent Temple of freedom in our lives, our communities, our country and, most of all, in our beloved Rite.¹

It was once mandatory for all Scottish Rite Masons to attend the Valley's Feast of Tishri each year to commemorate this august occasion. I therefore strongly encourage each of our brethren to mark their calendars and endeavor to join us for this fantastic traditional feast on October 10th.

Throughout the coming months, I wish our brethren and their families a safe and healthy summer. It is my hope we may look forward to all convening in the Fall and celebrating the conclusion of our first post-quarantine summer. Then, we will enjoy the degrees of our Scottish Rite fraternity as we induct our newest fratres as Masters of the Royal Secret.

Until then, enjoy the clear skies and stay well!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Jonathan H. Prestage, 33°
Personal Representative

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Christopher R. Boggess, 32° KCCH, General Secretary

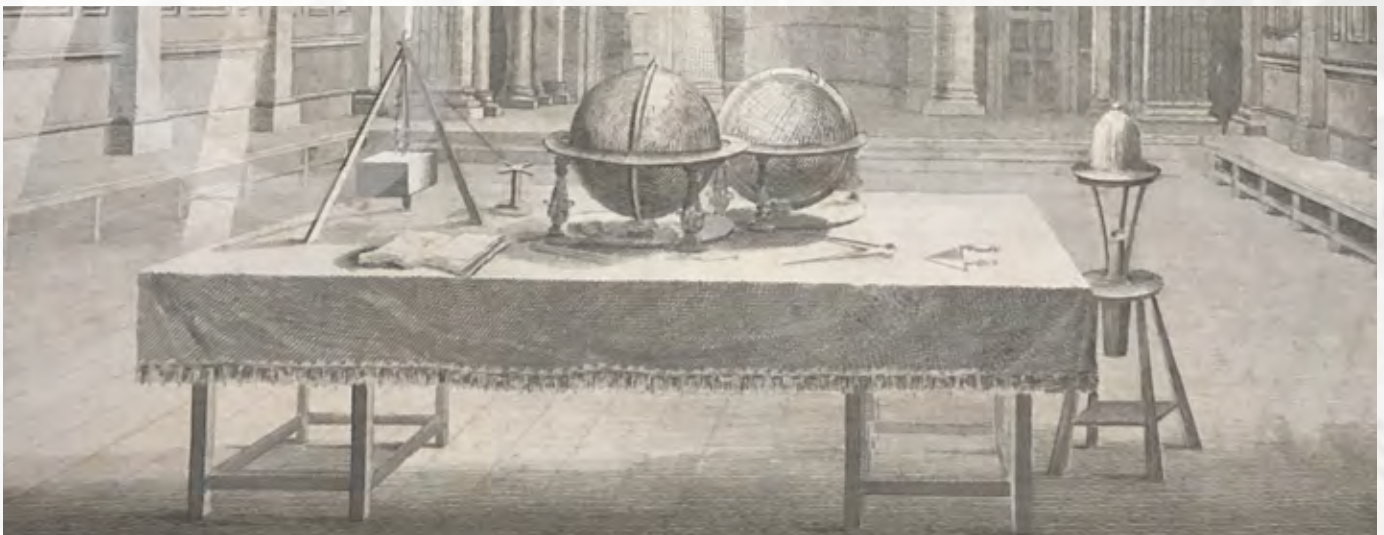


My brothers! It is hard to believe that 2022 is already half over. Summer has always been the part of the year when families take vacations, travel, and visit with family and friends. I look forward to our Valley's stated meetings as those times when I can welcome those family and friends to the Temple for fellowship and fun. These past few months, a few other brothers and I were reminiscing about times past. We recalled how we would sit in the ballroom, and there would be a hundred people or more attending dinner before the brethren retired to the Lodge room. We had dinners and functions with over three hundred people in attendance! Wine flowed, whiskey flowed, and fun was found a-plenty!

As these talks took place, I asked: "Where have all of my brothers gone?" Sadly, I know many who have traveled to the clearing at the end of the path. Some have moved away, some work long hours, and some have filled that "shelter in place" time with something else. There have been many changes over the years, and Covid changed the demographics of our attendees. However, a year from now, we should not be using Covid as a crutch to stop us from attending and enjoying the fellowship, education, and breaking of bread we receive at the Temple. Yes, some things have changed, but they are now easily accommodated and planned for. Our new members are eager to learn what we offer, and our current members should be just as keen to share it!

Combined, the degrees, the Master Craftsman program, and our library have enough knowledge for the novice to the most scholarly to delve into. I invite you all to come to the Temple. Bring a Mason friend from Lodge who might be interested in learning about the virtues of the Scottish Rite. They are welcome to KSA socials, High-12, our dinners, or even just stopping by for a tour (for the last one, though, I recommend calling us first since we also operate as an event center). Much like our individual personal religions, your time in Scottish Rite should be an experience filled with an ever-increasing thirst for knowledge and understanding as we transition from the Earthly to the Spiritual.

With that, I will leave you with these two poems from William Blake (continued on next page).



TO SUMMER.

O THOU who passest through our valleys in
Thy strength, curb thy fierce steeds, allay
the heat
That flames from their large nostrils ! Thou,
O Summer,
Oft pitchedst here thy golden tent, and oft
Beneath our oaks hast slept, while we beheld
With joy thy ruddy limbs and flourishing hair.

Beneath our thickest shades we oft have heard
Thy voice, when Noon upon his fervid car
Rode o'er the deep of heaven. Beside our
springs
Sit down, and in our mossy valleys, on
Some bank beside a river clear, throw thy
Silk draperies off, and rush into the stream !
Our valleys love the Summer in his pride.

Our bards are famed who strike the silver wire:
Our youth are bolder than the southern swains:
Our maidens fairer in the sprightly dance :
We lack not songs, nor instruments of joy,
Nor echoes sweet, nor waters clear as heaven,
Nor laurel wreaths against the sultry heat.



The Divine Image.

To Mercy Pity Peace and Love,
All pray in their distresse:
And to these virtues of delight
Return their thankfulness.

For Mercy Pity Peace and Love,
Is God our father dear;
And Mercy Pity Peace and Love,
Is Man his child and care.

For Mercy has a human heart
Pity, a human face;
And Love, the human form divine,
And Peace, the human dress.

Then every man of every clime,
That prays in his distresse,
Prays to the human form divine,
Love Mercy Pity Peace.

And all must love the human form,
In heathen, turk or jew,
Where Mercy Love & Pity dwell
There God is dwelling too.



VMAP & SCOTTISH RITE RECRUITMENT

Carlos Alvarez, 32°, VMAP Chairman

Greetings Brethren!

This month I want to discuss the importance of membership growth. It is the heart and soul of Freemasonry, through which the fraternity traditions are perpetuated. However, as with any other organism affected by its immediate environment, the growth of the Scottish Rite is limited by the amount of Master Masons within its territory. Formerly, our membership numbers were bolstered by the brief last spurt of joiners following the Second World War and the Atomic Age. There is currently no social phenomenon or hidden hand that will miraculously deliver the Craft from attrition.

Membership is vital for the existence of Freemasonry. The fundamental stage for membership recruitment strongly correlates with our membership's involvement with their blue lodges. Of course, the best recruitment method is to live a life reflecting the fraternity's virtues, to be present for a Master Mason who seeks further light and be able to mentor and accompany a Master Mason to the doors of our Scottish Rite Temple.

For additional inspiration, consider which approach led you to become an active member of the Oakland Scottish Rite. Below I have included some statistics from our own Valley rosters that will better illustrate why membership is so important. Freemasonry has so much to offer than just "belonging" to a club, so please consider it your fiduciary responsibility to stay active in your local Blue Lodges and to really examine the Scottish Rite as a powerful system of learning and brotherhood. Doing so will help reflect our Masonic foundations and facilitate a pathway for those Master Masons who may be attracted to our light.

Valley of Oakland Membership Statistics

59% is 70 years of age or older.

17% are 60–69 years

12% 50–59 years

9% 40–49 years

3% 20–39 years



THE OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

An Innovative Approach to Fraternal Culture and Preservation

Adam Kendall, 32° KCCH, Executive Director

Wonderful news my brothers! The Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation (OSRHF) has submitted its paperwork to the IRS and we await their determination. This may take a few weeks or a few months, but our long-awaited goal of forming a 501c-3 foundation is becoming a reality. Soon we will be able to begin some very exciting projects.

In our previous bulletin, we reported on the Foundation's new Facebook page and we hope that you've liked or followed it and have enjoyed the posts. Continuing with a digital footprint, OSRHF is on the verge of having a new website! Additionally, we now have a striking and memorable logo. In creating the image, I considered what about the building was the most iconic and settled on the sunburst motif in the auditorium. It translates well as a singular symbol and exemplifies so much of the artistic flourish found throughout the temple. The two hexagons (six sides) intertwined form a dodecagon (twelve sides), representing the twelve months of a year and evocative of the march of time—a perfect allusion to history.



OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION



We have recruited a new volunteer: Bro. Tigran Agadzhanian, 32°. He is very knowledgeable about Masonic material culture and brings his archival exceptional skills to assist me with inventorying and preserving our collection. Bro. Tigran is currently the senior warden of Oakland-Durant-Rockridge Lodge No. 188, and serves on our Temple Association Board. He is also a master's degree candidate, completing a thesis of the history and function of government.



Tigran regards a Scottish Rite document. He will then log in its description, height, and other pertinent information.



Tigran examining the contents of a drawer. The book inventory cart can be seen in the background.

From the Harry G. Yetter 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

During its 139-year history, the Valley of Oakland, A. & A.S.R., has attracted some of the most well-known East Bay personalities. Many of their legacies have extended beyond our local shores into the deep layers of American history (and sometimes into world history).

The Knowland family was a dynasty of Oakland Scottish Rite Masons, one of whom most only know by the name of a wonderful local park: Joseph R Knowland (1873–1966). The son of rags-to-riches lumber and shipping magnate, JR began his career as a manufacturing, milling, and banking executive. After writing for the Oakland Enquirer and the Alameda Argus with a focus on California history and local life, he took on the mantle of owner, editor, and publisher of the now legendary Oakland Tribune.

Running on the local Republican ticket, JR Knowland served as a state assemblyman, a state senator, and finally as a five-term congressman in the 3rd District (1904–13) and the 4th District (1913–15). In his father's footsteps, JR joined a number of fraternal organizations including Freemasonry. His third wife, sharing his love of California history, was a past president of the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Knowland's son, William (1908–1974), was also a member of our Valley. A decorated veteran of the European theater during WWII, he took the reigns as publisher of "The Trib" and followed his father into politics, serving the US Senate as the Minority Leader from 1955–56 and the Majority Leader from 1957–59. He even ran for Governor in 1958, but lost the race to Pat Brown. Carrying on his family tradition, William belonged to a large number of fraternal organizations, with Freemasonry holding a prominent place in his life. Sadly, William died young at the age of 64.



HISTORY IN THE MAKING

On December 23rd, 1941, the Oakland Tribune reported on the conferral of the 33rd Degree for several distinguished gentlemen—one of whom was Earl Warren (1891–1974).

Warren served as Alameda County Deputy District Attorney in 1920; District Attorney in 1925 to 1932; California Attorney General from 1938 to 1943; 30th Governor of California from 1943–1953 (three terms); and Chair of the California Republican Party, 1932–1938. In 1948, Warren was Thomas Dewey's presidential running mate; Appointed Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court by President Eisenhower in 1958, a position he held until 1969.

In 1935–1936 Warren served as Grand Master of Masons in California.

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HIGH MASONIC DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED

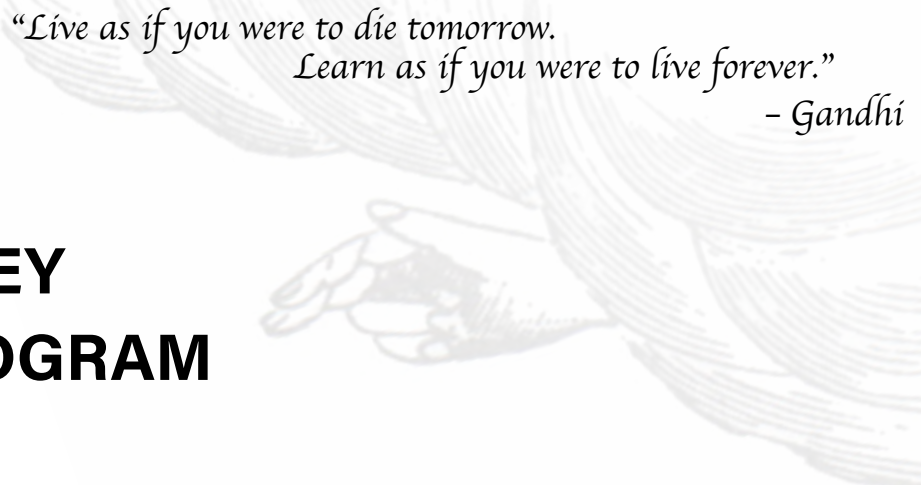


John Henry Cowles, second from right, of Charleston, S.C., sovereign grand commander of Scottish Rite Masons, today will confer the 33rd Degree of Masonry on Charles A. Beardsley (left), Attorney General Earl Warren, and James B. Blum (right).—Tribune photo.

Oakland Tribune
Dec 23, 1941

33RD DEGREE FOR THREE MASONS

Three members of the Oakland Scottish Rite body today will receive the highest honorary degree that can be conferred by the ar-



“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 completed the Chapter of Rose Croix and began work in the Council of Kadosh, which introduces us to the Chivalric degrees. These degrees use the Knighthood tradition of Medieval Europe to teach the essential duties and virtues associated with that tradition.

These degrees 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.

Following last month's 19th degree, we will cover the 20th Degree, Master of the Symbolic Lodge in September. This degree is considered classical because it presents Freemasonry in its primitive purity. The dominant allegory is sacred geometry—the symbols of the symbolic lodge. The purpose of this degree is to understand that we are the singular masters of our destiny.

In October, the program will review the 21st degree, Prussian Knight. Its older name is Noachite Knight. In our blue lodges, we have been taught that ancient Masonry was concerned with redressing wrongs and defending the helpless and those who have been wrong. Indeed, the Craft has historically involved itself with these causes. This

degree delves into that tradition so as to help us to 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. The 22nd has a particular focus on the virtue of work.

The Capstone Guild

The Capstone Guild will hold its second meeting on August 1 to discuss the 16th degree, Prince of Jerusalem.

The Guild convenes quarterly, with the next one following the December stated meeting. The Guild will select the next study topic from the Council of Kadosh at the August meeting. The idea is to choose 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 *should not be duplicated in any way*, and they must be returned to me after the meeting that covers that degree.

I am keeping track of attendance because after

attending a certain number of sessions, a special jewel will be presented to qualifying members.

While the Capstone Guild is a serious attempt to understand a 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 joined the group.

Salve Frater!



Frontispiece to *Allerneueste Geheimnisse der Freymaurer, zweyter und letzter Theil* (1772). Harry Yetter Masonic Research Library

VALLEY EVENTS

At our July Stated Meeting dinner, we celebrated our nation's independence with a sumptuous meal with the help of Ian Kirkpatrick and our own Ydira Venegas. The meal was followed by a presentation by Robert F. Travis Chapter #490, where they built our "Old Glory," by applying to a rectangular field those recognizable red, white and blue stripe, along with the distinctive blue stars, representing the states of our Union and the dates they were admitted. This demonstration is informative because it visually provides a historical timeline for our beloved republic.



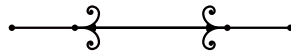


THE SCOTTISH RITE RESEARCH SOCIETY

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2022 Symposium

All Masons and guests are cordially invited to attend the Scottish Rite Research Society Symposium at the Oakland Scottish Rite Temple on September 17, 2022 from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm, followed by a reception and refreshments. Featured presenters include Ill. James Graham, 33°, S.:G.:I.:G.: of Arkansas, Ill. Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, G.:C.:., Ill. Rex Hutchens, 33°, G.:C.:., Hon. Adam Kendall, 32°, K.:C.:C.:H.:., and Bro. Josef Wäges, 32°, with a panel moderated by Bro. Tigran Agadzhanian, 32°



September 17, 2022

2:00 pm–5:00 pm : SRRS Symposium

5:00–7:00 pm: Reception and refreshments

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Casual Attire



RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP Deadline: September 14, 2022

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



AUGUST

- Aug 1 Stated Meeting: 3rd floor. 6:00 pm Dinner “Harvest Festival” (Chinese Feast), Meeting at 7:00 pm. Degree Presentation, 8:10 pm; Social, 8:00–10 pm
- Aug 12 KSA Meeting and Social: Members’ Lounge, 7:00 pm
- Aug 22 High 12 Luncheon: 3rd floor, 12:00 pm
- Aug 22 National Sojourners, 3rd Floor, 1:00 pm
- Aug 22 Scottish Rite Temple Association Board meeting, *ZOOM*, 6:00 pm

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 5 Stated Meeting: 3rd floor. 6:00 pm Dinner “Shrine Night at the Rite” (Tri-tip); Meeting, 7:00pm. Wear your fez and get dinner half-off! Degree Presentation, 8:10 pm; Social, 8:00–10 pm
- Sept 9 KSA Meeting and Social: Members’ Lounge, 7:00 pm
- Sept 17 Scottish Rite Research Society Symposium and Social, 2:00 pm – 7 pm. See advertisement in this bulletin for more information!
- Sept 26 High 12 Luncheon: 3rd floor, 12:00 pm
- Sept 26 National Sojourners: 3rd floor, 1:00 pm
- Sept 26 Scottish Rite Temple Association Board meeting, *ZOOM*, 6:00 pm

OCTOBER

- Oct 3 Stated Meeting: 3rd floor. 6:00 pm Dinner “Halloween!” (Pork Loin) Meeting at 7:00 pm. Degree Presentation, 8:10 pm; Social, 8:00–10 pm
- Oct 10 Feast of Tishri; Dinner at 7:00 pm. This is one of the obligatory celebrations of the Scottish Rite. Come feast with us!
- Oct 14 KSA Meeting and Social: Members’ Lounge, 7:00 pm
- Oct 24 High 12 Luncheon: 3rd floor, 12:00 pm
- Oct 24 National Sojourners: 3rd floor, 1:00 pm
- Oct 24 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
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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)			
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NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD			
BILLING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)			
AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURE			

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ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY,
SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, U. S. A.

Petition for Degrees

(Full) Name: _____
FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME DATE

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Month, Day, and Year of Birth: _____

City, State, Country of Birth: _____

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

E-Mail Address: _____ Wife/Partner's Name: _____

Years as M.M.: ____ Blue Lodge Name _____ No. _____

Lodge City and State: _____

Date and Place Raised: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer Name: _____

Have you ever previously petitioned for any Scottish Rite Degrees? YES NO

Digital or Physically Mailed Bulletin? Ring Size: ____ Hat Size: ____ (example: "7 1/8")

"I, the above named and below signed, confirm a belief in a Supreme Being, the inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, and an undying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, 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

Degree Fee \$205

1st Sponsor PRINTED NAME

Annual Dues \$120

1st Sponsor Signature

Total Due: \$325

2nd Sponsor PRINTED NAME

I hereby authorize the Oakland Scottish Rite to charge \$ _____
to Credit Card # _____ CVC _____

2nd Sponsor Signature

Expiration Date ____ / ____

Signature of authorized card holder

(Return Petition to Valley General Secretary's Office)

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