

# Scottish Rite Valley of Oakland BULLETIN

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE VENERABLE MASTER

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



**G**reetings, Brethren, and a very happy new year to all!

For those who do not know me, I am a product of Oakland through and through. I was born on Pill Hill at the old Samuel Merritt Hospital and grew up in East Oakland. Living in the Park Boulevard District,

I graduated from Oakland High School, the old “Pink Prison” located at MacArthur and Park Boulevards.

I have very deep Masonic roots, going back to my grandfather. In 1973 I was raised a Master Mason in Foothill Lodge No. 564 (now Island City Lodge No. 215), thus making me a third-generation California Master Mason. I served Foothill Lodge as Master in 1978. My Scottish Rite roots also run deep: my grandfather, father, uncle, and cousin are (or were) members of the Valleys of Sacramento and Oakland.

Because of my family’s fraternal ties and growing up around Lake Merritt, I knew a little something about this beautiful building. My first recollection of it was in 1960 when I received the ROTC Distinguished Leadership Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution. Little did I realize, a mere fourteen years later I would become a member of this great fraternal organization. I joined the Oakland Scottish Rite in 1974

and will celebrate my fiftieth anniversary in 2024.

I am a member of the Oakland York Rite Bodies and have received the Knight York Cross of Honor (KYCH). I was Potentate of Aahmes Shriners in 2013. In November 2021, I was installed as the Worthy Patron of Alameda Oak Leaf Chapter 8, Order of the Eastern Star, beginning my seventh term as Worthy Patron. This December, I completed two years as Sovereign Master of Bay Cities Council, Allied Masonic Degrees.

At this, the beginning of my forty-eighth year in the Oakland Scottish Rite, I am very humbled, honored, and privileged to serve you, my brothers, as Venerable Master. I thank you for the confidence you have placed in me!

I have many fun events on my calendar, which includes a Shrine night, a Cinco de Mayo celebration, and a traditional Old Timers’ Night.

Unfortunately due to the current spiking trends with COVID 19 variants, we had to reschedule the celebration of the lunar new year. But, we *will* have that new year dinner at a later date!

I know that together, Brethren, we will make 2022 a memorable year for the Oakland Scottish Rite!

Be safe and stay healthy!



# FROM THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE



Dear Brethren,  
As we enter the beginning of a new year, I am privileged to congratulate the newly installed masters and officers of our Oakland Valley. With the strong leadership at the helm of our respective Scottish Rite symbolic bodies, we are ready to launch into 2022 with renewed vigor. We look ahead to the coming months in anticipation of returning to our annual traditions and breaking bread together in fellowship.

This year we will host several traditional Scottish Rite festive boards, including the Feast of Tishri, Maundy Thursday, the Feast of Kadosh, and the Feast of the Consistory. From March 30th to April 5th, our Illustrious SGIG, Frank Loui, 33°, along with San Francisco Lodge No. 120, has organized a trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to tour the historic sites of our forefathers. We will tour the battleship, USS New Jersey, visit the Amish countryside, and explore the Philadelphia Masonic Temple and its library and museum before sitting down to a banquet in their great hall.

In April, during the stated meeting dinner, our Venerable Master, Hon. Bro. Jerry V. Journeay, 32° KCCH, and Aahmes Shrine have coordinated to fête our members and fellow Shriners. Later this summer, under the direction of our new Director of Work, Ill. John Kirkpatrick, 33°, we are planning new degree teams and a joint reunion with several Northern California Valleys.

At the time of this article's publication, the City of Oakland has instituted the requirement for all patrons entering our temple to show proof of vaccination. I've directed our fraternal events in the Scottish Rite Valley of Oakland to move onto virtual platforms through February. Masks will continue to be required while meeting indoors. These regulations were issued in response to the recent global spike in Omicron variant infections. However, this peak may subside in just a few weeks, and we can hope for a speedy return to our regular meetings in 2022.

After the stated meeting, we look forward to once again hosting in-house our education program with Bro. Thomas Langford, 32°. Last we met, there was a great interest to participate, and many stayed late to share libations and discussions. We will keep the Members' Lounge open after the meetings as we return to in-person gatherings.

Lastly, I wanted to congratulate Hon. Bro. Adam Kendall, 32° KCCH, Executive Director, on the establishment of the Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation as one of California's newest non-profits! The Foundation's development is not yet complete, but this was a significant step towards establishing the future 501(c)3 for the maintenance and preservation of our historic temple.

Happy New Year to each of you and your families!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Jonathan H. Prestage, 33°  
Personal Representative

# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Christopher R. Boggess, 32° KCCH, General Secretary



**G**reetings brethren!  
The new year is upon us, my brothers and fellows. May it be filled with cheer! Even though the impact of 2020 and 2021 are still felt, do not lose hope. Like the night before the sunrise, it too shall pass. We will meet virtually as necessary and meet in person when we are able.

Those face-to-face encounters are what I cherish most. Being able to sit in fellowship with my brothers, to recall stories of past deeds, tell tall tales, toast to our fallen brethren, laugh, and be merry. Meetings are going to be held virtually through February, but I look forward to seeing all of you in person and giving you a hearty “Welcome!”

While we wait for that time, I will quickly give an update on some of the past goings-on at the building. We have nearly one hundred year-old pipes, and during the previous storm some of them leaked. The Board Room, and the offices of the General Secretary and Personal Representative were affected the most, and the staff had to temporarily relocate to other offices in the building for the duration of the repairs.

The sinks in the first-floor bathrooms are in the final stages of completion. All templating has been completed, and fabrication is in process. Gordon Emberton, 33°, is ready to assist in getting the plumbing and sinks installed. Thank you, Illustrious Sir!

In closing, I will leave you with a piece of a poem by Robert Burns titled “A Winter Night.”

Be safe, and be well, my brothers. *Spes Mea In Deo Est.*



I heard na mair, for chanticleer  
Shook off the pouthery snaw,  
And hail'd the morning with a cheer,  
A cottage-rousing craw.

But deep this truth impress'd my mind-  
Through all His works abroad,  
The heart benevolent and kind  
The most resembles God.



# VMAP & SCOTTISH RITE RECRUITMENT

Carlos Alvarez, 32°, VMAP Chairman

I would like to congratulate our newly installed 2022 Oakland Scottish Rite officers. We have an excellent roster of officers this year. I know 2022 will be an incredible year, and we have some significant events coming up this quarter.

Sponsored by the De Molay Council of Kadosh and the Valley of Oakland's Knights of Saint Andrew, the Feast of Kadosh will be held in March. This will be the first festive board of the year, and I hope everyone can attend and make it a memorable event.

In early April, brethren and candidates will be traveling to the Valley of Guthrie in the Orient of Oklahoma. During this three-day degree festival, all twenty-nine degrees will be performed. Please contact the front office for more details.

An advanced study group, the Capstone Guild, has been formed and will meet quarterly, in addition to our educational seminars, which are hosted immediately following our monthly stated meeting. For more details on valley education,

please contact the front office.

Please remember that if you have the ability to bring in JUST ONE candidate this year, our temple will thrive for the benefit of future generations. We have hard copy applications available to mail directly to your blue lodge. We can also email you PDFs. Please do not hesitate to contact the front office for assistance. Membership attrition has not been kind to our fraternity and bringing in *just one* candidate can make a difference.

As a reminder, if any brothers are interested in forming an activity or mutual affinity club, the Oakland Scottish Rite front office is pleased to support your endeavors, including assisting with Zoom hosting. We would love to see membership clubs attract brethren of like-interest and further promote the brotherly love and affection that are the hallmarks of our fraternity.

Please stay safe and take care until we meet again.





# THE OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

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

Good News! We received notice that the Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation's application for non-profit status was approved and we can now begin the application for 501 c-3 status! Stay tuned!

The inventory of books and artifacts continues and tours of the building will soon be planned. If any brother wishes to volunteer their time for giving historical tours of our uniquely beautiful temple, or assisting with the immensely important inventory, please contact me at [akendall@scottish-rite.org](mailto:akendall@scottish-rite.org) or (510) 451-1903 x300.

Thanks to a generous gift from the Henry W. Coil Library and Museum at Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of California, the Harry G. Yetter Research Library now has extra shelving to accomodate future collections, as well as two new acrylic display cases (see below and on page 6)!





# From the Harry G. Yetter Research Library & Museum

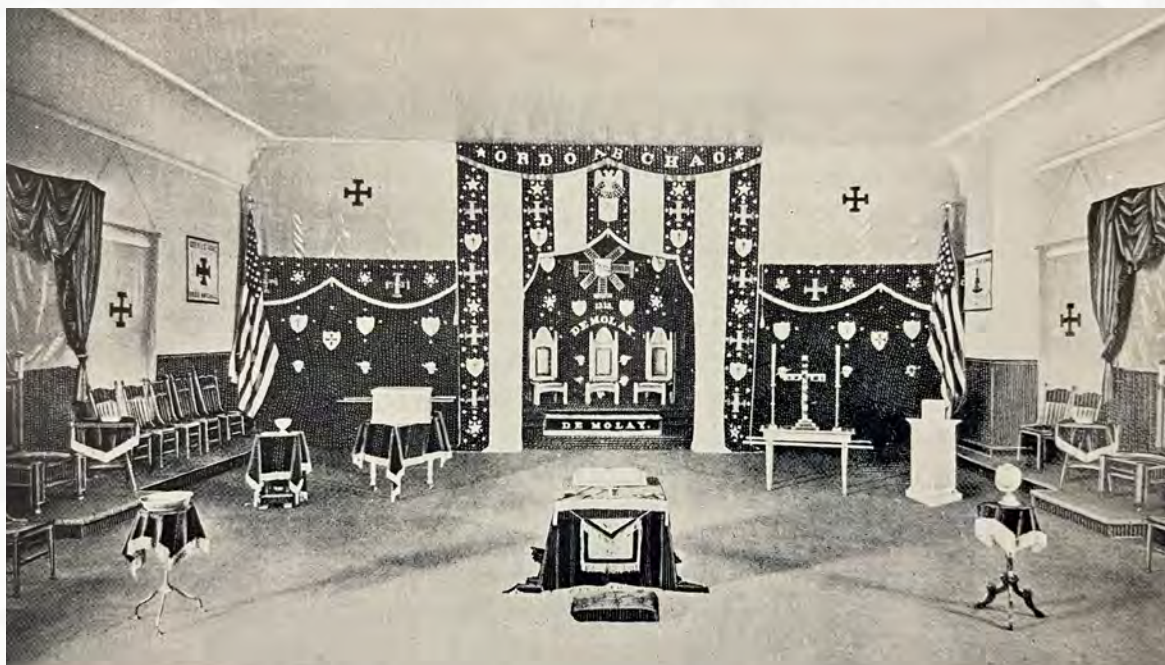
Highlighting the Historical Treasures of the Oakland Scottish Rite Temple

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

## A Heritage of Wonder and Mystery

We are all familiar with the glorious array of architectural flourishes within our beloved Oakland Scottish Rite Temple. But these are not random embellishments, nor are they slavish displays of wealth. Although Masons could easily confer degrees in more austere environments, the history of Freemasonry (along with economic and social factors unique to a particular era) underscores a potent heritage of ritual spaces that deliberately evoke the classical, ancient, ages... the birthplaces of humanity's inspiration. With deliberate design, these rooms are meant to produce awe, and inspire the brethren to exist, even for an hour or two, in a liminal space where where the romantic, idealized, past eclipses the mundane present.

These spaces are memorials to the wisdom, strength, and beauty that assisted humankind with constructing wonderous works of state and religious art. Whether or not Freemasonry actually had any historical influence on these endeavors is immaterial; the Craft employs these mythological and historical periods in order to teach, learn, and socialize. Few secular organizations possess these qualities, and, as such, our temples and halls represent a valid and unique contribution to the development of civic space and the cultivation of the social and intellectual graces. We are stewards of this honorable heritage—especially here in Oakland, where we have enjoyed three official Scottish Rite temples!

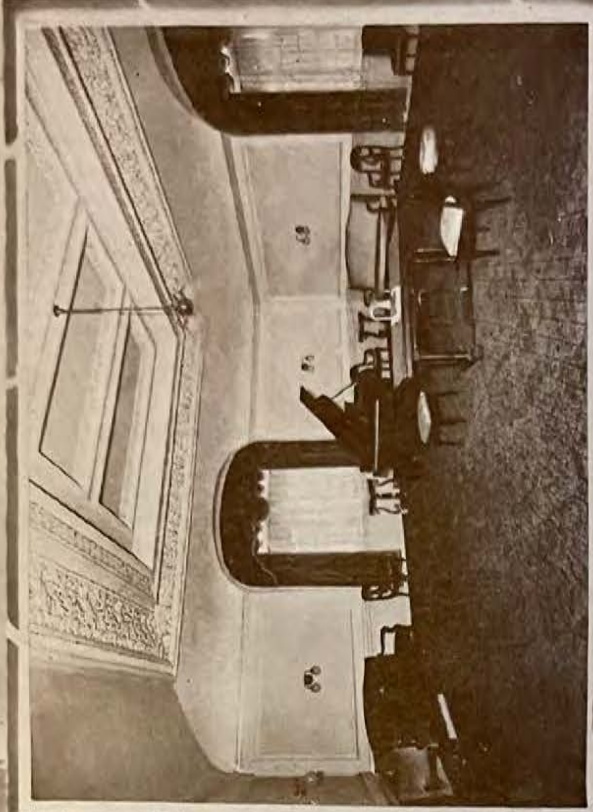


De Molay Hall, Oakland Scottish Rite Cathedral (1896), 305 Fourteenth Street

Pages 8 – 9: the interior of the Madison Stret Temple (1909), which was the third meeting place of the Oakland Scottish Rite, and its second temple. The photographs reveal a variety of rooms dedicated to ceremony, social activities, and intellectual pursuits.



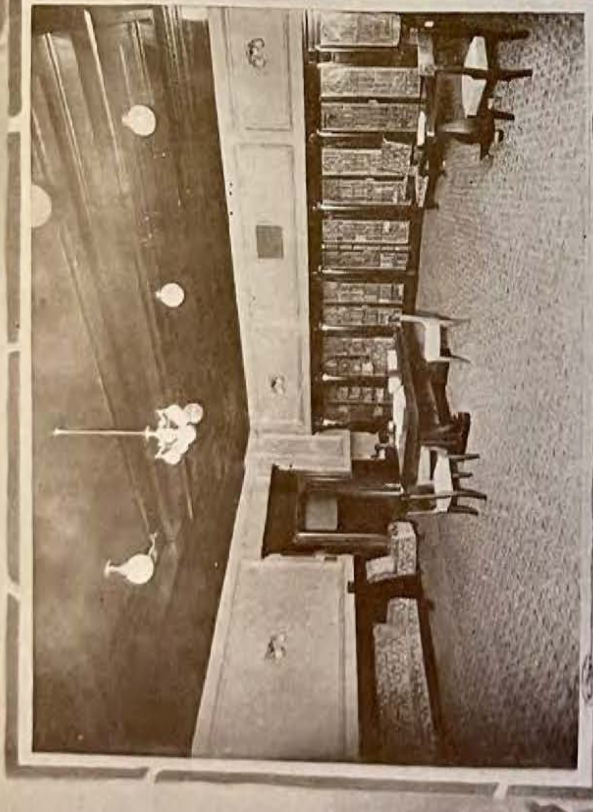




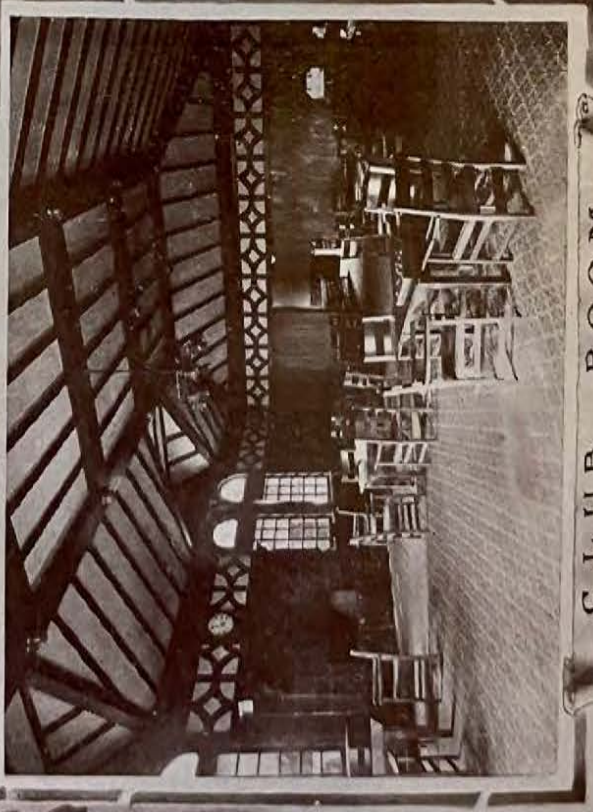
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*“Live as if you were to die tomorrow.  
Learn as if you were to live forever.”  
- Gandhi*

# OAKLAND VALLEY EDUCATION PROGRAM

V. Thomas Langford, 32°  
Director of Education

**NOTICE:** In response to the pandemic, meeting times and format have changed for the Valley’s education programs. When indicated, all classes except for the guided meditations are in person.

## The Degree Review Program

Unless otherwise noted in my article and the OSR Bulletin calendar, the degree review program meets in person after our stated meeting at 8:00 PM.

At the March stated meeting, we will review the 16th degree, Prince of Jerusalem. The 15th and 16th degrees are the *New Temple* degrees. The narrative concerns King Solomon’s Temple, which, having been destroyed by the Babylonians, is rebuilt under the leadership of Zerubbabel. These two degrees are a transition between the Hiramic legends of the Lodge of Perfection (regarding events surrounding the construction of King Solomon’s temple) and the Christ principle and the New Law of Love presented in the 17th and 18th degrees. It is a transition from the Old Testament to the New Testament and is, at times, quite mystical.

Remember, these are multimedia presentations followed by a discussion— an excellent way to refresh your recollection of the degree and gain new insights. I will have the PowerPoint presentation in the Library and then move to the Members’ Lounge for discussion and refreshments.

Please bring your preferred beverage to share.

## The Capstone Guild

The Capstone Guild is a new study group that meets quarterly and is intended to be an in-depth examination of one of the higher degrees. The reading material includes the *1783 Frankan Manuscript*, Albert Pike’s *Magnum Opus*, and the actual degree scripts used for our degree reunions. While no quizzes or papers are required, it is hoped that the assigned reading will foster in the group a more dynamic analysis of the degree.

At the orientation meeting on January 3, the group selected the 13th degree, the Royal Arch of Solomon, from the Lodge of Perfection as its first topic of study. At the stated meeting on March 7, 2022, I will hand out copies of the degree script to registered members of the group. ***These degree scripts should not, under any circumstances, be duplicated in any way, and they will be returned to me following the April meeting.***

Our first quarterly meeting will be on April 11, 2022, at 8:00 PM in the Members’ Lounge. Guildsmen will be sharing their thoughts regarding the evolution of the degree, the symbolism, and comparative analysis with other high degree systems. We will also be selecting a degree from the Chapter of Rose Croix for our next quarterly review.

Everyone is invited to attend the review discussion even if they have not joined the group.

## **Contemplative Freemasonry**

*The Guided Meditation Program*

The Guided Meditation program is virtual only on the Zoom platform.

The workshop meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM.

I am adopting a more holistic approach, where

we use the meditation hour to foster a healing and restful space in our lives. I am using body and breathing awareness and other relaxation techniques. Think of it as an island of calm where we can restore our energies. The next Zoom session will be on February 21, 2022.



# KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW

Service through Chivalry

Dinesh Chhabra, 32°, Lord of the Clan, Knights of Saint Andrew

I greet you all, in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe.

Let me begin by wishing you and your family good health and an abundance of happiness for 2022.

By the time you receive this publication, the Scottish Rite Valley of Oakland will have installed their officers for 2022.

For those who may not be familiar with the Knights of Saint Andrew (KSA), it was chartered as a service group throughout the Southern Jurisdiction to assist the membership in various endeavors. To that end, at the Valley of Oakland we assist at events and help maintain our building's splendor.

According to KSA legend, the Order was "...formed in 1314 by King Robert the Bruce of Scotland to honor sixty-three Templar Knights who, upon the fields of Bannockburn, and with no prior notice, charged to the rescue of a faltering Scottish army. With bravery and discipline, they quickly turned the tide of battle and defeated the superior English forces. Our modern Order was fashioned on the noble example of those sixty-three knights who came to the service of Scotland in her most dire time of need."\*

The KSA is organized much like the Blue Lodge, with four elected positions that share some similarities with those of a Masonic lodge:

- Lord of the Clan ~ Master
- Duke ~ Senior Warden

- Marques ~ Junior Warden
- Scribe ~ Secretary & Treasurer

There are also four additional appointed positions:

- Bishop ~ Chaplain
- Earl ~ Senior Deacon
- Viscount ~ Junior Deacon
- Armiger ~ Tyler

We have stated meetings and social nights on the second Friday of every month unless conflicting with a holiday or special event. As a member of the Order of the Knights of Saint Andrew, you cultivate a heightened sense of honor, virtue, value, and integrity. We have indicated a sincere wish to be of service to our brethren, their families, as well as visiting dignitaries while at the same time gaining a more profound admiration and respect for the Scottish Rite.

The Knights of Saint Andrew is open to all 32° ("black hat") Scottish Rite masons. The organization is always looking to increase its ranks to answer the call of service when it arises. You may obtain an application to join the Knights by asking any Knight, or from the General Secretary's office.

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\*There is no direct attribution to an author for this quote, only that it appears on several US-based KSA websites.

The Oakland Knights of Saint Andrew would like to welcome its newest member, Brother Samuel Maffei, 32°, who was knighted and received by our august organization at the Valley of Oakland's January stated meeting.



Lord of the Clan, Bro. Dinesh Chhabra, 32°, and Bro. George McQuary, 32° performing the ceremony for Bro. Samuel Maffei, 32°.

Lord of the Clan, Dinesh Chhabra, 32°, knights Bro. Maffei, 32° as a member of the Knights of Saint Andrew.



# IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM DEVITT MUELLER, 33°  
JANUARY 1, 1943 – NOVEMBER 2, 2021



RODNEY J. DARLING, 33°  
APRIL 20, 1961 – DECEMBER 1, 2021

ARTHUR PORTER, 33°  
APRIL 2, 1935 – DECEMBER 2, 2021

REX E. TOLTSCHIN, JR, 32°  
MAY 25, 1930 – DECEMBER 8, 2021

RONALD R. MONTES, 33°  
APRIL 18, 1933 – DECEMBER 17, 2021

JOHN P. HRESKO, 32° KCCH  
APRIL 10, 1923 – DECEMBER 20, 2021

WILLIAM O'NEAL RICHMOND, 32°  
AUGUST 9, 1931 – JANUARY 18, 2022



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

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



## FEBRUARY

- Feb 7           **Virtual** Stated Meeting at 7:00 pm  
Feb 11          **Virtual** KSA meeting and social from 6:00 – 8:00 pm  
Feb 28          **Virtual** Temple Association Board meeting at 6:00 pm

## MARCH

- March 7        Stated Meeting and St. Patrick's Celebration  
Dinner at 6:00 pm: Corned Beef and Cabbage  
Stated Meeting at 7:00 pm  
March 7        Degree Presentation: 16<sup>th</sup> degree, Prince of Jerusalem from 8:00 – 9:00 pm  
Refreshments to follow  
March 18       Feast of Kadosh, 7:00 pm; KSA will meet prior to feast at 6:00 pm  
March 28       **Virtual** Temple Association Board meeting at 6:00 pm

## APRIL

- April 11        Stated Meeting and Shrine Night  
Dinner at 6:00 pm: Chicken, pasta, and vegetables. All Nobles eat  
for half off ; Stated Meeting at 7:00 pm.  
April 11        Capstone Guild Meeting: 13th Degree at 8:00 pm  
April 14        Feast of Maundy Thursday from 6:00 –9:00 pm  
April 15        KSA meeting and social from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
April 16        Memorial for Illustrious Arthur Porter, 33° at 11:00 am  
April 25        Temple Association Board meeting at 6:00 pm

# 2022 Officers

## **The Supreme Council, 33° S.J.**

*Sovereign Grand Commander* James D. Cole, 33°  
*Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Orient of California* Frank Loui, 33°

## **Officers of All Oakland Bodies**

*Personal Representative* Jonathan H. Prestage, 33°  
*Treasurer* Michael Stetka, 32°  
*General Secretary* Christopher R. Boggess, 32° KCCH  
*Orator* Adam Kendall, 32° KCCH  
*Almoner* Martin J. Aurelio, 32°

*Director of Work* John Kirkpatrick, 33°  
*Director of Education* V. Thomas Langford, 32°  
*VMAP Chairman* Carlos I. Alvarez, 32°

## **Officers Emeriti**

*Personal Representative Emeritus* Donald R. Parker, 33°  
*Almoner Emeritus* Cleveland Valrey, 33°

## **Oakland Lodge of Perfection**

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

## **DeMolay Council of Kadosh**

*Commander* George F. McQuary, 32°  
*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°

## **Oakland Consistory**

*Master of Kadosh* Guy K. Haas, 32°  
*Prior* Carl J. Brickner, Jr, 32°  
*Preceptor* Lambert Yim, 32°  
*Chancellor* Julius (Sandy) Kahn, III, 33°  
*Minister of State* V. Thomas Langford, 32°  
*Expert* Lambert Yim, 32°  
*Captain of the Guard* Lyman C. Penning, 32°  
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*Lord of the Clan* Dinesh Chhabra, 32°



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If you are aware of any brethren in distress, please contact  
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# RELIEF



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

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

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

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

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

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

Phone: (888) 466-3642

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SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, U. S. A.

### Petition for Degrees

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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

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

**Annual Dues** \$120

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**Total Due:** \$325

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