

# SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY OF OAKLAND

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE VENERABLE MASTER

Christopher R. Boggess, 32°, KCCH, Venerable Master, Oakland Lodge of Perfection No. 2



**M**y dear Brothers, please accept my apologies for not being able to attend our installation on January 28th. By all accounts it was an elegant event that was well-attended and enjoyed by our family and friends.

Since the end of December, I have been very sick and have only been able to sleep throughout the entire day and night for about an hour to hour-and-a-half at a time before waking myself up coughing. It turns out I have a lung infection with "atypical-pneumonia," so talking a lot and laughing makes it worse — which is why I was not present at the installation. Plus I didn't want to sit by myself at the little kid's table! (I jest)

I would like to thank Honorable Dinesh Chhabra, 32° KCCH for agreeing to read my comments at the ceremony and he did a wonderful job as always. I would like to thank our Personal Representative, Illustrious Jonathan Prestage, 33° and the officers who have agreed to step up as leadership of the Valley. I would also like to thank the staff for helping to set up and prepare everything to make the event successful. Lastly, I would like to thank Illustrious Frank Louie, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in California, for his leadership. I look forward to the year ahead of us and hope that I may live up to the trust you all have placed in me.

Please note that we have several exciting events in the coming months that includes banquets, international speakers, and, last but not least, our April 26–28 Orient-wide Reunion on April 26–28. This is a very important opportunity for our Valley to display its talent and commitment, and to show off our glorious temple of Scottish Rite Freemasonry! I encourage you all to attend and lend a hand to making the production a roaring success!

Thank you and God Bless!



# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Jonathan H. Prestage, 33°, Personal Representative

Dear Brethren,

Happy New Year to you and your families! Congratulations to our newly installed officers in our Oakland Valley, and particularly to our four new Masters of each body: Venerable Master — Hon. Bro. Chris Boggess, 32° KCCH; Wise Master — Hon. Bro. Cary Carlson, 32° KCCH; Commander of Kadosh — Bro. Adam Hanin, 32°, and the Master of Kadosh — Bro. Lambert Yim, 32°. Our new incoming Lord of the Clan for the Oakland Knights of St. Andrew is Bro. Samuel Maffei, 32°, who will be further organizing the Knights to support our valley events in the upcoming months. The installation was a wonderful gathering of brethren and guests with Ill. Frank Loui, 33°, as our Installing Officer, Hon. Bro. Jeff Wilkins, 32° KCCH, as the Installing Chaplain and yours truly serving as Master of Ceremonies. We had about ninety guests join us for dinner afterward, and everyone left with their bellies full and smiles on their faces, excited for what is to come in 2024.

Our Oakland Valley launched into 2024 with several successful events. There are several upcoming ones that you'll want to add to your calendars or reserve your tickets to attend.

We hosted the traditional Feast of Kadosh on January 13th, led by our 2023 Commander, Bro. Samuel Maffei, 32°. We enjoyed a festive board with the eight obligatory toasts and many a *VIVAT* throughout the dinner. Next, the French-language lodge, La Parfaite Union No. 17, visited our temple on January 20th to confer their beautiful and unique Entered Apprentice ritual upon a new candidate. We hosted about one hundred Masons for the event, and all retired after the conferral to enjoy a delicious festive board with more toasts and a chicken cordon bleu dinner. La Parfaite Union Lodge and our guests were thrilled with the occasion — especially their new Entered Apprentice Mason, who expressed his intent to join the Scottish Rite once he becomes a Master Mason.

On March 18th, we will host the Ceremony of Constitution for the Edwin Sherman Research Lodge, where the Grand Master of California will present the newly constituted research lodge with its permanent charter, followed by a lively festive board.

Between April 26th and 28th, the California Scottish Rite Orient Reunion will be hosted by the San Jose Scottish Rite Valley in San Jose, CA, on April 26th and on April 27th and 28th at our Oakland Valley in our glorious temple. All twenty-nine degrees will be conferred during this busy weekend! The flyer for this event is included in this edition of our bulletin, and the registration link to attend the reunion is already live on the Eventbrite website. If any members have potential candidates for this upcoming reunion, please direct them to submit their membership application to our Oakland Valley by visiting <http://www.valleyofoakland.org> and selecting the “JOIN” link at the top of the page. The website also conveniently shares our valley calendar and archived bulletin editions.

On Friday, May 31st, we are hosting the renowned Masonic author and Curator Emeritus of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, W. Bro. Robert L. D. Cooper, during our Oakland Valley Feast of Consistory. Tickets are on sale, and I recommend you purchase yours as soon as possible to enjoy this rare and enlightening presentation from W. Bro. Cooper, followed by a delicious feast. He's visiting us all the way

from Scotland, and you'll rarely find another opportunity to learn in person from such an experienced brother.

The last event I wanted to bring to your attention in the first half of 2024 will be the lecture by Dr. Christopher McIntosh on June 17th. Dr. McIntosh will present topics from his newly released book, *Occult Germany*. Join us for this insightful evening and book signing; tickets are already on sale, and the flyer can be found in this edition of the bulletin.

I look forward to working with our new officers over the coming months to improve our valley's membership experience and the opportunities for all visitors to our temple to enjoy everything the Scottish Rite Valley of Oakland offers.



Undated glass slide artist's rendering of the original design for the Oakland Scottish Rite Temple on Lakeside Drive (then known as Oak Street). It bears a striking resemblance to the tomb of Mausolus at Halicarnassus. This design is a close relative of the House of the Temple in Washington DC and perhaps the St. Louis Masonic Temple. During this era, classical design was common among many US-based Scottish Rite temples.



# 2024

# ORIENT OF CALIFORNIA

# SCOTTISH RITE REUNION

April 26–28, 2024

PLEASE JOIN US IN A CELEBRATION OF CALIFORNIA SCOTTISH RITE  
FREEMASONRY AS VALLEYS THROUGHOUT THE STATE EXEMPLIFY THE  
4th THROUGH 32nd DEGREES

*Degrees 4 through 14 hosted by the Valley of San Jose*

2455 Masonic Drive San Jose, CA 95125

*Degrees 15 through 32 hosted by the Valley of Oakland*

1547 Lakeside Drive Oakland, CA 94612



To register for the Oakland location, use this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/773954026327?aff=oddtcreator>

To apply for membership, please use the online application:

<https://scottishrite.jotform.com/212414936205955>



# VMAP & SCOTTISH RITE RECRUITMENT

Carlos Alvarez, 32°, VMAP Chairman

**A**s the warmth of spring warms our spirits, we are filled with anticipation and enthusiasm for the upcoming Orient-wide Reunion on April 26th–28th. This event unites all Scottish Rite Valleys throughout California to confer all twenty-nine degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

This occasion's success hinges on our esteemed members' wholehearted participation. We invite and urge you to actively engage in various crucial roles such as degree cast, backstage assistance, costuming, ushering, registration, providing Lyft Concierge services, etc. Participation in this Reunion is not just a duty but a noble endeavor that plays a pivotal role in shaping us into dedicated Scottish Rite Masons. Your involvement in this reunion will enrich your Masonic journey and significantly contribute to our beloved Valley's prosperity. Additionally, it affords us the privilege to showcase our cherished building to brethren from every corner of California.

I implore you to heed this call and seize the opportunity to partake actively in our Masonic pursuits. Attend our meetings to stay well-informed, relish delectable cuisine, participate in enlightening educational programs, and savor quality social interactions. Please extend this invitation to fellow Master Masons; a larger gathering only enhances our joy and camaraderie.

In the spirit of growth and progress, let us remember the privilege of sponsoring a candidate. By doing so, you contribute to the continued brilliance of our temple, ensuring it remains a guiding light in Masonry for generations to come. If you need assistance in this endeavor, our front office is here to help. For those who successfully sponsor three applications within the calendar year, the Valley will express its gratitude by covering your dues for the following year as a token of appreciation. We also encourage those with shared interests to consider forming social clubs within our fraternity. Let us foster fellowship and brotherly love within our Masonic community.

May this season of change and renewal bring new opportunities for growth, camaraderie, and enlightenment as we move forward together.



*“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, Director of Education

### **THE DEGREE REVIEW PROGRAM**

The degree review program spent the winter quarter focusing on the degrees in the Consistory of Masters of the Royal Secret. In December, we looked at the Consistory as a whole. In January, we presented the PowerPoint related to the 31st Degree, the Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander, or Initiate of the Egyptian Mysteries.

To better understand spiritual justice, we saw how the degree compared human justice with that of the divine. In March, there will be a follow-up discussion concerning the judgment scene from the Egyptian Book of the Dead. We will consider the ancient Egyptians' unique perception of the soul and its role in judgment after death. Also discussed will be how the series of gates and challenges after death represents a psychological voyage in the evolution of consciousness. Please join us for this mystical journey into the mythic form of consciousness that inspired the ancient Egyptians.

In April, I am dedicating the degree review meeting to our Valley's preparation for the Orient-wide Reunion on April 26–28.

Following the April Reunion, we will restart the degree review program in May with the 4th Degree.

### **THE CAPSTONE GUILD**

The Capstone Guild will hold its sixth quarterly meeting in February to discuss the 30th Degree, the Knight Kadosh. The Guild will also select the spring quarter study topic at the February meeting. This Degree will be from the Lodge of Perfection and will be discussed at July's quarterly meeting.

The Capstone Guild is intended to be an in-depth examination of one of the higher degrees. As a group member, you will 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 history, purpose, and symbolism of the Degree, you do not have to be a member of the group to attend the meetings. Everyone is invited to participate in the review discussion even if they have not formally signed up.



# OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

An Innovative Approach to Fraternal Culture and Preservation

Adam Kendall, 33°, Executive Director

## **INCREDIBLE (RE)DISCOVERIES!**

One of the highlights of my work here at the Valley of Oakland is the access to so many wonderful works of literature and material culture. Although the library is known as a "Masonic research library," this is a broad term that takes its cue from the fact that as Masons, we are to study nature and the works of human kind. As such, you will find a natural variety of subjects in any lodge or valley library. However, do not consider that these are random collections of books that are assembled without thought. Instead, look at the titles... *really look at them*. They represent the interests and concerns of the brethren throughout each era. Moreover, each subject (even those considered controversial) represent the intellectual course of the fraternity worldwide. It's not just a library. It's a museum of ideas! Our collection represents a vital and learned society, assembled for the benefit of our community and lays bare our profound influence on local culture.

Incredible rediscoveries are frequently made in our library collection — many of which have remained unknown to our members for generations. Now that they have been recovered, they should increase the pride in our organization.

Considering the value of our books, artifacts, and the unparalleled beauty of our temple, won't you consider making a contribution to the Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation? Your donation is tax exempt and you can take pride in knowing that you are amongst a stellar community of brethren who care deeply about our local and fraternal culture.

CHECK OUT PAGES 9–10 TO VIEW OUR RECENT REDISCOVERIES



# OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

## CREATING A LEGACY

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 take your place as a benefactor when planning your annual or long-term giving plan. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [akendall@scottish-rite.org](mailto:akendall@scottish-rite.org). Please also visit <https://osrhistoricalfoundation.org/donate/> where you can become an annual or monthly donor and choose a giving level that is unique to each plan.

Recurring Donation
Friend – \$10/mo
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Patron – \$100/mo
Oak – \$200/mo

One-Time Donation
Donor – \$20
Supporter – \$50
Friend – \$120
Steward – \$300
Benefactor – \$600
Patron – \$1200
Oak – \$2400





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

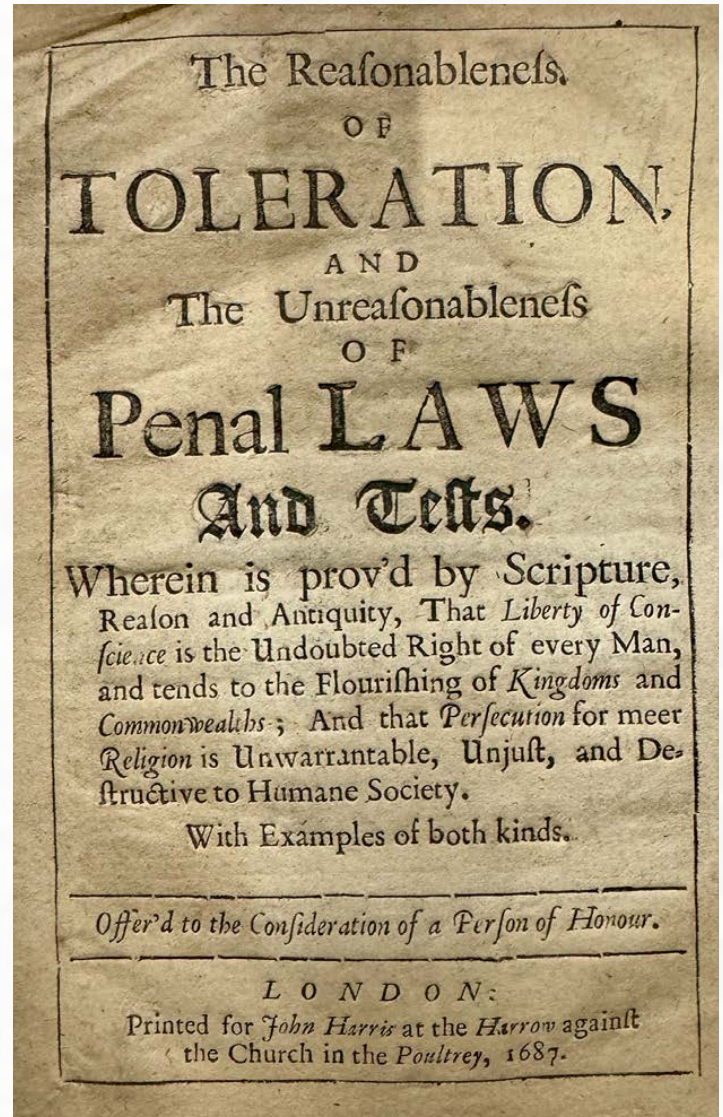
Adam Kendall, 33°, Executive Director  
Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation

## TURNING THE TIDES OF HISTORY

Our Valley's library collection never ceases to amaze. It is filled with volumes of important texts collected over the years by dedicated members who placed great value on education and the preservation of documents of crucial import.

This latest discovery is a first edition pamphlet authored by the legendary political activist William Penn (1644–1718) and printed in London in 1687: *The reasonableness of toleration, and the unreasonableness of penal laws and tests wherein is prov'd by Scripture, reason and antiquity, that liberty of conscience is the undoubted right of every man, and tends to the flourishing of kingdoms and commonwealths, and that persecution for meer religion is unwarrantable, unjust, and destructive to humane society, with examples of both kinds.*

The London-born Penn was the founder of the Province of Pennsylvania during the British colonial era in 1681. He was a philosopher and a staunch (and controversial) advocate of freedom of religion and democracy. He is known for writings that called for the unification of the English colonies.



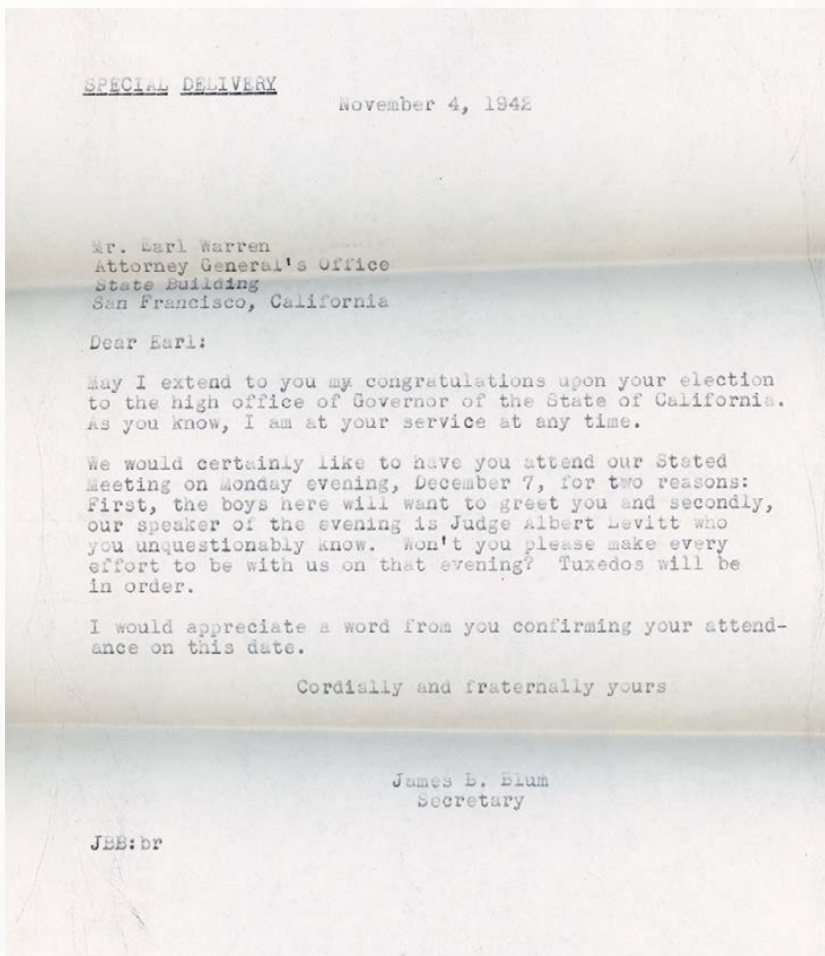
Source: "William Penn English Quaker leader and colonist,"  
Encyclopedia Britannica, <https://www.britannica.com/biography/William-Penn-English-Quaker-leader-and-colonist>.

## STATE HISTORY THROUGH A MASONIC LENS

Below is a November 4, 1942 congratulatory letter from the Valley of Oakland's General Secretary to Earl Warren, 33°, who had recently been elected to his first term as governor of California. He was coroneted a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason the previous year on December 23rd, 1941.

Warren served as Alameda County Deputy District Attorney in 1920; District Attorney from 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. In 1953, President Eisenhower appointed him Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court, a position he held until 1969.

Warren served as Grand Master of Masons in California from 1935 to 1936.



Above: Photograph of Earl Warren, 33°, PGM  
Left: 1942 congratulatory letter addressed to Earl Warren by the general secretary of the Oakland Scottish Rite on the occasion of Warren's election to his first term as governor of California. At the time, Warren was the attorney general.

# VALLEY NEWS

## THE OLDEST SCOTTISH RITE MASON IN THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION

Born in 1920, Richard Blackwell, 32°, of Sacramento was born on August 28, 1920 and turned 103 in 2023, making him the oldest Scottish Rite Mason in the A & ASR, SJ! Bro. Richard joined the Scottish Rite at the age of twenty-six in the Valley of Indianapolis, NMJ, and transferred to the Valley of Oakland, SJ in October of 1955. During his long life, he has enjoyed seventy-seven years and three months of continuous service in the Scottish Rite!

Many thanks to Ill. Bob Weatherford, 33°, for providing the information about our brother!



Richard Blackwell, the oldest living Scottish Rite Mason in the Southern Jurisdiction and at the Valley of Oakland!

## VALLEY OF OAKLAND MEMBER INSTALLED AS JUNIOR WARDEN OF QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE IN LONDON

On November 9, 2023, Ill. Adam Kendall, 33°, Valley Orator and Executive Director of the Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation, traveled to London, England to be installed as the 2024 Junior Warden of the world's premier lodge of research, Quatuor Coronati No. 2076.

Ill. Adam is one of six living North Americans to belong to the lodge, and is the first Californian to hold office. The late Alexander Horne (1897–1988) was the only other California Mason to be elected to full membership sixty-two years ago.



Ill. Adam's view from the South.

## ELECTION OF OAKLAND HIGH TWELVE OFFICERS

The Oakland High Twelve Club No. 2 held their annual installation of officers during their year-end luncheon. We wish their president, Hon. Bruce Rick, 32° KCCH, and officers a prosperous year.

Fun fact: the Oakland High Twelve Club No. 2 was established in 1927 and is the oldest continuing club club in the nation!



L to R: Outgoing president, Hon James Westfall, 32° KCCH, Hon. Bruce Rick, 32° KCCH, Ill. Jim Strehlow, 33°.

## LA PARFAITE UNION FRENCH ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

A perennial favorite! The Valley of Oakland hosted La Parfaite Union No. 17 for the conferral of their unique first degree ritual, followed by a festive board attended by close to one hundred brethren.



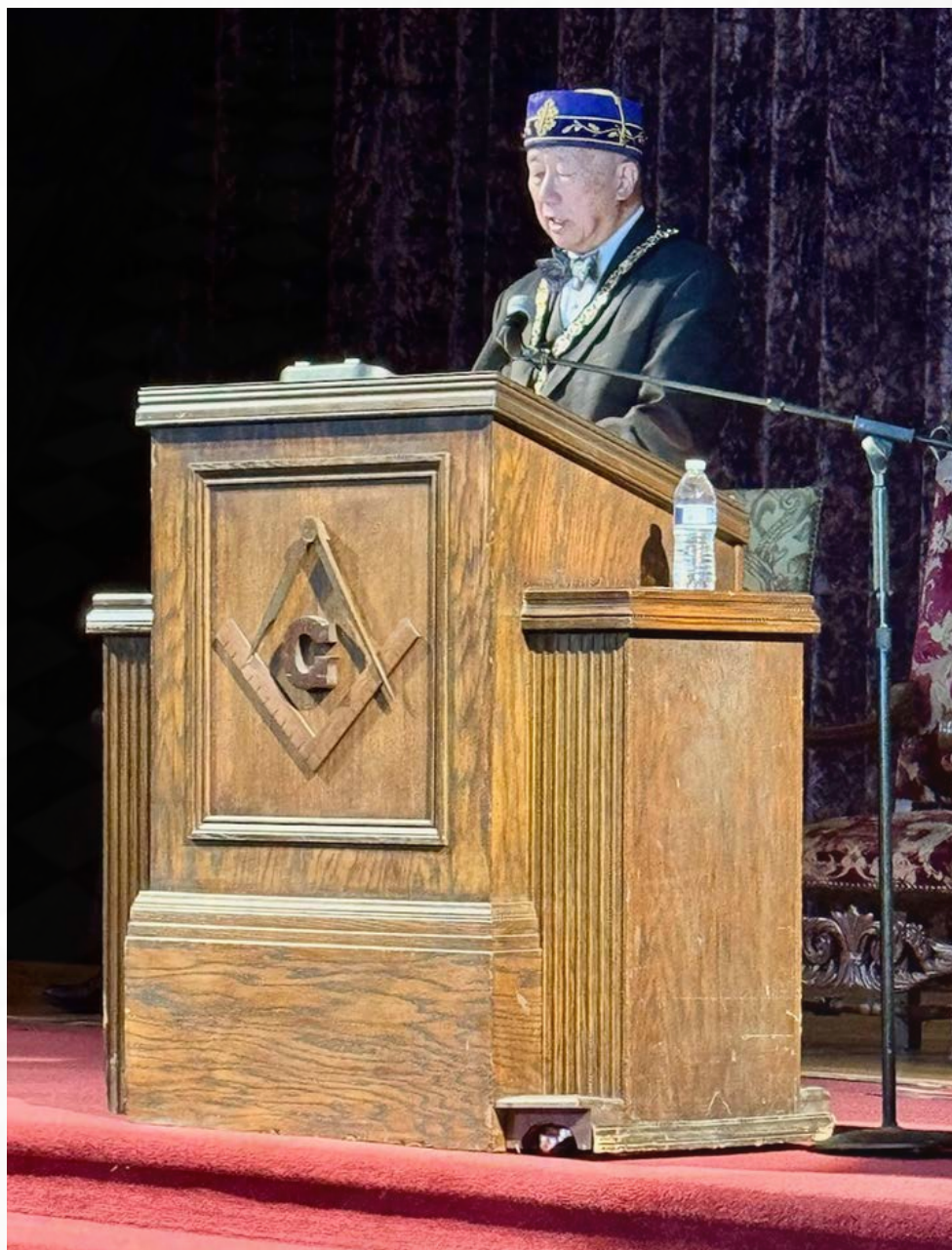
Left: La Parfaite Union Lodge prepares to confer their Entered Apprentice degree. Read more about it in *Heredom* Vol. 30, published by the Scottish Rite Research Society. It's available in our library!

Right: The brethren assemble for a sumptuous feast and festive board. As we like to say, "A good time was had by all!!!"



## 2024 VALLEY OF OAKLAND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

On January 28th, the Illustrious Frank Loui, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in California, installed the new officers for our four Scottish Rite bodies. These outstanding Masonic leaders are at the forefront of our efforts to make our Valley the "best in the west." Please join us in wishing the officers a hearty congratulations. We look forward to the year ahead!



Ill. Frank Loui, 33°, SGIG in California, installs the officers of the Oakland Scottish Rite Bodies.



Clockwise from left: Hon. Jeff Wilkins, 32°, KCCH, PGM, waits patiently in his role as Prelate; 2023 officers invest their successors with the jewels of their offices; Our Personal Representative, Ill. Jonathan Prestage, 33°, conducts the officers for their installation.





Top: Guests were treated to a wonderful feast in our elegant ballroom  
Bottom: the 2024 Valley officers pose for a group photograph.

# 2024 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 of the SGIG in California* Jonathan H. Prestage, 33°  
*Treasurer* Dinesh Chhabra, 32° KCCH  
*General Secretary / Registrar* Jonathan H. Prestage, 33°  
*Almoner* Martin J. Aurelio, 32°  
*Prelate* Carl J. Brickner, Jr., 32°  
*Orator* Adam Kendall, 33°  
*Tiler* Gordon H. Emberton, 33°

## **Oakland Lodge of Perfection**

*Venerable Master* Christopher R. Boggess, 32° KCCH  
*Senior Warden* Walter G. Crossley, 32° KCCH  
*Junior Warden* John L. McPartland, 32° KCCH  
*Expert* Carlos I. Alvarez, 32°  
*Assistant Expert* George F. McQuary, 32°  
*Captain of the Host* Robert S. Strohmeyer, 32°

## **Gethsemane Chapter of Knights Rose Croix**

*Wise Master* Cary L. Carlson, 32° KCCH  
*Senior Warden* Tigran Agadzhanian, 32°  
*Junior Warden* Guy "Ben" Brookshire, 32°  
*Expert* Charles "Randy" Tolerton, 32°  
*Assistant Expert* David Kreutzinger, 32°  
*Guardian of the Temple* Donald B. McCue, 32°

## **DeMolay Council of Kadosh**

*Commander* Adam J. Hanin, 32°  
*1st Lt. Commander* John P. Minagro, 32°  
*2nd Lt. Commander* Ernesto Moya, 32°  
*First Deacon* Charles D. Kimbrell, 32°  
*Second Deacon* Lackshaye Aggarawal, 32°  
*Lieutenant of the Guard* Eric Solonga, 32°  
*Chancellor* V. Thomas Langford, 32° KCCH

## **Oakland Consistory**

*Master of Kadosh* Lambert Yim, 32°  
*Prior* Lyman Penning, 32°  
*Preceptor* K. Mark Harris, 32° KCCH  
*Expert* Arthur D. Lao, 32°  
*Assitant Expert* Samuel A. Maffei, 32°  
*Captain of the Guards* Jonathan J. F. McCune, 32°  
*Chancellor* V. Thomas Langford, 32° KCCH  
*Minister of State* Julius "Sandy" Kahn, 33°

## **Directors of the Work**

*Director* Mark Harris, 32° KCCH  
*Assistant Director* Carl J. Brickner, Jr., 32°  
*Director of Education* V. Thomas Langford, 32° KCCH

## **Knights of St. Andrew**

*Lord of the Clan* Samuel A. Maffei, 32°

# CONSTITUTION OF THE EDWIN SHERMAN LODGE OF RESEARCH



✿ 18 MARCH 2024 ✿

With special guest M. W. Bro. G. Sean Metroka  
Grand Master of Masons in California

## ✚ Schedule ✚

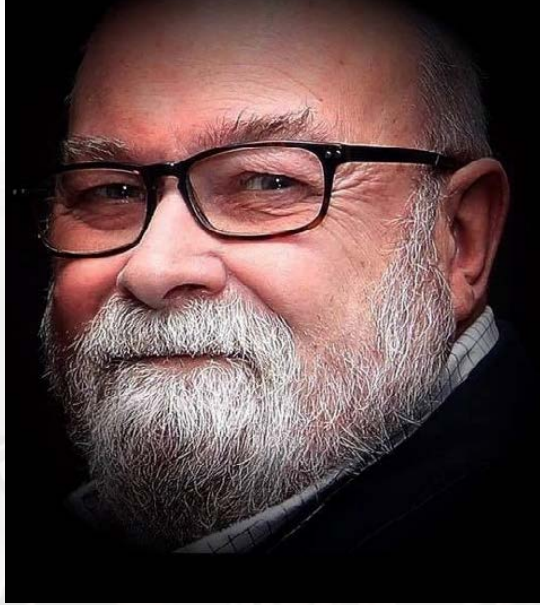
6:30 pm • Lodge Constitution in the Red Room (4th floor)

7:15 pm – 8:30 • Festive Board • \$35.00

Business attire • Please bring your Craft apron

OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE • 1547 LAKESIDE DRIVE, OAKLAND

RSVP: [HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/809689241317?AFF=ODDTCREATOR](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/809689241317?AFF=ODDTCREATOR)



MASONIC HISTORIAN & AUTHOR

ROBERT  
L. D.  
COOPER

Past Curator of the Grand Lodge of Scotland  
Past Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076

Feast  
of the  
Consistory

31 MAY 2024 + 6:00 pm



OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE CENTER • 1547 LAKSIDE DRIVE  
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

COST: \$50.00 • PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 27: [HTTP://TINYURL.COM/COOPEREVENT](http://tinyurl.com/cooperEvent)

*THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO MASONS ONLY*

*A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS FOR THIS EVENT WILL BE DONATED TO  
THE OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION*

# Occult Germany

Old Gods, Mystics, and Magicians



Dr. Christopher McIntosh

Please join us on June 17, 2024, for an exclusive lecture by Dr. Christopher McIntosh, who will discuss German occult and esoteric traditions. In this magical journey through the inner history of *Deutschland*, McIntosh will explore a variety of spiritual practices from prehistory to the twenty-first century.

Dr. Christopher McIntosh is a British-born writer and historian, specializing in the esoteric traditions of the West. He holds a doctorate in history from Oxford University, a degree in German from London University, and a diploma in Russian from the United Nations Language School. He resides in Germany.

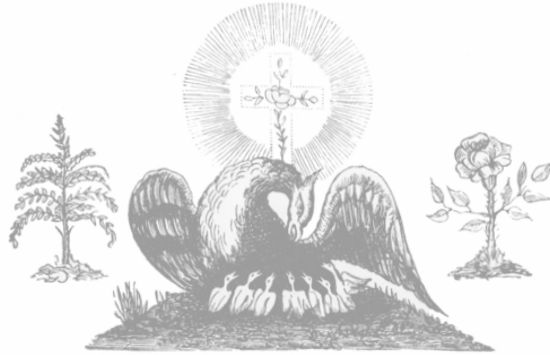
Monday, June 17, 2024

5:00 pm: Social † 6:00pm: Lecture † 3rd Floor  
Oakland Scottish Rite Temple 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland  
\$30 With Reservation † Casual Attire

Dr. McIntosh's book is available for purchase on the registration page

RSVP at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/occult-germany-dr-christopher-mcintosh-tickets-809666764087?aff=oddtcreator>

# IN MEMORIAM



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JAMES LEACH, 32°

SEPTEMBER 9, 1930 – OCTOBER 29, 2023

DONALD I. THIESS, 32°

OCTOBER 2, 1932 – OCTOBER 2, 2023

GARY R. ANDERSON, 32°

NOVEMBER 28, 1932 – MAY 30, 2023

JOSEPH TRETINIK, 32°

APRIL 13, 1935 – DECEMBER 12, 2023

DONALD SPILMAN, 32°

FEBRUARY 10, 1939 – NOVEMBER 10, 2023

GARY E. HARDESTY, 32°

MARCH 6, 1940 – NOVEMBER 8, 2023



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

To view and subscribe to the online Google calendar, visit [www.valleyofoakland.org](http://www.valleyofoakland.org)

## FEBRUARY

- Feb. 5 Stated Meeting: 3rd floor. 6:00 pm Filet Mignon Dinner; Meeting at 7:00 pm, 7:00 pm (suit and tie). Degree presentation, 8:00 pm; Social, 8:00–10:00 pm.
- Feb 9 KSA Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Feb. 19 Edwin Sherman Lodge of Research Stated Meeting. 3rd Floor, 6:00 pm.
- Feb. 26 Oakland High 12 Luncheon. 3rd floor, 12:00 pm.
- Feb. 26 General Robert F. Travis Chapter, No. 490, National Sojourners: 3rd floor, 1:00 pm
- Feb. 26 Scottish Rite Temple Association Board meeting, 6:00 pm

## MARCH

- March 4 Stated Meeting: 3rd floor. 6:00 pm, St. Patrick's Dinner with Corned Beef and Hash; Meeting at 7:00 pm, (suit and tie). Degree presentation, 8:00 pm; Social, 8:00–10:00 pm.
- March 8 KSA Meeting, 7:00 pm
- March 18 Ceremony of Constitution for Edwin Sherman Lodge of Research, 6:30 pm.
- March 20 Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation Board Meeting. Zoom, 6:00–7:00 pm
- March 25 Oakland High 12 Luncheon. 3rd floor, 12:00 pm.
- March 25 General Robert F. Travis Chapter, No. 490, National Sojourners: 3rd floor, 1:00 pm
- March 25 Scottish Rite Temple Association Board meeting, 6:00 pm
- March 28 Rose Croix Ceremony of Remembrance & Renewal, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

## APRIL

- April 1 Stated Meeting: 3rd floor. 6:00 pm Tri-tip Dinner; Meeting at 7:00 pm (suit and tie); Degree presentation, 8:00 pm; Social, 8:00–10:00 pm
- April 12 KSA Meeting, 7:00 pm.
- April 22 Oakland High 12 Luncheon. 3rd floor, 12:00 pm
- April 22 General Robert F. Travis Chapter, No. 490, National Sojourners: 3rd floor, 1:00 pm
- April 22 Scottish Rite Temple Association Board meeting, 6:00 pm
- April 26 Orient of California Reunion in San Jose, 4°–14° (see flyer on page 3)
- April 27–28 Orient of California Reunion in Oakland 15°–32° (see flyer on page 3)

### **APRIL 26–28 ORIENT-WIDE REUNION IN OAKLAND**

See flyer on page 4 for more information!

### **MAY 31: FEAST OF THE CONSISTORY FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST, ROBERT L.D. COOPER**

See flyer on page 20 for more information!

### **June 17: AN EVENING WITH DR. CHRISTOPHER MCINTOSH**

See flyer on page 21 for more information!

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

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Childhood Language Center  
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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/>

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

# Oakland RiteCare® Childhood Language Center Contribution Form

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			
<b>Gift Information</b>			
AMOUNT OF GIFT		DATE OF GIFT	
<input type="checkbox"/> IN HONOR OF: <b>OR</b> <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	
<b>Payment Information</b>			
<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		
<input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN EXPRESS <input type="checkbox"/> DISCOVER CARD <input type="checkbox"/> MASTERCARD <input type="checkbox"/> VISA			
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:  
Oakland RiteCare CLC  
1547 Lakeside Drive  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Donate online:**

<https://www.casrf.org/oakland>

*Thank you for giving the gift of speech!*

*Contributions are deductible on Federal and Income Tax under our Fed ID #94-6078728.  
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 4<sup>th</sup> through 32<sup>nd</sup> Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. I am currently a Master Mason in good standing."

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
2nd Sponsor PRINTED NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
2nd Sponsor Signature

Application Fees	
Fall Initiation Fee:	\$200
2024 Dues:	\$120
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$320</b>

Payable by Mailed Check or Call for Credit Card

Please Return Petition with Payment to:  
the General Secretary's Office at 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, CA 94612  
or APPLY ONLINE: <https://www.valleyofoakland.org>

# Valley of Oakland

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



**Official Bulletin for the Scottish Rite Valley  
of Oakland in the Orient of California, of the  
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite  
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The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Oakland, Orient of California, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knight Commanders of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction in the United States of America