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SPRING 2025

They Will Depict Masonic Characters in Drama



*San
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Chronicle
3/28/28*

Part of the large cast of "The Spirit of Hiram," a play presented by the Oakland Scottish Rite organizations this week in the temple on the shore of Lake Merritt.

March 28, 1928 San Francisco Chronicle article announcing the Oakland Scottish Rite Players' production of "The Spirit of Hiram."

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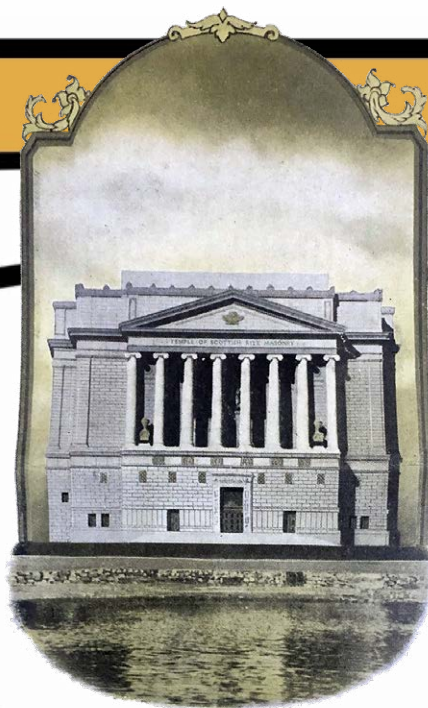


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

To view and subscribe to the online Google calendar, visit www.valleyofoakland.org

FEBRUARY

- Feb 3 Stated Meeting: 4th floor. 6:00 pm Dinner: Chicken Marsala; Meeting, 7:00 pm (suit and tie). Degree presentation, 8:00 pm; Social, 8:00–10:00 pm.
- Feb 17 Presidents' Day.
- Feb 24 Oakland High 12 Luncheon. 3rd floor, 12:00 pm.
- Feb 24 General Robert F. Travis Chapter, No. 490, National Sojourners: 3rd floor, 1:00 pm
- Feb 24 Scottish Rite Temple Association Board meeting, 6:00–7:00 pm.

MARCH

- March 3 Stated Meeting: 4th floor. 6:00 pm Dinner: St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Hash; Meeting, 7:00 pm (suit and tie). Degree presentation, 8:00 pm; Social, 8:00–10:00 pm.
- March 14 Oakland KSA meeting 6:00–7:00 pm. Open to Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew.
- March 17 OSR Reunion: 4th and 14th Degrees.
- March 19 Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation Meeting (via Zoom): 6:00p pm
- March 24 Oakland High 12 Luncheon. 3rd floor, 12:00 pm.
- March 24 General Robert F. Travis Chapter, No. 490, National Sojourners: 3rd floor, 1:00 pm.
- March 24 Scottish Rite Temple Association Board meeting, 6:00–7:00 pm
- March 31 18th Degree Conferral with 15th and 17th Degrees communicated: 6:00–10:00 pm.

APRIL

- April 7 Stated Meeting: 4th floor. 6:00 pm Dinner: Tri-tip; Meeting at 7:00 pm (suit and tie); Degree presentation, 8:00 pm; Social, 8:00–10:00 pm.
- April 11 Oakland KSA meeting 6:00–7:00 pm. Open to Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew.
- April 17 Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal, 6:00–8:00 pm.
- April 28 Oakland High 12 Luncheon. 3rd floor, 12:00 pm
- April 28 General Robert F. Travis Chapter, No. 490, National Sojourners: 3rd floor, 1:00 pm.

[2025 REUNION SCHEDULE: SEE PAGE 4](#)

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



JOIN US ON A JOURNEY THROUGH THE DEGREES OF THE
ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY

March 17

Degrees 4 – 14

March 31

Degrees 15 – 18

April 28

Degrees 19 – 23

May 12

Degrees 28 – 30

June 23

Degrees 28 – 30

September 29

Degrees 31 – 22

☞ Please note that Degrees 4, 14, 18, 19, 30, and 32 will be conferred on stage,
with the others communicated separately

PROGRAM

6:00 – 6:45 PM: Registration and light dinner

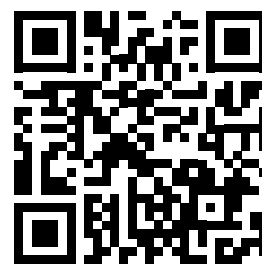
7:00 – 10:00 PM: Degree conferrals

*Dress Code: dark suit and tie. Members will wear
their AASR regalia*

CANDIDATE APPLICATION

<https://valleyofoakland.org/> Click “Join”

For questions, please contact oakland@scottish-rite.org



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OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE REUNION PRACTICE SCHEDULE



Feb 24

18th Degree practice, 7:00–9:00 pm

March 2

4th and 14th Degree Practice, 1:00–5:00 pm

March 9

14th Degree Practice, 2:00–4:00 pm

March 10

4th Degree Dress Rehearsal, 6:30–10:00 pm

March 24

18th Degree practice, 6:30–10:00pm

April 21

30th Degree Practice, 7:00–9:00 pm



A MESSAGE FROM THE VENERABLE MASTER

John L. McPartland, 32°, KCCH, Venerable Master, Oakland Lodge of Perfection No. 2



My dear Brothers, I am deeply honored to serve as the 2025 Venerable Master for our beloved Valley. This year, I'd like to maximize our rentals by focusing on marketing opportunities. I'd also like us to continue supporting the Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation by prioritizing restoration opportunities. For instance, this year, we will have the opportunity to consult with a leading expert on Scottish Rite stagecraft, who will give valuable insight into how we may preserve and restore our historic and priceless scenic drops.

I have had the opportunity to serve this Valley for many years as a member of the Temple Association and now with the Historical Foundation. From these experiences, I have learned the ethical and fraternal responsibilities we owe to Freemasonry and the public. Since 1883, we have played an integral role in developing civic virtue for Oakland and the East Bay at large, and I would like us to be renewed by the memory of that important legacy.

Remember that we are only as strong as our collective efforts, and I look forward to seeing you throughout the year.

Thank you, and God bless.

John L. McPartland, 32°, KCCH





FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Jonathan H. Prestage, 33°, Personal Representative

Dear Brethren and Friends,

I hope that our readers enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and are ready to begin the ensuing year with vim and vigor! This past Sunday, our Oakland Valley hosted the 2025 Installation of Officers, where twenty-seven Scottish Rite leaders were installed into their new positions. Thank you to Hon. Bros. Cary Carlson and Jeff Wilkins for serving on our installation team as Installing Chaplain and Master of Ceremonies. Congratulations to our incoming Symbolic Lodge Masters: Venerable Master, Hon. Bro. John McPartland; Wise Master, Bro. Guy “Ben” Brookshire; Commander of Kadosh, Bro. John Minagro; and Master of Kadosh, Bro. Lyman Penning. Thanks to our newly installed brethren for your willingness to serve your Oakland Valley and for the contributions each of you will make throughout 2025 toward the future of our great fraternity.

Earlier in the month, on January 13th, Bro. Adam Hanin hosted our annual Feast of Kadosh, where he presented the traditional lecture delivered to newly consecrated Knights of Kadosh during their degree conferrals. During the feast, our outgoing Lord of the Clan, Bro. Sam Maffei installed the new Lord Commander of our Knights of St. Andrew. Bro. Ernesto Moya will be stepping in to lead our Knights this year and work towards reinvigorating and better organizing our knights to support upcoming Stated Meetings and the 2025 Scottish Rite Honours we’re hosting this September.

A STRUGGLING TEMPLE

On a more solemn note, as the active members of our Oakland Valley are aware, our Oakland Scottish Rite Center has been struggling to bring in the necessary income required to maintain and support our beautiful historic temple. Since the COVID-19 Pandemic concluded and our temple reopened its doors to host public events, our sales team has had to navigate a very different business, economic, and social environment. Consistently revolving larger corporate events that once served as the backbone of our building’s annual revenue have grown few and far between. Although we continue to host weekly receptions, smaller corporate and business conferences, social events, and family celebrations, these have fallen short of the necessary revenue to support our minimal operations and deferred maintenance costs.

Over the past several years, our temple’s sales team and Board of Directors have explored various business development opportunities. More recently, we’ve also explored the potential for outside investments provided by other Masonic bodies to improve the financial situation and better support our regional fraternal activities as a local “Masonic Center.” However, we have reached the point where we must now reconsider the viability of continuing an event center business model under current market conditions and the additional challenges presented by operating within the city of Oakland.

Our Temple Association’s Board of Directors is gathering the necessary information to hold an “All Hands

on Deck” meeting for our membership. At this future meeting, we will provide our members with the data and reports we’ve compiled to help the membership better understand the specifics of our financial situation and determine the best course of action to resolve these dire circumstances and re-pivot the Scottish Rite Valley of Oakland into a more sustainable future. Once the Temple’s Board of Directors has received and compiled the necessary reports, I will notify our members by mail and email at least thirty days before this meeting. Please look for this notice to arrive within the coming weeks.

In the meantime, I encourage any member of our Valley with questions about this difficult situation to contact me or our Temple Board of Directors using the contact info in the directory. My mobile number is (415) 710-9347, and my direct email address is jprestage@scottish-rite.org.

If you are able to attend our monthly Stated Meetings, we will continue to share incremental updates as new information becomes available.

While our Masonic leaders navigate these difficult circumstances, the Scottish Rite Valley of Oakland continues uninterrupted. Please check our Google calendar on the website (<https://valleyofoakland.org/>) and this bulletin for the latest on our upcoming events.

We hope to see you soon at the Stated Meeting and upcoming feasts!

Fraternally,
Jonathan H. Prestage, 33°
Personal Representative of the S.G.I.G. in Oakland

“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

I had an unexpected life-threatening illness in December that made it impossible for me to lead the education program in January and February. This kind of existential experience cuts through the dross and slices through the superfluities of life. Core beliefs and foundational sentiments are revealed in a sobering clarity often obscured by routine and habit.

I look forward to a renewed commitment to Oakland’s educational program and hope to bring some newfound clarity to the course.

THE DEGREE REVIEW PROGRAM

I am rebooting the degree review program and picking up where I left off in December 2024. We will review the next degree in the Lodge of Perfection in March: the 10th Degree, Elu of the Fifteen. The allegory surrounding the construction of King Solomon’s Temple continues. In this degree, King Solomon selects fifteen Fellowcrafts to find the two remaining ruffians. The drama surrounding the capture of the ruffians is used to explore further the symbolism of the two-edged dagger, which is the jewel in the 9th and 10th degrees. The virtues of toleration and liberality are contrasted with the vices of egoism and fanaticism.

In April, we will review the 11th Degree, Elu of the Twelve. In the 9th and 10th degrees, we examined the consequences of selfishness resulting from ignorance, ambition, and fanaticism. In the 11th, we examine its opposite—the masonic idea of “selflessness.”

In the degree narrative, corruption in the collection of taxes prompted King Solomon to appoint governors of the twelve provinces to ensure fair and impartial governance. The two-edged sword and the symbol of the flaming heart are employed to help us understand how “selflessness” is an aspect of masonic charity. A central political question this degree poses is, who guards the guardians?

Please join us in the Research Library after the stated meetings for these multimedia degree presentations and discussions.

THE CAPSTONE GUILD

The next meeting of the Capstone Guild will be in May. At that meeting, the Guild will delve into the Twelfth degree, Master Architect. After a brief degree summary, the meeting will focus on the historical evolution of the degree.

The Capstone Guild is a more in-depth examination of one of the higher degrees. As a group member, you study and compare the 1783 Francken Manuscript, the Albert Pike's *Magnum Opus*, and the Reunion Degree Script adopted by the Supreme Council and used by the Oakland degree teams.

Under our new format, brothers read excerpts from these recommended study materials. Afterward, the discussion focuses on these excerpts from the readings.

Members should join the Capstone Guild if they want to do the background reading and /or help lead the discussions. 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 Capstone Guild to attend the meetings and participate in the discussions. Everyone is welcome to attend.

I keep track of attendance at the Guild meetings because after attending the required number of sessions, the Oakland Valley will present a special jewel to members of the Capstone Guild. I am planning for a special Capstone Guild jewel ceremony in 2026.

Salve Frater!



Undated print depicting the Knight Kadosh Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. From the Edwin Sherman Collection, property of the Oakland Scottish Rite / Harry Yetter Library.



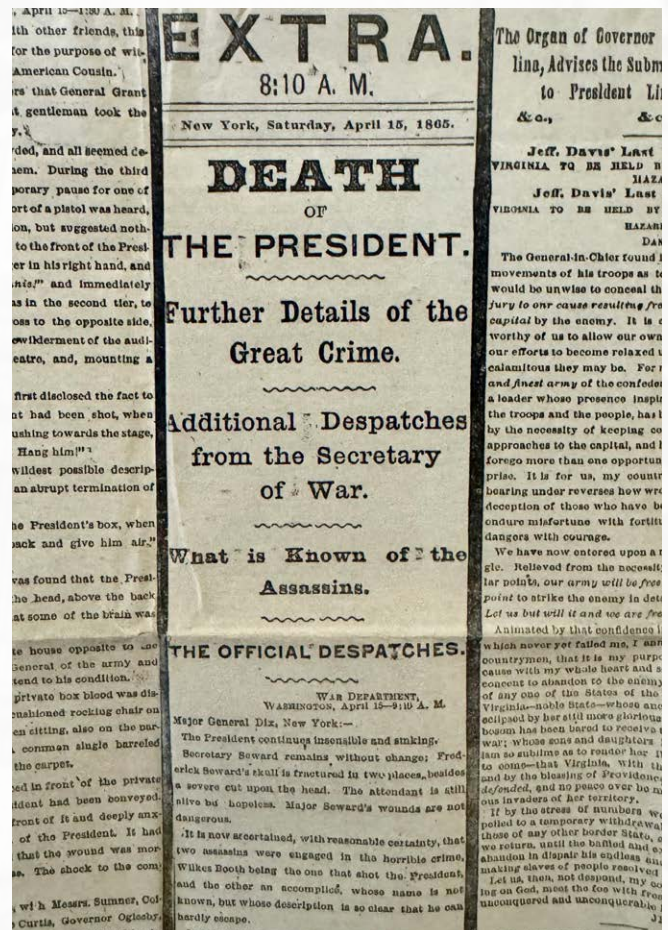
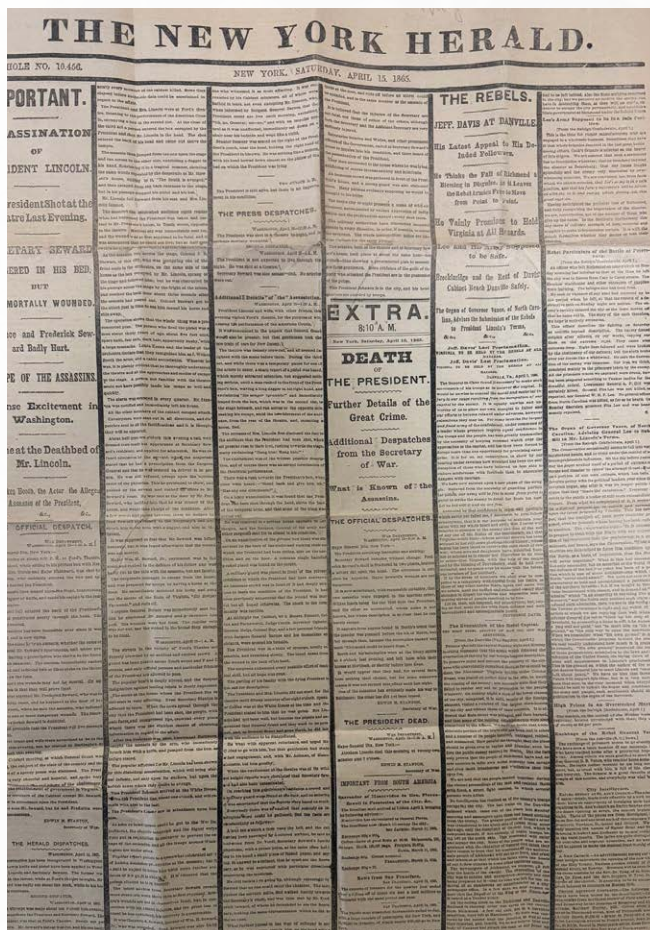
From the Harry G. Yetter Masonic Research Library & Museum

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

A SHOT HEARD AROUND THE WORLD: AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY

I am currently archiving the personal papers and effects of Major Edwin A. Sherman, 33*, GC. In addition to being an American pioneer in California, Sherman was one of the movers and shakers of the fraternity in the state, especially the Scottish Rite on the Pacific Coast. In Oakland, he was one of our founding members and the one who convinced the Grand Commander, Albert Pike, to travel to our city to confer the A. & A.S.R. degrees upon suitable candidates, thus inaugurating our valley.

One of Sherman's hallmark characteristics was an abiding devotion to the Union and President Lincoln—so much that he devoted much of his attention to preserving Lincoln's legacy. His collection is rife with Lincoln memorabilia, including this recently rediscovered April 15, 1865 edition of the New York Herald announcing Lincoln's assassination.





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. 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. Additionally, we have also launched a campaign, including one for our archive and material culture at: <https://givebutter.com/osrhf>. Click the link or scan the QR code below!



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OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION PROJECTS

Now that our Givebutter page has been set up (<https://givebutter.com/osrhf>), we have been including a "menu" of our several fundraising opportunities that will fit every interest and need. With such a large ornate building that is nearly a century old, it stands to reason that there will be a lot of ground to cover. This is why we have encouraged giving to simultaneous projects. Whether it's furniture, books, the stage drops, and our archives, each serves to preserve and restore rare and custom items that are unlikely to be encountered elsewhere. These projects (in no particular order) will help us understand our history, and to better learn from it; to articulate it and be inspired.

Restoring the Stage: \$2,000 goal

The Oakland Scottish Rite's stage drops are some of the finest in the nation. After nearly one hundred years of use, they require TLC! Painted circa 1926 by artist Thomas G. Moses of the Sosman and Landis Scene Painting Studio, these backdrops are used to confer the degrees of the Scottish Rite. However, their history is not exclusive to fraternal interests! The Scottish Rite's method of conferring degrees on the stage was closely aligned with the American theater tradition, and the individuals who painted these monumental works of art were some of the most sought-after commercial artists. In addition to the theater, they designed advertisements, state and local fairs, and other examples of public art. Therefore, the Scottish Rite is the inheritor of a unique American artistic tradition.

Due to damage caused by age and short-term repairs, many are in dire shape and the Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation would like to engage a well-respected expert to provide us with a road map for repairing these historic gems. The expert will assess the condition of each drop and construct a report with recommendations for repair and which ones need it the most. They will also instruct our staff on professional techniques and resources. Thus, this report will give the Oakland Scottish Rite Center valuable insight into what we should prioritize and plan for the backdrops' restoration and preservation needs.

We are now accepting donations for the reserve study, food, lodging, flights, and other incidentals to and from Oakland, California. A generous donor has already contributed toward this goal, and we are now seeking others to help us with the remainder so we can restore our precious heritage! Unspent monies donated for the site report will be directed toward OSRHF projects.

Legacy Furniture Restoration: \$4,000 goal

Our custom-fabricated furniture contributes to the Oakland Scottish Rite's elegance. Renaissance Revival, Art Deco, and California Mission styles enhance the building's classic environment and whisk visitors to another era. Help us restore the vintage luxury of early twentieth century Oakland!

Friends of the Library: \$3,000 goal

The Oakland Scottish Rite library holds over 5,000 books and pamphlets with subjects ranging from Freemasonry, history, philosophy, esoteric subjects, and literature. Titles by William Penn, Aristotle, John Amos Comenius, and Manly Palmer Hall, for example, grace our shelves (in addition to scores of others on various subjects related to Freemasonry, history, religion, and esotericism). Because of their age, several require repair. Some need new covers, while some need cleaning. These titles represent an

incredible body of knowledge. Our library is not merely a collection of books but a museum of thought. After the launching of this project, we raised over \$1,100 to restore our 1784 edition of James Anderson's *Constitutions of the Freemasons* and it is now at the bookbinder!

If you love historical literature, we would appreciate your kind support!

Records and Material Culture Preservation: \$2500 goal

The Oakland Scottish Rite Temple contains a vast archive of artifacts, photographs, archival objects, and other items belonging to some of the most famous early Californians who once belonged to the organization. Items belonging to Oakland mayor and California governor George Pardee; Governor, Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren; *Oakland Tribune* publishers and politicians Joseph and William Knowland; and many others who made their mark on history are all contained here! Your donation will go toward purchasing archival materials to ensure their preservation!



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VALLEY NEWS

FEAST OF KADOSH

On January 13, our beloved Valley of Oakland held its annual Feast of Kadosh, where several toasts were made during a delicious meal. One of the highlights was the knighting of our Bro. Fariborz Amirdelfan, 32°, in the Knights of St. Andrew by Bro. Samuel Maffei, 32°, Lord of the Clan.



Bro. Fariborz was knighted by Bro. Samuel Maffei, 32°, Lord of the Clan, Oakland Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew.

2025 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

On January 26, the Valley installed its 2025 officers, followed by a splendid feast and an exemplary outpouring of brotherhood!



Clockwise: Hon. Jeff Wilkins, PGM, 32°, KCCH and Ill. Jonathan H. Prestage, 33°, PR, install the Commander of Kadosh, Lyman Penning, 32°; Venerable Master, John McPartland, 32°, KCCH; and Guy Benjamin Brookshire, 32° as Wise Master.



Top: Our new Venerable Master, Hon. John McPartland, 32°, KCCH addresses the audience. Bottom: Behold! The 2025 officers for the Valley of Oakland, A. & A.S.R., S.J.



JOHN L. McPARTLAND, COLONEL, US ARMY (RET.), 32°, KCCH, VENERABLE MASTER

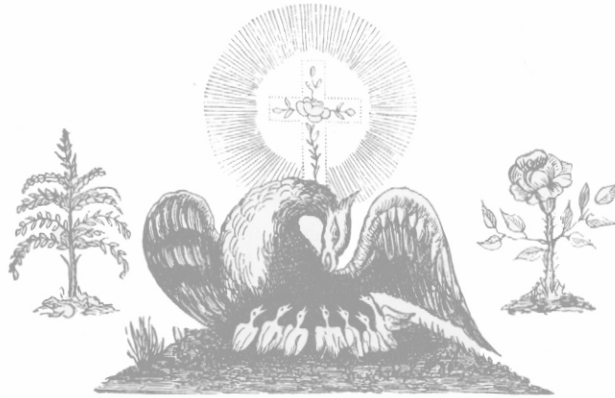
John L. McPartland is a retired fire chief from the Oakland Fire Department, a retired US Army colonel, and a combat veteran who has served throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. For over forty years, he has been a part-time community college instructor of fire technology, hazardous materials, weapons of mass destruction, emergency medical services (EMS), and more. Most recently, John served four terms on the BART Board of Directors from 2008 to 2024.

John is very active in emergency and disaster preparedness at the local, state, federal, and international levels as a practitioner, trainer, political advocate, and consultant. Locally, he served several years on the Alameda County Sheriff's Volunteer Dive Unit and Emergency Managers Association. He has presented to and trained local organizations (including Oakland Scottish Rite and other Masonic-related groups) in disaster preparation and CPR. On a more expansive level, John has been on a Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) and their internal national training team, responding to California wildland fires, Hurricane Katrina, Salt Lake City Olympics (standby), and Ukrainian multinational training.

Additionally, to promote implementation and funding for earthquake early warning, John has served on the California Seismic Safety Commission and testified and presented at the White House, US Senate appropriation committees, and the California State Legislature. He has also consulted and trained internationally on planning, organization, and training disaster response at multinational, civil, and military levels.



IN MEMORIAM



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DAVID M. ANDERSON, 32°
SEPTEMBER 9, 1955 – OCTOBER 16, 2024
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“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

2025 Officers

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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/>

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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 ☐

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."

	<u>2025 Reunions</u>
<u>Candidate's Signature</u>	Degree Fee \$230
<u>1st Sponsor PRINTED NAME</u>	Annual Dues \$150
<u>1st Sponsor Signature</u>	Total Due: <u>\$380</u>

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2nd Sponsor Signature

I'm petitioning for the *Fall* Class.

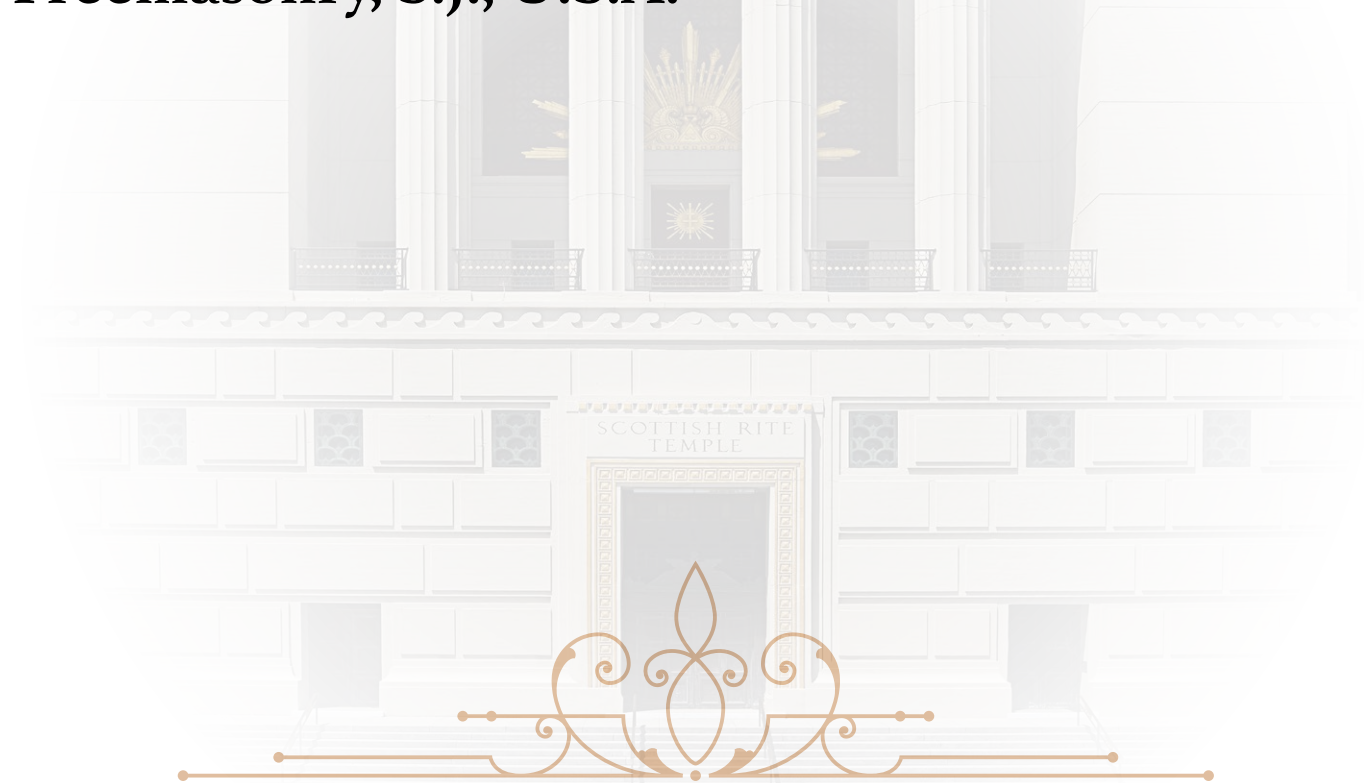
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Valley of Oakland

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



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