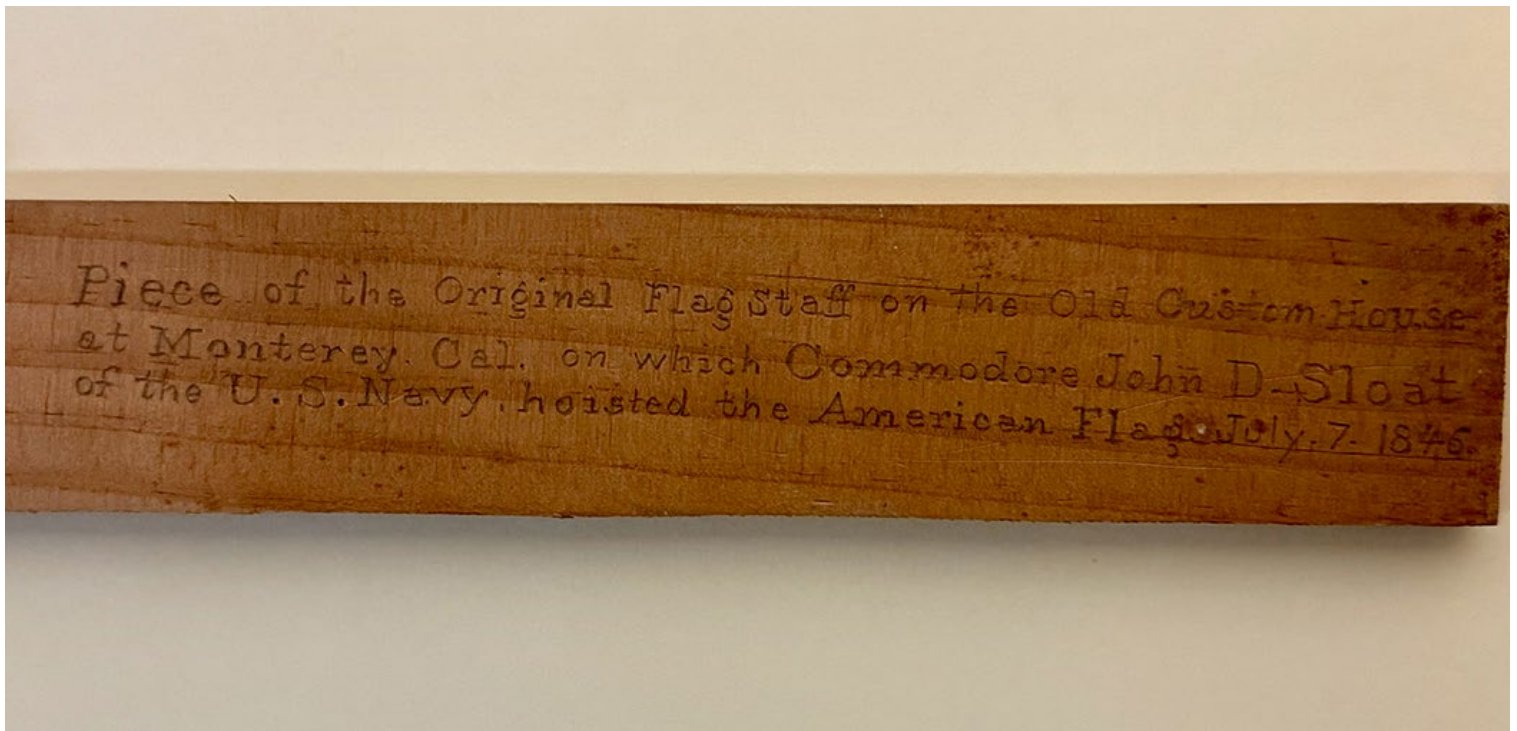


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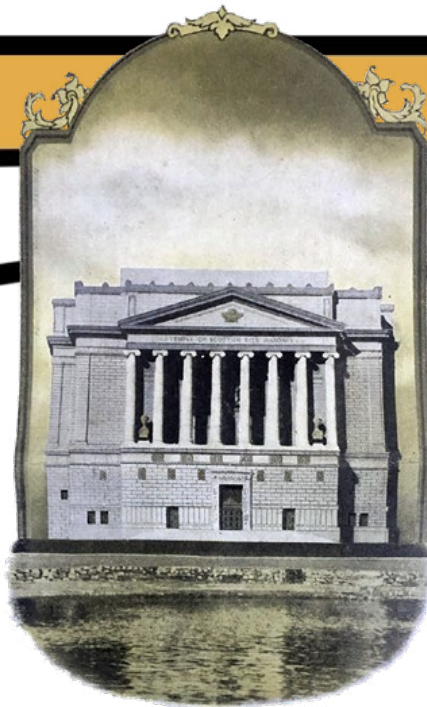
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An American treasure from the Edwin Sherman Collection. The inscription reads: "Piece of the original flag staff [sic] on the Old Custom House at Monterey Cal on which Commodore John D. Sloat of the U.S. Navy hoisted the American Flag July 7 1846"

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## MAY

- May 5 Stated Meeting: 4th floor. 6:00 pm Dinner: Cinco de Mayo Fiesta; Meeting, 7:00 pm (suit and tie). Degree presentation, 8:00 pm; Social, 8:00–10:00 pm.
- May 11 Mother's Day.
- May 19 Oakland High 12 Luncheon. 3rd floor, 12:00 pm.
- May 19 General Robert F. Travis Chapter, No. 490, National Sojourners: 3rd floor, 1:00 pm
- May 19 Scottish Rite Temple Association Board meeting, 6:00–7:00 pm.
- May 26 Memorial Day
- May 30 Feast of the Consistory. Festive Board Dinner: short ribs. 6:00–9:00 pm.

## JUNE

- June 2 Stated Meeting: 4th floor. 6:00 pm Dinner: Lasagna; Meeting, 7:00 pm (summer dress). Degree presentation, 8:00 pm; Social, 8:00–10:00 pm.
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 15 Father's Day
- June 19 Juneteenth
- June 23 Oakland High 12 Luncheon. 3rd floor, 12:00 pm.
- June 23 General Robert F. Travis Chapter, No. 490, National Sojourners: 3rd floor, 1:00 pm.
- June 23 Scottish Rite Temple Association Board meeting, 6:00–7:00 pm

## JULY

- July 4 Independence Day
- July 7 Stated Meeting: 4th floor. 6:00 pm Old Timers' Night BBQ and 50-year award presentation; Meeting at 7:00 pm (western-themed attire); Degree presentation, 8:00 pm; Social, 8:00–10:00 pm.
- July 28 Oakland KSA meeting 6:00–7:00 pm. Open to Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew.
- July 28 Oakland High 12 Luncheon. 3rd floor, 12:00 pm
- July 28 General Robert F. Travis Chapter, No. 490, National Sojourners: 3rd floor, 1:00 pm.

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

# A MESSAGE FROM THE WISE MASTER

Guy Benjamin Brookshire, 32°, Wise Master, Gethsemane Chapter No. 2, Knights Rose Croix



**B**rethren, it is a great and humbling honor to serve as Wise Master of Gethsemane Chapter, Knights Rose Croix, and there is no more beautiful ceremony in our calendar than the old Maundy Thursday rite, reimagined in our current tradition to preserve and advance its most moving and intellectually stimulating elements. Under Illustrious Prestage's guidance, I've been studying the fascinating Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal, and I wanted to share a few thoughts on this profound observance.

The solemn commemoration is rooted in the Last Supper and the simple yet revolutionary command: "Love one another." While our modern ceremony, held near the hopeful time of the vernal equinox, isn't a religious rite, it beautifully captures that essential spirit. As the texts explain, it is a time for remembrance—recalling not only the brethren we've lost this year but all those throughout history who suffered for seeking truth and fearlessly living on the square in the face of tyrannies that skewed justice.

Think of the powerful symbolism we witness! The Mystic Banquet, with its shared bread and wine, echoes ancient covenants like Passover but transforms them into a pledge of fraternity, innocence, and reconciliation. And then, the *Tenebrae*—the extinguishing of the lights, one by one, plunging us into darkness as we recount how ignorance and despotism have sought to quench the light of wisdom and love. It's a stark reminder, straight from the script's poignant dialogue, of the persecution faced by those who champion enlightenment.

But despair never has the last word! The *Fiat Lux*, the relighting, assures us that truth, like the spring sun, will always return. Each rekindled flame reaffirms liberty, equality, and fraternity—the eternal principles for which the martyrs died. As the Wise Master, I was proud to recite the final exhortation to live by the Law of Love for the benefit of humanity.

During the coming months, please join us for meetings of our Gethsemane Chapter. You are invited to share the light of our research into this beautiful and mysterious body of our rite.







# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Jonathan H. Prestage, 33°, Personal Representative

Dear Brethren and Friends,

I'm excited to announce five new 32°, Masters of the Royal Secret, who just completed their Scottish Rite degrees through the Valley of San Jose's recent reunion. Please join me in welcoming Brothers Nonato Gaoiran, Shaun Meadows, Sunil Moothedath, Jose Ponce Morales, and Philip Sandness into our Oakland Valley!

We have two important upcoming events for our members and guests to mark on their calendars:

- The Feast of the Consistory (for members only) will be on Friday, May 30th at 6:00 pm.
- The July Old Timers' BBQ Dinner, where we will recognize our twenty-fifth and fiftieth anniversary members. During this event, we will host a special guest, Most Worshipful Arthur L. Salazar, Grand Master of Masons in California! All family and friends are invited to the July Old Timers Night Dinner at 6:00 pm. Scottish Rite members will be invited to the July Valley Stated Meeting after the Old Timers BBQ Dinner. Reservations may be sent to [oakland@scottish-rite.org](mailto:oakland@scottish-rite.org) or confirmed when we send our regular email reminders.

This past Thursday, April 17th, our Gethsemane Chapter of Knights Rose Croix hosted the annual Maundy Thursday/Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal (see the photos in "[Valley News](#)." I want to thank our Wise Master, Ben Brookshire, 32°, for organizing the officers and sharing this beautiful ceremony with our brethren and guests. This ceremony recognizes the passing of our dear brethren from the prior year and commemorates solemn symbolism from our Masonic obligations and ritual. I'd encourage you to attend next year if you missed this last month.

We will continue hosting our Valley Stated Meetings and Dinners each month, but as we've announced in our meetings, we've had to cancel the spring reunion at our Oakland Scottish Rite Temple.

Another significant change in our scheduling is the location for the 2025 Orient of California's Biennial Honours. The Valley of San Francisco will host the 2025 Honours on Saturday, September 13th, at the San Francisco Scottish Rite Temple. Each of our Valley's Honourmen will be invited to attend this biennial event, where we will recognize the lasting contributions of our dedicated brethren.

Lastly, I'd like to offer my sincere gratitude for the countless hours and the expertise our Illustrious Brother Adam Kendall, 33°, has contributed towards the publication of this quarterly bulletin. Ill. Kendall has served as the Executive Director of our Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation since 2022, the Oakland Valley's Librarian, Curator, and Archivist. As Ill. Kendall ends his employment with our Valley, his contributions will remain lasting. We will continue to look forward to the time he's able to continue lending our Valley outside of his future professional employment. We also look forward to his continuing research on Edwin Sherman, so if you see him in the library pouring over the Sherman Archive, say hello!!

*“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

In June, we will review the next degree in the Lodge of Perfection—the 13th Degree, The Royal Arch of Solomon. We have already left the legend of Hiram behind us. The allegorical story still occurs during the construction of King Solomon’s Temple, but the focus shifts to events outside the Temple. In this degree, King Solomon selects three men to explore the site of a pagan temple as the possible location for constructing a new justice administration building.

The degree introduces the legend of Enoch, the antediluvian patriarch, and his cube engraved with the name of God. The participants’ journey takes the form of a vertical descent through nine arched vaults, where they make an astonishing discovery.

In July, we will review the 14th Degree, The Perfect Elu, which is the last in the Lodge of Perfection and the second of the five mandatory degrees that must be conferred in the Scottish Rite system. The Perfect Elu is also the final degree in the story of the First Temple, known as King Solomon’s Temple.

The 14th continues the metaphor of hidden and arched stone chambers introduced in the preceding degree. Except this time, the symbolic location is a vault under the Holy of Holies of King Solomon’s Temple. The vault, which was the secret meeting place of the three Grand Masters of the Hiram legend, was accessed by a series of horizontal chambers that went from the palace to the temple. This location became the depository for the cubical stone discovered in the 13th Degree.

This horizontal movement places the emphasis on the earthly dimension of our journey in contrast with the spiritual dimension associated with the vertical journey in the 13th Degree.

A new challenge is presented: How do we, as mortal men, access that spiritual element we identified in the 13th Degree?

In August, I will introduce The second body of the Scottish Rite system, The Chapter of Rose Croix. This will be a broad overview of the dominant themes presented in the 15th through the 18th degrees. These degrees are the spiritual core of the Scottish Rite. They give us a deeper understanding of the theological virtues associated with masonry.

These degrees also explore important philosophical themes. We look carefully at the exercise of free will,

the role of intellectual inquiry, and the concept of personal liberty. Myth, religion, and philosophy try to answer the big questions about origin, life, and death. The Chapter of Rose Croix uses all three of these methods to broaden our understanding of these profound spiritual questions.

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 September. The Guild will delve into the 15th Degree, Knight of the East, at that meeting. After a brief degree summary, the meeting will focus on the historical evolution of the Fifteenth 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 Franken Manuscript, 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!*



A Scottish Rite emblem from the Oakland Scottish Rite's 1912–1913 reunion program.





# VMAP & SCOTTISH RITE RECRUITMENT

Carlos Alvarez, 32°, VMAP Chairman

**G**reetings Brethren! As we look forward to the beginning of summer and absorb the rays of the sun, we can't help but bask in its glory. As with all things, we know that change is the only constant in the universe. So, let us take this moment to appreciate the beauty of the present while also coming together to strengthen our institution for the future of our Temple, which is not defined by brick and mortar but by the living tradition.

The Oakland Scottish Rite is proud to announce its recognition for the 2024 VMAP Year—reflecting an outstanding period of growth, education, and fellowship. This year was marked by remarkable accomplishments and memorable moments. Here is a brief recap: we welcomed twenty-three new Scottish Rite Masons, growing our Valley and enriching our brotherhood. The Edwin Sherman Research Lodge was constituted to deepen our understanding of the Scottish Rite Craft degrees, and this historic event was honored by the presence of the Grand Master of Masons in California. We hosted a French First Degree, drawing nearly one hundred Masons from across the region—a truly inspiring display of fraternity. The Orient-Wide Reunion was held at our Valley, where we, in collaboration with Valleys from across the Orient, conferred the 15th through 32nd degrees in full form—a monumental achievement in ritual excellence. At the Feast of the Consistory, we welcomed the renowned Masonic historian Robert L. D. Cooper, who delivered a thought-provoking educational lecture. Our Education Committee, led by Hon. Thomas Langford, 32°, KCCH, presented monthly lectures and continued the Quarterly Capstone Guild sessions, offering deep dives into multiple versions of specific degrees. And, of course, we celebrated key events in the Scottish Rite calendar, including the Feast of Kadosh and the Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal.

We are deeply grateful for the dedication of our members and the support of our wider Masonic family. As we move forward, we carry the momentum of 2024 into the future—stronger, wiser, and more united than ever.

Remember, bringing in candidates this year contributes to our Valley's success, ensuring it remains a beacon of light in Freemasonry for generations to come. If you need assistance, please reach out to the front office.

Let us continue to foster fellowship and brotherly love!







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

Adam Kendall, 33°

**"TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON, AND A TIME TO EVERY PURPOSE...."<sup>1</sup>**

Brethren,

This is my last official article for our bulletin, as I have resigned from my position at the Oakland Scottish Rite (I remain a volunteer director of the Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation for the time being). It has been an honor to serve this Valley and to shine a light on its historical importance for our city, state, and nation. Every time I review the items in our various collections (Edwin Sherman and Walter Scaife, to name a few), I am in awe of the historically critical items we possess. It is a historian's dream and, surely, a Mason's pride to be the steward of such treasures. My departure does not mean I will no longer contribute to our Valley's programs. In fact, as my research progresses, you will likely see a few occasional contributions our bulletin, not to mention published articles and a few presentations.

Although I will not be at the temple daily, I will be working on a new paper featuring our Valley's prime mover, Edwin Sherman. A good portion of my research is derived from his wonderful collection, which is in our possession. I am also examining the archive of the inimitable Walter Scaife and planning research projects about his incredible contributions and fascinating life stories. I love our history and am excited that my work will bring more recognition to the Oakland Scottish Rite and its legacy. Our educational culture needs to be perpetuated and enjoyed, and I am proud that I have been able to access just a small sampling of what is hidden in our corridors. The question remains about how our objects and library will be preserved and maintained. The collection was created for our benefit and intellectual growth. As evidence of this, one only needs to walk into the library. That glorious room was always a home for books and was desired by the brethren so much that it was included in the original blueprints. It is our responsibility to understand and preserve this heritage.

We can be justifiably proud of our forebears' foresight, but we should always consider the future care of what we have inherited. To that end, the past three-plus years have seen the Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation and my work in the library highlighting our Valley's important legacy has made a demonstrable impact; more people (Masons and non-members alike) are aware of our collection and are genuinely interested in us.

Our historical items require stability and order; no matter what, their care is a commitment that cannot be shirked. Naturally, I will remain in an advisory role so those future brethren tasked with their care can always reach out. Our purpose and time have never been so clear. *United, we stand!*

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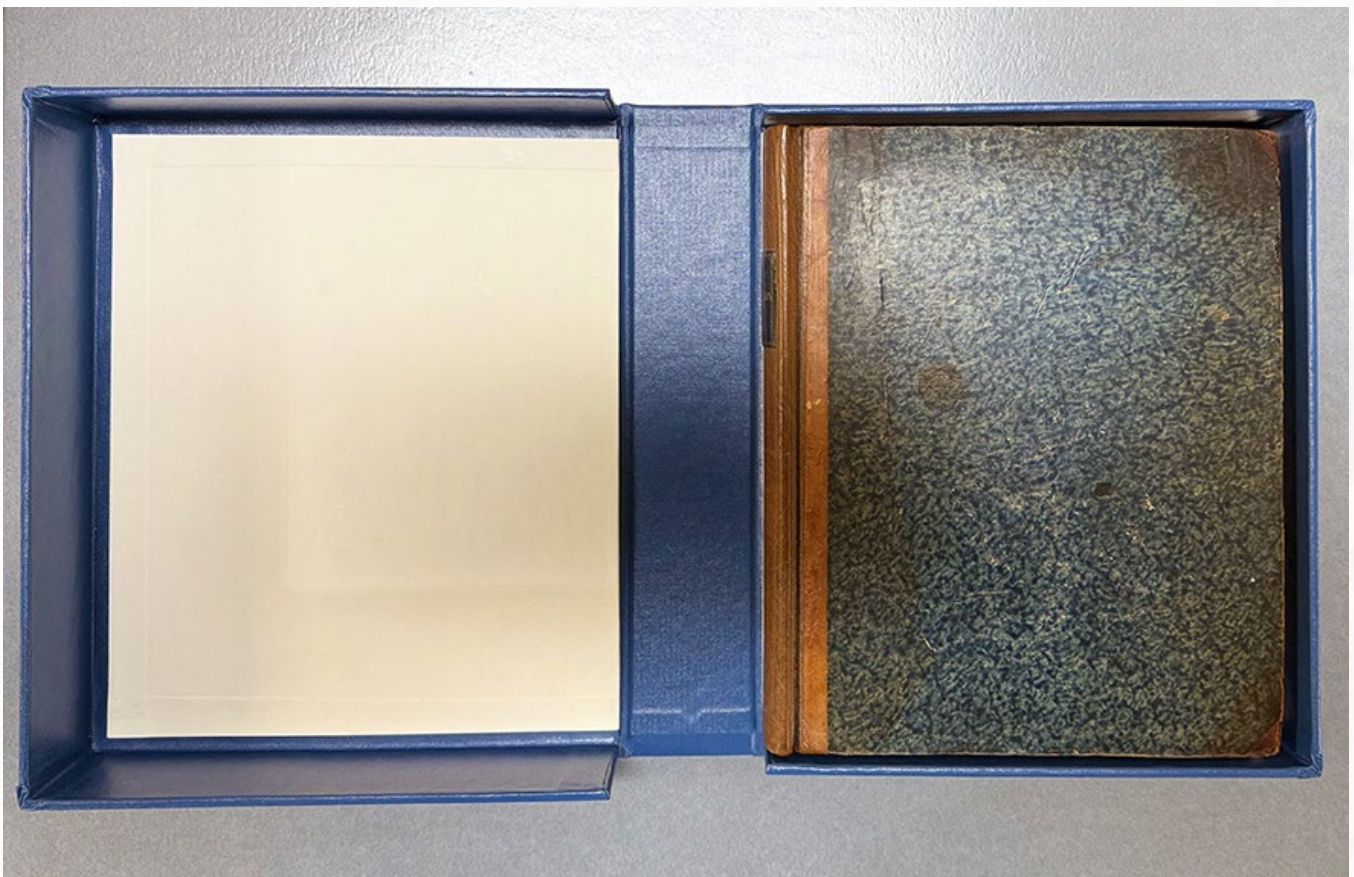
1. Ecclesiastes 3:1 (KJV)

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

## A TREASURE REVIVED!

One of our many treasures was recently repaired and given a protective home by way of generous donations from our own Bro. Howard Silsdorf, 32°, and Bro. Tyler Lyons, 32°, from the Valley of Los Angeles. The book, which is the 1784 "Noorthouck Edition" of James Anderson's seminal work, *Constitutions of the Free-Masons*, was suffering from some age-related damage, such as the spine separating from the cover. As the Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation's inaugural book repair project, the widespread Masonic importance of this document made it a natural choice. The bookbinder painstakingly replaced the leather on the spine as the intention was to keep as much of the original as possible. He then stabilized some of the small abrasions and tears.

These donations also allowed us to purchase a custom-made oyster shell box to protect our investment for future generations.





# VALLEY NEWS

## CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE AND RENEWAL

On April 17, our Gethsemane Chapter, Knights Rose Croix held its annual Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. The solemn ceremony, led by Wise Master, Guy "Ben" Brookshire, 32°, began with a family feast. Following the dinner, the brethren and their guests retired to the adjacent section and reflected on the memory of those we have lost, and contemplated a brighter future.



Ill. Strehlow, 33°, poses in front of the ceremonial feast table.



Bro. Brookshire, 32°, Wise Master of Gethsemane Chapter addresses the crowd.



After finishing their delicious meal, our guests listened to the history and meaning of the ceremony.



# VALLEY NEWS



Wise Master, Bro. Ben Brookshire, 32°, conducting the ceremony.



A beautifully solemn setting reminding us of those who have come before and the renewal of a glorious future.



Hon Boggess, 32°, KCCH, reads the names of our departed brothers and solemnly strikes the chime after each.

# IN MEMORIAM



LAUREN E. PIPER, 33°  
DECEMBER 13, 1931 – FEBRUARY 9, 2025

BENJAMIN M. BLOOM, 32°  
APRIL 5, 1985 – FEBRUARY 24, 2025

“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

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