



Calendar

July 4, Independence Day
July 30, Stated Meeting (Western Night)
August 15-19, Supreme Council Session
August 27, Stated Meeting (Hawaiian Night)
September 1, Labor Day
September 13, Honours Ceremony
September 24, Stated Meeting (Oktoberfest)

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Rite Connection

San Francisco Valley

July-August 2025

From the Lodge of Perfection

Brothers and Friends,

June was a busy start to summer. We exemplified the 30th and 32nd Degrees to 7 of our newest members of San Francisco Scottish Rite. As part of our June stated meeting, we also awarded 38 deserving Applicants scholarships and hosted them and their parents to a Philippine dinner. Finally, we completed the journey to the 32nd degree for our candidates as we watched a wonderful 32nd degree that evening. It was a long evening but rewarding and meaningful to our candidates and our membership. My sincere thanks to all the actors, behind the scenes workers, and our Director of the Works, Richard Modolo. It was a great night for our candidates and everyone in attendance.

As we move into July, we celebrate the 4th of July with picnics, parades, and fireworks. But were you aware that at least 9 Master Masons were creators and signers of the Declaration of Independence? Many Masonic values are interwoven in the Declaration of Independence with principles such as equality, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Furthermore, the Constitution was drafted by Freemasons such as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and James Madison. Masonic values have helped shape our American government and society through its core values of brotherhood, mutual respect, and charitable works, support of education initiatives and civic engagement. So, as we celebrate the 4th of July, let us be proud of the legacy Freemasonry has had and will continue to have in shaping our country's governance and values!

Our July stated meeting will be on July 30th and it will be a western themed meeting and dinner. So break out your western wear, your boots and wear them to enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

August stated meeting will be August 27th and you will want to break out your loudest Hawaiian print shirts and wear them to our stated meeting and dinner.

Be sure to invite Brothers who haven't been with us in awhile to enjoy our relaxed dress summer meetings. I hope you are all having a wonderful summer, taking your families on vacation, and enjoying the outdoor festivities summer brings! I look forward to seeing you all on July 30th.

Fraternally yours,
 Terry L. Peters, Venerable Master



Terry Peters, 32° KCCH
 2025 Venerable Master,

“Many Masonic values are interwoven in the Declaration of Independence.”

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From the Orator

Many among us have always wanted a brother. It is a natural human desire to wish to love and be loved by a sibling.

In the absence of such a familial bond, we have found brotherhood through the shared values, experiences, and the search for higher meaning as Masons. We recognize all mankind as brethren whether individuals are the children of common parents or simply creatures of the will of one common God. Over the centuries, Masons alone have recognized the great moral truth that "All mankind is born free and equal." We are taught to extend a kind and willing hand to everyone and to practice all the virtues that make a good man an even better one: to protect the oppressed, to relieve the needy, to support the weak and to comfort and defend the widow and orphan.

As we take the Masonic degrees, a spiritual path connects and leads us to comprehension, understanding and a manifestation of enlightened wisdom and a peaceful state of mind. In our quest for spiritual peace, confusion is transformed into clarity. The brevity of man's days is written in portions of Psalms 90:6, "In the morning it flourishes and grows up; in the evening it is cut down and withers."

Let us then offer the worthy and well-qualified the opportunity to become members of our great Fraternity sooner rather than later. It is our duty to stand by their sides and help them become Masters of the Royal Secret, so that, when we depart this earthly existence to that "House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," Scottish Rite Masonry will continue to thrive.

Durward C. Ayre, 33°
Orator
San Francisco Scottish Rite



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Orator

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Rufo Macaraeg, 33°
Chairman, CLC

From the Chairman of the CLC

Brethren!

Happy 4th of July!

As we celebrate our Independence Day, let us remember the men and women who protect our land so that we remain a free and independent country.

With the summer months, more children are in need of help, since many rely on their schools during the year, not just for education but to have a decent meal. Yes, we have our focus on our Childhood Language Center to support those with speech challenges, but we cannot overlook the children whose families struggle to put food on the table.

Let's do our part to support our communities by volunteering in food banks and distribution and share the abundance we are blessed to have.

Fraternally,

Rufo Macaraeg, 33°
Chairman, CLC



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From the Director of the Work

Brethren,

I want to thank all the SFSR degree cast and crew team members for a job well done. I want to thank the Degree Masters for their leadership and outstanding service. Al Cua for first time directing the 18th Deg. Thank you! What can I say about Rufo, you are the best. Together we completed the spring degrees.

Let's not forget the great lighting, staging, sound, properties, costume and yes, kitchen support team members, thank you.

There are about 70 degree team members, all working towards one common goal, bringing the best experience to the class, and you did that. Thank you!

It has been a while since I had worked on the degrees...together we added so many new cast members. I didn't know how much help I was going to need, but everyone stepped up! I want to thank everyone again.

We will do it again in the fall, but for now you deserve a little time off. Have a fun summer and I look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Modolo 33°
Director of the work



*Richard Modolo, 33°
Director of the Work*



In Memoriam

III. Earl Cesena, 33° PVM



Donato Lara, 32°
Commander

Council of Kadosh

Brethren,

We are now over the hump. July and August are here.

I'd like to congratulate our brethren who have received their 32nd Degree. Hat's off to the cast and crew for their performance and work. Congratulations to the deserving students who received scholarships from the Scottish Rite Foundation.

The Scottish Rite Council of Kadosh: July and August History

Important July Events

July has been significant in Scottish Rite history:

July 18, 1740 - One of the earliest references to Scottish degrees appeared in Bristol, England, when a lodge decided that Master Masons could be made "Scotch Masters."

July 12, 1875 - The Honolulu Council of Kadosh received its charter, bringing Scottish Rite Masonry to Hawaii. William C. Parke, who served as Marshal of the Kingdom of Hawaii for 34 years, became the first Commander.

July 14, 1911 - The Lodge of Perfection #1 in Juneau, Alaska received its charter, marking the first Scottish Rite presence in Alaska. A full set of Scottish Rite bodies was established there in 1915.

Important August Events

August also holds special meaning for Scottish Rite history:

August 4-5, 1813 - Important organizational work took place in New York City. Emanuel De La Motta, a prominent Scottish Rite leader from Savannah, Georgia, helped establish Scottish Rite activities in New York. These events were crucial for organizing the rite's expansion throughout the United States.

The Feast of Kadosh

Many Scottish Rite groups celebrate an annual Feast of Kadosh to honor the traditions of these degrees. This celebration includes ceremonies, fellowship, and reflection on the moral lessons of the Council of Kadosh. It helps members renew their commitment to truth, justice, and spiritual growth.

Today's Relevance

The Council of Kadosh remains active in Scottish Rite Masonry today. Its teachings about moral courage, honesty, and spiritual development are still relevant to modern members. Scottish Rite groups around the world continue to perform these degrees and commemorate their historical foundations.

The July and August events that shaped the Council of Kadosh show how dedicated early members were to spreading these teachings. From England to Hawaii to Alaska, these historical milestones demonstrate the universal appeal of the Kadosh degrees' message of truth, justice, and spiritual excellence.

Enjoy these Summer months and stay safe!

Fraternally,

Donnie Lara, 32°

Commander of Kadosh

Consistory

The 32° (Master of the Royal Secret) unifies and clarifies all of the duties and lessons of the preceding degrees into a single coherent doctrine. Master of the Royal Secret as the foundation, we continue our journey eastward in search of the Holy Doctrine. To uncover the symbolism of the ages from the past to the basic truths known by the ancient scholars, our charge is to maintain the purity of the truth, and passing them on to the future only to worthy men.

Tony Man 32°

Master of Kadosh



*Tony Man, 32°
Master
Of Kadosh*

Chapter Rose Croix

The 18th degree

Unity and Harmony:

The Rose Croix symbol represents the fundamental unity underlying different philosophical and religious systems.

Pursuit of Truth:

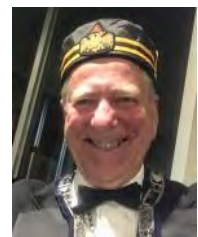
The symbol encourages the ongoing search for divine truth, urging individuals to gather scattered sparks of light and create their own personal philosophy.

Self-Improvement:

The Rose Croix teachings emphasize self-improvement, charity, and the pursuit of intellectual and spiritual growth.

Andrew Stock, 32°

Wise Master



*Andrew Stock, 32°
Wise Master
Rose Croix*



Larry Laidlaw, 33°
Masonic Education

Masonic Education



Brethren of San Francisco Valley,

As San Francisco Valley Scottish Rite completes its Spring 2025 Reunion class, I wish to congratulate our newly raised brothers and now **“Inspector Inquisitor or Initiate of the Egyptian Mysteries”** 32nd degree Scottish Rite Masons.

Providing insight to our mysteries to the candidates has been particularly rewarding and provides myself increased knowledge and renewed thirst for additional research into Scottish Rite degrees.

Scottish Rite University provides that opportunity through MASTER CRAFTMAN Online courses. (MasterCraftmancollege.org). The selection of courses is varied and will quench your thirst for knowledge. The Freemasons & the Great Seal (think dollar bill), The Devil & Albert Pike, The Ivory Key, The Porch & The Middle Chamber-& The Scottish Rite Blue Degrees, The Master's Steps, along with other areas of Study.

The best perk to completing this course of study is that San Francisco Valley has agreed to reimburse you for the fees and supplies once you have finished.

These courses are available to all the 32nd degrees Masons and will fulfill your continuing search for enlightenment.

I also wish to commend the dedicated brothers who make the degrees a reality at the expense of their time but a long lasting reward to everyone involved.

Larry Laidlaw, 33rd Degree
Masonic Education



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**HONOURS CEREMONIES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2025**

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Birthdays

JULY

John	De Oliveira	1	John	Polites	15	Edmund	Tuballa	23
Julius	Crescines	2	Lawrence	Laidlaw	16	John	Rizzo	24
James	Dierke	3	Gene	Leano	17	Alexander	Mahimer	24
Leonard	Oakes	3	David	Nemer	17	Daniel	Jameyson	24
Kevin	Leung	3	Ronn	Mercado	17	Enrique	Dysuanco	24
Ernest	Siefert	4	Michael	Bear	17	Gary	Katz	26
Santiago	Serrano	4	Kenneth	Harris	18	Fred	Colwell	26
Hanley	Chan	4	Jay	Kinney	18	Michael	Dwyer	26
Gordon	Markley	5	Rufino	Rabang	19	James	Achenbach	26
George	Masson	6	Joe	Valles	19	Fernando	David	26
Emmanuel	Torres	6	Vahe	Momedjian	19	Tomas	Pastor	26
Hugh	Dennis	7	Philip	Busalacchi	19	Jephte	Herrera	26
James	Westfall	8	Ronald	Mitchell	20	Dennis	Menikheim	27
Mark	Stephens	9	Safir	Rezzoug	20	Corrado	De Martini	29
Carlos	Suncin	10	Genesis	Punzalan	21	Amir	Khan	29
Paul	Murad	12	John	Donner	21	Christopher	Gonzalez	29
Robert	Grehan	12	Eduardo	Apelado	23	Francis	O'Connell	30
Michael	Watson	13	Gregorio	Uy	23	Kendall	Chase	31
Richard	Corriea	13	Suresh	Hariharan	23	Donato	Lara	31
James	Stern	14						

AUGUST

Kenneth	Ward	1	John	Mathis	9	Aziz	Yousef	19
Christopher	Collins	2	Paul	Turover	10	Adrian	Eriksen	20
Terry	Peters	2	Lawrence	Santana	11	Michael	Dulay	20
Frank	Loui	3	Gus	Gabriel	11	Dominick	Gallagi	20
Mark	Rose	3	Allen	Vintola	12	Samuel	Cuvin	20
Samuel	Greiff	3	Vrej	Mekhalian	12	Sean	Cassidy	20
Marvin	Greenwald	4	Donald	Bierey	13	David	Eastis	20
William	Hollowell	4	Garrett	Chan	14	Gerald	Anselmi	21
Steven	Dombrowski	6	Samuel	Yee	16	Anthony	Vrondissis	21
Timothy	Veneck	6	Ernest	Peters	16	Angel	Alvarez-Mapp	22
Mitchel	Marriott	6	Loren	Froomin	17	Khalid	Abdul-Rahim	22
Gary	Nye	7	Michael	Tarver	17	Patrick	Burke	23
John	Bermudez	7	Lyman	Penning	18	James	Kamariotis	24
Miguel	Jabagat	7	Jericho	Tottoc	18	Sidney	Pond	26
Robert	Hansen	8	Dennis	Lushov	18	William	Courtney	27
Mohannad	El-Rifai	8	Melvin	Clark	19	Moses	Mendoza	28
Wais	Sultan	9	Shan	Zhou	19	Kenneth	Martensen	30

MAY—JUNE Pictures



May—June Pictures



May-June Pictures



May-June Pictures





SFSR Ranch

WESTERN

STATED MEETING



JULY 30, 2025

Starts at 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Western Attire

RSVP by July 28, 2025

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Aloha!

JOIN US FOR

Hawaiian Night

SFSR AUGUST
STATED MEETING

AUGUST 27

START AT 6:00PM

HAWAIIAN ATTIRE
RSVP BY AUGUST 25

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Please email your comments or questions to the above emails. Help us improve this bulletin so that we cover various interests and social events pertaining to Scottish Rite and San Francisco Valley in general. Be safe Brethren!

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From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

Happy 4th of July!

We finished off the past couple of months with a bang.

At our stated meeting last month, we awarded 41 scholarships to deserving students. First time recipients received \$2,000.00 and returning recipients received \$1,000.00.

I would like to congratulate the following brethren from the San Francisco Valley who received their 33rd Degrees: Brothers Eddie Fernandez, Corey Kreidler, Elias Moreno, Oliver Reich, Jovencio Rendon, and Romel Sarabia. The Oakland candidates are Brothers Eric Brucia and Craig Martignoni.

Thanks goes out to the Director of the work, Ill. Richard Modolo for orchestrating the degrees. Without the stage hands, sound and lighting crew, and of course the actors, this would not have happened.

The capping ceremony will be done at our July stated meeting. So, please come to show your support. We will be having our Western Night on that day so dust off your cowboy hats and boots and see all y'all then!

Thank you!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Mike Salazar, 33°
General Secretary
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*Mike Salazar, 33°
General Secretary*

"Love of country is a Mason's deed; world citizenship is his thought."

— Benjamin Franklin

