

July Newsletter



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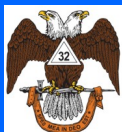
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VALLEY OF SAN ANTONIO

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SCOTTISH RITE

“THE UNIVERSITY OF FREEMASONRY”



Bring Some



Brothers!!

To The Scottish Rite Cathedral

One Night Only

Tour and Information Session

All Master Masons Welcome

Let them see what the Scottish Rite is all about!!

Look for the date in August Newsletter



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The San Antonio Scottish Rite Bodies meet jointly on the first Thursday of each month. All correspondence and business pertaining to the Valley of San Antonio should be addressed to the Secretary, San Antonio Scottish Rite Bodies.

ALLEGIANCE

The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry sitting in the Valley of San Antonio, Orient of Texas, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon, of the Thirty Third and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose See is at Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, now sitting at Washington, D. C..

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Personal Representative of the Deputy
of the Supreme Council in Texas***

ROBERT C. MADISON, 33° PVM, PC

Thirteenth Degree



**"Royal Arch of Solomon
(Knight of the Ninth Arch)"**

This degree teaches that difficulties and dangers, however great, should not deter the true and faithful brother from progressing onward to perfection.

7/27/2017

7PM at the Cathedral

**Continuing Masonic
Education Series**

Upcoming Events to Remember!!!

Three Month Calendar

July 6th — Stated Meeting Dark

July 26th — Executive/Advisor meeting (6:30 PM)

July 27th — Continuing Masonic Education

August 3rd — Stated Meeting

August 23rd — Executive/Advisor meeting (6:30 PM)

August 24th — Continuing Masonic Education

September 7th — Stated Meeting

September 27th — Executive/Advisor meeting (6:30 PM)

September 28th — Continuing Masonic Education

Blue Lodge Education Program

Masonic Education Programs Available for Stated or Called Meetings

E-mail kohanke@sbcglobal.net

**Thanks to Cibolo Lodge and Corpus
Christi Lodge for hosting Masonic
Education Programs in June.**

Illustrious

Robert C. Madison 33°

**Personal Representative of the
Deputy of the Supreme
Council in Texas**



Greetings from your Chairman:

Well, summer is here and it is “a bit” on the hot side. All the volunteers working at the Knights of St. Andrew concession stand, during the San Antonio Folklife Festival in early June, know it was (and is) very hot and humid. On behalf of the Knights of St. Andrew, and members of the Scottish Rite, I want to give a big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers, including family members and others, for their participation and support in making the event such a success. I want to specially thank my wife, Helen, for her contribution as a hot dog and hamburger assembly line worker. But, most of all, many thanks to Brother Robert Park, 32° KSA, and Brother Bruce Dickinson, 32° KSA, for the fantastic job they did in organizing this event.

I also want to recognize Brother Oscar Flores, 32° KCCH, for the great job he did in organizing our Feast of the Manifesto, held at the Barn Door. As guest speaker for the occasion, the Ill. James Todd, 33°, gave a very enlightening talk on the history of the Feast. An enjoyable evening was had by all!

This month, our CME class will be on June 29rd, the fifth Thursday of the month, instead of the usual fourth Thursday. Please come join us at 7 p.m. for the “University of Free Masonry.” Don’t miss out!

I am continuing to work on securing a new roof for our beautiful building. Remember: “With time, patience and perseverance, we may overcome all things.” Thank you for your support.

Also, for those of you who may not be aware, please remember that I have an open door policy with regard to the Scottish Rite. If you have anything to offer for the good of the Rite, please contact me at 210-698-1485.

Finally, be sure to mark your calendars for July, as we will be DARK on the first Thursday. Please have a very enjoyable Independence Day on the 4th and be safe!

Ill. Robert C. Madison, 33°

Chairman

San Antonio Consistory



Brethren,

I would like to thank you all for your support in attending the Feast of Manifesto. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and the ladies were beautiful. I would especially like to acknowledge both Dr. Todd and Bro. Elliott Samuels for sharing their remarkable talents with us that evening. Their presentations were truly inspirational and without a doubt served to rekindle our passion and dedication to Masonry and our country.

Venerable Master
of Kadosh
Oscar Flores

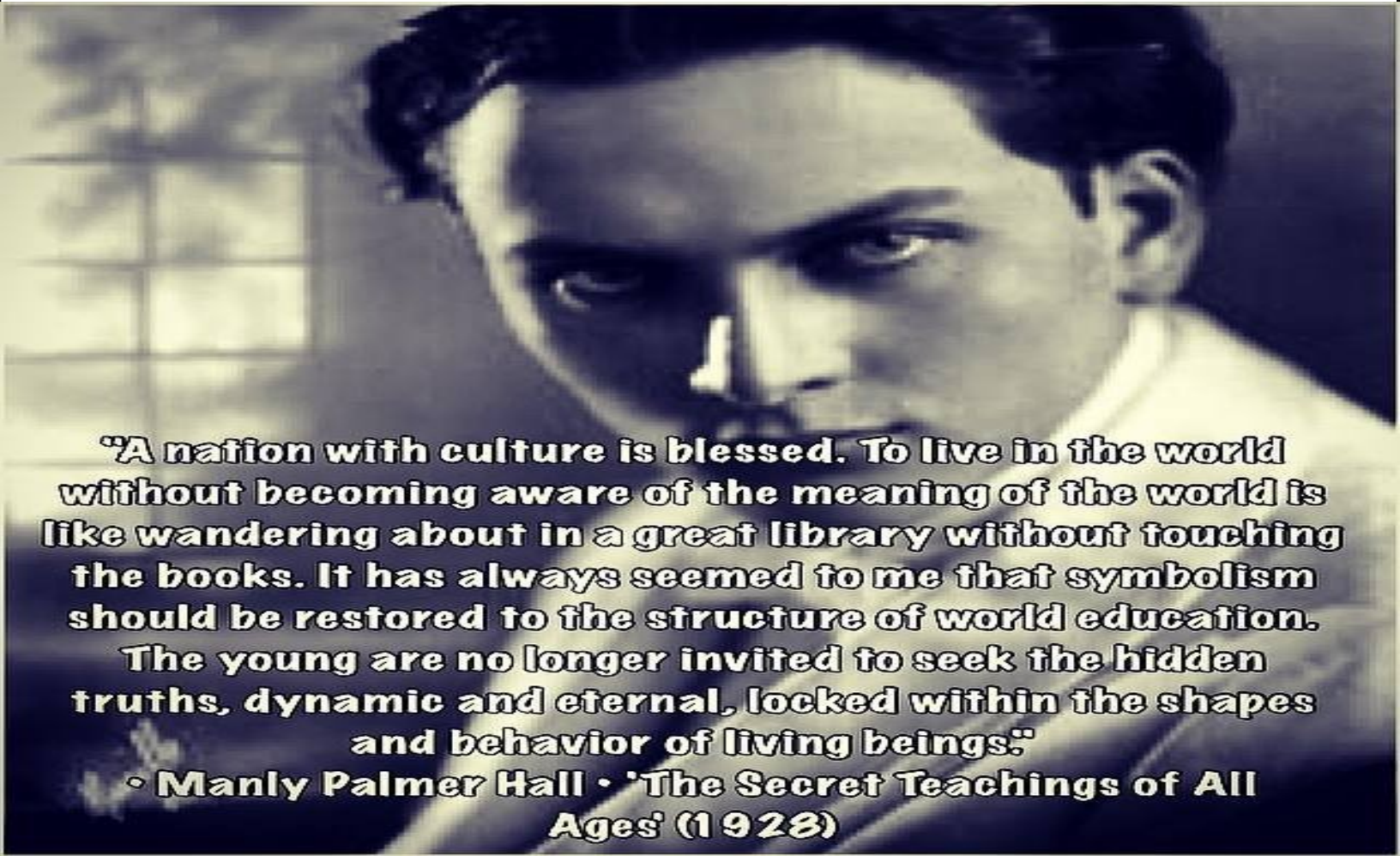
Brethren, now is the time in your lodge to talk up the Fall Reunion. Candidates are needed and I am proud to say that in my lodge we will have a candidate at the Fall Reunion.

A reminder that although the Scottish Rite will be DARK in July the CME classes will still be held. The faculty at the University of Freemasonry do an excellent job. Their presentations are very informative, and if you attend, you will not be disappointed.

Thanks, Brethren for what you do. Until next month, stay safe and God bless.

Faternally,

Oscar Flores, 32, KCCH
Venerable Master of Kadosh



"A nation with culture is blessed. To live in the world without becoming aware of the meaning of the world is like wandering about in a great library without touching the books. It has always seemed to me that symbolism should be restored to the structure of world education. The young are no longer invited to seek the hidden truths, dynamic and eternal, locked within the shapes and behavior of living beings."

• Manly Palmer Hall • 'The Secret Teachings of All Ages' (1928)



Albert Pike's
"String of Pearls"

Benevolent affections will not revolve around selfishness; the cold-hearted must expect to meet coldness; the proud, haughtiness; the passionate, anger; and the violent, rudeness. Those who forget the rights of others, must not be surprised if their own are forgotten; and those who stoop to the lowest embraces of sense must not wonder, if others are not concerned to find their prostrate honor, and lift it up to the remembrance and respect of the world.

To the gentle, many will be gentle; to the kind, many will be kind. A good man will find that there is goodness in the world; an honest man will find that there is honesty in the world; and a man of principle will find principle and integrity in the minds of others. (from the 12th Degree lecture M&D)

2017 Honors

**To my Scottish Rite Members of the San Antonio Valley.
Please congratulate these Honor's men for 2017.**

33 degree:

- 1) Edward Vance O'Banion San Antonio**
- 2) Jesus Jay Alvarez Rio Grande LOP**

32 KCCH

- 1) John Kerlin Walters, Jr..... San Antonio**
- 2) James Edward Harrell..... Kerrville**
- 3) Ralph Edwin Nelson, Sr Corpus Christi**
- 4) Terry Edward Littlepage.... San Antonio/Spring Branch**
- 5) James Christie Williams, IV... San Antonio**

They definitely deserve your recognition for their contributions to our San Antonio Valley.



**If a man empties his purse into his head,
no man can take it away from him.
An investment in knowledge
always pays the best interest.**

Benjamin Franklin

Laughter in the Rite

An elderly, but hardy cattleman from Texas once told a young female neighbor that if she wanted to live a long life, the secret was to sprinkle a pinch of gunpowder on her oatmeal each morning. She did this religiously and lived to the age of 103. She left behind 14 children, 30 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren and a 40 foot hole where the crematorium used to be.



How did you get the Black eye?
The wife was giving me a lecture and I corrected her three times.



Albert Pike, 33rd Degree Freemason, *Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry*, page 104-105

"Masonry, like all Religions, all the Mysteries, Hermeticism, and Alchemy, conceals its secrets from all except the Adepts and Sages, or the Elect, and uses false explanations and misinterpretations of its symbols to mislead those who deserve only to be misled; to conceal the Truth..."

The **Knights of St. Andrew** (The Order) is made up of an elite unit of selected 32nd Scottish Rite Freemasons. The Order is dedicated to the furtherance of Masonic ideals and the strengthening of bonds between Freemasons and organizations of the Masonic family. The Order is directly subordinate to the Chairman of the Executive Committee for the San Antonio Consistory and Coordinate Bodies and function as an element of the San Antonio Consistory and Coordinate Bodies as directed by the Chief of the Order subject to the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

We had a fundraiser at the Texas Folklife Festival June 9-11 2017. The actual coordination and logistics started months before. We sold hamburgers hotdogs chips soda, water and let's not forget the Scottish draft and bottle beer. Profits go to support the San Antonio Valley.

This event could not have happen without the support of all the Scottish Rite members, their families and the Alamo Masonic Lodge. Below is a list of volunteers. We tried our best to capture all volunteers and I apologize if I missed anyone.

Bob Madison & Helen Madison , Robert Park, Stacey Kruse , Sean Gales, Steve Dickinson , Heriberto Sanchez, Arieious Revonhart , Miguel Rodriguez, Reid McLeod, ,Louis Hinojosa, John Corona and his mother, Andrew Anderson, Mrs. And Dr. James Todd, Bennett Elliott and his son, Chris Ardalino , Mrs. and Mr. Chris Ellison , Chase Parsons, Liz Sutherland, Jim Ollerton

It takes a team to be successful and we have a champion team! Thank them the next time you see a member of our Team.

"The greater the loyalty of a group toward the group, the greater is the motivation among the members to achieve the goals of the group, and the greater the probability that the group will achieve its goals."

— Rensis Likert

Submitted by Bruce Dickinson



Scottish Rite and the Knights of St Andrew at the San Antonio Folklife Festival



Great Job Everyone!!!



Eight Steps to Excellence:

The Observant Lodge

W. B. Andrew Hammer, PM Alexandria-Washington Lodge No 22

(Taken from the “Sunday Masonic Paper” by WB Wayne D. Anderson)

The growing popularity of the idea of ‘observant’ Masonry has found brethren in all corners of the Craft asking the question of what exactly an observant Lodge is, and how they might go about increasing Masonic observance in their own Lodges. This document offers eight basic measures which, if observed, should result in the development of an observant Lodge.

Each of these steps is either entirely consistent with Anderson’s *Constitutions of the Free-Masons* [the foundational document of the Premier Grand Lodge, published in 1723 and hereafter simply referred to as the *Book of Constitutions*], or historical Masonic practice in North America, or both. Nothing proposed in them is alien to our Grand Lodges or their respective histories. The success or failure of these steps is entirely up to the brethren of each Lodge.

First, however, it might be helpful to offer an answer to the primary question: what exactly does one mean by ‘observant’? Simply put, observant Masonry means observing the *intent* of the founders of speculative Masonry. That intent was not to build a mere social club or service organization. While the Craft—like any other human organization—has always been burdened by men in its ranks who subverted the purposes of the fraternity to a more mundane or profane enterprise, that was never the *intent* of the institution.

That intent was to build an institution that calls men to their highest level of social being, in a state of dignity and decorum, which could serve as a place for serious, mindful discourse on the lessons and meaning of life, and search for the better development of oneself. That intent means building a space where such an experience can be created, and carrying ourselves in a manner that is consistent with our highest ideals and noblest behaviors.

Observant Masons believe that by observing what the history of our Craft tells us in regard to that intent, we will find the optimal Masonic experience. We say *observant*, and speak of *observance*, because we seek to observe the blueprints of that intent to the best of our knowledge and ability. Even more simply, we want to do things right, and we don’t want to settle for less. We want to pursue excellence in all aspects of our Masonic labor.

The eight steps offered here have proven to be successful in greatly increasing the experience of Freemasonry for brethren new and old alike. They serve as a quality control system for the operation of any Lodge, and when followed, result in a group of men who, regardless of the number of members in their Lodge, or the external nature of their temple, can find a sense of accomplishment and pride in what they have done, and who they have become. That too, is consistent with the intent of our founders.

1 - Guarding the West Gate

This point is first among these, because we are nothing more or less than who we let in to our fraternity. Not every man should be a Mason, and not every man who should be a Mason belongs in just any Lodge. The brethren have a right and responsibility to determine the standards for their own Lodge, and to ask incisive questions of those men

who knock on their door. Lodges should take time to first get to know the men who knock at their doors, and not simply sign any petition just because a man has an interest. Brothers who sign a petition for a man need to know who they are signing for, and more important, need to be willing to serve as his mentor. This is a fundamental point of responsibility for all brethren. Do not ask a brother in your Lodge to do the job of mentoring for you. If you are not willing to give that petitioner your time, how can you ask your Lodge to give theirs?

2 - Being Proficient in Masonic Ritual and Law

Proficiency is an essential function of any observant Lodge, because we must know both what we are doing, and why, if we seek to uphold the highest standards of our respective Grand Lodges. It does no good to claim the mantle of excellence if your Lodge is not well versed in the ritual and the Masonic law of your jurisdiction. Masonry is a thing of order, not anarchy. If you wish to keep that order, as well as harmony between your Lodge and the Grand Lodge, you must learn and follow the rules that each brother has obligated himself to observe. An observant Lodge is not a renegade Lodge. It seeks to be an exemplary one.

3 - A Commitment to Advance Brethren Through the Degrees by Mutual and Genuine Effort

Progress in the degrees requires a mutual commitment of time and effort from candidate and mentor alike. Some form of proficiency, be it the catechisms, or papers delivered before the Lodge, should be required before allowing any brother to advance. Otherwise the brother learns that his advancement has no measurable value, other than his mere presence.

Certainly not every man can do memory work, and not every man is a writer. But if he is not willing to even *attempt* to do either, then perhaps he should simply not be a Mason to begin with. The same goes for the mentor, who, though he may be experienced, must not take the easy way out when it comes to the knowledge he has pledged to impart to his apprentice.

4 - The Selection and Advancement of Officers Should be by Merit Alone

This step, while admittedly difficult for some, is firmly grounded in the *Book of Constitutions*, without question. Masonry has never intended the adoption of a progressive line. A progressive line should only function when the next man down has the full faith and trust of his fellows that he will rule and govern his Lodge properly, because he has properly learned the requirements of his office. Of course, human nature is what it is, and mistakes can always happen, but they can be mitigated if such a standard is put in place, because no one advances until and unless they are ready to do so. The only way to justify a progressive line is if every officer is carrying his weight to the extent of his office, while at the same time preparing himself diligently to advance to the next one. Lodges ignore this step at their own risk.

5 - Dressing Your Best for Lodge

How one appears before the Lodge is a sign of how much you value both the brethren and the Craft. In most lodges in the world, a dark suit and tie is the minimum required to gain admittance. It's what the brethren expect from each other in an observant Lodge, and it certainly adds to the notion that a Masonic meeting is not just another night out, but a special event, worthy of being considered as special as each of us should believe Masonry to be. Additionally, dignity expressed outwardly through dress, serves as a superstructure, helping to enhance that dignity that can only be created from within.

6 - A Lodge Must Offer Quality Assemblies and Be Willing to Pay For Them

The dues of a Lodge should be set at a level which allows the Lodge to not only support and sustain itself, but enjoy a quality of experience which tells the brethren that their assemblies are opportunities to rise above the ordinary. Good meals, served at proper festive boards, are essential. The festive board conveys the sense of conviviality that helps build true brotherhood, and it is historically established in the Craft as not merely a simple dinner, but quite honestly the second half of a Lodge meeting. An observant Lodge cannot forego it. A Lodge must decide that Masonry is a thing of value, and properly determine that value in such a way that it allows the Lodge to work and assemble in a manner that clearly establishes that value. Our dining and social events should reflect the worth we place on ourselves. Excess is not the objective; quality is. The problem is that so many of us have forgotten what quality is to the extent that we consider any expenditure on ourselves to be pretentious. But if Masons are to be men of inner distinction, then we are fully justified in treating ourselves to the best we can afford in life.

7 - The Return of a Sense of Awe to Our Ceremonies

We should bring back those things that once were found in our lodges, and which helped create a very unique, contemplative atmosphere for both the candidate and the Lodge. Among these are the use of music, the manipulation of light and darkness, the Chamber of Reflection, and the closing charge which forms what is known as the Chain of Union. Consider that the candidate preparation room is not and was never meant to be a mere dressing room. Consider that the notion of a 'sacred band of brothers' might allude to a physical manifestation of that sacredness. Consider that music has always been a part of our ceremonies, and that the *Book of Constitutions* ends with a collection of songs. All these things are part of who *we* are; they are not innovations from later jurisdictions or borrowings from European Masonry. Even the use of incense is ritually alluded to in early exposures of the Craft. The idea is to stimulate and manage the sensory experience of the brethren, in the endeavour to create the sense of uniqueness one expects from a Masonic experience. Here again, there is nothing strange about employing the senses in a Masonic meeting. Our rituals teach the importance of each of those senses extensively; to *not* employ them in our meetings is the greater neglect and error. To refuse the restoration of awe to our rituals is to refuse to acknowledge our own heritage and history, and to deny the proper place and application of the pillar of Beauty to the Lodge.

8 - Masonic Education at Every Meeting

The very origin of Freemasonry itself is in education. Whether it be the practical education in stone-cutting found in the operative craft of masonry, or the search for inner knowledge and science presented to us by the speculative Craft, the foundation of the art is inexorably based in teaching and learning. Without it, there is simply no Freemasonry taking place in a Lodge. Therefore, every meeting of the Lodge should offer some amount of Masonic education, be it through the degrees, or through presentations on the various lessons of the Craft. Even a ten-minute talk focused on the symbolic meaning of a single working tool is far better than a meeting where nothing but donations, dinners, and dues are on the agenda. An observant Lodge values the educational function of Freemasonry in its full bloom; the observant Mason holds the fraternity accountable to its promise to him to bestow light, and he means to receive it from the Craft in every sense: spiritual, literal, and intellectual. Numerous monitors and manuals from our Grand Lodges, spanning over at least the last two centuries, make plain the injunction to all Masons to seek knowledge. That same injunction extends by natural progression to each Lodge, and as a result, a Lodge without Masonic education cannot be an observant Lodge, and is arguably not any kind of Lodge at all. The search for more light is at the heart of Masonry. Observance is impossible without it.

My Brethren, At the request of Illustrious Robert C. Madison, over the next 12 months I am going to share with you the story of the beginnings of Scottish Rite Masonry in San Antonio and the creation of our unique Scottish Rite Temple. It is a very interesting story and features many Brothers whose names many of you will readily recognize. We are very fortunate to have such a grand edifice dedicated to Scottish Rite and all Freemasonry in and around San Antonio. I think you will agree that the history of the Scottish Rite and our beautiful Temple is a story that we all should know.

A History of the San Antonio Scottish Rite Bodies to 1967

by Clinton Stanley Banks, 33°

(continued from June)

Permanent Charters and Formation of a Council of Kadosh: 1913-1915

Recognition for the improvement and good work of the Bexar Lodge of Perfection No. 9 came on April 17, 1914, when Inspector General Cochran came to San Antonio and formally constituted the Lodge, under its permanent charter, "in an imposing and impressive ceremony in the ball room of the Gunter Hotel." The permanent charter had been granted by the Supreme Council on October 13, 1913, but the formal delivery of the same did not take place until after the Lodge elected officers for the ensuing lodge year, a ceremony which usually took place about the first regular meeting after Easter. In a brief address, Cochran "breathed his pride and pleasure in the strides the Scottish Rite Masons of this city and section have made." Although he expressed no commitments, "none who heard it failed to leave without the firm conviction that authority for the establishment of a consistory would soon be granted."

On the evening of the following day, April 18, 1914, Cochran, in the Gunter Hotel Ball Room presented a permanent charter to Pilgrim Chapter No. 6, Knights Rose Croix, with Henry Rabe, 32°, and other local members assisting him in the ceremony. Thus, with permanent charters having been received for Bexar Lodge of Perfection and Pilgrim Chapter Rose Croix, there was left for the efforts of the brethren only the institution of, and permanent charters for, a Council of Kadosh and a Consistory.

Less than a year later Inspector General Cochran presented Letters Temporary to Travis Council of Kadosh and set it to work with a charter membership of more than 200. The Council was named in honor of William Barret Travis, one of the heroes of the Alamo, and a Mason. The Council was instituted on February 19, 1915, at the Masonic Temple, in a meeting presided over by Cochran.

He called the meeting to order at three o'clock in the afternoon, and after a few brief remarks, he appointed Albert Shafer, 33°, of Galveston to act as Marshal of Ceremonies, and then proceeded to induct the following brethren into the offices named.

THOMAS TEMPLEMAN VANDERHOEVEN, 33°, First SubPreceptor

JOHN HENRY HAILE, 32°, Second Sub-Preceptor

ALFRED CLIFTON McDANIEL, 32°, Chancellor

JOHN LUCIUS BROWNE, 32°, Orator

LEONARD ALAN HEIL, 32° K.C.C.H., Almoner

PUTT DARDEN MATHIS, 32°, Recorder

SAMUEL LESSER HARRIS, 32°, Treasurer

HORACE ALMANZAR KELTON, 32°, Master of Ceremonies

GEORGE ANDREW COOK, 32°, Turcopilier

JAMES AUGUSTUS PATTERSON, 32°, K.C.C.H., Draper

ISADORE STANLEY KAHN, 32°, First Deacon

FRANCIS LORRAINE HILLYER, 32°, Second Deacon

WILLIAM DOWNS SYERS, 32°, Bearer of Beauseant

WALLACE HOLCOMBE NEWTON, 32°, Bearer of White Banner

CLAUDE ANDREW KEERAN, 32°, Bearer of Black Banner

ARTHUR STORMS, 32°, Lieutenant of Guard

Augustus Weyman Houston, 32°, who had been chosen for the office of Preceptor, and Stephen Gould, 32°, who had been chosen for the office of Sentinel, were absent on account of illness. Inspector General Cochran repaired to their respective homes and administered the oath of office to each of them. After the officers had been conducted to their stations, the Inspector General declared Travis Council of Kadosh duly instituted. The following brethren were present as fraternal delegates from their respective Councils:

MIKE H. THOMAS, 33°, of Dallas

J. L. STEPHENS, 33°, of Dallas

JOHN M. SPELLMAN, 32° K.C.C.H., of Dallas

GEORGE LANG, 33°, of Dallas

E. A. DOTY, 32°, of Dallas

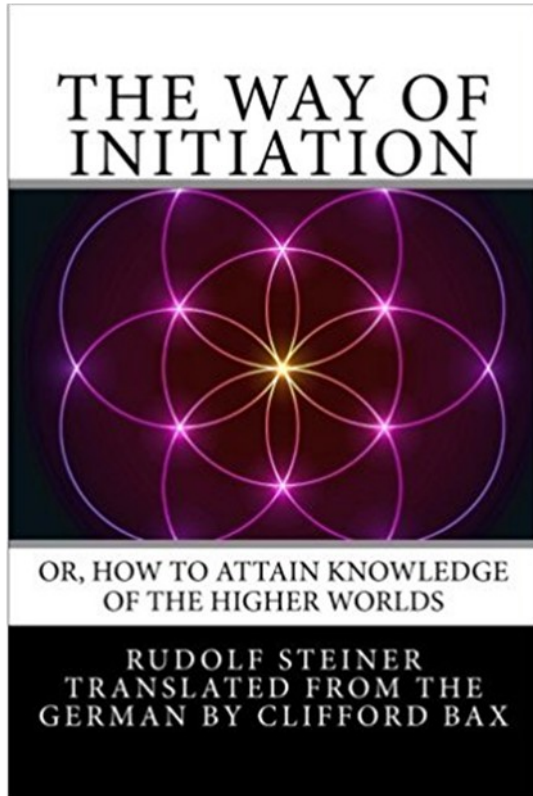
WILLIAM G. BELL, 33°, of Austin

CHARLES E. KEPPLER, 33°, of Galveston

ALBERT SHAFER, 33°, of Galveston

(to be continued next month)

CONSIDERED READING



In this practical age and because of the many various claims of the day, it is but natural that people, who hear of transcendentalism should at once ask the question: "How may we for ourselves know the truth of such statements?" Indeed, it is noticeable, as a characteristic of the majority, that they will accept nothing on faith, or mere "authority," but wish rather to rely entirely upon their own judgment. Therefore, when a mystic undertakes to explain something of the superphysical nature of man, and of the destiny of the human soul and spirit before birth and after death, he is at once confronted with that fundamental demand. Such doctrine, they seem to think is important only when you have shown them the way by which they may convince themselves of its truth.

The highest degree in Occultism, of which it is possible to speak in a book for general readers, is Initiation. One cannot give public information concerning all that lies beyond, though the way to it can always be found by one who has previously pressed forward and penetrated the lower secrets and mysteries.

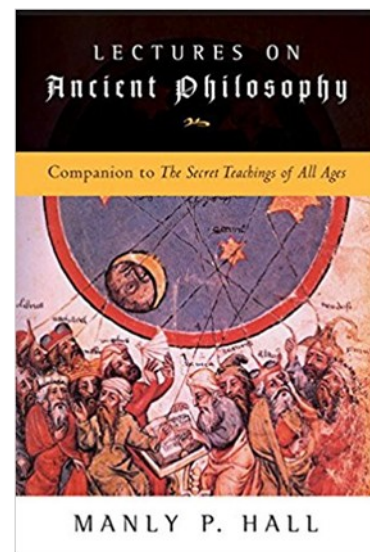
The knowledge and power which are conferred upon a man through Initiation could not be obtained in any other manner except in some far distant future, after many incarnations, on quite another road and in quite another form. He who is initiated to-day experiences something which he would otherwise have to experience at a much later period and under quite different circumstances.

It is right that a person should learn only so much of the secrets of nature as correspond to his own degree of development, and for this reason alone do obstacles bar his way to complete knowledge and power. People should not be trusted with the use of fire-arms until they have had enough experience to make it certain that they will not use them mischievously or without care. If a person, without the necessary preparation, were initiated to-day, he would still lack those experiences which, in the normal course of his development, would come to him in the future during other incarnations and would then bring with them the corresponding secrets.

Complete in itself, this volume originated as a commentary and expansion of Manly P. Hall's masterpiece of symbolic philosophy, **The Secret Teachings of All Ages**.

In **Lectures on Ancient Philosophy**, Manly P. Hall expands on the philosophical, metaphysical, and cosmological themes introduced in his classic work, **The Secret Teachings of All Ages**. Hall wrote this volume as a reader's companion to his earlier work, intending it for those wishing to delve more deeply into the esoteric philosophies and ideas that undergird the Secret Teachings. Particular attention is paid to Neoplatonism, ancient Christianity, Rosicrucian and Freemasonic traditions, ancient mysteries, pagan rites and symbols, and Pythagorean mathematics.

First published in 1929-the year after the publication of Hall's magnum opus-this edition includes the author's original subject index, twenty diagrams prepared under his supervision for the volume, and his 1984 preface, which puts the book in context for the contemporary reader.



June 2017						May ►
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2	3 Albert Pike DeMolay 7:30 PM	4	5	6 There is no Stated Meeting in July	7	8
9	10 Albert Pike DeMolay 7:30 PM	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Albert Pike DeMolay 7:30 PM	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31 Albert Pike DeMolay 7:30 PM	25	26 Executive/ Advisory Board Meeting	27 Continuing Masonic Education 11th Degree	28	29

2016
Ancient
Petition
FOR



San Antonio Scottish Rite Bodies
and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
for the Scottish Rite Degrees
NEW MEMBERS ONLY



Date: _____ Print First Name _____ Middle _____ Last _____

To the Officers and Members of the San Antonio Consistory and Coordinate Bodies, and where applicable the Rio
Grand Lodge of Perfection:

I the undersigned, a Master Mason an a member in good standing of _____ Lodge No.
_____ A.F.&A.M., Located at _____ under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of
_____ I.D. No. _____ Social Security No. _____

Respectfully petition to receive the Scottish Rite Degrees in your bodies, promising always to bear true faith and alle-
giance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of
America.

As a basis for the consideration of this petition, I truthfully make the following statements:

Mailing Address _____

Email _____ Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Employed by _____ Occupation _____

Wife's name _ _____ Length of residence in Texas _____

I am currently an American Citizen _____ Hat Size _____ Have you previously petitioned for any of the Scot-
tish Rite degrees? _____ Have you passed examination in the M.M. Degree? (If Blue Lodge membership is in Texas) _____

1. The Supreme Council announces as fundamental principles the following: "The inculcation of patriotism, re-
spect for law and order and the undying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty as set forth in the
Constitution of the United States of America." "The entire separation of church and state and opposition to
every attempt to appropriate public monies, federal, state, or local, directly or indirectly, for the support of sectar-
ian or private institutions." Do you approve wholeheartedly of these principles? _____ (yes or No)
2. Have you ever held or expressed opinions contrary to the forgoing or been affiliated with any organization which
has? _____ (yes or no) (If you answered in the affirmative, give particulars)

Petitions Signature _____

Recommender Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

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At least \$80.00 must accompany the petition, with the remainder paid at the time of registration. Visa and Master Cards are welcome. Make checks payable to the San Antonio Lodge of Perfection, P.O. Box 2239, San Antonio, Texas 78298. Phone #210-222-0133, or toll free 1-866-222-9293, Fax #210-222-0136.

What is the cost?

The initiation fee (the standard fee for the Orient of Texas) is \$500.00

(Installment payments can be arranged)

(See below for additional fee information)

This fee includes the members' cap, a 32° jewel, a 14° ring encased in a Lucite pyramid, automatic registration in the Master Craftsman Program, and a "starter library".

Cap cases, pins and other materials are available through the Secretary's office.

Join us at the Scottish Rite Reunion this year.

Check the Reunion Schedule below for Reunion dates.

Degree Fees for 2017

Candidates age 31 and or less: Degree fee is \$250.00

Endowed Membership* purchased at the time of initiation \$2,500.00

Total cost when purchased together is \$2,700.00

Candidates age 32 to 70, Degree Fees are \$500.00, Endowment \$2,500.00

When purchased together The Total Cost of Membership is \$3,000.00

Candidates 70 and older; Degree Fees are: \$250.00., Endowment \$2,500.00

Total cost when purchased together \$2,750.00

Endowed Memberships 75 years and over \$400.00

*An "Endowed membership" is a permanent membership in the Scottish Rite. By purchasing an Endowed Membership, you are contributing to the support of the San Antonio Scottish Rite Bodies and you will never have to pay yearly dues again! An Endowed Membership may be purchased at any time for \$2,500.00 or if 75 years old or older \$400.00.

Reunion Schedule for 2016 (subject to change)

San Antonio May 12– 13, 2017

San Antonio October

Candidates should arrive at 6:00 pm on Friday for registration at the San Antonio Reunions

Degrees start at 7:00 pm on Friday—8am on Saturday

Capping Ceremony at about 5:30pm

SCOTTISH RITE BLUE LODGE EDUCATION PROGRAM

**There is now no reason for Brothers to not
have Masonic Education in their Lodges.**

**Your Scottish Rite Education Committee is doing Blue Lodge Masonic
Educational programs in many Lodges in the San Antonio and
surrounding areas and more Lodges are scheduling programs
every month to give their Brethren more light!!**

**There are more than 30 programs available from symbolism to
philosophy..... from history to Masonic themed entertainment and all
but a select few are acceptable for all MM's, FC's as well as EA's.**

**Don't miss out. Call Brother Brad Kohanke at 210-789-9653 or e-mail
kohanke@sbcglobal.net to schedule a Masonic
Educational program for your next meeting.**



San Antonio Commandery No. 7 has stated conclaves
on the third Monday, in the months of February, May,
August, October, November and December
at 7:00 PM



San Antonio



Chapter No.381 and Council No.14

Meets the First Wednesday at 7:00 PM. March, June,
September and December



Albert Pike DeMolay Chapter
Meets every Monday @ 7:30



Omala Grotto

Meets on the
2nd Friday

At 7:30 pm



San Antonio Rainbow
Assembly.

Meets on the Second and
Fourth Mondays of Each
Month at 7:30pm

*Masonic Lodges Who Meet in
The Cathedral*



*Perfect Union Lodge # 10
Stated Communication
1st Tuesday at 7:30pm*



*Alamo Lodge # 44
Stated Communication
2nd Wednesday at 7:00pm*



*DeMolay Lodge # 199
Stated Communication
1st Tuesday at 7:00pm
Meets Quarterly.*



*Albert Pike Lodge #1169
2nd Tuesday , 7:30*