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***Stated Meetings are the***  
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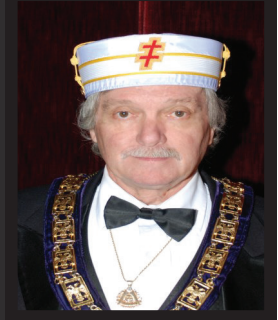
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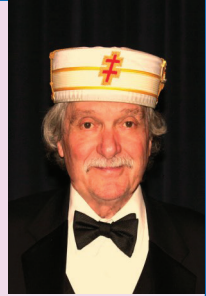


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# The Personal Representative's Message



Brethren and friends,

I sincerely want to thank all who attended the Dinner Auction last month, making it once again a success. The change of venue was also a positive factor resulting in a wonderful time for all. As you may have noticed, there was private security present during the evening. I would like your opinion of such, as to consider keeping the service on a regular basis.

Due to several factors, the fall Class Reunion is cancelled. However, this opens the door for a large spring class which is much more beneficial to all involved. Please keep up the good recruiting work. Everyone has been doing such a great job sharing the advantages of Scottish Rite.

September will bring us back to the regular stated meeting dinner. The attire for officers is Dark Blue Blazer- Grey Trousers – White Shirt – Black Shoes- Scottish Rite Tie (available for sale in the office) Dark Blue Tie and Cap. We will be returning to table service by Knights of St. Andrew.

I hope to see you all there.

Michael Nella, 33°

Personal Representative



## Fresno Scottish Rite Clinic Board



Brethren and Ladies,

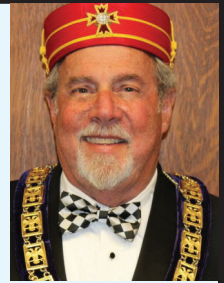
The Dinner Auction fundraiser was a celebration of success in itself. The appetizers and dinner, thanks to the caterer "FOOD FOR THOUGHT" did exceptionally good and not terribly expensive. The desserts for the auction were very good and the live and silent auctions were a remarkable success.

Having the Dinner Auction at the Scottish Rite Building was well accepted. Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate the evening. Thank you to all who helped set up the evening and those who helped bring it to a successful end.

James Wilson II, 33°  
Clinic Board Chairman

# Venerable Master of Fresno Lodge of Perfection

Greetings, Brethren, and friends



Well, the Dinner Auction fundraiser and salute to Tom Tatum is behind us.

There was fellowship, good food, and warm tributes to our fantastic Tom for the decades of service he has provided to the children of our community. We did manage to raise over \$11,000. Again, a heartfelt thank you to Tom from the Scrivner family.

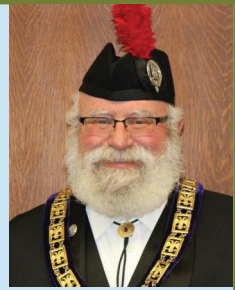
As always, the Almoners closet can use donations of wheelchairs in good shape with feet, walkers, and shower benches. Cash is greatly appreciated as we look forward to our Thanksgiving dinner preparations for approximately fifty-five needy families.

At our last meeting, the Personal Representative Mike Nella, 33° announced that due to scheduling issues, we will not be having a Fall Reunion. We are looking forward to a good class for the Spring Reunion. We encourage you to look around your Blue Lodge, if there are brothers, who may be interested in the fellowship, and continuing Masonic education that our Scottish Rite bodies offer, please reach out to them.

Just a reminder, starting again at our September stated meeting that, sadly we will not be in our summer casual dress but more traditional Scottish Rite meeting attire.

Fraternally,  
Mike Scrivner Sr., 32° KCCH  
Venerable Master

# The Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix



Brothers,

Autumn is here as we enjoy another September with some relief from the summer heat. The fall equinox on the 22nd creates equilibrium in our days and nights, bringing relief from the long summer days. The quiet season of winter is at our doorstep. Halloween and Thanksgiving will be here before we expect. Fall will also bring about a return to our traditional meals.

Our RiteCare dinner/auction fundraiser was very successful. The venue change resulted in savings, auction items were abundant, and revenues were up. This successful event illustrates our commitment to RiteCare and the benefit to children for whom we provide. Thank you to those that attended and/or contributed. Your participation and efforts are noticed and appreciated.

Lastly, Illustrious Mike Nella has stated that we will look forward to another spring class of new Scottish Rite Masons. To each and every member, encourage your brothers at Blue Lodge to join us and explore the Masonic education the Rite offers. If we can generate two new members each from five local lodges, we will have a class of 10. This is our target number and is the minimum number necessary to replace lost members.

Mark Allen, 32° KCCH  
Wise Master

# Commander Fresno Council of Kadosh



Brothers,

As summer gradually gives way to the routine of fall, it's a good time to reflect on the past few months. We've had some fantastic meetings during the summer season. I want to extend my appreciation to Brother David Jarvis for his inspiring Masonic talks at each one. These talks have added a wonderful dimension to our gatherings, turning them into opportunities for learning and reflection rather than just routine business. I look forward to our September Beef Stroganoff dinner, as I remember it was delicious last year! As we ease back into our regular routines, let's carry the inspiration and camaraderie from our summer meetings forward. Together, we'll continue to make our Masonic journey one of growth, learning, and fellowship.

Fraternally,  
Cactus Harris, 32°  
Commander of Kadosh

# The Master of Kadosh Fresno Consistory



Brethren,

What motivates a man to become a Mason? I think it is the example set by the Masons he encounters in his lifetime. Some follow in their family footsteps of becoming Masons. Others because of the reputation of Masonry throughout the world. Whatever their reasons, each man has the opportunity, by following the guidelines of Masonry, to examine their place in the world. Please take a minute and think about why you became a Mason and examine your commitment to our great fraternity. Do you go to the stated meetings of the Masonic organizations of which you are a member? Do you volunteer to take an office? Do you try to be a contributing member? Do you show up for meetings as a sideliner? I hope your answer is YES! Without active members in our Lodges, we will cease to exist.

I was really pleased to see the participation of our members and friends at the Dinner Auction “Celebrating Success.”

I am looking forward to seeing new faces at our stated meetings. Please remember why you became a Mason and show up at your Lodge.

Fraternally,  
Zograb Tsolokian, 32°  
Master of Kadosh



# Master Craftsman

*Join us every Saturday following  
the Stated Meeting!*

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, October 21<sup>st</sup>

1455 L St, Fresno, CA 93721

Door is open from 10 am – 2 pm



## Topics of Discussion

- ◇ Symbolism of the Degrees
- ◇ History and Origins of our Degrees
- ◇ Philosophy of the AASR
- ◇ Practical Applications
- ◇ Esoteric & Occult Symbolism



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Dinner Auction August 12, 2023

# HIRAM ABI

## AN EXPLANATION OF SOME OF THE SYMBOLOGY SURROUNDING THE MASTER ARCHITECT

*Bro.: David V. Jarvis II, 32°, M.: R.: S.: †*

The Enigma of Hiram is the Mystery of Creation, but in order for that statement to make sense, it must be known what the symbol represents. In this, I will challenge some of the statements made by Pike in reference to the meaning of his name, and this is done because I have noticed some authors forget a very important step in their inquiries. I have seen that, although all recognize that existence of at least 3 to 4 different languages being used throughout the degrees, few have considered the meanings of the words contained therein as they are known to the opposing languages. An example is the word Amun, which in Ancient Egyptian means “the Hidden One”, or “the invisible”, but in Ancient Hebrew Amun translates to “Mason”. These two concepts correlate, as the work of a Freemason is done in “Silence”, which is to say, “in secret”. This alludes to the “Hidden” Nature of the word in Egyptian, but when coupled with the Hebrew, it produces a new meaning, that of “The Hidden Builder, The Hidden Architect”. If this can happen with a word such as Amun, imagine what happens when we do the same thing with the name Hiram, and it gives *reason* to the existence of Ptah (the hidden god) in the Degrees of the Scottish Rite.

According to Ill Manly P. Hall, in his work *The Lost Keys of Freemasonry*, he mentions the first appearance of the name Hiram, which actually appears in its Chaldaic form of Chiram. This is located atop the Emerald Tablet of Thot with the large print words, which reads, “The Secret Work: Chiram the Universal Agent, One in Essence, but Three in Aspect”. I have no reason to disagree with his translation other than changing the last word to “Form” or “Being”, but that is irrelevant to the whole.

This is important because we know through History that the Chaldeans were in fact intimate with the Ancient Egyptians and that the Hebrews got much of their alphabet and language from the Chaldeans. This is a well explored aspect in Freemasonry, but others are more than welcome to explore the topic further on their own time. This would also mean that the Priest Class would have, at some point, have come in contact with one another, which is evident from the Mysteries associated with both groups having almost identical teachings and symbols,

which would imply the transference of information between the two groups. This begs the question: What does the word Hiram mean in Ancient Egyptian?

Hiram in Ancient Egyptian would have been phonetically spelt as *Khuram*, or *Khurum*, which is the same phonetics associated with the Hebrew saying of the name, and this is also noted by Pike, but not via the avenue of Egyptian linguistics, as he only looks at the Hebrew and Samaritan versions of the name. In Ancient Egyptian, this word is broken up syllabically as *Khu-ram*, or *Khu-rum*. Taking these syllables as pieces to a puzzle, they give the concepts of Immortality and Creation, as *Khu* (*Akhu*) means “the Immortal, Radiant, and Shinning part of Man that lives on in the Sahu (another part of the Soul), which carries the Intellect, Will, and Intentions into the afterlife through the transmutation of Death”. The next is the *Ram/Rum*, of which is a nod to the god *Amun*, who took the Form of a Ram, and is said to represent the *Creative Essence* “hidden within the cosmos”. There are three things to consider here; the fact that it is through the *Transmutation of Death* which makes the *Khu* conscious in the afterlife, the *Ram*, and the relationship with *Amun* all being present in these syllables, and these form the meaning of Hiram in his symbolic nature.

The *Transmutation of Death* is an allusion to overcoming the material nature of Life, it having no more sway over you. This is shown with the Death of Hiram and is hidden in the “Jewel of his Office”, it being the Plumb, the symbol for *Resurrection & Ascension*, which is shown with the fact that it measures the Sun in its course through the seasons, it Ascending upwards after the Winter Solstice (symbol for Death), thus “conquering” Death, or Transmuting Death into Immortality (*Sol Invictus*).

The connection with *Amun* has already been shown, but to be clearer, it here carries the meaning or both Mason (Architect) and the Hidden One, they being synonymous terms in the Mysteries. The *Ram* is the Egyptian version of the *Lamb* which takes away the “sins of the world”, which gives the meaning of the “Sacrificial Lamb” found in the Christian Scriptures.

By using both languages, it becomes clear that the meaning of Hiram is very much known, it being the *Resurrecting Immortal Spirit of Creation*, the *Hidden Architect of Creation*, and the *Hidden Immortal Flame of Creation* or *Light Behind/Within the Darkness*.

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## September Dinner

*Appetizers at 6:00 pm*  
*Dinner served at 6:30 pm*

**Creamy Beef Stroganoff**  
**Served over a Bed of Noodles**  
**Garden Salad**

**Dessert**

***Reservations are required***

Price \$20.00 per person  
Widows are always our guests.

# Coming Events

## SEPTEMBER

- 4 Monday Labor Day (Office Closed)
- 11 Monday Advisory Conference—6:00 pm  
(Council Practices)
- 18 Monday Stated Meeting  
(Council Hosts)  
6:00 pm Appetizers  
6:30 pm Dinner
- 19 Tuesday Clinic Board Meeting  
Scottish Rite

## OCTOBER

- 9 Monday Advisory Conference 6:00 pm  
(Lodge Practice)
- 16 Monday Stated Meeting (Lodge Host)  
Feast of Tishri—Rededication  
6:00 pm Appetizers  
6:30 pm Dinner
- 17 Tuesday Clinic Board 5:00 pm  
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**In Memorium**

**William H. Haggerton, 32°**

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*“Virtus Junxit Mors non Saparabit”  
Whom Virtue Unites Death Cannot Separate.*

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