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Venerable Master

Lodge of Perfection

Brothers all, for my final article as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection I wanted to share with you some observations on a recently released film that I think would be of special interest to The Craft, but of even more interest to us as Scottish Rite Masons. In my time as Classroom Director one of the things that came up for discussion on a regular basis was the plot of the 28th degree and the trials that our good Knight Constans endures. And I think we would all agree that finding deeper esoteric meaning in modern popular culture is very rare, if at all. Thus when coming across a film that tells a story in a manner very similar to our own method of communication of esoteric truths, it really stands out as something special. Much as Constans faces numerous trials, and in the end seems to fail his avowed goal, the hero in this film follows a similar path. Also present is the theme of mortality which permeates some of our most potent teachings. I will leave it to the reader to see the parallels between our own stories and the elements of the film which I note in the following article.



The Green Knight

We are all familiar with the themes of chivalry and knighthood that permeate Masonry, from the several degrees of the Council of Kadosh, to the numerous concordant bodies that bestow various knightly honorifics and titles from the Commandery to the Knight Masons to the Royal Order of Scotland. However it is rare in our modern age to come across these themes presented in entertainment media and addressed in a serious way, the questionable morals of numerous characters on Game of Thrones notwithstanding. One delightful and challenging recent exception to this trend is the newly released film *The Green Knight*.

The *Green Knight* is adapted from the 14th-century poem *Sir Gawain and*

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the Green Knight and its author is unknown. It tells the story of Sir Gawain, a member of King Arthur's court and not yet a knight. He is quite obviously untested as he awaits the trials, quests, or ordeals that are yet to come before him, and thus enable him to finally earn and claim the title of Knight.

The story kicks off at Christmas time as King Arthur, Queen Guinevere and the Knights of the Round table (including Merlin) celebrate the holiday only to have their festivities interrupted by the imposing and otherworldly Green Knight, who offers the court a playful "game". Gawain is the only character to accept his challenge and this begins our hero's quest, which will ultimately lead him to his confrontation with the film's namesake in one year's time.

The Knights of King Arthur's court are expected to follow five knightly virtues, and we will see Gawain tested on these as the story progresses. The virtues are generosity, chastity, courtesy, friendship, and piety. When Gwain encounters a trial representing each of these virtues he fails them all, and must confront the consequences of his actions by facing the Green Knight in the Green Chapel for his final test.

His generosity is tested first, and his lack of it almost costs him his life before his journey has even begun. Next in an encounter with Saint Winifred his courtesy is challenged, as it is later in the film as guest of The Lord & The Lady. While recovering in their castle, his chastity is also put on trial in a scene that is sure to delight students of Freud. On the course of his journey Gawain also ends up befriending a fox, and he is a bad friend at best until finally driving him away. Finally he is impious from the start of the film to almost the end, from being awoken in a brothel at the beginning, to a pattern of selfish and egotistical behavior in the stead of putting God's will and his honor ahead of all else, before finally facing his ultimate trial.

Many surreal and fascinating themes and design choices are present in the film such as anachronistic costumes, crowns that give the royals the appearance of religious icons, practical effects for The Green Knight himself which give him an imposing and otherworldly appearance, and numerous scenes that clearly function on multiple levels such as literal, symbolic, allegorical, and hallucinatory, not to mention one of the most beautifully sublime soundtracks I've ever encountered. Various other themes and symbols are addressed throughout the film such as a sprig of Holly, various color schemes,

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pentagrams, the cycles of nature, the true meaning of honor and sacrifice, Christianity vs nature, and so much more.

As described in the film's marketing materials: In this tale lies a moral lesson that echoes through time, to make honor our guiding light, through the darkest of our journeys. The studio also states that the film deals with themes of respect for nature, the unknown, and death. Whether Gawain finally passes the trials and tribulations of his journey and attains Knighthood I will let you discover when you view the film for yourself. I leave you with a soliloquy presented by The Lady, to Gawain and The Lord (who may or may not in fact be titular Knight), as the three of them discuss the impending final trial that awaits our brave but flawed hero.

Why is he green, do you think? Was he born that way? Why not blue? Or Red? Green is the color of earth, of living things, of life, and yes, of rot. We deck our halls with it and dye our linens. But should it come creeping up the cobbles, we scrub it out, fast as we can. When it blooms beneath our skin, we bleed it out. And when we, together all, find that our reach has exceeded our grasp, we cut it down, we stamp it out, we spread ourselves atop it and smother it beneath our bellies, but it comes back. It does not dally, nor does it wait to plot or conspire. Pull it out by the roots one day and the next, there it is, creeping in around the edges. Whilst we're off looking for red, in comes green. Red is the color of lust, but green is what lust leaves behind, in heart, in womb. Green is what is left when ardor fades, when passion dies, when we die, too. When you go your footprints will fill with grass. Moss shall cover your tombstone, and as the sun rises, green shall spread over all, in all its shades and hues. This verdigris will overtake your swords and your coins and your battlements and, try as you might, all you hold dear will succumb to it. Your skin, your bones. Your virtue.

The Green Knight

Written and Directed by David Lowery

Starring Dev Patel, Alicia Vikander, Joel Edgerton, Sean Harris, Sarita Choudhury, Ralph Ineson, Kate Dickie, Barry Keoghan, Erin Kellyman
2021 • Rated R • 2h 10min

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The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

Greeting Ladies, Brethren and Friends,

The fall month are here and the summer dress policy has gone away for another year. That means Brothers suit and tie are the dress of the day. That day being October 1. Yes, an in-person stated meeting complete with dinner. Remember that reservations are a must and are made through Mary at (626) 795-4213 or mary@pasdadenascottishrite.org. Attendance for both dinner and meeting are made through her. Attendance at the meeting require proof of vaccination or a 72hr Negative Covid 19 Test.



With October comes the Feast of Tishri or Feast of the Tabernacle. Our lodge officers will be leading the activities involved in the feast. Also, in October will be honoring our 25 year and 50 year members. Come and join us for the festivities. The Stated Meeting will be a hybrid and available by Zoom.

By now you have received your dues invoice and dues card. Your card is not activated until you have paid those dues. So please do not hesitate, they will be required in 2022 to attend a meeting,

Reunion is coming in November. Keep the dates of November 12,13,19, and 20 open to attend the reunion. Also if you know a brother who might be interested in joining give them an app and get it in to me ASAP. WE will need an app, \$350 fee and a copy of their Blue Lodge Dues receipt to process their application. As of this writing we have 26 in the class. Remember a large class is a good class. Also if you wish to participate Ill, Jim Hoerricks and his degree masters are looking to fill spots in their degree teams, both speaking and non-speaking roles, Come and joins us.

That's all for October

Bill

The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren,

We are now enjoying our fall. That means it will still be warm. Our October Stated Meeting is planned to be a hybrid meeting both in-person and Zoom. The birthstone of October is opal and the flower is the pink tourmaline. October was originally the eighth month of the Roman calendar. It comes from the Latin word “octo” meaning eight. Later, it became the 10th month when January and February were added to the calendar. The Saxons called the month Wintirfylith because it had the first full moon of the winter season. In German, it is Wein-mond or wine month.



We will celebrate the Feast of Tishri during our Stated Meeting. The origin of the Feast of Tishri (also known as the Feast of the Tabernacle) is described in the Old Testament where it is said that the Lord spoke unto Moses saying when “ye [shall] have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days:... [and] Ye shall dwell in booths seven days.... That your generations may know that I made of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt” (Leviticus 23:39,42-43).

“The origins and significances of the Feast of Tishri make it the most Scottish Rite of festivals. Although originally celebrated as a harvest and gathering festival, no other occasion epitomizes the character and purpose of the Rite more wholly than our historic celebration, held in conjunction with the dedication of King Solomon’s Temple (2 Chronicles 7:8-10). To marshal the meanings of the feast is to summarize the principal ideals and traditions of our Fraternity.

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First of all, we observe the Feast of Tishri because it is an age-old custom which now has the power of law. Under the Statutes of the Supreme Council, the feast is considered an obligatory observance, a sharing of our fraternal spirit.

Secondly, the rich legendry of the Temple's dedication, held in connection with the Feast of Tishri, is an essential part of the Fourteenth degree. The symbolic details of the Temple's position, design, construction, furnishing, and decoration carry special meaning as they apply to the metaphorical temple of Freemasonry built in the heart of every Brother. Through the symbols of the Temple, we learn to recommit ourselves to building Freemasonry "in the hearts of men" and among nations.

Significantly, Solomon, a king of peace and wisdom, built the Temple. The Lord ... delivered this responsibility and glory to Solomon, whose very name derives from the Hebrew word shalom, meaning peace. Thus in observing the Feast of Tishri, we reaffirm our dedication to human concord and the brotherhood of all men in a world of peace. As individuals and a Brothers in the Rite, we resolve to build, as Solomon did, through harmony and cooperation, ever seeking peace for all mankind.

The consecration of the Temple must be observed at the Feast of Tishri because it teaches the equality and unity of all members of the Rite. The people of Israel, unified under Solomon, were equal in their devotion to the Lord and equal in their sovereignty to all other nations. In the Feast of Tishri, all Perfect Elus and those of higher Degrees can join at the banquet table and share the bond of fraternal unity.

Yet another reason to keep the Feast of Tishri is that such observance fosters the spirit of fellowship.... Within the context of the Feast of Tishri, we realize more deeply than ever before the value of our fellowmen, without which the individual is lost in a self-imposed prison of human isolation.

Finally, the law, legend, peace, equality, unity and fellowship of the Feast of Tishri combine to make this the Masonic feast of feasts. At the reflection

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table, all men – Jew, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, and others – join in a common voice of thanksgiving where every man can share his gratitude and express his sincere thanks to Him who made all things. The Deity has given us life, the strength to live it fully, and the joy of sharing the beauty and goodness of His creation with our fellowmen. Most of all, He has given us freedom. The Feast of Tishri celebrates this freedom which the Israelites won with the guidance of Providence, despite the shackles of Egypt and the armies of the Philistines.

This ancient victory celebrated in the dedication of King Solomon's Temple is kept forever fresh through our keeping of the Feast of Tishri. It promises to all men that the burdens of tyranny are temporary, that thee darkness will yield to light, that knowledge will conquer ignorance, and that the Creator intended all men to be free. The message of Tishri comes to us strongly and clearly from across the ages because it has been so preserved in the symbolism and allegory of the Scottish Rite. Through our observance of this great feast of thanksgiving, we, as heirs of Solomon, perpetuate his magnificent Temple of freedom in our lives, our communities, our country and, most of all, in our beloved Rite.”

-Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide, Third Edition
by Arturo De Hoyos

Congratulations to our new Honor Men: Greg Gabriel, 33°; and Jack Vautin and Paul Bazerkanian Knights of the Court of Honor. I look forward to seeing you all either in person or on our screen via Zoom. Be safe!

Rees Padfield, 33°
Personal Representative

Current Year Membership Statistical Changes	
Initiations:	0
Affiliations:	2
Reinstatements:	7
Deaths:	20
Demissions:	0
Suspensions (Non-payment):	1
Suspensions (Other reasons):	3
Expulsions	0
Current Lodge Membership	711

Current Dues Statistics				
	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Members with Dues Paid in Full:	91	12.8%	16.5%	22.0%
Members with Current Dues Balance:	321	45.1%	35.2%	33.7%
Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	91	12.8%	17.8%	13.1%
Members that are Dues Exempt:	111	15.6%	11.8%	10.5%
Paid Life Members:	97	13.6%	18.7%	20.7%

A Sponsor's Responsibility

For every petitioner for the degrees of Scottish Rite Degrees there is a Scottish Rite Mason who is his sponsor on whom rests the responsibility for proper training of the petitioner. The Scottish Rite Mason who signs the petition has a responsibility that does not end with their signature on the petition. If you invited a guest to a gathering at your home, you make sure that he meets all of your guest and is made welcome and comfortable. Isn't the man whom you recommend Scottish Rite Freemasonry entitled to the same courtesy? As his sponsor, is it not your duty to assist him with his work and take an interest in his progress? It seems to us that it is, and that you should see to it that he fully understands the fine lessons of our degrees. If you recommend a man to the Scottish Rite, satisfy yourself that he is receiving that for which you recommended him. To do so is but a Masonic courtesy and it is your duty as a Scottish Rite Mason.

October Dinner Menu

Stated Meeting on October 1st

Choice of
Scottish Salmon w/dill and butter sauce
or
Chicken Florentine

Served with
Cheese and Crackers
Salad with Balsamic Vinagrette dressing
Saffron Rice
Baby Carrots
Rolls & Butter
Chocolate Cake

Last day for reservations: September 29th at 2pm

Number of Reservations at \$15.00 Per Person.....

Vegetarian on request only when making reservation.

Remember - a reservation made is a reservation paid.

mary@pasadenascottishrite.org or 626-795-4213 Ext: 101

Master Craftsman Is Now ONLINE!

<https://scottishrite.org/blog/article/master-craftsman-is-now-online/>

That's right: Master Craftsman is now ONLINE! Since its inception in 2009, the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman education program has been a leading source for Masonic education, not only here in the Southern Jurisdiction, but also across the globe.



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Stated Meetings and Dinners

As we reopen the following protocols will be followed:

1. You **must** make a reservation for the dinner and/or the Stated Meeting. No one without a reservation will be admitted. Dinner tickets will be downstairs.
2. Participants must show proof of vaccination or the results of a negative Covid 19 test at the most 72 hours before event.
3. All participants must wear a mask regardless of vaccination status except when actively eating or drinking. (Protocol of PPHD)
4. Participants will be issued wrist bands:
Purple: fully vaccinated
Green: not vaccinated

Dinner seats will be assigned by Mary. The only entrance into the building will be the glass doors in the north parking. The elevator will be locked in the parking lot and will be an exit only” device. Elevator Service inside the building will be normal. At 7:30PM there will be a guard posted at the glass doors. So, plan on arriving before 7:30PM.



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IN MEMORIAM

Daniel Chudyk

July 27, 2021

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May Almighty God, in his infinite mercy,
Grant that we may meet again, to part no more.

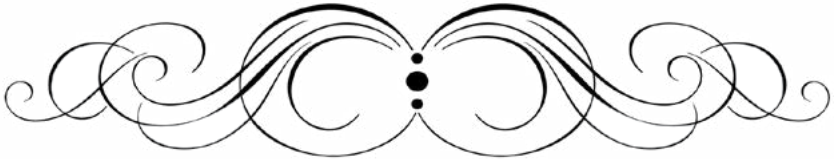
Below is another thank you note that the Pasadena Rite Care Center clinician received from the family of one of the children being helped in our Language Center.

Hello Ms. Suzy,

I just want to thank you for all the hard work, effort, and time you put in teaching Lucy. I see a big improvement in her speech and language and I really appreciate your help. Even though we never had a chance to meet you in person but you're Lucy's favorite teacher. She remembers you, the activities you have done and very often she's asking me about you. Thank you for everything and hopefully we'll see you again either in person or virtual.

Also, I would like to take this opportunity and to thank Scottish Rite for creating this wonderful organization for the kids with speech needs. Not only it's free but it also has professional and caring staff. Keep up the great work by helping others.

Best
Narine Simonyan



Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family and country.

Strategic Objectives

Fulfill the promise of additional Masonic knowledge through education and training.

Build a Positive Public Image of Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite.

Support and expand our philanthropic activities.

Provide a framework for effective leadership to ensure the stability and long-term success of the Fraternity.

Provide a financial process to ensure the stability and long-term success of the Fraternity

Scottish Rite Creed

Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.

Language Center Contributions

“365 Club”

Your most appreciated contributions to the Childhood Language Center may be made in any of several ways. The first being as an undesignated contribution, the second being a contribution designated as applying toward a “365 Club” membership and lastly as applying to either “in Honor of” or as a “Memorial of” anyone you may wish.

Membership in the prestigious “365 Club” requires a contribution of at least \$365.00 in any one calendar year. The contributions may be made in increments, and are accumulative over any given year and when the goal of \$ 365.00 is met, suitable recognition will be published in the Scottish Rite Bulletin.

Ill. Arthur Zabounian, 33°, Chairman Language Center Board

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Pasadena Childhood Language Center



Meghri Habashian
Office Coordinator

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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

OCTOBER

Wednesday, September 29

Deadline for November Bulletin articles!

Friday, October 1

6:00PM Social
 6:30PM Dinner - Feast of Tishri
 8:00PM Hybrid Stated Meeting
 Lodge of Perfection in Charge

You must register in advance to attend this meeting, registration info will be sent out by the Secretary via email.

Saturday, October 2

10:00AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Friday, October 8-10

Grand Lodge Annual Communication

Saturday, October 23

10:00AM Discussion Group
 You must register in advance to attend this meeting. If you would like to participate contact Charles Fisher, 32° KCCH at arroyoseco@hotmail.com

Friday, October 29

7:30PM Ambassadors Meeting
 If you are interested in being a Scottish Rite Ambassador for your lodge contact Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA at ambassadors@pasadenascottishrite.org

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