



## Scottish Rite History

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Manifesto at Charleston that confirmed the first Supreme Council ever opened under these Grand Constitutions, on May 31, 1801, "by Brothers John Mitchell and Frederick Dalcho." All regular and recognized Supreme Councils and their Subordinate Bodies today are descended directly or collaterally from this Mother Supreme Council of the World.

In announcing its establishment to the Masonic world in that Manifesto, dated December 4, 1802, the name was given as The Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree for the United States of America. The word Scotch appeared in connection with one of the early Supreme Council Degrees, and Scottish (sic) was included in the name of one of the detached Degrees conferred by The Supreme Council.

The name Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite first appeared in an 1804 agreement between the Supreme Council of France and the Grand Orient of France. Beginning with the administration of Grand Commander Albert Pike in 1859, it came into general use in the Southern Jurisdiction and elsewhere. Many Scottish Masons fled to France during political upheavals in the 17th and 18th centuries, at a time when the Degrees of the Rite were evolving in French Freemasonry. This has caused some to think mistakenly that the Rite originated in Scotland. Actually, however, a Supreme Council for Scotland was not established until 1846.

The Grand Constitutions of 1786, in the earliest known text in the possession of John Mitchell and Frederick Dalcho, provided for two Supreme Councils in the United States. The Supreme Council at Charleston sent one of its Active Members to New York and authorized him to establish in 1813 a

Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America. With this accomplished, The Supreme Council at Charleston in 1827 ceded to the Northern Supreme Council the 15 states north of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi Rivers. The Southern Supreme Council retained jurisdiction over all other states and territories (at home and abroad) of the United States.

The Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction recognizes in its fraternal relations 40 Supreme Councils and four National Grand Lodges practicing the Rites that include the Scottish Rite, in different countries throughout the world. Each regular Supreme Council has declared its general adherence to those Grand Constitutions of 1762 and 1786, but each, being a sovereign Masonic Body, has made variations in its Statutes to meet its own particular needs. This is especially true as to the number of members composing a Supreme Council. Some have retained the original limitations of nine Active Members. In our Jurisdiction the number of Active Members is limited to 33. In other Jurisdictions larger or smaller limitations have been set. To maintain the spirit of international unity, the Mother Supreme Council participates in overseas conferences with other Supreme Councils.

## Renewal and Remembrance

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I also hope to see many of our brethren on April 27 when we will be receiving both the 6th and 7th Degrees on the same night. The Degrees have been shortened, but they still fulfill the expression that benevolence and kind judgment of others is always rewarding. Come brothers and renew these lessons which have been taught to us in these Degrees.



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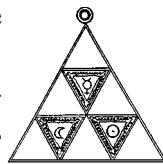
The bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of Los Angeles, Orient of California, acknowledge the authority and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander of the House of the Temple 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 the Grand Orient of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, now sitting at Washington, D.C., of which Illustrious RONALD A. SEALE, 33° is Sovereign

## SIXTH DEGREE

### Intimate Secretary

In the Sixth Degree, Intimate Secretary, we learn that zeal and fidelity to duty are always rewarded.

We are especially taught in this Degree to be zealous and faithful; to be disinterested and benevolent; and to act the peacemaker in case of dissensions, disputes, and quarrels among the brethren.



Duty is the moral magnetism which controls and guides the true Mason's course over the tumultuous seas of life.

As Intimate Secretaries we should be zealous, faithful, disinterested and benevolent; and act the peacemaker.

## Think About It!

By Ron Koretz, 32° K.C..C.H.

It will probably not come as any surprise to you that the Los Angeles Unified School District has problems responding to behavior problems manifested by students. Concerned that suspensions are being given out too readily and that punishment varies from campus to campus, the district is now considering adopting uniform guidelines for dealing with misbehavior. In principle, this would seem to be a reasonable step to take, even though the president of the Board of Education seemed pessimistic about its implementation, saying "It's one thing to write a great policy. It's another thing to have to implement that policy".

The details of the plan were published in the Los Angeles Times a few weeks ago. As is true for many things in life, the devil is in those details. While some parents, administrators, or teachers may believe that the guidelines are too tough, read the following and judge for yourself.

Misconduct is divided into three categories. Minor includes disruptive behavior in the classroom, being defiant, using profanity, or harassing other students. The official school response would be to use "positive reinforcement", assign a mentor or tutor, and work with the parents to create a "behavior report card". Moderate misconduct includes being under the influence of drugs or alcohol, theft, or sexual harassment; the response would be to convene a group of students to discuss the problem, encourage patients to visit the classroom, and assign in-school suspension or detention. Major misconduct, such as possession of a firearm or explosive, causing serious physical injury, or robbery or extortion, would be grounds for reporting the activity to law enforcement, conven-

## SEVENTH DEGREE: Provost and Judge

In the Seventh Degree, Provost and Judge, we learn that all actions have consequences and that we should be just in judging others' actions.



The lesson which this Degree inculcates is justice, in decision and judgment, and in our intercourse and dealing with other men.

In a country where trial by jury is known, every intelligent man is liable to be called on to act as a judge, either of fact alone, or of fact and law mingled; and to assume the heavy responsibilities which belong to that character.

Those who are invested with the power of judgment should judge the causes of all persons uprightly and impartially, without any personal consideration of the power of the mighty, or the bribe of the rich, or the needs of the poor.

As Provosts and Judges we should let justice be the guide of all our actions.

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ing a parent conference, and suspending or expelling the student.

When I was in school, any of the so-called minor infractions was grounds for suspension and anything more serious would mean expulsion. Our current expectations of students seem to have deteriorated. Is it desirable to reduce the number of suspensions simply by making it harder to suspend the student? The numbers may be more politically correct, but the message of the school district is that it will tolerate what should be intolerable behavior.

Think about it.

# Calendar

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### April 2007

Friday, April 13, 2007

Stated Meeting,

Renewal and Remembrance

Stated Meeting 7 p.m.

Dinner and program 7:30 p.m.

(Reservations Required, cost \$12.50)

Menu: Chicken or Salmon

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Advisory Council Meeting

Santa Monica Masonic Center

"Riviera room" — 7 p.m.

Friday, April 27, 2007

6th and 7th Degrees

Dinner 7:00 p.m. — Lecture 8:00 p.m.

Friday May 11, 2007

Stated Meeting and

Knights of St Andrews Installation

(Reservations Required, cost \$12.50)

Menu: Beef Short Ribs or Salmon

**Knights Of St. Andrew  
Stated Meetings**  
First Friday of the Month  
7 p.m. — Riviera Room

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