

From the Venerable Master

From the Wise Master

aundy Thursday - also called Holy Thursday is the feast or holy day on the Thursday before Easter that commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. On this day, Christians remember the Last Supper. During the meal Jesus took bread and wine and shared them with his disciples. Christians continue to share bread and wine as part of their worship in church.



The Last Supper was probably a Passover meal - the meal which Jewish people

share to celebrate the time when God delivered Moses and the people from slavery in Egypt. The night of Maundy Thursday is the night on which Judas betrayed Jesus.

The name 'Maundy' is derived from the command or mandatum by Christ at the Last Supper, to love one another:

"And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 15: 12 (it is also in John 13:34)

During the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet. This act has been sometimes followed literally in history as a good way of reminding rulers that they are here to serve their people. In England, the custom of washing feet by the Monarch was carried out until 1689. Up until then, the King or Queen would wash the feet of the poor on Maundy Thursday in Westminster Abbey. (You should, however, note that the feet were first washed by Yeoman of the Laundry before the monarch had to wash them and kiss them!). Food and clothing were also handed out to the poor.

Learning to love unselfishly is not an easy task. It runs counter to our self-centered nature. When we have the opportunity to help anyone, we should do it. Often we act as if relationships are something to be squeezed into our schedule, but relationships are what life is all about! We will gather on Maundy Thursday to reaffirm our faith in the universal fraternity of mankind. Fraternally, we love one another, and we extend that New Commandment the Great Master gave to all mankind—TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. This is the meaning of Maundy Thursday and the message of Masonry.

Maundy Thursday is a celebration of the Passover – Jesus' last meal before he died. He created two miracles that night making bread and wine representing his blood and body.

On Good Friday he was crucified for claiming to be God. Easter: Three days later he was rescued from the dead which signified that there is hope for the dead. If there is hope for the dead there is also hope for the living. If we are to obtain that hope, we must have our freedom!

Hal Leister-Venerable Master

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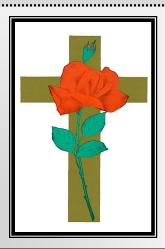
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From the Secretary's Table:

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To each of you, greetings on behalf of all other members of the Fraternity. By authority of the Supreme Council, you are summoned to participate with your Brethren in observing Maundy Thursday, Solemn Ceremonial and Feast Obligatory.

John Unger Wise Master Robert Rowan General Secretary

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From the Commander

Brethren,

A s we continue our search for further light in Masonry. Our next of discussions will examine the following subjects.

The All Seeing Eye

What is the source and meaning of this symbol? The All Seeing Eye is an important symbol borrowed by the Freemasons from the nations of Antiquity. Among the Egyptians, Osiris, their chief deity was symbolized by an open eye. I suggest that you examine the passages from Proverbs 15 V. 3 and Psalm 33 v. 18.

The Acacia

Why is the Acacia important in Masonry? As we have already been informed, in Speculative Masonry the Acacia is a symbol of immortality of the soul. Its biblical name is "Shittim Wood" and was used to make sacred furniture. Look to the biblical passage in Exodus. 25 v. 10.

Fraternally, Joseph DaSilva Commander of Kadosh

The degrees of the Council of Kadosh are chivalric and philosophical, but also contain mystical material. The word "Kadosh" is a Hebrew word meaning "Holy". The complexity of these degrees cannot be overstated and is exemplified by the number of pages attributed to them in **Morals and Dogma**. The twenty-eighth degree alone is over a quarter of the 1000+ page tome

19th degree - Grand Pontiff: The lessons of this degree are learned from the past and how it affects the present and the way we live in the future. We always strive to endure, produce and improve the world as it surrounds us. *There is no apron*, but *the jewel* is a gold "parallelogram" (rectangle) with a Greek Alpha on one side and an Omega on the other.

20th degree - Master of the Symbolic Lodge: This degree shows us Liberty, Fraternity and Equality. These teach moral, religious and philosophical understanding. This degree helps one to comprehend Deity, forces of nature, good and evil. *The apron* is yellow, bordered in blue, with three concentric point-down triangles, with the Tetragrammaton (horizontal) and "Fiat Lux" (vertical) at the center, forming a cross. Its triangular shape relates to the "fourth great light, which reminds us of the Deity and his attributes." *The jewel* is gold, with the same three concentric triangles.

Brethren,

From the Master of Kadosh

H ave you ever stopped to wonder what led you to join Scottish Rite? Maybe you have, or maybe you've known all along exactly why you decided to invest your time and money into the organization.

But if you haven't thought about it for a while, especially if you haven't attended in some time, then I ask you to take a few moments and ponder. Go ahead, we'll wait.

So do you remember? Chances are, whatever the reasons were, the same is still true today. The lessons taught in our degrees are the same. The fellowship we enjoy at each of our meetings is still there. The collective Masonic knowledge of our members is probably greater than ever before.

As with any Masonic organization, the beauties contained in our body are derived not only from its principles, ideals, and philosophies, but from its members. That means that you and I change the organization and make it better simply by being there and participating. And as we've already seen, the reasons to participate today are the same as when you joined.

We're looking forward to the 4th through the 14th degrees coming up this month, and the other degrees later this year. Please join us for our Stated Meeting and 4th degree on April 12. And we're planning many great social activities throughout the year. I hope you will join us.

Fraternally,

Randy Downey Master of Kadosh

Paide a Louge No. 852 Celebrates Traditional Louge Observance

On March 31, Paideia Lodge No. 852 in Santa Cruz held a formal Agape Dinner at Peachwood's Steakhouse in Santa Cruz. The evening also includes Masonic light in the form of a scholarly paper presented by one of the Brothers followed by a lively discussion of the paper. San Jose Scottish Rite Brother Christopher Willingham, 32 Degree, presented an original talk on the objective and subjective aspects of life and how both relate to our Masonic principles and ceremonies as well as our spiritual and secular lives.

All Masons are cordially invited to join with the Brothers of Paideia Lodge for our monthly agape. Please contact Brother Chuck Cowden, 32 Degree, KCCH at chuck.cowden@yahoo.com or at 831-818-5210 and your name will be added to our list of invitees.

From Southern California Research Lodge F. & A.M. February 2011 edition—Editor's comments

Good ritual engenders a great candidate experience. One that the candidate will long remember and ultimately, through application of Masonic principles, give great joy and meaning. That is the intent of ritual to lay a solid foundation to grow the principles of the Craft.

But, as is often said, ritual is not enough. Without further study, direct involvement in the lodge and the feeding of the mystic tie, the new Mason doesn't have much chance to succeed in Masonry on his own.

Is your Lodge (or is our Scottish Rite) helping its members, new and old alike, to achieve Masonic success?

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From the Clinic!



nthony is a fun and engaging 5 year old boy who comes twice a week to our clinic for speech and language therapy. He is a hard worker and loves to play with toys and games during treatment. When Anthony was younger, his parents first noticed a delay in his speech and language skills. He was enrolled in speech therapy and occu-

pational therapy at age 2 to address delays with speech sound production and low muscle tone. His parents came to this clinic through a referral from a friend. They were looking for a second opinion as to the development of his speech and language skills. At that point Anthony's parents reported, "He had difficulty with articulation and it was hard for him to get his words out."

There can be many reasons that children experience delays in development of their speech sounds. Anthony was demonstrating weak muscle tone in his lips, tongue, cheeks and jaw. This along with other developmental factors was making it difficult for him to produce certain sounds. He was also using patterns called phonological processes that children develop to make sound production easier.

Anthony was substituting or changing groups of sounds and the overall effect made it difficult to understand him. Through an evaluation with an Occupational Therapist, it was also discovered that Anthony's sensory system needed help to regulate itself. He needed special activities to help alert, organize and calm his body to help with his attention and focus. Through these activities as well as maturity, Anthony became better able to focus and progress through his speech sound goals. His mother reported, "After working very hard with Angela this past year, Anthony is now able to articulate his sounds much better. It is easier to understand what he is saying."

Currently, Anthony's goals focus on oral motor work to increase the strength and coordination of his oral musculature as well as work on his sounds. Recent therapy goals have targeted /s/ blends found in such words as spot, skunk, stairs, sweater, snail and slide. Focused, individual therapy attention as well as practicing at

home has resulted in great progress for Anthony.

His mother stated," The clinic is a great environment and Anthony loves coming to learn and play with Angela. It has been a great experience and learning process. We have been given the tools we need to help Anthony's speech at home."

<u>APRIL 2011</u> Clinic Director's Message

During the month of February we completed 235 treatment hours, including 11 new screenings. We are currently providing speech and language disorders services to 51 children. Five children were discharged and three children were added for services, leaving a total of 107 children on the waiting list. Given the increase in the number of children on the waiting list who need



our services, we are continuing to group children for treatment, as appropriate.

The clinicians were delighted to see the article about our clinic in *The Gilroy Dispatch*, written by Kat Teraji, and asked that I pass on their thanks: "Thank you to everyone who helped coordinate the article to showcase our clinic. The families that we serve appreciate what the members of the San Jose Scottish Rite do for them!"

I would like to thank and commend Rachel, Angela and Sharon for their excellent work with the children receiving our services.

The Foundation Board continues to investigate avenues through which we may help our clinic reduce the waiting list.

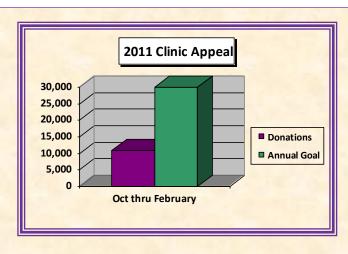
There are still a few items that we could use for the clinic, including vertical blinds, pictures, and a desktop computer to be used by the children being treated. If you would like to donate any of these items or to help the clinic in some other way, please contact the Scottish Rite office or me.

Respectfully,

Durward C. Ayre

Durward C. Ayre, 32° KCCH Clinic Director

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God Bless!

Soft and Safe to thee my Brother, be thy resting place.

Bright & Glorious be thy rising from it.



Regional Orient Membership Ambassador's Message

How abundant are the generous blessings of the Grand Architect of the Universe! May we all become messengers giving the great gift of our degrees to the worthy and well qualified, so that they, in turn, will express their gratitude by bringing in more new members. As we absorb the degrees of our great and ancient Order, we are taught to walk in the footsteps of the Lord. How can we all repay the Fraternity for this great bounty and benefit they have given us? By having a fixed and steady purpose to offer the same bounty and benefits to other good men, so they too can benefit from the endless goodness our grand and great Fraternity has to offer.

The implements of our Craft are no longer employed in actual labor. They have become symbols of speculative truth, and speak to the mind of laws and duties the observance of which will render our lives pure and harmonious and our characters firm and symmetrical. We may not regret the change. It was a modification demanded by the progress of civilization and the improved conditions of society. Throughout the world Masonry is today doing a nobler work than when ancient craftsmen built their stateliest columns. The Masonic institution itself is more wonderful than any edifice ever constructed from the perishable materials of earth. Masonry has survived wars and revolutions, and is now silently ascending to loftiest planes of usefulness. We must always remember that Masonry draws its strength and resources from the deep sea of human sympathies, and employs them to redress the wrongs and relieve the sorrows of humanity.

Our labor should now be in the building of our membership. It is a wonderful feeling to give our gift of knowledge and understanding to others and continue to teach them. Towards that end, this month San Jose Scottish Rite will initiate new Scottish Rite Masons through the 14th degree. Let us work together to find additional worthy 3rd degree Masons in the coming months, so that we may complete the entire Reunion cycle this coming fall.

Durward C. Ayre

Durward C. Ayre, 32° KCCH

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Scottish Rite Night of Instruction and Festive Agape

The Personal Representative and the Venerable Master invite all Masons to our Scottish Rite Night of Instruction and Festive Agape Dinner on June 21, 2011. We are very pleased to have as our guest and speaker the Right Worshipful and Illustrious John L. Cooper III, 33 Degree, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of California.

Illustrious John's talk is titled, "The Great Distraction: The Fragmentation of Freemasonry and the Loss of Focus in the 21st Century".

The schedule of events is as follows:

Arrivals and Social Time 6:30PM * Talk 7:00PM * Agape Dinner 7:45PM

Attire is formal – white tie and tails/tuxedo. A dark business/kilt is also acceptable.

Scottish Rite Masons should wear their cap.

The cost for the evening is \$25.00 per person. Reservations are a must!

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~ Caesar Salad

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From the Lighter Side ...

These were once known as "Quotable Quotes"

Suppose you were an idiot, and suppose you were a member of Congress; but then, I repeat myself. Mark Twain

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. Winston Churchill

What this country needs are more unemployed politicians. Edward Langley

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts. Will Rogers

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April 6, 2011—Maundy Thursday Rehearsal

* Tuesday, April 12, 2011 *

Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM * Dinner following @ 7:00 PM