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From the Personal Representative:

Job Descriptions:

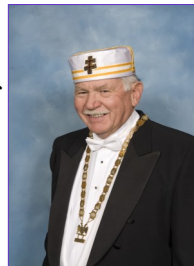
In preparation for writing several job descriptions, our Secretary General did a brief search for the same in several other Scottish Rite Valleys and Orient publications with the result of finding very little that was applicable to his search.

The effort, however, included reading a message from the Editor of the Louisiana Scottish Rite Trestleboard and I will offer part of his message for your consideration. He said, in part:

"...an idea struck me for having ...an explanation for the positions of Master Mason and Scottish Rite member."

"The obligations, the charges and some lectures explain many of the duties and responsibilities that we as Masons inculcate. There is a great lacking in the area of participation, attendance or labors expected. Petitioners have indicated that membership in the 'Fraternity will not cause a hard-ship on their family or themselves. We explain in the 'Entered Apprentice Degree that zeal for the Fraternity should never interfere with regular vocations. We obligate and demand certain moral behavior to continue membership in the Fraternity. There is never a mention of regular attendance and participation for regular meetings. Perhaps we should go as far as to explain work and Masonic Labor."

Many members remark that the meetings don't offer them anything and that we aren't even meeting their needs. These same members don't offer what



their needs might be or what they would like to have at Lodge. Sadly many find that Masonic Labor ends with the conferral of degrees. Exercise your right and responsibility by attending your Lodge and Valley meetings. Participate and let your ideas and voice be heard. Heck, attend an Advisory Conference meeting."

I can only add my personal second to his comments and in fact, I will suggest that you could take the time to participate and add your voice and opinion to a Council of Masters Meeting; the Tuesday morning "Kitchen Cabinet" meeting; our stated meeting; the scholarship committee or even volunteer to help in any other capacity that would match your own interests.

I've been Master of my own Lodge four times and will never give up my Craft Lodge activities. I have served on Grand Lodge committees, served as a Grand Lodge Floor Officer in 1997, participate in York Rite, AMD, York Rite College, and I still find that Scottish Rite offers a couple of things that are absent in the other areas of Masonic work. First, we have a vibrant and active charitable institution right here in our own home. Secondly, we are given a chance to meet and mingle with a broad selection of our Masonic family on a monthly basis.

All Masonic Labor is an integral part of our Masonic Experience and beside that, most of it is rewarding and even fun at times.

Robert S. Luntz

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of the Valley of San Jose

Invite all Scottish Rite Freemasons To

A Night of Scottish Rite Education
 on
Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 6:30 PM

Brother Daniel Doornbos, 32 Degree, Knight Commander Court of Honor Will Present a Paper on the Symbolism of the New Fourth Degree

Schedule of Events

- 6:30p.m. – 7:00 PM – Social Time**
- 7:00p.m. – 7:45 PM – Presentation of the Paper**
- 7:45p.m. – Festive Agape/Dinner**

Cost \$25.00

Requested dress is white tie & tails, tux or dark suit & tie with SR cap

NOTE:
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 Please call the SJ Scottish Rite @ 408-978-7483 to make your reservations
 Reservations not canceled before September 23 must be honored

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The Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction has formed business alliances with several firms. Every time you make a purchase from one of the firms in the SRBA (Scottish Rite Business Alliance) a donation is made to the House of the Temple Historic Preservation Fund, Inc.

As of this writing, the alliance consists of:

- Gourmet Foods Fundraiser (gourmet foods shipped right to your door)
- LodgeAprons.com (standard and custom Masonic aprons)
- Travel Planners of Lakeridge
- Home Smart Real Estate
- US Bank
- Olde Towne Realty
- Safety Nets Plus (a product consisting of roadside assistance, legal care and identity theft protection provided through LifeLock.)

WE NEED YOU!

The established dates, 24 and 25 October, for our reunion are rapidly approaching! Only one degree team has a full cast and much work in the way of practices is needed in order to perform properly. **WE NEED CAST MEMBERS.**

Participation on a degree team is very rewarding and gives the cast members a thorough understanding of the degree. If San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies is unable to perform the mandatory degrees (4th, 14th, 18th, 30th, and 32nd degrees) we will loose our charter!

Please take a look at your schedule and allow some time for participation. You may contact any of the Degree Directors, Chuck Cowden or Hal Leister and we will find a place for you on a degree team!

Space in the Rite Word can be available to you for business-card sized advertising at very reasonable rates.

If you are interested, call our Brother Secretary to reserve your space.

From the Secretaries Table:



I guess that I neglected to tell you all that a MINO is a **M**ason **I**n **N**ame **O**nly. I hope you do not match that definition! Thanks to Sam Nixon, the story that follows should have been the experience of a Brother Mason. If he was not, he certainly illustrates the real meaning of the Craft and I would like to welcome him as a Brother.

When I drove up in my taxi cab at 2:30 a.m. the building was dark except for a single light in a ground floor window.

Under these circumstances many taxi drivers would just honk once or twice, wait a minute, and then drive away.

But I had seen too many impoverished people who depended on taxis as their only means of transportation. Unless a situation smelled of danger, I always went to the door. This passenger might be someone who needs my assistance, I reasoned to myself.

So I walked to the door and knocked. 'Just a minute', answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor.

After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 90s stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940s movie.

By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets.

There were no clocks on the walls, no knickknacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware.

'Would you carry my bag out to the car?' she said. I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to assist the woman.

She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb.

She kept thanking me for my kindness. 'It's nothing', I told her. 'I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother treated'.

'Oh, you're such a good boy', she said. When we got in the cab, she gave me an address, and then asked, 'Could you drive through downtown?'

'It's not the shortest way,' I answered quickly.

'Oh, I don't mind,' she said. 'I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice'.

I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening. 'I don't have any family left,' she continued. 'The doctor says I don't have very long.' I quietly reached over and shut off the meter.

'What route would you like me to take?' I asked.

For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator.

We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl.

Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing.

As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, 'I'm tired. Let's go now.'

We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico.

Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her.

I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair.

'How much do I owe you?' she asked, reaching into her purse.

'Nothing,' I said.

'You have to make a living,' she answered.

'There are other passengers,' I responded.

Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly.

'You gave an old woman a little moment of joy,' she said. 'Thank you.'

I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life.

I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift?

What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away?

On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life.

We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments. But great moments often catch us unaware-beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one.

PEOPLE MAY NOT REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT YOU DID, OR WHAT YOU SAID, BUT THEY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL.

Thank you, my brothers! ... Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance.

For Sammy Nixon:

Who am I?



We have thousands of photos of Scottish Rite members and events and almost none of them are labeled!

If you recognize this brother then please let the secretary know who he is.



Attention all 32° Masons

Are you a 32° Scottish Rite Mason?

**If so, why not join the
KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW ?**

Interested? Please send information to:

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Please include your name, address, phone (home, work, cell <whatever you want listed>) and e-mail address if you have one.



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June 26th, 1983.....

Do you recognize this brother?



This is one of the few recently discovered photos that **was** identified.

Do you know him?

(See page 10 to find out if you're right!)

Roger's Corner

The July stated meeting and dinner at San Jose Scottish Rite was well attended and saw our members dressed for the theme -- Bar-B-Que; Levis and shirts without ties was the uniform of the night.

Members, wives, escorts and others lined up for the hors d' oeuvres and enjoyed these while preparing the mouth-watering and tender tri-tips steaks on the new Bar-B-Ques thoughtfully provided by the Scottish Rite management staff.

The dinner menu was traditional July Americana, tri-tip steak or chicken, potato salad, macaroni salad, corn on the cob, Bandito beans, coffee, tea and savory sweet strawberries over shortcake that was prepared by Hazel Winter. Thanks Hazel for your effort on behalf of our dinner guests.

Members, wives, escorts and others enjoyed a relaxing dinner and fellowship with friends, and, as always, the dining room assistants---Jack Harris, Alan Spalding, Ken Nagel, Bob Rowan, Dan Brothers, Phil and Oscar were assisting with food service and preparation.

Join our members and others at the San Jose Scottish Rite monthly meetings and dinners; the 2nd Tuesday of each month and only \$ 12.00 for each meal.

Contact MaryLou Johnson at the San Jose Scottish Rite Center for dinner and meeting details. Her phone number is 408.978.7483.

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Roger Bibb



From the Clinic!!!

The Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic is an essential resource for parents who would not otherwise have access to treatment. In order for children to begin receiving services at our clinic they must first participate in a screening to assess their speech and language skills. Since the beginning of 2008 the clinic has screened 50 children for services.

During the screening process parents are briefly interviewed regarding their child's speech and language development as well as their child's general development since birth. We carefully review other documents, such as Individual Education Plans from school and previous evaluations, to help guide our decisions about the type of therapy that would most benefit the child. We use a standardized screening document based on the child's age to determine their skill level in the five areas of speech and language development, including: making sounds in words, understanding language, using language to express wants/needs, social communication, voice, and movement of their mouth to make sounds. During the screening we also play with the child to assess their speech and language skills in less structured activities.

Recently the clinic received a letter from a parent whose daughter, Sarah, was screened at our clinic. While we have not had an opportunity to work with Sarah because of the clinic's extensive waitlist, we are hoping to start speech and language treatment with her in the near future. She is just one of the many children that our clinic can help.

Dear Rachel,

Thank you so much for taking time to screen Sarah. She had a great time with you. When we got home, she asked when will she be going back for more. I told her maybe this summer. At bedtime, she asked again and she told me how she liked playing Snack Shack and she wanted Rachel for my speech teacher. I told her, we needed to pray for more speech therapists to come help you. At least once a day she has mentioned or asked about going back or having fun with Rachel. Wow, you made quite an impression.

Last year, I was helping two of my children's classmates look for speech/language services and summer schools. As I was asking around at church, someone mentioned how Scottish Rite helped her sons many years ago. So I did some research for them. They have been very pleased with you, and with the progress of their children. One mom thanks me when we get together. She shares how healing and refreshing you have been after her struggles with the public schools. I didn't think I would be in the same place they were last year looking for help.

Thank you again, Cindy C.

Did you know?

*Our clinicians currently are treating 42 children
but we have another 59 on our waiting list!*

*Any additional financial support you can provide will help us to improve and grow
the Clinic.*

Are you aware that your donation to the Clinic could be worth twice as much? Many companies will match their employees' gifts to charitable organizations. To find out more, speak with your employer or our General Secretary. One or the other can get you the information you need.

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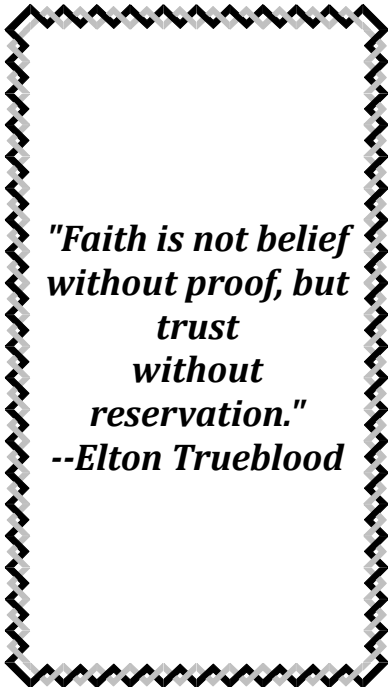


Please note: an important change in the way we acknowledge your donations.

Several months ago it was pointed out that donations made in the second half of the month might not be reported because we were in the process of printing the Rite Word when they arrived.

We want *every* donation recognized properly, so beginning last month; we will be reporting donations from two months earlier. This means that in August we are reporting June donations, in September we will be reporting July donations and so forth.

Thank you for your understanding, your support and your donations!!!



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In Memorium

Leland Mosegard Dauberg	Morgan Hill	June 8, 2008
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If you know of anyone who is ill, please call the office at 408-978-7483!

From the Wise Master

Values

We are members of Scottish Rite because we want to be there and because we derive satisfaction from service to the organization and society. Each of us asked to be a member. Despite the fact that we come from so many walks of life, we do have one thing in common. We have a shared system of values. I know that in some circles it is considered out of style to talk about values, but we, as Masons, don't share that feeling. Each year Masonic organizations announce themes, which become the focus for discussion during the year. In previous years, those themes have focused on the importance of the family and other critical needs of society.

The most important resource that this organization has is found in its people, and the fundamental values possessed by our members determine how we act and react. From values, we draw purpose, direction, vitality, and character. Our ethics include loyalty to the ideals of our fraternal organization and our nation, selfless service, and personal responsibility. We must recognize that personal value systems or ethics may vary from individual to individual, but professional integrity demands that each have an uncompromising commitment to the institutional values that form the bedrock of our Masonic profession and our nation.

Hal Leister, 32° Wise Master



From the Master of Kadosh

I have recently enrolled in a new program called the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Education Program. As you probably remember from last month's article by Ill Bob Winter this program is available to all of you and I highly recommend you consider getting on board. The textbook (SR Ritual Monitor and Guide) is simply outstanding and a great read. I have completed the first test and awaiting the test score. The plan is not to just take the course on a unilateral basis but to periodically have study and discussion sessions so all enrolled can get together and discuss the readings and related information concerning our beautiful and meaningful degrees.

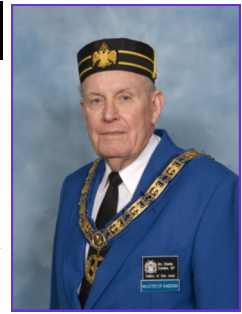
There is a reading related to the discussion of the 14th Degree, The Perfect Elu, which I commend for your consideration. It is found on page 298 of the text and is titled "The Enigma of the Sphynx". Several interesting points are made about symbolism, the Blue Lodges and the Scottish Rite that many might find controversial. That said the writing is certainly thought provoking and a good subject for one of the group discussions.

By the way, do you remember the meaning of Kadosh? In the first few pages of the text, there is a brief overview of the Scottish Rite's origins and rituals. This is very interesting reading and is a good refresher on the beginning of our beloved Scottish Rite. The answer to the above question can be found in these pages.

I urge any Brother who has the time and interest to consider getting involved in the 32nd Degree, the Master of the Royal Secret. There are both speaking and non-speaking roles available in this beautiful degree. As you might already know, this October we will be presenting the latest version of this degree, so all cast members are on a learning curve in preparation for the Fall Reunion (Oct 24-25). Please contact Brother Dave Gibson, KCCH, the Degree Director at dtgibson@comcast.net if you are interested.

By the way Kadosh means Holy or Consecrated. Now, what is the meaning of ineffable as in the Ineffable Degrees of the Lodge of Perfection? See you next month and I trust you are having a great summer.

Chuck Cowden, 32° Master of Kadosh



Did you know...

2008 marks the 100 year anniversary of the founding of the San Jose Chapter of Rose Croix?

Here's another trivial note: The first Wise Master of San Jose Chapter of Rose Croix was Antrim E. Osborne—who missed his own installation! (His position was filled pro-tem by acting Wise Master John W. Davy.)



From the Venerable Master

Brethren and Ladies –



August is a rare month in which there are no National holidays that are observed throughout the United States. However, that doesn't mean that people haven't adopted August as a month to bring attention to their favorite causes. Did you know that August has been designated National Immunization Awareness Month, National Win With Civility Month, and Neurosurgery Outreach Month. It contains National Elvis Week and National Resurrect Romance week, perhaps for those who have forgotten to observe national girlfriend day, which is on the first day of the month. I'm sure you all feel better knowing that August has some significance.

I want to thank all of you who attended the barbeque last month. I also want to thank those of you that cooked your own steak or chicken, and those of you that were willing to do the cooking for others.

We have a Reunion coming up in October and we'll be putting on the degrees using the new scripts. This is an opportunity for all the brethren to come down and see the degree teams do "new work". It is also an opportunity for you to see something new. If you think the Reunion is just for new candidates, you're wrong. That's why we call it a "Reunion" ...it's a reunion for all of us to come together and review the deep rewards that the Scottish Rite ritual has to offer. This would also be a great time for you to invite brethren in your blue Lodge that aren't members of Scottish Rite to submit a petition. Then, when they come to receive their degrees, you can accompany them and witness the new degree formats yourself!

I really want to compliment the Scottish Rite members of the Valley of San Jose on your support of our Childhood Language Disorders Clinic. This makes a difference in the lives of so many children. Samuel Johnson once said, *"Life affords no higher pleasure than that of surmounting difficulties, passing from one step of success to another, forming new wishes and seeing them gratified. He that labors in any great or laudable undertaking has his fatigues first supported by hope, and afterwards rewarded by joy...To strive with difficulties, and to conquer them, is the highest human felicity."* We at Scottish Rite, in helping young people surmount the difficulties they are facing, have reason to be proud. What better legacy can we leave than to help make a difference in the lives of these kids. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!!

Bud Ramsey
Venerable Master

Hi,

For the Ladies

Hope you are enjoying your summer and that the heat is not too much for you. Please be sure to wear your hats and sun glasses when you are outside as well as using sun screen and **drinking a lot of water**.

I have been asked to think about holding some kind of activity for the ladies while the men are taking part in the Reunion in October of this year. Since it is only a couple of months away I would like to start gathering ideas about what the ladies might like to do. I would like to hear from each of you, to have you share your thoughts and input with me, so I am asking you to join me at the August meeting and bring some ideas.

Someone has suggested going to Santana Row where the ladies could shop, go to the movies, or relax and visit. We could all meet for a lunch together or let everyone take care of their own. What do you think? Do you know if there is going to be a play in our area on October 25th, a dance performance or some special event that we might enjoy?

According to where we go and how many women attend, we may be able to have a bus so we would not have to worry about driving and parking our cars.

Please come in August with ideas and suggestions. Let's make this an event that we will all enjoy! God bless,

Susan



August Stated Meeting - 7:15 PM - Tuesday August 12, 2008



Menu

- Center Cut Pork Loin
- Smoked Turkey Breast
- Mashed Potatoes
- Turkey Gravey
- Mixed Green Salad with Ranch or Italian
- Fresh Baked Rolls with butter
- Pasta for Vegetarian
- Coffee or Tea
- Desert

Only \$12.00
per person

Reservation deadline:
Thursday, August 7th at 4:00

Reservation #:
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DO WE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?

The San Jose Scottish Rite is preparing an e-mail distribution list of members who would prefer to receive their Scottish Rite communications by e-mail. Interested? Please send your e-mail address and name to rdrowan@sanjosescottishrite.org.

(We are still working on this project, so please be patient. If you have not yet given us your e-mail address, please do so as soon as you can.) —rr

For the Lighter Side of things

How smart is Your Right Foot?

Just try this. It is from an orthopedic surgeon..... This will boggle your mind and you will keep trying over and over again to see if you can outsmart your foot, but you can't. It's preprogrammed in your brain!

1. While sitting where you are at your desk in front of your computer, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles. 2. Now, while doing this, draw the number '6' in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction!

I told you so!!! And there's nothing you can do about it! You and I both know how stupid it is, but before the day is done you are going to try it again, if you've not already done so. Send it to your buddies to frustrate them too.

**Answer to "Do you recognize this brother?" on page 5:
It's Robert Baker KCCH (in an undated photo.)**

Membership is always important:

PROPOSITION/PETITION
ORIENT OF SAN JOSE
ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE BODIES
Office of the Secretary (408) 978-7483
2455 Masonic Drive – PO Box 18220, San Jose, CA. 95158-8220

Fee: \$300.00 *(must accompany this petition)*

(Please print or type)

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-Mail address: _____

Mailing Address (If different from above): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth : _____

Present Blue Lodge: _____ Approx. Date Raised: _____

Location: _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Occupation (If retired, previous occupation): _____

Name of Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Have you ever petitioned for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees?: _____

I believe in the inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order and undying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, the entire separation of church and state as set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America. Wholeheartedly believing in the foregoing, I respectfully apply for membership with San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Recommended by:

1: _____ 2: _____

Share your own enjoyment of Scottish Rite.
Invite a brother to make an application.

Future Scottish Rite Events:

August 9, 2008 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

August 12, 2008 - August Stated Meeting & Dinner

August 14, 2008 - Deadline for September "Rite Word" articles !

September 1, 2008 - Labor Day

September 6, 2008 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

September 9, 2008 - September Stated Meeting & Dinner

September 13, 2008 - Deadline for October "Rite Word" articles !

September 30, 2008 - Education and Festive Agape Dinner



Fall Reunion

The San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies Fall Reunion is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, 24 and 25 October 2008. Please **mark your calendar** and plan to participate and attend. The Program will very much like our Spring Reunion. The Degree Teams need personnel to perform the degrees. Volunteer and become a participating member.



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