

THE RITE WORD



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SAN JOSE

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From the Personal Representative:

We have a full slate of activities facing us for the New Year.

First, as Masons, we should see to it that we try to generate as much interest and response to the edict of Grand Master Ken Nagel and turn out at our Craft Lodges for our various Stated Meetings in February. Secondly, February 9, 2010 is the Grand Master's Reception at San Jose Scottish Rite, and all brothers are encouraged to attend that event. It is in conjunction with our Stated Meeting, the scheduling of which will be modified to maximize the time and attention we give to the celebratory and ceremonial aspects of the evening.

We also have several Nights of Information planned. These events have been gaining in popularity, as we have various authors and scholarly members present research papers on different Masonic subjects. We have many dedicated readers and researchers in our ranks, and Brother Chuck Cowden 32° will welcome any and all who may be interested in sharing their knowledge with the rest of us.

March 28, will be a first for San Jose Scottish Rite, as we will, on that date, confer the Knight Commander Court of Honor award on several nominees from Northern California. Plans and preparations are coming along; the cast has been tentatively selected, and we are well under way to this presentation. Significantly, this presentation will be conferred in an open ceremony, and friends are invited. It is a rare opportunity for non-members to witness such a conferral which, since it is not a recognized degree as such, does not require the trappings of a closed degree, even though it has most of the aspects and appearances of a regular degree. Invite your non-Scottish Rite friends to see this event.



Many of us have been concerned that San Jose Scottish Rite over its one-hundred year history, has acquired virtually mounds and mounds of memorabilia, as has any organization that houses a museum, and represents any historic concept. We plan to host a silent (and possibly audible) auction and "White Elephant" sale to try to reduce our accumulation of artifacts,

memorabilia, books, and miscellaneous bric-a-brac, and raise sorely needed funds for the support of our charities. So . . . first we need volunteers to help classify, catalogue, prepare, and present this stuff, and secondly, we will need help in publicizing the event, which will be open to the public. We plan to schedule this extravaganza in the fall, so we do have a few months to prepare, but as with all significant events of this sort, early preparation is the key to success. Please let us know if you're interested in helping out.

You have all received a request for donations to the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation with an explanation of the reasons for such a request. The California Scottish Rite Foundation, if you give to them, will simply accept the donation in 'Honor' of San Jose Scottish Rite, and tuck the money in their corporate pocket. The only way your generosity can benefit our work here in the Valley of San Jose is for you to make the donation directly. Please help, if you can.

It's a great time to be a Scottish Rite Freemason, and our doors are always open to new members. Contact your brothers in Masonry and invite them to join.

Remember, if you want to receive the Rite Word Electronically, you need to ask to receive it, or it may be considered SPAM.

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Please add your name to the list !

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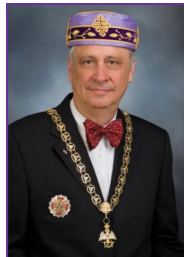
Make your contribution to the **San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies** and have your name on the "**Honor Roll**". Your gift of \$100.00 or more will help the San Jose Lodge of Perfection, Chapter Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh and Consistory reach the level necessary to provide quality events for our future success. Incremental gifts welcome too.

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THE RITE WORD

From the Secretary's Table:



Brethren,

First of all, this, being the end of the year 2009, some acknowledgement for work well done are due to the Officers of the Bodies for their diligence and hard work on behalf of the San Jose Scottish Rite.

Secondly, the Board of Directors were active in the review and operation of the Foundation affairs. Thank you!

We have had a number of changes this year with the retirement of Mary Lou Johnson; Felipe Martinez return with his family in Mexico; and the addition of Reuben Trujillo and Angela Athans to our staff.

The economy was damaging to us in the rentals category and the donations to support our Clinic suffered seriously.

None the less, we finished the year in decent shape and are looking forward to improving times. In fact, when you see the pictures on page 4 you can experience the fun we had in ending the year with a GREAT Christmas Party! Many thanks go to Susan Ramsey, Angela Athans and of course, quite a few of our members for their help in making the event memorable. If you were not able to be here, be sure to join us next year.

Ill. Winter's message and his letter to each of you at the end of December, talked about the need to actively involve ourselves in some serious fund raising for the clinic. Thank you to those who have already made contributions to support this appeal. In roughly 10 days, more than 60 members have responded with the average donation being about \$58. Keep up the great work my Brothers!

This year we will continue to maintain and improve our facility; work hard to improve the conferral of the new (not really) Standard Pike Rituals; and continue to have great dinners and social time together. Be sure to join us whenever you can. Remember that our Stated Meetings are on the second Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 PM with social time and dinner following.

Lastly, on February 9th, the San Jose Scottish Rite will host a reception for M.W. Ken Nagel as Grand Master of Masons in California. Advance Dinner reservations are a **must** for this event because all Lodges and concordant Bodies will be invited, as well as the Grand Lodge Family. Join us in celebration of M.W. Ken's ascention to Grand Master.

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Commander	Bro. Ross Fuller, 32° KCCH	408-243-4436
Master of Kadosh	Bro. Daniel Doornbos, 32° KCCH	408-263-2165

December Donations
For the Clinic :

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Brett & Jackie Rickard	Bro./Mrs. Frank Joseph
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Bro. Harry Bank	response to our need for
Bro. Wallace Henwood	Support for our Childrens
Ms. Deborah Gravitz and	Language Clinic."
Mr. Lawrence You	* DECEMBER DONATIONS
Bro./Mrs. Herb Dallas	CONTINUED ON PG. 7

The Master Craftsman program will be rescheduled soon. Watch for more information.

Christmas Party 2009



January Notes and News

The Scottish Rite Scholarship Application is now on-line

Do you know a deserving student who is preparing to attend college? The San Jose Scottish Rite offers scholarships for highly qualified candidates. [Download \\$2,500 Scholarship Application](#)

Here is a picture from our last December Santa Cruz Scottish Rite Breakfast meeting and I would like to invite the Brethren for our installation of officers for SR Club in January (Jan 16th).

Fraternally,

Kerem Kapkin
President
Santa Cruz Scottish Rite Club



The SLO County Scottish Rite Club met on Monday, December 21, 2009 and elected the following officers to serve in the following year:

President-James F. Smith, 32°, K.C.C.H.
1st Vice President-Kenneth J. Brokamp, 32°
2nd Vice President-Robert M. Ellis, 32°
Treasurer-Jerome H. Boxer, 32°, K.C.C.H.
Secretary-Benjamin D.V. Minter, 32°, K.C.C.H.
Chaplain-Willard J. Strong, 32°, K.C.C.H.
Almoner-William P. Mills, 32°

The installation dinner and ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2010 starting at 3:00 PM

San Jose Scottish Rite

Installation of Officers

January 26th, 2010

2455 Masonic Drive - San Jose, CA 95125

*** 408-978-7483 ***

Installation : 7:00 PM

Please join us in the Dining Room for Light Refreshments and the Arch of Unity following the Installation Ceremony

Dress : Men - Tuxedo or Suit & Tie / Ladies - Cocktail Dress



From the Clinic!!!

On Saturday December 5th the San Jose Scottish Rite hosted a Christmas party for the children of the clinic, their siblings and families. It was a great time for the families we serve to come together with Scottish Rite members, spouses and employees to celebrate the holidays. The banquet room and hallways were decorated with giant sized snowmen, trees and balloons. There were various activities for the children to enjoy such as coloring, bead crafting and cookie decorating. Snacks, drinks and cookies were enjoyed by all who attended. The big hit of the day was a visit from Santa. The children enjoyed sitting in his lap and telling their Christmas wishes. Santa had a gift for each child and sibling in attendance. After the party many of the parents expressed what a great time they had. Many of them also took the opportunity to express how grateful they are to be receiving services here at our clinic. A big thank you goes out to Susan Ramsey as well as the many other volunteers who contributed to the making of another successful Christmas party!

A recent letter to the clinic.....

Thank you so much for all of your help. We couldn't have done it without you. We are so happy with our son's progress. He is now ready to attend Challenger school in Sunnyvale. When we look back....we were frightened and worried to death about his speech, then we found you. We can truly say that you gave us comfort and gave our son the speech with which he is able to attend school. Thank you.

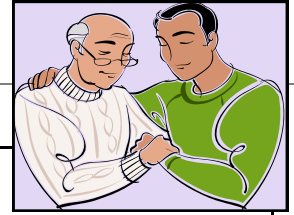
Happy New Year!!!

I hope that each of you had a wonderful holiday season. I want to thank the members of San Jose Scottish Rite and their ladies for all their hard work in making the Children's Christmas Party such a great success. To Earline LaRue, Hazel Winter, Ed Clarke, Bob Laws, Lillian & Herb Dallas, and Angela Athans for showing up to help decorate the trees. They looked wonderful and added a special touch to our event. To the ladies who baked cookies for the party Valerie Bibb, Greta Justus, Hazel Winter, Tina Ude, Peg Janger, Gillian Flato, Lillian Dallas, Angela Athans and to Gregg Hall for the great sandwiches. They were all wonderful and there were none left. To Melissa Williams for her wonderful music and to Ken Zuhr for making sure Santa Claus got here on time. To the San Jose Rainbow Girls for the delightful crafts they provided. The children really enjoyed making the items and being with the girls. And last but not least thank you to the members and their ladies that showed up Saturday to lend a helping hand and to be a part of this special event. As you can see an event like this takes lots of people working together to make it a success and because of your help the children and their families had a wonderful time.

Blessings,

Susan Ramsey

December/Donations Cont. :



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**** Bro. William Morgan***

By: Mrs. Edna Morgan

**** Bro. John Schwartz***

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Rite Word

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Bro. Tony Mariani
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*In Memory of -
Bro. John Runcie*

By:
Mrs. Kathryn B. Runcie

Shut-Ins

<u>Robert Schmidt</u>	PO Box 1689, Sonoma, CA 95476-1689	707-939-1412
<u>Howard Wright</u>	Westgate Villa 5425 Mayme Avenue, San Jose CA. 95129 (VISITORS MOST WELCOME!)	Please No Calls
<u>Don Yeager</u>	702 S. Mary, Sunnyvale, CA 94087-1602	408-720-8069
<u>Leroy Becker</u>	600 Hudson Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95051-5815	408-248-3199

Permanent Shut-Ins

<u>Charles Boyd</u>	18760 McFarland Ave., Saratoga, CA 95070-4626	408-370-9619
<u>Robert Gass</u>	VA Nursing Home Care, Rm.258, 4951 Arroya Rd., Livermore, CA 94550-9650	
<u>John J. Neschen</u>	1513 Shaw Rd. - San Jose, CA 95118-1362 *****	Visitors Wecome!
<u>John Knight</u>	3400 Paul Sweet Rd. #C-129 - Santa Cruz, 95065-1537	
<u>Wyatt Sawyer</u>	14500 Fruitvale Ave. #2253 - Saratoga 95070-6179	408-741-7306
<u>David Nielsen</u>	18642 N. Conquistador Rd. Sun City West, AZ 85375-4662	
<u>Jay W. Robinson</u>	3939 E. 52nd St. # 238 - Odessa, TX 79762-4719	
<u>Alvin Wong</u>	1275 N. Fourth St. - San Jose, CA Cards to: 1163 Carolyn Ave. San Jose, CA 95125-3223	

In Memoriam...



Bro. William T. Quigley, 32°
Bro. William Nelson, 33°
Bro. Robert L. Nivison, 32°
Bro. James K. Shaver



If you know
of anyone
who is ill,
please
call the
office at
408-978-7483!

**Feel Better, Maury Dunbar !
Hope you are up & around soon!**



**Thinking of you &
Sending Prayers for
Bro. Bill Mundy !**



**Many thanks, on behalf of
our children, for the
response to end of the
year support to our
"Childrens Language
Disorders Clinic"!
It is so greatly
Appreciated !**



Last November, my wife went to Israel on business. I joined her for a few days of vacation after her project was completed. We rented a car, a GPS, and hit the road to see a variety of sites around the country.

There is a lot to learn in a new country. For example, in Israel, they adopt the Mediterranean driving style: foot on the gas, hand on the horn. It was really nerve-wracking, until I learned to drive like them. On the plus side, police cars always have their lights flashing, so when the speed limit is 100 km/h and you're driving 120, you can see the police in the distance and have plenty of time to slow down. Just driving like the natives.

Many Israelis observe the Sabbath, from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. They have a rule against flipping electrical switches. So be careful when you step onto an elevator. It may be set to operate automatically, stopping on every floor, on the way up, and on the way down. Automatic revolving doors don't revolve. And there are no local newspapers that day. Restaurants typically close Friday nights, so finding a place to eat takes some effort.

Most of us grew up listening to and later reading Bible stories. So you can imagine what it was like to catch a glimpse of the Sea of Galilee for the first time. Or to visit Capernaum, a town that remains in well-tended ruins. They have a modern church built above an ancient church, built on top of Simon Peter's home, which served as the headquarters for Jesus's ministry.

Down the road was the ancient boat, discovered during an exceptionally dry year when the lake level was very low. You can see the 2000-year-old fisherman's boat in a museum, and learn about how it was originally used, preserved for centuries in the mud, then recovered and prepared for display at tremendous expense. You can never accuse the Israelis of skimping on funds for archaeology.

On our way to Jerusalem, we stopped at the Letrun Armor Museum, which has the world's largest collection of military tanks. If you can think of a tank, any country, any time period, they probably have at least one of them. Like our Wall in Washington DC, with the names of our soldiers lost in the Vietnam war, the Israelis also have a Wall, with the names of their sons and daughters fallen since the rebirth of the nation in 1948. And they have a very respectful monument to the Allies (The United States, Great Britain, and Russia) to commemorate our victory over the Nazis during the Second World War. Perhaps some of you reading this article participated in that effort.

Jerusalem, especially the Old City, is always a focal point of a visit to Israel. The walls of the Old City were built by Suleiman the Magnificent (Sultan of the Ottoman Empire) in 1538, although the city itself dates back to the late Bronze Age. Like

anywhere else in Israel, you can't get a decent map and it's easy to get lost. There is no shortage of people willing to guide you... for a fee.

Certain places, such as the Temple Mount, are known historical locations. Others, such as Golgotha, the Garden Tomb, the Garden of Gethsemane, are locations based on tradition. Sometimes there are multiple places where a single event is said to have taken place, and the experts disagree on which, if either, is the right one. If you are there on a religious pilgrimage, you just visit the sites that your tradition follows and don't concern yourself with such details.

The most challenging adventure was our visit to Masada. Everybody told us that we had to see the dawn from Masada. They forgot to mention that the only way up there pre-dawn is to walk. We almost made it by the time the sun rose over the Dead Sea. Several dozen young Israeli men were present that day for initiation into military service.

Masada is the mountain fortress of a group of Sicarii rebels during the Great Revolt (68 to 72 CE). When defeat and capture by the Roman 10th legion was imminent, the rebels chose death over surrender. The original ruins remain mostly undisturbed, so you can see how the people lived, and where events took place.

On the way back to Jerusalem, we stopped at Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls came from. That site is another excavated ruin open to visitors. You can also see some of the caves in the distance where scrolls were hidden. There is a big display on the scrolls themselves at the Shrine of the Book in Jerusalem.

There are a lot of religious people in Israel, particularly in Jerusalem. And a lot of different religions are represented. You can be whatever you are as long as you mind your manners. Most people do. But there are limitations. For example, only Orthodox Jewish marriage is recognized by the Israeli government. As a result, a large number of Israelis fly to Cyprus to get married.

They have a decent health care system, too. Everybody is covered, no exclusions, although it's government administered. But income taxes are high at 60 percent.

As we flew home, my wife and I were discussing all that we saw and learned, and how much more we wanted to see and do. We came home with a renewed appreciation for being citizens of the United States. For example, in our country, the Constitution separates the powers of the Church and the Government, so we could get married right here in California, close to home. And our taxes are low... especially when you consider how much we expect of our government.

Fraternally,

Daniel Doornbos, Master of Kadosh

Happy New Year to all !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

From the Venerable Master

Greetings from the East,

My year as Venerable Master is fast ending. I congratulate the newly elected and appointed officers for the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies for 2010 who will be installed January 26, 2010.

In 2006, the Sovereign Grand Commander challenged the Scottish Rite Valleys to emphasize or institute programs in several areas. This past year has seen those programs grow in our Valley especially those in the areas of education and member involvement.

There are more liners at meetings and the Reunions. Our newer members are becoming involved in the various aspects of degree presentation and the Knights of St. Andrew. Opportunities have increased for Masonic education and more brethren have and are taking the Master Craftsman program Brother Cowden coordinated an excellent series of Nights of Instruction and Festive Agape Banquets in 2009 and more will be held in 2010.

There will be one very unique event coming up Brethren and their families should make every effort to attend. That will be the conferral of the Knight Commander Court of Honor on Brother Cowden and four others from other Valleys. The conferral of this honor is made but once every two years and at some distance from San Jose. Circumstances have allowed a special presentation of the Honor in San Jose on March 28th in the afternoon. Stay tuned and join us on that day for this special conferral.

2010 will present a challenge to our Valley in the support of our Language Disorder Clinic. Our Valley has its own foundation and support for it must be made directly to it or specifically designated when making a contribution to the California Scottish Rite Foundation.

I appreciate the privilege to have served this past year.

Richard M. Fisher - Venerable Master

Brethren:

Thank you for electing me to the office of Venerable Master of San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies. The Ill. Robert Winter and I have made some changes by selecting all 32° Knights Commander Court of Honour (KCCH) as officers for the Lodge of Perfection. It is my hope that this change will give 32° Scottish Rite Brethren something to which to aspire.

I also hope that many of you were able to attend our January Installation of Officers' ceremony and would like to thank Most Worshipful Ken Nagel, Grand Master of Masons in California and 33°, for acting as the Installing Officer. At our February 9th Stated meeting we will have the honor of hosting the Grand Master's Reception. Please come to honor Most Worshipful Ken and his officers and enjoy the fellowship.

Looking further ahead, in March we are planning to hold a 32° KCCH Conferral for those honor men from Northern California who were unable to attend the December 2009 Scottish Rite Honors Conferral in Oakland. In April, we will hold our annual Maundy Thursday celebration as well as the Spring Reunion so please carry applications for membership with you and urge Blue Lodge Masons to join San Jose Scottish Rite this April.

As your Venerable Master for 2010, I will have two basic priorities: increasing our membership and raising funds for our Language Disorders Clinic. Both issues are critical and in need of our help. I ask each of you to do everything you can to help **OUR** Scottish Rite grow in membership and **OUR** Clinic serve as many children as possible.

I would like to thank all our Ladies for their continued support. They bring sunshine to each of our Stated Meetings and social events.

Respectfully,

Durward C. Ayre, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master Elect



January Stated Meeting Dinner Tuesday the 12th 7:15 PM



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Caesar Salad
Dinner Rolls
Dessert

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408-978-7483

For the Lighter Side of things...

First place in the
Cartoon of the Decade
Contest.

A cartoon showing a man reading a newspaper and a child talking to him. The man is on the right, holding a newspaper. The child is on the left, looking at the man. The text of the cartoon is as follows:
DAD, I'M CONSIDERING A CAREER IN ORGANISED CRIME.
GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE SECTOR?

Membership is always important:

PROPOSITION/PETITION

ORIENT OF SAN JOSE
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 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.*



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Future Scottish Rite Events:

January 9, 2010 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

January 12, 2010 - January Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM w/ Dinner following @ 7:15 PM

January 15, 2010 - FRIDAY LUNCH BUNCH at Noon. Please call to make reservations.

February 6, 2010 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

February 9, 2010 - February Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM w/ Reception of our Grand Master following @ 7:15 PM - RESERVATIONS MANDATORY FOR THIS EVENT

February 12, 2010 - FRIDAY LUNCH BUNCH at Noon. Please call to make reservations.

Join us for our Friday Lunch Bunch on January 15, 2010