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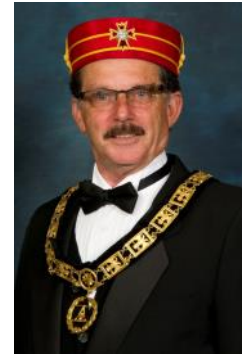
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A Message From the VENERABLE MASTER

Brethren,

In a recent meeting which I was privileged to attend, our Most Worshipful Grand Master and Illustrious John L. Cooper III presented a paper on Masonic morals. His eloquent presentations always leave me with something to ponder, in that search for a greater meaning of life and becoming a better man. Although the following is different, it shares the same fundamentals and that is: Every Freemason is earnestly exhorted to study himself. He who does not know himself, his moral weakness, his desires, his powers of toleration, and his real, not his imaginary spiritual strength, cannot live as the Order requires that he ought to live in the bonds of the closest fraternal love with the whole brotherhood. If an office is entrusted to him in the lodge he cannot know whether he is capable of filling it with credit to himself and profit to the craft.



It is quite as necessary that a Freemason should be as well acquainted with his moral strength, as he is with his moral weakness, for many Masons are inactive in the lodge and in the craft, merely because they do not know the power which is within them. He who has thoroughly studied himself and is susceptible of all good impressions will be subject to much less evil than others. Bear in mind, my brothers, that Masonry is one of the most sublime and perfect institutions that was ever formed for the advancement of happiness and general good of mankind; creating in all its varieties universal benevolence and brotherly love. It holds out allurements so captivating as to inspire the brotherhood with emulation to deeds of glory, such as must command throughout the world, veneration and applause and such as must entitle those who perform them to dignity and respect. It teaches us those useful, wise, and instructive doctrines upon which alone true happiness is founded; and at the same time affords those easy paths by which we attain the rewards of virtue. It also teaches us the duties which we owe to our neighbor - never to injure him in any one situation but to conduct ourselves with justice and impartiality. It bids us not to divulge the mystery to the public, and it orders us to be true to our trust and above all meanness and dissimulation and in all of our vocations to perform religiously that which we ought to do.

For the day; there is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that is your own self. "Patience is the companion of wisdom."

*Joseph DaSilva, 32° KCCF
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One evening an old Cherokee chief told his grandson about a great battle that goes on inside people.

He said, "My boy, the battle is between 2 'wolves' inside us all.

One is Evil. It is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego.

The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather – "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied – "The one you feed."

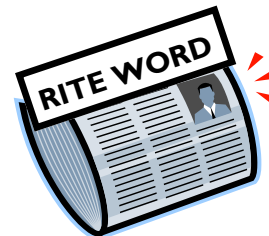
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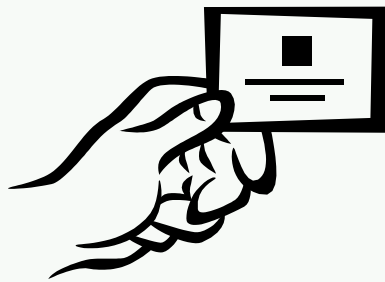
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Friday, October 17

5:30 – 6:00 pm	Registration, Individual Photo, Cap Sizing
6:00 – 6:30 pm	Open Lodge of Perfection and Class Orientation
6:30 – 7:15 pm	Dinner (Lodge of Perfection to host)
7:15 – 8:15 pm	Confer 4 th Degree
8:15 – 9:20 pm	Communicate 5 th – 8 th Degrees
9:20 – 9:30 pm	Break
9:30 – 10:15 pm	Confer 9 th /10 th Degree
10:15 pm	Close LOP/Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

Saturday, October 18

9:30 – 10:00 am	Open Lodge of Perfection/Communicate 11 th Degree
10:00 – 10:40 am	Confer 12 th Degree
10:40 – 10:50 am	Break
10:50 – 11:15 am	Communicate 13 th Degree
11:15 – 12:00 pm	Confer 14 th Degree/Close LOP
12:00 – 12:45 pm	Lunch (Chapter Rose Croix to host)
12:45 – 12:50 pm	Open Chapter Rose Croix
12:50 – 2:00 pm	Communicate 15 th - 17 th Degrees
2:00 – 3:30 pm	Confer 18 th Degree/Close Chapter
3:30 pm	Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

Friday, October 31

6:00 – 6:45 pm	Dinner (Council of Kadosh to host)
6:45 – 6:50 pm	Open Council of Kadosh
6:50 – 7:35 pm	Confer 19 th Degree
7:35 – 7:45 pm	Break
7:45 – 8:30 pm	Communicate 20 th – 21 st Degrees
8:30 – 9:00 pm	Confer 22 nd Degree
9:00 – 9:45 pm	Communicate 23 rd – 24 th Degrees
9:45 pm	Close Council/Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

Saturday, November 1

9:00 – 10:20 am	Open Council of Kadosh/Communicate 25 th – 28 th Degrees
10:20 – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 – 11:45 pm	Confer 29 th Degree
11:45 – 12:00 pm	Class Photo
12:00 – 12:45 pm	Lunch (Council of Kadosh to host)
12:45 – 1:45 pm	Confer 30 th Degree/Close Council
1:45 pm	Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

Tuesday, November 4

6:00 – 6:45 pm	Dinner (Consistory to host)
6:45 – 7:30 pm	Open Consistory and Communicate 31 st Degree
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Confer 32 nd Degree/Close Consistory
9:00 pm	Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

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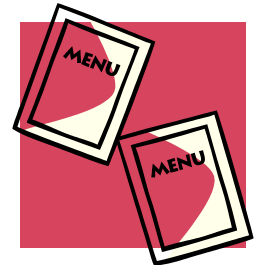
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From the Secretary's Table.....

My Brothers,

Our Fall Reunion begins on Oct 17th, and we currently have only a few Candidates. Our Degree Teams are working long hours to insure that they present Degrees that are meaningful and relevant to the Candidates—AND—to the Brothers attending! 68% of Master Masons in California are not Scottish Rite members. Why don't we try to do good for a Brother by just talking to him about what the Scottish Rite is? Most men who were interested in Masonry and became Master Masons will for sure be interested in what comes after the first three degrees in Blue Lodge. One of the most important goals for each of us should be to inspire good Master Masons to join us and enlighten themselves by the beautiful Scottish Rite Degrees, philosophical studies, special events, entertainment and good fellowship! At your next Blue Lodge Stated Meeting, talk to your Brothers about how much YOU enjoy the Scottish Rite, what you have gotten out of it, and why you think they would benefit from the Scottish Rite degrees. You may just give a Brother the little nudge he needs to say; "Yes. I'm interested. How do I join?"

Our October 14th Stated Meeting Dinner will be a very special one. It is the Annual Feast of Tishri, which all Scottish Rite Masons are required to observe. We will begin the evening with a genuine Oktoberfest feast, catered by our own GUNTHER MEYBERG, owner of Gunther's Deli. Dinner will be followed by a presentation by Ill. Dan Doornbos, on the history and meaning of the Feast of Tishri. We strongly encourage all of you, including wives, to attend dinner this special night. Please call or come by the office and make your reservations NOW. We expect a big turnout, and Gunther needs to order all the food and beverages in advance. Since we don't want to have to turn anyone away, PLEASE make your reservations now. See you on the 14th!



Fraternally, Hank Weeks, General Secretary



From the Wise Master....

One of the fun parts of travel for me is when I get a chance to do something masonic in a different town, state or country. Suz and I were traveling to Germany for my Dad's 80th birthday. Thanks to social media (i.e. Facebook), an old friend knew that I was coming into town, and that I was a Scottish Rite Mason. Many questions later about Masonry in general, we come up with the idea of a road trip to the Freemason Museum in Bayreuth, Germany.

<http://www.freimauremuseum.de>.

Located in a building that is part of the Bayreuth Castle and also hosts the Bayreuth Lodge (founded 1741), the museum displays an enticing collection of historic documents and regalia, overview about masonry and show-and-tells of masonic philosophy and ritual. The three chambers of reflection, focusing on the main symbols of the first three degrees (a motion detector triggered a recording and sparse light shortly after entering the chambers) certainly were a key element of the overall exhibition.

What really caught my eye though was an old Rose Croix apron, estimated to be from the late 1800s (see picture), likely via France. While Germany has a long history of Masonry, its high degree systems were closer to the Swedish Rite and fragmented. In addition, there were many Grand Lodges, Germany being the union of once separate kingdoms. After many years, as of the 1960s, there is finally masonic unification into one overarching Grand Lodge union, and the predominant high degree system is the Scottish Rite. Ordo ab Chao!

It feels good to be back, though. Our preparations for our Fall Reunion have started and practices are in full progress. If possible for you at all, please plan on attending our Reunion. We have added many additional degrees over the last several years, and it likely will be refreshing to see the ones again that you saw as a candidate.

Last but not least, a brief reminder about our next wine tasting event: Our next Passport Day will be on November 15th and we are looking at the Saratoga wineries, specifically Savannah-Chanelle, Cinnabar and Cooper-Garrod. Please call me at (408) 505-1822 in case of questions, and see <http://scmwa.com/event/passport-4/> for information about the passport events.

Fraternally,

Wolfgang Lochner

Wise Master



From the Master of Kadosh,

Those of us that went on the Scottish Rite trip to New Orleans are just back from the adventure. There were a total of 24 of us on the trip - 20 from our Valley, one couple from LA and one from Kansas. We had a great time. Besides the various tours and events, we spent one evening at the New Orleans Scottish Rite enjoying their fellowship and the following night the men went to see a Scottish Rite 1st Degree, while the ladies went to dinner with a contingent of the ladies from New Orleans. It was a very interesting night. Be sure to ask someone that was on the trip about the Degree.

Now on to the future. We have the annual Feast of Tishri coming up. This is one of the obligatory functions we have each year and Illustrious Doornbos will be delivering the message during our Stated Meeting dinner. We are also about to enter into the Fall Reunion. Come down and support the casts as they present the Degrees and view them again for yourselves. I know that each time I see a Degree, I pick up something that I had not seen or known before.

Finally, we are very near the end of the year and it is time for us to look to next years line of officers. To that end, if you are interested in becoming an officer, talk to one about it. We are always looking for good officers to assist in running our Valley. If you are going to be an officer for next year, now is the time to get proficient in the work for the office you will be taking. Do not wait till the last minute.

Fraternally,

Gregg Hall

Master of Kadosh





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October 10th—12th ~ *Grand Lodge Communication in San Francisco*

Tuesday October 14th ~ *Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm*

Dinner and Feast of Tishri Celebration after the Meeting

October 17th—18th ~ *First Weekend of Scottish Rite Fall Reunion*

October 19th ~ *Grand Master's Reception at the Scottish Rite 4pm*

October 28th ~ *Scottish Rite All Officers Meeting at 7pm*

October 31st—Nov 1st ~ *Second Weekend of Scottish Rite Fall Reunion*

Nov 4th ~ *Conferral of 32nd Degree of Scottish Rite Fall Reunion*

Tuesday November 11th ~ *Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm*

Dinner after the Meeting

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