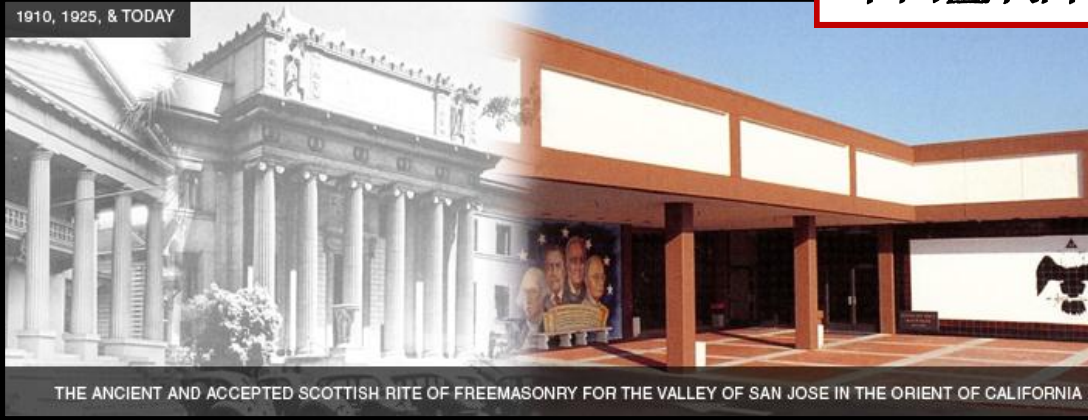


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Happy New Year, Brethren and Ladies!

As I reflect on 2011, I am so proud of all that has been accomplished in our Valley. I want to thank each of you for doing your part to make 2011 as successful as it was. We tried a few new things this past year, and I think most came off as we had hoped.

Our first ever Grand Master Reception and Festive Board was a lot of fun, and we have included it again this year. We are already on MW Loui's schedule. We revamped the Council of Masters to now, an "ALL Officers Council meeting" is held monthly to determine the course of the bodies and Valley. We held our first Master recognition dinner honoring all retiring Masters from our valley. It too was a lot of fun and one that we will continue through the years.

One of my first goals when I came on last December was to elevate the ritual within our valley, and I am pleased to say that all officers and degree cast members took up the challenge. Our ritual has improved immensely and our Stated Meetings are more professional because of the good ritual work. Our degrees get better every time we confer them. Our valley can go up against any other for the worked performed. We currently have several groups that have taken up the task of increasing the number of degrees that we confer. Besides the five mandatory degrees, we have groups working on the 9th, 10th, 12th, 15th and 19th degrees. Hopefully, others will also take up the challenge. Welcome to all the new members who came into our valley this past year.

Our clinic continues to do great work for our youth, and our Foundation recently increased the budget to allow for even more children to be helped. The children's Christmas Party was again, a resounding success. It is so great to see the kids have such a good time at Christmas.

As we get ready for 2012, I would like to remind everyone of our Installation on Tuesday, the 31st of this month. MW and Illustrious Bill Stovall, our SGIG will again honor us as the Installing Officer for the event. As he will be retiring at the end of 2012, this will be his last time to join with us for the Installation. Please come out and support your 2012 officers.

Finally I wish to thank our General Secretary, Bob Rowan, Angela, and the entire staff who ensure our valley operates in a manner that all can be proud. When you get a chance, thank them for their efforts.

If you haven't been to the Scottish Rite for a while, consider doing so this year. We are having a good time doing the work of the Rite. We can always use your participation and assistance.

You just might like what you see and experience.

Have a great year in 2012. I hope to see all of you many times throughout the year.

Ken Nagel – (Personal Rep for the SGIG)



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From the Secretary's Table:

Brethren All:

So we have reached the end of another year and begin again. We have seen a number of changes this year and I'm confident that those of you who have participated have enjoyed those changes.



The re-vamp of our Council of Masters to an "All Officers Council" has created a much more active line of officers and has resulted in more energy by most Officers. They were especially helpful in contacting our membership who were delinquent in their dues.

Combining the Grand Master's Reception with a Festive Board proved a resounding success, and we look forward to repeating that effort in 2012 and please look forward to even more activity.

Owing to our much improved ritual, the Spring and Fall Reunions were very successful and some of our new members have begun to participate in Scottish Rite activities.

In addition, we have had a number of re-instatements of former members and we have several other inquiries pending. Personally, I love to process applications for re-instatement or re-affiliation. Each one improves my day.

It has been a pleasure to work with the Officers for 2011. Their unselfish efforts on behalf of San Jose Scottish Rite made the Secretary's job much easier. Thanks to all!

Most likely, the economy and the tight money conditions created the substantially reduced donation level to support our Clinic. We will continue to make donation requests of our membership because that is our primary philanthropy. Please help as best you can and with as much as you can. Several sizable bequests received in 2011 made up most of the shortfall, but we can not continually count on that. If you are a member of a service club like the Kiwanis or Rotary Clubs, we do have a presentation that can explain our clinic and Children's Language Disorders, and we are available for a guest speaker program. Contact me. We made several such presentations in 2011.

I look forward to working with our Officers for 2012, who will soon be installed in their respective offices. I hope you can attend the installation on January 31st.

Fraternally,

General Secretary



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The quality of our deeds is independent of the applause to which they may be entitled. He who performs them for their own sake invests his character with a halo of beauty. There are many other jewels and other robes, surpassing in ornamental splendor the most beautiful and gorgeous of regalia, with which the true Mason should be adorned. They include contentment, peace, gratitude and a sunny cheerfulness.

Manifold are the blessings we have in return for overcoming our evils and trials. He who has attained the Corinthian stage of Masonic progress, who is not only strong and wise, but also beautiful, has entered into the spirit of such sentiments as these: to watch the corn grow, or the blossoms set; to draw hard breath over the plough share or spade; to read; to think; to love; to pray. "These", says Ruskin, "are the things that make men happy."

The graces of brotherly love, relief, charity and truth are among the many virtues of Masonry. Benevolence, sweet charity, who can do justice to thy beauty? It is the purest gem in the crown of Masonry to dry the widow's tears, reverently bury her dead and generously shield her children from want; to aid a distressed brother and lighten the burden of his declining years. These are the sacred privileges of our Craftsmen.

Let us strive, dear brethren, to increase our numbers by bringing the worthy and well-qualified into one of the greatest Fraternities the world has to offer.

Durward C. Ayre

Regional Orient Ambassador for the Valleys of San Jose and Fresno in California

From the Venerable Master

New Leadership

January is the time to hand over the reins of the San Jose Lodge of Perfection. I must confess that this is somewhat of a bittersweet experience. Over the past year, as Venerable Master there have been good times and bad. The way in which we dealt with the challenges during the year was a real learning experience for me. I have tried to be particularly sensitive to the needs of our officers and brethren, but I have no doubt that there have been times in the past when I failed to fully appreciate all of the problems. The new line of officers will face many challenges in the coming year. I feel certain that from the new positions that the officers will hold, all challenges will be met and fully accomplished. The hallmark of a good leader is responsibility.

Thank you for honoring me with the position of Venerable Master and for all the guidance and support that so many of you provided. It is indeed gratifying to have your friendship! Serving with you has been a great pleasure and I look forward to a continuing association. Let us work together to make the coming year a great success!

Hal Leister — Venerable Master



SYMBOLISM and COLOR

Use of symbolism in Masonry is extensive and not always well understood. The following is a quote made by Albert Pike: "Everything in Masonry is symbolic. Nothing in [the forms and ceremonies of Masonry] itself the Truth; but everything is the emblem of a great Truth. The meaning of the symbols has been obscured because the necessity of holding them and passing them on by memory has led to confusion and over-simplification, and people with neither knowledge nor good sense have said and written some remarkably silly things about them."

A full investigation of the symbolic significance of colors used in masonic rituals would fill many books, but I do want to briefly look at the basic colors used in our degrees and their meanings. One must remember that different cultures have differing views on the meaning of color. The initial feelings from color may dissipate after a short period of time.

White is the main color of our aprons and shows continuity of these degrees to the symbolic degrees. It also shows the innocence of those wearing white aprons. White projects purity, cleanliness, and neutrality. It is the color of light and may signify the beginning. In some eastern parts of the world, white is associated with mourning.

Red is recognized as a stimulant and is the symbol of life, movement, excitement, energy, and fire.

Green is frequently used as a sign of nature, life, renewal, and rebirth.

Black reflects authority, power, strength and intelligence. It is the shade of night and may indicate mourning. Black also indicates sorrow, ignorance and error. Blue is the color of the sky, life, motherhood, eternity and the heavens. It refers to spirit.

The masonic symbols and colors appearing in the rituals have been selected with a purpose and should add more meaning to each degree.



Natalie is a beautiful 8 year-old girl who started services at our clinic secondary to a diagnosis of Central Auditory Processing Disorder or CAP-D. Children with CAP-D have difficulty understanding auditory messages in spite of having normal hearing. Often children with CAP-D have a difficult time following directions, focusing on auditory input, explaining themselves, are less attentive in noisy surroundings, misunderstand communication partners if they are not directly facing them, and miss the main idea of information.

According to Natalie's father, before beginning treatment, "Natalie had trouble understanding other people and expressing herself. She did not pronounce her words correctly and her vocabulary was limited for her age. She would get frustrated because other people did not understand what she was trying to say."

At first treatment focused on following directions, understanding prepositions and basic concepts. She continues to need help with vocabulary, categorizing and expanding those categories, finding, and producing grammatically correct sentences.

Natalie's father reported that "Natalie has improved greatly in her vocabulary and in expressing herself and also, understanding when other people are communicating with her" when her speech and language treatment began. He also explained that the most rewarding part of receiving the Scottish Rite Speech and Language services are, "seeing Natalie's progress in her speech and understanding. Also, having such great therapists like Angela and Jenna. Angela and Jenna have been excellent therapists for Natalie. They are very patient teaching Natalie skills to understand and express herself. Also, they reward her at the end of the therapy session with a game which she looks forward to." Natalie's father noted that speech therapy has impacted his daughter and family as they, "don't get frustrated anymore trying to understand what Natalie wants to say. She has improved her English grades at school and we are very happy to see her improvement. She has improved her communication skills thanks to the therapy. Natalie is a happier child thanks to the therapy she has received at the clinic. I thank each and every one who contributes to the clinic."

January 2012 Clinic Director's Message

In December the San Jose Scottish Rite Children's Language Clinic held an exceptionally successful holiday party with more than 135 children and parents in attendance. Everyone had a wonderful time enjoying various activities, including a "jumping" house, clown, face painting, arts and crafts and, of course, a special visit by

Santa who gave a present to each child.

Thanks to Angela Athens and her crew for doing such a wonderful job in putting the party together. Special thanks also to our clinicians, Rachel, Angela Stephan and Jenna for coming to help and spend time with the children and their parents. To quote one of several notes I received, "Thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas party... My girls had a wonderful time and the pictures with Santa Claus are just precious."

During the month of November, we completed 236 treatment hours and five (5) screenings. Two children were discharged from services, one child was added to the caseload, and three children's therapy was increased from once to twice per week. We are currently assisting 52 children with speech and language services and have 108 children on the waiting list.

If you would like to assist our clinic by making a financial donation, please contact the Scottish Rite office or me. If you would prefer to donate therapy materials or toys, I would be happy to provide you with the list of our current needs.

Thanks to each of you for your help and support,

Durward C. Ayre

Durward C. Ayre, 32° KCCH
Clinic Director



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Don't give up for any reason
Believe in yourself,
And in yourself
You'll find strength

Happy New Year To All !

Brethren all,

My brothers, the Scottish Rite year is drawing to a close. We have elected the Masters and Wardens for the next year and will install them on January 31st.

Illustrious Bro. Nagel had asked each body to come up with social activities to involve more of the members and their families. Some of the bodies were more capable than the Chapter of Knights Rose Croix was in getting these ideas into reality. However, from discussions that I had with the other officer in the Chapter during the year, I believe that one or more of these events will see the light of day.

This is my last message as Wise Master, but sometime in the future I may get into one of the other lines. Only time will tell. I will remain as active as I can from the sidelines.



Fraternally,

John Unger

John Unger - Wise Master



**The Personal Representative for the
Valley of San Jose, A.A.S.R.
invites you to our
Installation of Officers**

Tuesday evening, January 31, 2012

Installation at 7:00 PM

Refreshments at 7:45 PM

Arch of Unity at 8:15 PM

Ill. Wm Stoval, S.G.I.G. Installing

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2011 Christmas Party



If you were unable to attend, here are some pictures from the party.

“ Stated Meeting & Dinner ”
Tuesday, January 10th, 2012

Please be sure to call or e-mail your reservations! We need to account for the number of people, with the caterer, 2-3 days in advance!

Thank you!

Regards, Angela Athans

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Tuesday January 10th - Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM
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Tuesday January 24th—All Officers Council
(followed by Installation Practice)

Tuesday January 31st—Installation of Officers
(followed by Arch of Unity)

Tuesday February 14th—Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM
Dinner @ 6:45 PM—Honor New Master Masons (2011)
Honor Sweethearts (Valentines Day)