

#### From the Venerable Master

My Brothers and their Ladies,

As I reported last month, that I would meet with the other Officers of the Lodge of Perfection, I did so. We have planned two great social events for you. The first will be held in early June. We will be planning a fun night at the Scottish Rite. So far we have thought of card games or a movie night. If any of you have other suggestions feel free to let me or any of my officers know and we will certainly take it under consideration. In late August, we will be planning a trip to the Steinbeck Museum in Salinas, after which we will head to Monterey for a late

lunch. The other three lodges will be planning more social events, so this year will have many opportunities for us to get together for fun and fellowship. Keep your eye on The Rite Word for details on upcoming events.

**GET READY FOR A GREAT YEAR!** 

Be seeing you,

Jack Harris

Venerable Master

## "2015" Lodge of Perfection

## The Four Masters





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skar is a smart, fun-loving eight-year old boy whose parents brought him to the clinic due to concern with production of his /s/ sound. Testing revealed that Oskar used a fronted tongue position when he produced his /s/ which distorted his speech. Hi mother commented that "Oskar did well enough to be understood most of the time but his lisp was very obvious. He wouldn't engage in conversation much with people he didn't know really well."



Since therapy started ,Oskar has worked very hard on his /s/ sound. His mother commented that "He has

consistently improved and the boost in his confidence is great." He practices each day and his mom often sends video to Rachel to show off what a great job he is doing and how hard he works. Remediating distortions, such as a fronted /s/, can be very challenging for both the Speech-Language Pathologist and the student. Often therapy focuses on finding the correct cuing system for the student. Cueing systems may include tactile cues, such as touching certain places in the mouth and on the tongue; visual cues, such as using a mirror; and verbal cues, such as telling the student exactly where to place their tongue or lips to produce the sound. Visual imagery can also be helpful. For example, when we produce a /s/, the sound is "thin" so we can think of making the air that is used during production of /s/ as slicing through a piece of paper. Oskar has benefitted from all of these techniques. Another technique that helps Oskar is using video recordings of his /s/ sound, which he reviews and then tells Rachel what he did well or needs to do differently for a better production. Using facilitating contexts is also useful. For example, pairing /s/ with a high-front vowel such as /i/ for the consonant-vowel word "see" is much easier to produce than with the low-back vowel /a/ as in the word "saw". The reason is that the jaw can stay in a relatively closed position with a high-front vowel as opposed to the low-back vowel, in which the jaw must open wide. Open jaw movement can create instability and thus negatively affect the /s/ sound.

Oskar is making tremendous progress with his /s/ sounds. His mother noted that "Oskar knows how to correct himself and can hear himself when he's not saying things correctly. He is treated with respect and receives a lot of support." Remediation for distorted productions of sounds can take time. Oskar is already working at the word level for /s/ at the beginning of words and he is now beginning to work on /s/ at the ends of words. He is a dedicated student and Rachel looks forward to seeing him each week!

His mother deeply appreciates our services. She stated, "It is a wonderful program and the support helps not only Oskar but the whole family. I've been very impressed with the experience and knowledge of the therapists."



#### Happy New Year To All !!!

If you have misplaced or do not have a Plastic 2014 membership card, please let me know.

The plastic cards are now your permanent card and every year renewal is a yearly sticker placed over the old year.

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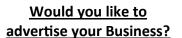
If it does not, please contact me. The New Year brings new changes. I apologize for any inconvenience, as Supreme Council is changing things up.

God Bless and wishing you all health and prosperity this coming year!

Fondly, Angela Athans

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III. Wallace R. Henwood, 33° Bro. Francis E. Conyers Jr. 32°



Please remember to notify us when a fellow Brother is ill, in need, or has passed to the other shore.

We are not always contacted in a timely manner.

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Please feel free to call anytime!

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Please remember those brothers that are shut in. A friendly call or note from a fellow brother would be a warm and appreciated gesture. Though, they cannot always be present, they are certainly not out of mind. We wish them all the best. God Bless.

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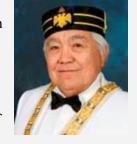
From The Commander of Kadosh

P rethren,

It is that time again. Time to change the faces of the Officers. It is time for selection, election and installation of new officers.

I want to thank all of those that have faith in me enough to elect me as the new Commander of Kadosh. I will try my best not to let you down.

Randy Downey finished his term in the East , leaving an extremely large opening. I know that I will never be able to replace him. Randy is blessed with so many positive attributes ( the power of speech, the power to joke at the proper time, to persuade and command, plus many more. ) His



shoes I will never fill. What I do have that he does not have is a good crew to assist me along the way. First Lt. Commander Roger Bibb has years of experience and knowledge, whose advice I will be constantly seeking. Second Lt. Commander, Rick Bartlett, (Mr. Congeniality), who brings a smile to everyone's face as he passes by. Marshal of Ceremonies, Charles Colman and our Lt. of the Guard, Palmer Kain, both of whom have more knowledge of aspects of Masonry and life in general. On this crew, I will heavily rely.

We are now in the planning stages of future events. I foresee the year filled with many new activities, in addition to the tried and true annual events. I ask that you be open minded to the ideas, which may be most enjoyable.

So, at our next Stated Meeting, every second Tuesday of the month, you will see our smiling faces welcoming you to the meeting and dinner.

Regards,

Will Montoya 32°

Commander of Kadosh

#### From the Master of Kadosh

reetings!

I want to thank the members of the Scottish Rite for allowing me the privilege of serving as Master of Kadosh for the San Jose Consistory. I will do my best to contribute to our having a good year. Since success comes from support of the officers and members as much as from the presiding officer, I know I can count on your support as I have in the past. We have much to be proud of and a great legacy to live up to.

For a bit of "February" Masonic history, on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1988, a group of Masonic Leaders met with President Ronald Reagan where the Grand Master of Washington DC presented him a certificate and both the Scottish Rite and Shrine made him an honorary member. Also, on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1910, there was a meeting held in Alexandria, VA, of Masonic Representatives from 26 Grand Lodges (although all were invited) which resulted in the George Washington National Memorial Association being formed and the adoption of a resolution to erect a memorial to George Washington. This is an amazing edifice and well worth our support.

February is a special month...with Valentine's Day giving focus to relationship and romance. Please take advantage of this time to show our ladies how important and special they are to us. Their support makes possible all we do. And the relationship of the Brethren in Scottish Rite should be an example for others to want to emulate. It is, in my experience, very much an exemplification of who best can work and best agree.

Worshipful Don Locke, Past Master of Willow Glen-Fraternity Lodge No.399 who passed to the Celestial Lodge Above some years back, once shared with me that he was handed a slip of paper by a candidate on the night he was to be initiated. It said simply, "Freemasonry is kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in work, piety and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward evil, help for the weak, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one other and above all, reverence and love for God. Freemasonry is many things, but most of all, Freemasonry is a way of life."

These are great words for all of us to keep in mind. See you at the Stated Meeting!

Bud Ramsey

Master of Kadosh

#### From the Secretary's Desk.....

My Brothers,

As our New Year gets into full swing, remember that your Secretary's Office is always open to all the Brothers. Come by anytime if you need some help, want to discuss an issue, or just want to chat.



I am happy to report that the Brethren have been prompt in getting in their 2015 dues payments. Of our roughly 750 members, less than 200 have yet to pay their dues. If you are one of these, please take a moment and do it now. The easiest way is to call the office (408-978-7483) and pay by credit card. Let's set a goal of the end of Feb for everyone to be paid up!

Lastly, we've had a problem with Stated Mtg Dinner reservations for a while, but it came to a head in Jan. Monday before the meeting we had 65 reservations, which number we gave to the caterer. By 5pm Tuesday night, the number of last minute reservations—not to mention those who walked in with NO reservation—had grown to 80! The caterer had to scramble to try to prepare enough food for everyone, and we could have run out. This must NEVER happen again! **As of this month,** and going forward, reservations will **CEASE** at noon on the Monday before the Tuesday Meeting & Dinner. NO EXCEPTIONS! You know if you want to have dinner. Have the courtesy to make a reservation or go hungry. Thanks!



All of our Sweethearts Are welcome!





# Tuesday, February 10th, 2015 Assorted Appetizers

\* Chicken Sherry-

**Boneless Breast of Chicken in a Sherry Cream Sauce** 

\* Rice Pilaf

\* Mixed Vegetables

\* Caesar Salad

\* Fresh Baked Rolls with butter

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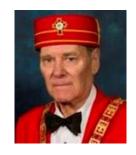
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#### From the Wise Master

THERITEWORD

by the time you read this, we will all have enjoyed a wonderful installation and reception of the new 2015 Officer Teams for our Valley. Our work started already in January with the Masters of the four bodies and the Chief Knight of our Knights of Saint Andrew meeting with Illustrious Ken to set the foundation for this year's program for the Valley. We are looking forward to a good mix of social, formal, casual, entertaining and educational events - hopefully something for everybody.

For the Chapter Rose Croix, we are planning on continuing to explore the Santa Cruz Mountains wineries. We had a great time last year, with a total of 10 wineries visited over the course of the year on our several events. Well, there are more wineries - we only covered a fraction of the about 50 so far, and we usually do only about three per event, usually in close reach! For those not yet familiar with the



Santa Cruz Mountains wineries, many of them only open a few times in the year, on the so-called Passport Day. On those days, the third Saturday of April, July, November and January, wine cellars are opened for tours, barrel samples are tasted, and often some snacks are served and music is played.

As a reminder, all you need is a one-time-only purchase of the "Passport", a \$45 little book that entitles you to visit the participating wineries, which will cover your tasting fees on those days for a couple of years. Do the math. During that time, if you participate just a couple of times per year, it will be just a few dollars per winery, vs ten to twenty up in the touristic Napa and Sonoma Valleys. Passports can be ordered online at <a href="https://www.scmwa.com">www.scmwa.com</a> or purchased at participating wineries – while their supplies last! I suggest that you order your Passport online NOW to prepare for the wine tasting tour. We will have fun again! For those that participated last year – your Passport is good for this year, so come on and join us again!

The first Passport winery trip for my year as Wise Master will be Saturday April 18th. Please contact me by phone with any questions and let me know your favorite wineries. I will communicate details about the choice and meeting point in my next article. I am looking forward to this year as your Wise Master, and would like to thank the officers in my line for continuing their service to the San Jose Scottish Rite for this new year.

Dell Bleiler Wise Master

#### From the Chief Knight

#### Sir Knights, Brethren and family,

I would like to begin this article by expressing my appreciation to the Knights of St. Andrew for their confidence in me to lead us this year. Our officers are of great character and are enthusiastic about our goals. We had a close Election which to me is a great sign that there are multiple Brothers who wish to take the lead and get the KSA where I think we all would like it to go forward! I would, on behalf of the KSA, like to extend a round of applause for our 2014 Chief Knight, Worshipful Mike Sloan, for serving all of our Scottish Rite Brethren, Thank you Worshipful!



The Knights of St. Andrew was formed to be a service organization for all of the Scottish Rite Bodies and its members. This year we will step up our efforts in many ways, working together with you to ensure success throughout this year. The KSA is planning two events this year for the Scottish Rite as well as community events and we will detail these after our first meeting of the year.

The Knights of St. Andrew take being Knights seriously and believe in the Chivalric qualities that can elevate a man to be a true Knight in his heart, as well as being better friends, partners and leaders in our communities. In the process of improving our service to you, we will elevate the KSA to a level on par with our fellow Knights of the York Rite and be the service organization that our KSA charter members envisioned and all of you deserve.

Thank you for your support for the Knights of St. Andrew, we look forward to serving you! If you are a new Scottish Rite member or an existing Black hat member, please don't hesitate to ask any of our Knights for an application to become an active member of the Knights of St. Andrew. If you have been searching for a way to get involved in Scottish Rite, this is a great opportunity for you. Our first meeting for 2015 is February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. SJSR center. Please rsvp Food will be provided.

Fraternally,

Jason Barnett

Chief Knight 2015

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#### **Future Scottish Rite Events**

Tuesday, February 10th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6: 00pm

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Monday, February 23rd ~ Santa Clara Valley MOA—Hosted by San Jose Lodge # 10

6: 30pm—Dinner ~~ 7: 30pm — School of Instruction—First Degree Ritual

<u>Tuesday, February 24th</u> ~ SJSR Foundation Board of Director's Meeting @ 5:30pm

Tuesday, February 24th ~ Scottish Rite All Officers Meeting @ 7pm

Tuesday, March 10th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

Dinner after the Meeting

Thursday, March 12th ~ Santa Clara Valley MOA—Hosted by South Valley Lodge # 187

6: 30pm—Annual Chicken Feed Dinner ~~ 7: 30pm — Grand Master's Visitation

Tuesday, March 24th ~ Scottish Rite All Officers Meeting @ 7pm

Friday-Saturday, April 10/11th ~ First Weekend of Scottish Rite Spring Reunion

Tuesday, April 14th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

Dinner after the Meeting