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From the Personal Representative:

Illustrious Leo Mark told me when he stepped down from this job almost two years ago that there would be some good days and some days not so good, but what he failed to pass along to me was how rewarding it would be to work with all the brothers, the clinicians, the families of the clients, the families of the members, the staff, and all the others who have been such an important part of my life these past two years.

As many of you know, one of my first proposals was to try to reinvigorate the process of liaison with each of the

lodges to develop a coordinated effort to keep the lodges aware of our activities and to make us aware of what they are doing. I've often expressed the feeling that if Scottish Rite does not reach out to our constituent lodges, we can't expect the lo0dge to reach out to us. The idea of a lodge liaison program is for Scottish Rite to be a support system for the lodges.

My problem has been that I have not been able to identify a brother who has been willing to take over the daunting task of acting as a liaison for the lodges and coordinate that effort. Recently, however, two brothers have stepped up to fill two important positions in this process. Illustrious Roger Bibb has agreed to assume the position of Coordinator of Clubs, and Brother Chuck Cowden has agreed to take over the job of coordinating the Ambassador program.

Through the Ambassador Program, we will be able, through our representatives in the various lodges, to assist in degrees where needed, to recognize newly raised Master Masons with a symbol of our appreciation for their work, encourage members of our blue lodges to consider continuing their search for light in Masonry and expanding their circle of awareness by joining Scottish Rite, and to continue or even intensify their participation in the activities of their

own lodges through mutual support and encouragement. Chuck will, I am confident, make a difference in our ability to communicate with our lodges.

There are a couple of other brothers that need to be recognized for their work in behalf of Masonry. Brother Dory Taylor of Friendship Lodge #210 is to be seen almost every-where there is a third degree in the Santa Clara Valley. He even took on the job

of coaching a candidate, Bro. Jim Arnold, of San Benito #211 through his degrees. Brother Arnold lives in San Jose, but wanted to join his father's lodge in Hollister, and Bro.

Dory helped make it all possible. Thanks Dory and congratulations Brother Jim. The other brother, who deserves our thanks, is Brother Wayne Heimsoth, of Three Great Lights Lodge #651 who puts out a periodic email newsletter, keeping the valley up to date on as many events as are brought to his attention, which are numerous. If you haven't been on Wayne's mailing list, contact him at

<u>WHeimsoth@aol.com</u> and subscribe. It's valuable information and much needed in the valley. Wayne is also to be congratulated on his election to the position of Potentate of Asiya Shrine, a well deserved recognition of his tireless work for the good of Masonry.

These are some of the things we get so much joy from in Masonry.

I trust your year will be pleasant and prosperous, and may the dove of peace and joy light upon your shoulder without leaving a mark.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Folial S. Conter

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Community Involvement

San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic

As part of the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation's community support, the Center houses the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic. Through this community resource, educational assistance is provided to children within the community afflicted with learning disorders.

Also located at the Center is the San Jose Scottish Rite Center Library/Museum. The Center's library and museum are dedicated to historic personages and major contributors to the advancement of Humanity. Here are found the writings of hundreds of Masonic authors and scholars as well as many books pertaining to Americana, religions, and biographies of our U.S. presidents. Also attractive display cases are to be found within the museum containing interesting memorabilia relative to the large family of Masonry.

The San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation accept wills, bequests, contributions, etc. They are a (501C3) organization and all contributions are tax-deductible.

The Scottish Rite Scholarship Application is now on-line

Are you getting ready to apply for College? Do you know a deserving student who is? The San Jose Scottish Rite offers scholarships for highly qualified candidates. <u>Download \$2,500 Scholarship Application</u>

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 Secretary's Table:



Brethren,

Having reached the end of another year, I feel compelled to do somewhat of a "year in review."

• <u>January</u> began with the election of Officers for the 2008 Scottish Rite year and subsequent Installation where we were treated by an excellent presentation by Installing Officer by Ill. Wm

Stovall, 33°, SGIG in California. He will again be presiding at our Installation this year.

- In **February**, we found it necessary to replace the boiler here in the building and on many occasions during that process, we strived to keep our staff, and all of you, warm. It was a challenge indeed. Also that month, we had our first e-waste recycling day in conjunction with San Jose Rainbow Assembly.
- March brought St. Patrick's day, Maundy Thursday, which is now called a Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal, and preparation for our Spring Reunion and.
- In <u>April</u> we had a successful Spring Reunion and began preparation for the Fall Reunion.
- <u>May</u>—Cinco DeMayo
- <u>June</u>—saw us award our first San Jose Scottish Rite Scholarship to Hanna Bliden and recognize a number of ROTC students for their accomplishments.
- <u>July</u>—Independence Day and summer slow down hit but we did take time to have our annual BBQ.
- <u>August</u>—We were in full and complete summer slow down mode but we did have a stated meeting dinner.
- <u>September</u> brought us our very first "Festive Agape" which was well attended and very interesting for all who were there.
- In <u>October</u> we celebrated the "Feast of Tishri," had the <u>beginning</u> of our "Fall Reunion." *Beginning because* we are committed to use the new Rituals for all our degrees and more preparation time was felt to be needed.
- In <u>November</u> we celebrated Sofie Birk's 100th Birthday as well as Thanksgiving
- <u>December</u> began with the San Jose Scottish Rite
 Foundation underwriting a substantial cost for the
 Grand Lodge of California and its MSAP program
 followed by bringing back to San Jose Scottish Rite,
 the tradition of a very successful Christmas Party for

the children and families of those enrolled in the Clinic.

If you needed a reminder of the year just past, there it was in very brief form.

Attendance at our stated meetings has increased by approx. 8% and our stated meeting dinners attendance have increased by 11% this year over last. Let's keep it growing!

It is now December 26th as I finalize this Rite Word for mailing. As of today, the dues paying members of San Jose Scottish Rite are still in the minority, because only 48% have chosen to pay the 2009 dues. If you are one of those, please write your check and send it today. Remember that dues are due not later than January 1st. *If you have financial distress and feel that you need Masonic assistance, please contact me!*

We do have many additional changes at Scottish Rite that will make the building more rentable, our own meetings and events more comfortable. Please stay tuned. If you have not been in attendance this year, we miss you. Isn't it time to come back?

Sincerely and fraternally,

Cole Slavo

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Masons of the Year



Congratulations to Brothers Eric D. Madison, John W. Sawtelle, Joseph da Silva, Connie Jarvis, Steven Carpenter (not present), and William Malmstrom who were recognized as Masons of the Year at our December stated Meeting



Attention all 32° Masons Are you a 32° Scottish Rite Mason?

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For the Ladies

· Ladies,

Happy New Year. I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season. I want to again thank all those who helped make the Children's Christmas Party such a great success. It was a wonderful event and everyone seemed to have a good time.

I also want to thank those of you that brought cookies to the December meeting. I am sorry that the meeting did not go exactly as planned, but I think everyone had a nice evening. A special thank you goes to Helen McDaniel for donating the money from the sale of her homemade jams to go to the Scottish Rite Foundation for the Childhood Language Disorder Clinic.



There is a need in the clinic for a volunteer(s) to come in for a few hours a week to help out on some projects. They need help with:

- Cleaning/organizing toys
- Organizing books
- Coloring/laminating articulation cards
- Taking unwanted toys to Goodwill or other charity
- Putting together therapeutic materials
- Copying protocols
- Organizing parent resources
- Researching referral lists for other services in area
- Filing charts



From the Clinic!!!

n Saturday December 6th the San Jose Scottish Rite hosted a Christmas party to celebrate the holidays with the children and families from the Childhood Language Clinic. There was a fantastic turnout, with over 50 families joining us for an afternoon of fun. All past and current clients were invited, as well as their families and siblings. Many Scottish Rite members and their wives joined the party as well.

The Scottish Rite provided delicious sandwiches, snacks, drinks and desserts. Thanks to help from volunteers, the room was decorated with flowers and a beautiful gold Christmas tree. Many children enjoyed dancing and singing along to the Christmas carols being played on the piano. The children were entertained by several craft tables featuring cookie decoration, bead work and coloring. The biggest hit of the day was a visit from Santa Clause. All of the children sat on his lap, told him their Christmas wishes and received a special stocking filled with candy, fruit and toys.

Many parents and children alike expressed what a great time they had at the party. It was a great way for the parents, children and Scottish Rite members to come together, meet and celebrate another successful year of services. A very special thank you goes out to Susan Ramsey for her extraordinary talents in coordinating this wonderful event. Many thanks go out as well to all of the volunteers from the Masonic family who contributed their time and effort to make this party such a success!

Angela Stephan

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If you can volunteer for a couple of hours each week or if you can help with one

or more of these projects please call and let me know. I will be working with the clinicians to set up a schedule for the one time volunteers as well as for the once a week volunteers. As this New Year begins with all its wonderful possibilities, so does a new year begin for Scottish Rite. Tuesday, January 27, 2009, will be the Installation of Officers and I hope to see all of you there.

I have enjoyed the time I have spent with you this past year and I hope to continue to see you over the coming months. I look forward to and enjoy the time we spend together in community. Robert McAfee Brown commented that, "How does one keep from "growing old inside"? "Surely only in community. The only way to make friends with time is to stay friends with people.... Taking community seriously not only gives us the companionship we need, it also relieves us of the notion that we are indispensable".

May God bless each of you,

Susan

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From the Wise Master

New Leadership

January is the time to hand over the reins of the San Jose Chapter of Rose Croix. I must confess that this is somewhat of a bittersweet experience. Over the past year, as



Wise 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 meet and fully accomplished. The hallmark of a good leader is responsibility.

Thank you for honoring me with the position of Wise Master and for all the guidance and support that some 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

Wise Master

Please don't forget that your attendance at the Installation of our Officers, is important to San Jose Scottish Rite. Plan to attend on January 27, 2009 at 7:30 PM. It is a public event and you can bring friends and relatives who are not Masons. An Arch of Unity and light refreshments will follow. For further information call 408-978-7483.

From the Master of Kadosh

Happy New Year to all!

This is my final message as the Master of Kadosh. I want to thank everyone who gave me the opportunity to serve in this respected office. I trust I did nothing to tarnish the shine of this chair.



Brother Daniel Doornbos 32 Degree, KCCH will be the Master of Kadosh in the ensuing year and he has arranged a strong line of officers for the Consistory. Under Daniel's leadership, I am confident the Brothers will be proud of the "Blue Coats".

Over the last 12 months. My articles have focused on various aspects of my understanding of the writings of some of our Masonic scholars. They were intended to be thought provoking and to create discussion among the Brothers. If you have saved copies of the 2008 Rite Word issues, please take some quiet time and take another run at the various writings I humbly provided. There is much food for thought and I think some surprising challenges and ideas about the practice of Freemasonry.

In 2009, the Ill Bob Winter has asked me to serve as the director of the Scottish Rite Blue Lodge Ambassador Program. Of course I said yes and have begun the work. You will be hearing more about this program in the Stated meetings and the Rite Word. I do want you to know that it will be tailored to meet each individual Lodge's needs and in full cooperation with the Master. I have already had numerous Scottish Rite Brothers volunteer to serve as the ambassador to their Lodge and I will be contacting others to complete this important part of the program. I ask that you contact me at 831-685-3416 or chuck.cowden@yahoo.com. if you want more details at this time.

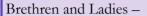
Last, sincere thanks to all the Brothers who served in the Line of the Consistory for 2008. You were simply great.

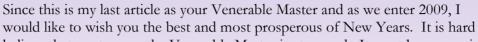
Chuck Cowden

Master of Kadosh

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From the Venerable Master





believe that my term as the Venerable Master is at an end. It went by very quickly and I enjoyed if very much. I want to thank my corps of officers for all the work and dedication that went into making this a good year. I am confident that the new corps of officers will successfully carry on these programs and, perhaps, improve them as well as introducing some new innovations.

I wish to congratulate all of those who received the Mason of the Year Award for their service and contributions to their Blue Lodge. I especially want to congratulate Worshipful Bill Malmstrom who received the Scottish Rite Mason of the Year Award.



Since New Year is a time of change, I thought I should interject a brief history of the changes in medicine:

2000 B.C. - "Here, eat this root"

1000 B.C. - "That root is heathen, say this prayer"

1850 A.D. - "That prayer is superstition, drink this potion"

1940 A.D. - "That potion is snake oil, swallow this pill"

1985 A.D. - "That pill is ineffective, take this antibiotic"

2000 A.D. - "That antibiotic is artificial. Here, eat this root"

~Author Unknown

I hope all of you had a tremendous holiday filled with love, laughter, good food, gifts, and, above all, love. As we move into January, it is a time of new beginnings or, as MacGyver would say, an opportunity for a "whole new set of possibilities". Let us make the most of them as we move forward in Scottish Rite.

Brother Ben Franklin said, "Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man." So let this New Year find you a better person. Edith Lovejoy Pierce said, "We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day." Scottish Rite is full of opportunities to learn, to grow, and write the pages of your future. Take advantage of it. See you at the next meeting!

Bud Ramsey

Venerable Master

In Memoriam

Joseph Henry De Lozier

San Jose

November 18, 1008

January Stated Meeting Dinner ~ 7:15 PM —Tuesday January 13, 2009



\$15.00 per

person

Menu

- Smoked Pork Loin
- Skewered Prawns
- Special Scalloped Potatoes
- Green Salad
- Fresh Vegetables
- Pasta for Vegetarians <u>by</u> advance request
- Coffee or Tea
- Special Desert



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For the Lighter Side of things

The Ticket

Police officer, writing a speeding ticket: "I see by your car emblem that you are a Fast Master..."

- or -

Police officer, writing a speeding ticket: "I'm afraid you aren't going to make it to Ethiopia..."

Membership is always important:

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Future Scottish Rite Events:

January 10, 2009 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

January 13, 2009 - January Stated Meeting and Dinner followed by conferral of the 14th Degree

January 27, 2009 - Annual Installation Officers - All are invited to attend!

February 7, 2009 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

February 10, 2009 - February Stated Meeting and Dinner

February 20, 21, 2009 - Reunion—schedule will be published next month.

We wish you





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