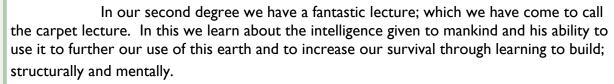


#### From the Venerable Master

# y Brothers.....





We, mankind, began to add beauty to our edifices without disturbing the strength. This gives rise to the idea that we are capable of creation through our meditative contact with the Great Artificer of The Universe.

In the Masters lecture we learn that the ruthless hands of ignorance and the devastation of war have, and will always be capable, of destroying our valuable monuments of antiquity.

In the esoteric sense of our work there is a nobler and glorious use for this knowledge: We are to always be working on ways to improve the use of our minds; to add beauty without yielding strength and maintain a high standard for our personal education and philosophy. We have to be able to connect all of our actions and thoughts; as the geometer is able to connect how, and why, all things move and work.

In the same respect we are capable of laying waste and destroying all things if we are ignorant, intolerant, and un-unified in our efforts to be of service to our brothers and mankind. We must be capable of showing mankind that we, as Masons, strive to meet these noble goals.

As promised two months ago I will keep you updated on our upcoming comedy show. We will start selling tickets in late June or early July for the Sunday August 27 dinner and comedy show; Staring Michael Mancini, Americas funniest cop. Angela and I will work out the details for our dinner. Perhaps we can convince the Knights of Saint Andrew to do a BBQ at this event. The notice for this show will go out to local lodges and local police as well.

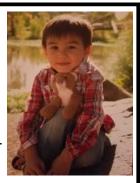
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#### From the Clinic

enry is a friendly, energetic, and playful 4 year old boy who enjoys playing with Legos, hiking, and playing with his siblings. He has been the same lose Scottish Rite Childhood Disor-

attending speech therapy services two days a week at the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Disorders Clinic since March 2017. He was referred to our clinic due to concerns about his speech intelligibility and his language development. His brother, Finn was treated at this clinic in the past.



During speech therapy sessions, Henry has been working on improving his "L" sound and improving his usage of pronouns and past tense verbs. Henry is beginning to recognize his speech sound substitutions and is learning how to correct himself. He is learning to use the mirror to check if he is lifting his tongue to make an accurate "L" sound.

Henry's mother, Wendy, said that prior to receiving services at the clinic, Henry would often just give up when explaining things when others had a difficult time understanding him. "Henry has only been at the clinic for a few months and already, I have seen great improvements. He is self-correcting and gaining more confidence in his speech. On a daily basis, there is much less acting out from being frustrated at not being understood. I have also noticed that people are not asking him to repeat himself as often. "

"Overall, it has just been delightful. All the therapists are extremely caring and knowledgeable. It is evident that they love their jobs and are very passionate about their jobs. It show in the love they put into everything and I am sure that is why the kids make such great progress. Thank you so much for all that you have done and continue to do for my family. These services have changed our lives and the lives of our children. There are no words to say that accurately portray the impact it has had. Our sincerest thanks for all that you do. As a family, we feel so blessed that our children have had and continue to have such great support during these early years of their lives. Thank you!"

We are happy to work with Henry and his family and are thankful for their hard work, participation, friendly smiles and donations of treats to our clinic as well!

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Richard Fisher

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one of my goals as Commander of Kadosh this year was to *formally* visit a Blue Lodge Stated Meeting. <u>So</u>: In my Commanders garments we set out very early that first Saturday of the month for our trip to "Texas Lodge No. 46" in San Juan Bautista (Hollister area) to be there for their 8:00 am breakfast and 10:00 am Stated Meeting. This is a quaint older original Lodge having endured many years but gallantly continues in active service.

Bro. Rick Bartlett is their Wor. Master this year and he graciously greeted us. The warm breakfast room was packed with brethren and their ladies and scrumptious food was in abundance. Yes! even eggs, sausages, potatoes, biscuits and gravy, thinly sliced tri-tip, fruit & juices and lots of hot coffee; what a spread and all for the price of a donation. At the "call" we adjourned up the original old wooden stairs to the second floor lodge room. All the seats were filled and I wondered where all those members came from. I knew many of the brethren and Wor. Rick makes a fine Lodge Master—very dignified and friendly.

After all the lodge business was complete, Wor. Rick let me have a few words. I presented my background and San Jose S.R. station, and that it was indeed a pleasure to have been invited there. I mentioned what a vigorous and friendly group they all were at this Lodge and if any brethren elsewhere want to see how the best of Masonic friendship works they really ought to put a visit to "Texas No. 46" on their agenda. Wor. Rick then introduced a second presentation given by several members from the "Texas Research Lodge of History". They had actually traveled here from the state of Texas to be with us at this anniversary Stated Meting. Wor. Bro. Truitt L. Bradley from San Gabriel Lodge #89 A.F. & A.M. at Georgetown, Texas; established in 1852, presented their Texas Historical research paper.

Bro. Bradley described many detailed stories and facts about hundreds of state of Texas early Masonic members and families who made their way from Texas in 1854 and later years to come to California for "the Gold". Some of those travelers however decided to stay in this San Jose-Hollister area where they found a favorable climate and all that "rich black soil". They considered this "their promised land" and were the founders of Texas Lodge No. 46 at San Juan Bautista in 1854. What a story: Their travels, their ordeals, the months, the long distances, by horse - foot - boat - rivers - seas - scarce food, scarce water - sicknesses - the births - the deaths - the burials - the survivors - - - all the way to Monterey or San Francisco, and for some, finally here to San Juan Bautista.

This presentation covered an good hour & a half. What a story! What a research presentation! In closing, all of the members in attendance were presented with a large inscribed golden coin from San Gabriel Lodge #89 in Georgetown, Texas. Bro. Ed Clarke and I both agreed—this was a most memorable Lodge Meeting.

Dell Bleiler, Commander of Kadosh

#### Who WERE the Knights Templar? — the Untold Story!!

On Tuesday, June 6, you will have the chance to learn the TRUE story of the Knights Templar - How did they originate; what was their real purpose in coming to Jerusalem; what did they do during the Crusades; what did they believe; what is their imprint upon history; how, at the peak of their power, did they fall from grace and become outlaws and heretics? These questions and many more will be answered on Tuesday, June 6, at a special Masonic Education night at <u>your</u> Scottish Rite, presented by representatives of the Supreme Council. The evening will begin with appetizers at 6pm, followed by an overview of Masonic Services at 6:30. Then—the Main Event—a presentation on the REAL history of the Knights Templar by III Rex Hutchens, author of "A Bridge To Light", with a question and answer period after. You <u>DON'T</u> want to miss this special night!! Please call the SR Office NOW to reserve your space. Open to ALL Masons and Guests. Dress is casual.

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#### From the Master of Kadosh

#### Voices of the An-Moonlight

#### gels Ring around the

As we move into June, we approach the summer or festival solstice when earth's axis in either northern or southern hemisphere, is most inclined toward the sun. Solstice is derived from the Latin words sol (sun) and sistere (to stand still) as the sun appears not to move in the sky since there is so much daylight. Depending on the shift of the calendar, the summer solstice will occur sometime between June 20 and June 22 in the northern hemisphere and between December 20 and December 23 each year in the southern hemisphere. The same dates in the opposite hemisphere are referred to as the winter solstice as it is currently winter in South America for example. This year it is on June 21st.



Interestingly, 2016 was the first time in nearly 70 years that a full moon and the Northern Hemisphere's summer solstice concur on the same day. The 2016 summer solstice's full moon rose just as the Sun set as if in a grand cosmic equilibrium.

Worldwide, interpretation of the event has varied among cultures, but most recognize the event in some way with holidays, festivals, and rituals around that time with themes of religion or fertility. In some regions, the summer solstice is seen as the beginning of summer and the end of spring. Some of these are bonfires, a day of reflection, and interestingly in Northern European tradition, St. John's Day or Midsummer Festival. Most of this can be reviewed in (just about the right amount of detail) on Wikipedia, which is where I got it.

#### Over the Hills and Far Way

This month we also celebrate not only St John's Day, one of the two patron saints of Freemasonry, but the 300th anniversary of speculative Masonry. That is to say that while there must be many other milestones in the creation and history of the craft (perhaps even miles of stones) we have only been really organized about it and how it can reflect on society as a whole for only 300 years. Some of our lucky brothers will spend this time not only visiting Grand Lodges of Ireland, Scotland and England and Roslyn Chapel, a site steeped in Masonic History and Mystery but will attend a dinner with our Grand Master MW John Heisner (no novice of Masonic History and Mystery himself) on exactly St John's Day at the Grand Lodge of England. Such a moment is barely conceivable for me in the context of the right stars aligning. I look forward to their full report.

#### Living in the Past

One thing I like to think about is our tenants as we all know, of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. As I have written about in the past, I think of a modern interpretation of these as Masons spending time together to discuss their experiences, thoughts and beliefs; doing things to help other Masons, their families and the community and the consideration of the great mysteries of life, the pursuit of truth. Perhaps Masons originally met to get together these about these very things, for the camaraderie of what they do in life and think about society. I reflect on the time I spend in Masonry and often it seems that much of this time is more about the form than the content, in that we get together and work on our degrees, our stated meetings and 'overhead' of running an organization. Not a lot of time spent in the experience of our tenets. Perhaps this is a situation like a friend once told me, like music of JS Bach, where the form is the content. In a recent conversation with another friend, he asked me if with all of the growth in our great country and changes in our lives, we have created one of the highest standards of living in history, but are things really better, do we have more or less to work for, with and worry about? Or has it just changed. I am reminded of the quote: We have not succeeded in answering all our problems. The answers we have found only serve to raise a whole set of new questions. In some ways we feel we are as confused as ever, but we believe we are confused on a higher level and about more important things.

My friend thought that if we could bring Masons from the past such as Benjamin Franklin here today, that after they understood the nature of new things that they would conclude that they were happier then than we are now.

I disagree; I think that while we might still have questions, still seek the same answers, still look for the same truths, we are more enlightened now than perhaps in any time in history, but maybe, I do concede, that perhaps the form really is the content.

Mark Burger, Master of Kadosh



#### Menu

TUESDAY, June 13th, 2017

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**B**ro. Todd E. Creason, 33°, is very kind and agrees to have his article printed in the Rite Word.

#### **Toleration Amongst Brothers**

by Midnight Freemasons Founder

#### Todd E. Creason

One of the things I enjoy as a Scottish Rite Mason is a part that I do in the 4th Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. It's the Prologue part of the 4th Degree--an introduction to the Scottish Rite in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. I do it twice a year, at our Valley Spring and Fall Reunions, and have for many years. It's a great honor to do that part, because it's a very important part. It's the first Scottish Rite degree our new candidates see, and I'm the first person they see on stage at the very beginning of their journey. Those words in the prologue, and my delivery of them sets the tone and the expectation for what those candidates can expect as they pursuit their goal of becoming a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. So I make sure that I strive to do it the best I possibly can every single time.

In that Prologue, I tell those candidates a few things they need to know about how the Scottish Rite works, and I talk a little bit about the principles the Scottish Rite holds in high regard. Without giving away any Masonic secrets, amongst those principles are Truth, Love, Charity, and Toleration. They'll learn much more about those principles and many more on their journey through all 29 degrees of the Scottish Rite.

In today's world, I think one of those principles is more important than ever. Toleration. Freemasonry has always been a society that believes in toleration. That's one of the reasons we don't discuss religion and politics in our Lodges. There are few topics that can so quickly escalate into bitter conflict than a conversation on the topics of religion or politics. I lost a good friend and Masonic Brother over politics.

My friend was a very active Mason. He was involved in his Lodge, he served the Grand Lodge, and he was active in many appendant bodies including the Scottish Rite. And like me, he absolutely loved history. He was also a writer. We became very good friends and occasional research and writing partners. We'd have lunch together & get into huge debates over points in history. And we'd discuss the importance of Freemasonry at great length.

But during a very nasty and contentious national election cycle, contrary to our long standing tradition, some of the members of his Lodge began arguing over politics (outside the Lodge). And these arguments divided these men. In the end, my friend got so angry over the politics of some of his Brothers, he felt he could no longer sit in Lodge with them. He didn't find a new Lodge to attend. He quit. He quit his Lodge. He quit the position he held with our Grand Lodge. He quit every single appendant body he was a member of. Almost overnight he went from being one of the most active and involved Masons I knew, to just being gone. I haven't spoken to him in months, and in our last conversation he said he'd never sit in Lodge again.

One of the great strengths of Freemasonry is that we come together on the things we agree on and do amazing things together. It's our diversity that makes us unique, and it's toleration of our differences that makes that diversity possible. I don't want to sit in Lodge with a bunch of guys exactly like me. That's not why I joined.

It pains me to say it, but I think my friend was right to quit. I still hope one day he'll come back, but I do understand why he left. If I get to the point where I can't sit in Lodge because somebody thinks differently than I do, or believes something differently than I do, I'll quit too. I'll have to, because it would mean that I have totally missed one of the most fundamental principles of Freemasonry.

Ion Vasilescu Wise Master



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Host—Bro Will Montoya, 2999 Bradbury Dr, SJ, 95122 - Bring a dish to share. Open to ALL Brothers

Tuesday, June 13th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

6: 30pm - Social Hour ~ 7: 00pm - Dinner ~ Program - Oration on '300 Years of Masonry' + 25 Year Presentations

Tuesday, June 20th ~ Scottish Rite Night of Instruction

6: 30pm - Social Hour ~ 7: 00pm - Program ~ 7: 30pm - Festive Agape Dinner. See article inside Rite Word

Saturday, June 24th ~ "300 Years of Masonry" Celebration at SJ Masonic Center ~ 10:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday, June 25th ~ "300 Years of Masonry" Festive Agape Dinner at SJSR ~ 3:00pm-6:00pm

<u>Tuesday, June 27th</u> ~ *Monthly All Officer Council Meeting @ 7:00pm* 

Tuesday, July 11th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting @ 5:45pm

6:15m - Social Hour ~ 6:30pm - Agape Dinner and GRAND MASTER Reception