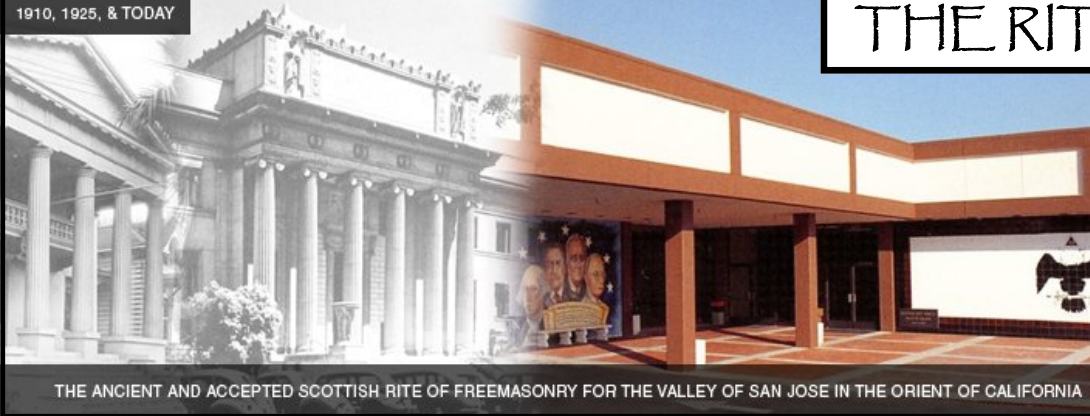


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From the Venerable Master

This is my last article and month as your Venerable Master and I thank the Brethren for allowing me to serve in this important leadership position. It is my hope that you believe I served you well.

In my articles I strived to present a bit of Masonic Light for your consideration. This month I want to follow up on the subject of Alchemy and its' relation to Freemasonry. At our December Scottish Rite Night of Instruction, Brother Gregory Peters, our guest speaker, related interesting information concerning the Alchemical symbolism of our double-headed eagle. With that in mind, I offer the following.

Brothers Russell Donathan and Roger Davis in their paper published by the High Council of Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis in 2009 had this in part to say about Masonry and Alchemy. "The ancient art of Alchemy almost certainly had an influence on the development of Freemasonry. Both are disciplines seeking how the Divine potential within the human being is unveiled and manifested. Both represent paths to the greater mysteries which lead to enlightenment. Both are focused on the process by which knowledge or illumination (gold) conquers ignorance (lead) within the human psyche. Alchemy holds that the physical body is product of consciousness and the mind is the creator and sustainer of form. Indeed one of the main ideas of Hermetic philosophy is "the All is Mind; the Universe is mental." This suggests that all creation is a result of the Mind of God. And since Man is made in the image of God (the root word for "man" is "mano" = mind), this means the Mind of God is within Man. The implication of this unworldly connection is that the mind can become a force whenever the energy of right thought and action becomes the focused will of humanity. Consciousness begets will, which becomes the bellows for global consciousness.

The goal of alchemy is transformation. To the alchemist, to change lead into gold means to change the slumber of consciousness into awareness. It is the change that is the key of Alchemy. " We must be aware that although change is possible from a global or universal perspective, as well as within our own mind and character, such

change can represent change for the better or for the worse.

"Perhaps ,then, much of humanity are Alchemists. Every good man and women, and especially each Brother of the craft, desires to change, or develop, into a better person. This is the very essence of Freemasonry. Man needs to change from his state of ignorance and darkness into knowledge and light. The ancient science of Alchemy is the allegorical furnace for such a transformation. Employed as a principle for good in the world, Alchemy can be considered the operative art of Freemasonry."

I recommend to you the teachings of the Kabbalah, Noetic Science, String Theory and Alchemy. The four are interrelated and can combine to activate Man's Potential . The secret one might learn in these circles of ancient knowledge is not in how to die but in how we choose to live.

"... and when at last the evening shadows fall, and wearied hands lay down the working tools of life, may you so have lived and labored that you may pass with serene, unwavering confidence through the sunset gates."

Chuck Cowden

-Venerable Master



**Happy
New Year!**



Brethren all,

Most of you have probably learned that my wife Sandy passed away on December 27th. I want to express my thanks to each and every Brother, wife and friend who have called to express their condolences. Thank you all.

Many of you have been very thoughtful in offering prayers for her as she fought for life. I am firmly convinced that those prayers were responsible for her courage in being with us on Christmas day when she could enjoy the presence of our children for one last time. Again I thank you.

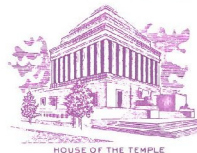
Gratefully,
General Secretary

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
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This is to inform you that I have appointed Illustrious Frank Loui, 33rd, as a Deputy of the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., in the Orient of California, effective January 1, 2013. Brother Loui prefers to receive his mail at the address listed below:

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I commend this distinguished Brother to the allegiance and obedience of all Scottish Rite Members of the Orient of California over which he will preside. I invest him with substantially the powers and prerogatives of a Sovereign Grand Inspector General as provided in our *Statutes*.

You will please give this appointment suitable publicity by communicating all the essential facts and any other information that you may properly add concerning Brother Loui.

Given under my hand and Official Seal this 4th Day of December 2012.



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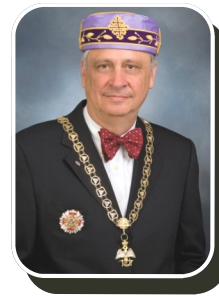
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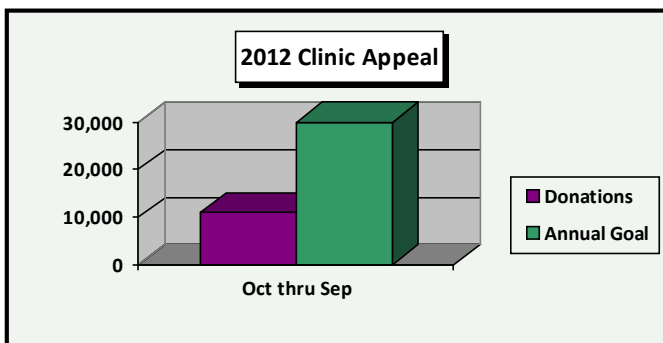
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Thank You !



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As you can see, we fell considerably short of our goal for fiscal year 2012. Perhaps we could do better in 2013

We, the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation (TIN 94-2541623), hereby certify that all funds received on the behalf of the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation, The Children's Language Disorders Clinic, and/or the San Jose Scottish Rite Scholarship funds are used for charitable purposes only and the donor receives no goods or services in return for their donation.*

From the Master of Kadosh



A word of thanks and appreciation to all San Jose Scottish Rite members and staff who contributed their valuable time and efforts on behalf of the members of San Jose Scottish Rite and the Valley of San Jose.

Under the general direction of Ill. Kenneth G. Nagel, Pers. Representative ; the members of San Jose Scottish Rite participated in or observed our 4th through 32 nd degrees presented by dedicated degree team members - thanks to the planning and organizing of Degree Directors Hal Leister and Chuck Cowden.

Thanks to Angela Athans for planning and organizing our monthly " theme " dinners - the dinners- classy events with members and their friends always impressed by these white tablecloth events. And who can ever forget our Grand Masters Gala ?

Thanks to Robert Rowan, General Sec. for assisting San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies and the Foundation ; Robert contributes long hours to the administration of the the Bodies and the Foundation. His close attention to administrative detail and oversight ensues the success of the Bodies and the Foundation.

The Speech Clinic enjoyed continued success in 2012, due in part of the efforts of our administrative staff , clinicians and Dee Ayre, the clinic director.

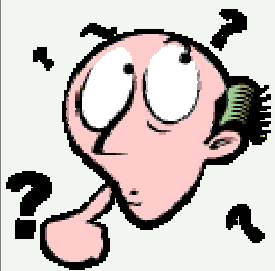
Thanks to the officers who contributed to the " Consistory " Line : I appreciated your service and the meetings that " Consistory" Officers served advanced stations.

Thanks and Farewell,

Roger Bibb, Master of Kadosh

Roger Bibb,

Master of Kadosh - San Jose Consistory



“2012” AND 2013” DUES DILEMMA



The yearly dues payments and statements tend to cause some confusion at the end of the year.

We are sincerely sorry causing that distress.

Supreme Council generates their dues notices, 2 (and sometimes 3) times each year. The first is processed around June, printed, then mailed in October. Many members pay immediately, though some will wait until the end of the year. The second notice processed (much like the 1st batch), are processed and mailed around November. **If a payment has been Received, it may not be reflected.** This is when the confusion begins. Those members who have paid and have their 2013 membership card call to find out why they are receiving another statement. We working closely with Supreme Council try to mitigate this timing difference, but sometimes it is impossible. In addition, and sometimes adding to the confusion, is the process of making your dues payments through the Supreme Council web site by credit/debit card. They have their own processing of the payment, which tends to take longer for us here, in the San Jose Valley, as well as the fee charged for the use of their service.

We are capable of accepting your credit card payments here in our office and we are working on making the process easier by enabling on-line payments on our own web-site. It is convenient to make your payment on the Supreme Council web-site, but it sometimes adds to the confusion and delay in getting the dues records updated.

Again we do apologize for any confusion.

~ Angela Athans



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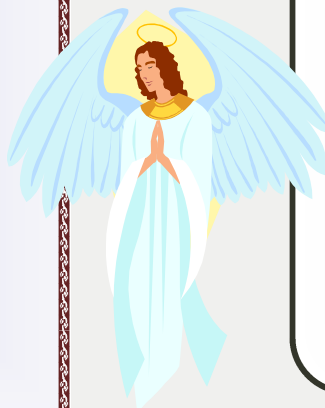
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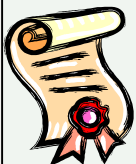
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Nathan is a delightful nine year old boy who has been seen at the San Jose Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic two times a week for the last fifteen months. Nathan was diagnosed with High Functioning Autism before he started treatment at our clinic. His mother reported that, "Nathan had a very hard time speaking-he could not express himself and could not understand a



whole lot when he was spoken to and he found it very hard to keep up." Before starting therapy at our clinic, Nathan attended speech therapy at the Sacramento Scottish Rite Child Language Disorders Clinic. There Nathan worked on social language, such as using his words to communicate with others as well as increasing his vocabulary. While coming to the San Jose Scottish Rite Clinic Nathan has been working on inferencing, following multi-step directions, answering why questions, sequencing and recalling details of passages read to him. Nathan is a caring, energetic child who smiles often and loves beating his clinician at checkers!!

Although Nathan continues to need help with social language, his Mother reported, "He is beginning to start and even keep up conversations with his peers. We are finally able to make small conversations with him. He is at a slow pace, but finally letting us know what he feels and what is happening at school."

Nathan's Mother recently filled out a survey about their experiences at our clinic. Since Nathan's treatment began, his family noted that, "Nathan seems like a much more happier person which means a lot to us. Jenna, our therapist has aptly identified and has been working tirelessly on Nathan's core problems with a lot of patience and understanding, trying out different techniques that best suit his needs. Nathan himself realizes how much the classes here in the clinic are helping him and hence shows a lot of interest to attend." They have also told many of their acquaintances with similar difficulties about the services here at the San Jose Scottish Rite, "because of this clinic's outstanding services."

2012 Honor Masters Night



REGIONAL ORIENT MEMBERSHIP AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE
JANUARY 2013

As we become Masons and study the degrees, aligning our values with actions and ethics becomes easier. The idea of organization is, in fact, connected with the order that prevails overall. This characteristic is true of societies and also found in nature: the more perfect the organization, the greater the harmony, the more honorable in conduct, the more respectful of the rights of the members, the more honest and dutiful in word and deed. It makes no difference how discordant the elements of which a society is composed may be: if there is perfect organization, entire harmony exists therein. This concept is beautifully illustrated in Masonry. Within our lodges may be found men of

every shade of

opinion. Yet, notwithstanding those differences, tranquility and peace abound because our passions are ruled by reason.

There is a

reciprocity of brotherly kindness, uplifting inspiration and devotion to the Order in the hearts of those who are true Masons that time cannot obliterate, nor circumstances change. We share a true sense of hope for our future in the knowledge that cooperatively we can prosper and grow.

Working together as Masons, we can bequeath to future generations the courage and strength to check those negative passions of strife, envy and hatred that can crush all the ennobling qualities of men and replace them with feelings of brotherly love and affection. Masonry is an institution founded by men, upon those divine principles that underlie all that is truly noble and good in humanity. Masonry's object is to educate and develop men to the fullest extent in all those faculties of human nature that tend to harmonize the human family. Masonry's teachings are pure and benevolent, designed to fill the soul of the initiate with higher conceptions of those duties which every man owes to himself, to his fellow men and to his God.

Cooperatively Craft Brothers, Scottish Rite Masons and Nobles of the Shrine can prosper and grow by practicing the principles of faith, decency, harmony and unity as well as by acting upon the teachings of brotherly love. From the time when he first crosses the threshold of the

Masonic temple, through all the forms and ceremonies of the degrees and as long as he continues to worship at the Masonic altar, a Master Mason is constantly reminded to practice brotherly love, relief and truth as his duty. He is taught that the unity and harmony that pervades the universe should form conspicuous elements in the human character. How beautiful and sublime when it falls upon our ears the

exhortation to "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

There are many exceptionally worthy and well-qualified young men who would benefit from the blessings and rich rewards of becoming a Mason. From their ranks will come the future leaders of our great and ancient Fraternity. It is incumbent upon us to reach out to them.

God Bless you all,

Durward C. Ayre

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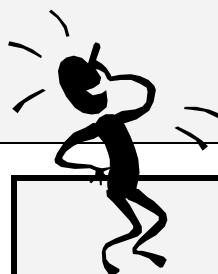


New Years Eve

On New Year's Eve, Gladys stood up in the local pub and said that it was time to get ready.

At the stroke of midnight, she wanted every husband to be standing next to the one person who made his life worth living. Well, it was kind of embarrassing.

As the clock struck, the bartender was almost crushed to death.



My New Years Resolution is to break my New Years Resolutions....That way I succeed at something!

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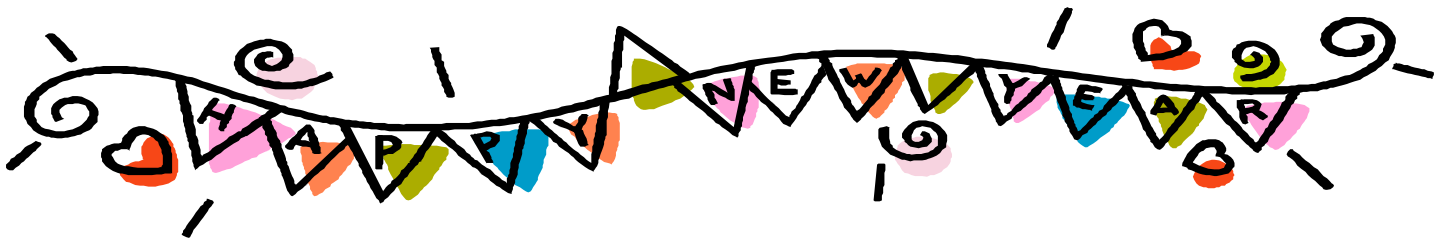


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Thursday January 17th - 2013 Officer Proficiencies w/Assist Pers. Rep. Dick Meyers in Library @ 7:00 PM

Tuesday January 22nd ~ All Officers Council at 6:30 PM

Thursday January 24th - 2013 Officer Proficiencies w/Assist Pers. Rep. Dick Meyers in Library @ 7:00 PM

Tuesday January 29th ~ Installation of Officers and Arch of Unity at 7:00 PM

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