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Happy Thanksgiving from Lodge of Perfection.

November is officially the month for giving thanks for freedom and especially for those who fought and drafted the Constitution that enumerated our rights as a free people. We should also give thanks to those who continue to fight to preserve our freedom and especially those who paid the ultimate price for freedom. Many of those involved were Freemasons.



Thanksgiving Day has been an annual holiday in the United States since 1863. Not everyone sees Thanksgiving Day as a cause for celebration. Each year since 1970, a group of Native Americans and their supporters have staged a protest for a National Day of Mourning at Plymouth Rock in Plymouth, Massachusetts on Thanksgiving Day. **American Indian Heritage Day** is also observed at this time of the year.

Many of us were taught the origin of Thanksgiving Day to be the harvest celebration the Pilgrims held in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621. However, their first true thanksgiving was in 1623, when they gave thanks for rain that ended a drought. Early celebrations took the form of a special church service, rather than a feast.

Please remember to make reservations IF you plan to attend the Stated Meeting dinner. Adequate food preparation is determined by accurate reservations. It is also important to cancel the reservation if adverse circumstances occur. Our thanks to Angela who makes the arrangements for the dinners along with her many other duties for the Scottish Rite.

We are in the midst of our Fall Reunion. Initially there were Eight candidates for the degrees, however, two had to drop out due to unforeseen circumstances and will continue during the Spring Reunion. Please schedule your time to support our degree teams as they confer the various degrees. Candidates are truly impressed when there is an audience observing the work.

Continue to support your Craft Lodge and spread the knowledge of Scottish Rite Masonry, our events and charities.

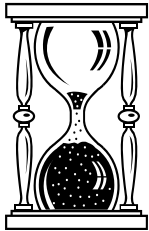
The Holiday season is just beginning. Plan ahead and when traveling be alert and safe.

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B.J. McCuiston, KCCH
Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection



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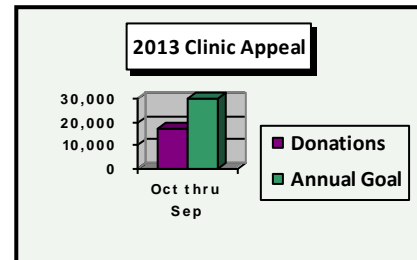
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Saturday, December 7th, 2013

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*Bro. Robert Rowan
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Connor is an energetic and inquisitive eight year old boy who is receiving once a week speech therapy services at our clinic. Connor began articulation and social skill therapy at the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic in November 2012. At the start of treatment he was working on producing s-blends such as “Strawberry,” at the beginning of words in sentences. Connor currently continues to need assistance producing the “dj” sound at the beginning of his words (as in the word “_Judge), the “th” sound in three syllable words, and the “ch” sound at the beginning and end of words in sentences. Given that Connor has a dual diagnosis of ADHD and Autism, he has also been working on his self-regulation and “expected” behaviors within the therapy room.

Before receiving speech therapy at our clinic, Connors mother described his speech intelligibility to be lacking. She reported, “Immediate family members could understand him but the progress made through speech therapy improved his ability to communicate verbally immensely! Teacher Jenna is a gifted Speech-Language Pathologist. She is firm but caring. Connor greatly enjoys his time working with her. I have most appreciated the extra touch. Warm greetings, consistent follow through, and homework to practice at home. She is an excellent therapist! I greatly enjoy Connor’s confidence to share his feelings, re-tell a story or inquire and explore by asking questions. We drive quite a distance for his sessions here at the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic. I wouldn’t continue the trek if progress had not been made. I would tell other parents about this clinic because of the quality of services by a capable and committed staff. Thank you sincerely for helping my son become a verbal communicator. What a difference it has made for him and our entire family.”

I am very lucky I get to work with Connor! Keep up the good work Connor!!

-JENNA



Hello all!

November is the month in which we have a holiday that is dedicated to “giving thanks”. So I encourage you to take time to tell the people you care about that you’re thankful they’re in your lives. Life is uncertain and none of us know how long we have to be with each other. So, right now, grab the phone and call someone you love and say, “Hey...just calling to let you know that you make a difference in my life and I’m thankful!” Then you can come back and finish reading this. *<pause to allow time for the call>* Now, don’t you feel better?? And I’m sure they do too!

For those of you who attended the Fourth Degree conferral on the 29th of October, it went very well. We had an excellent dinner and were able to welcome several new candidates to the beginning of their Scottish Rite journey. Please check the reunion schedule to see when the remaining degrees are to be conferred and come down to show your support. Remember, reunions are not “just for new candidates”...it’s for us to come together in a reunion as Scottish Rite masons and enjoy the lessons that our degrees exemplify. Please plan to attend all that you can!

So, in the spirit of Thanksgiving, here’s some food for thought about things to be thankful for:

Sense of sight – For letting you see the colors of life

Sense of hearing - For letting you hear trickle of rain, the voices of your loved ones, and the harmonious chords of music

Sense of touch - For letting you feel the texture of your clothes, the breeze of the wind, the hands of your loved ones

Sense of smell – For letting you smell scented candles, perfumes, and beautiful flowers in your garden

Sense of taste – For letting you savor the sweetness of fruits, the saltiness of seawater, the sourness of pickles, the bitterness of bitter gourd, and the spiciness of chili

Your hands – So you can type on your computer, flip the pages of books, and hold the hands of your loved ones

Your legs - For letting you walk, run, swim, play the sports you love, and curl up in the comfort of your seat

Your good health – For enabling you to do what you want to do and for what you’re about to do in the future

Tears – For helping you express your deepest emotions

Music - For lifting your spirits when you’re down and for filling your life with more love

Kind strangers – For brightening up your days when you least expect it

Your mistakes - For helping you to improve and become better

Laughter - For serenading your life with joy

Love - For letting you feel what it means to truly be alive

Scottish Rite - For letting you share the lives of some truly extraordinary people

And in closing, I say be thankful for friends. A friend is someone who fills our lives with beauty, joy and grace and makes the world we live in a better and happier place. So, friend, I’ll see you soon.

Bud Ramsey

Wise Master





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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.



Called from Labor

Bro. Stanley A. Sells 32°

Treasured thoughts of one so dear
Often bring a silent tear
Thoughts of scenes long past
Years roll on but memories last.

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. Scottish Rite is here to assist!

Please feel free to call anytime! (408) 978-7483

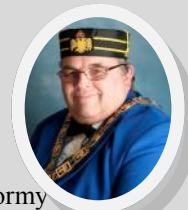
From the Master of Kadosh - Gerald Best 32 KCCH*

At the end of the first harvest in the new world, the Pilgrims at Plymouth along with Chief Massasoit and a party of 90 friendly Indians joined in a celebratory act that consisted of “three days of prayer and feasting.”

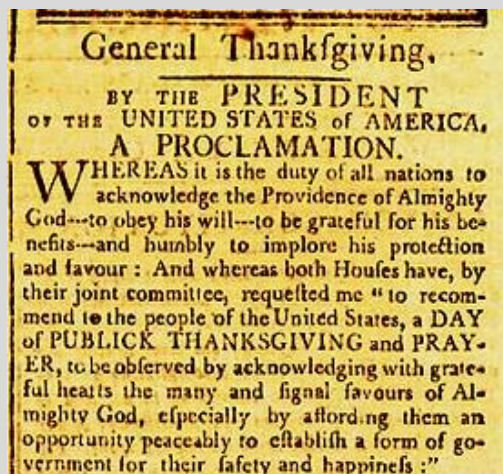
The *Mayflower* passengers that signed the agreement that became known as the “Mayflower Compact” stated they had come to the New World to escape religious persecution and “for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian faith.” They endured a stormy across the Atlantic Ocean at the worst possible time of the year and later participated in that festival to give thanks to Almighty God. The Pilgrims were thankful they had survived a stormy voyage, endured a terrible winter, and had been blessed with a good harvest that provided them with food. Lest we forget, this is the heritage the Pilgrims passed on to us.

A national holiday, celebrated with a festive turkey feast, commemorates it, but the heritage of those sturdy Pilgrims reminds us that true thanksgiving is more. While surrounded by an abundance of things which are the accouterments of an affluent society, we must not forget that back of these things there is the providential care of Almighty God, and like the Pilgrims, we are recipients of that care. To see life from this perspective is to see that God’s mercies, new every morning and fresh every evening, are more than we can number. So, gratitude rises in the heart, and we are thankful.

“Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse”. Henry Van Dyke



George Washington's 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation



Written by George Washington in 1789, this was the first official Presidential Proclamation made in the United States. Shortly after the Thanksgiving Proclamation was written, it was lost for 130 years. It was likely misplaced when the US Capitol moved from New York to Washington, D.C. It now resides in the Library of Congress. This is an excerpt from that proclamation.

For the Ladies...



Holiday Cornbread Stuffing



Ingredients:

- 3/4 pounds bacon, cut into chunks
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 4 ribs celery, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage
- 2 cups chopped pecans
- 2 (16-ounce) bags dried corn bread stuffing mix
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1/2 stick butter

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Cook bacon in a heavy skillet until crisp. Turn heat down and add onions and celery; saute until tender, about 6 minutes. Add the thyme and sage and sauté until fragrant. Stir in pecans.

In a large bowl, add the cornbread mix, bacon and vegetables, and stir in the chicken broth. Add to a 13 by 9 by 2-inch casserole dish.

Add butter slices to the top of the casserole and cover with foil. Bake for 30 minutes then remove foil and cook until top is crisp, about 15 more minutes.

-- Angela Athans

Regional Orient Membership Ambassador's Message November 2013



Masonry teaches not only the necessity, but the nobility of labor. From the time of opening to that of closing, a Lodge is said to be at labor. The use of the word "labor" is but one of the numerous instances in which the terms of operative Masonry are symbolically applied to speculative: as the Operative Masons were engaged in the building of material edifices, so Scottish Rite Masons, like all Free and Accepted Masons, are supposed to be employed in the erection of a superstructure of virtue and morality upon the foundation of the Masonic principles that we were taught at their admission into the Order.

When the Lodge is engaged in reading petitions, hearing reports, debating financial matters, etc., we are said to be occupied in business; but when we are engaged in the form and ceremony of initiation into any of the Degrees, we are said to be at work. Initiation is Masonic labor. This phraseology at once suggests the connection of our Speculative system with the Operative art that preceded it, and upon which it has been founded. In his *Freemasons Lexicon*, published in 1818, Johann Christian Gaedicke said: "Labor is an important word in Freemasonry - indeed, we might say the most important. For this, and this alone, does a man become a Freemason."

The labor of an Operative Mason will be visible, and he will receive his reward for it, even though the building he has constructed may, in the next hour, be overthrown. He knows that he has done his labor. A Scottish Rite Freemason's labor, although generally intangible, must be visible to himself and to his Brethren, or, at least, must be conducted to the do-er's own internal satisfaction. As we build neither a visible Solomonian Temple nor an Egyptian pyramid, our industry must become visible in works that are imperishable, so that, when we vanish from the eyes of mortals, it may be said of us that our labor was well done.

As Freemasons, we labor in our Lodge to make ourselves a perfect building, without blemish, working hopefully for the consummation, when the house of our earthly tabernacle shall be finished, when the Lost Word of Divine Truth shall at last be discovered, and when we shall be found by our own efforts at perfection to have done service unto God.

Durward C. Ayre

Durward C. Ayre, 33°, MC, Regional Orient Membership Chair for the Valleys of San Jose, Fresno and San Francisco in California

Brethren all,



Here we are at the month of November already. The year has definitely traveled its course in a manner that I expected but did not welcome. Why can't I have more time to enjoy my friends, family and Brothers? For me personally it has been a difficult year, especially learning to live alone; to prepare meals for one; and to attend events without my wife Sandy. I do miss her immensely.

I will be taking some time off over the Thanksgiving Holiday to travel with my son and daughter and that is a long overdue trip. I wish each and every one of you and your families a delightful Thanksgiving Holiday!!

We are entering our holiday season celebration with our fall reunion. As said elsewhere in this message, it should really be called our RE-YOU-NION. If you have not encouraged a Masonic Brother to make application to the San Jose Scottish Rite, why don't you consider doing just that. At the very least, you could join us for one or more of the degrees conferred for the class. We would love to see you.

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As the Holiday season approaches, please remember that your own San Jose Scottish Rite Children's Language Disorders Clinic, needs your support. If you make a contribution to the California Scottish Rite Foundation, be sure to designate our San Jose Clinic as your intended recipient, or better yet, make a contribution directly to San Jose. You know the address and phone number.



NOVEMBER MENU

Assorted Appetizers

Smoked Turkey Breast
 Green Bean Casserole
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 Stuffing
 Turkey Gravy
 Caesar Salad

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 Pumpkin Pie

(Vegetarian Dish-upon request)
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**SCOTTISH RITE
 " 2013 FALL REUNION "
 HAS BEGUN...**



Welcome to our new 6 candidates who have joined our Fall Reunion !

The dates to remember are:

- Saturday, November 9th - Begins promptly at 8:30am
- Friday, November 22nd - Begins promptly at 6:00pm
- Saturday, November 23rd - Begins promptly at 9:00am
- Tuesday, November 26th - Begins promptly at 6:00pm
- Tuesday, November 10th - Stated Meeting Dinner/Capping Ceremony - 6:00pm

Copies of the Reunion Schedule are available in the front office or see Angela.



On the lighter side...



Two campers are walking through the woods when a huge brown bear suddenly appears in the clearing about 50 feet in front of them. The bear sees the campers and begins to head toward them. The first guys drops his backpack, digs out a pair of sneakers, and frantically begins to put them on. The second guys says, "What are you doing? Sneakers won't help you outrun that bear." "I don't need to outrun the bear," the first guy says. "I just need to outrun you."



On November 28, 2013, the American holiday of Thanksgiving falls on the same day as the first day of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. Thanksgiving is always on the fourth Thursday of November, based on the Gregorian calendar. Hanukkah, an eight-day celebration, begins on 9 Kislev, based on the Hebrew calendar.

The last conjunction of Thanksgiving and Hanukkah was in 1888. According to one calculation, this will happen again in the year 81056, just 79,043 years from now. Calculating dates on the lunisolar Hebrew calendar is complicated. In fact, the Hebrew calendar has three kinds of years, each with a leap-year variation:

Chaserah year ("deficient" or "incomplete") is 353 or 383 days long.

Kesidrah year ("regular" or "in-order") is 354 or 384 days long.

Shlemah year ("complete" or "perfect") is 355 or 385 days long.

We are now in year 5774, which is a shlemah year and a leap year, with 385 days.

That's enough complication for me to doubt the 79,043 year estimate and enough for me not to bother trying to calculate it myself.

Hanukkah celebrates the re-dedication of the (second) Temple during the Maccabean revolt from 167 to 160 BCE, against the Seleucid empire. The Seleucid empire was founded by Seleucus I Nicator in 312 BCE and included what is today Syria, Iraq, and part of Iran. Seleucus was one of the generals of Alexander the Great. Those guys were Greeks, and they brought the cultural revolution known as Hellenism to their world. While many Jewish people embraced Hellenism, it contrasted with Jewish traditions and practices in many ways.

In those days, the Jewish homeland was a client state of the Seleucid Empire. The Seleucid ruler, Antiochus IV Epiphanies', decided to turn Jerusalem into a Greek city. He appointed one of his minions to serve as the High Priest of the Temple. Eventually, things came to a head in 168 AD when he outlawed Jewish religious rites and traditions, ordered the worship of the Greek deity Zeus, and looted the Jewish Temple. One account says he sacrificed pigs on the altar, just to rub it in.

In response, among the traditional Jews there arose a rebel army, called the "Maccabees," a name derived from the Hebrew word "maqabim" which means "hammer." The Maccabees lead a revolt that eventually freed Judea from Seleucid control and enabled renewed Jewish religious observance. Today, many historians view the Maccabean revolt as more of a civil war between Hellenized and traditional Jews. Either way, it was a major step toward freedom of religion.

The Maccabean revolt returned the homeland to Jewish rule. The traditional Jews cleaned out the Temple and re-dedicated it in 165 BCE. By the way, this Temple was the one built by Zerubbabel after the Babylonian captivity. After three years of desecration and disuse, the Temple was a mess:

"There they saw the sanctuary desolate, the altar profaned, and the gates burned. In the courts they saw bushes sprung up as in a thicket, or as on one of the mountains. They saw also the chambers of the priests in ruins. Then they tore their clothes and mourned with great lamentation; they sprinkled themselves with ashes and fell face down on the ground. And when the signal was given with the trumpets, they cried out to Heaven."

They cleaned up the Temple:

"And they cleansed the sanctuary and removed the defiled stones to an unclean place. They deliberated what to do about the altar of burnt offering, which had been profaned ... So they tore down the altar and ... took unhewn stones, as the law directs, and built a new altar like the former one. They also rebuilt the sanctuary and the interior of the temple, and consecrated the courts. They made new holy vessels, and brought the lampstand, the altar of incense, and the table into the temple. Then they offered incense on the altar and lit the lamps on the lampstand, and these gave light in the temple. They placed the bread on the table and hung up the curtains. Thus they finished all the work they had undertaken."

And re-dedicated it.

"So they celebrated the dedication of the altar for eight days, and joyfully offered burnt offerings; they offered a sacrifice of well-being and a thanksgiving offering."

(1 Maccabees 4:38-40, 43-51, 56 NRSV)

Hanukkah is the Hebrew word for dedication. There are multiple versions of the dedication story. A favorite one says that the celebrants had only a one-day's supply of consecrated olive oil for the menorah, the lampstands with seven branches used for illumination in the Temple. Miraculously, the oil burned for eight days which was enough time to make more consecrated oil.

Today, to commemorate the Temple re-dedication, we light the Hanukkah menorah, which has eight main branches, plus the middle ninth lamp set apart as the shamash (servant) light that kindles the other lights. Most Hanukkah menorah use candles. Some use electricity. The first day, we light just one; the second day, two; until all eight on the eighth day. And we do lots of fun activities that you can read about online.

So beside the coincidence of calendars this year, do Thanksgiving and Hanukkah have anything in common? Besides being a selling opportunity for "Thanksgivingukkah" merchandise? An article in the New York Daily News said:

"There are amazing similarities between the Pilgrims' quest for religious freedom and what the Maccabees were fighting for. This a great opportunity for Jewish Americans to celebrate this country and for everyone to acknowledge the greatness of our shared religious freedoms."

~ **Daniel Doornbos** - Commander , Council of Kadosh





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Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-Mail address: _____

Mailing Address (If different from above): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Present Blue Lodge: _____ Approx. Date Raised: _____

Location: _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Occupation (If retired, previous occupation): _____

Name of Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Have you ever petitioned for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees?: _____

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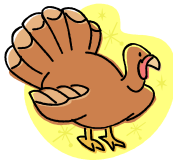
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Saturday November 9th ~ Fall Reunion Continues (11th thru 18th Degrees)

Tuesday November 12th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Followed by traditional Thanksgiving Feast

Friday/Saturday November 22, 23 ~ 19th thru 30th Degrees

Tuesday November 26th ~ San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation meeting @ 5:00 PM

Tuesday November 26th ~ 32nd Degree

Tuesday December 10th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Followed by Capping Ceremony

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