

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY FOR THE VALLEY OF SAN JOSE IN THE ORIENT OF CALIFORNIA



The reception and Festive Board of Fellowship for the Grand Master on July the 10th was a great success. Thanks to all who participated and supported this truly Masonic event to remember.

Last month's article introduced Worshipful Jordan Yelinek's talk on the Chamber of Reflection. If you still have your July issue, re-read that portion before you proceed. If not, this will stand alone starting with the origins of the chamber.

*The Chamber of Reflection
(Continued)*

The origins of the Chamber of Reflection draw themselves from the Pythagorean mystery schools, and even from the Cult of Mithras (perhaps another progenitor of our Craft). Here, novitiates were secreted away in a cave previous to the initiatory observances of these orders. To us, the Chamber is also reflective of this cave, as seen most closely in the arcane Chamber, which is painted black and small in size, to mirror this experience.

The arcane chamber also commonly possesses the skull, crossbones, scythe, or other emblems of mortality, familiar to us through our third degree. A small plate of bread and glass of water, intended for the candidate to eat and drink, are present, and are simple food for the work ahead. Alchemical elements, most commonly sulfur, salt and mercury, are drawn upon the walls. To the alchemist, these were the Tria Prima, and believed that all substances were, figuratively, formed of these three elements. Again, to the alchemist sulfur is a masculine element, and represents strength; salt is considered neutral, and represents wisdom; and mercury, a feminine element, represents beauty. An hourglass is also present, to mark the time and also for the familiar elements from our third degree. Phrases are sometimes written upon the wall, such as Perseverance and Vigilance. A mirror is occasionally present for the physical reflection of the candidate, together with the spiritual.

In all types of chambers, arcane, modern, or plain, a philosophical testament is written, or the candidate answers questions prepared for him in advance. Examples of such questions, used by Prometheus Lodge No. 851 in San Francisco are:

In the modern world, in which we live, what drew you to seek mem-

bership in the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons?

It has often been stated that, simply, the goal of Freemasonry is to make good men better. What is it, in yourself that you are seeking to better, through your experience of the fraternity?

One of the principle tenets of Freemasonry is Brotherly Love. How, through the exercise of brotherly love, will you support and enable those around you in seeking to better themselves through the Fraternity?

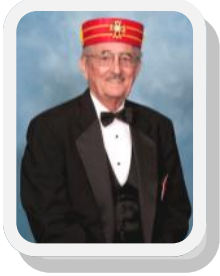
These questions are then sealed in an envelope, with the candidate's signature across the seal, and presented to the Brother who retrieves him from the Chamber. Some Lodges hold these questions, and return them to the candidate, unopened, on his raising to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, while others read them in open Lodge before the initiation, to better know their candidate, and best match his experience to his needs and desires. Both are common throughout the fraternity.

Ultimately, the Chamber of Reflection provides an opportunity for the candidate to separate from the profane world as he begins his journey in Masonry. It provides reflection on who he is as a man, what he wishes to accomplish in his life, and how the Craft fits into that path. The symbolism of the arcane chamber, while most common throughout the world, may not be immediately clear in its purpose to the candidate, and perhaps either a chamber filled with modern art, or a unadorned chamber with a candle, pen or pencil and paper for the candidate to answer his questions upon may provide the optimum experience for the growth of the newest Entered Apprentice. Though, through the use of the Chamber of Reflection, or not, it is our duty as Brethren, to ensure the due and true preparation of our candidates, both physically and mentally, for the good of our craft.

I look forward to seeing you on August the 14th for our Stated Meeting and annual BBQ. Dress is casual.



Chuck Cowden -Venerable Master



From the Secretary's Table:

Brethren all,

Have you checked your dues card lately? There are still a number of you who have not yet met your dues obligation for the year 2012. It will soon be time to send letters of suspension to those who have not become current and I would not be pleased to send one of those letters to you. That task is not high on my list and is definitely my most unenjoyably responsibility.

We have had a number of maintenance issues here this last month. Early in the month the water heater used for the kitchen, the clinic, the apartment and a number of other areas, gave up the ghost. Then late in the month, the water heater controlling the restroom wing of the building failed also. The good news is that all repairs (costly) have been completed.

The evening of the Grand Master's Reception we had a near catastrophe when the electrical panel controlling the security lighting and the parking lot lighting started to smoke and overheat on shut down. Luckily, happening on shut down for the evening, we successfully shut the system down without damage or a fire. The next day, significant damage to the panel was found and the contactors and switches were replaced with newer equipment that does not generate the heat or noise that was generated with the old system. The GAOTU must have been watching over us.

REMEMBER that this month is our only stag event for the year (except for reunions of course). Be sure that you call in your reservation for your food! BBQ fixins as is normal for this event. CASUAL DRESS THIS MONTH. We return to coat and tie in September.

For those of you who missed the event, the Festive Board and the Grand Master's Reception was again enjoyed by all. Put it on your calendar for next year.

The Masons for Mitts program was a great success and the annual Grand Master's Golf Tournament is on September 1st at Moffett. There are still a few openings if you want to play. Call me to get a sign up sheet if you need one.

Fraternally,

General Secretary

DID YOU KNOW?

What are the "Old Charges?"

The first book of Freemasonry, printed in 1723, is known as *Anderson's Constitutions*. In it appear six "Old Charges" which are a statement of the old laws of operative Freemasonry concerning a Mason and his conduct. These six Old Charges are titled: Of God and Religion; Of the Civil Magistrate Supreme and Subordinate; Of Lodges; Of Masters, Wardens, Fellows and Apprentices; Of the Management of the Craft in Working; Of Behavior. The last, sixth Old Charge is concerned with behavior: "in the Lodge while constituted; after Lodge is over and the Brethren not gone; when Brethren meet without Strangers, but not in a Lodge; in presence of Strangers not Masons; at Home and in the Neighborhood; towards a strange Brother.

(Source: MSA Digest, *One Hundred and One Questions About Freemasonry*)

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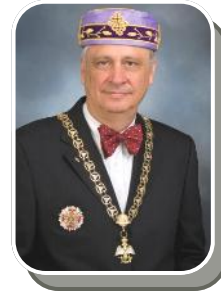
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From the Master of Kadosh

An excerpt from our
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The Scottish Rite is an Appendant organization which administers a series of thirty-three degrees and bestows certain "Honours." It is active in every American state and enjoys a cooperative relationship with the American Grand Lodges from whom it solicits members. In terms of membership, the Scottish Rite is the most successful Masonic system in the world.

The governing body of the Scottish Rite is the Supreme Council, an autonomous self-perpetuating body consisting of thirty-three officers, known as Sovereign Grand Inspectors General who possess administrative and voting powers not held by other members. Acting as a board of directors, the Supreme Council elects its own members, amends its own statutes and laws, and writes its own rituals. Supreme Councils do not interfere with or meddle in the private affairs or business matters of other Masonic organizations. It is important to bear in mind that although Supreme Councils throughout the world are similar to each other, they may differ in minor aspects, dependant upon their adopted statutes.

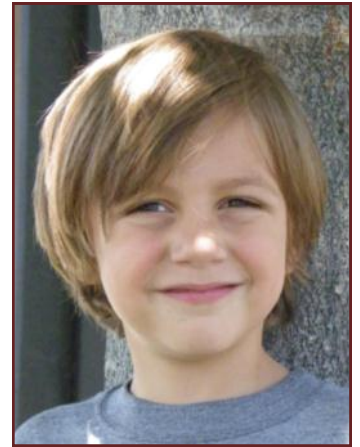


Fraternally,

Roger Bibb Master of Kadosh



Ty is a sweet, five year old boy who has been coming to the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic for the last year secondary to a diagnosis of Childhood Apraxia of Speech or CAS. CAS is a motor-speech disorder that occurs when there is difficulty coordinating oral movements necessary to produce sounds to make words. Children with CAS may be able to make a sound in isolation, but cannot coordinate movement from one sound to the next to make simple or more complex word structures. As a result, children with CAS have very few intelligible words and have a difficult time making their needs and wants known. Specialized therapy techniques which utilize auditory, visual and tactile cueing systems across motor and sensory-motor domains are helpful when working with kids with CAS. One of these therapy techniques is called PROMPT (Prompts for Restructuring Oral Muscular Phonetic Targets), which requires intense specialized training for the speech-language pathologist to learn how to use the program.



Ty has responded well to PROMPT and has shown significant improvements in his speech and language skills since treatment started a year ago. Ty's treatment began with working on simple, early developing sounds such as bilabials or sounds that we make with our lips like /p, b, m/. He worked on using these sounds in simple consonant-vowel (CV) and CVC word structures. Once this was mastered he worked on using these sounds in more difficult consonant-vowel structures that contained varying vowels or consonants and longer syllables per word. Ty has mastered the early developing sounds and is now working on later developing sounds, such as /l/, /s/-blends and /sh/.

His mom boasted that "Ty has made such great progress. He has really come a long way and he is able to communicate well with his friends now. As a family, we are all able to understand what Ty is saying. Ty is less frustrated because we understand. The most rewarding thing is that even Ty's Dad understands him. He had the hardest time deciphering Ty's language. We are thrilled with Ty's progress." Recently, Ty's mother shared that family members who had not seen Ty for a number of months could tell a significant difference in Ty's language and could understand him when he spoke! Ty's family is very appreciative of all the work we have done to help him, "Our experience at the clinic has been a real blessing for Ty and our family. This speech clinic is wonderful. The speech [and language] therapists are great and hard working. Rachel has really helped Ty to sit at the desk and work hard through his speech session and he enjoys his time here."

Clinic Director's Message August 2012

The San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation has the clear-cut mission to operate a clinic in Santa Clara County that provides evaluations and therapy - free of charge - to children with speech, language, and reading disorders.

Treatment of these communications disorders improves children's academic and social skills so that they may lead productive, independent, and fulfilling lives. *We serve children regardless of race, religion, economic status or Masonic affiliation.* We are a member-supported 501(c)3 non-profit whose extraordinary and unique service is made possible through the generosity of Scottish Rite Masons, their families, friends and associates in our community. We also rely on public contributions and other organizations for funding.

During the month of June, we completed 169 treatment hours. A total of 50 children received speech and language services. We also carried out 15 screening evaluations. We discharged two children from our services and increased one child to twice-per-week secondary to severity. A total of 123 children remain on the waiting list.

Thanks again to each of you for your help for and support of our Clinic.

Durward C. Ayre

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January 11th, 2012

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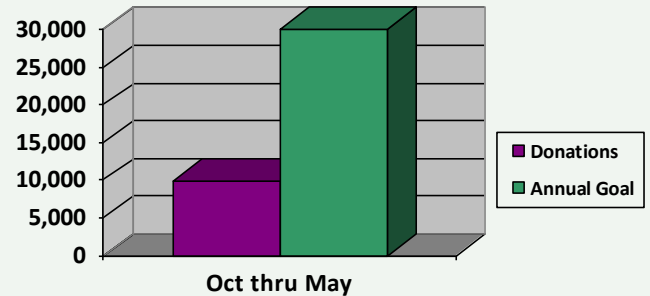
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From the Wise Master

The ceremonies of the 18th Degree are interpreted by each individual according to his own faith for in no other way can Masonry retain its universal character. To all antiquity, Light was the type of Good while Darkness was Evil. Evil was a principle represented in demons and fallen angels, who first having fallen themselves, tempted others to do so, thus bringing sin into the world. The future life was to be obtained by purification and suffering, through the Redeemer who would overcome Evil. The belief was general that He was to be born of a virgin and suffer death. The Cross has been a sacred symbol of earliest antiquity among many nations, with various meanings. In this degree its interpretation was taken from the Egyptian hieroglyphic for life emanating from Deity, the eternal life for which we all hope. The Rose is the symbol of dawn, of the resurrection of life. Together the Rose and Cross represent the dawn of eternal life. In all religions there is a basis of Truth; in all there is a pure Morality. All that teaches the cardinal tenets of Masonry we respect; all teachers and reformers of mankind we admire and revere. Masonry also has her mission to perform. With her traditions reaching back to the earliest times, and her symbols dating further back than even the monumental history of Egypt extends, she invites all men of all religions to enlist under her banners and to war against evil, ignorance and wrong.

Description of the Degrees by Charles David Hall, 33°

See you next month-

Jack Harris

Wise Master

REGIONAL ORIENT MEMBERSHIP AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE AUGUST 2012

Freemasonry is said to be a "peculiar system of morality". It does not profess to teach mere human morality because all human morality is of itself imperfect. Instead the morality of Freemasonry is founded on the Divine law of the Great Architect of the Universe and is designed to make good men better. This betterment is achieved by an ongoing process of refinement.

The basis of Freemasonry is the work ethic and it is by fruitful deeds that Freemasons should be recognized as such. However, these deeds should not be solely confined to Masonic endeavors, but rather demonstrated throughout one's daily life, so that the wider world in which we live may be made better as a result.

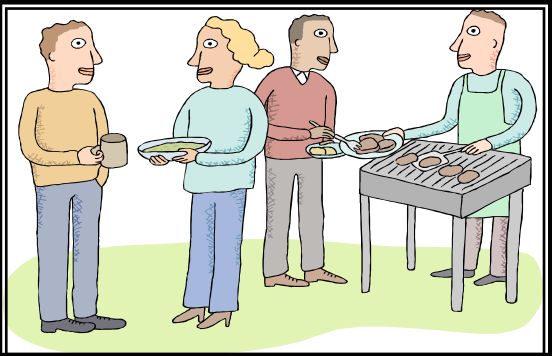
Therefore, it is incumbent upon each of us to find worthy candidates who may be made even better by initiation into the practices of both the Blue Lodge and the Scottish Rite. Let each of us pledge to bring in at least one worthy and well-qualified member this year. Have you found your candidate yet?

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Hello Brethren,

Let's review three items briefly:



1) **Senior Member Program** - We want you to be aware that our Scottish Rite Senior Member Program has three basic criteria. These are that you must be a 50 year Scottish Rite Mason OR you must be 80 year old (or better) AND you must have *financial need* in addition to either of the first two criteria. If you meet these criteria please consider contacting us for additional information.

2) **Mason's for Mitt's** - Thank you for your support for this worthy charitable cause. On July 7th, we had an "All Mason" day at the San Jose Giants park. This fundraiser brought together the Masonic lodges in the South Bay, as well as Scottish Rite, DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters and their families for fun afternoon enjoying our great American past-time. Thanks to your contributions, as of July 22nd, the South Bay Bombers are in 1st place by donating 491 Mitts (www.masons4mitts.org). We expect a strong challenge from the other 5 bay area Masonic teams and repeating last year's first place finish will be a challenge we are looking forward to.

3) **Raising A Reader** - At this Month's Festive Board Banquet, M.W. Frank Loui was presented with a donation from our Valley for the Grand Master's Project - Raising a Reader. Masons have always championed public education and today our leadership is needed more than ever. This project will bring a nationally-acclaimed literacy program to those who need it most: kindergartners in the state's lowest-performing public schools, who are at the greatest risk for educational failure. Your generous contributions will support our goal to significantly improve child literacy in California, particularly San Jose, transforming the future of thousands of children.

Additional information the Grand Master's Project - Raising a Reader can be found at <http://www.freemason.org/RaisingAReader/index.htm>

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Tuesday August 28th ~ Foundation Meeting @ 5:30 PM

Council of Masters Meeting following @ 7:00 PM

Monday September 3rd ~ Labor Day ~ Office Closed

Tuesday September 11th ~ September ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Followed by Dinner @ 7:00 PM

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