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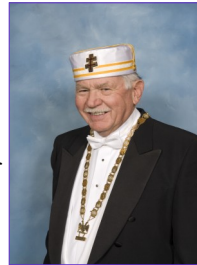
From the Personal Representative:

Brethren and friends,

November has been an active and exciting month for San Jose Scottish Rite. We began the month with our bi-annual session of Inspector General Honorary and Knight Commander Court of Honor conferrals at Oakland Scottish Rite Center. Oakland has a perfect layout for such an event, and the degrees went smoothly. You will find the names of those so honored in the message of our General Secretary.

At our stated Meeting on the following Tuesday, we honored Asiya Shriners, with Illustrious Potentate Wayne Heimsoth and several of his officers in attendance. At the Stated Meeting we also welcomed some of our newly initiated 32° Scottish Rite Masons into our midst, and, as usual, enjoyed a sumptuous feast, courtesy of our intrepid caterer Greg Donnellan. Our attendance is increasing, and we'd love to have all the members who are able be with us for our meetings and the dinners that follow.

As I noted in our November issue of the Rite Word, I was concerned that the contributions of our members that are sent to the California Scottish Rite Foundation are not available to the charitable activities of our San Jose Children's Language Clinic. On Saturday, November 14, I addressed this problem at a meeting of the Board of Directors for the California Foundation and was informed that it will be necessary for us to appeal directly to our members to inform you how to make your contributions to the benefit of the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation. So . . . with mixed emotions, I have authored a letter to our members outlining this problem and asking for your assistance. In the Valley of San Jose, owing to the good management policies of my predecessors, we have been able to function without turning directly to our members for assistance. With today's economy, however, our



investment portfolio has been drawn down dangerously and we have had to reduce salaries, cut our administrative staff, and restrict the hours of clinicians as well as scale back wherever possible. We must now reach out to our members for help. Our clinic does great work, but it can't survive without monetary support.

Please remember the great work of our clinic in your year-end charitable giving. It is a good way to reduce your income tax obligation, and aid in the good work of our clinic.

Our e-waste program on Saturday, November 21 was a great success, owing to the generosity of our members and the hard work of our administrative staff, there were three truckloads of worn-out computers, phones, televisions, and other electronic junk hauled away. Thank you all for your help.

Then, on November 27th, several members of our valley including our Grand Master Ken Nagel, were guests at the annual Northern California DeMolay Convention and were treated royally. M. Wor. Ken delivered an inspiring address. It was typical DeMolay. Enthusiasm abounded, and continued (so I am told) into the wee small hours of the morning. The accomplishments of these young men are astounding, and it is encouraging to see the future of the craft in such good hands.

And . . . rounding out the month, on Monday, November 30, we had a number of volunteers, including Herb and Lillian Dallas, Bob Laws, Ed Clarke, Hazel Winter, and Earlene LaRue, under the leadership of Sue Ramsey, in the center for putting up Christmas decorations. The tree is beautiful, the incidental decorations are spectacular, and in addition to some rearranging of the furniture in the Adminis-

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Make your contribution to the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies and have your name on the "Honor Roll". Your gift of \$100.00 or more will help the San Jose Lodge of Perfection, Chapter Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh and Consistory reach the level necessary to provide quality events for our future success. Incremental gifts welcome too.

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From the Secretary's Table:



We are nearing the end of another Scottish Rite year. It has definitely been interesting to say the least. New rituals; diminished financial capacity because of the economic conditions; staff changes, and a host of other items as well.

San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies successfully completed their entry into the realm of the new Pike Rituals and demonstrated proficiency in Long Beach in the 29th Degree and here in all degrees at our fall reunion where we welcomed three new 32° Scottish Rite Masons.

We participated in the Honors Sessions in Oakland on November 7th at which Brothers Royce Ford and Dan McDaniels were elevated to the 33° and the following Brothers received the Honor of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor.

- Bro. Randy Downey
- Bro. David Driesbach
- Bro. Jack Harris
- Bro. Ken Justus
- Bro. Hal Leister
- Bro. Ben Minter
- Bro Virgilio Quina

Congratulations to all!

Bro. Chuck Cowden will be invested with the KCCH in the spring of 2010 together with those others who were unable to attend the November ceremonies.

We have successfully weathered the economic storms of this last year and trust (optimistically) that most of the storm is now behind us.

Many of you have noticed that we are reconfiguring the physical layout of our offices and our facilities on the lower

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level of the building. Keep watching, because we are not yet finished.

The California Scottish Rite Foundation Annual Meeting disclosed a number of issues both legal and otherwise where we will be instituting some changes. Most will not be anything more than cosmetic in the form of changed paperwork which has now become necessary due to changes in the regulations for 501 C (3) corporations.

The audits for the Bodies and the Foundation were completed and passed with flying colors so we are doing things correctly.

The biggest change for the year was the retirement of Mary Lou Johnson who worked here for 17 years and the impending loss of Felipe who has been with us for more than 12 years and is returning to Mexico to be with his family.

At our November Stated Meeting we confirmed the appointment of two new directors for the Foundation

- Bro. Herb Dallas 32° KCCH—reappointed
- Bro. Dee Ayre 32° KCCH

Thank you in advance for your agreeing to serve.

We don't yet know the results of our e-waste day but a full three truck loads left fully packed. Thanks to all for helping!

Lastly for this month, we hope to see many of you at the Christmas party for our Clinic on Saturday.



The Master Craftsman program will be rescheduled soon. Watch for more info.

Recently, my sister sent me this story and I could not resist sharing it with you for the Christmas Season. Please do not make the mistake of assuming that I wrote the article. I am not a mother of three. - RR

Breakfast at McDonald's

I am a mother of three (ages 14, 12, 3) and have recently completed my college degree. The last class I had to take was Sociology.

The teacher was absolutely inspiring with the qualities that I wish every human being had and her last project of the term was called, "Smile."

The class was asked to go out and smile at three people and document their reactions. Since I am a very friendly person, and always smile at everyone and say hello anyway, I thought this would be a piece of cake, literally.

Soon after we were assigned the project, my husband, youngest son, and I went out to McDonald's one crisp March morning which was just our way of sharing special playtime with our son.

We were standing in line, waiting to be served, when all of a sudden everyone around us began to back away, and then even my husband did. I did not move an inch and an overwhelming feeling of panic welled up inside of me as I turned to see why they had moved. Standing behind me, smelling that "dirty body smell" were two poor homeless men.

As I looked down at the short gentleman, close to me, he was "smiling". His beautiful sky blue eyes were full of God's Light as he searched for acceptance.

He said, "Good day" as he counted the few coins he had been clutching.

The second man fumbled with his hands as he stood behind his friend. I realized the second man was mentally challenged and the blue-eyed gentleman was his salvation.

I held my tears as I stood there with them as the young lady at the counter asked him what they wanted.

He said, "Coffee is all Miss" because that was all they could afford. (If they wanted to sit in the restaurant and warm up, they had to buy something. He just wanted to be warm).

Then I really felt it - the compulsion was so great I almost reached out and embraced the little man with the blue eyes.

That is when I noticed all eyes in the restaurant were set on me, judging my every action.

I smiled and asked the young lady behind the counter to give me two more breakfast meals on a separate tray. Then I walked around the corner to the table that the men had chosen as a resting spot. I put the tray on the table and laid my hand on the blue-eyed gentleman's cold hand.

He looked up at me, with tears in his eyes, and said, "Thank you."

I leaned over, began to pat his hand and said, "I did not do this for you. God is here working through me to give you hope."

I started to cry as I walked away to join my husband and son. When I sat down my husband smiled at me and said, "That is why God gave you to me, Honey, to give me hope."

We held hands for a moment and at that time, we knew that only because of the Grace that we had been given were we able to give. We are not church goers, but we are believers.

On my last evening of class, I returned with this story in hand and my instructor read it. Then she looked up at me and said, "Can I share this?"

I slowly nodded as she got the attention of the class.

She began to read and that is when I knew that we as human beings and being part of God, share this need to heal people and to be healed.

In my own way I had touched the people at McDonald's, my son, instructor, and every soul that shared the classroom on the last night I spent as a college student.

I graduated with one of the biggest lessons I would ever learn:

UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE.

Love and compassion is sent to each and every person who may read this and learn to ...

LOVE PEOPLE AND USE THINGS - NOT LOVE THINGS AND USE PEOPLE.





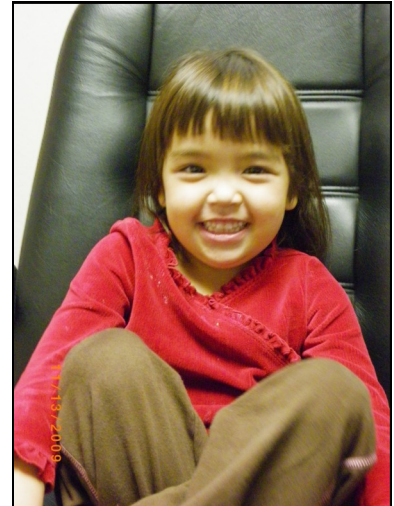
Some pictures from our November Stated Meeting.



From the Clinic!!!

Ainur is a playful and endearing 5 year old girl who has been seen at the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic twice a week for the past year. Ainur's parents first noticed delays her with speech and oral motor skills at 11 months of age. She was evaluated through her healthcare provider, however they did not cover speech and language services. Ainur's preschool encouraged her mother to seek services at this clinic.

When treatment began, Ainur appeared to understand language well, however she displayed a severe oral motor disorder and decreased sound production. This drastically limited her ability to communicate with words and be understood by others. Ainur has a very playful and gregarious personality. She is full of life and loves to interact with people. At nearly 4 years old, she was definitely showing signs that she was embarrassed and frustrated when not understood. Ainur's mother stated, "She use to scream loudly to get her needs met. This was a source of stress in our household. She rarely screams now, which makes our home a more relaxing place to be."



Ainur has made amazing progress over the last year. Her therapy has been very intensive and requires a lot of time and commitment from her parents to carryover her treatment to the home setting. When treatment was initiated, Ainur needed intensive oral motor exercises to work on the strength and control of her jaw, lips, cheeks and tongue. She used approximately 10 words and most of her underlying speech and language weaknesses had not yet been identified. Her oral motor and speech patterns were similar to that of a much younger child. Ainur had difficulty closing her lips, controlling the movement of her jaw, protruding and retracting her lips, moving her tongue and controlling her secretions. She had difficulty producing and coordinating the muscle movements necessary to make earlier developing sounds such as /p/, /b/, /m/, /d/ and /t/.

Ainur is now speaking in sentences up to 5-6 words long. She has made great progress with her speech sound development. Her mother stated, "Ainur's speech has significantly improved. She can now speak in full sentences and can communicate her needs." Ainur is also using many sound "approximations" which means she may not be making the sound perfectly but it is close enough that she can be understood by others. Her expressive language has grown considerably, with some of her favorites including "oh right" and "no way Jose." Ainur's oral motor control has continued to improve. She is gaining control of her jaw movements and has improved her lip closure enough to blow a variety of whistles.

Ainur's mother stated that, "The high quality of services and level of professionalism at this clinic are very rewarding. Our family feels fortunate to be receiving services here. We adopted Ainur from Kazakhstan, which was a significant financial endeavor. We don't know what we would have done without these services. It is difficult to get along in this world without being able to speak."

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trative area, the center is in excellent condition for Christmas and the New Year. Please try to attend our December stated meeting and the dinner following. I guarantee a good time for all.

Hazel and I, and the staff at the San Jose Scottish Rite Center wish everyone a blessed Christmas and a glorious and prosperous New Year. Please keep in touch, and remember to keep the spirit of Christmas in your heart all year long.

Robert S. Luntz

November/Donations:



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** In Memory of:*

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In Memoriam...

Bro. Walter F. Buescher

Feb. 10, 1912 - Nov. 17, 2009



If you know
of anyone who is
ill, please
call the
office at
408-978-7483!



Special Notes:

*Happy Holidays to All
this holiday season!*





From the Master of Kadosh

Brethren,

Why are there 12 days of Christmas and when are they?

Christmastide is a 12-day liturgical period that runs from Christmas day through January 5. The following day is Epiphany, which celebrates the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus, described in the Bible, Matthew 2:1-12.

The Magi, or Wise Men, were a trio of high-powered Zoroastrian Priest/Astrologers from Persia, who brought carefully chosen gifts:

- * Gold, the perennial precious metal, as a symbol of kingship on earth.
- * Frankincense, an aromatic resin from the Boswellia tree, as a symbol of priesthood.
- * Myrrh, a dark resin often used for embalming, as a symbol of death.

The role of the Magi in the story is to validate the royal status of the infant Jesus, as well as to foreshadow the events of his life. If the Bible account is in any way historical, it would suggest a dramatic cross-cultural, interfaith event.

Historically, the Epiphany was the more significant feast day for centuries. Christmas began to emerge as a significant feast day during the High Middle Ages, 1000 to 1300 CE.

Christmas was actually banned by the Puritans in England in 1647, during the days of the Commonwealth. When Charles II became king in 1660, he restored the holiday and its celebrations. The Puritans did the same thing in Boston for 22 years.

When King George III married Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, in the early 1800s, she introduced him to the German custom of the "Christmas tree." The Germans used to decorate their trees with apples, nuts, dates, pretzels, and paper flowers.

The practice of gift giving is not related to the Biblical story of the Magi. Nor did it begin with the original Santa

Claus persona.

This tradition centers around a character originally known as "Father Christmas." Originally Father Christmas was a mysterious fellow who came from somewhere in the far north, such as Lapland. He brought the spirit of good cheer during the Christmas season, in contrast to the Puritan ideal of avoiding celebrations. However, Father Christmas did not bring or distribute gifts, not was he children-oriented.

That all changed. Eventually, Father Christmas metamorphosed into Santa Claus, Saint Nicolas, Papa Noël, Weihnachtsmann, Julemanden, Babbo Natale, or one of many other names. And this guy is busy. So are his little elves, in their covert form as parents and grandparents, uncles and aunts.

Christmas has become one big economic stimulus package. Is all this gift giving activity a bad thing? A lot of

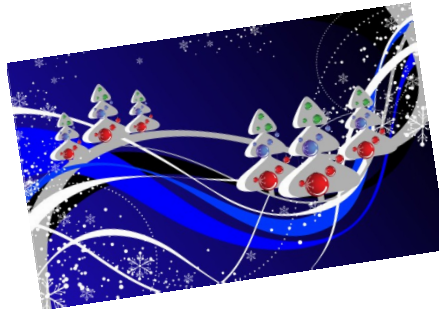
people think it misses the point. It makes Christmas a big commercial exercise. That's like the Puritans, who, in their day, felt Christmas had become too much of a party.

When I watch people shopping for their loved ones, I see individuals planning for a big moment: when the recipient opens the gift. They want that moment

to be one of excitement, surprise, and joy. Sometimes it even works that way. It's hard to find something wrong with bringing a little joy to somebody you care about.

Another way to give is anonymously, by contributing to your favorite charity. Well-known and respected outfits like Second Harvest, The American Cancer Society, and Disabled American Veterans receive support from the general public. But Masonic charities, such as the Scottish Rite Children's Clinic, are supported almost entirely from members of the Masonic Fraternity, their families and estates.

Our Clinic is the first, last, and only source of treatment for an increasing number of children in the community. With California mired in financial problems, school services for problem students have been cut. As a result, Clinic enrollment is higher and the waiting list is longer than ever in history. So consider adding the Clinic to your Christmas list.



From the Venerable Master



Greetings from the East,
Brethren,

Over the recent Thanksgiving weekend, I took a few moments and reflected on what the San Jose Scottish Rite had to be thankful for in this past year.

-We successfully made the change over to the new Degree rituals one of first in California to have done so.

-Our degree teams have recruited enthusiastic new members.

-We have instituted the new Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal on Maundy Thursday.

-The Remembrance and Renewal team was invited by the Santa Cruz Scottish Rite Club to present it in Santa Cruz.

The evening was well attended and well received.

-In spite of the economic turmoil of the past year, our Language Clinic has been able to continue serving children with language disorders at a level close to past years.

-More and more members are taking part in the Supreme Council's Master Craftsman program.

-Scottish Rite and Masonic education is being warmly received in the Valley of San Jose. The Nights of Instruction and Festive Agape Banquets were well received and more are being planned for 2010.

-We are seeing more side-liners at the Reunions and stated meetings.

-Our Knights of St. Andrew are growing in number. At the June Regional Reunion in Long Beach there was an outstanding 29th Degree.

As the Old Year is coming to an end give some thought about how you participated in benefited from the San Jose Scottish Rite's 2009 and activities. Then consider sharing this with your Blue Lodge brethren.

My family and I wish the blessings of this Holiday Season on all you and your families.

Richard M. Fisher - Venerable Master

SPRING 2010 REUNION

13 Apr.2010 (Stated Meeting) Confer 4th degree after meeting and dinner.

27 Apr. 2010 Communicate 5th – 11th, and 13 degrees and confer 12th and 14th degrees.
(Dinner for Scottish Rite Masons Only)

30 April and 1 May 2010

Communicate 15th - 17th degrees and confer 18 degree on Friday evening.

Communicate 19th - 28th and 31st degrees; and confer 29th, 30th, and 32nd degrees.

BANQUET AFTER THE DEGREES - GUESTS ARE WELCOME!



December Stated Meeting Dinner



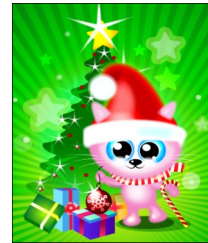
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- * Assorted Appetizers *
- * *Smoked Ham with raisin sauce*
- * *Sweet Potatoes*
- * *Sweet Corn Soufle'*
- * *Caesar Salad*
- * *Vegetarian Dish*
- * *Dinner Rolls*
- * *Apple Pie*



For the Lighter Side of things...



There's a man, walking down the street at 1 in the morning and he's very drunk.

A policeman stops him and asks: Where are you going in that condition?

Man: Il'mm on mmyy waayyy to a lecttuurre on FFreemmassonrrry.

Officer: Where can you possibly get a lecture on Freemasonry at this time of night?

Man: Frromm mmyy wifffe, wwhenn I gget homme!

Membership is always important:

PROPOSITION/PETITION

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

I believe in the inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order and undying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, the entire separation of church and state as set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America. Wholeheartedly believing in the foregoing, I respectfully apply for membership with San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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*Share your own enjoyment of Scottish Rite.
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Future Scottish Rite Events:

December 5, 2009 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

Followed by the Clinic Christmas Party from noon to 3:00 PM

December 8, 2009 - December Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM w/ Dinner following @ 7:15 PM

December 11, 2009 - FRIDAY LUNCH BUNCH at Noon. Please call to make reservations.

December 25th—Christmas Day

Office closed from Dec 28 thru Jan 3rd.

Have a Great Christmas and we will see you soon!

Friday Lunch Bunch is here again! Join us!