

# THE RITE WORD



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SCOTTISH RITE BODIES OF THE VALLEY OF  
SAN JOSE

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From the Personal Representative:

The message from the Personal Representative, this month is not of my making. It is a message of dedication to an ideal that has been demonstrated through the life of a brother who has passed from labor, and is now at home.

Bill Nelson leaves a legacy in San Jose Scottish Rite that is seldom equaled, and never surpassed. His contribution to this Valley is legendary. Joining Masonry in 1949, after a distinguished career in the Army, he was first a member of Santa Cruz Lodge #38, and then, having moved to Mountain View, he joined Josiah Roller Lodge in 1958. Bill's mantra was Service; service to God, service to his family, his work, his lodge, and to the other Masonic organizations he belonged to. As we reflect on the rich history of this Valley, Bill Nelson's name emerges as one of the prime contributors to those memories.

He was Wise Master of the Council of Rose Croix in 1980, and Master of Kadosh in the Consistory in 1992, but his contributions to the craft didn't stop there. He was well known for his work in the "Rose Upon the Altar" play that our members presented, was active in the Choir, and was involved in several of the degrees, serving as Degree Director in the 18<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>, from time to time. In the 30<sup>th</sup> degree, Bill was most noted for his ability to kick the mitre across the floor of the stage, at times sending it into the lap of some unsuspecting candidate sitting in the front row of the audience.

Another of Bill's famous efforts was the rolling of newspapers for Scottish Rite, selling these papers to the Flower Growers Association and receiving cash support for the Childhood Language Clinic. It has been variously estimated that his return to the support of the Clinic amounted to somewhere in the neighborhood of eight thousand dollars per year, which he did for about twelve or fifteen years, and returning almost one hundred thousand dollars. In rolling the papers, he did so unobtrusively and quietly, though he always encouraged the involvement of other members. Few of us can ever equal such a contribution.

Beside his work for Scottish Rite, he was Master of his Lodge in



1977, and President of Morrill W. Marston Chapter #413, National Sojourners, and Commander of John Drake Sloat Chapter, Heroes of '76. He was well recognized in the area as one of the principle members of the Hero's "Color Guard" and "Flag Building Team", performing for service clubs, civic organizations, lodges, hospitals and schools.

Bill was also active in DeMolay, where he long held the prestigious DeMolay Legion of Honor, recognizing his service to the youth of Northern California.

All these characteristic traits and contributions add up to an overall picture of one who lead by example, and never backed down in his willingness to serve his fellow man, as well as his family. Space, as you can well see, prevents me from exploring Bill's untiring work in the interest of his church, his country, his family, and his friends.

Always a handsome and outgoing man, his sense of humor was contagious, and when, in 1976, he lost an eye and a good part of the left side of his cheekbone and the roof of his mouth to cancer, he simply slowed down for a few months, soon picking up the pace again and performing at warp speed as before. His example to his friends and fellows was, if anything greater than before.

Of course, we miss Bill, but his spirit and the contributions he has made to our order will survive for many, many years. One sad note about his death is that there are, and will be, many young members who will not have known him personally. It will be the duty of those of who did know Illustrious Bill Nelson 33<sup>o</sup>, to make his spirit survive in all that we do, perpetuating his memory in our lives and trying to emulate his example to all we do.

Fraternally,

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The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of San Jose, in the Orient of California, acknowledge and yield all allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

From the Secretary's Table:



Brethren,  
**W**hat an honor it has been to complete another year as your General Secretary! Thank you all for your patience and understanding!

Looking back over the minutes of the meetings for both the Bodies and the Foundation for the year 2009 was quite an education. Although we have had a sea of troubles in the financial sector, and although we have had a number of our brothers reach the end of their earthly toils, the ship is still afloat in peaceful waters and we continue to make progress.

This year will prove to be interesting at the very least. Our new corps of Officers are already known for their ability to “think outside of the box” and you might be surprised with some of the things that could not ever be done, started and (hopefully) completed. The 2010 appeal for support for the clinic has garnered your support and with only 20% of the members having been heard from an average contribution of \$56.12 per member has so far resulted.

Very soon you will receive information about some very new support that has been committed from the Willow Glen community and a nearby service club. Stay tuned!

Those of you who could attend the annual Installation of Officers will attest to a very enjoyable evening. Our Installing Officer (M.W. Ken Nagel, 33°) and our Master of Ceremonies (Ill. Bob Winter, 33°) were superlative in the presentation and installation of our Officers, to the enjoyment of all present. The food and refreshments following and the “Arch of Unity” was an added enjoyable addition for the evening. If you missed the it, you might check some of the pictures and plan to be with us next year. We do our level best to be certain that the evening will be enjoyable. (Most often we succeed.)

My very last comment for this month is to thank Angela Athans for coming to San Jose Scottish Rite. With Mary Lou's retirement, she had big shoes to fill. She has endeared herself to our members; brought a needed freshness to our rental program, and in general, made life at the San Jose Scottish Rite Center much more enjoyable for everyone. Thanks Angela!

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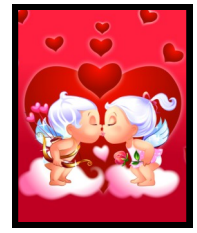
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**Thank you to all who Donate ! It is so greatly appreciated by Scottish Rite, the Clinic and Our children !**

## In Memory of..

- Bro. William Nelson**
- By Bro. Leo Mark**
- By Bro.W.M. Schotanus**
- By Mrs. Thelma Gates-Jackson**
- By Mr. Elmer F. Krebsbach**
- By Ms. Jacqueline Kendall**



**Happy Valentine's Day!**

2010 Installation of Officers



## *February Notes and News*

### **The Scottish Rite Scholarship Application is now on-line but .....**

...the deadline for the applications for this year is now behind us. Please help next year's effort by getting students who will be eligible for the 2011 Scholarships "up to speed" and prepared early. Many of the applications received this year were postmarked on the very last day of the deadline. Although the cost of a college education has increased dramatically, a potential 4 year grant from the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation for \$2,500 per year, or \$10,000 for four years is not "chicken feed".

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**Join us at our Stated Meeting this month for a reception honoring M.W. Ken Nagel, Grand Master of Masons in California. We promise to keep the meeting short, the introductions minimum, and all else at the highest level of enjoyment possible!**

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**Are you participating in any of the Scottish Rite Degrees, in any way? If not, and that is something that you might enjoy, then call our Secretary and he will put you in touch with one of the degree directors. *(It is possible that he might adopt you to help him in the preparation and production of a degree.)***

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Again, congratulations are in order for all the new officers, both elected and appointed. In addition, the comments received have been very complementary for the entire evening. All Installing Officers, including the Knights of St. Andrew are to be complemented for outstanding work!

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### RECENT 50 YEAR CELEBRATIONS



**TONY MARIANI**



**CLAIRE WATKINS**



## From the Clinic!!!

**G**abriel is an endearing six year old boy who was referred to the San Jose Childhood Language Disorders Clinic by his teacher because he was very difficult to understand. An evaluation conducted at our clinic found that Gabriel had a severe articulation disorder as he had difficulty producing early developing sounds, left off sounds in most of his words, and also distorted sounds during his speech. This combination of speech difficulties made it hard for Gabriel to be understood by his family and friends, which often made him upset.

Since treatment started Gabriel has improved tremendously. Most significantly, Gabriel's family has noticed changes in his self-esteem. His mother said that Gabriel "talks and talks", asks questions and can now participate in conversation at home during family events like dinner-time and during a movie. She said that "Best of all, he can tell you how he feels and he does not look frustrated anymore!"

Gabriel's family described their experience at the San Jose Childhood Language Disorders Clinic as "very helpful" and "very professional". While our clinic has worked hard to help Gabriel, his parents have also been integral with Gabriel's improvement in speech. Thanks to their commitment to consistent attendance and completion of homework, Gabriel has made significant strides with his speech development. Gabriel is a pleasure to work with. His can-do attitude and hard work are exceptional.

*"Thanks for helping us as a family and for having Rachel as my child's Speech-Language Pathologist. She knows how to make Gabriel practice his words and have fun at the same time."*

*As a speech pathologist, I often ask patients to tell me a personal story in order to get them to open up. Here's one man's tale:*

*"My friend wanted a boat more than anything. His wife kept refusing, but he bought one anyway. 'I'll tell you what,' he told her. 'In the spirit of compromise, why don't you name the boat?' Being a good sport, she accepted. And when her husband went to the dock for his maiden voyage, this is the name he saw painted on the side: For Sale."*

### Clinic Director's Message:

**A**s your new Director of the San Jose Scottish Rite Children's Language Disorders Clinic, it is my goal to increase the number of children being seen and helped.

The San Jose Clinic is currently helping 54 children and completed over 208 treatment hours in December, as well as participating in San Jose Scottish Rite's annual holiday party for patients and their families. Due to a large waiting list of children still in need of help and a reduction in donations as a result of the current economic downturn, we will be focusing on fundraising for the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation, in particular.

If you would like to contribute to Your San Jose Scottish Rite Children's Language Disorders Clinic, please send your donation today.

Respectfully,

**Durward C. Ayre, VM**

Clinic Director



**Shut-Ins**

<b><u>Robert Schmidt</u></b>	PO Box 1689, Sonoma, CA 95476-1689	707-939-1412
<b><u>Howard Wright</u></b>	Westgate Villa 5425 Mayme Avenue, San Jose CA. 95129 ( VISITORS MOST WELCOME ! )	Please No Calls
<b><u>Don Yeager</u></b>	702 S. Mary, Sunnyvale, CA 94087-1602	408-720-8069
<b><u>Leroy Becker</u></b>	600 Hudson Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95051-5815	408-248-3199

**Permanent Shut-Ins**

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<b><u>Robert Gass</u></b>	VA Nursing Home Care, Rm.258, 4951 Arroya Rd. ,	
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<b><u>Wyatt Sawyer</u></b>	14500 Fruitvale Ave. #2253 - Saratoga 95070-6179	408-741-7306
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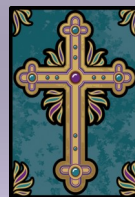
**\* In Memoriam...**

**Bro. George E. Cilker**

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**Bro. Eldon Mabie**

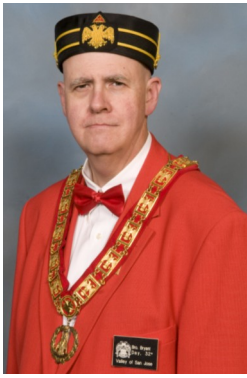
**Bro. Hugh S. Thomas**



( If you know someone has passed, please feel free to call and notify us here. Thank you! )



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



### From the Wise Master

I had thought that I might do a bit of research for my first contribution to the Rite Word as Wise Master. I pulled out my encyclopedia of Freemasonry and looked up Rose-Croix. What I found was such a rambling discourse that I started to wonder what I'd gotten myself into.

The encyclopedia entry runs one page and that entire page consists of just two paragraphs! Here's an example of just the first three sentences of the entry:

*"Chef d'oeuvre* as it is of the old RITE OF PERFECTION, the GRADE OF ROSE-CROIX is not a perfect Grade, though *ex hypothesi* it confers perfection. It contains, however, great and significant intimation. I could wish that it might be possible to set out the scheme of procedure, and thus indicate at what points it speaks to the Candidate with a most eloquent tongue of symbolism and where the voice flags."

Well, brevity has never been a strong point of Masonry – short form closing notwithstanding.

My next stop was that standard of reference for the 21<sup>st</sup> century – Wikipedia! Why I had never looked at Wikipedia for information about Rose Croix or the Scottish Rite escapes me. It contains a wealth of information in extremely concise and easy to read format. Also, by the very nature of a wiki, the content is constantly open for revision and updates. Unlike most history that gets diluted and distorted over time, a wiki gets MORE accurate.

In just the first search, I discovered that, of the four possible matches offered by Wikipedia, number three was "Scottish Rite, a Masonic Rite known as Rose Croix in England and Wales."

Ah ha! Now that rambling entry in the encyclopedia made a little more sense. Then, in reading the actual entry I discovered that the earliest recorded conferral

of the "Scotch Master" or "Scottish Master" degree was 1733 and appears to have been performed by visiting freemasons at a special meeting.

Reading a bit further finds a reference to the Encyclopedia of Freemasonry. Hmmm, my copy is copyrighted 1970 but reviewing the text referenced above, I think that some of the content just *MIGHT* have been plagiarized. It's just my opinion, mind you, but it seems to me that the grammar referenced above would be more appropriate to the original publication date of 1822 rather than 1970.

The wiki entry contains a fairly large section on Albert Pike. Born in 1809, He became a Scottish Rite mason in 1853 and was appointed Deputy Inspector for Arkansas that same year. Only four years later he had begun revising all of the Scottish Rite degrees, completing his work in 1883. This would mean that, when he communicated the degrees in San Jose on 16 May 1883, it would have been one of the very first communications of the revised degrees!

It occurred to me that A Bridge to Light, our standard gift to new Scottish Rite brethren after they have completed their degrees, would be worth revisiting at this point.

I opened the book to "The 18<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight of the Rose Croix" and the very first paragraph is "Duties: Practice virtue that it may produce fruit. Labor to eliminate vice, purify humanity. Be tolerant of the faith and creed of others."

Well, that was a whole lot easier to handle, but I won't deny that this was fun getting here. Sometimes it's refreshing to take the long way home.

At the request of our Brother Secretary, a shorter message will follow next month.

Fraternally,

**Bryant Day**

Wise Master



From the Venerable Master

Brethren and Ladies:

I would like to welcome and congratulate the new officers of the Bodies and thank them for accepting their respective obligations. In addition, I would again like to thank the members of the Valley of San Jose for the opportunity to serve as Venerable Master. I look forward to working with all of you this year to help make San Jose Scottish Rite and our Language Disorders Clinic more successful.

Please plan to attend our February 9<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting and Reception, honoring Most Worshipful Ken Nagel, Grand Master of Masons in California, 33<sup>o</sup>, his officers and their ladies. We are fortunate that Most Worshipful Ken continues to spend time with San Jose Scottish Rite, despite his considerable duties as Grand Master.

I hope that you have already identified one or more Master Masons as candidates for San Jose Scottish Rite membership, so that we may have a **record-breaking** class in April.

Respectfully,

*Durward C. Ayre*, 32<sup>o</sup> KCCH  
Venerable Master

## SPRING 2010 REUNION

**13 Apr.2010 (Stated Meeting) Confer 4<sup>th</sup> degree after meeting and dinner.**

**27 Apr. 2010 Communicate 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, and 13 degrees and confer 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> degrees.**

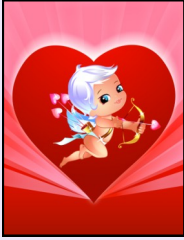
**(Dinner for Scottish Rite Masons Only)**

**30 April and 1 May 2010**

**Communicate 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> degrees and confer 18 degree on Friday evening.**

**Communicate 19<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> degrees; and confer 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and 32<sup>nd</sup> degrees.**

**BANQUET AFTER THE DEGREES - GUESTS ARE WELCOME!**



# February Stated Meeting Dinner




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Light Appetizers

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*Rice Pilaf*  
*Green Beans & Carrots*  
*Caesar Salad*  
*Dinner Rolls & butter*  
*Dessert*  
 &  
*(Vegetarian Entrée)*



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### For the Lighter Side of things...

The chairman of the Lodge Committee who, by tradition, happens to be the Senior Warden in my lodge, was hospitalized and unable to attend the committee meeting. In the morning he was pleased to receive a get-well message from the secretary, which read: "The committee took a decision to express their sincere good wishes for a speedy and complete recovery. Six in favor, three against, one abstention."

*Membership is always important:*

**PROPOSITION/PETITION**

ORIENT OF SAN JOSE  
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 2455 Masonic Drive – PO Box 18220, San Jose, CA. 95158-8220

Fee: \$300.00 *(must accompany this petition)*

(Please print or type)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by:

1: \_\_\_\_\_ 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**February 6, 2010 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)**

**February 9, 2010 - February Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM w/ Reception of our Grand Master following @ 7:15 PM - RESERVATIONS MANDATORY FOR THIS EVENT**

**February 12, 2010 - FRIDAY LUNCH BUNCH at Noon. Please call to make reservations.**

**March 6, 2010 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)**

**March 9, 2010 - March Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM Dinner following @ 7:15 PM**

**Join us for our Friday Lunch Bunch on February 12, 2010**