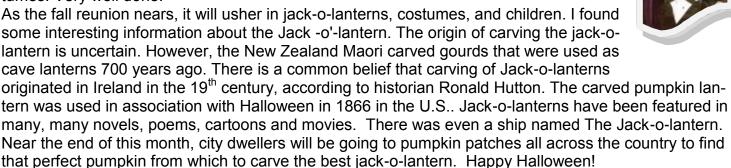


y Brothers and their Ladies,

Congratulations to the San Jose Consistory for putting on an absolutely marvelous Murder Mystery Dinner. The 50's theme produced many amusing and interesting costumes. Very well done!



. Fraternally, JACK (O-LANTERN) HARRIS - VENERABLE MASTER

My Brothers,

One of the items that the membership has requested is to have an instructional series around the Master Craftsman Program. So, we will be starting one up. The program will be once a week at the Scottish Rite on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month starting at 7pm. So, the first session will be held on October 20, 2015.

For this program we will be going over the brand new Master Craftsman program that was just released by Supreme Council. You can purchase your program directly from the store on the Scottish Rite Website http://www.scottishritestore.org. There are two ways to go: You can buy just the materials at a cost of \$40, or, you can get the materials with a copy of the new Annotated Edition of Morals and Dogma for \$65. Since the book itself retails for \$65, I would suggest getting the book with the package as you will need it for the program.

If you are brand new to the Master Craftsman program, you will need to complete the other courses first, but you are still encouraged to come down and go through the discussions at our monthly meetings.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Fraternally,

Gregg Hall, VMAP Chairman







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Greetings Sir Knights!

Well, it's Reunion time again and the KSA is ready! We look forward to serving you in any capacity that is needed to have this Reunion make an important impression on our new candidates. Let's all show these Brothers what Scottish Rite is all about!

On September Ist, the KSA performed an elevation Knighting ceremony called "Knight of the first order". This ceremony was very impressive to those being Knighted and a round of applause to Sir Martin Maxey, Sir Mike Sloan and Sir Brandon Duenas for performing this for us. Congratulations to TJ Jackson, Jack Holmes, Tom Tefft, John Unger, Will Montoya, Ric Bartlett and Roger Harpainter for being selected for this honor. These Brothers have been serving our KSA consistently and it is appreciated. We had a great time with friends and families who joined us for food and this Honorable event.

On September 5th, the KSA along with brethren, friends and family took a journey to the past and attended the I50th Scottish Highland games in Pleasanton! What a great time and plenty to do and see. Scottish Clans were gathered, Knights in armor were battling, athlete's competed, Historical reenactments captivated, traditional music was chiming and good food and drink were enjoyed. This event will hopefully be an annual one that all of you can see for yourselves. The KSA would like to thank the Valley for your support for this event!

On November 21st, please join the KSA for a Cabaret themed dinner and Magic show featuring "Hank the Magician"! Due to the sophistication of some of the tricks, this show is for adults only. Join us for great music, fine dining and a glimpse into the mystical realm of illusion. Tickets are \$25. Per person, please RSVP with myself or Hank. November 21st 6:30 pm social, 7:00 pm dinner, 8:00 pm show. Held at our Scottish Rite temple.

Look for some surprises from the KSA before years end. We are having a great time serving you this year! Carry on Sir Knights!

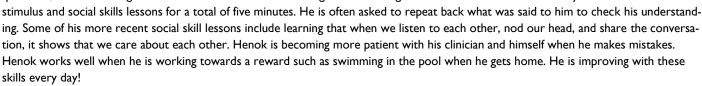
Jason Barnett, Chief Knight 2015



From the Clinic

Henok is a friendly nine year old boy who is being seen once a week for a 45 minute speech therapy session at our clinic. He has been attending speech therapy at our clinic for the last year secondary to a diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Henok is currently working on maintaining a friendly face, emo-

tional regulation, body language regulation, answering social skills questions, staying on topic, maintaining, asking questions, and turn taking in a conversation. He is also working on maintaining his attention and focus to auditory



His Mother, Fisehaye, wanted to share about her experience thus far at our clinic. "I heard about the San Jose Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic from a friend of mine. Before coming to your clinic Henok had a difficult time staying in a back and forth conversation. He also had a hard time expressing his thoughts, feelings, and needs. Since the treatment began at the Scottish Rite Clinic, my son is now able to express himself more, and stay in a back and forth conversation longer than before. He is also able to stay on task and talk about a subject more. I find it rewarding that Henok can come to your clinic and get help with his social skills. He is getting stronger at his weak points! He is also improving in school and home and becoming more independent. I have had a very good experience at this clinic. The staff is very kind, respectful, polite and professional. I recommend this clinic to other parents because I have seen a big change in my child's speech and language skills. I think other children will improve with their speech and language skills here too."







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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.

Knights of Saint Andrew - 'Knight of the 1st Order' Ceremony

Below - Bro John Unger, KSA Charter Member. Right, 3rd from left - Bro Bob Laws, KSA Charter Member











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R rethren,

From the Commander

As The Scottish Rite Fall Reunion slowly approaches and the cast members (both new and old) scamper around trying to learn their work (both on the floor and the oral speaking parts), I am being assured that the Lodges are also preparing for us more new candidates to bring into this realm of Brothers. To the best of my knowledge, we will be welcoming at least ten more new members, so open up the doors and make them feel like family.



About two weeks ago, I had the pleasure of being a part of a show put on by Brother Bud Ramsey. It was a Murder Mystery Dinner which he had been announcing at our own Scottish Rite Stated Meeting Dinners. It was a most enjoyable evening and I feel sad for those which missed out on this event. Maybe we can talk Bud into having another similar event.

Tuesday, October 27th is the beginning of our Fall Reunion where our new members are introduced into the 4th degree and the start of many other lessons to come as they travel from West to East. I wish both the candidate and the cast members, success in all they accomplish on their journey

Be well and GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

Will Montoya, Commander, Council of Kadosh

reetings everyone!

We had such a great time at our **MURDER MYSTERY DINNER**. Jack Harris was one of the "Best Costume" winners for the '50's theme so feel free to ask him about his choice of outfits. I didn't expect that I would be the victim and that the guilty party would be my son-in-law! (And before you ask, no...he's not out to get me and we get along fine!) I believe you may find a few pictures elsewhere in this newsletter.

Again I offer a bit of Masonic history/trivia for October. On October 1st, 1928, the Philalethes Society was organized. On October 11th, 1911, President-to-be Franklin D. Roosevelt received his 1st Degree in Holland Lodge No. 8 in New York City. On October 14th, 1989, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut recognized the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Connecticut. This was the first U.S. recognition of Prince Hall Masonry that remained in force, and led to similar actions by more than 2/3 of all U.S. Grand Lodges. On October 15th, 1794 the Grand Lodge of Vermont was organized and on October 16th, 1800, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. On October 20th, 1953, the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel was constituted. On October 30th, 1937, President-to-be Lyndon B. Johnson received his 1st Degree in Texas. As before, there are other Masonic events of note that happened in October and I've only mentioned a few. If you don't find this of interest, you can skip this paragraph in my next article.

As Scottish Rite Masons we should be recognizing those people that move within our circle making a difference. I want to share with you the following story:

Who Packed Your Parachute

Author (Inknown

Charles Plumb was a US Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience!

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!"

"How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb.

"I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he had looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat; a bib in the back; and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning, how are you?' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor." Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute?" Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. He also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory - he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognize people who pack your parachutes. Hope to see all of you at our Tuesday night meeting and dinner! Have a safe Halloween!

Bud Ramsey, Master of Kadosh

Fall 2015 Reunion Schedule

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 2015

530pm – 600pm Registration, Photo, Cap Sizing 600pm – 630pm Open Lodge of Perfection and

Class Orientation

630pm - 715pm Dinner (Lodge of Perfection to

host)

715pm - 815pm Confer 4th Degree

815pm - 830pm Break

830pm – 850pm Communicate 5th Degree 850pm – 950pm Confer 6th and 7th Degrees 950pm Close LOP/Class Dismissed

(Badges to Tiler)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30th, 2015

600pm - 715pm Open LOP & Communicate 8th -

IIth Degrees

715pm - 800pm Confer 12th Degree

800pm - 815pm Break

815pm - 845pm Communicate 13th Degree

845pm - 930pm Confer I4th Degree

930pm Close LOP/Class Dismissed

(Badges to Tiler)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 2015

900am - 910am Open Chapter Rose Croix

910am - 1015am Communicate 15th - 17th Degrees

1015am - 1145am Confer 18th Degree

1145am - 1230pm Lunch (Rose Croix to host)

1230pm - 1235pm Close RC/Open Council of Kadosh

1235pm - 105pm Confer 19th Degree

105pm - 150pm Communicate 20th/21st Degrees

150pm - 220pm Confer 22nd Degree

220pm Close Council of Kadosh/Class Dis

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, 2015

600pm - 640pm Dinner (Council of Kadosh to host)

640pm - 645pm Open Council of Kadosh

645pm - 815pm Communicate 23rd/28th Degrees

815pm - 830pm Break

830pm - 945pm Confer 29th Degree

1000pm Close Council of Kadosh/Class Dis

missed (Badges to Tiler)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 2015

900am - 905am Open Council of Kadosh

905am - 1005am Confer 30th Degree

1005am - 1010am Close Council/Open Consistory

1010am - 1050am Communicate 31st Degree

1050am - 1100am Break

1100am - 1115am Class Photo

1115am - 1200pm Lunch (Consistory to host)

1200pm - 130pm Confer 32nd Degree

130pm Close Consistory/Class Dis

missed (Badges to Tiler)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 2015

600pm - 630pm Stated Meeting 630pm - 700pm Social Hour

700pm - 830pm Dinner and Capping Ceremony

Ill. Hal Leister receives his 33° Name Badge from Ill. Ken Nagel at the Sept 8th Stated Meeting. Ill Hal received his 33° at the Biennial Session in Washington, DC on Aug 25th of this year.



Bro Hank Vlcek receives his Certificate for completing the Master Craftsman I Course from III. Ken Nagel.



S.R. History from "California's First Century of Scottish Rite Masonry-1962"

1861-IN THE BEGINNING

During the GOLD RUSH in 1849, thousands of treasure seekers poured into California.

After a period in the mining area many returned to cities with calloused hands and disappointment to match and among these were members of the Craft who decided to stay and make California their home. Some of the members had brought charters authorizing them to establish lodges. Fifteen Grand Lodges from the Atlantic seaboard and as far west as Missouri issued charters and dispensations

for the formation of lodges in California. In April 1850, before California became a state, representatives from five of these Grand Lodges assembled in Sacramento for the purpose of establishing a California Grand Lodge. They adopted a constitution and elected Jonathan D. Stevenson Grand Master. The Grand Lodge of California was now an official organization. Charters were issued and Masonry in California was under way.

According to the Federal Census, the population of the state in 1850 was 92,579. By the year 1860 there were 130 Blue Lodges in California with a total membership of 5,055. The population had increased to 379,597. Mail service had been speeded by the Overland Stage Coach which linked St. Joseph, Missouri and San Francisco, a distance of about 2,000 miles. The weekly schedule averaged 23 days. On April 14, 1860 the first rider of the Pony Express reached San Francisco carrying the mail. The average time between the Mississippi and San Francisco was about ten and one half days. Transportation and communication to California was slow, but people were moving by land and sea west to the Land of Gold. Included in this courageous trek were Scottish Rite Masons from both the Northern and Southern Jurisdiction.

Albert Pike, 33 degree, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, was preparing plans to establish the Rite in California. He had been in communicat-

ion with members of the California Craft and had received numerous recommend- ations for the establishment of the Scottish Rite and for the appointment of an Active Member of the Supreme Council in California.

At the Supreme Council Session held in Washington, D.C. during the month of March 1860, Albert Pike, 33 degree, made known in his address an earnest desire to extend the Rite to California immediately and to establish a Grand Consistory. Thus, on April 4, 1861 the Supreme Council met in New Orleans Masonic Hall and elected Milton V. Latham, a United States Senator from California and Sovereign Grand Inspector General in California and an Active Member of the Supreme Council. A week or so after this session the "War Between the States" began. This prevented Latham from more actively assuming his duties and responsibilities.

(Part II continues next month).

~~ Dell Bleiler, Wise Master

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Future Scottish Rite Events

Friday-Sunday, Oct 9-11 ~ Grand Lodge Annual Communication in San Francisco

Tuesday, Oct 13th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm ~ 7:00pm - Dinner ~ Program—Feast of Tishri

Saturday, Oct 17th ~ Reception for the NEW Grand Master, Most Worshipful DAVID PERRY @ 5pm

Sunday, Oct 18th ~ MONTHLY MASONIC GET TOGETHER - CASUAL DRESS!

At the home of Wors Will Montoya, 2999 Bradbury Dr, SJ. Bring some snacks to share!

Monday, Oct 19th ~ MONTHLY OAM MEETING - Host: Los Altos Lodge #712

6: 30pm ~ Dinner 7: 30pm ~ SOI—Grand Lodge Results, Elections, Reception of the Flag

Tuesday, Oct 27th ~ FALL 2015 REUNION BEGINS!!

6:00pm—Dinner ~ 7:15pm—Confer 4th Degree ~ 8:50pm— Confer 6th & 7th Degrees

Friday-Saturday, Oct 30th/31st ~ FALL 2015 REUNION CONTINUES!!

See Schedule of Events inside the Rite Word. PLEASE come out and support the Candidates and Ritual Teams.

Friday-Saturday, Nov 6th/7th ~ FALL 2015 REUNION CONTINUES!!

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Tuesday, Nov 10th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

6: 30pm - Social Hour ~ 7: 00pm - Dinner ~ Program—Capping Ceremony & 25/50 Year Pin Awards

Saturday, Nov 21st ~ Knights of St Andrew "CABARET NIGHT!" See article from the Chief Knight inside the Rite Word

Tuesday, Nov 24th~ 5:30pm—SJSR Foundation Board of Directors Mtg/Scottish Rite All Officers Meeting @ 7pm

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