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My Brothers and their Ladies,

The summer is slipping away and fall is grappling towards us. The fall season brings our reunion. Once again a cadre of members will be attending practices, getting their costumes in order and performing degrees. These members put in many hours into these degrees to make it the talk of the Bay Area. My Brothers, come to the Scottish Rite to see these degrees performed. They may give you more insight to the teachings of our Masonic heritage and pleasure to the members performing. I would like to congratulate the Council of Kadosh for putting together an outstanding outing to Mount Hamilton Grandview Restaurant. I will be pleased to see you all at the next stated meeting in September.

Fraternally, **JACK HARRIS - VENERABLE MASTER**



Greetings Sir Knights of our Valley....

We would like to start by giving a round of applause to our fellow Knights Jeff Hansen, Laurentiu Murgu, Jeffery Toone, Leopoldo Ornelas, TJ Jackson and Naresh Rampershad who were Knighted as Active members of the Knights of Saint Andrew at our July KSA meeting. Congrats Sir Knights and thank you for serving our order and Valley! We had a great night handling some business, the Knighting and of course enjoying some tasty food. See some pictures elsewhere in the Rite Word.



The Knights and members will be attending the Scottish Highland games in Pleasanton on Sept 5th. We were behind on planning this one which was my fault but a good time will be had and the next Chief Knight will benefit from lessons learned in planning this great event. A full report will accompany our next Rite article. Thank you to the four Officer bodies for their support.

The Knights would also like to thank Sir Knight Laurentiu Murgu for revamping the Valley's web site and particularly creating our **KSA web page**, please check it out. This is a huge step for us, thank you Brother!

Our second event to mark your calendars down for will be our **November 21st Cabaret themed Dinner and Magic show** featuring the mystical talents of "**Hank the Magician.**" The cost for the evening will be only \$25 per person and will include an incredible dinner, dancing and Magic! Due to the sophistication of the magic tricks, this show is for adults only. More information and flyer to come in the next article, as well as announcement at our next Scottish Rite Stated meeting. Attire will be tux or Black suits, dresses for the ladies. Friends and families welcome! Please RSVP with me or the SR Office.

The Knights will be perfecting our Knight of the First Order ceremony on Sept 1st. This Knighting is an elevation Knighting for KSA members and honorary members who have shown dedication to our order. This was created by our own Martin Maxey and is definitely something to see. We will announce our next ceremony at the Stated meeting. We are hoping to take this ceremony on the road and perform it for other Valleys. We hope you will join us. Thank all of you for supporting the KSA and let us know how we can better serve YOU! Thank you.

Jason Barnett, Chief Knight 2015

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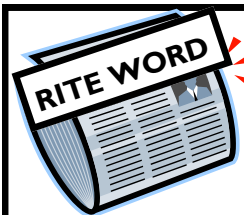
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Murder Mystery Dinner

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Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 6:00 PM

Catered Dinner - \$25.00

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Called from Labor:
Bro. Robert Frohock, 32°
August 3, 2015
Bro. Kenneth R. Knisley, 32°
July 27, 2015
Bro. Norman G. Campbell, 32°
October 14, 2014



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 We are not always contacted in a timely manner.
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 Please feel free to call anytime!
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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 Knighting Ceremony



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2015

Dinner Menu

Braised Tri Tip w/ mushroom gravy

Boneless Chicken Breast
with artichokes & mushrooms

Rice Pilaf

Baby Carrots

Caesar Salad

Fresh Rolls and butter

Dessert

Vegetarian plate upon request—In Advance!

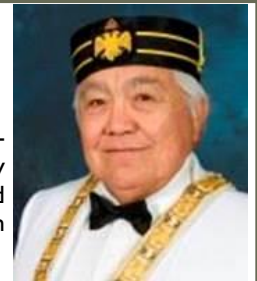
\$15 per person.

Reservations Required!!!

Cutoff - 5pm Friday, Sept 4th!

Brethren,

From the Commander



It was 6:30 in the later part of a very scorching July as I made my way up the narrow, winding road to my scheduled destination. As I made the last turn, I found myself in a parking lot filled beyond its capacity. Even the nearby road was inundated with vehicles of every make, shape, and model. I found a niche in which to stow my car and made my way to the restaurant where I had told my guests that we would meet and found the place packed with from wall to wall with people trying to get out of the heat.

Apparently, this is the neighborhood watering hole where all the locals come to get a cool drink before heading home after a day at work.

I wondered if I had made a mistake. Maybe I bit off more than I could chew. Only time and patience. would answer those questions since my guests had not started to arrive.

By 7:15, my guests had arrived and we found ourselves milling around the back patio deck, trying to find a little shade from the sun. We were assured that we would be seated and attended to by 7:30. Their promise was kept. We were seated and our orders were taken.

As we waited for our dinners to arrive, I noticed that the local patronage was slowly departing and the evening was cooling down. The sun was starting to sink into the horizon. People with cameras came out of the restaurant to patio deck and started taking pictures of the beautiful colors created by the setting sun and some of the city lights which were beginning to come on. I also noticed that the tone of voice as well as the facial expression had changed to a friendlier atmosphere.

Our dinners were served. The lights of the city were all coming on and looked like diamonds in the dark. Talk was good all-around as if the Supreme Architect of the Universe had planned it all and to top it all off, a super bright full moon appeared right over our gathering. I look around at all the guests and saw only smiling faces. If anything was not right this night, I know that I would be forgiven, for I was with my family "SCOTTISH RITE MASONS".

Thank you all for making this event a very special night for me.

Be well and GOD BLESS YOU ALL !

Will Montoya, Commander, Council of Kadosh

Greetings everyone!

It's September and I again want to call your attention to an event we have coming up this month on September 12th, at 6:00 PM at Scottish Rite. It's a **MURDER MYSTERY DINNER**. This is a '50's theme so feel free to come in costume. There'll be an award for best costume. Tickets are only \$25.00 but must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. See the flier elsewhere in this newsletter for more details. This should be a lot of fun and I hope to see all of you there! We'll have a *killer* time! (Okay, okay...my humor is as bad as ever.)



Again I offer a bit of Masonic history/trivia for September. On September 11th, 2000, the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of D.C. and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of D.C. signed a ceremonial proclamation symbolizing their mutual recognition that had been voted on favorably by both Grand Lodges in 1999. On September 12th, 1826, William Morgan, who had published an expose of Masonic secrets, was taken from the jail in Canandaigua, New York, kidnapped, and (possibly) later murdered. This was the trigger for the Morgan Affair (mentioned last month) and the anti-masonic movement and Anti-masonic Party in the US from the 1820's through the 1840's. On September 18th, 1793, the cornerstone of the United States Capitol building in Washington D.C. was laid in an elaborate, formal Masonic ceremony, with George Washington personally playing a key role and wearing Masonic regalia. And on September 26th, 1872, the Shrine of North America (AAONMS) was organized in New York City. As before, there are other Masonic events of note that have happened in September but space limits what I can share. I hope those just mentioned you find to be of interest.

As Scottish Rite Masons we endeavor to strive to be better. In keeping with that, I want to share with you the following as food for thought:

The Triple Filter Test

Author Unknown

In ancient Greece, Socrates was reputed to hold knowledge in high esteem. One day an acquaintance met the great philosopher and said, "Do you know what I just heard about your friend?"

"Hold on a minute," Socrates replied. "Before you talk to me about my friend, it might be good idea to take a moment and filter what you're going to say. That's why I call it the triple filter test. The first filter is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

"Well, no," the man said, "actually I just heard about it and..."

"All right," said Socrates. "So you don't really know if it's true or not. Now, let's try the second filter, the filter of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my friend something good?"

"Umm, no, on the contrary..."

"So," Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about my friend, but you're not certain it's true. You may still pass the test though, because there's one filter left—the filter of Usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my friend going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really."

"Well," concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither true, nor good, nor even useful, why tell it to me at all?"

Let us think before we speak. Thomas Paine once said, "**Character is much easier kept than recovered.**" Hope to see all of you at our Tuesday night meeting and dinner!

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 4 th Degree
815pm – 830pm	Break
830pm – 850pm	Communicate 5 th Degree
850pm – 950pm	Confer 6 th and 7 th Degrees
950pm	Close LOP/Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30th, 2015

600pm - 715pm	Open Lodge of Perfection & Communicate 8 th - 11 th Degrees
715pm - 800pm	Confer 12 th Degree
800pm - 815pm	Break
815pm - 845pm	Communicate 13 th Degree
845pm - 930pm	Confer 14 th Degree
930pm	Close LOP/Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 2015

900am - 910am	Open Chapter Rose Croix
910am - 1015am	Communicate 15 th – 17 th Degrees
1015am - 1145am	Confer 18 th Degree
1145am - 1230pm	Lunch (Rose Croix to host)
1230pm - 1235pm	Close RC/Open Council of Kadosh
1235pm - 105pm	Confer 19 th Degree
105pm - 150pm	Communicate 20 th —21 st Degrees
150pm - 220pm	Confer 22 nd Degree
220pm	Close Council of Kadosh/Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, 2015

600pm - 640pm	Dinner (Council of Kadosh to host)
640pm - 645pm	Open Council of Kadosh
645pm - 815pm	Communicate 23 rd —28 th Degrees
815pm - 830pm	Break
830pm – 945pm	Confer 29 th Degree
1000pm	Close Council of Kadosh/Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 2015

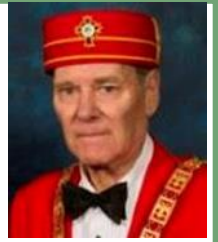
900am - 905am	Open Council of Kadosh
905am - 1005am	Confer 30 th Degree
1005am - 1010am	Close Council/Open Consistory
1010am – 1050am	Communicate 31 st Degree
1050am - 1100am	Break
1100am - 1115am	Class Photo
1115am - 1200pm	Lunch (Consistory to host)
1200pm – 130pm	Confer 32 nd Degree
130pm	Close Consistory/Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 2015

600pm - 630pm	Stated Meeting
630pm - 700pm	Social Hour
700pm - 830pm	Dinner and Capping Ceremony



So there I was at the July Scottish Rite “All Officer’s Meeting”, and I arrived early to beat the horrendous traffic that now exists on the highways in the mornings and evenings. I drove alone and had previously learned all the back roads from north county to get to get to S. R. on “the Hill”. At the meeting and after all the regular business was concluded, M.W. Ken Nagel blithely passed out his 25 page copies of what we had to do at the August Festive Board of Fellowship Program. “Oh boy!” I thought, “here it comes.”



While frightening at first, it was well presented and covered every step of the way in detail. As a junior officer of Rose Croix my previous duties were to pour the proper wine into the proper glasses without dropping the bottle or spilling any of the wine on the ladies and gentlemen’s clothing, and I always did pretty good. But now I was “Wise Master” and I would be sitting up on the platform dias right in front of Grand Master, M.W. Russ Charvonia, and be called upon to make the Third Toast.

Well, I’ve got to tell you, I did OK. While scary at first, one of the things you learn, both in the Lodge as in Scottish Rite is to be able to step up to do what you have to do and then just do it. Of course practice helps, practice–practice–practice, and the whole evening program went well. A wonderful turnout, many dear friends, great introductions, fine food, And of course Great Toasts—and if I were to ever be so called on again I would want to repeat my Toast from memory.

“... To The Craft Withersoever Dispersed! . . . Vivat, Vivat, Vivat”

“... To The San Jose Scottish Rite Members! . . Vivat, Vivat, Vivat”

“... To The San Jose Scottish Rite Officers! . . . Vivat, Vivat, Vivat”

“... To The Chapter Rose Croix Officers! Vivat, Vivat, Vivat”

“... To The California Grand MasterVivat, Vivat, Vivat”

~~ Dell Bleiler, Wise Master

From the Clinic

Do you ever wonder if what we do at our clinic really makes a difference? Rest assured; it does! We have an amazing job of touching the lives of families and their children and what a blessing it is to reach out to them and make a concrete change in their lives. Thank you time and again for putting your support behind this clinic. The families that we service each day are so grateful and we, as the Speech and Language Pathologists at this clinic, are humbled by the opportunities we have to work in the lives of others. Many of these families would not get any services without our clinic because they have been turned away or cannot afford to pay for treatment out of pocket. Wow! It truly amazes me that the San Jose Scottish Rite continues to reach out to families in need when other organizations do not have the ability or maybe the desire. Thank you for your ongoing support of our speech and language clinic. We are truly grateful. And, this little note that I received from a recent graduate and his mother of our program is meant for all of you. Thank you! *Rachel Sense, Clinician*



“Dear Rachel,

Thank you for giving Derek speech. You’ve done a tremendous job and we are very grateful! Derek has always looked forward to his appointments and I have been extremely impressed with the right-on-target goals and your technical expertise. We are both going to miss you! Thanks so much! Dyan and Derek”



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Future Scottish Rite Events

Saturday, Sept 5th ~ HIGHLAND GAMES in Pleasanton. Tickets—\$15. See Chief Knight column for more info

Tuesday, Sept 8th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

6:30pm — Social Hour 7:00pm — Dinner

Thursday, Sept 10th ~ Constitutional Observance Night @ SJ Scottish Rite ~ Open to all Masons, Ladies & Friends

6:30pm—Dinner—\$20 ~ 7:30pm—Program ~ Reservations — 408-224-9431 or email: budsusanr@att.net

Saturday, Sept 12th @ 6:30pm ~ MYSTERY DINNER (see flyer inside Rite Word)

Sunday, Sept 20th ~ MONTHLY MASONIC GET TOGETHER - CASUAL DRESS!

At the home of Wors Naresh Rampershad, 5802 Blossom Ave, SJ

Monday, Sept 21st ~ MONTHLY OAM MEETING_ - Host: Golden Rule Lodge #479

6:30pm ~ Dinner 7:30pm ~ SOI—Grand Lodge Preview, Calling down

Tuesday, Sept 22nd ~ Scottish Rite All Officers Meeting @ 7pm Light Refreshments provided

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

Tuesday, Oct 13th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm ~ 6:30pm - Social Hour 7:00pm - Dinner

Saturday, Oct 17th ~ Reception for the NEW Grand Master, Most Worshipful DAVID PERRY @ 4pm

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

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