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From the Personal Representative:

There are a couple of brothers in our midst that the membership should be critically aware of and on guard that they don't lead us all astray. Our Director of Ceremonies, Hal Leister, 32° and Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Chuck Cowden, 32° have to be watched continually or they're going to get us into trouble. <GRIN>



The latest plot these two have hatched is to invite Ill. Brother Ernie Borgnine, 33° to our next reunion, feature him as keynote speaker at our closing banquet, and name the reunion in his honor. To make matters worse, they pressured me into going along with the scheme, and I've sent off a letter to Bro. Ernie inviting him to the event and we will now await his pleasure.

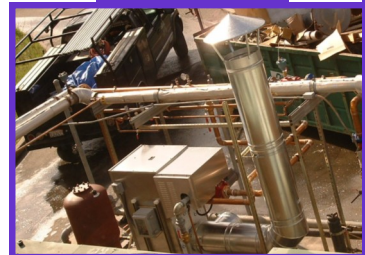
Part of the reason I am bringing this matter to the attention of the members is not just to be on guard against an attempt by Brothers Hal and Chuck to get us into inextricable straights, but to be on the lookout for candidates to take advantage of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be a part of a class that has for its namesake a living legend. Ill. Bro Ernie won an Oscar for his 1955 starring role in "Marty", and was recently a nominee for the Golden Globe award for the Hallmark production of "A Grandpa for Christmas".

While **nothing is assured as to his joining us on April 12**, I am making this announcement now so that all who are able may enlist their candidates for this memorable event and for each of us to make our reservations as early as possible.

The innovations Brothers Hal and Chuck have demonstrated are an example of their sincere desire to make our reunions as enjoyable and as memorable as possible. Keep up the good work my Brothers !

Fraternally,
Bob Winter

You may be aware that our building was without heat for several weeks. The 25 + years that the old boiler has served us reached "the end of its earthly toils". We thought that you might be interested in some pictures of the boiler replacement project. Kudos to our staff for working in very cold conditions without any complaint during that difficult time !



Happy Valentine's Day !!

Maundy Thursday

Mark Your Calendar

March 20, 2008 at 6:30
pm

San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies will celebrate Maundy Thursday on March 20, 2008 with a Mystic Banquet, traditional toasts and introductions, the Feast of the Passover, a Maundy Thursday address, and the formal opening and closing of the Chapter Rose Croix. All Scottish Rite brethren, their wives, widows, family and friends are invited to attend this celebration.

This special event will be prepared by the Chapter of Rose Croix and the Cost will be \$10.00 per person for the traditional dinner menu.

Call for Reservations !

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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2008 SPRING REUNION

Our Spring Reunion is planned for April 11 and 12, 2008. PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND!

The schedule will change with a later registration time, a nice dinner on Friday evening, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and conclude with a social hour and banquet Saturday evening. **LADIES ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE SOCIAL HOUR AND BANQUET, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LADIES ACTIVITIES THAT ARE BEING PLANNED FOR SATURDAY.** We are seeking advice and help from a professional in planning activities for the Ladies and we are open for any suggestions.

We will endeavor to establish coordinated transportation for anyone who requires a ride. The Reunion degree work will end at approx 5:30 PM on Saturday. -

Hal Leister—Director of Ceremonies

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**Remember that our next Friday Lunch
Bunch will be on Friday February 15, 2008 at
High Twelve. Join us for an enjoyable meal.**

From the Secretaries Table:



Brethren,

- I am encouraged by the comments by many of you regarding the increased sociable environment here at San Jose Scottish Rite. It is very pleasant to see such an improvement in our attendance at our meetings and events. When we needed to set four additional tables for the refreshments after the Installation of Officers, it was a very pleasant task indeed.
- One of my duties however, is not so pleasant and that is to be in the position of reminding those of you who have not yet paid your dues, to please do so as soon as you can. I should also remind you that Masonry is an organization that has obligated itself to the welfare of each and every Brother. If you can not afford to pay your dues because of financial pressures, please contact me privately and we will discuss a course of action. Our budgets are based primarily on our dues and fees, but our obligation is to each other.
- There remains some old business (or rather, previous requests) on my table. We are planning to improve an area outside the building to accommodate a garden-style setting for small outdoor events and we would like some help in the design process. If you have that experience, or can assist by making a referral of a professional with whom you have had a positive relationship, please contact me. In addition, we are exploring the possibility of changing the entrance to the building and creating a driveway for the lower level. If you have any experience with civil engineering or any discipline related thereto, please contact me.
- Lastly, if you have any comments about the new "Rite Word" or wish to provide an article for publication, send it to me by e-mail at rdrowan@sanjosescottishrite.org

Fraternally,

Robert D. Rowan—General Secretary

Interesting internet web-site for the month:

http://weblogs.newsday.com/news/opinion/walthandelsman/blog/2007/11/animation_baby_boomers.html

Roger's Corner

San Jose Scottish Rite members, their wives, escorts and friends, attending the Scottish Rite Center for the January monthly meeting and dinner and to escape from the cold, wet rainy weather, quickly headed for the elegantly displayed buffet awaiting them in the room.

Members and others could be observed preparing their buffet plates with selections which included selections of sliced meats and cheeses, crackers and a nice display of bite-sized fruits. Also included in the buffet selections were wraps with cheese, ham and lettuce.

Wine and soft drinks were available to our members, also.

After the *social time* concluded, members adjourned to the dining room and were seated for the main meal. This meal menu included Cornish game hen, Basmati rice, zucchini, bell pepper and onion vegetable spread and a fresh green salad with the necessary toppings. Dessert was cake with white frosting and decorated with mini edibles.

Scottish Rite staff has discovered that the buffet / dining room food service and fellowship that takes place after the monthly meetings is very popular with all who attend.

Staff will continue to bring to our members a high quality experience in the dining room attempt to keep costs for this service at a minimum.

For dinner reservations, telephone Mary Lou Johnson at the San Jose Rite Center. the number is 408.978.7483

Roger Billb.



Attention all 32° Masons
Are you a 32° Scottish Rite Mason?

**If so why not join the
KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW**

Interested? Please send information to:

John Unger, Secretary
4609 Hampton Falls Place, San Jose, CA 95136-2678
or e-mail johnp4609@yahoo.com.



Installation of Officers

If you missed the annual Installation of Officers and Arch of Unity, you missed a great evening. We hope to see you next year !!



Live from the Clinic!!!

A Note From Our Clinicians:

As the New Year begins we would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks for the generous funding granted by the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation and all the members of the San Jose Scottish Rite, which enables us to operate the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Clinic.

This clinic gives us, as clinicians, the very rare opportunity to serve families and children who may otherwise go untreated. Many families cannot afford the typical insurance co-payments, let alone the full cost of a therapy session. Because our therapy sessions are at no cost to the families, we as therapists are able to place all our focus on the child's treatment and needs of the parents. There is no worry that a child can't complete treatment because they cannot afford it.

In addition to Scottish Rite funding, the clinic receives donations from families and private individuals. These donations are greatly appreciated and help us to continue to operate the clinic. Due to the large number of children served, the clinic is always in need of generous supporters. All the children have different needs, so it is important that the clinic be equipped with a wide range of materials to better serve our clients and your donations help supply the testing and therapy materials that are very costly.

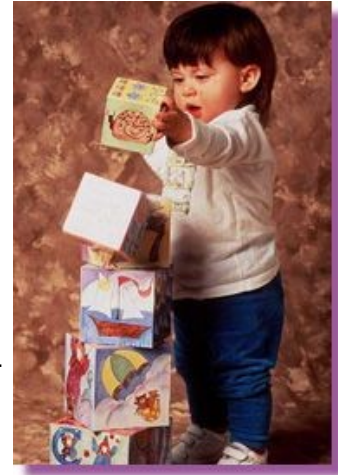
All donations are greatly appreciated by those we serve. Thanks to your support, we are able to positively impact many children and families in the San Jose area. All Scottish Rite Masons should be proud of their contribution to the community. Thank you for this opportunity and your continued support.

Angela, Rachael, Michelle and Janet.

And here is Another Letter From A Clinic Parent::

Since Maddie has been doing speech therapy with you, she has blossomed! Her confidence has grown and she is so much happier to talk. We love this! We are so proud of her hard work and effort she puts in. Thank you for the energy and enthusiasm you show her...you have given us much hope for the future.

A very grateful parent.



Are you aware that your donation to the Clinic could be worth twice as much? Many companies will match their employees' gifts to charitable organizations. To find out more, speak with your employer or our General Secretary. One or the other can get you the information you need.

January Donations:

Clinic

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 In Honor of:
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 Bro/M Scott Mc Queen
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Library/Museum

Mrs. Kathie Runcie
 In Memory of:
 John Runcie

In Memorium

Harry Sabire Andrews	Modesto	1987
Rowland Emrys Turley	Bethel Island	August 3, 2007
Richard Lee Wells	Lathrop	November 15, 2007

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

My nurse friend sent this and encouraged me to post it and spread the word. I agree.

If everyone can remember something this simple, we could save some folks. Seriously, please **read and remember**:

STROKE IDENTIFICATION:

During a BBQ, a friend stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics)she said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes.

They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening.

Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00 pm Ingrid passed away.) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Ingrid would be with us today. Some don't die.... they end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

It only takes a minute to read this...

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...to- tally . He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, di-

agnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

Thank God for the sense to remember the '3' steps, STR .
Read, learn and remember!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S* Ask the individual to SMILE.

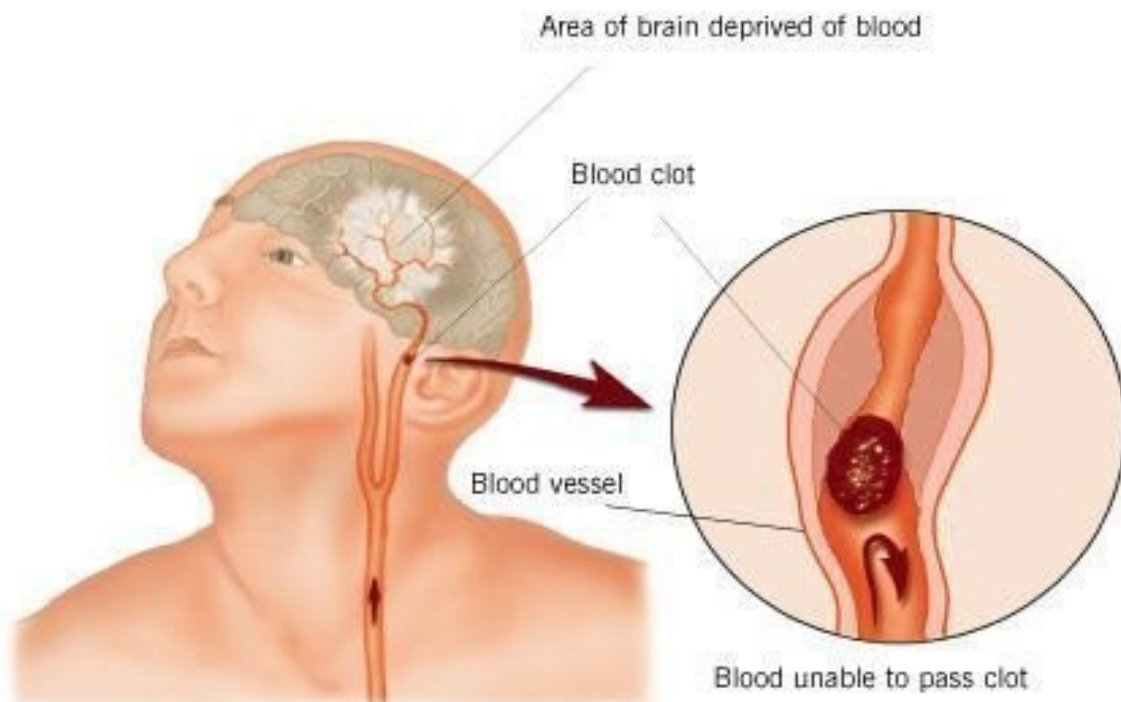
T* Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. It is sunny out today)

R* Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue

NOTE: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue.. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other , that is also an indication of a stroke.



For the Lighter Side of things

Just for the enjoyment of our Jr. Past Venerable Master. (and you too!)

?? ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

?? WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?*****

?? ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

?? WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

...still looking old ???

And for the rest of us.....

I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose-fitting clothing. If I HAD any loose-fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place!

For the Ladies –

Please join us on February 12th at 6:00 PM, while the men are in their meeting. We would like an opportunity to visit with you and share some ideas about what you might like to do this year.

At the March meeting, Betty Wong will show us how to crochet and knit. This should be fun and instructive, so we hope you can join us. Be sure to bring some yarn and a crochet hook or knitting needles. If you already know how to do this, please bring along any project you're working on and share your talent with the rest of us. If this is not something you're interested in learning, please come along anyway and visit. We would love to have you there.



God bless,
Susan Ramsey



From the Venerable Master

Brethren & Ladies –

As we start a New Year with a new corps of officers, let me thank the brethren for electing me to this position. I will do my best to make it a good year for San Jose Scottish Rite, but I can't do it alone. It takes all of us working together to make things happen...and I'm confident that we will. A New Year makes for a *whole new set of possibilities!*

Ralph Walden Emerson said, *"Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities have crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense."* And in the words of our Brother Benjamin Franklin, *"Be at war with your vices; at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man."* So should it be with us.

The members have voted for our meetings to start at 6:00 PM with the dinner to follow. This "shift" has been in place for awhile now and I am interested in hearing any feed back that you are willing to give. You can call me, e-mail me, or stop me in the aisles and I will be anxious to hear what you have to say. But, in any case, I will look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

In keeping with Valentine's Day, we will be honoring our Sweethearts at our next Stated Meeting Dinner. Please be sure to come and show your support (and to let them know we care about them).

In closing, let me encourage all of you to invite those brethren who are not part of our bodies to become members of them. There is a treasure house of knowledge available in the Scottish Rite Degrees and it is meant to be shared. And in addition, what finer thing can there be than to come together as brethren and friends.

Bud Ramsey—*Venerable Master*

February Stated Meeting Dinner
7:30 PM—Tuesday February 12, 2008



Menu

- Roast Beef
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Mixed Vegetables
- Green Salad w/Raspberry Vinaigrette
- Bread and butter
- Coffee or tea
- Desert

Reservation deadline:
 Friday, February 8th at
 5:00 PM

Only \$12.00
per person

Reservation #:
 408-978-7483

February 9, 2008



Old equipment
 in your garage?

Recycling day at the Rite

Just drive in, drop off your unwanted equipment and drive home.

As most of you are aware, it is now illegal to dispose of computers, printers, fax machines and similar items in the normal weekly garbage pick up in front of your home.

We are arranging a date and the use of the Scottish Rite parking area as a collection point for the following **acceptable discards**.

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|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| PC's | Fax Machines | Tape Drives |
| Apple Computers | IC's & Components | Zip Drives |
| Mouse | Circuit Boards | Cell Phones |
| Keyboards | Scanners | Test Equipment |
| Cables & Wires | Hard Drives | PDA's |
| Printers | Monitors (CRT/LCD) | |

Unacceptable discards:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Printer cartridges | Household Appliances or Furniture |
| Toxic waste or pollutants | Toasters, Microwaves, etc. |

Membership is always important:

PROPOSITION/PETITION

ORIENT OF SAN JOSE
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Office of the Secretary (408) 978-7483
2455 Masonic Drive – PO Box 18220, San Jose, CA. 95158-8220

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

(Please print or type)

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-Mail address: _____

Mailing Address (If different from above): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth : _____

Present Blue Lodge: _____ Approx. Date Raised: _____

Location: _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Occupation (If retired, previous occupation): _____

Name of Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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.
Invite a brother to make an application.

Future Scottish Rite Events:

February 11, 2008 - Deadline for March "Scottish Rite Word" articles !

February 12, 2008 - Stated Meeting & Dinner honoring our Sweethearts

February 14, 2008 - Valentine's Day (for those of you who tend to forget)

February 15, 2008 - Friday Lunch Bunch @ High Twelve

February 16, 2008 - Past Masters Assn. Annual Convocation - Gilroy Masonic Center 4:00 PM

March 10, 2008 - Deadline for April "Scottish Rite Word" articles !

March 11, 2008 - March Stated Meeting & Dinner

March 20, 2008 - Maundy Thursday - 6:30 PM

April 11, - 12, 2008 - Spring Reunion - Ernest Borgnine Class



For the Ladies!!

If you missed the Chocolate in November, and the cookies in December you really missed out. Join us in February for a great social time while our gentlemen are in their stated meeting. *(see message on page 9)*
(Dinner afterwards will be great too !!)



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