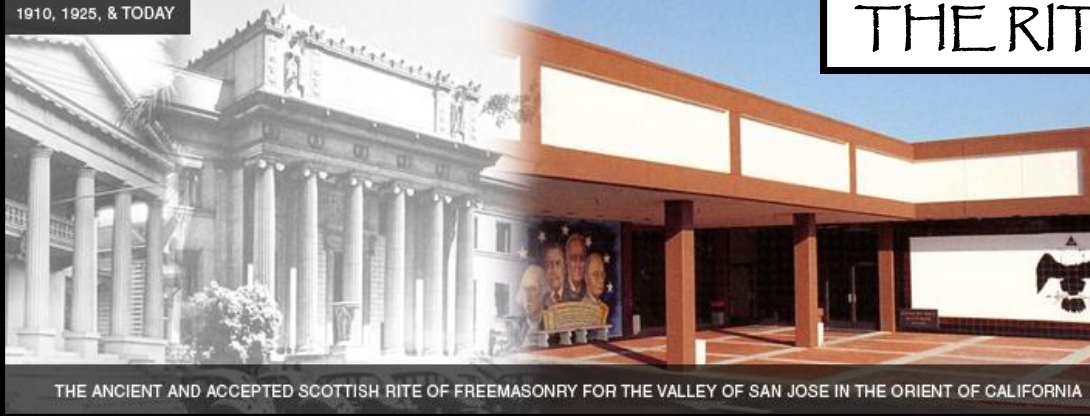


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THE RITE WORD

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Greetings from the Lodge of Perfection

The passing of Memorial Day and the beginning of June marks the beginning of the vacation season. For those of you who plan to travel, do so with the utmost vigilance and safety for yourself and others. After your vacation and recreation time return to us full of vim and vigor to resume your place in our fraternity and activities.

The Stated meeting on June 13 will be orchestrated by the Lodge of Perfection minus the unequalled participation of Brother Jack Harris who has suffered some major medical problems and who will be making a slow recovery.

He was initially completely paralyzed and is slowly regaining control. Please remember him in your prayers.

Plans and practices are beginning for the Grand Master's reception in July. Please make your plans to attend. The program will be much as it was last year with the reception of the Grand Master at the Stated Meeting followed by his reception at dinner in the Festive Board scheme. Most officers and the Knights of St. Andrew will have parts in the program. Please be attentive to the Masters of your respective bodies both in the Newsletter and e-mail notifications.

The Spring Reunion concluded with the capping ceremony at the Stated Meeting in May. One exemplar was knighted during the reunion with the remaining new members to be knighted in a Council of Knights of St. Andrew as directed by the Personal Representative. For those who do not know, the Knights of St. Andrew meet on the First Tuesday at 7:15pm every Month for their regular business meeting. All members of the Scottish rite may attend this "Black Hat" Service Organization meeting.

Attendance during the conferral of degrees left much room for improvement. Some degrees were conferred that have not been portrayed for too long. It is the Personal Representatives desire that SJ Scottish Rite Confer all 29 degrees in the near future. Your talents may make it possible to do so. We do thank those who attended and those who put the effort into make the degree memorable for our new members. We hope to see those new members attending our meetings and functions.

Please remember that reservations are necessary for those planning to attend the Stated Meeting dinners. If reservations are not made, there may not be enough food to serve everyone. Contact Angela to make your reservations.

Please note the NEW carpet through out the building. The job was completed on time and within budget. More updates and improvements are planned for the near future.

Please let us know about any sickness and/or distress in our families through out the Valley. An E-mail or phone call to Angela or the General Secretary's Office will ensure the information is directed where needed.

Please make time in your schedule of activities to attend the Scottish Rite meetings and functions as well as your craft lodge. Your attendance is important.

Fraternally,

B.J. McCuiston 32° KCCH

Venerable Master

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From the Wise Master



Greetings!
 May was another busy and enjoyable month. Congratulations to our new 32^o Masters of the Royal Secret. It's nice to see the membership growing and I know that these brothers will be fine additions to the craft.

June is upon us...graduations, Father's Day, Flag Day...this should be a great month even though it's a busy one for all of us. I want to thank the brethren that showed up to witness the 32nd Degree Conferral as well as all those that took part. I think it went very well and our candidates appreciated our efforts.

And it's not too early to start talking to the members of your Lodges that aren't Scottish Rite members about putting in a petition before the next Reunion. Invite them become a part. Bring them to one of the dinners (don't forget to make a reservation). I'm sure once they've experienced the camaraderie and friendship we have for each other, as well as the excellent cuisine, they'll be anxious to be a part of it. We can also be very proud of the fact that we actually confer more of the degrees than most Scottish Rite bodies.

If you haven't been to Scottish Rite recently, feel free to call me and tell me what's keeping you from attending or participating. If you need a ride, I'm sure we can arrange it. If you think you don't make a difference, you're wrong. We could use your presence and your help. Or, if you're afraid of becoming over involved, don't be. We respect that there are those whose activities prevent them from taking on any additional load. We would happily welcome you as sideliners. Do you think that there's no task for you to do or nothing for you to contribute? You're wrong...call me or the General Secretary...there is a multitude of small, medium, and large tasks that are looking for someone to a "take ownership" or to be "willing to assist someone with". And all of them are important. Even if you're physically unable to attend the meeting, this is still your Scottish Rite and we can still use your assistance. There are things you can do from home that would be of help. Please call and talk to us. Or...if there is something that Scottish Rite can do for you, call us and let us know. The important thing is to know that you are a part of these bodies!

Happy Father's Day to all of you. Take time to reflect on the joy of being a father to a young person whether you're their actual father or a "father-like role model" for them to look up to. It really makes a difference in their lives. See you on Tuesday night!

Bud Ramsey

Wise Master



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6:30 p.m. – 7:00 PM – Social Time

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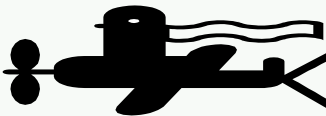
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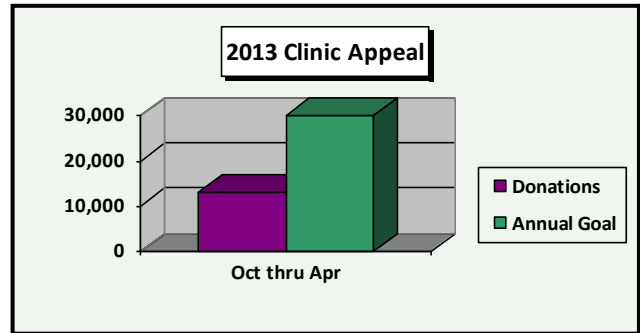
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From the Commander, Council of Kadosh



June is here! For most kids, school is out. That means the kids are out... all day long and on the street. So please watch out for them. I loved being out of school. Of course, my parents always made me go to Summer School.

The first day of Summer is June 21. That's the Summer solstice, the longest day of the year. Well, the day is still 23 hours, 56 minutes, and 4 seconds from midnight to midnight. What they mean is that of all days of the year, the sunlight lasts the longest on this day.

You get longer sunlight the further north you go. Up in Alaska, the sun literally never sets at this time of year. I hear that's really fun for a day or two. Then your sleep patterns are so adversely affected that you begin to crave the darkness we enjoy down here at the lower latitudes.

Light is one of the most powerful symbols adopted by mankind. Whether it comes from the sun, moon, stars, fire, or even electricity. In the creation story, whether you read the one in the Bible or from the Kabbalah, the first thing God does is create light. In many faith systems, light is a representation of divinity itself. The purest white light is the way that humans, in the state to which we have so far developed, can perceive God. That light is not just illumination, it is said that you can feel the divine light gently resting upon you as well as see it.

Light also symbolizes intellect and knowledge, as opposed to darkness which represents error and ignorance. In religion, light is often connected with good conduct versus darkness, connected with evil. It is an easy concept to understand. That's probably why it has been popular throughout human history.

For example, in ancient Jewish history, the High Priest wore a device called a "Urim and Thummim." which literally means "lights and perfections" in Hebrew. We do not know exactly what that device looked like, and it is clear that many of the Bible authors who mention it probably didn't know, either. Fortunately for us, they wrote about it anyway, and we have many of their writings thousands of years later.

In Freemasonry, we make extensive use of light as a symbol. We even have our own kind of light... Masonic Light. Masonic Light refers to the wisdom and understanding you acquire as you receive Masonic Degrees, study your Catechisms (candidate proficiencies), read more about it, and attend educational events, such as the Scottish Rite Nights of Instruction.

I do wish to mention the words "knowledge" and "truth." As you saw, I did not mention Masonic knowledge or Masonic truth. Masonic knowledge might include the words you hear, the motions and symbols you see, and the sensations you feel during the ritual of your Masonic Degrees. In a way, Masonic knowledge is like raw data. You get the substance but you don't really know what to do with it. Time, patience, and perseverance lead you to an understanding of that knowledge, its purpose, and how to apply it.

Truth is another interesting concept. There is a vital distinction between "truth" and "fact." The best definition I heard comes from the movie, "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," where Indy tells his students, "Archaeology is the search for fact... not truth. If it's truth you're looking for, Dr. Tyree's philosophy class is right down the hall." Of course, in the same lecture Jones also says, "X never, ever marks the spot." Yet later in the movie he encounters a hidden passage where "X" really did mark the spot, in an old library in Venice.

Dr. Jones brings up a good point about philosophy. Any experienced Mason knows that the word "philosophy" is Greek for "love of wisdom." That, in turn, reminds me of the saying by Miles Kington: "Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad." So perhaps we should have enrolled in Dr. Tyree's philosophy class, right down the hall. Or at least read the textbook.

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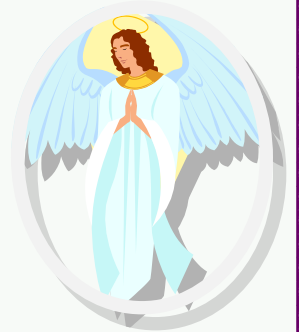
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It is so sad to report the passing of anyone, especially a vibrant young mother. Jani Hail passed Tuesday, April 16, 2013 after succumbing to cancer. She is the wife of Jim Hail and the mother of Alex Hail, who is being seen here at our clinic. Jani and her husband, Jim, were regular donators. They gave monthly to the clinic and also provided clinic materials. She was a wonderful person and made friends with several of the other parents, as well as with our clinicians: Jenna, Rachel and Angela. She was only 50 yrs. old. We wish to extend our condolences and prayers to the family during this time of need.

God Bless !





Elliott "Elli" Nelson is an endearing 6 year old girl who attends our clinic on Wednesday afternoons. Elli, along with her twin brother, was born a sweet three pound "preemie," arriving 3 months early. After several medical interventions and months in the hospital, Elli was on her way to growing into a healthy young girl. Elli's nurturing and supportive family has been a delight to work with and a tremendous part of her ongoing success and progress.

In the past, Elli received speech and language and occupational therapy through Early Start, which is a state wide early intervention service. She currently receives speech and language therapy at her school in addition to the San Jose Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic. Her parents were concerned about lack of speech and vocabulary skills as well as her ability to get her needs met through conversation.

We have worked closely with Elli's school speech pathologist to ensure that we are supporting the same goals and treatment style. Collaborating allows Elli to have an easier time understanding what is expected of her during treatment and it helps to solidify her learning experience.

Treatment goals for Elli have focused on receptive and expressive language, articulation of sounds and social language skills. Elli is working on the /b/ and /f/ sounds in 2 syllable words. She is working on understanding direction concepts such as "in, on and under." Formulating questions is tricky for Elli, so we have been working on her ability to form a question to seek assistance or make a request, such as "Can I play a game?" or "Can you help me?" We are also working on following 2 part un-related commands that can make it easier for Elli to function at home and school, such as, "put the book on the shelf and turn off the light." Elli is working on identifying pictures of verbs and forming a short phrase such as "girl running." Over the course of her treatment, Elli's social skills have improved nicely. She is making weekly gains with greeting and interacting with her therapist during work and play activities.

Elli's parents learned of our clinic through friends. Prior to therapy services, Elli's speech and language skills were significantly delayed and very limited. Her parents report that, "Elli's language is improving every day. She has more words in her toolbox to communicate her wants and needs." Family life has been positively impacted as well. "Elli's interactions with her siblings are much more engaging. She is connecting to all members of the family more deeply," her mom stated. When asked about their experience at the clinic, Elli's mom replied, "The services are amazing. The staff is professional and they cater to each child's individual needs. Angela's incredible patience with Elli has given her the time she needs to learn. Elli will be forever grateful, as will her parents."



REGIONAL ORIENT MEMBERSHIP AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE June 2013

Sea-faring Masons were the missionaries of Freemasonry as a universal, worldwide Brotherhood in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Many of the rumors, whispers and traditions of Masonry in America become credible and understandable, if it is remembered how many Masonic "sea captains" came into the ports of Boston, Providence, New York, Philadelphia, and Norfolk during that time period.

Sir Francis Columbine, for many years the Right Worshipful Master of Royal Naval Lodge at Bapping, is credited with having raised 600 American captains and 400 British Naval officers in twenty years. Old Dundee, a neighboring Lodge, had 267 "Sea-members" - a special classification - in 1810.

The great Thomas Dunckerley, a major figure in the first days of Grand Chapter and Grand Encampment, in 1760 obtained a warrant for a Lodge to be held on board the Vanguard, the ship in which he was serving and on which he and fellow Mariner Masons sailed to the West Indies in 1761. These sea-faring Brothers of Britain, along with thousands from America, Canada, Europe, and the West Indies, carried the Craft into almost every port in the world. They were often the first to plant the seeds of Masonry in newly-opened countries, such as South Africa, New Zealand, China, India and Egypt, among others.

The Army and Naval Lodges of today are reminders of the famous and far-going seamen of the Craft in the days of sail as is the "Sea-faring Man" who appears in one of our degrees.

When was the last time you asked an active duty member or veteran of the military if he would be interested in becoming a Master and/or Scottish Rite Mason?

Durward C. Ayre

Durward C. Ayre 32° KCCH, MC, Regional Orient Membership Ambassador for the Valleys of San Jose, Fresno and San Francisco in California

From the Master of Kadosh



Flag Day is celebrated on June 14 in commemoration of the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened that day by resolution of the Second Continental Congress in 1777.

On June 14, 1777, John Adams spoke about the flag at a meeting of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. He said, "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation." There have been twenty-seven official versions of the flag so far; stars have been added to it as states have entered the Union. The current version dates to July 4, 1960, when Hawaii became the 50th State

Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, delivered a 1914 Flag Day address in which he repeated words he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: **"I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."**

Inspired by three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially *established* by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating **June 14th** of each year as **National Flag Day**.

However **Flag Day** is not an official federal holiday, it is at the President's discretion to officially proclaim the observance. State and local observations have been in place for many years. One of the oldest continuing Flag Day parades is at Fairfield, Washington which began in about 1909 and Fairfield has held a parade virtually every year since. Another long-running Flag Day parade is held annually in Quincy, Massachusetts. It began in 1952, celebrating its 61st year in 2012.

History of the American Flag

According to popular legend, the first American flag was made by Betsy Ross, a Philadelphia seamstress who was acquainted with George Washington, leader of the Continental Army, and other influential Philadelphians. In May 1776, so the story goes, General Washington and two representatives from the Continental Congress visited Ross at her upholstery shop and showed her a rough design of the flag. Although Washington initially favored using a star with six points, Ross advocated for a five-pointed star, which could be cut with just one quick snip of the scissors, and the gentlemen were won over.

Unfortunately, historians have never been able to verify this charming version of events, although it is known that Ross made flags for the navy of Pennsylvania. The story of Washington's visit to the flag maker became popular about the time of the country's first centennial, after William Canby, a grandson of Ross, told about her role in shaping U.S. history in a speech given at the Philadelphia Historical Society in March 1870.

What is known is that the first unofficial national flag, called the Grand Union Flag or the Continental Colours, was raised at the behest of General Washington near his headquarters outside Boston, Mass., on Jan. 1, 1776. The flag had 13 alternating red and white horizontal stripes and the British Union Flag (a predecessor of the Union Jack) in the canton. Another early flag had a rattlesnake and the motto "Don't Tread on Me."

The first official national flag, also known as the Stars and Stripes, was approved by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. The blue canton contained 13 stars, representing the original 13 colonies, but the layout varied. Although nobody knows for sure who designed the flag, it may have been Continental Congress member Francis Hopkinson.

After Vermont and Kentucky were admitted to the Union in 1791 and 1792, respectively, two more stars and two more stripes were added in 1795. This 15-star, 15-stripe flag was the "star-spangled banner" that inspired lawyer Francis Scott Key to write the poem that later became the U.S. national anthem.

In 1818, after five more states had gained admittance, Congress passed legislation fixing the number of stripes at 13 and requiring that the number of stars equal the number of states. The last new star, bringing the total to 50, was added on July 4, 1960, after Hawaii became a state.

Jerry Best 32°

Master of Kadosh

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Tuesday June 11th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Followed by Dinner @ 7:00 PM

Tuesday June 18th ~ Scottish Rite Night of Instruction -

Guest Speaker—Bro. Allan Casalou, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California

Tuesday June 25th ~ All Officers' Council @ 7:00 PM

Thursday July 4th ~ Independence Day (Scottish Rite Office Closed)

Tuesday July 9th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Followed by Festive Board and Reception of the Grand Master at @ 7:00 PM

Reservations are required!

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