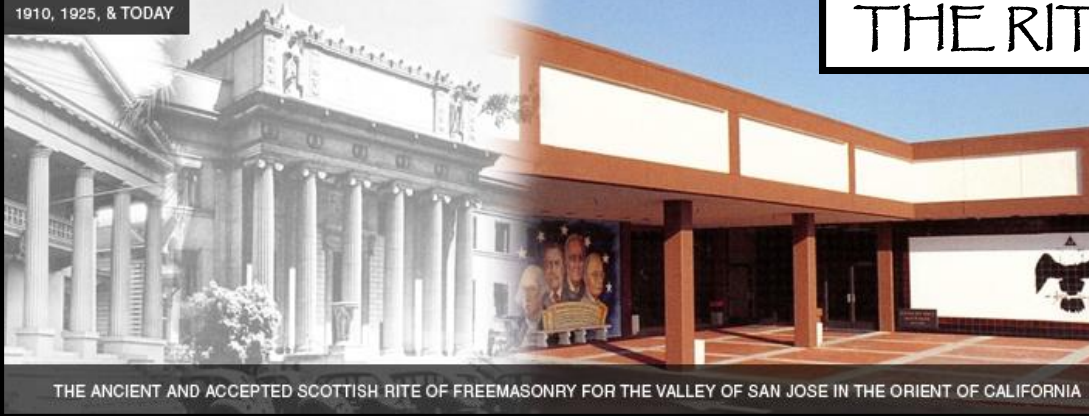


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THE RITE WORD

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From the Venerable Master

Sláinte mhaith! (good health)

Though it is not a National Holiday, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17, the saint's religious feast day and the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. It is celebrated as the time Christianity came to Ireland. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast--on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage. Generally, we celebrate with Corned beef and cabbage. So is it to be with the San Jose Scottish Rite Stated Meeting Dinner. Make your reservations now. RSVP is not decoration do it now or "pay the piper" later. The first St. Patrick's Day parade was on March 17, 1762 in the United States.

We are now less than a month away from the Scottish Rite Spring Reunion. Some degree teams are making practice schedules to be able to present interesting degrees to a new class of candidates. Brethren, how long has it been since you observed the Scottish Rite degrees? Plan to attend. Candidates do take notice when they are not the only ones attending the degrees.

Easter comes early this year, March 31 and the traditional Maundy Thursday celebration, complete with the Seder meal, hosted by the Chapter of Rose Croix is being planned. Check your calendar and make your reservations if you plan to eat.

Be attentive during future meetings and functions of the Scottish Rite. Soon honors will be bestowed upon a few good men in the form of red hats, KCCH, and white hat(s) 33rd Degree. Our early congratulations to those deserving brothers.

We look forward to your attendance at Stated meetings and function of the Scottish Rite. Bring a brother with you. Let us all promote Scottish Rite Free Masonry.

B.J. McCuiston

Go dté tú slán (May you go safely)



B.J. McCuiston 32° KCCH

Venerable Master



Top o' the mornin' to ya folks!!

Okay, okay...so I'm not Irish...but I can still enjoy the traditional celebration of St. Patrick's Day. This will be the theme underlying many of the activities taking place in all of our Masonic bodies and elsewhere.

I want to remind everyone that we have the Maundy Thursday Observance Event coming up on the 28th of this month. I think you'll find the ceremony moving and informative. Please be sure to call in your reservation for dinner. As most of you know, the Chapter of Rose Croix doesn't close during the year. It is always called from Labor to Refreshment. This is the exception. This is the one time that it actually closes and stays closed until it is reopened on Easter.

Through the ages men have observed sacred rites during the solstice and equinoxes. The Last Supper was an observance of the Passover (Spring Equinox) just prior to the betrayal and crucifixion of Christ. The Chapter of Rose Croix having an observance of Maundy Thursday in the Eighteenth Degree of the Scottish Rite is appropriate since this degree originally was one of orthodox Christianity. The Maundy Thursday observance was added and made obligatory when the authority of the Supreme Council revised the Degree soon after the Civil War. It is no longer obligatory.

The word "Maundy" stems from Latin word "Mandatum", a command. On the Thursday of the Last Supper Christ said, "A new Commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another."

I want to thank those in the cast for "stepping up to the plate" to make this a successful event. I really do appreciate it.

Next month we'll begin the conferral of our Degrees. There's much to do and sometimes the load can seem a lot....but if we all do our share, it will certainly not be more than we can handle. If you're interested in taking part in any of the degrees, just let us know. William Jennings Bryan said, "If a man measures life by what others do for him, he is apt to be disappointed; but if he measures life by what he does for others, there is no time for despair." I encourage you to take part in all of our Scottish Rite activities. See you on Tuesday night!

Bud Ramsey

Bud Ramsey 32° KCCH
Wise Master

Brethren,

With the upcoming Reunion it seems prudent that some of the basic information about the Consistory and its 2 Degrees be made readily available as a framework. The following information is taken from the Scottish Rite Ritual *Monitor and Guide*.

THE CONSISTORY OF THE MASTERS OF THE ROYAL SECRET comprises the Thirty-first and Thirty-second Degrees. The word *consistory* derives from the Latin *consistorium*, which means both "tribunal" and "imperial council" and becomes apparent when viewing the two Degrees. As with other Scottish Rite Degrees, the Consistorial Degrees present some of their lessons by borrowing from the symbols of other cultures and times.

In the 31st Degree the mythology of the ancient Egyptians is portrayed as a tribunal or court of the dead. Within its drama, which is based on the Egyptian *Book of the Dead*, a soul seeks to find favor in the eyes of his judges and receive his eternal reward.

A synopsis of the 32nd will be provided in my April message.

For this Reunion, the 31st Degree will be communicated and as the current Master of Kadosh, I will be providing the communication using information provided by Ill Daniel Doornbos.

Jerry Best
Master of Kadosh.

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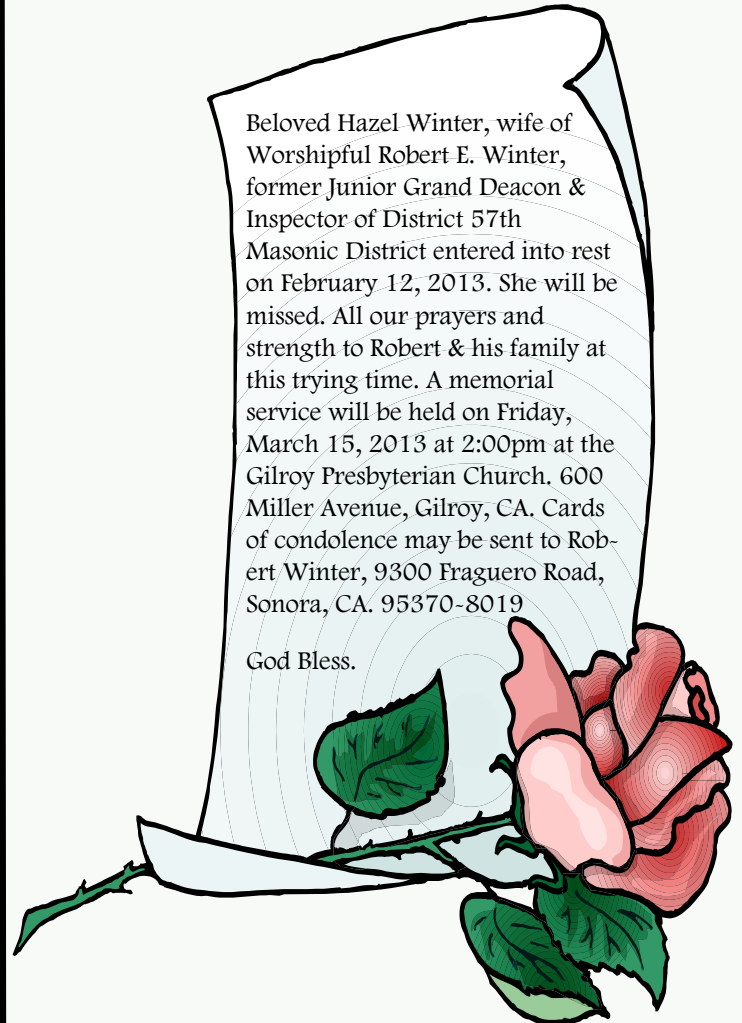
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strength to Robert & his family at
this trying time. A memorial
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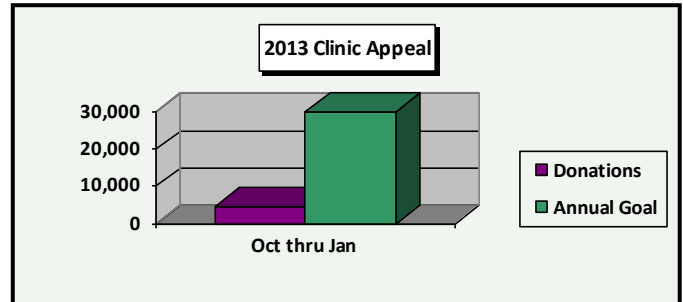
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**Thank You
To All !**

From the Secretary's Table:

Brethren All,

First of all, please notice the Summons on Page 9 for the traditional Maundy Thursday ceremony. There was time when this was a mandatory event for all Scottish Rite Masons. Even the Blue Lodges who met on that day, rescheduled their events in order that their members could attend. We hope to see you for dinner and the ceremony.

Secondly, I hope that each of you will make a sincere attempt to attend as many of our upcoming degrees as is possible. The candidates will appreciate the support and the officers conferring the degrees will also.

Lastly, please get any applications in your possession to me as soon as you can.

Fraternally,

General Secretary





Have you picked up your patent?

In the Masonic fraternity, we have a lot of degrees. Blue lodge has three, Scottish Rite has 29, and York Rite has 10. Then there groups like AMD who offer “side degrees” to further enhance one’s Masonic experience.

Unlike university degrees, Masonic degrees do not certify a particular level of academic achievement. Here in the US, we make our Craft Masons memorize parts of their ceremonies and write a short essay in order to qualify for the next degree. Apart from that, you can receive three dozen degrees without demonstrating that you learned anything at all.

To enhance learning and boost enthusiasm, the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, also known as the guys who run Scottish Rite, devised an optional study program, called “Master Craftsman.” I signed up, paid for the required study materials, then put it down and never picked it up again. No reflection at all on the Master Craftsman program itself, I merely “ran out of bandwidth,” as the high-tech people say.

When you complete your Scottish Rite initiation, that is, when you receive your 32nd Degree, Scottish Rite headquarters in Washington DC prepares and sends a patent for you. The patent is a document that verifies that you received those degrees. It closely resembles a diploma. But it is certainly more attractive than any diploma I ever received from an educational institution. And it is definitely suitable for framing. If you would like to see what a framed patent looks like, peek into our Personal Representative’s office the next time you are at Scottish Rite. He has a whole collection of them on the wall.

Patents take a while to prepare, so they may not be ready for distribution at the conclusion of a Scottish Rite Reunion. In case you didn’t remember, a Reunion is the event where Scottish Rite degrees are conferred. In the Valley of San Jose we hold two Reunions each year. The next one is coming up in April, by the way.

Getting back to the patent, it usually arrives at the local Scottish Rite office some time after the Reunion. Our Personal Rep presents the patents to our new members at the Stated Meeting dinners. Bob the photographer stands at the ready to take photos of the moment. Actually, he sits to avoid obstructing people’s view. We have those dinners on the second Tuesday of every month, they are catered, and an enjoyable social occasion, too.

You would think that the new members might look forward to receiving their patents. And to participating in the organization they recently joined. Sometimes that happens. More often than not, we rarely see the new members again. And the growing stack of patents, dating back several Reunions, goes largely unclaimed. What’s that all about?

Daniel Doornbos

Daniel Doornbos
Commander

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Schedule of Events

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7:00 p.m. – 7:30 PM – Presentation of the Paper

7:30 p.m. – Festive Agape/Dinner

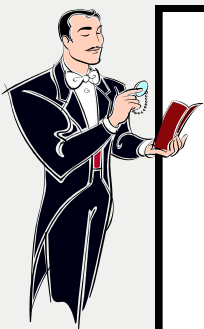
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Matthew is a smart and energetic seven year old boy who is currently being seen at the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Disorders Clinic once per week. His family drives from their home in Scotts Valley to the Scottish Rite Center in San Jose.

Matthew is home schooled by his mother. His family noticed that he had difficulty pronouncing many consonant sounds. When he was younger, she had him evaluated for speech and language therapy. At that time he didn't qualify. As time passed, Matthew developed some sounds on his own; however he still struggled with others.

A coordinator of a parent's support group informed Matthew's mother about the Scottish Rite clinic. Upon evaluation, it became clear that Matthew had an articulation disorder and his mother was highly in tuned to sounds that were difficult for him to produce. Goals for Matthew's treatment have included work on /k/, /g/, /sh/, /l/ and /r/ sounds. These sounds are frequently occurring and when you put them all together, it made Matthew's speech noticeably different for his age. Matthew's oral motor skills and his language skills were normal for his age. He just needed specific treatment geared toward the articulation skills needed to produce these sounds.

After treatment began, Matthew responded wonderfully and started to progress through his treatment goals. He was quickly working on /k/ and /g/ at the conversational level. Soon /l/ and /sh/ became easier for him too. His current treatment is focused on the /r/ sound.

Matthew is a quick learner with a very hard working attitude. His mother is devoted to practicing at home as well, which helps tremendously to speed up the learning process. His mother noted, "Since treatment began we have seen a definite improvement. It is easier for others outside our family to understand him. It has also helped with our homeschooling spelling programs as well." Matthew's mother shared, "Our experience at the clinic has been very positive. We have been provided with great feedback about each session and identify homework that we should focus on at home. We greatly appreciate the wonderful services available through the



Clinic Message for March 2013

A Better understanding of our Philanthropy

Children begin learning from the moment they come into the world. For most children speech and language skills develop naturally from interaction with parents, siblings, and others in their environment. From an infant's first smile to a two-year olds first sentence, these developmental milestones lay the foundation for successful communication throughout their lives.

However, many children have difficulty learning because of underlying communication delays or disorders. The Department of

Education estimates that 6 million children in the U.S.A. suffer from some sort of communication impairment. Communication delays and disorders fall into one or more of the four basic areas of development:

Processing or understanding sounds and spoken words

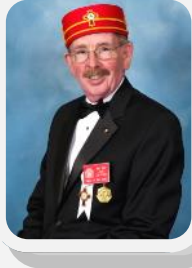
Expressing oneself with meaningful words using correct grammar and word order

Blending like sounds together in the correct sequence to be understood

Using language in a meaningful, purposeful manner in all communications

Because language is essential for communication, learning, social adjustment and emotional stability, impairment may lead to difficulty with everyday activities. The earlier these difficulties are identified, the sooner appropriate intervention can begin.

REGIONAL ORIENT MEMBERSHIP AMBASSADOR'S
MESSAGE
March 2013



Among the most precious items we have in life are our memories. When we travel to that place not made with hands eternal in the heavens, we leave behind memories of love for others. Our brave soldiers of the American Revolution, the Spanish-

American War, the two World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and now Afghanistan should never be forgotten because they defended our country with love.

In our Masonic Scottish Rite degrees we are taught to bring blessings into the lives of others and, that by doing so, our own lives are blessed. The 15th Degree, Knight of the East of the Sword or the Eagle, tells us it is our duty to rebuild. Have you ever wondered why after a bitter war with Germany and Japan, the victors helped them to rebuild? Reread your 15th degree carefully and you will realize the lessons of fidelity to trust, honor, persevere and remain constant despite difficulties and discouragement.

Even more potent today than at any period of the world's history, are the instruments for good. Let each Craftsman realize his responsibility, his high privilege, in these earnest days, of bearing some humble part in working out great designs that look to the uplifting of mankind. With such aids and inspiration the world will continue to grow better over time and the sum of human happiness will be increased.

Truly, the future is resplendent with hope. We can be true Masons by following our leaders, spreading brotherly love and bringing warmth and cheer into the lives of all those with whom we come into contact. The destiny of our great and ancient Fraternity is in our hands. For the sake of those who follow us and all those generations yet unborn, let us preserve our Fraternity for all time to come. We must look at every brother with love and respect in what we may learn from him. Let us acknowledge its truth, abide by its Masonic teachings, and ever proclaim how proud we are to be Scottish Rite Masons.

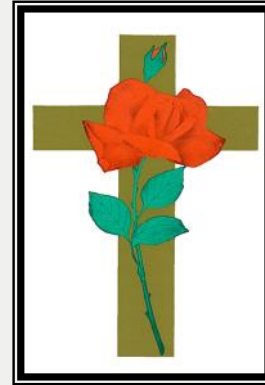
God Bless you all,

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

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SUMMONS KNIGHTS ROSE CROIX

To each of you, greetings on behalf of all other members of the Fraternity. By authority of the Supreme Council, you are summoned to participate with your Brethren in observing Maundy Thursday, a Solemn Ceremonial and Feast Obligatory.

Bud Ramsey

Robert Rowan

Wise Master

General Secretary

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The Lighter Side

Two Irish mothers, Kate and Lorna were talking about their sons.

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Lorna responds, 'Well, my Francis is a saint himself. Not only hasn't he not looked at a woman in over three years, but he hasn't touched a drop of liquor in all that time.'

'My word,' says Kate, 'You must be so proud.'

'I am,' announces Lorna, 'And when he's paroled next month, I'm going to throw him a big party.'



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Tuesday March 26th ~ All Officers Council Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Thursday March 28th ~ Maundy Thursday

Tuesday April 9th ~ *Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM*

Followed by Dinner @ 7:00 PM and 4th Degree Conferral on adjournment.

April 12-13 ~ *Reunion continues w/5th thru 18th Degrees*

April 26-27 ~ *Reunion continues w/19th thru 30th Degrees*

April 30 ~ *Reunion concludes w/32nd Degree*

Tuesday May 14th ~ *Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM*

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