



My Brothers.

From the Venerable Master

As I look through the degrees of the Scottish Rite I have found the greatest value in the 29th and 30th degrees. The 29th leads us through one of life's hardest trials: Not backing down from your beliefs. Also in the 29th we have to interpret what it means to live and die in the service of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

What does that mean? Does that mean that we make a solid oath to continue paying dues; or does it mean that we are to diligently study our work and never back down from your beliefs? In both the 29th and 30th the threat of death is eminent in the beginning and by the end of the degree it is simply an inescapable part of life.

In the span of our knighthood have we given in to a crown not meant by us; or did we stand up against the tyranny and imposture imposed by any type of dictatorship? Have we stood up to those willing to oppress the people using religion as their reason? Are we prepared to give our life for the freedom of all from religious persecution? Are we prepared to stand up to those willing to strip away our government and our way of life? Or are we willing to stand idly by and let oppression and tyranny destroy our values?

In the 30th degree the Frank Judge says that we must look at the opinions of ourselves and others only so far as to see that they are consistent with reverential love for the Deity, affection for our fellow men, regard for their rights, and detestation of imposture and tyranny. Beyond these - we have no right to ask what you believe.

The bottom line of Masonry is that our work is meant to teach something that is to be a constant study and a constant work through life. We live and die in the service of the Scottish Rite, ourselves and others.

MARTIN MAXEY

VENERABLE MASTER

See Notice about **SPECIAL**
Christmas Dinner on page 9



A SAN JOSE SCOTTISH RITE PUBLICATION
HOME OF THE ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE BODIES
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From the Clinic



Isaiah is a cute, funny, and talkative four-almost-five-year old boy, who loves to play with his brother, sister, and his dog, Bambi. Isaiah has been attending speech therapy services at the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic to address his speech intelligibility starting February 2017 with Ms. Karen. Isaiah's speech intelligibility was significantly reduced due to multiple speech sound substitutions. He was especially having difficulty producing the /k/ and /g/ sound due to a phonological process called "fronting," in which children produce sounds made in the back of the mouth with the front of the mouth instead, such as producing /t/ for /k/ and /d/ for /g/. Isaiah has worked very hard toward his goals and has made significant progress since February. Isaiah enjoys earning play time with activities such as board games and basketball after working hard on producing his tricky sounds. He has gained the ability to make many new sounds since beginning therapy here. He is now able to produce the /k/ and /g/ sounds, which were the most challenging for him. His mother said they are now his favorite sounds to practice at home.

Isaiah was first referred to our clinic when his grandmother told his mother about it. She had heard of our clinic from having worked for a school district. Isaiah's mother said that before receiving services at our clinic "his speech wasn't very clear and she was having difficulty understanding him. Now I can understand him and I am confident he will do well in Kindergarten." She said that the most rewarding thing has been "Feeling that he is moving towards his age-appropriate goals and more is awesome! Hearing him going from not being understand and us guessing what was said to actually knowing what he's saying is the best!" Isaiah's mother ended by saying, "The program is great. I feel like our family got a lot out of it. Families should hear more about this hidden gem."



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From the Commander of Kadosh

I knew that Crocker Lodge #212 was located somewhere in San Francisco. As it turns out, this is one “Special” Lodge. I learned at Mtn. View DeAnza’s Stated Meeting that our Inspector Wor. Edwin ‘Hercules’ Valdez was going to receive his Hiram Award from Crocker Lodge and I would go.

Well let me tell you that Daley City is one large neighborhood and Crocker Lodge is located right in the middle of many multi-story residential houses on the side of a big hill. There were no empty parking spaces but I saw one vehicle just starting to move and we grabbed that space. A quick walk down one steep block and we were there.

The place was packed. “Everyone” was already in the dining room and really enjoying themselves. We gobbled up the hors d’oeuvres, the Chardonnay & Merlot, and also some of that “slushy stuff” from a machine on a table which poured out endless Margaritas at the pull of the handle. Yes! I could tell at once that this was going to be one great evening of celebration! After a delicious dinner Hercules’s daughter introduced Hercules and his family then she related to us his lifetime biography.

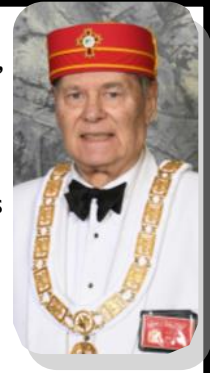
Hercules is a remarkable fellow—of medium height and Philippine descent with a Post-Masters Degree in the Sciences, a member and Past Master of Crocker Lodge #212, a Roman Catholic Priest and a Grand Lodge District Inspector for the San Francisco middle coastal area down to Salinas. He is a likeable and friendly gentleman who knows all the work and at Crocker Lodge they really love him. He is their guy.

After dinner we adjourned upstairs to the Lodge Room by the 33 stairs or by the elevator. The Lodge Room is spectacular. All of the 3 rows of seats on each side were filled. The floor is carpeted with a very large black and white checkered rug with a red and black tessellated boarder. Framed Past Masters pictures adorn both the south and north walls above the chairs. Present Wor. Master R. W. Whitfield presided over the ceremony. The award was preceded with a Walk-about discourse of the Lodge Room. Wor. Tony Sammaio, AGL of Division 3, then described the background of the Hiram Award which was followed with the award presentation to Wor. Hercules.

A letter of congratulations from our newly elected Grand Master M.W. Bruce Galloway followed by a letter and certificate from Grand Secretary Wor. Allan Casalou, after which Bro. Hercules was presented with his Hiram Award and Medal—plus the award pin which was attached to his jacket collar by his wife. Next came Hercules’ “address” to the attendees. He mentioned his religious and current background and thoughts, and why he is now active in Masonry and of his travel to the “Village Crocker” in Africa. He followed this with a lengthy allegorical story “I see you have traveled”. It was of a man traveling from where he started, to his destination, and along the way of what Masonic symbols, roads, buildings, people, and related items which were of interest to him—until he finally reached his destination—when he said “and that’s the end”. Every one was shocked waiting for the rest of the story!

Well, my friends, after a minute or two of curious silence, we finally “got it”. The story was not about the destination—it was about the trip. And he concluded with the remark “When you are going on a *journey* from one place to another—you bring what you have to where you are going”. This was the Hercules parable.

Dell Bleiler, Commander of Kadosh



Brethren,

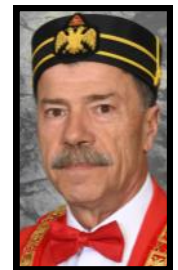
As you are reading this article, Thanksgiving has already passed and the December Holidays are upon us.

So, I do hope that you all had a great Thanksgiving together with family and friends and are preparing for Christmas and The New Year celebrations.

I want to wish to each and every one of you a wonderful Christmas with plenty of presents, warmth and joy and a New Year with lots of health and happiness.

Fraternally,

Ion Vasilescu, WISE MASTER



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Called From Labor

BRO. David T. Gibson, 32nd DEGREE KCCH
November 19th, 2017

BRO. Arthur T. Lee, 32nd DEGREE
December 11, 2016

Please remember to notify us when a fellow Brother is ill, in need, or has passed to the other shore. We are not always contacted in a timely manner. Scottish Rite is here to assist! Please feel free to call anytime!
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The "**2017**" Honor Roll

Congratulations to our New Brothers

From the Fall 2017 Reunion Class



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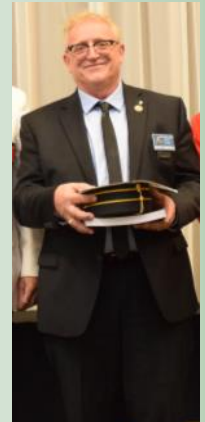
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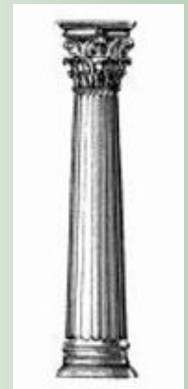
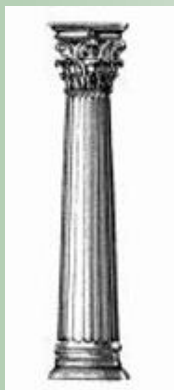
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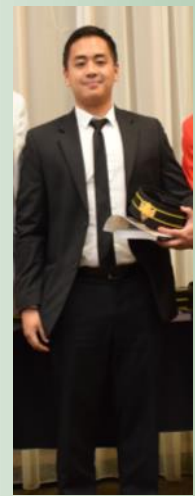
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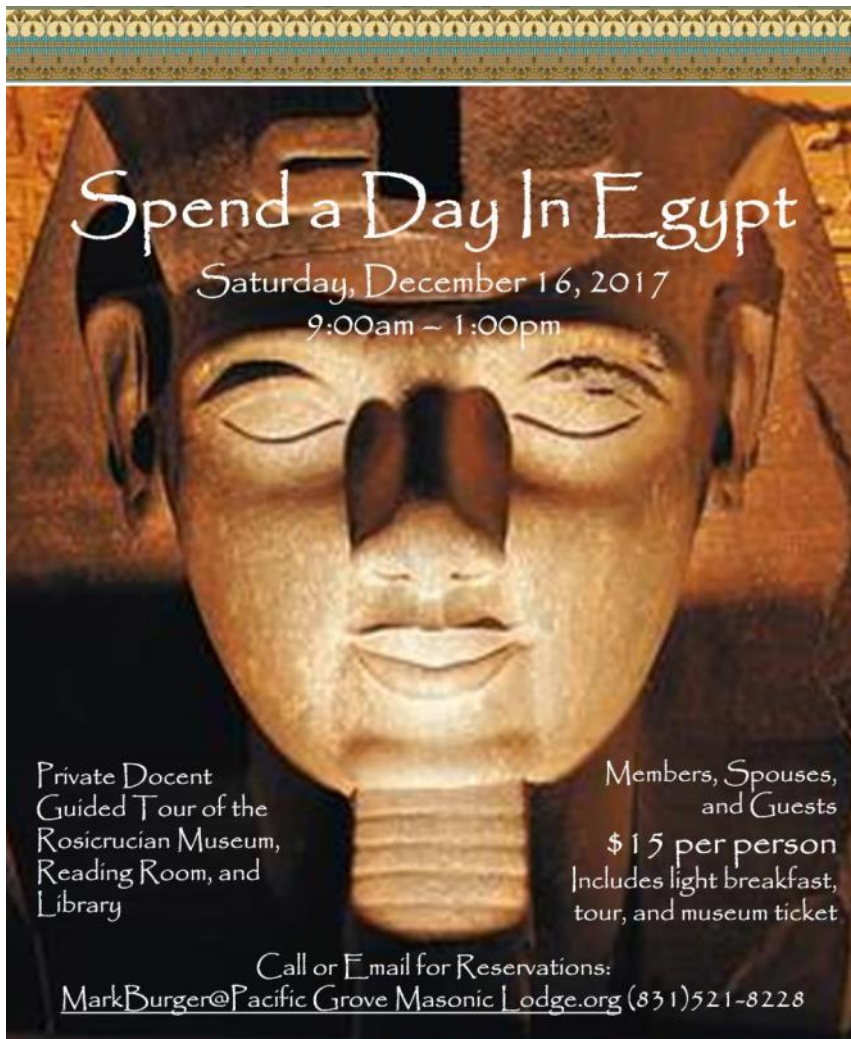
Happy Holidays

I have always loved this time of year. It is time of family, reflection, of endings, and ultimately new beginnings. I trust you will have time for each in the coming weeks. Masonry for me provides an opportunity to consider my thoughts on many of these topics. I often use this time to reflect on the past and reset myself for the coming year and what I want my life to be. One of these reflections is often about the degrees of our Scottish Rite. For my thoughts today, it is the Chapter of the Rose Croix.

As we know, there are a number of Rose-Croix degrees, differing in a measure from each other in their work and in their teachings. However, it is said that they have their basis in Rosicrucianism.

To that end and to learn more about the Ancient and Mystic Order Rosae Crucis, join us for a visit to their Grand Lodge and Egyptian Museum. . This is one of the largest collections of Egyptian artifacts outside of Egypt and at the site is the Grand Lodge of AMORC, the Ancient and Mystical Order of the Rosicrucian. Some say they are a distant cousin of Masonry. Come and find out. The day includes a light breakfast, Tour of their extensive Reading Room, a Guided Tour of their Museum and a chance to meet their Grand Master Julie Scott. Saturday December 16th, 9:00 AM San Jose. \$15 pp. Email MarkBurger@PacificGroveMasonicLodge.org or call (831) 521-8228 for reservations. Address of the Museum is: 1660 Park Ave, San Jose, 95191. See you there!

MARK BURGER, MASTER OF KADOSH



Spend a Day In Egypt
 Saturday, December 16, 2017
 9:00am ~ 1:00pm

Private Docent
 Guided Tour of the
 Rosicrucian Museum,
 Reading Room, and
 Library

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 and Guests
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 tour, and museum ticket

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Ill Ken Nagel presents newly Coroneted Ill Chuck Cowden with his 33rd Degree Patent.



Ill Chuck Cowden presents Bro Tony Petroutsas with his Certificate for 50 Years in Scottish Rite!



MENU

Tuesday, December 12th, 2017

Assorted Appetizers

Chicken Marsala- Breast of chicken in a marsala cream sauce with mushrooms & artichokes

Rice Pilaf

Mixed Vegetables

Caesar Salad

Fresh Rolls & Butter - and Dessert

Vegetarian Entrée *(Must be requested by 12/8/17)*

Call or email your reservations **NOW!!**

SPECIAL NOTICE!! In Honor of the Christmas Season, there will be **NO CHARGE** to Brothers and Guests for the December Stated Meeting Dinner. **HOWEVER**—you **MUST** make reservations by **NOON** on Monday, Dec 11. **NO EXCEPTIONS and NO WALK INS**, as we will be cooking for **ONLY** the number of reservations received. Thank You!

The Personal Representative and The Venerable Master

*of the
Valley of San Jose*

— Invite all

Scottish Rite Freemasons and other Brother Masons to

A Night of Scottish Rite Instruction and Festive Agape

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

at

The Scottish Rite Center

2455 Masonic Drive

San Jose, California

Brother Oscar Arguello Jr., 32 Degree

Valley of San Jose

and

Golden Rule Lodge No. 479

**Will Favor Us with a Talk on
Hermetic Philosophy and Masonry;
Possible Links**

Schedule of Events

6:30p.m. – 7:00 PM – Social Time

7:00p.m. – 7:45 PM – Presentation of the Paper

7:45p.m. – Festive Agape/Dinner

Cost \$25.00

Requested dress is white tie & tails, tux or dark suit & tie with SR Cap

Reservations are required

Please call the SJ Scottish Rite @ 408-978-7483 to make your reservations

Reservations not canceled before December 1, must be honored



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Location: _____

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Name of Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Have you ever petitioned for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees?: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Tuesday, Dec 5th ~ *“Night of Instruction”* ~ See Flyer inside the Rite Word

Tuesday, Dec 12th ~ *Scottish Rite Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm*

6:30pm - Social Hour ~ 7:00pm - Dinner ~ Program - Christmas Theme

Saturday, Dec 16th ~ *“Spend a Day in Egypt” Guided Tour of Rosicrucian Museum* ~ Details inside Rite Word

Monday, Dec 25th ~ MERRY CHRISTMAS! *May the Spirit and Joy of the Season be with you ALL!!*

Monday, Jan 1st, 2018 ~ HAPPY NEW YEAR! *May 2018 be your BEST YEAR—EVER!!!!*

Tuesday, Jan 9th ~ *Scottish Rite Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm*

6:30pm - Social Hour ~ 7:00pm - Dinner ~ Program - New Years Theme

Sunday, Jan 21st ~ *Monthly Masonic Get Together from 1pm—7pm*

Host—Wors Will Montoya, 2999 Bradbury Dr, SJ Bring a dish to share Open to All Masons and Friends

Tuesday, Jan 23rd ~ *All Officer Meeting and Installation Practice—7pm*

Tuesday, Jan 30th ~ *Scottish Rite Installation of 2018 Officers*

6:00pm - Practice & Pictures ~ 7:00pm - Installation ~ 8:00pm—Refreshments

Tuesday, Feb 13th ~ *Scottish Rite Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm*

6:30pm - Social Hour ~ 7:00pm - Dinner ~ Program - Valentine/Sweethearts Theme

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