

From the Venerable Master

y Brothers,

I noted last month that I like to explore the philosophies that are attached to our degrees.



In the First Degree perambulation we hear these words:

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

It is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: That went down to the skirts of his garments."

In life, there are many things or ideas that divide us. In this day and age the onus is placed upon us as Masons to dwell in unity while in the lodge. You may have noticed this isn't always easily achieved if we discuss outside influences in the lodge. Let us strive to practice outside of the lodge the same we practice while in the lodge.

This quote compares the ability to meet in unity to the most precious and holy oil. This oil is detailed in Exodus 30 verse 22.

I will be checking the calendar for available Saturdays in May at the Scottish Rite building with Hank and Angela. I would like for the Lodge of Perfection to produce a comedy show that month.

We will complete our reunion on May 2^{nd} and it will be time to lighten up a bit. I'm trying to book a good act; a personal friend of mine who has been awarded the title "funniest cop in America". Let's see what open dates we can match him with.

MARTIN MAXEY

VENERABLE MASTER

2017 Spring Reunion is April 21-22, 29 & May 2 Mark your calendars NOW and plan to join the Candidates and your Brothers to re-experience the Drama and Beauty of our Degrees.



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From the Clinic

Siena is a friendly and energetic girl who enjoys doing gymnastics and playing with her big brother and family. She has been attending speech therapy at the San Jose Scottish Rite Care Clinic once a week since October 2016 to address her articulation, receptive and expressive language. Siena was referred to the clinic by her interventionist, Jodi Conti, Parents Helping Parents and San Jose State Speech Disorder Clinic.



In speech therapy sessions at the Rite Care Clinic, Siena has been working on identifying the number of sounds in words and syllables in words in order to decrease her tendency to leave sounds or chunks out from words. She is also working on improving her ability to follow directions, increasing her basic concept knowledge, increasing her sentence length, and ability to produce specific speech sounds, such as /l/.

Siena's father, Scott Amaya, has been pleased with her work here and said, "The treatment has refocused our attention on the baby steps we need to take with Siena. There is so much for her to learn on a daily basis that we sometimes forget about the basics. I involve her in everything and anything she can for the experiences but always have in mind the goals she needs to accomplish. Since the time we started to present day, there has been an improvement with Siena due to staying the course." He has enjoyed observing the sessions from behind the two-way mirror in order to learn and use the same techniques with Siena at home. He says that he would absolutely tell other parents about our clinic, giving the feedback, "It may be a free service but the staff you can not put a price on. They have expressed the care and understanding a parent is going through when lacking communication. Their patience and efforts are greatly appreciated for all involved."

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THE RITE WORD

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San Jose Scottish Rite Spring Reunion Schedule "2017"

5:30 - 6:00 pm Registration & Cap sizing
6:00 - 6:30 pm Open Lodge of Perfection & Class Orientation
6:30 - 7:15 pm DINNER (LOP to Host)

0.50 - 7.15 pm

7:15 - 8:15 pm Confer 4th Degree

8:15 - 8:20 pm BREAK

8:20 - 9:30 pm Communicate 5th - 7th Degrees

9:30 pm Close LOP/CLASS DISMISSED

(Badges to Tiler)

SATURDAY APRIL 22ND

9:00 - 10:20 am Open Lodge of Perfection & Communicate 8th - 11th Degrees

10:20 - 10:30 am **BREAK**

10:30 - 11:15 am Confer 12th Degree

11:15 - 11:45 am Communicate 13th Degree

11:45 - 12:30 pm LUNCH (Rose Croix to host)

12:30 - 1:15 pm Confer 14th Degree & Close LOP

1:15 - 2:40 pm Open Chapter Rose Croix &

Communicate 15th - 17th Degrees

2:40 - 2:45 pm BREAK

2:45 - 4:15 pm Confer 18th Degree & Close Chapter

4:15 pm CLASS DISMISSED (Badges to Tiler)

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH

9:00 - 10:00 am Open Council of Kadosh &

Communicate 19th - 21st Degrees

10:10 - 10:15 am **BREAK**

10:15 - 10:45 am Confer 22nd Degree

10:45 - 11:45 am Communicate 23rd - 25th Degrees -

11:45 - 12:30 pm LUNCH (Council of Kadosh to Host)

12:30 - 1:30 pm Communicate 26th - 28th Degrees

1:30 - 2:45 pm Confer 29th Degree

2:45 - 3:30 pm BREAK/Class Photo / Catch up on

previous Degrees

3:30 - 4:15 pm Confer 30th Degree & Close Council

4:15 pm CLASS DISMISSED (Badges to Tiler)

TUESDAY, MAY 2ND

6:30 - 7:15 pm DINNER (Consistory to Host)

Communicate 31st Degree

7:45 - 9:15 pm Confer 32nd Degree & Close

Consistory

9:15 pm CLASS DISMISSED (Badges to Tiler)

Brothers — Our Spring Reunion is <u>less</u> than 2 months away, and we currently have only TWO applications! I know we've all been busy with Blue Lodge Installations, but that's now over with. Each of you knows at least ONE Master Mason in your Lodge who would benefit from all the lessons and teachings of our beloved Scottish Rite. Go talk to him this week and give him the application inside the back cover of the Rite Word. Then—offer to be his Top Line signer! There are MANY worthy Brothers out there who would welcome the chance to talk with you about our Scottish Rite. Bring it up at your Blue Lodge Stated Meetings. If you need more applications, I can email you a soft copy. Let's make this Reunion our BEST EVER! Hank Vlcek, General Secretary

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From the Commander

During my many readings of the Scottish Rite Synopsis of the 30th Degree "Knight of Kadosh, or Knight of the White and Black Eagle" I came across a phrase that perplexed me. It is "... Many are called yet few are chosen." And for several years this bothered me as to its meaning and context. As I pursued this I found that the phrase is also a part of the York Rite degree of Knight Templar, of which there is some similarity and affinities.

Calling on a most knowledgeable Inspector of course, and other wise men, I was referred to the Book of St. Matthew in the New Testament of the Holy Writings. In these Chapters were found such biblical parables as "The Triumphal Entry" which included . . . Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner . . . and also while scouring thru the 38 pages of small type in Chapter 22, "Parable of the Feast" yes—there was the phrase I was searching for. In letting this slowly sink in my question of who were the called, and who were the few that are chosen were explained, (I think). This is really a profound little gem—to wit as follows:



The Parable of the Feast describes a King's son's wedding where servants were sent forth to call those that were invited to attend, but they would not come. Again he sent forth other servants to tell them all things are ready; Come unto the marriage, but they made light of it and went their ways and killed the servants. The King was wroth and he sent forth his armies to kill those murderers. Then the wedding and feast were ready and more servants were sent to find other guests for the wedding and both good and bad guests were found.

And when the King came in to see the guests he saw a man who did not have a wedding garment, and he said unto him "Friend, how came you here not having a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. Then said the King to the servants "Bind him and take him away and cast him to the outer darkness; and there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth"

"For many are called but few are chosen."

So! When many are invited but do not come the King gets distraught and tries again and again to find a few good men and true who have the proper garments and who he will choose to participate in the work, and in the festivities. And on this theme I invite all brethren who have the proper garments, and who are able, to attend a Stated Meeting and dinner, and our next Spring Reunion for the degrees in April, and, please wear your cap.

Dell Bleiler, Commander, Council of Kadosh

Menu

TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2017

Assorted Appetizers

~Penne Marinara~& Meatballs~

~Assorted Vegetables & Caesar Salad~

~Garlic Bread~

Dessert **Vegetarian Entrée** (must be requested)

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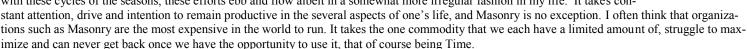
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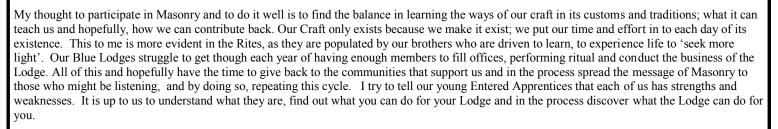
reetings Brothers,

I trust that you are finding your way through this very wet winter with an eye out towards Spring. As much as the weather is bringing much needed water to California, I for one am excited about the return of spring and the sun returning each day.

With respect to the heavens, March, in the Northern hemisphere, is considered to be the beginning of spring, with the Equinox being on the 21st. This of course is when the amount of light in the day, is balanced with an equal amount of the darkness of the night. We see this same balance is also in September. From March 21st forward we will see the days getting longer and the nights getting shorter, waking Mother Nature from her slumbers to bring the Earth back to fruition. This rebirth is chronicled in the Greek myth of Persephone, the daughter of the Goddess of Harvest.

These are interesting phenomena of our world and historical myths from the past of how ancient people attempted to understand the world around them. It set the tone of mankind attempting to understand and control the world in which we live and build to make it better. We continue this tradition in Masonry with the building of the temples within us and the contributions we make to society as described and discussed in the metaphor and allegory of the building of ancient temples throughout history. As with these cycles of the seasons, these efforts ebb and flow albeit in a somewhat more irregular fashion in my life. It takes con-





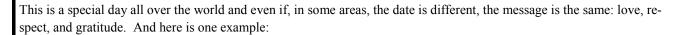
I hope that this spring each of you can find some time for reflection, to look to create that balance in our lives, where we have the time for each of the relationships, activities and responsibilities that make us who we are.

Mark Burger, Master of Kadosh

rethren,

From the Wise Master

By the time you read this article, we will have already had the "Annual Sweethearts Night" on February 14th. What better day to have our sweetheart's celebration than on Valentine's Day! The day when we express, more than in any other day of the year, our gratitude, love, and respect to the women in our lives: mothers, sisters, wives, and daughters.



More than 6000 miles away, and two weeks later than Valentine's Day, the Romanian men do the same: pay respect. It's called "Martisor." It is a tradition that has lasted for thousands of years. Researchers--wiser than me--traced it to before the Roman Empire.

On this day--March First--all men give their token of appreciation to the Women in their lives: mothers, sisters, wives, and colleagues at school and in the office. Attached to a red and a white silk string, with tassels matching the color of each string, a little trinket or an amulet is given as a token of renewed love, respect, friendship, and admiration. From a snowdrop to a four-leaf clover, the small amulet conveys the good wishes and good luck in the coming year. Many thousands of years ago, this custom originated as a spring celebration of resurrection. Over time it changed and evolved. Nowadays, men present the little bow of red and white silk threads to which the small trinket is attached to women (family members, friends and colleagues, women in their lives) as a token of renewed love, friendship, respect and admiration.

The saying goes that we men have "a better half." I say that everybody has a half. And without that half no one is a complete. Please join me in celebrating the other half that makes us a "whole."

Ion Vasilescu, Wise Master



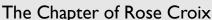
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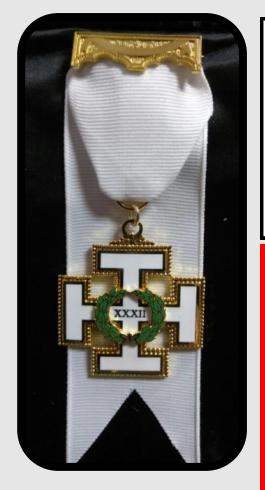




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<u>Tuesday, Feb 28th</u> ~ Quarterly SJSR Board of Directors *Meeting @ 5:30pm*<u>Tuesday, Feb 28th</u> ~ *Monthly All Officer Council Meeting @ 7:00pm*<u>Thursday, Mar 9th</u> ~ *Monthly OAM Meeting hosted by South Valley Lodge #187*

6: 30pm - Chicken Feed Dinner ~ 7: 30pm - Presentation from MW John Heisner

Tuesday, Mar 14th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

6: 30pm - Social Hour ~ 7:00pm - Dinner ~ Program - St Patrick's Day Theme

Thursday, Mar 16th ~ Annual "Masonic Family Night" hosted by Friendship Lodge #210

6: 30pm - Pizza Feast ~ 7: 30pm - Family Themed Magic Show ~ Followed by Ice Cream & Cake for all

Sunday, Mar 26th ~ Monthly Masonic Get Together at 1:00—6:00pm

Host—Bro Joe Campbell — 3681 Kendra Way, SJ, 95130 - Bring a dish to share. Open to ALL Brothers

<u>Tuesday, Mar 28th</u> ~ *Monthly All Officer Council Meeting @ 7:00pm* <u>Tuesday, Apr 11th</u> ~ *Scottish Rite Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm*

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

Friday/Saturday, Apr 21-22 ~ Spring Reunion begins—See details inside Rite Word