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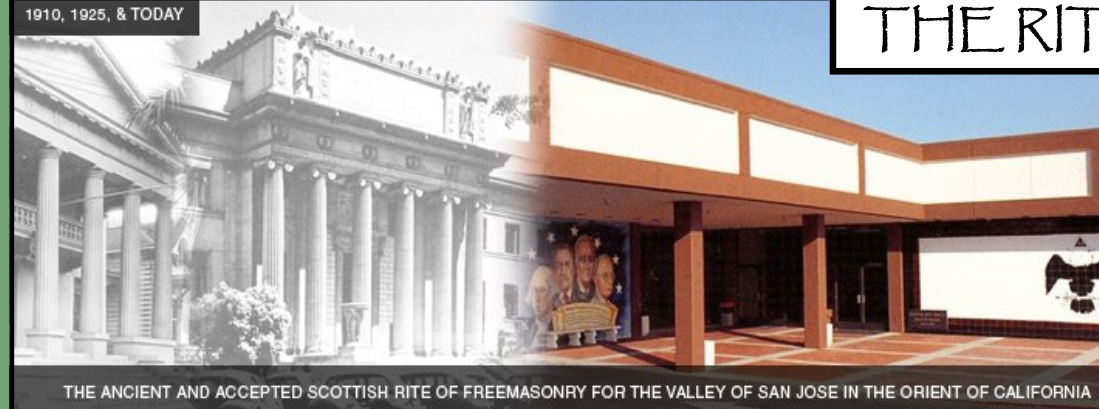
THE RITE WORD

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1910, 1925, & TODAY



From the Venerable Master

Masonic Thoughts at Christmas By Just a Mason" (Canadian)Web Site

What might Christmas mean to the Freemason?

Certainly Freemasonry is not a religion, Christian or otherwise. It leaves the determination on spiritual matters to each individual Mason, so long as he believes in the Almighty Creator. But there are certain messages from the story of Christmas that are applicable to all Masons, not just those who celebrate a certain birth on December 25th.

Many Christians feel God gave his greatest gift to mankind, and that Gift's birth is marked on Christmas Day. The spirit of giving is also outlined in our Masonic ceremonies. The new Entered Apprentice is reminded in the northeast corner of charity, and to practice it whenever possible. That is the monetary aspect but there is another kind. The one referred to in the Charge in the same degree which admonishes us to relieve the distresses of our neighbor, soothing his afflictions and to do to him as you that he should do unto you. In other words, the Golden Rule, from the Sermon on the Mount.

Christmas is a time of faith for our Christian brethren. But all Masons are reminded in the different degrees of the principle of Faith. In the explanation of the First Degree Tracing Board we hear that we are to be ready and willing to adore the Almighty Creator. Therefore, let this time of year serve as a reminder to all Masons to practice their faith, whatever it may be.

Faith and Charity are names of principal staves or rounds on the Ladder you see on that Tracing Board. But there is another round, and that is Hope in Salvation. While salvation has a

particular connotation to those who believe in the story of the virgin birth, the concept of some kind of reward for following Masonic principles during our lives winds its way through the various degrees, as those of you familiar with the working tools of our degrees will know."

So, let this season of the year remind all Masons, no matter what their religious beliefs, to follow those universal tenets of our Craft and the 18th Degree (Knight Rose Croix) – Faith, Hope and Charity. In so doing, satisfaction should come upon us at this Christmas time.

I hope you can join us for the annual Children's language Clinic Christmas Party to help celebrate the season with our kids and their loved ones on December 1st, and our December Stated Meeting and Dinner on December 11th. December 4th we will hold our Scottish Rite Night of Instruction and Agape Dinner.

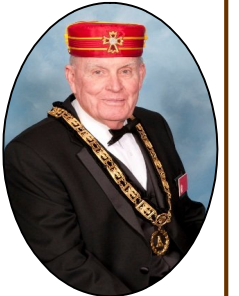
Chuck Cowden

-Venerable Master

Merry Christmas!

Happy Holidays!

Happy New Year!



Future Scottish Rite Events

Tuesday December 4th ~ Scottish Rite Night of Instruction at 6:30 PM

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

Dinner honoring the Masters of 2012 @ 7:00 PM

Tuesday December 25th ~ Christmas Day (Office Closed)

Tuesday January 1st ~ New Year's Day (Office Closed)

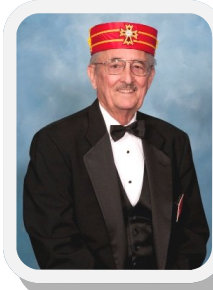
Tuesday January 8th ~ January ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM (Election of Officers)

Tuesday January 22nd ~ All Officers Council at 6:30 PM

Tuesday January 29th ~ Installation of Officers and Arch of Unity at 7:00 PM

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From the Secretary's Table:

George Burns once remarked, "You can't help getting older. But you don't have to get old." Well said. Indeed, a lot can help keep us young Staying physically active, enjoying family gatherings, serving in our neighborhoods, communities and churches, and of course being active in Scottish Rite. Many of these things mirror the kinds of opportunities that Masonry and Scottish Rite offered you a lifetime ago when you became a member.

From our humble beginnings, we have grown older, but certainly not "old". Today's San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation is addressing emerging needs through its hallmark Rite Care Program, scholarships and other charitable activities.

Take a moment before the month ends to make a contribution to support our Clinic. Any amount you can afford will help. It takes over \$200,000 to open those doors and provide the services we provide. With approximately 900 members, you can do the math if we needed to support its operation only from the donations of our members. Luckily, a number of members long passed, prepared endowed funds to assist, but we still need your support. Please do what you can.

Handwritten signature of the General Secretary.

Some Pictures from our Capping ceremony

General Secretary



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on that.

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It is a maxim that deeds speak louder than words. Words may be false, but deeds speak the truth. Good deeds need no other praise other than the acts themselves. They reflect their own resplendence in the moral universe like the sun in the physical. I know it is said that "no good deed shall go unpunished." However, we Scottish Rite Masons say that to be a good man and true in Masonry, is the chief good. For, as it has been said, "If a man should lay down, as the chief good, that which has no connection with virtue, and measure it by his own interest and not according to its moral merit, if such a man shall act consistently with his own principles, and is not influenced by the goodness of his heart, he can neither cultivate friendship, justice or generosity."

We should all strive to lead by good deeds, not harsh words, remembering that:

"A soft answer turneth away wrath
But a harsh word stirs up anger." Proverbs 15:1

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



Andrew is a sweet three and a half year old boy who comes to our clinic twice per week to receive speech and language therapy. Andrew has two older brothers who previously attended our clinic for therapy, so his family was familiar with the services provided by the San Jose Scottish Rite. Andrew's speech and language delay was first noticed by his family, as well as his brother's therapist who observed him in the waiting room. Andrew had spent many afternoons playing in the clinic while waiting on his brothers. He was a familiar face to our therapists!



Prior to the initiation of treatment, Andrew's parents stated, "He had difficulty pronouncing words fully and we had trouble understanding him when he spoke." Since treatment began, they stated, "Andrew is talking much more. He is easier to understand during a conversation. He can now communicate with all of us and ask for what he wants instead of pointing for it."

Andrew is currently displaying signs of Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS). This means that he has difficulty coordinating, sequencing and initiating the movements necessary to produce sound combinations. When he speaks, he often uses vowel sounds that are relaxed such as "uh" or "ah" and very few consonants. He leaves the consonants off the beginning and ends of words, so a word such as "cat" might be said as "ah." This of course makes it hard for the listener to understand Andrew and also creates a frustrating experience for him as well.

As a result of Andrew's CAS or in conjunction with it, he is also demonstrating a lack of expressive language. His ability to understand language is excellent, however his expressive language skills are below age range and it is difficult to understand his attempts at talking.

With only four months of speech and language therapy under his belt, Andrew has made great gains! His treatment has focused on producing short vowel and consonant combinations such as mama, up, out, on, in, eat and bunny. Andrew is using more and more consonant sounds. A treatment technique called PROMPT is being used, where the therapist provides physical input to his face, lips and chin to promote the motor movements necessary to produce sounds. Andrew has responded wonderfully to treatment. He is very cooperative and tries hard, even though it's not always easy for him. He is a shy little boy and although he is still quiet in treatment sessions, he is opening up more and more every day!

Andrew's parents stated, "Working with the therapists is wonderful. They are patient and kind and want your child to succeed. Everyone is open, caring and really care about what they are doing. When you have your child in this clinic you feel confident that your child is safe and that the therapists are willing to go the extra mile to make sure your child succeeds."

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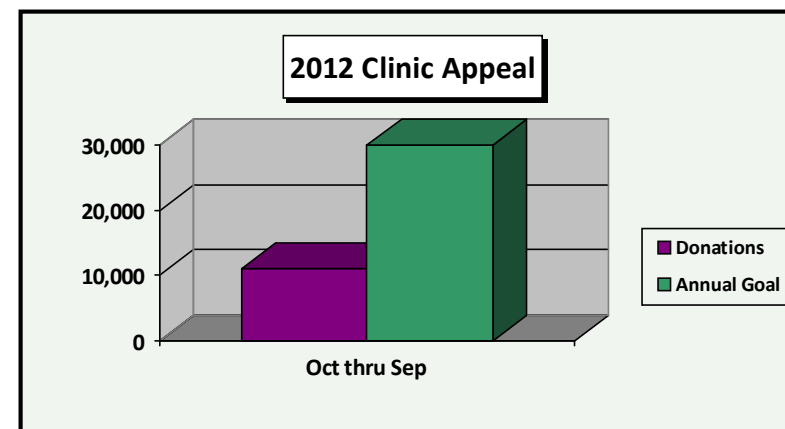


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Make your contribution to the **San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies** and have your name included on the "**Honor Roll**". Your annual gift of \$100.00 or more will help the San Jose Lodge of Perfection, Chapter Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh and Consistory reach the level necessary to provide quality events for our future success.

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*The Happiest of Holidays &
A Wonderful New Year
To All of You !
God Bless & Be Safe !*

During November, we had a very pleasant evening on our Stated Meeting night when we presented caps and rings to our newly initiated Masters of the Royal Secret. We have included an number of pictures here to show off a little. Welcome to our new Brothers!

We held off the publication of the December Rite Word until today (12/2/12) in order to publish some of the pictures from the Christmas party. If you were not present, please plan to be here next year. This party was the largest in many years and our thanks go to Angela Athans and her staff for producing an outstanding event. THANK YOU ANGELA !!!! You are the greatest and you make us all look good.

Season's Greetings Brethren,

As we wrap up this year and look forward to catching up with friends and family over the holidays, Laurie and I send our very best wishes to each of you. We thank you for the support that you provide to the fraternity and particularly to the clinic and the children we are able to assist. We especially thank the clinic staff for their skill, commitment and dedication. President Andrew Jackson is quoted as saying that "Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit mankind". As Scottish Rite Masons, our three primary philanthropic programs are the RiteCare childhood language center, the educational scholarships, and disaster relief. As you are doing your year-end planning, please consider a bit of additional financial support for our focus programs. Thank you for your continued support and for the positive impact on you have made on the children in our community through our programs.

Warm Fraternal Wishes for the Holidays,

Jim

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*May Almighty God, in his infinite mercy,
Grant that we may meet again,
to part no more.*

*~ Called
From Labor...
Bro. Dorcas Taylor 32°*



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From the Master of Kadosh

The " Christmas " info is taken from the World Book Encyclopedia.

The custom of exchanging Christmas gifts is said to have begun in memory of the gifts the Wise Men brought the Christ Child. In some countries, children believe their gifts come from Saint Nicholas, a kindly bishop famous for his generosity. In other countries, children believe the Wise Men or the Christ Child bring them gifts. But perhaps the most joyous symbol of gift-giving is Santa Claus. This jolly gentleman seems to set a mood of happiness and good cheer at Christmastime.

Roger Bibb,

Master of Kadosh - San Jose Consistory

