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## From the Personal Representative:



In 1951 the film "Quo Vadis" was produced, which is a Latin term for the question "Whither goest thou?" or "Where are you going?", a question that had great meaning to early Christians. Literally the words propose to the listener the thought that he should pause and analyze his course of conduct and test it against the set of standards laid down by the leaders of his faith.

It is a question of timeless importance, and one we should each ask ourselves on a daily basis.

Recently the City of Gilroy was criticized for allowing a religious group, "The Masons" to participate in a Cornerstone Ceremony for the newly constructed Police Headquarters. Bro. Greg Hall 32°, and I both sent letters with our standard response to such misinterpretations, explaining that each Mason observes his own religion, and Masonry isn't it. The reader was unconvinced, but a few days later, one of the columnists for the newspaper was kind enough to write an article explaining Masonry and supporting our position.

It's important for us, as Masons, to be aware of the difference between our Masonic principles and the practice of religion, and I know I'm wandering precariously close to a Masonic taboo by even bringing up the subject.

"Quo vadis?" "Whither goest thou?" Are we, as Masons, following a deity or are we simply applying a set of moral standards to our lives? The difference, I think, is quite simple. Religions typically follow a recognized Spiritual Leader, a Standard Bearer, a real Person. We, as Masons, are taught to apply to our lives a set of standards, and even though those standards may be the very same that are or have been preached over the ages by religious leaders, to us they are rules of our conduct and not a faith to follow.

Can a good Mason be a practicing member of an organized faith? Well, I should certainly hope so, or my time spent in church every Sunday is all for naught. I had a pastor of a Southern Baptist Church, tell me once that when his church told him he must choose between the church and Masonry, that was the time he'd have to leave that church; and if the Lodge told him he would have to make a similar decision, well, he'd just have to leave the Lodge. "Free choice", the 29° lecture reads, "is essential to the exercise of free will".

Space prohibits my pursuing this subject to its logical end, here, but Brethren, don't let the subject die in your thoughts and conversations. Where are we, as Masons, going? If Masonry has any merit at all, we should apply our sincerest efforts in support of it. Don't be timid about explaining your feelings toward Masonry with your friends, and don't be lost for an answer when Masonry comes under criticism.

Be aware of where you are going. - *Bob Winter*

### From the Venerable Master



#### Nov. Reunion and the "Gerald R. Ford" Memorial Class: Brethren:

For our Fall Reunion, it has been suggested that we take to heart, the full meaning of the word "Reunion". In recent years, we have laid aside the real meaning of the word. It is **"A gathering of the members of a group who have been separated"**. Since we have over 1,400 members and we see less than 100 at any given event, it is entirely within reason that we dedicate this Fall Reunion class to betterment of Scottish Rite. Come and be a part of a **true Reunion** this year.

**Richard Meyers**, 32° KCCH—Venerable Master—Lodge of Perfection

**Remember that our next Friday Lunch Bunch will be on Friday (surprise) September 15, 2007 at high twelve. Join us for an enjoyable meal.**

### Our new Secretary and Our new Rental Manager:

Say hello  
to our  
newly  
appointed  
Secretary  
and our  
new  
Rental  
Manager.

As most of you are aware, Ill. Dalton Noland, 33° retired from his position as Secretary of the Bodies at the end of June. He and Barbara have moved to Nevada and they will be sorely missed. We wish them God Speed.

Effective July 9, 2007, Brother Robert D. Rowan, Jr., 32° was appointed by Ill. William Stovall, 33° - Deputy of the Supreme Council in California to fill the vacancy. Brother Bob comes to the task with excellent business and Masonic credentials and I trust that he will have your complete cooperation and assistance. He has some tremendously big shoes to fill. Watch for changes to our web-site, the Rite Word, and others as well.

Also newly on board is Brother Dan Brothers, 32° who will be our Rental Manager and will assist the Secretary with other issues related to the management of the building. Dan was a member of our Spring class and is new to the Rite. Please stop by and wish him well.—*Bob Winter*

## Annual Bar-b-que

San Jose Scottish Rite's annual July BBQ attracted many members, wives, escorts, and friends—all looking forward to a steak dinner, and all the trimmings. No one was disappointed. Bill Roberts and his wife Ruth, spent the entire day in the kitchen preparing the steaks; Hazel Winter baked an orange cake and provided ice cream for desert. Bob Winter was the BBQ chef extraordinaire, and Mary Lou Johnson, Grace Stephens, Gene Keister, Hal Leister, Ken Nagel, David Driesbach, Richard Fisher and Sandy Rowan provided the dining room set-up and cleanup. Thanks to all of you who contributed your time and effort the this great annual event!!

Those who could not attend, really missed out on a very special event.

**Roger Bibb, 33°**

### Wanted:

If you know of a Brother who has professional experience as a Landscape Design Architect, please ask him to contact our Secretary—Robert Rowan

If you know of a Brother who has professional experience as a Civil Engineer, please ask him to contact our Secretary—Robert Rowan

#### San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies

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## From our Childhood Language Clinic

**From our Clinician, Angela:** Ian is a five and a half year old boy who has been receiving speech therapy at the San Jose Scottish Rite Clinic for 17 months and he has made tremendous progress. Ian was diagnosed with apraxia of speech, which means he has difficulty coordinating the oral motor movements necessary to produce sounds. As a result, he was very difficult to understand and had severe difficulty making himself understood by others. The result was a very quiet child, afraid to talk to both family members and strangers. Throughout therapy Ian has made fantastic progress and as he reaches the end of his eighteen-month program he has met nearly all of his speech goals.

**From a very happy Mother:**

**To the San Jose Scottish Rite Speech and Language Center,**

I would like to take a moment to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the incredible gift you have given our family. Son Ian is a bright boy who used to be quite reserved. Ian is a bit of a perfectionist and we had noticed that it made him extremely uncomfortable that people could not understand him when he spoke. He had learned not to speak to new people for fear of being asked what he had said over and over again. Since attending the Scottish Rite's Speech and Language Center, Ian has blossomed. His therapist Angela was able to make him feel comfortable right away and Ian has made significant progress. As we near the end of his therapy, we feel truly blessed that Ian was given this opportunity. Thank you for this invaluable service you provide for so many.

Sincerely, *Julia Blom*

**Are you aware that your donation to the Clinic could be worth twice as much? Many companies will match their employees' gifts to charitable organizations. To find out more, speak with your employer or the Secretary of the Bodies. One or the other can get you the information you**

## Foundation Director

There has been considerable interest in trying to raise the visibility of the Clinic and Foundation. To this end, we are reestablishing the position of Foundation Director and I have asked Brother Ed Clarke to assume this responsibility. To enhance the foundation, Ed will be working with the Faculty at San Jose State University to help us with both the Clinic and the Library. A number of Brothers have stepped up to help in the Library and we certainly appreciate the help. Please contact Bro. Clarke, if you feel that you too can be of assistance.—*Bob Winter*

## Donations:

### **San Jose Scottish Rite Language Disorders Clinic:**

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Thank  
you for  
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support!

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#### **In Memory of:**

Ernie Smith

### Resolution for Change:



Brethren,

At our next regular meeting, I will present a resolution to change the By-laws of San Jose Scottish Rite and thereby change our meeting time from 8:00 PM to 5:30 PM. With an abbreviated ritual, our Supper would follow at 6:30 PM and include some of the normal reports now done in the Lodge. (Almoner, Sunshine, Orator, Personal Rep.)

Although this may make it more difficult for some Officers to be present, it will afford all of us a better opportunity to enjoy one another in a more relaxed atmosphere.

**Bill Roberts, 33°** - Master of Kadosh

### November 17th Reunion Banquet:

From Bro. Hal Leister:

The November 17, 2007 Banquet for the Fall 2007 Reunion will be a festive event to welcome all members of the SJ Scottish Rite Bodies to the Reunion, to recognize our new members, the Directors of the Degree Teams, and the degree participants.

**Make no mistake.** This will be a meaningful and fun Reunion for all to remember. The banquet room will be decorated to include beautiful floral arrangements and every effort will be made to assure a successful evening.

The dinner will be a fully catered four course meal with complete table service. Gourmet food will be complimented with excellent wines and, of course, non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. Of course, the dress will be formal.

#### **Menu**

Blue cheese and toasted walnut Ceasar Salad

Red Bell Pepper Bisque

Your choice of:

New York Steak with Madera Sauce and horseradish-chive sauce

- or -

Slow roasted Herbed Salmon

Both accompanied by cheddar mashed potatoes and a vegetable medley in herb-scallion butter


The dessert will be a pumpkin cake with ginger whipped cream.

**Estimated price per person is \$30.00. - Reservation deadline is November 5, 2007 and must include your choice of entree.**

Dues Increase Notice:

**The Supreme Council**  
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ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF  
FREEMASONRY, SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, U. S. A.



**PROCLAMATION**

**ORIENT OF CALIFORNIA**

**ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY**

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, WILLIAM F. STOVALL, 33°, Deputy of the Supreme Council of the 33°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America (Mother Council of the World), do hereby PROCLAIM that the regular Annual Membership Dues in every Valley in the Orient of California will hereafter be set at the amount of NINETY FIVE DOLLARS (\$95.00) for the year 2008 and each year subsequent thereto.

Witness My Signature  
this 27<sup>th</sup> Day of July, 2007

Deputy of the Supreme Council  
in California

This is  
the  
recent  
message  
about  
2008  
dues  
structure

Reception for Ill. Leo B. Mark 33°

Brethren,

Please be certain to reserve the date of October 20, 2007 for a reception honoring Ill. Leo B. Mark 33° for his exemplary service to San Jose Scottish Rite. Further details will be in the October Rite Word. **Robert Rowan 32° - General Secretary**

In our Community

**SAVE THE DATE**

**16th Annual Adult Services Resource Faire**

"Focusing on Healthy Lifestyles for Seniors"

October 18, 2007  
9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

**Presented by:**




**Unify Center**  
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Community Resources available to all! Including members of Scottish Rite.



## For the Lighter Side of things

We have enjoyed the redneck jokes for years. Here's an interesting spin that you might enjoy. We all respect the core beliefs of a culture that values home, family, country and God. If I had to stand before a dozen terrorists who threaten my life, I'd choose a half dozen or so Masons to back me up.

**You might be a Mason if:** It never occurred to you to be offended by the phrase, "One nation, under God."

**You might be a Mason if:** You've never protested about seeing the 10 Commandments posted in public places.

**You might be a Mason if:** You still say " Christmas" instead of "Winter Festival."

**You might be a Mason if:** You bow your head when someone prays.

**You might be a Mason if:** You stand and place your hand over your heart when they play the National Anthem.

**You might be a Mason if:** You treat vets with great respect, and always have.

**You might be a Mason if:** You've never burned an American flag.

**You might be a Mason if:** You know what you believe and you aren't afraid to say so, no matter who is listening.

**You might be a Mason if:** You respect your elders and expect your kids to do the same.

**You might be a Mason if:** You'd give your last dollar to a friend..

PS: A long life may not be good enough, but a good life is long enough. - **Brother Benjamin Franklin**

PSS: I have written too much history to have any faith in it; and if anyone thinks I'm wrong, I'm inclined to agree with him.

**Brother Harry S. Truman**

September Stated Meeting Dinner  
6:30 PM - Tuesday, September 11, 2007



Only \$10.00  
per person

**Menu**

- Italian Baked Chicken
- Chicken Cacciatore
- Italian cutlet in parmesan sauce
- Spaghetti w/meatball
- Vegetable Lasagna
- Zucchini parmesan, broccoli parmesan
- Caesar Salad
- Fettuccini Alf redo salads
- Antipasto salads
- Fresh fruit platters
- Dinner Wine, Coffee, Tea

Reservation  
deadline: Friday,  
September 7th at  
5:00 PM

Reservation #:  
408-978-7483

Recycling effort at the Rite

As most of you are aware, it is now illegal to dispose of computers, printers, fax machines and similar items in the normal weekly garbage pick up in front of your home.



Old equip-  
ment in your  
garage?

Also, there are rather substantial costs in the form of fees and/or penalties if you do so.

There are several companies here in San Jose, who offer the service of collecting and recycling that equipment. In the very near future, we will invite one of those firms to use our parking area as a pick up location and you will be able to bring your electronic discards here for recycling. - Further details next month.

Membership is always important:

**PROPOSITION/PETITION/AFFILIATION**

ORIENT OF SAN JOSE  
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Office of the Secretary (408) 978-7483  
2455 Masonic Drive – PO Box 18220, San Jose, CA. 95158-8220

Fee: \$300.00 *(must accompany this petition)*

(Please print or type)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (If different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Blue Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Date Raised: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Valley/Orient (If Affiliating) \_\_\_\_\_

Degree (32/33) \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation (If retired, previous occupation): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I believe in the inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order and undying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, the entire separation of church and state as set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America. Wholeheartedly believing in the foregoing, I respectfully apply for membership with San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by:

1: \_\_\_\_\_ 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Help make this the best year ever for Membership Growth!

Make an effort to bring in "your new member".



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