

A Message From the VENERABLE MASTER

y Brethren

Offer Thanksgiving to God and pay your vows to the Most High. Remember the one who offers Thanksgiving glorifies Him.

As Psalms 51:16 says; "He does not find delight in whole burnt offerings; the sacrifices pleasing to God are a broken spirit and a heart broken.

O God you will not reject. In your good will do what is good for our brethren".

Our blessings are much higher than we think, with the new year around the corner; Let us cultivate a positive attitude. Let us model the power of positive thinking by keeping a can do attitude even when life throws you a curve.

Negativity is contagious, but so is being positive. A thankful heart no matter what the circumstances, helps breed an attitude of hope and contentment in young people.

Never stop learning. A love of learning on your part can foster the same outlook in our children.

Don't just let them know you believe education is important-show them how you are continuing to learn.

Don't play the victim when you make a mistake admit it and work on correcting it. Don't blame your problems on external factors or other people.

Show kindness and respect, kids notice how we treat other people. Go out of your way to model respectful and helpful behavior to all people. The golden rule-treat others as you would want to be treated--deserves our attention, and is a simple way of dramatically improve our world.

Let our youth know of its power. Show up. Our youngsters want nothing more than to know that the elders can be counted on; don't make a promise if there's even a chance in a million that you won't be able to keep it. Live with integrity; hold yourself to a high standard and live accordingly, make sure your everyday actions are honest, fair and compassionate.

Serve others, put others ahead of yourself by regularly contributing to society in an active way.

Make sure the kids know why a particular cause is important to you, and how it makes you feel to help others. Explain how our Creator wants us to make this practice preeminent and intentionally seek out the lost and the hurting; let our youngsters know that this is the starting point of justice.

My brothers let's match our words with deeds. Please allow me to give my heartfelt Thanksgiving to San Benito Lodge and Masonry in general, for assisting our youth in reaching a higher education, and remind them how much beauty and wonder there is in the universe.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

For the day: It is always in season for old men to learn; I want to be a permanent student because it keeps me engaged with life. " It is not by spectacular achievements that man can be transformed, but by will."

Joseph DaSílva, 32° KCCH Venerable Master

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A Word From the Commander....

ave you ever stopped to wonder what led you to join Scottish Rite? Maybe you have, or maybe you've known all along exactly why you decided to invest your time and money into the organization.

But if you haven't thought about it for a while, especially if you haven't attended in some time, then I ask you to take a few moments and ponder. Go ahead, we'll wait.

So do you remember? Chances are, whatever the reasons were, the same is still true today. The lessons taught in our degrees are the same. The fellowship we enjoy at each of our meetings is still there. The collective Masonic knowledge of our members is probably greater than ever before.

As with any Masonic organization, the beauties contained in our body are derived not only from its principles, ideals, and philosophies, but from its members. That means that you and I change the organization and make it better simply by being there and participating. And as we've already seen, the reasons to participate are the same as when you joined.

Please join us at our next stated meeting, and keep coming back.

Randy Downey, 32° KCCH Commander, Council of Kadosh

The Personal Representative and The Venerable Master of the Valley of San Tose

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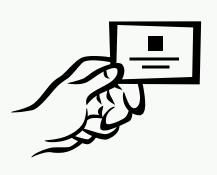
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Please remember those brothers that are shut in. A friendly call or note from a fellow brother would be a warm and appreciated gesture. Though, they cannot always be present, they are certainly not out of mind. We wish them all the best. God Bless.



Called from Labor

Bro. Robert Chappell, 32° October 14th, 2014



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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Aaron is an II year old young man who comes to our clinic for speech and language therapy. Aaron is a delight to work with....an engaging boy, who is talkative and inquisitive. He is very active in his local 4H program and participates in many fairs, shows and competitions. He is highly interested in animals and knows quite a lot about raising and caring for a variety of animals and livestock.



His parents first noticed that he was having some difficulties about 2 years ago.

They saw that he had difficulty with reading, articulation and sentence structure. In the past, Aaron was diag-

nosed with an expressive and receptive language disorder. He received speech and language therapy both through private pay and his school district.

Prior to the initiation of therapy, Aaron's mom noted, "He often mispronounced words and spoke in short sentences with incorrect verb tense." As children get older and proceed to higher grade levels, these difficul-

ties can become more noticeable and effect how a child progresses through school. There are many academic demands placed on school aged children and what they are expected to master flows very quickly. When children present with language disorders, there is an overlap into academics. This can sometimes cause frustration for children both academically and socially.

Since treatment began Aaron's mom has noticed, "He has become more aware of the words that he mispronounces and has been exhibiting longer sentences with more accuracy choosing the correct verb tense. He has been able to articulate his thoughts and ideas more much more clearly, not only to family but friends as well. It has been rewarding to see Aaron make progress that others besides our family have noticed."

Aaron's speech and language goals have focused on articulation, such as /L, s, L blends/ and including all the syllables in multisyllabic words. His language goals have focused on sentence formulation with the correct use of articles, prepositions, pronouns, adjectives and adverbs. Treatment has also focused on auditory processing exercises targeting key words, parts of words, directions, commands and auditory memory. After only 5 months of therapy, Aaron has met nearly all of his goals and is ready to progress to new ones!

Aaron's mom commented, "We have had a wonderful experience at the clinic. The staff has been very kind, patient and welcoming. Aaron enjoys coming to his speech sessions. The clinic offers high quality services to all families. They really listen to each family's concerns about their child's speech progress. The services have been outstanding."

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San Jose Scottish Rite Reunion Fall 2014 Reunion Schedule

Friday, October 31st

Tuesday November 4th

6:00 – 6:45 pm	Dinner (Host: Council of Kadosh)	6:00 – 6:45 pm	Dinner (Consistory to host)
6:45 – 6:50 pm	Open Council of Kadosh	6:45 – 6:50 pm	Open Consistory
6:50 – 7:35 pm	Confer 19 th Degree	6:50 – 7:30 pm	Communicate 31st Degree
7:35 – 7:45 pm	Break	7:30 – 9:00 pm	Confer 32 nd Degree/Close the
7:45 – 8:30 pm	Communicate 20 th – 21 st Degrees	'	Consistory
8:30 – 9:00 pm	Confer 22 nd Degree	9:00 pm	Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)
9:00 – 9:45pm	Communicate 23 rd – 24 th Degrees		
9:45 pm	Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)		

Saturday, November 1st

Tuesday, November 11th

9:00 – 10:20 am	Open Council of Kadosn/	6:00 – 6:30 pm	Stated Meeting
	Communicate 25 th – 28th Degrees	6:30 – 7:00 pm	Social Hour
10:20 - 10:30 an	n Break	7:00 – 8:00 pm	Dinner (LOP to host)
10:30 – 11:45 pn	n Confer 29 th Degree	8:00 – 8:30 pm	Capping and Ring Ceremony
11:45 – 12:00 pn	n Class Photo	•	,, ,
12:00 - 12:45 pn	Lunch (Council of Kadosh to host)	8:30 pm	Dismissed

From the Secretary's Desh....

12:45 – 1:45 pm Confer 30th Degree/Close Council

Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

My Brothers,

1:45 pm

I came across this the other day, and it hit me so hard that I wanted to share it with all of you. On a radio talk show, the host was asking people how they set priorities. A man called in to talk about "a thousand marbles":

"You see," he said, "I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about 75 years. So, I multiplied 75 times 52 and came up with 3900, which is the number a Saturdays a person has in their entire

lifetime. It took me until I was 55 to think about this in any detail, and by that time I had already lived through 2800 Saturdays. I got to thinking, if I lived to be 75, I only had about 1000 of them left to enjoy. So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had! I ended up going to 3 stores to round up 1000 marbles. I took them home and put them in a large, clear container in my den."

"Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out of the container and thrown it away. I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focused more on the really important things in life. There's nothing like watching your time here on earth run out to help you get your priorities straight.."

"Now let me tell you one last thing before I hang up and take my lovely wife to breakfast. This morning, I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure if I make it to next Saturday, then I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little more time. Thanks for listening to a 75 year old man. I hope you have many wonderful Saturdays."

I don't know about you, my Brothers, but that was pretty profound. It should give us all pause, and something to think about. I just may go buy some marbles. My Fraternal and Loving Best Wishes to All of You! HANK VLCEK, General Secretary



Tuesday, November 11th, 2014 "THANKSGIVING FEAST!"

Assorted Appetizers

Smoked Turkey Breast with Gravy
Green Bean Casserole
Mashed Potatoes & Stuffing
Caesar Salad
Rolls and Butter
Dessert—Pumpkin Pie
\$15.00 per person - With Reservations
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Vegetarian Entrée must be requested in advance!





Enriching History-The California Gold Rush and Freemasonry

On November 16, the San Jose Scottish Rite Center will host a satellite viewing for the second annual **Colloquium - Enriching History.** This year, Enriching History will explore the California Gold Rush and the involvement and influence of Freemasonry.

The Gold Rush was accompanied by the founding of a remarkable number of Masonic lodges in California, which provided prospectors with an important source of community and friendship. Some of these lodges were made up of men who traveled together from the east coast and had been members of lodges there. We can even physically see the influence of these groups, when we look at old mining districts such as "Masonic", now a ghost town, located near Bridgeport, California. This presentation is designed to appeal to the interest of Freemasons as well as educators, friends, family and everyone who has an interest in both American and Masonic History. It will be in the auditorium, shown on our 14x14 foot screen, with comfortable chairs to sit in. So come and spend a Fun and Informative time with you Scottish Rite Brothers! We look forward to having you with us!

<u>Details</u> COST: FREE.

A light lunch will be provided during the break.

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Schedule of Events

9:00AM	In Gathering, Social Interaction and Seat Selection
9:30AM	Opening Address - Grand Master Russell Charvonia and Guillermo De Los Reyes, Co-Chair
9:45AM	Albert L. Hurtado - John Sutter and the Gold Rush: How to Lose a Fortune in a Hurry
10:30AM	Gary Kurutz - The Gold Rush in Making America
11:15AM	Music of the Gold Rush presented by CW Bayer
12:00PM	Lunch Break
12:45PM	Ava F. Kahn - Jewish Voices of the California Gold Rush: Transnational Traditions
1:30PM	JoAnn Levy - Women were Forty-Niners, too!
2:15PM	Music of the Gold Rush presented by CW Bayer
3:00PM	Closing Panel - What Does It Mean for Us Now?



From the Wise Master....

ovember, the month of Thanksgiving. Nature slows down. Even the professional life at work seems to slow down. Everyone starts thinking about the holidays. For me this is always a time of reflection, for multiple reasons. Here are a few thoughts:

The slowing down of nature reminds me that this year will soon be over. Did I do everything I committed to do this year? There is only little time left, but I still can make a difference if I focus on it now.

A holiday with friends and family. Time to appreciate good company and conversations, maybe share some of the reflections, see what everyone's plans are for the holidays and New Year. No family here and no way to visit them? Technology is rapidly solving the problem with laptops and tablets with video cameras and free internet calling, around the globe, and even with conference sessions. Get everyone set up with the technology, put on a smile and call. Ever had a video dinner? Invite them over, virtually, to your table, and make a toast.

And time to think about "thanking". My immediate thanks are these: By the time you will read this, our Fall Reunion will have completed. The 18th Degree, Knight Rose Croix was once again a very impressive performance. Many thanks to the degree team, specifically to the new members and those that temporarily stepped in to fill gaps caused by schedule conflicts. I also would like to thank my line of officers for their support this year, it has been smooth so far.

Last but not least, a brief reminder about our next wine tasting event: Our next Passport Day will be on November 15th and we are looking at the Saratoga wineries, specifically Savannah-Chanelle, Cinnabar and Cooper-Garrod. Please call me at (408) 505-1822 in case of questions, and see http://scmwa.com/event/passport-4/ for general information about the passport events.

Fraternally,

Wolfgang Lochner

Wise Master

From the Master of Kadosh,

P rethren,

We just completed our feast of Tishri and are now fully engaged in the Fall Reunion. While we only have 9 candidates, the good news is we have 9 candidates. But I would also like to ask each of you to start now in recruiting Master Masons for our next reunion. If we can just get 10% of our membership to find a new candidate, we could have a class of over 80. Surely you know someone from your lodge that is not a member that could benefit from our degrees.



As we move into the end of the year, the officers that are advancing in the line should be getting ready to do their proficiency as well as those that are just going into a line for the first time. The end of the year is always a busy time in Masonry with all the various installations, new budgets and new plans, but it is also an exciting time as we get to experience new ideas as well.

Remember though, that masonry should never interfere with the duty you owe to family, so make sure that you find the time to spend time with those you love as we enter into the holiday season.

Gregg

Fraternally,

Gregg Hall

Master of Kadosh

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Future Scottish Rite Events

October 31st—Nov 1st ~ Second Weekend of Scottish Rite Fall Reunion

Tuesday, Nov 4th ~ Conferral of 32nd Degree of Scottish Rite Fall Reunion

Tuesday November 11th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

Thanksgiving Dinner after the Meeting, followed by Capping and Ring Ceremony

Sunday, November 16th ~ "Enriching History—The California Gold Rush and Freemasonry"

A Special Giant Screen viewing of the event from San Francisco. Read details inside.

Tuesday, November 25th ~ SJSR Foundation Board of Director's Meeting @ 5:30pm

Tuesday, November 25th ~ Scottish Rite All Officers Meeting @ 7pm

Tuesday, December 2nd ~ A Night of Scottish Rite Instruction

6: 30pm—Social Gathering 7: 00pm—Festive Agape Dinner followed by talk about the F-117 Stealth Fighter

<u>Tuesday December 9th</u> ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

Dinner after the Meeting,