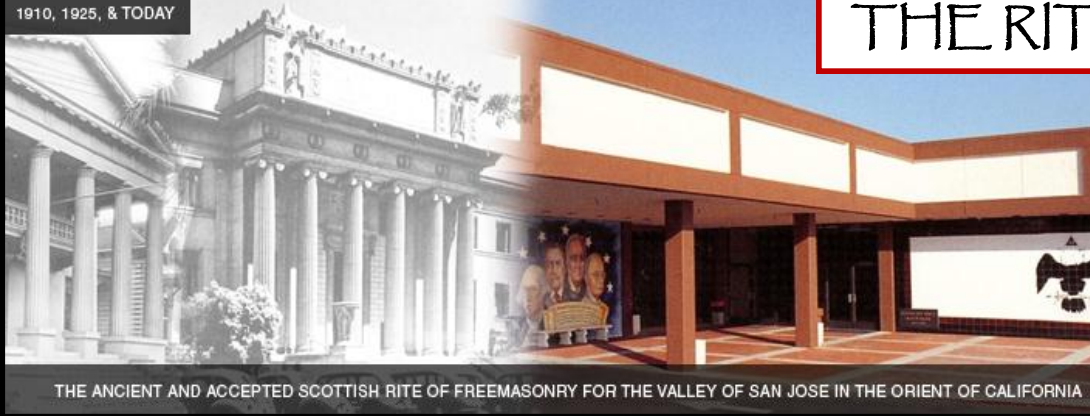


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From the Venerable Master

Brethren,

On May the 4th and May 8th we will conclude what has been a very successful Spring Reunion. On the 4th, our 11 candidates will receive the 31st Degree (communication) and the 32nd Degree by exemplification. The capping ceremony will be a part of the Stated Meeting Dinner program on the 8th. I hope you can join us for these last two days of the reunion and lend your support to our new Scottish Rite Brothers.

On May 29th, the Personal Representative and the Lodge of Perfection will host the first Scottish Rite Night of Instruction and Festive Agape for 2012. I encourage you to attend and bring a guest/s from your Blue Lodge. You will have a great evening of Masonic Light, brotherly love and good food and refreshments. More details on this event can be found elsewhere in this issue.

During this reunion I had the honor of being one of the Frank Judges in the 30th Degree. The idea of tolerance is a central theme in the interaction between the aspirant and the judges in the Third Apartment of the Degree. Intolerance of religious belief and tolerance of “old abuses” are a concern of the judges. This reminded me of a Master’s article I wrote for the Confidence Lodge Trestle board several years ago relying on an article by Worshipful Brother Clive Herron of Marine Lodge 626 of Durbin, South Africa. I thank Worshipful Brother Scott Mitchell of Santa Cruz San Lorenzo Valley Lodge No. 38 for first bringing Brother Clive’s writing to my attention.

In this article, it is concluded that tolerance is one of the fundamentals of Freemasonry – that it is inherent in the operation of our Lodges. We teach prudence, justice and temperance and advocate brotherly love. But tolerance is not mentioned as a virtue or a tenet.

True brotherly love is when a brother can show tolerance to another in spite of the others conflicting opinions and even failings. So, tolerance is an unwritten law of Masonry. There can be no brotherly love without tolerance.

A Mason should be one who tolerates opinions and practices differing from his own. He should also be prepared to defend another’s right to have a differing opinion. Tolerance can be said to be a Mason’s recognition of the right of private judgment including his own. Remember the lyrics of the rock ballad – “HE AIN’T HEAVY, HE’S MY BROTHER”.

This is not easy to do! We see instances all the time in our Blue Lodges and in our beloved Scottish Rite when brothers become agitated and sometimes almost furious when things do not align with our beliefs, opinions and view of the “world”. Simple things like a difference in ritual interpretation, budget decisions, expenditures or what kind of fish we want to go after during the lodge fishing trip can spur discord which strains our tolerance and brotherly love.

In a more global view, tolerance is constantly stressed in a world where what was once forbidden is now encouraged by some or seen as a norm by many. Divorce has become “normal”. Profanity is commonplace – visit almost any school ground or turn on your TV. This is to name just two of many practices that are prevalent today that were once taboo or

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“old abuses” in the language of the 30th Degree.

Where do we as Masons stand? We must ask ourselves. Is it possible in a changing world to establish a relationship and tolerance with another whose views are 180 degrees out of phase with our own? I think the answer is yes. Whether it be in the Lodge, our community or beyond it will take an effort. It is relatively easy to be tolerant when all he going your way. When the opposite is the case we need to be alert and strive to reason where the other party is coming from. In so doing, it does not mean we have to necessarily change our own fundamental beliefs and values. It is all right to believe that there is right and wrong and good and bad in the framework of your own faith and spirituality.

Masonry is not about one person winning over another; it's about whom best can work and best agree. God Bless.

Chuck Cowden

Venerable Master

Masonic Secrecy

Sophocles once said “Do nothing secretly; for time sees all thing and discloses all.”

Are we a secret organization? It is difficult for one to say that Masonry is not a secret organization when in all craft degrees we have a secret which we withhold and for which we offer a substitute secret. The first lesson taught a candidate, and impressed upon him in unforgettable ways by the penalties, is secrecy – we promise not to convey the secrets of Masonry in any way! The degrees of Scottish Rite also emphasis Secrecy: Secret Master Degree, Confidential Secretary Degree, and Master of the Royal Secret Degree. In York Rite we have the Royal Arch of Solomon, the Holy Royal Arch, and the secret vault and Master of the Symbolic Lodge. Symbolic means that it is safely hidden; therefore, all of our symbols add emphasis to the belief that Masonry is a Secret Organization!

Most new Masons soon learn that that the ritual and ritual work, the signs and words, the degrees, and all that one may believe to be secret can be found in many books available to the general public in book stores and on the internet. New Masons have been sworn to secrecy, the Lodge is tiled to prevent unauthorized intrusion, and visitors are examined to make sure that they are Masons and deserving to be admitted. All which gives credence to the general accepted belief that Masonry is a secret organization.

Masonry is a private order and is not a secret society. Behind a tiled Lodge, in a quiet environment away from world demands, and in an atmosphere of reverence and friendship, Masonry teaches us to be better men. Masonry depends upon secrecy for effectiveness. Secrecy is valuable, not because it keeps those outside the lodge from finding out what goes on inside, but because it makes the lessons within more effective for those being taught. Masonic secrecy enforces teaching by the principle of active involvement. Fortunately, secrecy and active involvement are fully compatible and mutually reinforcing to achieving long term understanding and implementation of Masonic philosophy. We learn and remember it better by going over it in our minds, examining it, and trying it out in different situations. We get deeply involved and the learning takes place at a deeper level in our minds. Masonic secrecy is essential to the Masonic method of instruction and the means by which we insure that candidates receive their instructions in the prescribed active manner. This is the way that it has been done from the beginning of Masonry. Merely reading the text that we want to learn is much less effective.

Concepts deeply learned are embedded in our minds and become a part of our self. They play an important part in controlling our future thoughts, actions, and responses to various situations. Deep learning is a powerful force that shapes the character of men according to the highest standards while instilling the virtues of brotherly love, relief and truth.

It continues throughout our lifetime, forming our personality and shaping our character. Masonry tries to impress in our minds tremendous lessons. Masonry takes its candidates by the hand and literally leads them in involved participation in the ceremonies and lectures which clearly impress the lessons on the candidates by active experience. Candidates have to participate and get involved in the experience.

Secrecy serves to unite and bond members of a group. The principle of secrecy furnishes a mysterious bond of unity and strength, which can be found nowhere else. Cohesion of a group has more than intrinsic merit; it facilitates the aims of the group. Masonry uses secrecy because it is known that the nature of man is to seek what is hidden and to desire what is for-

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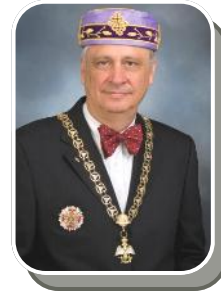
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From the General Secretary



Brethren all,

Sandy and I, with Randy and Miki Downey just returned from a very exhausting tour of England, Scotland and Wales. It was educational and very interesting. We were able to tour the building housing the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Roslyn Castle and many other stops along the way including Edinburgh Castle, Salisbury Cathedral and Stonehenge. I'll share some of the pictures after I have edited them.

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Our Spring Reunion will conclude this Friday and I do hope that you can join us for the 32nd degree and welcome our new Scottish Rite Masons. The Capping will be done at our stated meeting on Tuesday, May 5th. Join us for the fun.

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I have recently received notice of new applications for our Fall Reunion Class. Have you succeeded in getting an application from a worthy Brother?

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Masonic Secrecy (Continued from page 2)

bidden.

What are the secrets of Masonry? The method of its teachings, the atmosphere it creates, the spirit it creates in our hearts, the brotherhood between men, and its power to evoke what is most secret and hidden in the hearts of men. It is the conduct of the habit of confidentiality and privacy that matters to the members. To bond members of an organization, secrecy must be understood as a formal relationship among its members about a common goal. Secrecy has provided cohesion and unity to our fraternity creating a mutual trust and bond among members.

The secrets of Masonry can be known only by those who seek it, serve it and live it. It cannot be uttered; it can only be felt and acted. It is an open secret and each man knows it according to his quest and capacity. Like all things worth knowing, no one can know it for another and no one can know it alone. It is known only in fellowship, by the touch of life, spirit upon spirit, knee to knee, breast to breast and hand to hand. We are a fraternity with good and sound philosophy (love and pursuit of wisdom) which helps one to shape his life, understand how one's life fits together, and to think about the implications of life. During Masonic activities and encounters with other Masons, one is continuously reminded of these philosophical wisdom and enlightenments with time to seriously consider the teachings and to formulate his own beliefs and insights into life. Our meetings provide one the opportunity to think about the implications of Masonic philosophy and how it applies to each individual personally.

No one needs to be alarmed about books written to expose Masonry because it is harmless. The real secret of Masonry cannot be learned by prying eye or curious inquiry. The secrets of Masonry can be known only by those who are ready and worthy to receive it. Only a pure heart and an honest mind can know it. We are seekers after truth and we cannot find the truths alone, but only in brotherly love and service of our fellow men. Each individual Mason holds within himself his own beliefs, developed from Masonic philosophy, which are the true secrets of Masonry!

Let us not forget that it is the spirit that gives life; the letter alone is empty. An old house means a thousand beautiful things to those who were brought up in it. Its scenery and setting are sacred. The ground on which it stands is holy. But if a stranger buys it, these sacred things mean nothing to him. The spirit is gone, the glory has faded. This is true for the Lodge. If it were opened to the curious gaze of the world, its beauty would fade and its power would be gone.

From the Master of Kadosh

SOME THOUGHTS ON THE NATURE and PURPOSES of FREEMASONRY(Albert Pike)

Brethren,

It is very desirable that free-masons should understand what Freemasonry is. If it were everything at once that even its initiates imagine it to be, it would be difficult to conceive of anything more intrinsically incongruous. It is not a merely benevolent association, for the mutual relief and assistance, and the dispensing of small charities to the needy. It is not a society for mutual admiration, got up in order to gratify the ambition or the vanity of those who are fond of office, insignia and jewels, of the glories of resonant epithets, and the gauds of high-sounding titles.

It is neither a religious or irreligious Order or Church, propagating any faith or unfaith whatever. Its alters are neither Hebraic, Muslim nor Christyian, but simply Masonic.

It is not the apostle of any particular form of government, not the advocate of any particular political faith. It is the Apostle, the Preacher, the Advocate of Truth alone, and not as the creed of any man, or party, or multitude of men. It will not descend from the high places on which it sits enthroned, to engage in controversies and polemics, to become to organ of a party, an agent to effect political changes, or a schoolmaster to teach rudimentary lessons or a particular class of political, governmental, or economical ideas. If wisely conceived and carefully expressed, all these may be applications of Masonry; but they are not Masonry itself.

Freemasonry is advancement toward the light, on all the lines of progress, moral, intellectual and spiritual.

Fraternally,

Roger Bibb

Master of Kadosh





Alex is a delightful 6 ½ year old boy who is being seen once a week for speech and language therapy at our clinic. Alex and his family have been a joy to work with. They are highly supportive of Alex's education, therapy services and the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic.

Around 3 years of age Alex was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. His parents began seeking therapy services for him and heard about our clinic from a friend. They found resources for Alex to begin treatment but felt he would need continued help from multiple providers to best support his needs. Prior to receiving services here, his mother reported, "Alex's speech was very limited. He could only answer with one word and even then it may not have been the correct word."

Alex has made great progress during his time at the clinic. He is fully included into a general education classroom for kindergarten. Academics are a strength for Alex and he is currently reading at or above grade level. He receives Occupational Therapy at school to improve his fine and visual motor skills, gross motor skills, attending and sensory processing skills. Alex's progress is a team effort between his school, home and therapy environments. It's been very exciting and rewarding to watch him progress as a result of these combined efforts.

Current therapy is focusing on expressive language skills and social communication skills. He continues to need help with some areas of language development such as concepts, categories, vocabulary and questions. It is still sometimes difficult for Alex to formulate the correct grammar and word order when trying to express himself. He also needs continued support for social language skills such as initiating and maintaining conversations.

Alex's mother stated, "He still struggles with his speech. However, the progress he has made with the staff at the clinic has been very positive. He can now answer questions correctly, using 3-5 word responses. He is able to express what he wants, how he feels and what he would like to do most of the time. This has improved our relationship with Alex a great deal. Being able to understand each other makes our life easier on so many levels."

Despite a diagnosis of Autism, Alex's health insurance provider did not approve speech and language therapy services. Alex's mother reported, "Not being able to afford speech services elsewhere was difficult for us. With the help of the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic, they came in and gave us hope when we were unable to provide for our son."

You can always count on Alex to greet you in the waiting room with a big smile, a hello and a request for toys. His mother feels that he loves coming to the clinic and has formed good relationships with the therapists that have worked with him. Alex's mother Jani wrote the following note.:

Angela, Rachel and Jenna,

Jim and I are so grateful to you for the work you do with our son. You give us hope when we feel down. You provide us with a feeling of camaraderie where our son is concerned. We now have strong hopes for Alex's future and we have you in part to thank for that. So...thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Jim, Jani and Alex Hail

Clinic Director's Message for May 2012

I am going to start off this month's message with the reminder that our Children's Language Disorders Clinic needs financial donations so that we may continue to provide excellent service to the community. Although our services are free, running the clinic costs approximately \$19,600 per month at our current level of service – and we have 106 children on our waiting list, too! Therefore, your donations would be greatly appreciated.

During the month of March we completed 193 treatment hours. A total of 56 children received speech and language services, including one screening. We added two children to our caseload and discharged two. Our hours decreased temporarily in March while Jenna, who had been working under Rachel's and Angela's supervision, completed her certification and licensing with both the American Speech and Hearing Association and the State of California. Congratulations, Jenna!

Thanks to each of you for your help for and continued support of our Clinic.

Durward C. Ayre

Durward C. Ayre, 32° KCCH
Clinic Director

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April 16th , 2012

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Thank you Jim, Jani, and Alex Hail!

Your continued support of the Clinic is greatly appreciated.

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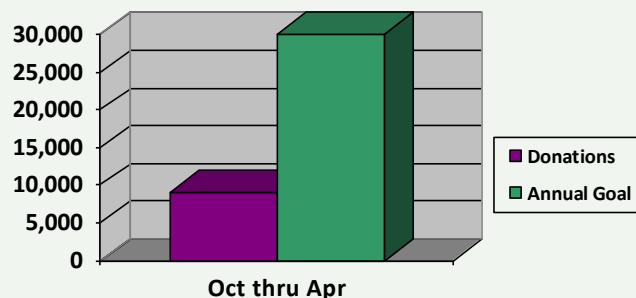
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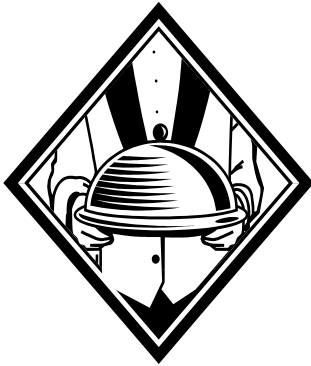
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The Personal Representative and The Venerable Master
of the Valley of San Jose

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Worshipful Jordan T. Yelinek PhD, 32°

Master of Prometheus Lodge No. 85 and Past Master Northern California Research Lodge No. 1003

Will Present a Talk On "The Influence of Freemasonry on Fraternalism in America "

Schedule of Events

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 PM – Social Time

7:00 p.m. – 7:30 PM – Presentation of the Paper

7:30 p.m. – Festive Agape/Dinner

Cost \$25.00

Requested dress is white tie & tails, tux or dark suit & tie. Cap for SR Masons.

NOTE: Reservations and payment are required no later than May 24th .

Please call the SJ Scottish Rite @ 408-978-7483 to make your reservations.
Reservations not canceled before May 24 , must be honored

**REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP AMBASSADOR MESSAGE
MAY 2012**



We have all heard of and some of us have been fortunate enough to view the ruins of the great amphitheatres, temples and other structures built by the ancient Greeks and Romans. With the fall of the Roman Empire, there arose another order of architecture. It indicated a new era in the world's history. In the fourth and fifth centuries the Goths and other tribes poured from their Northern homes upon the doomed provinces of Rome. No human power availed against their relentless march: their camp fires extended from the shores of the Baltic Sea to the walls of the Imperial City. What is known today as the Order of Gothic Architecture had its origin among these war-like nations. This architecture was introduced into the north of Italy in the fourth century and remained unchanged until the Crusaders grafted upon them, the designs of buildings that the Crusaders had viewed with delight in the Mohammedan and Saracenic lands of the East. In the tall spires, pointed arches and delicate traceries of Gothic architecture, we see the lights and shadows of Northern European forests and lands: the overarching branches of the grand old trees, the caves with their sparry columns and the mountains with their dark gorges and beetling crags.

When our magnificent Fraternity began it was a real phenomenon. Freemasonry was in those days of violence the ally of religion and assisted the Church to represent in forms of enduring beauty and grandeur the sublime hopes of the soul aspiring to God and immortal life. Let us all strive to continue the building of our great Order. It will be a blessing to us and a blessing to all we recruit, retain and reinstate.

Thank you for your dedication and devotion to our work,

Durward C. Ayre

Durward C. Ayre 32° KCCH

Regional Orient Membership Ambassador for the Valleys of San Jose and Fresno

“ Stated Meeting & Dinner ”

Tuesday, May 8th, 2012



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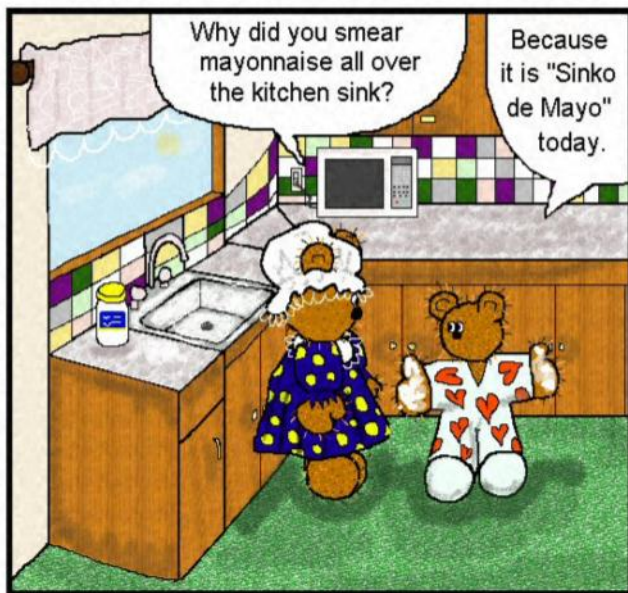
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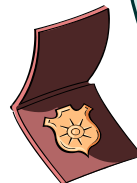
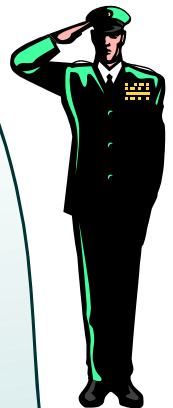
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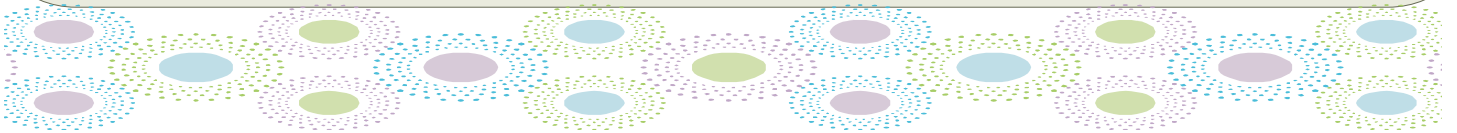
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Tuesday May 8th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM
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Tuesday May 22nd ~ All Officers Council Meeting (all Officers expected to attend)

Monday May 28th ~ Memorial Day (Office Closed)

Tuesday May 29th ~ Foundation Board Meeting @ 5:00 PM

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