

# THE RITE WORD



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## From the Personal Representative:

For the past couple of months we have offered to any brother the chance to purchase and participate in "The Master Craftsman" a correspondence course sponsored by the Supreme Council, AASR that offers "Further Light in Masonry". Many have gotten into the course and some of us plan to study in groups, sharing the information and philosophy.

Obviously, one of the reasons many of our brethren subscribed to this course of study was to find out more about Masonry. This idea, to some may seem absurd, because those of our members who have subscribed are brothers who have labored in the vineyards of the Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star, and the countless other Masonic organizations we belong to, and in all of these we learn volumes about Masonry and its appendant bodies.

Some of the lessons are repetitive and redundant, imparting the need for morality, truthfulness, tolerance, charity, temperance, etc., etc., etc. but all teach a basic lesson of Self Improvement and Enlightenment.

What, then do we need with a new course of study that will simply offer a chance to learn lessons that we have already had explained to us in countless different ways? The detailed philosophy dramatized in the various degrees is certainly interesting and engaging, but couldn't we have absorbed these same lessons by sitting in or participating in the degrees without reading further?

Ill. Brother Albert Pike writes of the fascination of Masonry as the "... advancement toward the light on all the lines of progress, moral, intellectual, and spiritual ...," again the old theme of Self Improvement; Enlightenment, Moral Enrichment

However, in all my reading and re-reading so far, I came across an item that, to me, really stands out, It is the comment attributed to Albert Mackey's *The Symbolism of Freemasonry* (1882) quoted on page xii, which reads, "Now, this doctrine, that *labor is worship*, is the very doctrine that has



been advanced and maintained from time immemorial, as a leading dogma of the Order of Freemasonry."

That, it seems to me, as Mackey says, sums up the reasons most of us are committed to the Craft. Labor, itself, the actual effort we put forth in advancing the interests of Freemasonry, is one of the most fulfilling and inspiring aspects of who we are and what we do.

We recently lost a brother, Illustrious Bill Roberts 33°, who exemplified this philosophy. Bill, a 47 year Mason was one who never rested. His work, whether it was in his Craft Lodge, Research Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star Chapter, church, or at home, never flagged. He labored constantly simply for the joy and fulfillment it brought him.

As I visit lodges, chapters, and clubs around the valley, I see other members, too numerous to mention who reflect that same attitude. There are so many examples of this philosophy among members of the craft that I'm embarrassed to tell you that it took me so long to realize this great truth about our fraternal family.

Look around you, and if you aren't impressed by these realities, if you aren't inspired by the contributions these brothers and sisters make to Freemasonry and their communities, you'd better look again.

Finally, when you do see these examples of diligence and dedication, let the person who displays these qualities know of your observations. It never hurts to pass along the feeling that you care about your brothers and sisters and that you do, indeed, appreciate their work.

Also, for those brothers that are interested, we still have a number of spaces available at the study table. The course is enlightening and the company congenial. Give me a call.

The Friday Lunch Bunch will begin again on September 12th at High Twelve.  
**Please make your reservations and join us !!**

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

Labor Day is a national legal holiday that is over 100 years old. Over the years, it has evolved from a purely labor union celebration into a general "last fling of summer" festival.

It grew out of a celebration and parade in honor of the working class by the Knights of Labor in 1882 in New York. In 1884, the Knights held a large parade in New York City celebrating the working class. The parade was held on the first Monday in September. The Knights passed a resolution to hold all future parades on the same day, designated by them as Labor Day.

Make your contribution to the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies and have your name on the "Honor Roll". Your 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. Incremental gifts welcome too.

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and  
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*of the  
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Invite all  
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**A Night of Scottish Rite Education**

on

**Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at  
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**Brother Daniel Doornbos, 32 Degree, Knight Commander Court of Honor Will Present a Paper on the Symbolism of the New Fourth Degree**

Schedule of Events

- 6:30p.m. – 7:00 PM – Social Time**
- 7:00p.m. – 7:45 PM – Presentation of the Paper**
- 7:45p.m. – Festive Agape/Dinner**

**Cost \$25.00**

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Reservations are required

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Reservations not canceled before September 23 must be honored

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At the August 12th stated meeting and dinner at the San Jose Scottish Rite, members, their wives, escorts and friends, dressed informally, entered into the dining room filled with the aroma of down home cooking and quickly gathered into friendly groups for conversation.

All present quickly stepped up for sweet, fresh fruit selections and other delightful appetizers at the hors d'oeuvre table. The beverage bar, as always, was a popular meeting place --groups of two or three enjoying their wine selection and talking with their friends.

The menu for the evening included center cut pork loin, smoked turkey breast. The meal was delicious and cooked-just-right, with mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed green salad, fresh and local with various dressings, pasta for vegetarian, coffee, tea and a tasty desert.

As always, members and guests were attended to by a dining room staff in red aprons--and who are always ready to assist at meal time. Thanks dining room staff.

Grace Stephens and MaryLou Johnson provided table decorations; always just right for the dinner theme.

Join us for our monthly Scottish Rite dinner meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Contact Mary Lou Johnson at the Center -- 408.978.7483.

Keep in mind that the monthly dinner meetings provide all members with an opportunity to meet informally with other members and officers and do some preliminary planning for other Masonic events.

*Roger Bibb*

### WE STILL NEED YOU!

The established dates, 24 and 25 October, for our reunion are rapidly approaching! Only one degree team has a full cast and much work in the way of practices is needed in order to perform properly. **WE NEED MORE CAST MEMBERS!!!!**

Participation on a degree team is very rewarding and gives the cast members a much more thorough understanding of the degree. If San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies is unable to perform the mandatory degrees (4<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and 32<sup>nd</sup> degrees) we will cease operation as a Scottish Rite Valley!

Please take a look at your schedule and allow some time for participation. You may contact any of the Degree Directors, Chuck Cowden or Hal Leister and we will find a place for you on a degree team!

**Space in the Rite Word can be available to you for business-card sized advertising at very reasonable rates.**

**If you are interested, call our Brother Secretary to reserve your space.**

## From the Secretaries Table:



Reading Brother Benjamin Franklin again and came across a quotation worthy of sharing:

*"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw wages in gold or silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another: sympathy that begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason."*

How prophetic, the knowledge and character of Brother Franklin and how universal the tenants of our craft. Daily, I find myself examining the labors of Brother Masons and their earnings within our fraternity. Think about it!

If you want any "Masonic Treasures" you can certainly find them evident in their dealings with one another. Conversely, you can also find Brothers who seek to draw wages in gold or silver.

We have, this month, experienced the calling of several Brothers, whom the Great Architect needed. They all truly exemplified the purest exercise of Masonic Labor. The passing of Brothers Bill Roberts, Richard Fulton, and Jim Hutson created a void in each of us that can only be re-filled by our own continuing commitment to our ancient Craft. Soft and safe to each of you, my brethren because I know you are at my side as I prepare this message to your Brothers.

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## Labor Day History



As the Industrial Revolution took hold of the nation, the average American in the late 1800s worked 12-hour days, seven days a week in order to make a basic living. Children were also working, as they provided cheap labor to employers and laws against child labor were not strongly enforced.

With the long hours and terrible working conditions,

American unions became more prominent and voiced their demands for a better way of life. On Tuesday September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers marched from city hall to Union Square in New York City, holding the first-ever Labor Day parade. Participants took an unpaid day-off to honor the workers of America, as well as vocalize issues they had with employers. As years passed, more states began to hold these parades, but Congress would not legalize the holiday until 12 years later.

On May 11, 1894, workers of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago struck to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives. They sought support from their union led by Eugene V. Debs and on June 26 the American Railroad Union called a boycott of all Pullman railway cars. Within days, 50,000 rail workers complied and railroad traffic out of Chicago came to a halt. On July 4, President Grover Cleveland dispatched troops to Chicago. Much rioting and bloodshed ensued, but the government's actions broke the strike and the boycott soon collapsed. Debs and three other union officials were jailed for disobeying the injunction. The strike brought worker's rights to the public eye and Congress declared, in 1894, that the first Monday in September would be the holiday for workers, known as Labor Day.

The founder of Labor Day remains unclear, but some credit either Peter McGuire, co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, or Matthew Maguire, a secretary of the Central Labor Union, for proposing the holiday.

Although Labor Day is meant as a celebration of the labor movement and its achievements, it has come to be celebrated as the last, long summer weekend before Autumn.

(From History.com)

*(See page 2 for a different take on the beginning of Labor Day.)*

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Here is a very interesting link on the internet to add you your Masonic and DeMolay knowledge.

<http://www.nintharch.com/>

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And to close for the month:

*'No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is as formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women.'* Ronald Reagan

General Secretary



**Who am I?**

We recently discovered thousands of photos of Scottish Rite members and events and almost none of them are labeled!

If you recognize this brother then please let

the secretary know who he is.



**Attention all 32° Masons**  
**Are you a 32° Scottish Rite Mason?**

**If so, why not join the**  
**KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW ?**

*Interested? Please send information to:*

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 Please include your name, address, phone (home, work, cell <whatever you want listed>) and e-mail address if you have one.



**Another scene from the Open House of the Temple, 26 June 1983.**

**Do you recognize this brother?**



**T**his is one of the few recently discovered photos that was identified.

Do you know him?

*(See page 9 to find out if you're right!)*



**For the Ladies**

September is here, school has started and many of us celebrated Labor Day with one of the last picnics of the year.

I want to thank the ladies who came and participated in the discussion at the August meeting. We talked about holding some kind of activity for the ladies while the men are taking part in the Reunion.

At this point in time I am not sure if we are going to be able to make that work at the October reunion. I will be meeting with Chuck Cowden and Hal Leister to talk about the logistics and time schedule. I will have more details by the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

There is going to be a Christmas Party for the children at the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic. It will be held on the first Saturday in December. The ladies will be taking part in some kind of the preparation for the party and hopefully some of us can be at the center on the day of the party and to help make it a really special event for the children.

I was recently asked why I go to those "dinners and activities" with Bud. I explained that I liked supporting Bud and then I found myself saying, and meaning, that I also enjoyed the time I got to visit with some very special ladies. I would not see, talk to or get to know most of these ladies if I didn't attend these events. Over time I feel like I have gotten to know some of you fairly well. You have become a special part of my life, even if we only see each other one evening a month. An Anonymous author wrote, "Our journeys through life are brightened by the acts of kindness and caring of the friends we make along the way".

Thank you. Hope to see you on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

God bless, - Susan



## From the Clinic!!!

**K**atie is a delightful seven-year-old girl who recently finished speech and language services at the San Jose Scottish Rite Language Disorders Clinic. Katie and her family worked diligently and put a lot of time and commitment into her speech program.

Katie was diagnosed with childhood apraxia of speech before coming to the clinic. Another therapist had told her mother there wasn't much hope for improving Katie's speech. Apraxia creates a difficulty producing, sequencing and coordinating oral movements. Children with apraxia have a difficult time producing and combining sounds to create words. As a result their speech can be difficult to understand, as was the case for Katie. Katie's mother stated, "It was hard for Katie's teachers and friends to understand what she was saying. My husband and I could usually understand her but it was so hard for all of us when we couldn't. She would get frustrated and end up crying." In other aspects such as language development and academic skills Katie was excelling. However, at her age she was becoming more and more aware that people couldn't understand her. This was causing frustration at home and school.



After being enrolled in therapy Katie quickly showed progress, however she had a long course of treatment ahead of her. She came twice per week for 45 minutes and also participated in a home program mirroring what was being done in therapy. Katie worked on a mixture of oral motor exercises and speech sounds that followed a hierarchy of difficulty. Katie's mother stated, "Her treatment impacted our family tremendously. Conversations flow so much more smoothly, she is much more confident. Katie had a new friend over yesterday and I asked if the new friend understood her. Katie replied, "Oh yes, she understood everything Mommy, my speech is so good now."

In July of this year, Katie met all of her goals and was discharged from therapy. Thanks in large part to her supportive family she is truly a success story. While we are so proud of Katie's hard work, she and her family are a missed presence in our clinic. Katie's mother stated numerous times how grateful she was for the services provided by the Scottish Rite. She stated, "Katie and her therapist worked so well together. Katie went from not being understood by others and being teased to now being understood and having complete confidence. She finds it much easier to make friends now. We would not have been able to afford private treatments, so receiving services with Scottish Rite has been a true blessing for our family."

When asked to describe her experience at the clinic Katie's mother said, "Our experience could not have been more comfortable. Katie loved going to speech every week. I have already told so many people about you service. My friends have been just as happy as I have been. It is hard to know where to begin when your child has a language disorder but Scottish Rite guided us with each step. It is a very professionally run organization." Katie and her family were a joy to work with. She is a perfect example of how therapy services mixed with great family support can yield wonderful progress. Katie's mother commented, "I just can't thank Katie's therapist and the Scottish Rite Clinic enough for helping our daughter overcome her apraxia. You have given our family a wonderful gift."

### *Did you know?*

*Our clinicians currently are treating 42 children  
but we have another 65 on our waiting list!*

*Any additional financial support you can provide will help us to improve and grow the Clinic.*

**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 our General Secretary. One or the other can get you the information you need.**

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**In Memorium**

David Lee Alexander	Brownsville	Dec. 31, 2005
Ted T. Fehring	Carmel	June 9, 2008
Richard Lafayette Fulton, II	Cupertino	July 17, 2008
James Truman Hutson, KCCH	San Jose	July 22, 2008
William August Leutz	San Luis Obispo	July 11, 2008
Arthur William Roberts, 33°	Morgan Hill	July 13, 2008

**If you know of anyone who is ill, please call the office at 408-978-7483!**

## From the Wise Master

**The Constitution**

September 17 marks the 221<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the United States Constitution. Our Constitution is truly a remarkable document. No other country has had a living document that has survived for more than two hundred years! That remarkably short document has been amended from time to time but its basic structure has remained unchanged. This stability is a tribute to our founding Fathers – the drafters of our Constitution.

The drafter of the Constitution saw fit to provide a framework that would allow no branch of Government to obtain too much power. In fact, The Fathers consciously built into our governmental structure a delicate balance of power. Over the course of the past months we have seen that balance of power in operation. The confirmation hearings of the President's nominees to various offices constitutes a living example of the "advise and consent" of the Senate which is a vital part of the delicate balance of power.

When our founding Fathers began to draft the constitution, they did not do so in a vacuum. They looked at all of the excesses and faults of other governmental systems and sought to establish a system that would remedy those problems. Government by constitution sometimes seems to be government by trail and error. The United States Constitution, on the other hand, has truly stood the test of time. The principles embodied in the Constitution are basic ones. They are principles that ensure a vibrant and lasting democracy!

It is instructive to know a little bit about who the drafters of the Constitution were. Nine signers of the Constitution were Masons. Evidence of membership or affiliation for thirteen other signers does exist. Six additional signers later became Masons making 28 of 40 signers of the Constitution Freemasons!

Past history gives Freemasons much to be proud of because this Nation's Government was structured by the tenets of Freemasonry!

*Hal Leister, 32° Wise Master*



## From the Master of Kadosh

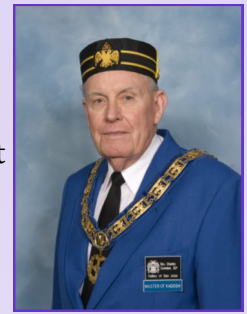
The San Jose Consistory lost a beloved, respected and dedicated member with the passing of Brother Richard Fulton, 32 Degree. Richard had faithfully served in the officer line and was serving as the Preceptor (Junior Warden) at the time of his passing. Brother Richard was also Chief Knight of the Knights of Saint Andrew and played major roles in several degrees. We miss him; he was a vital part of the San Jose Bodies.

It is time to get your reservations for the Night of Scottish Rite Education on September 30, 2008. Details can be found on page 2 of this Rite Word. Be assured this will be a night to remember. This is a triple threat night; social hour, the words of Brother Daniel Doornbos and a Festive Agape Dinner all for \$25.00. I hope to see you there!

During the October 13th Stated Meeting Dinner, there will be a celebration/recognition of the Feast of Tishri. Once again, Brother Doornbos has stepped up to the plate and agreed to talk about the Jewish Feast and how it relates to the Scottish Rite. This will be our first recognition of the Feast of Tishri in some time and this promises to be a "not miss" event.

Last month, I posed the question concerning the meaning of ineffable as it refers to the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection. It means "incapable of vocal expression", or "unspeakable because of its sacred character." As the "Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide" points out, they were so named because in their primitive form these degrees alluded to names of His omnipresence. It also alluded to the Legend of the 13<sup>th</sup> Degree wherein the Ineffable name of God was recovered.

*Chuck Cowden, 32° Master of Kadosh*



Answer to "Do you recognize this brother?" on page 5:  
It's our Personal Representative, Bob Winter! (circa1983)



## From the Venerable Master



Brethren and Ladies –

August was a good month and we had an excellent dinner. It was also nice to be able to show up in casual dress for the last two months as is customary for our summer meetings.

September puts us back in our normal attire, sends students back to school, and officially has us looking forward to the autumn months. (Perhaps not as profound a change as in other areas of the country, but still....) J

September is also the month in which we observe Labor Day. Although there are a variety of holidays celebrated in September based on religion, Labor Day is the only legal public holiday in September, which comes on the first Monday of the month in Canada and the United States. This year, Labor Day falls on September 1<sup>st</sup> which means our Labor Day weekend actually starts at the end of August.

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, “Constitution Day” is observed. This is significant in that all Masonic Lodges are required to have a Constitutional Observance during this month. There is a flyer elsewhere in this newsletter letting everyone know of the Constitutional Observance being put on by Zorah Grotto and to which all Masons, ladies, and friends are invited to attend.

The Valley of San Jose is part of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite which is governed by the Supreme Council. How many of you know the full name of the Supreme Council? Some of you may and some may not. The official, full name of this Supreme Council is: “The Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-third degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.” This name brings to light history, tradition, and accomplishment.

Leo Rosten once said, “I cannot believe that the purpose of life is to be happy. I think the purpose of life is to be useful, to be responsible, to be compassionate. It is, above all to matter, to count, to stand for something, to have made some difference that you lived at all.” Scottish Rite gives us that opportunity. The work we do does matter, does make a difference, and does need you to be part of it. It wouldn’t happen if we didn’t all work together to make it happen. And, in the accomplishment of this, I think that “being happy” is a natural result. Your presence matters. Come down and join us and make a difference. See you at the next meeting!

Bud Ramsey  
Venerable Master



**Zorah Grotto**  
*Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm*

is proud to announce the

**Annual Constitutional Observance  
Event**

*All Lodges are invited to participate.*

**Monday  
September 15, 2008  
6:30 PM Dinner  
7:30 PM Program**

Dinner - \$15.00

**San Jose Masonic Center**  
2500 Masonic Drive  
San Jose, CA 95125

**Please RSVP to Bud Ramsey (408) 224-9431  
by September 8, 2008**

September Stated Meeting Dinner - 7:15 PM - Tuesday September 9, 2008

(Stated Meeting is at 6:00 PM)



Only \$12.00  
per person

### Menu

- BBQ Ribs & Chicken
- Ranch Beans
- Caesar Salad
- Garlic Bread
- Pasta Salad
- Vegetarian *by advance request*
- Coffee or Tea
- Special Birthday Cake

Reservation deadline:  
Thursday, September 4th at 4:00 PM

Reservation #:

408-978-7483



## DO WE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?

The San Jose Scottish Rite is preparing an e-mail distribution list of members who would prefer to receive their Scottish Rite communications by e-mail. Interested? Please send your e-mail address and name to [rdrowan@sanjosescottishrite.org](mailto:rdrowan@sanjosescottishrite.org).

*(We are still working on this project, so please be patient. If you have not yet given us your e-mail address, please do so as soon as you can.) -rr*

### For the Lighter Side of things

*On my way to a picnic, I stopped at a fast food place to order a quart of potato salad. "We don't sell it by the quart," the clerk snapped.*

*"Okay, then give me two pints, please," I replied.*

*I'm proud to say I held my tongue when she asked, "Do you want it in one container?"*

Membership is always important:

**PROPOSITION/PETITION**  
ORIENT OF SAN JOSE  
ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE BODIES  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Share your own enjoyment of Scottish Rite.  
Invite a brother to make an application.

## **Future Scottish Rite Events:**

**September 1, 2008 - Labor Day**

**September 6, 2008 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)**

**September 9, 2008 - September Stated Meeting (6:00 PM) & Dinner (7:15 PM)**

**September 12, 2008 - Friday Lunch Bunch - 12:00 PM (call for reservations)**

**September 13, 2008 - Deadline for October "Rite Word" articles!**

**September 30, 2008 - Education and Festive Agape Dinner (see page 2 for info)**

**October 4, 2008 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)**

**October 14, 2008 - October Stated Meeting (6:00 PM) & Dinner (7:15 PM)**

**October 17, 2008 - Friday Lunch Bunch - 12:00 PM (call for reservations)**



## **Fall Reunion**

The San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies Fall Reunion is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, 24 and 25 October 2008. Please **mark your calendar** and plan to participate and attend. The Program will very much like our Spring Reunion. The Degree Teams need personnel to confer the degrees so please, volunteer and become a participating member.



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