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## From the Personal Representative:

**B**y the action of the Gregorian calendar we awakened on January 1<sup>st</sup> to a “new year”. 2008 is now with us and our thoughts turn to such things as resolutions and new beginnings as though January 1 was somehow different from December 31. The sun came up at almost the same time and set within a minute of when it did the day before. The sky was a little brighter or a little cloudier than it was yesterday, but it was “the first day of the new year” and, symbolically at least, was worthy of our regard as a new opportunity to re-establish our goals, reset our compasses, and in general, re-think our motives and our purposes in life.

So what was your New Year’s resolution? Have you made any? Do you intend to make any? Is it of any value to you or those around you for you to even consider New Year’s resolutions, or is it more like Ground Hog’s Day; something to occupy a little of your TV viewing time and then disregard?

My New Year’s resolution is to do the same thing I set out to do last year, but with possibly some additional energy and drive. San Jose Scottish Rite is in good financial condition, but our corporate structure still needs strengthening. Our facilities are sound and secure, but maintenance and physical improvements would improve our prospects for rentals and member usage. Our charities are productive, but don’t yet meet our overall goals. Our membership is strong and

active, but our message of fraternal caring and concern needs to be more widely disseminated. And, we all need to continue to build our own temple as though our future depends on it, because it does.



On this subject we all need to pause and reflect. In one of the Scottish Rite degrees we ask the candidates and members to pause a moment and ask themselves if there are any animosities or misunderstandings

they may have with another person that need to be resolved in order to proceed with a clear conscience and open state of mind. New Years Day and the month of January are a good time for each of us to pause and reflect on our attitude toward others, particularly our Masonic

family, and root out any hostilities, animosities, or misunderstandings that might stand in the way of our working together as brothers and friends.

With those sobering words down on this page, I delight in extending my best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to each and every one of our members and friends, and may all your aspirations become reality and all your dreams come true.

Fraternally,  
*Bob Winter*





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Remember that our next Friday Lunch Bunch will be on  
Friday January 12, 2008 at high twelve. Join us for an  
enjoyable meal.

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

**From the Secretaries Table:**

**For your interest, the message above is now being used by several members of San Jose Scottish Rite and matching donations have been made for several contributions to the Clinic. In fact the November contributions received by matching is now in excess of \$800.00.**

**Thank you!!!!**

**Brethren,**

**Of the many projects in process at your Scottish Rite Office, the most important to all of us is continued communication with our members and their families. It was especially heart-warming to receive so many Christmas and Holiday greetings which were shared with every member of the staff. Thank each of you for your kind efforts on behalf of Scottish Rite.**

**It is my desire and intention that we will continue to make improvements and refinements in the coming year. Happy New Year to all !!!**

**Fraternally,**

**Robert D. Rowan—General Secretary**

**Interesting internet web-site for the month:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xofelswmU6s>

**Roger's Corner**

Ablaze with bright red, green and white decorations of Christmas, and with aromas of freshly prepared hors d' oeuvres in the hospitality area, San Jose Scottish Rite Members, their spouses, escorts and friends, enjoyed a delightful time talking with their friends and enjoying the delicious hors d' oeuvres and beverages at the monthly stated meeting and dinner on December 11th.

At the conclusion of the hospitality, members, spouses, escorts and friends adjourned to the main dining room and were seated at especially prepared tables; Christmas centerpieces prepared by Mary Lou Johnson and Grace Stephens and beautiful glossy white flatware with cleverly folded red napkins on the tables.

The Christmas dinner included fresh green salad, gourmet chicken in a unique, edible wrap, rice with asparagus and dessert, an excellent French pastry. Special tasty "breads" were also available at each dining room table.

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Preparation for a holiday dinner begins with the selection of well-recommended 5 -star caterer, and included in the holiday dinner preparation and planning, is the dedicated salaried staff and volunteers who assist with table set-up, food service and table cleanup and dishwashing : Mary Lou Johnson, Dan Brothers, Philipe and Oscar, Grace Stephens, Hazel Winter, Bill Roberts and his wife Ruth: Royce Ford, Hal Leister, Richard Fisher, Ken Nagel, Jack Harris, Richard Myers, and at times, other wives and friends that contribute. Thanks to all of you for your efforts on behalf of the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies.

Thanks to General Secretary of All Bodies, Robert Rowan for all the planning that he's required to do to ensure a successful monthly dinner meeting at our center.

Roger Bibb, Member  
San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies.



**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:*

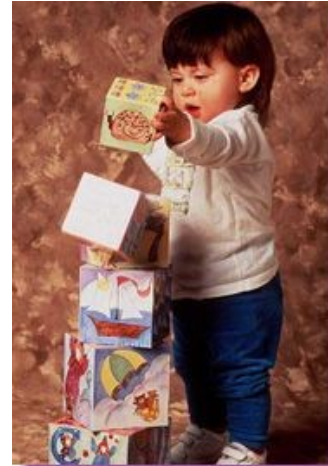
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4609 Hampton Falls Place, San Jose, CA 95136-2678  
or e-mail johnp4609@yahoo.com.

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

**We still have a collection barrel for Second Harvest Food Bank in our Lobby - Please bring a contribution !!**



## About our Childhood Language Clinic (from our web-site)



### Communication Disorders in Children

#### To Hear - To Speak - To Understand

**These are basic steps of language development in the young mind.**

There are literally thousands of otherwise normal, healthy children, rich and poor alike, who are shut off from communication, even with their own parents! These children's hearing, speech, language, or learning problems could arise from a variety of reasons.

Research continues on the causes of poor speech and language development, as well as associated learning disabilities in children. The Scottish Rite Masons support a Research Institute for these communication disorders.

Because there is a wide age range for children to begin talking, parents may not at first recognize these communication disorders. As they wait expectantly for the first intelligible word uttered by their child, they may gradually become concerned that something is amiss.

Speech-language disorders affect approximately six million children in the United States. However, many of these childhood problems do not mean mental deficiency or emotional disturbance. Often, these children have at least average or even superior intelligence. What they lack is the ability to exercise this intelligence through normal speech and language channels.

Today, at Scottish Rite clinics, children with communication disorders can be helped to hear, to speak, to understand.

### The Miracle of the Scottish Rite Clinics, Centers, & Programs for Childhood Language Disorders

In the early 1950s in Colorado, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America initiated a program to help children with speech and language disorders. The results obtained from this program led to the establishment of Scottish Rite clinics to provide diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders, as well as learning disabilities.

Today there are 112 Scottish Rite clinics, centers, and special programs for children and therapists located throughout the United States. Each facility is staffed by speech-language pathologists or other trained personnel. Through the support of Scottish Rite members, these clinics, centers, and programs continue to increase.

The value of this philanthropy has long been apparent. Tens of thousands of youngsters across the United States have been helped significantly. With the good work of dedicated clinicians and parents, the Scottish Rite has achieved successes that could only be imagined a few years back. Children who might have remained educationally handicapped for a lifetime can now talk, read, and lead useful lives.

Through the support of Scottish Rite members, and community contributions, these clinics, centers, and programs continue to increase in number.

**December Donations:**

**Clinic**

|                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mrs. Lorene Van Sickle | Bro/M Lowell Johnson     |
| In memory of:          | In memory of:            |
| George Van Sickle      | Richard Law              |
| You-Gravitz Foundation | George Van Sickle        |
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| Bro. Robert Pedersen   |                          |

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 Bro/M Frank Joseph  
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Mrs. Lorene Van Sickle  
 In memory of: George Van Sickle

**In Memorium**

|                        |                 |                    |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Harold Elwood Carrell  | San Jose        | December 12, 2007  |
| Victor Jess Cenicerros | San Jose        | January 7, 2003    |
| John William Holmes    | Half Moon Bay   | July 22, 2007      |
| Badreddin Marashi      | San Jose        | September 28, 2005 |
| William Ocnas          | Carson City, NV | September 12, 2006 |

**For your Reading Enjoyment!**The Dash of Life

I read of a man who stood to speak  
At the funeral of a friend

He referred to the dates on her tombstone  
From the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came her date of birth  
And spoke that date with tears,  
But he said what mattered most of all  
Was the dash between those years.

(1934-1998)

For that dash represents all the time  
That she spent alive on earth...  
And now only those who loved her  
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own;  
The cars...the house...the cash,  
What matters is how we live and love  
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard...  
Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left,  
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough  
To consider what's true and real,  
And always try to understand  
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,  
And show appreciation more  
And love the people in our lives  
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect,  
And more often wear a smile..  
Remembering that this special dash  
Might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy's being read  
With your life's actions to rehash...  
Would you be proud of the things they say  
About how you spent your dash?

Author Unknown

**Sounds like something to remember  
for the New Year. - rr**



For the Lighter Side of things

**Q: Why do mummies make great employees?**

**A: They get all wrapped up in their work!**

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**...still looking old ???**

**It's in the Details**

OVERHEARD AT a beauty salon:

"I don't have any wrinkles. I just happen to have more details than most."

I recently visited Bro. Dewight Beers at the Los Altos Sub Acute and Rehabilitation Center, located at 809 Fremont Road, Los Altos, CA 94022. (Phone 650-941-5255)

In our conversation, Dewight said, "Over the many years, bumps and kicks have battered the old body."

His mind, however remains very sharp and he would like very much to have visitors and phone calls. He expressed Christmas good wishes to his many Brothers and friends of our Fraternity. His visiting hours are flexible during the day and early evening.

Fraternally,  
Edwin D. Clarke, 32° KCCH



From the Venerable Master

**Brethren.**

Thank you for all your support for the Scottish Rite Year now concluding. I trust that you will support next year's officers as well as you have for this year.

In addition to the message above regarding Dewight Beers, the following deserve your visits and attention as well.

Fraternally,  
Dick Meyers—Venerable Master

**Shut ins:**

- Bill Nelson—Care Center, Los Gatos Meadows—110 Wood Rd., Los Gatos, CA 95030—408-354-0211
- Robert Nuckolls—1102 San Marcos Dr.—Salinas, CA 93901-3907—831-424-5959 or 408-923-6507
- Peter Spalding—3990 Pepper Tree Ln.—San Jose, CA 95127-1235—408-923-6507

**Permanent Shut-ins:**

- Dewight Beers—Los Altos Sub-Acute—809 Fremont Ave., #323, Los Altos, CA 94024-5617—650-947-6182
- Jim Hutson—1009 Blossom River Way #373, San Jose, CA 95123-6323—408-978-1288
- John Knight—3400 Paul Sweet Rd. #C-129, Santa Cruz, CA 95065-1537—
- Wyatt Sawyer—14500 Fruitdale Ave. #2253, Saratoga, CA 95070-6179—408-741-7306

January Stated Meeting Dinner  
7:30 PM—Tuesday January 8, 2008



Menu

- Half Cornish Game Hen
- Basmati Rice
- Mixed Vegetables
- Green Salad
- Bread and butter
- Coffee or tea
- Desert

Reservation deadline:  
 Monday, January 8th  
 at 5:00 PM

Only \$12.00  
per person

Reservation #:  
 408-978-7483



Old equipment  
 in your garage?

Recycling effort at the Rite (currently  
scheduled for February 9, 2008

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. We are arranging a date and the use of the Scottish Rite parking area as a collection point for the following **acceptable discards**.

|                 |                    |                |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| PC's            | Fax Machines       | Tape Drives    |
| Apple Computers | IC's & Components  | Zip Drives     |
| Mouse           | Circuit Boards     | Cell Phones    |
| Keyboards       | Scanners           | Test Equipment |
| Cables & Wires  | Hard Drives        | PDA's          |
| Printers        | Monitors (CRT/LCD) |                |

**Unacceptable discards:**

|                           |                                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Printer cartridges        | Household Appliances or Furniture |
| Toxic waste or pollutants | Toasters, Microwaves, etc.        |

Membership is always important:

**PROPOSITION/PETITION**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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:**

***January 8, 2008 - Stated Meeting & Dinner***

***January 29, 2008 - Installation of Officers - (Ill. William F. Stoval, S.G.I.G. presiding)***

***February 12, 2008 - Stated Meeting & Dinner honoring our Sweethearts***

***April 11, 12, 2008 - Spring Reunion***



***For the Ladies!!***

If you missed the Chocolate in November, and the cookies in December you missed out. Join us in January for a great social time while our gentlemen are in their stated meeting.



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