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From the Venerable Master

Brethren,

Is it November all ready? Where has the year gone? I recall as a child, the year was delineated by the beginning and ending of the school year. Like most kids, I really enjoyed summer vacation. It really created a bookmark to each new year. As an adult, the years all now seem to blend together without that distinct beginning, middle, and end. The holiday season is where I find myself lifting my head from my daily toils and wondering what sort of time warp I'm in. It is comforting to know that this time of year will bring ample opportunity to celebrate the season with family, friends, and brothers.



Election of Officers will be held in our blue lodges this month, installation dates finalized, and the transition of leadership will take place. Election of Officers for Scottish Rite will happening soon as well. I look forward to these, along with the many other celebrations, coming up to help bookmark the year for me. Please, take this time of year to reflect on the bounty that we receive.

One of the hallmarks of our Valley is our strong link to the community. We will again be honoring our military at our Stated Meeting dinner. Please be there of this very special night as we recognize the dedicated men and women that serve our great nation.

Another hallmark is our link to many Masonic traditions. In December, we will celebrate Saint John, the Evangelist, one of our Patron Saints. Bro. Chuck Cowden will be chairing a Night of Instruction on December 6, 2016. These are always well attended and the topics have a very broad range of interests. I would encourage you to attend if you've not had the chance. The meals are always excellent and the fellowship meaningful.

Tom Bergevin

Venerable Master



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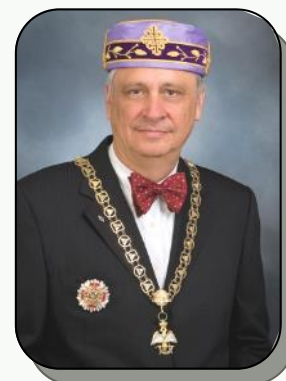
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Meet **KAREN WONG**, our new Rite Care Clinician

Karen received her Master's Degree in Speech Language Pathology from San Jose State University in 2010. She is licensed in the state of California and holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence issued by the American Speech Language and Hearing Association. Karen has many years of experience working with children with speech sound disorders, language disorders, fluency disorders, voice disorders, and social language disorders. She has served children with a variety of diagnoses including developmental delay, Autism, and Down Syndrome. She also has experience in working with children with learning disabilities, and dyslexia. She has training in the Lindamood Bell Programs: Seeing Stars, Lindamood Phoneme Sequencing (LiPS), Visualizing and Verbalizing (V/V) which she can incorporate into her therapy to improve phonological awareness and auditory and reading comprehension.

Since graduating, Karen has worked in a variety of settings serving both children and adults, including the public school systems. Karen is experienced in working with Individual Education Programs (IEP), teachers and IEP teams.

In her free time, Karen enjoys spending time with her friends and family, cooking, swimming, and running. Karen is excited to be joining the team of speech-language pathologists at the Rite Care clinic with Scottish Rite!"

**And we are happy and excited to have YOU, Karen!!
Welcome to the team!**



From the Commander

*(The information found in this article is taken from the
Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide)*



The San Jose Council of Kadosh is the Body responsible for the 19th through the 30th Scottish Rite Degrees, known as the "Philosophical and Chivalric Degrees."

The information below is a synopsis of the 28th Degree—
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ROGER BIBB

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Called from Labor...

Bro. Joseph Field, 32°
November 8th, 2015

Bro. Richard McClellan, 32°
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A Note of Gratitude..

From the Clinic

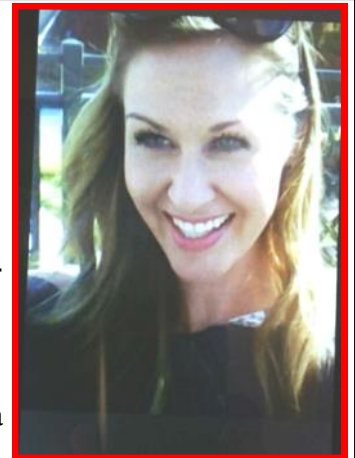
Thank you Hank, Ken and Frank for allowing me to attend the 2016 "Reach for the Summit" National Rite Care Conference in Denver, Colorado! I learned an incredible amount of information in two packed days of Speech-Language therapy intervention and training seminars in the areas of Alternative Augmentative Communication, Motor Speech Disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorders, behavior, counseling parents, using technology in therapy, and telepractice. I enjoyed meeting many of my colleagues from across 22 represented States who share the same passion for helping children!! I now have a deeper appreciation for the Masons and all the hard work they do behind the scenes to make it possible to serve these children! What an honor to be a part of such a special place and group of people who really care for the well-being of our community and nation. I had never been to Denver before, so this was quite a treat! Thank you from the

bottom of my heart for this experience!!

"Care more than others think necessary, trust more than others think wise, and serve more than others think practical." –Anonymous

Sincerely,

Jenna Mendonca M.A., CCC-SLP





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Tuesday, Nov. 8th, 2016

APPETIZER

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Dessert

Vegetarian Entrée

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Greetings:

Thanksgiving is upon us, and I wanted to wish you and your families a happy one!

The 30th of this month is St. Andrews day, the patron saint of Scotland among many other locations. This national festival is thought to have begun from Malcolm III(1034-1093), and is celebrated across the globe with rich culture, traditional Scottish food, music, and dance. If you find yourself in Edinburgh, you will get to

experience a week long celebration of musical entertainment along with traditional ceilidh dancing(circular dancing or groups of 6-8). Get out there, and get your haggis on, just don't ask what the ingredients are.

We have only celebrated Veterans Day since 1954. Armistice Day was what it was known for prior to then. On the 11th hour of the 11th day in the 11th month of 1918, is when the armistice with Germany went into effect. This was the formal closing of World War I. The purpose of Veterans Day is to celebrate those veterans that are living, while Memorial Day is for those veterans who have passed. We all know a vet, and should let them know that we appreciate what they have done come the 11th.

Finally we have received a date for the football game. The Cardinal will host the Beavers **on Saturday, November 5 at 12:30 PM.** This is the second consecutive home game to be played in the afternoon. There will be a ton of fun, festive events taking place on gameday including the wrestling home opener vs. Cal Poly at Fan Fest, a pregame Beer Fest and a **Veterans Day celebration** to honor our heroes. We will be tailgating prior to the game, so bring your appetites. Seating is limited, and there are still a few tickets left of you are interested.

Brandon Heath Dueñas

Wise Master



From the Master of Kadosh

Greetings Brethren,



It has been said that there is no month sweeter than November. I tend to think so, too. This month I get to celebrate my birthday, Thanksgiving, and the end of this reality show we call an election. However, November has always been my favorite month because it is a time of change and transition. The Law of Nature brings into operation cycles of the seasons, and of the ages; and everything we do in our many lifetimes, our lifespans, operates under the same Law of Nature. The cycles of initiation also follow this same natural pattern, but in addition they have in them a fusion with the higher Law of Redemption, bringing the gifts of the Spirit and enlightenment. Thus the initiatory cycles follow basically the same pattern as natural cycles, but sparkling with jewels of higher consciousness and comprehension. In fact, the myth of the Twelve Labors of Hercules served as an allegory for these initiatory cycles to ancient Greek initiates.

"Hercules, by the will of Jupiter, was subjected to the power of Eurystheus, and obliged to obey him in every demand. He consulted the oracle of Apollo and was told that he must be subservient for twelve years to the will of Eurystheus, in compliance with the commands of Jupiter; and that, after he had achieved the most celebrated labors, he should be translated to the gods."

So he started off upon his career and, as the disciple under command of his soul, undertook the twelve labors, performing each of them in one of the zodiacal signs. He, therefore, represents every disciple who seeks to tread the path and demonstrate his control over the forces of his nature, and he likewise represents the point to which humanity now finds itself.

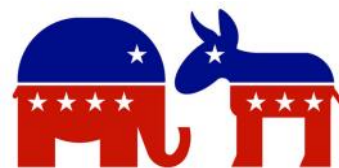
November is the month of Scorpio and corresponds with the second labor of Hercules—conquering Lernean Hydra. The Hydra was a monstrous serpent with nine heads, one being immortal. The task assigned to Hercules had nine facets. Each head of the hydra represents one of the problems that beset the initiate who seeks to achieve mastery of himself. Three of these heads symbolize the appetites associated with sex, comfort, and money. The second triune group concerns the passions of fear, hatred, and desire for power. The last three heads represent the vices of the unilluminated mind: pride, separativeness, and cruelty (remind you of anyone).

The dimensions of the task which Hercules undertook are thus plainly apparent. He had to learn the art of transmuting the energies that so frequently precipitate human beings into catastrophic tragedies. The nine forces which have wrought unspeakable havoc since the beginning of time had to be re-directed and transmuted.

The three qualities of character that Hercules had to express were humility, courage, and discrimination: humility, to see his plight objectively and recognize his shortcomings; courage, to attack the monster that lay coiled at the roots of his nature; and discrimination, to discover a technique for dealing with his mortal enemy.

By the way, last month I decided to turn-over my column, in-full, to a very respected Masonic scholar, Illustrious Brother Albert Mackey. The excerpts were from an article he wrote in 1924 titled, *Reading Masons and Masons Who Do Not Read*. I recommend every brother read it in full. I chose to include it in last month's column because I believe Mackey's blunt assessment of Masonry is more relevant today than what it was in his time. And judging by your responses, many of you agree.

JR McGOVERT
Master of Kadosh



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Worshipful Christopher R. Willingham

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32nd Degree Valley of San Jose

Will Present His Paper

"Purpose, Virtue, and the Masonic Path"

Schedule of Events

6:30 PM - Social Gathering

7:00 PM - Presentation by Brother Willingham

7:30 PM - Festive Agape/Dinner Cost \$25.00

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From the Secretary's Desk.....

My Brothers,
 We are rapidly approaching the end of the year, and there are about 50 of you who have not yet paid your 2016 Dues. Don't risk being suspended for non-payment of dues when it can be resolved by a phone call to the Secretary's office. If you are having financial difficulties and can't pay, then let me know and we can work something out. By the way, did you know that if you are suspended from one Masonic body, you can be automatically suspended from EVERY other Masonic body you belong to—even if you'd already paid their dues? Don't let this happen to you. Contact me!

Hank Vlcek, General Secretary



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Sunday, Nov 6th ~ Reception for New Grand Master at SJ Scottish Rite

4: 00pm - Social Hour ~ 5: 00pm - Dinner ~ Cost—\$20 ~ Attire—Tuxedo or dark suit

Tuesday, Nov 8th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

6: 30pm - Social Hour ~ 7: 00pm - Dinner ~ Program - Military Recognition Night

Tuesday, Nov 15th ~ Monthly OAM Meeting hosted by Mt View De Anza Lodge #194

6: 30pm - Dinner ~ 7: 30pm - School of Instruction - Grand Lodge Results, Elections, Swan Song

Tuesday, Nov 22nd ~ Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting @ 5:30pm

Tuesday, Nov 22nd ~ Monthly All Officer Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

Tuesday, Dec 6th ~ “A Night of Scottish Rite Instruction” Guest Speaker—Wors Christopher Willingham

6: 30pm - Social Hour ~ 7pm - Presentation ~ 7: 30pm - Festive Agape Dinner Cost—\$25 ~ Attire—Tux or dark suit

Tuesday, Dec 13th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

6: 30pm - Social Hour ~ 7: 00pm - Dinner ~ Program - 25/50 Year Pin Presentations

Tuesday, Jan 10th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

6: 30pm - Social Hour ~ 7: 00pm - Dinner ~ Program - Honor 2016 Masters

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