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## From the Personal Representative:

### Brethren, Ladies and Friends;

Last month I attempted to deliver what I felt was a small answer to some of the criticisms we often hear directed toward Masonry and our culture. This month, I'd like to convey some thoughts on what our Masonic culture means to me.

Reflect, for a moment, if you would, on that word 'culture'. What does it mean to you? The dictionary has several parallel definitions for the word, probably best summarized in the Miriam Webster dictionary as: "Enlightenment and excellence of taste acquired by intellectual development and training", or "An acquaintance with and taste in fine humanities, and broad aspects of science as distinguished from vocational and technical skills". Does this sound like some-thing we, in Masonry endeavor to practice and include in our message to the world?

Tuesday evening, November 23, at our Night of Instruction we had a fascinating talk delivered by Brother Adam Kendall, 32°, director and curator of the Masonic Museum at Grand Lodge in San Francisco. The message covered mainly the symbolism of Freemasonry, but in his presentation, Brother Kendall impressed upon us several critical points. He told us that Freemasonry as a source of strength comes from within, but we must be constantly aware and receptive to information from outside ourselves to give a focus and framework for those internal beauties and concepts. That one point really struck a note with me. He was stressing the benefits of study and research in subjects dealing with the craft, but the greater message was a kind of summary of what I feel is one of the great concepts of our 'culture'; that of the necessity to try to inculcate in our lives, a two-way communications system whereby we use our day-to-day experiences to improve our own outlook.

Further, Brother Kendall told us we should demonstrate evidence of our commitment to our culture by presenting ourselves as moral and upright people (I don't want to limit this message just to men, as I know our ladies share these values) to all we encounter as they tend to judge us by the standards we espouse, whether they admire those standards or not.

Brother Kendall's message deserves not only our attention, but also our serious reflection and consideration

In our Masonic lectures we talk about the plumb as teaching us to walk and act uprightly; the square to assume an attitude of virtue; and the level to 'prove horizontals', or in other words, to prove to others that, while we hold our selves in esteem, we recognize the equality of

all, when it comes to personal worth.

Lastly, and this is more of my own interpretation of that message, we should be proud of our culture, our commitment to Freemasonry, and our values, and present ourselves to the world with assurance and dignity. Our culture and values are what made this country what it is today and the world at large owes Masonry a debt of thanks.

Fly your colors with pride and let your friends know that by becoming a Mason you have become a better person.



*Robert S. Winters*



# Christmas

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**From the Secretary's Table:**

**Brethren and Ladies:**

In the spirit of Christmas and the Holiday Season, I want to share the following:

**THE DOLL AND THE WHITE ROSE**



If this doesn't make you think before you drive .....

I hurried into the local department store to grab some last minute Christmas gifts. I looked at all the people and grumbled to myself. I would be in here forever and I just had so much to do. Christmas was beginning to become such a drag. I kinda wished that I could just sleep through Christmas. But I hurried the best I could through all the people to the toy department. Once again I kind of mumbled to myself at the prices of all these toys. And wondered if the grandkids would even play with them.

I found myself in the doll aisle. Out of the corner of my eye I saw a little boy about 5 holding a lovely doll. He kept touching her hair and he held her so gently. I could not seem to help myself. I just kept looking over at the little boy and wondered who the doll was for. I watched him turn to a woman and he called his aunt by name and said, "Are you sure I don't have enough money"

She replied a bit impatiently, "You know that you don't have enough money for it. The aunt told the little boy not to go anywhere that she had to go get some other things and would be back in a few minutes. And then she left the aisle.

The boy continued to hold the doll. After a bit I asked the boy who the doll was for. He said, "It is the doll my sister wanted so badly for Christmas. She just knew that Santa would bring it." I told him that maybe Santa was going to bring it.

He said "No, Santa can't go where my sister is...I have to give the doll to my Mamma to take to her."

I asked him where his sister was. He looked at me with the saddest eyes and said "She has gone to be with Jesus and my Daddy says that Mama is going to have to go be with her."

My heart nearly stopped beating. Then the boy looked at me again and said, "I told my Daddy to tell Mama not to go yet. I told him to tell her to wait till I got back from the store."

Then he asked me if I wanted to see his picture. I told him I would love to. He pulled out some pictures he'd had taken at the front of the store. He said "I want my Mamma to take this with her so she don't ever forget me."

"I love my Mama so very much and I wish she did not have to leave me but Daddy says she will need to be with my sister." I saw that the little boy had lowered his head and had grown so very quiet.

While he was not looking I reached into my purse and pulled out a handful of bills. I asked the little boy, "Shall we count that

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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.

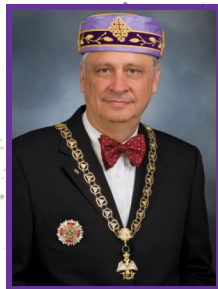
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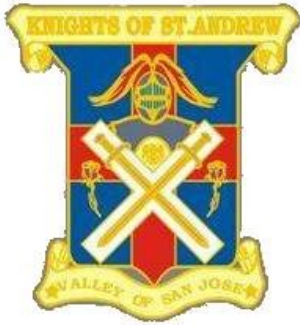
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*~ A Dear Friend to Many !*

*God Bless!*





Congratulations and welcome to the 12 new members of the San Jose Scottish Rite. You are to be commended on your travels through the degrees and orders of Freemasonry. Only through active participation will the lessons taught in the degrees be further experienced. One avenue for active participation is in the San Jose Chapter Knights of Saint Andrew. The KSA meets on the first Monday of the Month at 7:30pm in the Scottish Rite Center. All Scottish Rite Masons are invited to attend. The meeting is under the direction of Chief Knight, Gerald Best. Meetings address, bi-law changes, current events in which we are invited to participate and inducting new members who would like to be of service to the Scottish Rite. Areas of service include, but are not limited to, Cast members for Degrees portrayed in Spring and Fall Reunions; support crews for all degrees; Parades like the Veteran's Day parade and Fourth of July, Greeters for the Scottish Rite Stated Meeting and all other official functions of the Scottish Rite.

**Roles for the 29th Degree, Scottish Knight of Saint Andrew, are primarily comprised of members of the Chapter. The 29th Degree costuming is Scottish Kilt, kilt shirt, kilt hose, wide belt with sword and Glengarry. Knights have also participated in private activities, mainly for our brethren, such as weddings, receptions and knightings.**

Knights of Saint Andrew are easily recognized at Scottish Rite Functions by the Scottish red and white checkered Glengarry. Members who are Knight Commander Court of Honor members or Fifty year members wear hackles of red or blue colors in their Glengarry. Chapter officers wear black hackles in reflection of their hat color. The Chief Knight wears a Black and a white hackle as a mark of his office.

The San Jose Knights of Saint Andrew have a presence on "Facebook."

The only requirement for membership is that one be a Scottish Rite 32nd Degree Mason. If you have an interest in service to the Scottish Rite and your community, contact any Sir Knight.

**The Director for the 29th Degree is searching for Bagpipe player(s) and drummer(s). Pipers and drummers must be Scottish Rite 32nd Degree Masons and be adept in playing Celtic music to accompany a theatrical performance. Interested persons should contact the degree director, BJ McCuiston, KCCH, KSA via phone 408-201-2518 or e-mail [billiejo@garlic.com](mailto:billiejo@garlic.com).**

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money one more time?"

He grew excited and said "Yes, I just know it has to be enough". So I slipped my money in with his and we began to count it. Of course it was plenty for the doll. He softly said, "Thank you Jesus for giving me enough money." Then the boy said "I just asked Jesus to give me enough money to buy this doll so Mama can take it with her to give to my sister." "And he heard my prayer.

"I wanted to ask him for enough to buy my Mama a white rose, but I didn't ask him, but he gave me enough to buy the doll and a rose for my Mama." "She loves white roses so very, very much." In a few minutes the aunt came back and I wheeled my cart away.

I could not keep from thinking about the little boy as I finished my shopping in a totally different spirit than when I had started. And I kept remembering a story I had seen in the newspaper several days earlier about a drunk driver hitting a car and killing a little girl and the Mother was in serious condition. The family was deciding on whether to remove the life support. Now surely this little boy did not belong with that story.

Two days later I read in the paper where the family had disconnected the life support and the young woman had died. I could not forget the little boy and just kept wondering if the two were somehow connected.

Later that day, I could not help myself and I went out and bought some white roses and took them to the funeral home where the young woman was. And there she was holding a lovely white rose, the beautiful doll, and the picture of the little boy in the store. I left there in tears, my life changed forever.

The love that little boy had for his little sister and his mother was overwhelming. And in a split second a drunk driver had ripped the life of that little boy to pieces.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!**





There are many pictures and memories to go with our most recent reunion. Here are some of them.







## *From the Clinic!*

Stephanie is an engaging and sweet nine year old girl who is being seen once a week for speech and language therapy at the San Jose Scottish Rite Language Clinic. Recently, Stephanie was placed into a group with a similar functioning peer. Both children have benefitted greatly from each other and it is helping them to practice social skills by being together.



When Stephanie originally came to our clinic, she presented with delayed language development as well as apraxia. Apraxia creates a difficulty with 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 Stephanie. Her mother stated, "She had a very small vocabulary and couldn't communicate clearly, even the most trivial things."

As Stephanie's speech sounds improved, language goals were added to help develop her expressive and receptive language skills. Stephanie is bi-lingual and her family speaks both English and Spanish. There are many speech sound and language differences that can naturally occur when English is developing as a second language. The errors and difficulties that Stephanie was experiencing however were present in both languages.

Mild speech sound errors are still present and Stephanie continues to occasionally mix up sounds in multi-syllabic words. She is currently working on category vocabulary, grammar, expressing grammatically correct sentences, and social skill activities.

Since Stephanie's first therapy session her family has noticed a huge improvement in her speech. Her mother stated, "Life at home has improved a lot. Before she came home crying because other kids didn't understand her and now we don't have that problem. It has been so rewarding to see that most people don't even notice she has a problem."

Stephanie has made great progress and continues to work hard. She is eager to please and thrives when reinforced that she is doing well. When asked about her experience at the clinic, Stephanie's mother said, "Magnificent! Everyone has been very professional and I've noticed every child is given a treatment to meet their own needs."

### Clinic Director's Message

Our San Jose Scottish Rite Children's Language Disorders Clinic helped 56 children in October, completing over 242 treatment hours including seven screenings. One child was discharged from treatment and three new children were added from the waiting list. I'm sorry to report that we still have 91 children on that list, awaiting our help.

However, I am happy to report that all of the new clinic training materials ordered earlier this fall have been received. The clinicians have already started to use these more advanced methods in working with the children.

We continue to explore avenues in hopes that we will soon be able to increase our clinician staff and help more kids. Your donations are always greatly appreciated and help to reduce the financial burden on the Foundation.

We are always looking for volunteers to do some work to spruce up the clinic. The clinic could also use new set of vertical blinds and another computer. If you are interested in helping with a project and/or donating some needed items, please contact me.

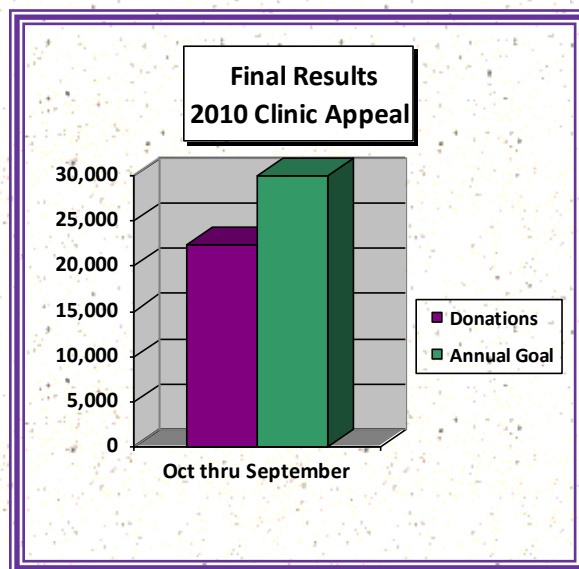
I would like to invite you and your families to attend the annual Clinic Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM. We will have games and activities for kids as well as refreshments – and I have it on very good authority that Santa Claus plans to make an appearance!

On behalf of the Clinic Staff, I would like to wish you and your families a happy and safe holiday season.

Respectfully,

*Durward C. Ayre*

Durward C. Ayre  
Clinic Director



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Visitors Welcome!

**In Memoriam...**

**Brother Gerald M. Whitlach**  
November 9, 2010

**Brother Irwin T. Cohen 32° KCCH**  
November 27, 2010



**CONGRATULATIONS**

To

**Hon. Brother Durward Ayre,**  
**32° KCCH**

Who has been Appointed Regional  
Orient Membership Ambassador  
For the Valleys of San Jose and Fresno

By

**III. Marvin Greenwald, 33°**  
Director of Membership  
Orient of California





Brethren; this being the month of December I had planned on writing an article about the Festival of St. John the Evangelist which, as every good Mason knows, is celebrated on 27 December. Then last night I received this e-mail, forwarded by Brother Gary "Pirk" Pirkig of the Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycle Association.

I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

## Masonic Meeting at Kandahar Air Field (Afghanistan)

Brethren,

Canada Lodge held our first Ceremonies of Initiation on the evening of October 7, 2010 here at Kandahar Air Field.

Initiated were Major Robert Kelly and Corporal Satraj Toor.

As you can see from the photos, our lodge is now beautifully furnished thanks to the generosity of the brethren from back home.

Due to operational requirements we did not (all who had parts) have the chance (though try we did) to do a complete run through before the big night.

If I may say so myself, the ceremony was done as well as any I have seen back home (in my limited Masonic experience, mind you).

All of the parts came together seamlessly and it was quite evident that all of the brethren had put their heart and soul into the perfection of their work.

I am truly honored to have been a part of this historic Masonic event.

Our evening ended with a truly Afghan flavor as we were posing for photographs we came under rocket attack and had to hit the floor (pictured).

There is also a good group photo that was taken, however the one on my camera did not turn out. I will forward it to you when I get a copy.

S&F,  
Joe







### From the Venerable Master

#### Brethren and Ladies:

Have you heard of the **AIDA FORMULA**? It stands for attracting **ATTENTION**, creating an **INTEREST & DESIRE** to be a 32° Mason and taking **ACTION** by getting out to the Craft Lodges to talk about the Scottish Rite. San Jose Scottish Rite has done an excellent job with membership in 2010 by creating 30 new Scottish Rite Masons. We can and should do more to increase community awareness and support.

I would like to share some thoughts with you on the subject of the ties that bind us together as Scottish Rite Masons. They were sent to me recently by Ill. Marvin Greenwald, 33°, Director of Membership for the Orient of California. "Our great and ancient Order binds us together with one sympathetic cord of affection. The Fraternity breaks down those walls of prejudice and passion, building an altar of charity and forbearance, on which we may hereafter place our offerings of peace, unity and friendship. There is no greater gift or honor than recruiting and then bestowing the 32<sup>nd</sup> degree, Master of the Royal Secret, upon a Master Mason. Empires and principalities have crumbled and faded away, so that their names are no longer remembered among men. Some philosophies laid in the utmost stretch of human reason, seeming to defy the severest scrutiny of truth, have been dispersed like visions of the finest fancy before the light of morn, with scarce a recollection of their existence. That which partakes of earth is earthy and perishes, but that which partakes of the spirit is spiritual; and with it immortal. May we not then well draw an inference of the spiritual and immortal essence of our beloved Fraternity from the stability if its duration?"

With dedication and duty we must advance daily to fulfill our obligation and duty to the growth of this great Fraternity of ours. We must constantly be aware that the destiny of our great Fraternity is in our hands.

Some of you are may not be aware of the fact that we hold our weekly "Kitchen Cabinet" meeting from 10 AM -12 noon on Tuesdays. In additional there is our monthly "Council of Masters" meeting on the first Saturday of each month from 9 AM – 12 noon. The purpose of these meetings is to find ways of improving our Scottish Rite and developing new interest in our Fraternity among the Brethren. You are welcome to attend and encouraged to bring your ideas!

I would like to wish each of you and your families a wonderful holiday season. It is my sincere hope that we will share many more holidays together in friendship and fellowship.

The San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies will again be hosting the San Jose Scottish Rite Clinic Children's Christmas party on December 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. I encourage everyone to attend to support our Clinic.

*Durward C. Ayre*

Durward C. Ayre, 32° KCCH  
Venerable Master

**Bro. Jack Kempf had emergency Quadruple by-pass surgery on Monday evening November 22nd. Thankfully, We understand that he is doing well at this time.**



**Thanks to all the Degree Directors and their able assistants for all the dedication necessary to confer the Scottish Rite Degrees!**

**"Stated Meeting Dinner"**  
**Tuesday, December 14th, 2010**



**Reservations Required!**

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**MENU**  
Light Appetizers  
Smoked Ham -  
with a Bourbon Raisin Sauce  
Mashed Sweet Potatoes  
Corn Soufflé'  
Caesar Salad  
Dinner Rolls & Butter  
 ~ Dessert ~  
 ( VEGETARIAN DISH  
UPON REQUEST )

**\$15.00 with Reservations**  
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**For the Lighter Side ...**

On Christmas morning a woman told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a beautiful diamond necklace!"

"What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight," he said.

That evening just before opening presents, the husband came home with a small package and gave it to his wife.

Delighted, she opened it only to find a book entitled  
 "The Meaning of Dreams."





*Membership is always important:*

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**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**



***Future Scottish Rite Events***

**December 4, 2010 Council of Masters @9:00 AM (All line officers should attend.)**

**Saturday, Dec.4, 2010 - San Jose Scottish Rite Children's Clinic**

**Christmas Party- All Welcome from 11:00am to 3:00pm**

**Sunday, December 12, 2010 Masonic Fellowship Afternoon**

**@ SJSR Center 1-6 PM**

**Tuesday, December 14, 2010 - Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM**

**Dinner following @ 7:15 PM**

**\* Office Closed Noon, Thursday Dec.24th**

**thru Monday Jan. 3rd, 2011 \***

**Happy New Year!**