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From the Personal Representative:



There has been so much happening at Scottish Rite, that I am devoting this message to keeping you current on our activities.

First and foremost, I must say how pleasant it has been, to be working with such willing and talented people. Many of the ideas conceived for the benefit and progress of the organization come from the ranks and personnel, and when a proposal is made, discussed, and decided upon, there is always someone ready and willing to step up and work with the idea to make it a success. Bob Rowan, Dan Brothers, Mary Lou Johnson and Jack Kempf are always hard at work to help make things happen, but people like Grace Stevens, Bill Roberts, Hal Leister, Roger Bibb, Greg LaFavor, Royce Ford, Maury Dunbar, Larry Fagan, Charlie Cowden, and dozens of others are also working diligently to help.

Ill. Leo Mark's reception, October 20, is paramount on our coming calendar. If you haven't made your reservation, please do so. We are going to have a great event, and tickets are expected to go fast.

Our Fall Reunion is scheduled for November 16 and 17, and is being planned in an altered format that I think the members will enjoy. It places more emphasis on the achievement and importance of membership, and recognizes both the candidates and the cast members. It will include a banquet at the close of the second day where we can all assemble and enjoy the fruits of our labors. Please plan to attend.

We recently sent out a "Member Profile" for all members to complete and return. This form is important to the staff, not only for reaching members, but in searching for members with special talents and qualifications. We will also use these forms in the future when we do evaluations for KCCH and 33° and it will make my life a lot easier when I try to justify my recommenda-

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tions with Supreme Council. Please get your profile forms back to Mary Lou, if you have not already done so.

The Foundation has retained a new clinician, partly to fill a vacancy that will occur soon when Michelle Crawford takes maternity leave, and then, when she returns, we will be able to handle an increased load. We now have forty children in treatment, and thirty more in the preparation process.

Thanks to the efforts of several brothers we are networking the computers in the office, and are automating the system of rental reservations. We need to do more work on our web site, both for members and for people looking for a place to hold a reception. Most of our business comes to us by word of mouth, and though we are able to keep our rental activity reasonably profitable, we see the potential of enhancing our business and improving the bottom line. Anyone with web site experience should check with our General Secretary, Bob Rowan, and lend a hand.

Speaking of business, during my recent visit to Washington DC, I had a chance to spend some time with Ill. Jim Cole, SGIG of Virginia and an authority on formation and organization of Masonic and Scottish Rite bodies. It appears we are on the right course in restructuring our Valley/Foundation relationship so that we will be able to do business in the future without encountering any problems with the legal authorities and also giving the Lodge a source of income to function in a more user-friendly manner.

Again, thanks for your help. Come and join our Tuesday AM "Problem Solving Session" and see how quickly we can put you to work.

Bob Winter

Remember that our next Friday Lunch Bunch will be on Friday (surprise) October 12, 2007 at high twelve. Join us for an enjoyable meal.

Membership is always important:

PROPOSITION/PETITION/AFFILIATION
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(Please print or type)

Full Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address (If different from above): _____

Date of Birth: _____

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Location: _____

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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.*

November Stated Meeting Dinner
6:30 PM—Tuesday October 9, 2007

Menu



Only \$10.00
per person

- Roast Beef w/onion & celery Sauce
- Red Potatoes
- Cabbage
- Fancy Rice
- Green Salad
- Rolls & butter
- Assorted Pies for Desert
- Dinner Wine, Coffee, Tea

Reservation
 deadline: Friday,
 October 5th at
 5:00 PM

Reservation #:
 408-978-7483



Old equipment
in your garage?

Recycling effort at the Rite

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 |
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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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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:

Brethren,

First, I want to thank you for your many comments of congratulation and best wishes. I especially want to express my appreciation to Ill. Bill Stovall, 33° for his confidence in making the appointment and to Ill. Bob Winter, 33° and the office staff in making the transition as easy as possible. In addition, there have been many offers of assistance from many of you and I offer you my sincerest thanks, not only for help already freely given, but also for future assistance. Be assured that I will be calling you to get what help you can give

- With the upcoming dues increase, the time may be right for you to convert to a Life Membership. Consider it carefully and if you need to discuss that option, feel free to call me.
- Our Scottish Rite Valley is more than 100 years young and evidence in the form of publications, pictures, proclamations can be found in every office and file cabinet. For the near future, we will be dedicating an office downstairs to the organization and cataloging of the history of this valley. In fact we are considering it to become the office of the San Jose Scottish Rite Historian. We will be accumulating all the existing historical records and organizing them into a product worthy of exhibit. If you are available to assist in this project, please contact me. Suitable assistance will be given you.
- I am very thankful that the various degree directors are sched-

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The Scottish Rite Creed

Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.

To implement this our Supreme Council of the Mother Jurisdiction favors:

Pride of patriotism, love of flag and country, respect for law and order, loyalty to the principles of sovereignty of the people and of citizen control, civil and religious liberty and free enterprise as set forth in our Constitution and Bill of Rights;

An enlightened citizenry through American public schools and for alien adults the inculcation of American principles;

The use of English as the principle language of instruction in the grammar grades of our public schools;

The complete separation of church and state, and opposition to any direct or indirect diversions of public funds to church-related schools or institutions.

Sometimes
we need a
reminder.
Think
about it!

November 17th Reunion Banquet:

From Bro. Hal Leister:

The "**Gerald R. Ford Memorial Reunion**" will be held on 16 and 17 November. We are planning for this to be a "true" reunion of all San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies Members which will be a great time to renew old friendships and visit with others. Refreshments will be available continuously. The Friday evening dinner will be a catered dinner by a new caterer. We are cooking the Saturday morning breakfast. The reunion will start at 1:30 pm on Friday and the 32° will finish at 1:00 pm on Saturday. The social hour for the banquet will start at 6:30pm. Plan to attend and enjoy good fellowship!

The dinner will be a fully catered four course meal with complete table service. Gourmet food will be complimented with excellent wines and, of course, non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. Of course, the dress will be formal.

Menu

Blue cheese and toasted walnut Ceasar Salad

Red Bell Pepper Bisque

Your choice of:

New York Steak with Madera Sauce and horseradish-chive sauce

- or -

Slow roasted Herbed Salmon

Both accompanied by cheddar mashed potatoes and a vegetable medley in herb-scallion butter

The dessert will be a pumpkin cake with ginger whipped cream.

Price per person is \$30.00. - Reservation deadline is November 5, 2007 and must include your choice of entree.

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uling their various degree rehearsals. Please continue to reserve your time for practices. Proper rehearsal can do nothing but improve the performance and delivery of each degree and, in doing so, make a greater impression on our new initiates.

- Lastly, if you are in possession of a copy of an old version of any of the degree rituals, be aware that all old versions must be surrendered to me and new versions issued to you through each degree director. I had located 4 different versions of several of the degrees, and we must all be using the properly authorized ritual. Under no circumstances, is any degree director, or cast member, authorized to make copies of the ritual..

Fraternally,

Bob Rowan—General Secretary

Don't forget that the San Jose Scottish Rite will present the "Mason of the Year" in a ceremony at our next stated meeting dinner! There are number of worthy brethren nominated by the Lodges in the area. In order to honor those named, you will need to attend on October 9th. Make your reservations early!

Wanted:

We have two projects pending that require some advise and guidance. If you know of a Brother who has professional experience as a Landscape Design Architect, or one experienced as a Civil Engineer, please ask them to contact our Secretary—Robert Rowan



From our Childhood Language Clinic

My husband and I began taking our son Joey to the Scottish Rite Speech Clinic in San Jose, CA in August 2006. At that time our then 3 year old son had exactly ten intelligible words. The cause of his severe speech delay was a still mystery, and his prognosis was as unclear as his articulation.



After some intensive speech sessions with the SLP we were assigned (Michelle Crawford), we discovered that Joey has developmental dyspraxia. Knowing that has helped Michelle use the right therapeutic tools to start correcting Joey's speech issues.

After a very short time we began to see some amazing changes in our son. As his articulation began clearing up, his self-confidence soared. As his vocabulary increased, his self-esteem skyrocketed. He had never been able to make friends before, but now his social circle began expanding and he is turning into a social butterfly--he is turning five in October and has asked to invite 35 children to his party!

We firmly believe that Michelle and the Scottish Rite Speech Clinic have done what Joey's neurologist and other therapists could not. They figured out what was wrong, they set out immediately to correct it, and in the process did something miraculous: They helped free the happy, loving, talkative little boy that had been locked up behind the wall put up by dyspraxia. That wall is being broken down, and we are forever grateful.

With love and gratitude,
Nicki Kerns



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:

John Unger, Secretary
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.

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*There is
room for
your name
here too! Can
you make a
donation?*



From the Venerable Master

Richard Meyers, 32°KCCH
Venerable Master- Lodge of Perfection.

Our Fall Reunion is “just around the corner,” and we need everyone’s help to line up candidates for this class. I suggest that every member of this Valley make a special effort to attend his blue lodge stated meetings in October and November, and identify potential candidates. If you need applications mailed to you, please call the office.

Our Reunion Director, Hal Leister, has introduced several innovations to make this reunion a very special event. It will commence with registration at 1:30pm on Friday, November 16th, and the conferral of the degrees will be completed by 1:00pm on Saturday, followed by a first rate, catered banquet at 7:00pm.

This event will truly be a “reunion” in the full sense of the word, and all members are invited to participate in whatever capacity they wish. Hal would certainly welcome help in preparing and serving the Saturday morning breakfast, setting up for the banquet, helping with the stage and wardrobe work, etc. Even if you cannot help in this manner, **JUST BE HERE**, to lend your support. Your mere presence will be noticed and appreciated.

On September 10th I observed the Oakland Scottish Rite’s production of the “Signing of the Constitution.” I have not forgotten those of you who expressed an interest in putting it on here. I think it would be a possibility early next year. Hold that thought!

Also, please don’t forget the testimonial dinner for our Illustrious Leo Mark on October 20th. Please call in your reservations soon.

Richard A. Meyers

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Resolution for Change:

Brethren,

Because the notice for this proposed resolution was published too late to be considered at our September stated meeting, I will present the resolution to change the By-laws of San Jose Scottish Rite this month to change our meeting time from 8:00 PM to 5:30 PM. With an abbreviated ritual, our Supper would follow at 6:30 PM and include some of the normal reports now done in the Lodge. (Almoner, Sunshine, Orator, Personal Rep.)

Although this may make it more difficult for some Officers to be present, it will afford all of us a better opportunity to enjoy one another in a more relaxed atmosphere.

Bill Roberts, 33° - Master of Kadosh

San Jose Scottish Rite's monthly meeting, with a buffet dinner prior to the meeting, was held on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at the San Jose Scottish Rite Center.

Members and their wives and friends enjoyed an excellent dinner, with wine and dessert.

The San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies have been utilizing the services of a food caterer to prepare, deliver and serve our monthly meals and this service assists the Bodies by having hot meals ready for our members and friends at the scheduled 6:30 P.M. dinner hour. Catered food service avoids the time-consuming tasks of our members having to grocery shop, prepare and other sundry tasks associated with food service. The

Do you have a comment (positive or negative) about monthly entertainment?

Masonic youth groups provide table service and they are paid and receive

a free meal.

Entertainment for our monthly meetings has been reduced to four or five times per year (special occasions-Sweetheart's Night, Easter, Christmas and the like). Members having opinions on the entertainment should contact Robert Winter, Pers. Rep., Robt Rowan, General Secretary; Roger Bibb or any of the four masters of the bodies, and discuss the issue with them.

Remember, monthly Scottish Rite meetings are held 2nd Tuesday of each month; dinner at 6:30 P.M. and reservations are required. Phone 408.978.7483 for reservations.

Roger Bibb, 33°

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www.grandlodgescotland.com

<http://www.thelodgeroom.com/restaurant.html> Interesting
www.twtmag.com General topics

For the Lighter Side of things

A wealthy old lady decides to go on a photo safari in Africa , taking her faithful, elderly poodle named Cuddles, along for the company.

One day the old poodle starts chasing butterflies and before long, Cuddles discovers that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch.

The old poodle thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep doo-doo now!" Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the leopard is about to leap the old poodle exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard! I wonder if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young leopard halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees. "Whew!", says the leopard, "That was close! That old poodle nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So off he goes, but the old poodle sees him

heading after the leopard with great speed, and figures that something must be up. The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself.

The young leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!

Now, the old poodle sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?", but instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old poodle says...

"Where's that damn monkey? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another leopard!

Moral of this story....

Don't mess with older folks...age and skill will always overcome youth and treachery! and brilliance only comes with age and experience!

Don't mess with older folks!