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From the Venerable Master

Greetings Brethren All,

We realize and understand that life's circumstances don't always permit some of us to attend lodge. Your engagement with us is always appreciated. History has a beginning, a middle and someday, an end. We can all choose where we spend our time and talents. I choose the middle. How about you?

In that spirit, I call upon and charge you all to write a paper. It can be a few sentences or a few pages, but favor us with an article on education, history, personal experiences, anecdotes or any other subject that can enrich our Great Valley, your Brothers and the community. Feel free to let your thoughts take you where they will. The best way to have a good idea is to have lots of ideas. We are much more creative than we give ourselves credit for. Free your mind today and see how many interesting ideas you can come up with. Even if it turns out that none of them have practical value, we will still benefit from the creativity you set free. Learning is a treasure that will follow us everywhere. Some of us have spent years in school, some of us have shelves full of books, some of us seek advice and counsel of experts, some of us try to find answers on our own. We stop learning when we stop asking questions and looking for the answers. Masons never need to stop learning. Freemasons don't think of learning as a formal education. It is something we do every day. Seize the power of Brotherly love by action. We are grateful for all you do.

Please submit your papers to me directly at floralone4u@yahoo.com

Your paper will be fully accredited unless you don't wish to have your name published in the Rite Word.

Quote of the day "Happiness is a perfume you can not pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself."

Fraternally,

Joseph DaSilva, 32° KCCH



From The Secretary's Table.....

Brethren,

Here is a brief update on the happenings at San Jose Scottish Rite:

- Welcome back to Brother Walt Cooley who has been absent for a number of years.
- Welcome to our new members who completed their degrees in November and are now joining in our activities.
- Thank you to 80% of our members who have remitted their dues in a timely manner. (If you have not fulfilled your dues obligation, won't you please do so soon?)
- Welcome to our newly installed Officers for 2014. If you missed attending the installation ceremony, you missed a great evening with much interest and fellowship. FRATERNALLY, Bob Rowan—General Secretary

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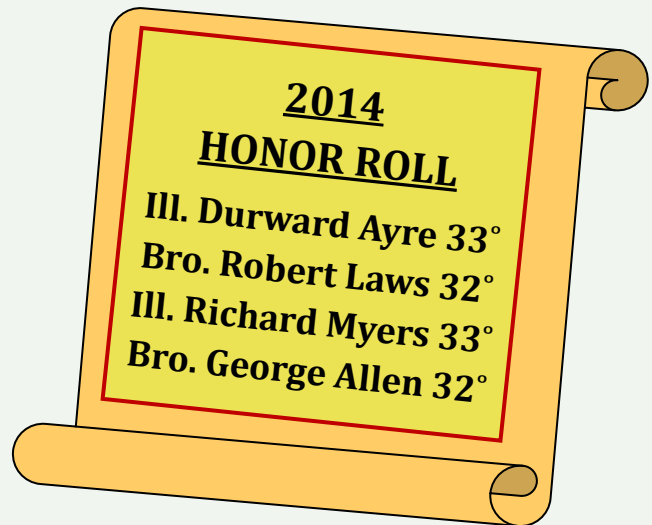
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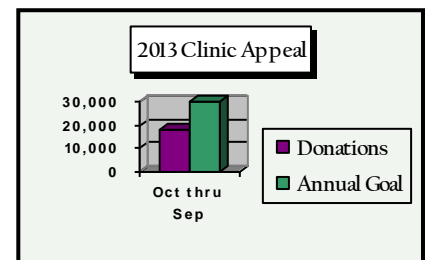


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We can do better in 2014



Fiona is an adorable five year old girl who has been seen at our clinic for a severe articulation disorder since last May. Fiona is a joy to work with. She laughs easily and loves to tell stories about her friends and family. Her articulation skills have blossomed since she first began treatment and her intelligibility has improved dramatically.

Prior to Fiona starting speech and language treatment at our clinic, she was very difficult to understand, even for her parents. Her mom said that she could understand her most of the time, but her dad frequently did not understand her or needed me to 'interpret'. Family friends that saw her regularly since birth couldn't understand her. Her pre-school teacher felt it limited her social interactions. Her peers often corrected her speech [and] she would not initiate play".

During the past nine months Fiona has worked on a variety of sounds such as /l/, /sh/, /k,g/ and her vowels. Her mother has definitely noticed an improvement as "She initiates play and conversations. She participates more in class and with adult conversations. At home her dad understands her better, [and] her peers correct her less." The impact of treatment on Fiona's daily life has been significant, "She is more able to enjoy age appropriate activities, such as going to a friend's house for a playdate, without the worry she will not be understood if she needed something."

Fiona's mother truly appreciates our services, "My child is treated with kindness, respect, professionalism and as an important individual. Thank you so much [to everyone] that makes these services possible! It literally changes lives. Thank you to the amazing, caring and empathetic staff and all their 'tricks' to help children." We are very proud of you Fiona! Keep up the great work!

Friend and Benefactor of our Rite Care Clinic

Kinley Richard is a graduate of Arizona State University, taught briefly in Arizona, and then spent the next 36 years teaching in the Sunnyvale, CA school district.

Richard has made a significant contribution to the Rite Care Clinic, in Memory of his parents, Virgil and Elizabeth Richard. Virgil was a Mason and Elizabeth was a schoolteacher.

It is through the generosity of men like Richard that our Clinic is able to continue and expand its work of serving and helping children and their families. Thank you, Richard!

A Message From the Commander

In March, we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, a time which honors the Patron Saint of Ireland. Much of his life is the subject of conjecture, and even the dates of his life are uncertain, other than that he lived in the mid to late 5th Century. Born in Great Britain and originally taken as a slave to Ireland, he subsequently escaped and later returned to the Emerald Isle as a missionary. He later served as a bishop, and has been termed, at one point, the Bishop of Armagh, Primate of all Ireland.

St. Patrick is credited with using the shamrock to illustrate the doctrine of the holy trinity, which explains in large part the use of the shamrock as a symbol of St. Patrick's Day. Of course, the most famous legend surrounding St. Patrick is his banishment of all snakes from Ireland. Scientific evidence tells us that there never were any snakes in post-glacial Ireland, but that has never deterred the legend from perpetuating itself. Many theories exist as to how he became associated with this legend, but none can be proven over any other.

St. Patrick is buried at Down Cathedral, Downpatrick, County Down, Northern Ireland. This has special significance to me, as it is the country from which my ancestors emigrated in the early 19th century.

March 17, widely accepted as the date of his death, marks the annual recurrence of St. Patrick's Day. Throughout Ireland, it is a day of solemnity, and a holy day of obligation, but also a day of celebration. Feasts and parades are held in his honor each year.

In the United States, of course, St. Patrick's Day is a day to celebrate one's Irish heritage – whether or not one is actually Irish. It is a festive occasion, a day of libations and joy, a day for the "wearin' of the green", and of less than successful attempts to speak with an Irish accent. It is, to put it simply, a reason to have a party.

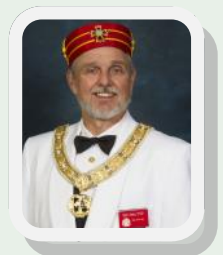
So be with us at our March stated meeting, as we take the chance to celebrate the Irish in all of us.

Erin go Bragh (Ireland Forever)

Randy Downey, 32° KCCH

Commander

Council of Kadosh

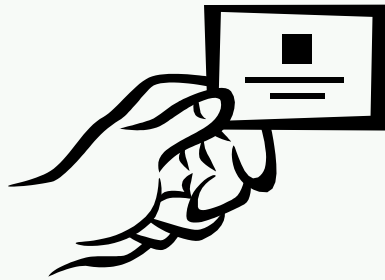


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or has passed to the other shore.

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Please feel free to call anytime! (408) 978-7483

The Meaning and Process of HONORS

Many of our newer members, and probably some older ones, too, have wondered why there are so many different Scottish Rite caps, what they stand for, and how do I get one? The Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masonry, South-ern Jurisdiction, may, at its discretion, bestow HONORS to deserving members. These Honors cannot be asked for or expected as reward for contributions made to the Scottish Rite, Masonry or any other bodies. They are bestowed in recognition of achievement.

The first is the Knight Commander Court of Honor (KCCH) and is invested. Those members so invested are recognized by a Red Cap. These invested brothers remain 32° Masons, because the KCCH is not a Degree—it is an Honor. A recipient of the KCCH is told that the “honor is given not for what you have done, but for what you will do.” It is bestowed upon Brothers deserving recognition for faithful service to the Rite, and are chosen by the Supreme Council to receive this rank and designation. Though there is an expectation that the recipient will continue to provide the fraternity with “above and beyond” service, a member of the Knight Commander Court of Honor is not invested, by virtue of the honor alone, with any authority or positioning above that held by any other 32° Mason. It is one of the great Honors in Scottish Rite Masonry to be so designated. If you have to ask what you need to do to qualify for one—you probably will never receive one.

The second is the 33rd and final Degree of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, which is an Honorary Degree. Members having been conferred this Honor are distinguished by a White Cap. Though it can only be bestowed as an Honor, the 33° is an actual Degree and therefore is conferred in a tiled Lodge of 33° Masons. Those selected to receive the 33° have often been those whose involvement in Masonry in general, and Scottish Rite in particular, has been vast and shown leadership. Though those in administrative leadership positions in the Scottish Rite are generally selected from 33° members, having been honored with the 33° does not, in itself, invest the recipient with any authority or position of superiority over any other member of the Scottish Rite. It represents recognition worthy of respect only. No Honor will ever be bestowed upon any person who seeks it or desires to receive it. The main reason for this is that the work for which a member may be recognized, should be done by the member simply because it is the right thing to do—and not with hope or expectation of recognition, reward or compensation.

A Message From The Wise Master



This month I will give you a heads up for April. Event scheduling in April is tight, and we have to look into completing reservations before you may have a chance to receive the April Rite Word.

Since olden times, man has observed in ceremonies certain events that have their actual timing based on our sky and stars: solstice and equinoxes. They can be found in old pagan rites and in beliefs of many ages, in the mysteries of Stonehenge, in the design of the Egyptian pyramids and right up to our own times, represented in ceremonies such as the Jewish Passover and the Christian Easter ceremonies

April is the time for us to celebrate our Maundy Thursday, also known as the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. Timed around Spring Equinox and Easter, it is in no way a reference to any particular belief. In California, we often forget that around this time is where large parts of the western tradition world will see the awakening from a sometimes long and dark winter. It is a moment where we look back to the dark days of winter, where we clean our houses, repair winter's damages and re-plant the gardens. We think about the hardships and losses we went through during those tough winter times, and are looking forward to a great year again. Our Scottish Rite ceremony is just that, but for us, for our thoughts, our soul, and with some refreshments served, our body.

The word Maundy has its origins in the Latin work “mandatum”, a command or commandment. While Maundy Thursday is not an obligatory event any more, I do hope that most of you will either in person or in spirit share this moment with us. We will convene on Thursday, April 17th at 7 pm here at the Scottish Rite Temple, in a public event to observe Maundy Thursday and watch our ritual team perform this solemn ceremony for us and our guests.

Saturday, April 19th will be our first “casual” wine tasting event, on the spring “Passport Day”. For those that missed last month's article: it is a non-catered event visiting small wineries in the Santa Cruz mountains. As such, we'll have to limit the amount of participants, but we will have several of these events around the four Passport Days (www.scmwa.com) this year. Please make reservations directly with me at (408) 505 1822 if you are interested in discovering some of our wine making gems in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Wolfgang Lochner



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From the Master of Kadosh

The new Officers of the bodies now have one meeting behind us, and it was a pleasure to see so many of them in attendance. However, one of the Consistory officers was missing. Brother Richard Rosenberg had a bicycle accident and was in the hospital. Please keep him in your prayers as he recuperates.



On March 30th, we will be taking a fun trip to see the USS Hornet in Alameda and afterwards we will drive around the base and go to Rosenblum Cellars for some wine tasting. You can attend both or only one if you so choose as well. The cost of the Hornet visit is \$12 or \$10 for seniors. The cost of the wine tasting is \$15. Please make your reservation with Angela. All tickets must be reserved and paid in advance so we can get the group rate. Deadline is March 26th to sign up.

Finally the Spring Reunion is coming up quickly. Have you talked to your lodge brothers about Scottish Rite? We put an awful lot of effort into the reunions and last time we only had 5 candidates. If we could just get 10% of you to find someone that is interested in the Scottish Rite, we could have a class of 80! Someone helped you to join, so pay it forward and help someone new from your lodge to join.

Fraternally,
Gregg Hall, 32°

San Jose Scottish Rite Reunion Spring Reunion (2014) Schedule

Friday, April 11

5:30 – 6:00 pm	Registration, Individual Photo, Cap Sizing
6:00 – 6:30 pm	Open Lodge of Perfection and Class Orientation
6:30 – 7:15 pm	Dinner (Lodge of Perfection to host)
7:15 – 8:15 pm	Confer 4 th Degree
8:15 – 9:20 pm	Communicate 5 th – 8 th Degrees
9:20 – 9:30 pm	Break
9:30 – 10:15 pm	Confer 9 th /10 th Degree
10:15 pm	Close LOP/Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

Saturday, April 12

9:30 – 10:00 am	Open Lodge of Perfection/Communicate 11 th Degree
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10:00 – 10:40 am	Confer 12 th Degree
10:40 – 10:50 am	Break
10:50 – 11:15 am	Communicate 13 th Degree
11:15 – 12:00 pm	Confer 14 th Degree/Close LOP
12:00 – 12:45 pm	Lunch (Chapter Rose Croix to host)
12:45 – 12:50 pm	Open Chapter Rose Croix
12:50 – 2:00 pm	Communicate 15 th - 17 th Degrees
2:00 – 3:30 pm	Confer 18 th Degree/Close Chapter
3:30 pm	Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

Friday, May 2

6:00 – 6:45 pm	Dinner (Council of Kadosh to host)
6:45 – 6:50 pm	Open Council of Kadosh
6:50 – 7:35 pm	Confer 19 th Degree
7:35 – 7:45 pm	Break
7:45 – 8:30 pm	Communicate 20 th – 21 st Degrees
8:30 – 9:00 pm	Confer 22 nd Degree
9:00 – 9:45 pm	Communicate 23 rd – 24 th Degrees
9:45 pm	Close Council/Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

Saturday, May 3

9:00 – 10:20 am	Open Council of Kadosh/Communicate 25 th – 28 th Degrees
10:20 – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 – 11:45 pm	Confer 29 th Degree
11:45 – 12:00 pm	Class Photo
12:00 – 12:45 pm	Lunch (Council of Kadosh to host)
12:45 – 1:45 pm	Confer 30 th Degree/Close Council
1:45 pm	Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

Tuesday, May 6

6:00 – 6:45 pm	Dinner (Consistory to host)
6:45 – 7:30 pm	Open Consistory and Communicate 31 st Degree
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Confer 32 nd Degree/Close Consistory
9:00 pm	Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)



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Tuesday March 25th - All Officers' Council @ 7:00 PM

Sunday March 30th— Scottish Rite Tour of the USS Hornet

Tuesday April 8th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Followed by Dinner

Friday-Saturday April 11-12th ~ Scottish Rite Spring Reunion

Thursday April 17th ~ Maundy Thursday Service

Tuesday April 22nd - All Officers' Council @ 7:00 PM

Friday-Saturday May 2-3rd ~ Scottish Rite Spring Reunion

Tuesday May 27th ~ SJSR Foundation Board Meeting @ 5:30 PM

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