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From the Personal Representative:



Saturday, October 20, we assembled in the character of Masons and paid tribute to a man who, over the years, has led us in many diverse areas of the craft. Illustrious Leo Mark was raised in 1954 and has been in various leadership positions ever since. He has been the driving force behind San Jose Scottish Rite for over seventeen years and is still active as ever.

When a group of our members got together to plan a reception for Leo, the burning question on the table was, "What kind of award or presentation could we make that would do justice to Leo's many years of service?" Think about this, my friends. First of all, it had to be something of perpetual significance, and secondly, it had to be something different from those many honors and awards conferred upon him in past years. Royce Ford, one of Leo's best and oldest friends, aided by Bob Rowan, Mary Lou Johnson, Bill and Ruth Roberts, and several others handled the logistics of the reception and the preparations and planning proceeded for many months. The matter of a suitable presentation was one of the paramount subjects of our weekly Tuesday morning meetings, and we fussed and fretted over the question endlessly.

Finally, one morning, the scholarship fund idea began to materialize, and the more we discussed it, the better the idea appeared. It had been Leo who brought the Foundation and Clinic to their present state of success, and nurtured them over some rough times. It was he who put us on a sound fiscal footing, and left a legacy that no one could do justice to with some plaque or certificate, or naming a stained glass window after him. It had to be significant and it had to be perpetual.

The Leo B. Mark Scholarship Fund is a restricted fund and, as it is part of our overall Charitable Giving Program, is a tax-deductible under the rules of the Internal

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Revenue Code. Moreover, it is a gift that keeps on giving over the years, and anyone, member or non member, can give to the fund as often as they wish in honor of this man who has given so much of himself to our craft. The intent of the fund is to provide scholarships to deserving students who want to pursue a course of study in the field of Speech Pathology. Our Scholarship Committee will be working on the details of the requirements for application for the scholarship, but like most scholarship funds, only the earnings related to the fund will be made available, so for the first few years, at our current rate of return on our investments, it will only render about \$2000.00 per year spendable. We should all give our attention to increasing the fund balance so that we may make these awards to more than one person if we choose to do so.

The fund is suitable for anyone wishing to donate or leave in their will any amount they wish and honor this great man. Please give this your serious consideration, my friends. You have seen the reports of the work of our clinicians and this is a way we can all be a part of building for the future of that work and do it to the honor of one of our leaders who has done so much himself.

Bob Winter

Remember that our next Friday Lunch Bunch will be on Friday November 16, 2007 at high twelve. Join us for an enjoyable meal.

Once you're in Heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for Eternity?

-or -

Why does a round pizza come in a square Box?

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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:

Don't forget that the San Jose Scottish Rite will present the "Mason of the Year" in a ceremony at our November 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 November 13th . Make your reservations early!

The following Brothers were nominated by their respective Lodges and they, together with their respective Masters, will be our guests at dinner. Please join us to see who has been selected as the Valley of San Jose "Mason of the Year 2007".

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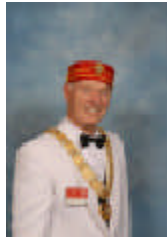
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Fraternally,

Robert D. Rowan—General Secretary



Brethren,

As the year draws to a close, it is time to reflect on our individual involvement in Scottish Rite during the past year. There is a small percentage of our members who attend meetings regularly, and participate in the activities. On the other hand, there is a large percentage of our membership who do very little. One would expect this message to be directed to this group, but it is not. It is directed to those who are already busy, helping in various ways. It is often said that if you need something done, ask a busy person to do the job and it will get done. I feel confident that each of you knows at least one Scottish Rite member who has been inactive this year. I am asking each of you—no, I challenge each of you—to invite one of these Brothers and his lady to attend our next stated meeting and dinner. If he doesn't like to drive at night, offer to give him a ride. **In addition, get them to attend the Reunion! After all, if they have been inactive, they just might miss the fellowship that lives here in the Valley of San Jose.** A little effort on your part could easily double our attendance.

Fraternally,

Royce M. Ford

Commander, Council of Kadosh

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

Clinic Report

The clinic is very fortunate to have gained a clinician during the month of September. Rachel Sense is our newest speech-language pathologist. She is highly skilled and dynamic in her in-



Rachel - Michele - Angela

teraction with the clients and parents! As a result of this additional staffing the clinic is now serving 59 children, and 3 more are scheduled for weekly treatment beginning in October. This third caseload, along with a systematic updating of some old contacts on the waiting list, has significantly decreased the number of children waiting for therapy. The clinic waiting list is now at 8. (Last month the count was 30.)

The clinic recently received a letter from San Jose State University expressing appreciation for supervising a graduate student clinician this past summer. The following is an excerpt from that letter: "...In our efforts to help alleviate the dire shortage of SLPs, we are currently graduating approximately 40 local students per year... A crucial part of those efforts is the high quality placement you provide. We are deeply grateful for your willingness and enthusiasm in helping meet this challenge, and hope you are able to continue in this important work. It is a pleasure working with you..." -- Jean Jackson, M.A. CCC-SLP, Extern Supervisor for San Jose State University

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“Gerald R. Ford Memorial Reunion”

Brethren,

A special invitation is extended to all Scottish Rite Masons to this year's reunion to share and revisit the Degrees of the Scottish Rite as well as to indulge in our four-course catered dinner on Saturday night. You will have the opportunity to meet all the new officers and our newly appointed Personal Representative, Ill. Robert E. Winter, 33°. The dinner is open to all Masons, Mason's Ladies, families, and friends.

This weekend is truly a fellowship experience to revisit the Degrees. The 29th Degree is a preview of some of the changes coming this year in the newly adopted Ritual.

This weekend is designed as an opportunity for you to meet and socialize with all your friends and the new members of the Scottish Rite. You can also bring and introduce a Brother who may be interested in becoming a Scottish Rite Mason.

The Fall Reunion is a recommitment for the Scottish Rite Masons of the San Jose Valley.

Hope to see you at the reunion and dinner.

Fraternally,

Dave Gibson 32°KCCH

Interesting Internet Links:

www.beamason.info General topics

www.grandlodgescotland.com

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/7029513.stm>

www.twtmag.com General topics

For the Lighter Side of things

JOE THE MILKMAN was delivering 16 gallons of milk to an elderly lady, Emma, who usually only ordered a gallon a week. When Joe asked why she ordered so much more this time, she responded: "I read that a milk bath leaves your skin very soft and silky, so I thought I'd try one. I figured I'd need about 16 gallons."

Joe chuckled and asked, "You want that pasteurized?"

"No," she quipped. "Just up to my chin."

...pasteurized ???

San Jose Scottish Rite's best kept secret - the Friday Luncheon. The Friday after each stated meeting lunch is prepared by Bill Roberts and his wife Ruth, with assistance of other members. It continues to draw our members to the San Jose Scottish Rite Center for an excellent \$ 5.00 meal. Lunch is served at noon.

Ruth and Bill have taken over the responsibility of planning, purchasing and preparing for the luncheon that previously was performed by Lowell Johnson, hard-working and loyal member of our Bodies and Past Master of San Jose Chapter, Knights Rose Croix.

The menu for the October 12th luncheon included pork loin, mashed potatoes and mushroom gravy and tossed green salad. Brownies were provided dessert.

Members wishing to attend the Friday luncheons must telephone the San Jose Scottish Rite Office - 408.978.7483 and make a luncheon reservation. You are missing a great deal!

Roger Bibb, 33°
San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies

Our best kept secret.

From the Venerable Master



Brethren, it is **“show time.”** Our fall reunion will be the big event of November, with the emphasis on REUNION. At the beginning of the year we decided to have both a spring and a fall reunion, whether we had 25 candidates *or none at all!* A reunion is not just for the conferral of degrees, but a time when we can enjoy a few meals and fellowship; observe and support the degree teams, and to reaffirm our commitment each other and to this great order.

The reunion will commence at noon on Friday, November 16th. On Saturday morning there will be a breakfast starting at 7:30 AM. All members are invited to attend. The highlight of the reunion will conclude with a social at 6:30 PM followed by a banquet for the members and their ladies, at 7:00 PM. Please make every effort to support this event.

This is also the time when the leaders of the bodies are looking for men to appoint to their respective lines. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please make your desires known to any one of the officers, or to Ill. Bob Winter.

Don't forget our stated meeting will open at 6:00 p.m. on November 6th.

Richard A. Meyers

Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

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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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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 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 Caesar 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.

Bring your Lady too !!!

For the Ladies!!

At the November 13th Dinner, while the men are in their meeting, Mary Fran Mundy (of Schurra's Chocolate fame) is going to share with us her knowledge of chocolate.



She'll have samples there for us to try so that we can see the difference between really good chocolate and the "not so good" chocolate.



Be sure to check the new times for the meeting and dinner!

At the December 11th Dinner, the ladies will be doing a cookie exchange. Please bring 3 dozen of your favorite cookie. (One dozen to exchange, one dozen for the men after the meeting, and one dozen to share with the ladies.)

Rite Word Support for October 2007

Please add your name to the list

Mrs. Grace Wallis
Bro/M Bill Roberts
Bro/M Lowell Johnson

Thank
you for
your
support!

November Stated Meeting Dinner7:30 PM—Tuesday November 13, 2007**Menu**

- Thanksgiving faire with all your favorites! Bring your appetites!

Reservation
deadline: Friday,
November 9th at
5:00 PM

Only \$10.00
per person

Reservation #:
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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**.

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Apple Computers	IC's & Components	Zip Drives
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Cables & Wires	Hard Drives	PDA's
Printers	Monitors (CRT/LCD)	

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PROPOSITION/PETITION

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Fee: \$300.00 *(must accompany this petition)*

(Please print or type)

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-Mail address: _____

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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: _____

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Invite a brother to make an application.



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