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THE VALLEY OF SAN JOSE

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From the Personal Representative:

The New Year is starting with the expected level of energy and enthusiasm and I commend the new officers for their dedication and spirit, and thank the outgoing officers for the leadership they have provided over the past year.



almost five thousand volumes to catalogue, we hardly know where to start. We were referred to a firm that is in the business of organizing libraries, but the price they quoted us for cataloguing our collection was staggering, and it looks as though we'll have to reexamine our options.

As I have discussed over the past few months, the size of the four bodies has been shrunk to a more manageable number of five per body. I note with some amusement that after this idea was discussed at one of our joint meetings of the Personal Representatives for the northern part of the state that several of the other valleys have used this same model to handle what had been a rather cumbersome way of doing business. We have managed the reduction with very little inconvenience, through attrition and the changing of a couple of officers from one body to another to take care of vacancies. I think the plan will be much more workable, as the officers will now have identifiable duties that are comparable between all four bodies.

Our clubs are active and will be (or have already been) holding their installations. Illustrious Roger Bibb, our Club Liaison Officer and I will be doing the installation of the club officers. My compliments to the club members for their continued interest in our order.

Thanks to the efforts of Brother Chuck Davidson, we have been working toward setting up a system to work with San Jose State University School of Library Science to try to get our vast library in order. We find, however, that the job is really overwhelming and with

We are going to try again to start up the Friday Lunch Bunch, for February 13. Please make reservations with Mary Lou, early enough for us to prepare for the event. As this lunch falls on the day before Valentines Day, we thought we might invite sweethearts, JUST THIS ONCE. The price will again be just five dollars, so come on down, if you can. The lunch is fun for all, with good food, good company, and no particular business to concern ourselves with.

**Friday Lunch Bunch is here again!
Sweethearts are invited this
month! (After all, it is only one
day before Valentine's Day).**

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Volunteer Participation

Participation continues to be one of the key concepts of our Scottish Rite Organization. We, as free Americans, have always wanted to be part of decisions affecting our lives. Freedom and the right to make decisions, people's right to participate, was a grass root of our democracy.

We are members of Scottish Rite because we want to be there and because we derive satisfaction from service to the organization and society. Each of us asked to be a member. The organization **needs your participation in its activities!** Each participating Brother

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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functions as a link between individuals and the organization's management Teams!

Our Personal Representative, Ill Bob Winter, stated in the December issue of "The Rite Word", "I am proud to say that we take second place to no one in our excellence in the field of charity, but we must not rest. We must strive to be better than ourselves, and better than our efforts of yesterday..." Plans for the 2009 year are being made and some new activities are being discussed and if selected will require personnel for planning and implementation. These activities will provide many opportunities for more Brethren to become involved as committee chairmen and committee members. Also, the Degree Teams still need members and "back-ups", and newcomers are always welcome!

Your participation in Scottish Rite affairs will serve as a check and balance of the program, its plans, actions, and leadership, which can often mean the difference between success and failure. It is your leadership and experience, which contributes so heavily to the success of this organization.

The following are words taken from "Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide":

"The Scottish Rite degrees are lessons in practical living, presenting in dramatic form a reminder of how we may overcome the obstacles and temptations which may otherwise prevent us from living an honorable life. It would be unrealistic to suppose that any person could comprehend all our lessons at first blush. For this reason we encourage members of the Scottish Rite to faithfully attend our meetings and reunions, in order to refresh our memories by a recital of the lessons of wise philosophy." We look forward to seeing you at our Reunion and Banquet on 20 and 21 February 2009!

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From our new Web-Site:
(Check it out @ www.sanjosescottishrite.org)

Community Involvement

San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic

As part of the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation's community support, the Center houses the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic. Through this community resource, educational assistance is provided to children within the community afflicted with learning disorders.

Also located at the Center is the San Jose Scottish Rite Center Library/Museum. The Center's library and museum are dedicated to historic personages and major contributors to the advancement of Humanity. Here are found the writings of hundreds of Masonic authors and scholars as well as many books pertaining to Americana, religions, and biographies of our U.S. presidents. Also attractive display cases are to be found within the museum containing interesting memorabilia relative to the large family of Masonry.

The San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation accept wills, bequests, contributions, etc. They are a (501C3) organization and all contributions are tax-deductible.

The Scottish Rite Scholarship Application is now on-line

Although the deadline for applications is February 1st, you might think about preparation for making application next year if you getting ready to apply for College? Do you know a deserving student who is? The San Jose Scottish Rite offers scholarships for highly qualified candidates. [Download the Scholarship Application from our web-site.](#) An application takes a little time and there likely be very few changes between now and next year.

Space in the Rite Word can be available to you for business-card sized advertising at very reasonable rates.

If you are interested, call our Brother Secretary to reserve your space.

From the Secretary's Table:



Brethren,

It is now January 28th as I finalize this Rite Word for mailing. As of today, the dues paying members of San Jose Scottish Rite are just barely in the majority. 53% of our members have chosen to pay the 2009 dues. If you are one of those who have not remit-

ted your dues payment, please write your check and send it today. Remember that dues are due not later than January 1st. ***If you have financial distress and feel that you need Masonic assistance, please contact me!***

We do have many additional changes at Scottish Rite that will make the building more rentable, our own meetings and events more comfortable. Please stay tuned. If you have not been in attendance this year, we miss you. Isn't it time to come back?

Sincerely and fraternally,

General Secretary

thoughts and actions were always for the benefits and image of Freemasonry. His subtle sense of humor was a delight to hear and always came forth when it was needed. Leo continually practiced the admonition given in the charge of the Fellowcraft Degree ; " You are to judge with candor, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with justice".

Leo B. Mark was the first of Chinese ancestry to serve as Grand Master. Leo was born in 1922 in San Francisco. He received his education in public schools in San Francisco and upon completing grade school, attended San Francisco City College at San Jose State Univ. At the age of 22, in 1944 Leo married the charming and petite Lora Moy, now deceased--- and from this union, five children were born, two boys and three girls. Leo now has four grandchildren.

Leo's career was in law enforcement and he served as the Chief Investigator with the Santa Clara County's District Attorneys Office.

Leo's Masonic career commenced in 1955 when he received the degrees of Masonry in San Jose Lodge No. 10, serving as Master of that Lodge in 1964. He has been a trustee of that Lodge since 1979. Recognizing his abilities, he was appointed a Grand Lodge Inspector in 1966 and continued serving in that capacity through October of 1975, relinquishing that post to accept the appointment as Grand Sword Bearer for the 1975-1976 Grand Lodge Year.

Leo became a member of the By-Laws Committee in 1977, Served on the Junior Grand Warden Selection Committee in 1978; the Lodge Resources Development Committee 1978-1984 and the Leadership Workshop Committee in 1984.

Closer to home, he was a member of the San Jose Masonic Temple Board from 1981 through 1984, serving as Vice-President of that Board 1982 through 1984. Leo is a fifty years-plus member of his Masonic Lodge.

In Scottish Rite Freemasonry, Leo was also active, serving as Venerable Master of the San Jose Lodge of Perfection in 1968, the Commander of Kadosh in 1974, the Master of Kadosh in 1983, and the President of the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation in 1984. In 1975, Leo was coroneted a 33rd degree Honorary. He is a member of Asiya Temple of the Shrine and a member and Past Patron of Golden Oak Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, located in Los Gatos.

Leo is a recipient of the Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of the DeMolay.

Leo B. Mark has been active in community service, being the charter President of the Chinese American Citizen's League of Santa Clara County, A Past President of the California District Attorney Investigator's Association, and a member of the Ad-

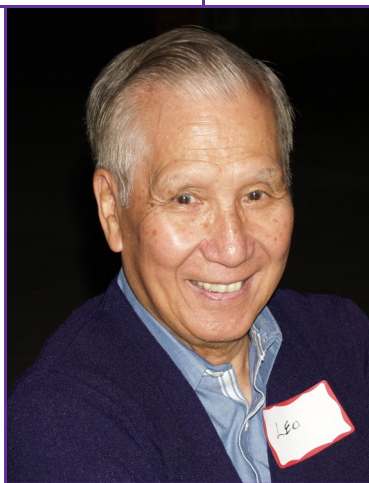
The information found in the following biography of the Ill. Leo B. Mark, Past Grand Master of all Masons in California and Hawaii, and former Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for California, is taken from the One Hundred Thirty-Ninth Annual Communication, GRAND LODGE, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, CALIFORNIA- 1988.

It is the desire of the Personal Representative, The Ill. Robert Winter, 33rd degree, that each month, a biography of a Scottish Rite Member appear in the RIGHT WORD.

"Leo B. Mark, Scottish Rite's former Personal Representative and Past Grand Master of all Masons in California and Hawaii, is a mason that has displayed leadership and management qualities since he became a mason in the mid 1950's and the leadership and management qualities have run parallel with Leo's display of dignity, kindness, graciousness, compassion, fairness---and when appropriate, a sense of humor.

All who know Leo, know his friendly introduction; " Hello, my name is Leo Mark "

Throughout Leo B. Mark's term of office as Grand Master, his



From the Commander



Brethren,

What a fabulous Installatio evening...everything went like clockwork.

Beaucoups to both Bob Winter, great speech, and our M of C. Also to Mary Lou Johnson for all her help.

The "Arch" is always a nice, and much appreciated, way to recognize a lot of hard working "working in the Masonic vineyards" people.

The entire refreshment table was superb...great, great ribs and sandwiches.

Your selection of caterers is proving to be incredible. And I, for one, appreciate what they do; and a few extra dollars per meal is more than worth it.

Ross Fuller Commander—Council of Kadosh



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.

visory Board of the Santa Clara County Valley Police Academy.

Elected to the station of Junior Grand Warden in October, 1984, his progress through the Grand Lodge offices culminated in his election to the highest Masonic Office in our jurisdiction, that of Grand Master, at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held in October, 1987.

During Leo's term of office and as he traveled throughout our jurisdiction, he continually stressed the theme he had chosen – “The Time Is Now !”, alerting the Brethren to the problems our Fraternity is experiencing and advising them that nothing can be accomplished by any Grand Master without the full and complete assistance and cooperation of the membership.

Masonry has been and is fortunate to have Leo B. Mark as a member of our craft and it has been my honor to serve as a volunteer at San Jose Scottish Rite with such an efficient honorable leader.” *Roger Bibb*

SUPPORT OUR CLINIC

On **February 27, 2009** we will be doing a work day in the clinic. This is an opportunity for both the men and women to help support the Scottish Rite Children's Clinic in a special way.

- Cleaning and organizing the toys and games
- Taking unwanted toys to a charity
- Making copies of needed forms
- Organizing the books
- Doing some work with the files
- Laminating/coloring articulation cards

We will be working in the clinic from **10:00AM to 2:00PM. Lunch will be provided.** If you can come and help please contact Susan Ramsey in the Scottish Rite Office. We also need a couple of people that can donate an hour a week or every two weeks to come in and generally straighten up the parents waiting area, making copies, and other general office help. If you are able to help out on a weekly or bi-weekly bases, or if you have any questions please call.

Susan Ramsey - 408-978-4578



From the Clinic!!!



Maddie is an endearing five year old who was diagnosed with Childhood Apraxia of Speech just before she started treatment at our clinic. Children with apraxia have a difficult time commanding their mouth to move the way they want it to in order to speak correctly. Apraxia isn't a problem with weak muscles. The problem is with the "wiring" or getting the message from their brain to their mouth. When a child has apraxia, it can create significant problems in learning to talk and to be

understood. Children with apraxia of speech need more intensive therapy to achieve results and progress can sometimes be slow. Like Maddie, children with apraxia struggle with articulation, but they also have difficulty putting sentences together and using grammatical rules correctly. Often they have a high degree of frustration and can become self-conscious and withdraw in social situations or become shy. This was true of Maddie. Her mother reported that Maddie "experienced much frustration and sadness when she was unable to connect verbally with friends." Since starting at the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Clinic, Maddie's mother stated that she has made "huge leaps and bounds in her speech! She looks forward to her sessions with Rachel...People close to our family have noticed steady improvement in Maddie's speech."

During the past year Maddie has worked very hard in treatment. She has learned how to produce new sounds and to put those sounds into longer words. She has also worked on specific syllable movements that were nearly impossible for Maddie when she first started treatment. Words with front-to-back synthesis, such as "doggie", "digging", "talking", and "duck" were produced as "goggie", "gigging", "kalking" and "guck". Now, Maddie is gaining more control of this movement pattern. She has also made strong gains with grammar, such as using "is" and "I" in sentences. She is now working on telling short story sequences. Maddie's mother has noticed that Maddie "is proud of her contributions" when speaking with her family and is "becoming more confident when speaking with peers."

December Donations:

In Memory of:
Lowell Johnson
Bro/M Durward Ayre
Bro John Bannister
In Memory of:
Guy Saleme
SLO Area Club
In Memory of:
Larry Pedersen
Bro/M Robert Schmidt
Bro Egon Jensen
In Memory of:
Marie Harper
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Myrl Blum
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Jim Hutson
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In Honor of:
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Kelly Swenor-Kropff
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December Donations: Cont'd

Clinic Continued

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Bro/M Charles Cowden

If you know of anyone who is ill, please call the office at 408-978-7483!



Shut-Ins

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Permanent Shut-Ins

Foundation

In Memory of:

Larry Pedersen
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Bro Harold Miller
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 Bro/M Robert Shoemaker
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 Bro/M Ruben Torres
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Wendell Peterson	8370 Carmel St., Gilroy, CA 95020-4340	408-847-4913

From the Wise Master

Brethren,

No message this month, but enjoy some of the pictures from Installation night.

Monte Bishop

Wise Master



From the Master of Kadosh



We've just been through January, completing another season of Installations. It seems like everybody I know was installed into at least one leadership position in the Masonic family. Some Brothers are especially involved and dedicated. I wonder how they do it. They must have a secret for slowing time or unlocking the power of organization and memory.

One such Brother is my immediate predecessor in office, Chuck Cowden. Chuck is a fairly new member of Scottish Rite yet he has employed his substantial skill and experience to help bring about significant improvements. As Master of Kadosh, he was always well organized, sending our reminders of meetings and activities. Each officer knew what was happening and what he was supposed to do. And Chuck knew what was happening in each Brother's life, because that's what a caring leader does. Be sure to give Chuck a word of thanks, and stick around because he's always working on something good.

This is a great time to belong to San Jose Scottish Rite. Lots of things have changed for the better, for example:

- We have new programs, such as the Lodges of Instruction, for those who like intellectual stimulation as well as good food and fellowship.
- We cut the number of Officers in each of the four Scottish Rite Bodies. Now, Officers progress to the top quickly and have real duties to perform along the way.
- We have new Degree rituals and new Degree Teams. This has been a tremendous challenge. Brothers are stepping up, getting involved, and enjoying the fellowship.
- We have vastly improved dinners, and we hold them after the Stated Meeting, giving us time to enjoy the meal and the company.

The local management, in the form of the Personal Representative and Secretary, enthusiastically support the Masters of the Bodies, Degree Team Directors, Reunion Directors, and Committeemen.

If you haven't attended a meeting or activity at Scottish Rite for a while, now is the time to pay us a visit. You will be pleasantly surprised at how different things are. And remember, you're always welcome here!

Daniel Doornbos

Master of Kadosh



From the Venerable Master



Brethren and Ladies,

Greetings from the new face in the East. I would like to welcome and congratulate the new officers of the Bodies on their installations and thank the members of the Valley of San Jose for the opportunity to serve as Venerable Master. This year has promise to be interesting and productive.

The Scholarship Program will select our second scholarship recipient. Applications have been distributed to the public high schools in the Valley of San Jose and it has been posted on our web site.

Brethren are continuing to seek further light in Masonry by taking part in the Supreme Council's self study Master Craftsman program. This program provides a directed study of origin of Scottish Rite Masonry and an in depth look at the degrees. The Supreme Council is working on an advanced study program that should be internet based.

Further learning opportunities started last year with our first Night of Instruction spearheaded by Bro. Chuck Cowden. 2009 will see Nights of Instruction with a festive Agape dinner of the third Tuesdays of March, May, July and September. All the evenings except for September are for Scottish Rite Masons only. September will be open to any Freemason and might be an opportunity to show non Scottish Rite Masons the Valley of San Jose in action. Reservations required.

Another new item this year is our Valley's participation in the June Regional Reunion which will take the place of our Spring Reunion. This, I believe, is only the second one. It will take place at the Long Beach Bodies in the second week of June, the schedule and details are still evolving. We will present one of the degrees but the Reunion Committee hasn't confirmed if it will be the 29th or 31st. The candidates will be able to see all degrees, from the 4th through the 32nd conferred, fully staged! This is also a chance for members to see all the degrees using the new rituals and meet Brethren from other Valleys throughout the West.

Finally, if you have not attended a stated meeting and dinner in San Jose or your local Scottish Rite Club meeting or activity in your area, please try and make one this year.

Contact the Secretary's office for information about the Master Craftsman program, Regional Reunion, reservations for the Nights of Instruction and Agape dinners and Stated Meeting dinners.

Richard M. Fisher

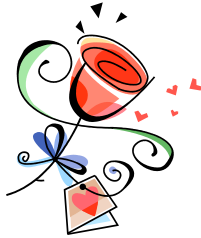
Venerable Master

In Memoriam

Wayne Clifford Irwin	Yakima, WA	November 19, 2008
Sammy Carol Nixon	Easton, MD	January 6, 2009
Charles Newton Owen	Woodside, CA	December 13, 2008
John Anderson Simms	Cupertino, CA	April 9, 2008

February Stated Meeting Dinner - 7:15 PM

-Tuesday February 10, 2009



\$15.00 per
person

Menu

- Assorted Appetizers
- Chicken Sherry
- Rice Pilaff
- Green Beans & Carrots
- Caesar Salad
- Fresh Baked Rolls w/butter
- Pasta for Vegetarians *by*
advance request
- Coffee or Tea
- Vanilla Ice Cream w/

Reservation deadline:
Friday, Feb 6th at 4:00 PM

Reservation #:
408-978-7483

Monterey County Scottish Rite Club will hold it's annual installation of officers on Friday, Feb. 6th, 2009. The event begins at 6 P.M. , dinner at 7 P.M The installation will be held at the Moose Lodge, 555 Canyon Del Rey in Del Rey Oaks. Price is \$ 16.00 for dinner. Special is clam chowder with salad or your choice of chicken shrimp or fish entrees. Reservation required by Feb. 4th. Contact Bennie Cooper - 831.394.4860

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San Luis Obispo County Scottish Rite Club will hold it's annual installation of officers on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009 at the Paso Robles Masonic Center. Event beginnd at 3 P.M.No other details. Contact Jerry Boxer jhboxer@yahoo.com for details.

For the Lighter Side of things

According to a news story, if global warming continues, in 20 years the only chance we'll have to see a polar bear is in a zoo. So in other words, nothing is going to change.

Membership is always important:

PROPOSITION/PETITION
 ORIENT OF SAN JOSE
 ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE BODIES
 Office of the Secretary (408) 978-7483
 2455 Masonic Drive – PO Box 18220, San Jose, CA. 95158-8220

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

(Please print or type)

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-Mail address: _____

Mailing Address (If different from above): _____

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: _____

Share your own enjoyment of Scottish Rite.
 Invite a brother to make an application.

Future Scottish Rite Events:

February 7, 2009 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

February 10, 2009 - February Stated Meeting and Dinner Annual Sweethearts' Dinner

February 13, 2009 - Friday Lunch Bunch (Sweethearts Invited)

February 20, 21, 2009 - Reunion—call for schedule.

March 7, 2009 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

March 10, 2009 - March Stated Meeting and Dinner

Congratulations to Wayne Heimsoth, 32° on his installation as Potentate of Asia Shrine, Brother Billy Uber, 32°, on his installation as Marshal and Brother Chuck Cowden, 32° as an Outer Guard and First Lt. Commander of the Legion of Honor!!!



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