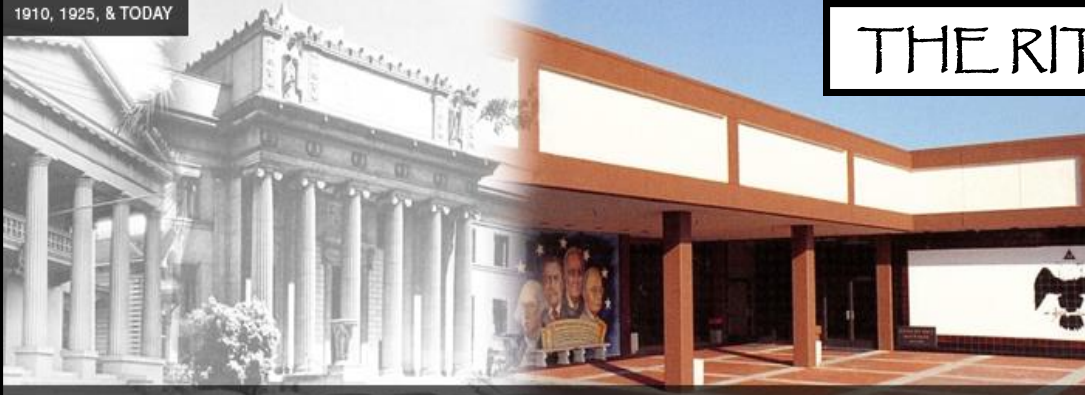


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## From the Venerable Master

Autumn is here and cooler temperatures should be arriving soon. I sure hope so as we have had triple digit readings this first week of Fall. It is always a joy hearing the flights of geese flying overhead as they head south to their winter nesting grounds.

Autumn also brings with it the time of year to reflect on our personal bounties and prepare for upcoming changes. It has been a good year so far as Venerable Master. I hope I have represented the Valley of San Jose admirably.

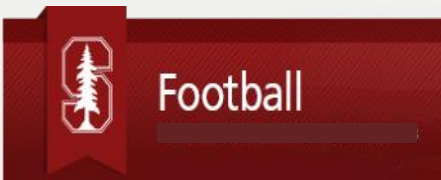
Halloween will be interesting this year as it falls on a Monday. I'm sure there will be plenty of parties over the preceding weekend to make up for the less than optimal timing to enjoy All Hallows Eve. Annual Communication is happening that weekend as well. Is that considered a Trick or a Treat?

Autumn also is the time where we began to plan for the change of leadership in most Masonic bodies. I know the Second in Command of each line is looking to fill out their officer corps. If you are interested in joining one of the lines, please let one of the current officers know.

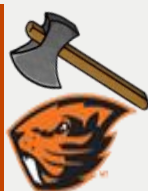
The Lodge of Perfection was looking to host a Comedy Night in October. Unfortunately, we were not able to secure the entertainer with enough time to plan the event properly. We'll look to do this event early next year as November and December are always filled with personal and Masonic commitments.



**Tom Bergevin**  
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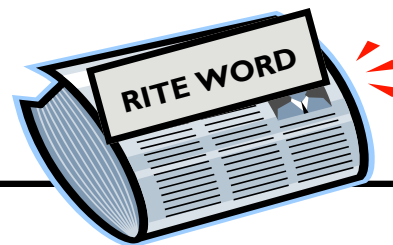
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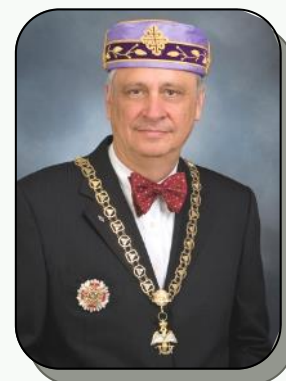
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Evynn is a five and a half year-old girl who received twice a week speech therapy in order to remediate her articulation skills. She has made great progress with her s-blends at the beginning of her words in conversation and now only needs to work on /st/ -blends at the end of words in her conversation. In the future, Evynn will work on producing her “ch” sound in all positions of words, “sh” at the end of her words, and “sh” in the beginning of her words in conversation. Evynn loves to play with the pretend food and make her clinician meals. Evynn loves to talk and always does a great job of expressing her feelings.



Evynn’s mother was referred to our clinic from a Speech-Language Pathologist with the county. According to Evynn’s Mom, before receiving services here at the clinic, she was very hard to understand. Her parents had to translate for her constantly, even for a little one. Her mother reports:

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Thank you Ms. Jenna and Ms. Rachel for your loving help with our kids.” –Kris and Lynnae Brady



### From the Commander

*(The information found in this article is taken from the Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide)*

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ALL MEMBERS: The Council of Kadosh sponsored the visit to the SJ Giants game at Municipal Stadium in San Jose on Aug 31. Though few attended, it was fun observing the SF Giants Farm Team. Thanks to Gregg Hall for providing free tickets.

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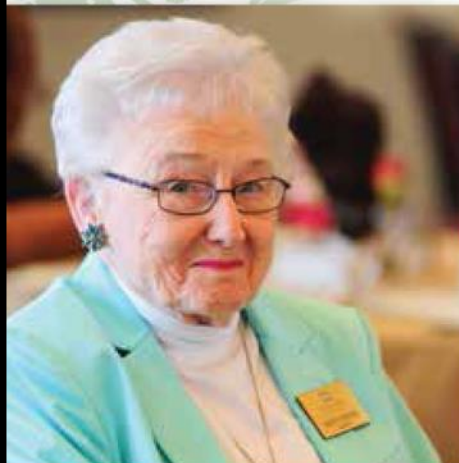


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**From the Wise Master**

**G**reetings,

We recently finished up with Summer, and moved into fall. The weather seems to have not been made aware of this, but at least we are not preparing for an east coast Winter. With all this heat it has played a large factor in the fires across the state. Many brothers have been affected by the fire raging through Santa Cruz to the Morgan Hill mountains. Some have been evacuated, and some may still be. Please keep these Brothers in our prayers, and if we hear any that need assistance, let us give a warm helping hand in any way possible.

There are still a few tickets left for the Stanford football game November 5. We will be tailgating before the game. I hope to see you there. Call Angela in the SR the Office to make reservations. \$35 for ticket and tailgate party.

Our clocks will be changing soon, and we will be losing an hour. This should cause us to think of the best use of our time - and calling on those sick, injured, or hospitalized is never a waste.

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**Brandon Duenas**



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## Greetings Brethren,

I suppose there are more Masons who are ignorant of all the principles of Freemasonry than there are men of any other class who are chargeable with the like ignorance of their own profession. There is not a watchmaker who does not know something about the elements of horology, nor is there a blacksmith who is altogether unacquainted with the properties of red-hot iron. Ascending to the higher walks of science, we would be much astonished to meet with a lawyer who was ignorant of the elements of jurisprudence, or a physician who had never read a treatise on pathology, or a clergyman who knew nothing whatever of theology. Nevertheless, nothing is more common than to encounter Freemasons who are in utter darkness as to everything that relates to Freemasonry. They are ignorant of its history - they know not whether it is a mushroom production of today, or whether it goes back to remote ages for its origin. They have no comprehension of the esoteric meaning of its symbols or its ceremonies, and are hardly at home in its modes of recognition. And yet nothing is more common than to find such socialists in the possession of high degrees and sometimes honored with elevated affairs in the Order, present at the meetings of lodges and chapters, intermeddling with the proceedings, taking an active part in all discussions and pertinaciously maintaining heterodox opinions in opposition to the judgment of brethren of far greater knowledge.



It is astonishing with what avidity some Masons who do not understand the simplest rudiments of their art, and who have utterly failed to comprehend the scope and meaning of primary, symbolic Masonry, grasp at the empty honors of the high degrees. The Master Mason who knows very little, if anything, of the Apprentice's degree longs to be a Knight Templar. He knows nothing, and never expects to know anything, of the history of Templarism, or how and why these old crusaders became incorporated with the Masonic brotherhood. The height of his ambition is to wear the Templar cross upon his breast. If he has entered the Scottish Rite, the Lodge of Perfection will not content him, although it supplies material for months of study. He would fain rise higher in the scale of rank, and if by persevering efforts he can attain the summit of the Rite and be invested with the Thirty-third degree, little cares he for any knowledge of the organization of the Rite or the sublime lessons that it teaches. He has reached the height of his ambition and is permitted to wear the double-headed eagle.

Such Masons are distinguished not by the amount of knowledge that they possess, but by the number of the jewels that they wear. They will give fifty dollars for a decoration, but not fifty cents for a book.

These men do great injury to Masonry. They have been called its drones. But they are more than that. They are the wasps, the deadly enemy of the industrious bees. They set a bad example to the younger Masons - they discourage the growth of Masonic literature - they drive intellectual men, who would be willing to cultivate Masonic science, into other fields of labor - they depress the energies of our writers - and they debase the character of Speculative Masonry as a branch of mental and moral philosophy. When outsiders see men holding high rank and office in the Order who are almost as ignorant as themselves of the principles of Freemasonry, and who, if asked, would say they looked upon it only as a social institution, these outsiders very naturally conclude that there cannot be anything of great value in a system whose highest positions are held by men who profess to have no knowledge of its higher development.

It must not be supposed that every Mason is expected to be a learned Mason, or that every man who is initiated is required to devote himself to the study of Masonic science and literature. Such an expectation would be foolish and unreasonable. All men are not equally competent to grasp and retain the same amount of knowledge. Order, says the Pope—"Order is Heaven's first law; and this confess - some are, and must be, greater than the rest, richer, wiser."

The Mason, who reads, however little, if only the pages of the monthly magazine to which he subscribes, will entertain higher views of the Institution and enjoy new delights in the possession of these views. The Masons who do not read will know nothing of the interior beauties of Speculative Masonry, but will be content to suppose it to be something like Odd Fellowship, or the Order of the Knights of Pythias - only, perhaps, a little older. Such a Mason must be an indifferent one. He has laid no foundation for zeal.

If this indifference, instead of being checked, becomes more widely spread, the result is too apparent. Freemasonry must step down from the elevated position which she has been struggling, through the efforts of her scholars, to maintain, and our lodges, instead of becoming resorts for speculative and philosophical thought, will deteriorate into social clubs or mere benefit societies. With so many rivals in that field, her struggle for a prosperous life will be a hard one.

**"The ultimate success of Masonry depends on the intelligence of her disciples."**

**JR MCGOVERT**, Master of Kadosh



Brethren of the Valley of San Jose,

October is upon us and like the old cliché "Times fly when you're having fun"! I have enjoyed my time as Chief Knight and with the end of the year fast approaching, I have a smile on my face and am very proud of the Knights. Not only are they a great commodity to the Knight of Saint Andrew but also the service that they exemplify in the other bodies in the valley. I am also proud of all my Brothers of the Valley of San Jose for the high level of commitment and pride that make this valley so special.



That pride was also showcased during the Highland Games in Pleasanton during Labor Day weekend. The Knights not only had a tent erected next to their Mc Bain Clan (Special thanks to Brother Knight Robert McBain) but also with the help of Brother Chief Knight Martin Maxey, were asked to participate in the knighting ceremony at the Highland Games. This opportunity not only was well received by the participants of the Queen's Court but was a great treat for the Knights to participate in hopefully next year. On Saturday, there was lunch served for all Masons present and cold drinks for the brothers and guests to enjoy. Sunday was spent discussing Freemasonry with people who stopped by the tent who were not Masons, and even had a gentleman challenge what the 33rd degree meant to Masons and the public. It was a lively exchange to say the least!

I would like to recognize the following Knights for their efforts that weekend:  
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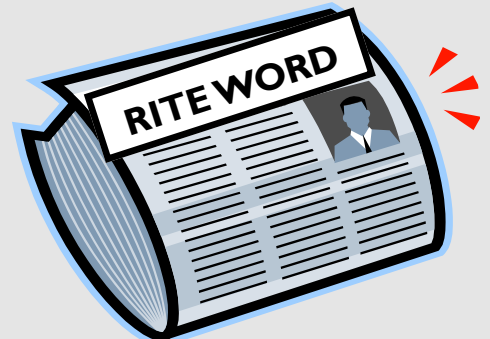
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**Tuesday, Oct 11th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm**

6: 30pm - Social Hour ~ 7: 00pm - Octoberfest Dinner ~ Program - Feast of Tishri

**Monday, Oct 17th ~ Monthly OAM Meeting hosted by Los Altos Lodge #712**

6: 30pm - Dinner ~ 7: 30pm - School of Instruction - Grand Lodge Preview, Elections, Reception of the Flag

**Sunday, Oct 23rd ~ Monthly Masonic Get Together**

1: 00 pm- 7: 00pm - Host: Bro. JR McGovert, 3154 Orange St, SJ 95127 Bring a dish to share

**Tuesday, Oct 25th ~ Monthly All Officer Council Meeting @ 7:00pm**

**Friday—Sunday, Oct 28th—30th ~ Grand Lodge Communication in San Francisco**

**Sunday, Nov 6th ~ Reception for New Grand Master at SJ Scottish Rite.**

**Tuesday, Nov 8th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm**

6: 30pm - Social Hour ~ 7: 00pm - Dinner ~ Program - Military Recognition Night

**Tuesday, Nov 15th ~ Monthly OAM Meeting hosted by Mt View De Anza Lodge #194**

6: 30pm - Dinner ~ 7: 30pm - School of Instruction - Grand Lodge Results, Elections, Swan Song

**Tuesday, Nov 22nd ~ Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting @ 5:30pm**

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