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From the Venerable Master

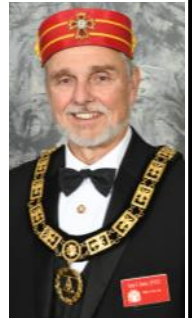
Brethren

Often times we talk about the importance of educating ourselves in the mysticism and symbolism of our order, and of obtaining further light in Masonry. These are indeed important. But sometimes we forget that the true secret to the fraternity is that kinship – that true brotherhood which exists, which permeates everything we do. It is that, for many of us, which from the outset of our Masonic experience, draws us in and keeps us coming back. That is why our social times are so very important. Those times are not mere indolence or time wasted. Even for those Masons who are truly dedicated to furthering the knowledge and enlightenment of those around them, and who spend countless hours of study, there is still that fellowship, which like a beacon, draws them to be among those of like minds – or even those with significantly divergent opinions – but to those who are Masons all.

So when we relish our social times, as we do at our Scottish Rite stated meetings, know that this is as important a part of the Masonic experience, as are all the countless meetings, the study of rituals, and the gaining of knowledge and wisdom.

I hope to see you all where friends and brothers meet to enjoy the company of one another – the San Jose Scottish Rite.

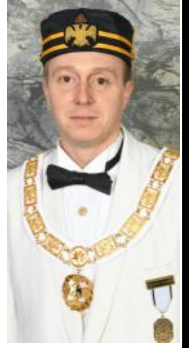
Randy Downey



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From the Commander

Independence Day should be a special time to all. The fourth of July, as it is also know, became a federal holiday in 1941, though the celebration of this day dates back to the 18th century, and the American Revolution. In June of 1776 representative of the 13 colonies weighed a resolution that would declare their independence from Great Brittan. Then on July 2nd the continental congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later those delegates adopted the Declaration of Independence, which was drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776through today, the fourth of July has been celebrated as the birth of American independence with parades(like the one South Valley 187 in Morgan Hill and many other lodges/bodies participate in), family BBQ's, and my personal favorite the fireworks.



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By Bro. Dee and Caroline Ayre

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The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of San Jose, in the Orient of California, acknowledge and yield all allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

From the Master of Kadosh



Fraternal greetings! On June 2nd the Consistory joined with the Knights of St. Andrew, Sciots, and Grotto to host a Masonic time of fellowship at the Sunnyvale Art & Wine Festival. Fourteen Brothers, family, and friends attended the event and a great time of fellowship with libations was had by all!

The United States Independence Day occurs this month on the 4th of July, and as such I would like all of us to reflect on the great freedoms we have in the United States and be reminded of those in less fortunate situations. As Soldiers of Liberty, we have taken oaths in the 32nd degree to protect and promote freedom and resist despotism.

In the past I had the great opportunity to spend time in the early nineties in Turkmenistan. Turkmenistan is a former state within the USSR and is located in Central Asia next to Iran and above Afghanistan. It is a country of great natural resources. The people I met there were wonderful. They were very nice and caring. However, the government was ruled by a dictator, Turkmenbashi. Freedom of religion, speech, and the press, to name a few, were not rights the citizens enjoyed. The government decided what music could be played at public dances, tightly controlled all forms of media, and citizens were not allowed to criticise the government and especially Turkmenbashi without fear of imprisonment or even worse. A Physics professor at the local university earned the equivalent of \$10 a month, and the people lived in austere conditions. When elections were held, the dictator was always voted for by 99% of the citizens, and opposition candidates were often imprisoned.

I mention Turkmenistan, not to put the wonderful people, who are the citizens there, in a bad light, but rather to illustrate that even in today's world, we still have regimes around the world with despotic leadership who profit off the work of their citizens to serve their own needs and repress many of the freedoms that we enjoy in the United States. Having experienced life in Turkmenistan I know my already present appreciation for the freedoms we enjoy in the United States were deepened even more.

Therefore, as you enjoy the various festivities this Fourth of July, please take a moment and reflect on how truly blessed we are to live in a country that promotes, defends, and practices liberty, and send kind prayers and thoughts of love to those in less fortunate situations.

Happy 4th of July!

Kenneth Sean Patrick

From the General Secretary

Have you thought about purchasing a life membership? For a one time fee you can make sure that you will always remain a member of the Scottish Rite, and your investment will continue to support the Valley when you pass on as we only use the income from the life membership fund. This also protects you against any future dues increases. The Chart to the left shows the amount by age.

Greg York

Age	Amount
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Called From Labor

"Soft and safe to thee, my Brother, be thy resting place"

**Brother Neil Walko 32°
September 23, 2017**

**Brother Richard Timmins 32°KCCH
June 19, 2018**

Please remember to notify us when a fellow Brother is ill, in need, or has passed to the other shore.

We are not always contacted in a timely manner. Scottish Rite is here to assist! Please feel free to call anytime!
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"2018" Honor Roll

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**Make your contribution to the
San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies and have your name included
on the "Honor Roll".**

Your annual 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.

**Send your annual gift of \$100.00 to Scottish Rite and have your name on
The "2018" Honor Roll**

From the Wise Master

In my April article I recommended a book by Illustrious Brother Manly P. Hall entitled “The Lost Keys of Freemasonry”. I hope that many of you have had the opportunity to obtain and read this valuable book and add it to your library. For those already familiar with Brother Hall’s writings maybe it spurred you on to reread or at least scan this treasure.



As you recall Chapter VI discusses the author’s ideas about the qualifications of a “True Mason”. Here are a few more of those qualifications for your contemplation.

The true Master Mason enters his lodge with one thought uppermost in his mind: “How can I, as an individual, be of greater use in the Universal Plan? What can I do to be worthy of comprehending the mysteries which are unfolded here?” Those readers who are familiar with the York Rite may remember in the closing prayer of the chapter that the Companions are reminded to perform the obligations here unfolded to them and to practice these duties out of the chapter – I suggest this is, so we can be of greater use to that Universal Plan.

The true Brother Master Mason, while striving to improve himself mentally, spiritually and physically each day of his life, never makes his own desires or goals the object of his work. No, he has a higher duty and that duty is to fit into the plans of Another! He must be ready at any time to drop his own ideals at the call of the Great Architect of the Universe. Once again, the call to be of a greater use in the Universal Plan!

One more for your consideration. Every true Mason knows that a broken vow or promise brings with it a penalty. We just need to think about the such teachings in Symbolic Masonry or the Blue degrees. Let him also realize that his failure to live mentally, spiritually, and morally up to his own highest ideals constitutes the greatest of all broken oaths. Wow!

I sincerely wish and hope you find these ideas about the attributes of a Mason interesting and in some way useful, spreading at least a little way, not dying at birth! More to follow in subsequent articles.

The recently completed Orient wide reunion was an amazing experience. To see all 29 degrees of our Scottish Rite exemplified by our valleys was a treat and unforgettable. To be a small part of it was an honor. Thanks.

Charles B Cowden

Spirit of Hiram

An Adaptation of a Masonic Story

Presented by the San Francisco
Scottish Rite

Saturday December 1, 2018
2pm

Master Masons only

Tickets at Eventbrite:
The Spirit of Hiram
(San Francisco, CA)



Meet Hannah! She is a joyous four year old who loves to play with the babies, Barbies and pretend food toys when she comes to our clinic once a week for speech therapy services. She is a hard worker who loves to laugh and smile. Hannah is being seen at our clinic secondary to a diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). This means that Hannah has difficulties regulating her body at times and needs assistance with social understanding and expectations. She is taught daily on how to provide friendly greetings, goodbyes and hold conversations while facing her communication partner. Since she loves doll play and interaction we get several opportunities to practice beginning, maintaining and ending conversations. According to her mother Cindy, Hannah had difficulty sequencing events, following two-step unrelated commands and identifying categories before speech therapy began here. Cindy reported that all of these skills have since improved after attending therapy at our clinic. In addition, she noted that Hannah does well with following directions at home! Cindy wrote that the most rewarding things about receiving services here are seeing her daughter's, "speech improve and seeing how much she enjoys being at the Scottish Rite," children's clinic. Cindy mentioned that they have had a good and positive experience at our clinic and that Hannah loves to work with her clinicians. Ms. Jenna has had the pleasure of working with Hannah twice a week since December of 2016. Mrs. Cynthia more recently has been seeing Hannah once a week since the end of January 2018 as a San Jose State University graduate student under Ms. Jenna's supervision. Above is a picture of Mrs. Cynthia and Hannah doing the crescent moon yoga pose while taking a sensory break between activities. Mrs. Cynthia wanted to share a little bit about her experience with Hannah:

"Hannah was the first child I had the opportunity of working with at the Scottish Rite Clinic. Needless to say I was nervous at first, but seeing Hannah's excitement for therapy was infectious. Hannah has a happiness about her that she brings to each activity and goal we work on. Even when Hannah experiences some difficulties with tasks, and requires the clinician to provide added support, her smile and participation never fades. Social interactions are a big part of working with children with an ASD, as they tend to often demonstrate isolated play. After a few weeks of treatment, Hannah would initiate play inclusion with myself. This behavior made me happy, seeing the progress with her social skills and the enjoyment of building rapport.

Working with children like Hannah, at the Scottish Rite Clinic has been a rewarding opportunity for me. I enjoy seeing the children and helping them progress with their speech, language, and social skills. This experience has been rewarding, and it could not have been possible without the support and guidance of the talented Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs) here. I had the wonderful opportunity working with the amazingly talented and caring SLPs Ms. Rachel and Ms. Jenna. Their passion for working with the children and their families is inspiring as I begin my career. Thank you to the staff, clients, and families who have welcomed me and made this experience worthwhile."



Thank you Mrs. Cynthia for all your wonderful work with our children at the clinic!! We will surely miss you now that your externship is complete. Congratulations on your graduation and all our well wishes to you in the future!

And Hannah...Please keep up your excellent speech work! You are a super star!!





MENU

Tuesday,
July 10, 2018

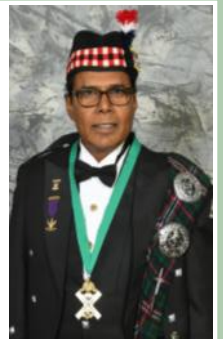
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- Baby Carrots
- Ceaser Salad
- Rolls and Dessert

From the Chief Knight

Brief History



The order of 'The Knights of the Temple of Solomon' or 'The Knights of the Temple', originally called the 'Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Jesus Christ', was established in 1118.

On Friday, October 13, 1307, Pope Clement V, at the insistence of King Philip IV of France, declared the Order heretical. The king was known as "Philip the Fair" though not because he was 'just' but simply because he was "fair" or light skinned.....stay tuned for more!

Fraternally,
Naresh Rampershad

Member of the San Jose Scottish Rite performed a memorable Kilted Second Degree in Historical Texas Lodge # 46 F & A M in San Juan Bautista, CA on May

We conducted a 29th at Oakland Scottish Rite Center where we knighted a total of about 30 members from Oakland and San Francisco Scottish Rite. The degree was well received and attendance was great.





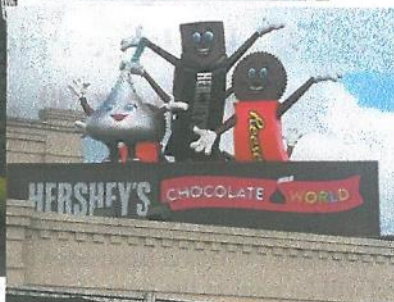
The Personal Representative for the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies

invites you to tour

Philadelphia

Hershey, Amish Country, and Gettysburg
September 22-29, 2019

Join Ken and Kathy Nagel, along with the officers and members of the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies, as we explore the City of Brotherly Love – the birthplace of our nation. Tour Independence Hall, see the famous Liberty Bell, visit the incredible Philadelphia Masonic Temple – a world renown Masonic building, and explore a city that is rich in history, but also so much a part of modern popular culture. And of course, you'll have plenty of opportunities to try a genuine Philly Cheesesteak. You'll also visit Chocolate World in Hershey, tour the fascinating Amish Country, visit famous Gettysburg and Valley Forge. This will be an exciting and fun slice of America, and you don't want to miss it.



**Join us for a fun-filled week, as we journey to
"The City of Brotherly Love"**



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- *Full breakfast daily*
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- *Tour of Philadelphia Masonic Temple, home of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania*
- *Hop-on/Hop-off Bus ticket*
- *Sightseeing Pass, valid at dozens of venues*
- *Battleship New Jersey tour*
- *Visit to Chocolate World in Hershey, with many chocolate related experiences, and trolley tour of Hershey*
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Note that this itinerary and all its contents are subject to change without notice, as to order of events, venues visited, hotel properties, and all other arrangements. While every attempt will be made to maintain this itinerary as printed, circumstances may require changes to all or part of this tour.

Upcoming Reunion

November 17, 2018 One Day Fall Reunion

San Jose Scottish Rite Center

Receive the 4th through the 14th with the reminder of the degrees in the Spring of 2019



ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY,
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Petition for Degrees

(Full) Name: _____
FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME DATE

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State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Month, Day, and Year of Birth: _____

City, State, Country of Birth: _____

Are you a US Citizen? YES NO If "No", where are you a citizen? _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Wife/Partner's Name: _____

Years as M.M.: ____ Blue Lodge Name _____ No. _____

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Date and Place Raised: _____

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Have you ever previously petitioned for any Scottish Rite Degrees? YES NO

Hat Size: ____ (example: "7 1/8")

"I, the above named and below signed, confirm a belief in a Supreme Being, the inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, and an undying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, as well as the entire separation of church and state as set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America. I respectfully petition to receive the 4th through 32nd Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. I am currently a Master Mason in good standing."

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Tuesday, July 10th ~ *Scottish Rite Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm*

*6:30pm - Social Hour ~ 7:00pm - Dinner ~ Program - To be announced
Consistory Opens*

Sunday, July 15th—*York Rite Picnic*

Tuesday, July 24th~ *Monthly All Officer Meeting —7pm*

Sunday August 12th — *Hiram's Hackes Golf Tournament*

Tuesday August 14th ~ *Scottish Rite Stated Meeting @ 5:45pm*

6:30pm Grand Master's Reception and Festive board

Lodge of Perfection Opens

Tuesday, August 28th ~ *SJSR Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting —6pm*

Tuesday, August 28th ~ *Monthly All Officer Meeting —7pm*

Thursday August 23rd — *SCVOA Meeting Friendship 210—6:30pm*

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