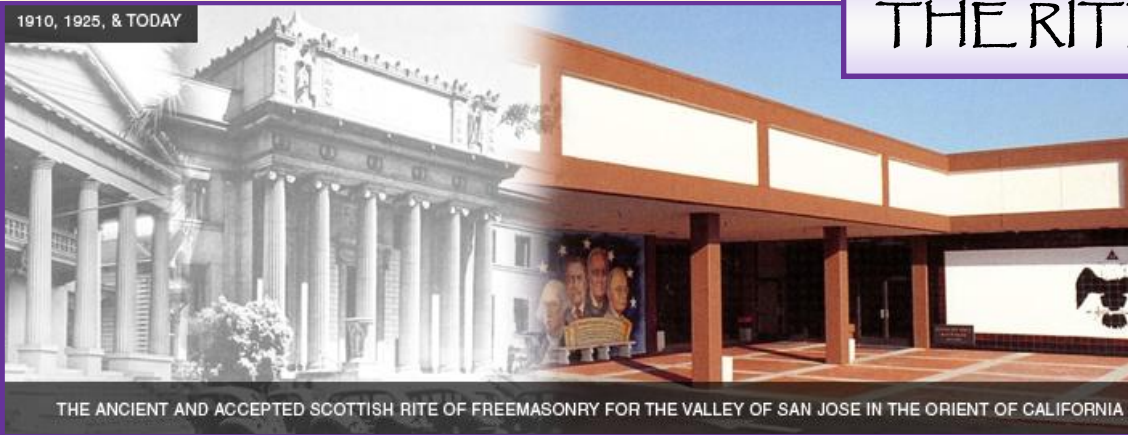


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THE RITE WORD

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From the Venerable Master

The Merry Month of May



Brethren,

The month of May brings us spring rain, robins, blooming flowers and singing birds. May is a part of spring that is seen as a time of growth, renewal, and of new life (in both plants and animals) is born. It has also given us a time to honor and express our appreciation for others. During the month, celebrations will be conducted for Teacher Appreciation Week, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day.

TEACHER APPRECIATION:

Masonic history informs us that Masons had a very influential role in the development of free primary, elementary and secondary educational systems in the United States and other countries. Masons did not seek to control education for the purpose of self-interest but favored free public education under local control. Support to our educational systems has always been provided and continues to be provided by various Masonic Organizations.

Masonic support has been provided to assure that proper educational opportunity exists for all and that teachers are the most influential people, outside of the parents, on students! The good that can be done by an excellent teacher is remarkable! All of us can look back today and remember the one or two teachers who had a profound influence on the entire direction of our lives.

Teachers are the strength of the community, the society, and the nation. A teacher must have practical knowledge, charisma, authority, and compassion. Teachers have the opportunity to mold minds and charter. Teachers are there for more than just homework, and they know more than just their subject matter. They can help students learn how to function as an adult, teach and promote leadership and build character, if the student will take the time and put forth the needed effort. Just as children must be taught to read and write, solve math problems, understand science concepts and events in history, they also must be guided in developing the qualities of character that are valued by their family and by the community in which they live.

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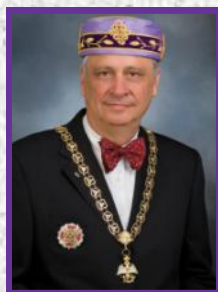
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Brethren & Ladies:

What an interesting few months this has been. January brought new officers to be installed and the beginning of San Jose Scottish Rite under a brand new Personal Representative.

We have seen closer attention to our ritual for opening and closing; further improvement in our degree work; our newly constituted "all Officers Council" and their personal contact with our membership, and much more.

Our rental program for the facility continues on a very successful track, and the maintenance of the facility, as always, shows excellent attention to detail.

We have several events upcoming that should interest all of you.

- At our May stated meeting you will meet our primary scholarship student and listen to her plans for her education.
- Our conferral of the 4th and 14th degrees were excellent! Just ask our new Scottish Rite Masons.
- Some new social events are being scheduled. Check out the "Wine Tasting" and some of the other events that will be happening.
- Hopefully, you can all participate in the first Festive Board Banquet on June 14th, which will also be a reception for the Grand Master of Masons in California M.W. Bill Bray.

Check out the events here at San Jose Scottish Rite! You will enjoy yourself.

Fraternally,

General Secretary

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Thank you to all for your support.





Brethren,

From the Commander

Our Masonic growth can only be credited to: The Masonic Belief that there is one God, the Father of all men. The ruler and guide of the Great Light of Masonry. Our duty is to promote learning and reveal the meanings of our symbols.

“Almond tree shall flourish”

Of what is the almond tree a symbol? The Almond tree when in full bloom is covered with white blossoms and is a symbol of man, when the hairs of his head turn grey. *Eccles. 12.5.*

How do Masons compute the Masonic year?

Between the creation of the world according to sacred chronology, and the advent of Christ, 4,000 years intervened thus A.L. 2011 added to 4,000 gives the Masonic year, 6011. The Masonic era commences with the creation of the world (Anno Mundi), or Masonically expressed. (Anno Lucis), year of light or year of the Lodge. Genesis :1.

Brethren, do you know the meaning of the phrase “the Lion of the Tribe of Judah?” See *Revelation 5 ch. 5*

The way to love anything is to realize that it might be lost.

Fraternally,

Joseph DaSilva, Commander Council of Kadosh

“All Invited!” “ WINE TASTING PICNIC “

SATURDAY, MAY 28th, 2011

*** Picnic Lunch includes:**

- * Turkey & Cheese Croissant Sandwiches
- * Old Fashion Potato Salad
- * Fruit Bowl
- * Macaroni Salad
- * Assorted Chips
- * Assorted Beverages

*** Cost = \$ 23.00**

(*Includes \$15.00 tasting fee*)

Fee may be applied to your purchase of a bottle wine.

*** Please call Hal Leister #408-846-9788 or**

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Students must be motivated and teachers are a tremendous force to bring about that motivation. Challenges confronting teachers require high morale, drive, aspiration and professional development in order to be prepared to recognize student problems, take corrective action and regain a high degree of student motivation. Rapid recognition of student problems and appropriate corrective action and discipline ought to result in better student comprehension and fewer behavioral problems.

We as Masons greatly support and appreciate our TEACHERS!

MOTHER'S DAY:

The United States celebration of "Mother's Day" began in 1907 when Anna Jarvis took up her Mother's lifelong dream to have a national day to honor mothers. She handed out white carnations to members at her mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia. In 1908, her mother's church acquiesced to Anna's request to hold a special Sunday service in honor of mothers - a tradition that spread the very next year to churches in 46 states. In 1912, Jarvis' efforts met with success: West Virginia adopted an official Mother's Day; two years later, the U.S. Congress passed a Joint Resolution, signed by President Wilson, establishing a national Mother's Day emphasizing the role of women in their families.

Many Families make a special Mother's Day dinner or take Mom out to her favorite restaurant for a meal. It is a good day to let your Mom relax and let her see what a wonderful family she has. All Moms are heroes for their families and some Mons are everyone's hero!

ARMED FORCES DAY:

This is a day to honor every branch of the United States Military and all who serve in the armed forces today. It is a celebration of the power that protects us and our freedom every day. Armed Forces Day is a day to fly an American flag and to share fond feelings for the powerful force that seeks to preserve peace in the world. It is up to us—America's citizens—to honor our military with the respect it deserves on Armed Forces Day. OUR FREEDOM, PROSPERITY AND POWER ARE UNPRECEDENTED and so is our ability to oppose and to prevail over those that seek world domination. These are the forces that protect our freedom and that freedom allows each of us the opportunity to achieve greatness and fulfillment.

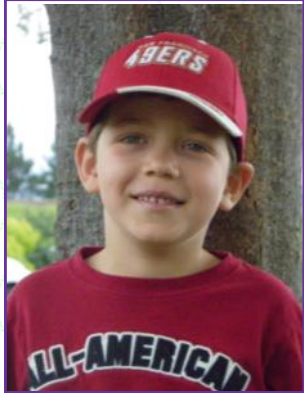
MEMORIAL DAY:

Memorial Day is to honor all who have died in wars and actions taken to defend and protect the United States of America. Today, Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Also, it is customary for the president or vice-president to give a speech honoring the contributions of the dead and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. About 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually.

All of those that we honor on this day certainly demonstrated that masonic virtue of fortitude. Courage is the willingness to proceed, even in the face of fear, to do one's duty even at known risks! We should all be grateful for the courage and sacrifice of those and their families that we remember on this day.

Each year on Memorial Day a National Moment of Remembrance takes place at 3:00PM local time.

Hal Leister—Venerable Master



Michael is a sweet, fun-loving, 5-year-old boy who has attended the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic since August 2010 due to a mild articulation disorder. Michael's parents initially brought

him to our clinic because they were concerned about his articulation skills and possible word-finding issues. His parents were also concerned about Michael's lack of confidence in his speech and that he did not speak up for himself at school.

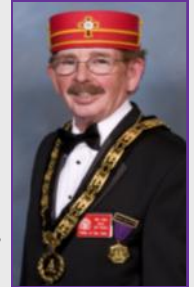
Assessment of Michael's speech and language skills found that he produced his /s/ and /z/ sounds with a fronted tongue position. Language testing found that he did not have word-finding difficulty. Since the initiation of treatment, Michael has made tremendous gains. In the beginning it was very difficult for Michael to produce /s/ in isolation without significantly protruding his tongue between his teeth. However, a program called "Straight Speech" helped Michael learn correct tongue and jaw placement for /s/ using straws and specified target words. Michael has now mastered /s/ in isolation and is now producing /s/ in his own sentences at the beginning and ends of words! He is even making progress with /s/ in consonant clusters such as "spoon" and "smart".

Michael's parents are truly pleased with the help they have received from our clinic. His mother recently raved, "Rachel has worked hard to establish a rapport with Michael. She gives us specific ways in which we can help Michael and keeps us very well informed on his progress... I believe Michael has been given a thorough evaluation and I know what the next bench mark is. His sessions are well organized and consistently focused on the goal... We feel so very fortunate to have Michael at the Scottish

Rite. He has and continues to receive professional, thoughtful, and compassionate treatment. Through these experiences he will have the power of a 'strong voice' for the rest of his life. What a gift! Thank you!"

MAY 2011

Clinic Director's Message



During the month of March, our clinicians completed over 281 patient treatment hours, including 10 screenings. Currently there are 53 children receiving speech and language services and a total of 106 children on our waiting list. Six (6) children were discharged from Clinic services and eight (8) children were added. Due to the length of the waiting list, the clinicians continue to group children for treatment, when appropriate. Year-to-date, we have served a total of 85 children. The Foundation Board continues to explore avenues by which we may be able to increase our clinic staff on a part-time basis and reduce the number of children on the waiting list.

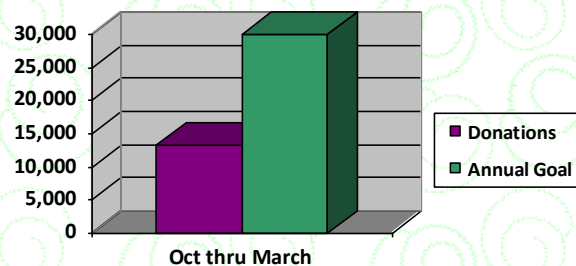
We are still looking for vertical blinds and a desktop computer for the clinic. The computer would be used by the children as part of learning activities. If you would like to assist the clinic by donating items or help in some other way, please contact the Scottish Rite office or me.

Respectfully,

Durward C. Ayre

Durward C. Ayre, 32nd KCCCH
Clinic Director

2011 Clinic Appeal



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In Memoriam:



Brother Peter Spalding 32°

April 22, 2011

God Bless!

*Soft and Safe to thee my Brother, be thy
resting place.*

Bright & Glorious be thy rising from it.

Members and Friends
You are cordially invited
To our very first Festive Board Banquet at which
We will receive the Grand Master of Masons in California
Most Worshipful William J. Bray, III

Tuesday, June 14, 2011
Beginning at 6:30 PM
(After our Stated Meeting)



Formal Attire Please.

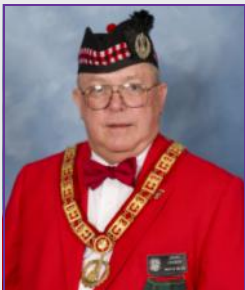
Ladies are invited !

Admission is Only by...

"Prepaid Reservations"

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Cost \$30 per person



Brethren,

My brothers, the Maundy Thursday service is now over, and we are looking forward to the rest of the year. Illustrious Ken Nagle, our Personal Representative has requested each of the bodies to come up with two social events during this year.

The Lodge of Perfection has scheduled the first with a wine tasting outing that was announced at our April stated meeting. (See Page 4 for info) The Chapter of Knights Rose

Croix will have something to announce in the near future. Since I have no facility in planning such events, I have asked our Senior Warden to take the lead.

We will have more information once we get the date and costs worked out.

I realize that this is short, but after preparing my speech for Maundy Thursday, my brain is on hold.

Fraternally,

John Unger,

Wise Master

REGIONAL ORIENT MEMBERSHIP AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE

(May 2011)

When we truly become Masons in our hearts, the concrete wall that separates us from knowledge, understanding and wisdom is broken down. The 4th through 32nd degrees give the Master Mason more insight about the Creator of all people, the Grand Architect of the Universe. He is the Father of us all, who wants to give us joy, pleasure and happiness. In return he wants us to realize that every day can be a day of new opportunities and fresh beginnings.

It is, therefore, important for us to be builders of our membership. We should work to give new members, current members, and the members we need to reinstate, the joy, delight and pleasure of attending regularly, climbing the heavenly ladder and being builders of our Order, just as in ancient days, splendid architectural porticos, temples bridges, amphitheatres and aqueducts were built and left as models for the nations of the present day to admire and imitate.

Our Brotherhood, operating in lodges of labor and extending through many lands, built many of the noblest structures of the Middle Ages. When our magnificent Fraternity began it was a real phenomenon. Freemasonry was, in those days of violence, the ally of religion and assisted the Church to represent - in forms of enduring beauty and grandeur - the sublime hopes of the soul aspiring to God and immortal life. Let us all strive to continue the building of our great Order. It will be a blessing to us and to all whom we recruit, retain and reinstate.

Durward C. Ayre

Durward C. Ayre, 32° KCCH
Regional Orient Membership Ambassador
Valleys of San Jose and Fresno in California

Scottish Rite Night of Instruction and Festive Agape

The Personal Representative and the Venerable Master invite all Masons to our Scottish Rite Night of Instruction and Festive Agape Dinner on **June 21, 2011**. We are very pleased to have as our guest and speaker the Right Worshipful and Illustrious John L. Cooper III, 33 Degree, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of California.

Illustrious John's talk is titled, "The Great Distraction: The Fragmentation of Freemasonry and the Loss of Focus in the 21st Century".

The schedule of events is as follows;

Arrivals and Social Time 6:30PM * Talk 7:00PM * Agape Dinner 7:45PM

Attire is formal – white tie and tails/tuxedo. A dark business/kilt is also acceptable.

Scottish Rite Masons should wear their cap.

The cost for the evening is \$25.00 per person. Reservations are a required!

- Please call Angela Athans at 408-978-7483 to make these arrangements. *
- **JOIN US FOR THIS EVENING OF MASONIC LIGHT AND BROTHERLY LOVE**



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From the Lighter Side ...

One brother quietly whispered to another while the brethren were singing in Lodge:
“Why does Brother Clark always sing loud and clear, yet all the others sing in very
hushed tones?”

“He’s the only one who knows the words.”

* * * * *

“It’s my husband doctor. For months he’s been thinking he’s a hen.”

“Good gracious, why haven’t you brought him to me before?”

“I would have, but we needed the eggs.”

Membership is always important:

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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.

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Future Scottish Rite Events :

*** Tuesday, May 10, 2011 ***

Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM * Dinner following @ 7:00 PM

~ Please call and make your reservations! ~

Tuesday, May 24th, All Officers Council Meeting—7:00 PM

*** Tuesday, June 14, 2011 ***

**Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM * Grand Master's Reception and Festive
Board Banquet following @ 7:00 PM (Reservations Required !)**