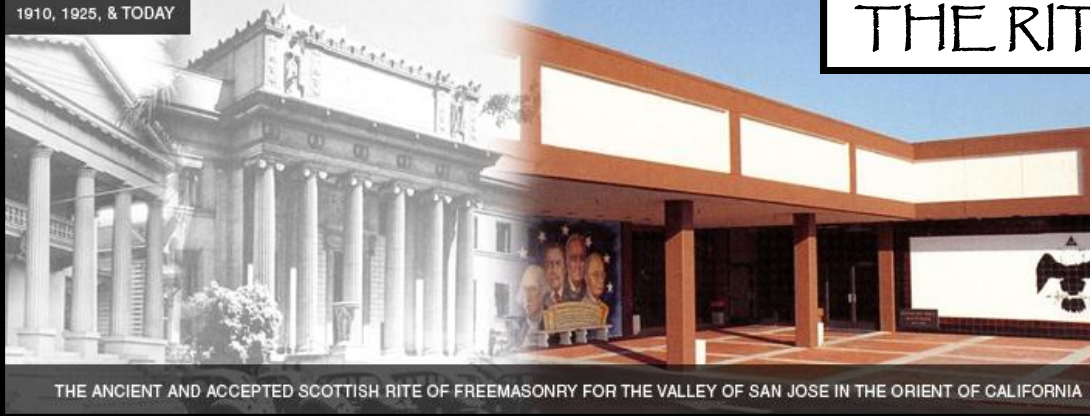


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THE RITE WORD

June 2012

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Brethren,

Venerable Master's Article for June 2012 Rite Word

Welcome aboard to our new Scottish Rite Brothers from the Spring Class of 2012. I had the opportunity to meet and talk with all of members of this class and I was impressed by their sincere interest in the messages of our degrees. I am confident they will be active and productive members of our valley. Several have already signed up to be on various degree teams and many in the class attended our May Scottish Rite Night of Instruction/ Agape and the May Stated Meeting. They are off to a great start!



I want to commend to our new Brothers, as well as all my other Scottish Rite Brothers, the Master Craftsman Courses I and II. Conducted by the Supreme Council, these courses are a most valuable tool to enhance your understanding of our degrees and the many lessons they teach. If you go online to www.scottishrite.org and click on Store you can learn more about the courses. The text will be one of your best sources for understanding our ritual. The readings associated with each degree expand and expound on the degrees and are particularly worthwhile. Take a look.

One such reading titled the "Legend" is included as part of the readings of the Fourteenth Degree, Perfect Elu. There are many interesting ideas and lessons in this reading. One I found to have great relevance to modern day freemasonry in the United States and probably throughout the world.

The "Legend" relates how after the completion of the temple many masons traveled into other countries and in a few years the Jewish architects and initiates were to be found in every part of the then known world. They admitted many into the order and passed on its truths and duties. For a long time, the Grand Elects, Perfect and sublime Masons were wisely cautious to admit none but "proper" persons who could appreciate the true purposes and objectives of the Craft. But, by degrees and over time, the Master Masons began to teach only the "lesser mysteries" and narrowed their teachings. The symbols began to be interpreted so as to meet a lower level of comprehension and appreciation. The masons were so geographically spread abroad that men were "indiscriminately" admitted, almost without inquiry. It was forgotten that masonry was not meant to be a popular organization but a select and exclusive institution. Could our ancient masters have meant this as a cautionary tale for those of us who follow in their footsteps?

We can all relate the Fourteenth Degree Legend to the charge we received in the first degree. Here we are told to refuse to recommend anyone for participation in our fraternity unless we have good reason to believe he will reflect honor on our ancient craft. Only a few deserve the privileges of masonry. We must keep in mind that some good men will service their fellow creatures in organizations like service clubs, the church and many other worthy groups. Although, there are many good men that we all know - only a few deserve and seek the mysteries and privileges of masonry.

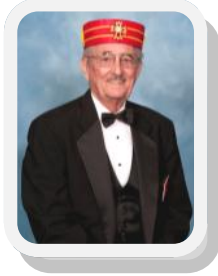
Looking ahead, please arrange your calendars so you can attend the July 10th Stated Meeting and reception for the Grand Master. The evening will feature a traditional festive board which is always interesting, entertaining and refreshing with good food and drink. Hope to see you there. You can find all the details for this event elsewhere in the Rite Word.

Chuck Cowden

Venerable Master



Brethren all,



First of all, I want to remind all of you that the June Stated meeting is Casual Dress! There, now that duty has been performed and we can get on with the items of interest for the month.

We are now at the halfway point of the year. Please check you dues card and if it does not reflect the year 2012, you have forgotten to send your payment for dues. Please do so soon because we are beginning to get concerned. If you are having financial difficulty, call me and we can help.

Thanks to all of you who helped with the reunion. Don't forget to download the calendar for the Fall Reunion and get the applications for membership signed and turned in to the office.

The July stated meeting will be followed by our Reception and Festive Board honoring our Grand Master, M.W. Frank Loui. Please make your reservation and payment as soon as you can. No tickets will be available after July 5 and none will be available at the door! The Dress Code is Formal for all attending.

On a personal note, thank you all for your kind words and prayers for my wife, Sandy. Her chemo treatments are progressing satisfactorily.

Bob Rowan,
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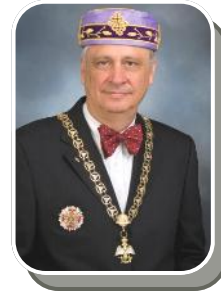
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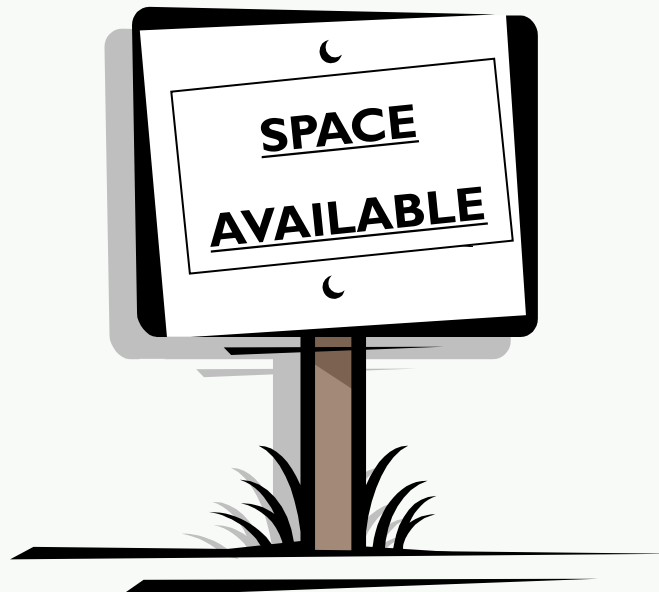
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From the Master of Kadosh

SOME THOUGHTS ON THE NATURE and PURPOSES of FREEMASONRY(Albert Pike)

Brethren,

It is very desirable that free-masons should understand what Freemasonry is. If it were everything at once that even its initiates imagine it to be, it would be difficult to conceive of anything more intrinsically incongruous. It is not a merely benevolent association, for the mutual relief and assistance, and the dispensing of small charities to the needy. It is not a society for mutual admiration, got up in order to gratify the ambition or the vanity of those who are fond of office, insignia and jewels, of the glories of resonant epithets, and the gauds of high-sounding titles.

It is neither a religious or irreligious Order or Church, propagating any faith or unfaith whatever. Its alters are neither Hebraic, Muslim nor Christyian, but simply Masonic.

It is not the apostle of any particular form of government, not the advocate of any particular political faith. It is the Apostle, the Preacher, the Advocate of Truth alone, and not as the creed of any man, or party, or multitude of men. It will not descend from the high places on which it sits enthroned, to engage in controversies and polemics, to become to organ of a party, an agent to effect political changes, or a schoolmaster to teach rudimentary lessons or a particular class of political, governmental, or economical ideas. If wisely conceived and carefully expressed, all these may be applications of Masonry; but they are not Masonry itself.

Freemasonry is advancement toward the light, on all the lines of progress, moral, intellectual and spiritual.

Fraternally,

Roger Bibb

Master of Kadosh





Daneka is an enjoyable 4-year-old girl who started treatment at the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic due to difficulties with receptive and expressive language and articulation skills. She had received treatment with the state funded program, Early Start, but continued to need help after she was discharged at three years of age. Her parents brought her to the clinic because they were concerned that she could not find words to tell them what she wanted and was easily frustrated when she spoke because she was not understood.

A complete battery of tests was given to Daneka to determine the areas of need with her speech and language skills. Testing revealed that she did not readily negotiate her environment with expressive language but preferred to interact with gestures. The complexity of her language was reduced and her grammar was sometimes inaccurate. She also had mild difficulty following directions with age-appropriate linguistic concepts. Her articulation skills were generally within normal limits with the exception of /s/-blends. A specialized treatment plan was put together to address Daneka's speech and language needs. In addition, her parents were encouraged to enroll Daneka in a preschool program to improve her use of language to interact with peers and other adults.

Initially, Daneka was shy during treatment sessions. She often refused to participate but her mother noted that "Rachel helped her build trust and friendship fast which boosted Daneka's confidence and eased her anxiety." Daneka worked on her therapy goals in play-based activities as well as in more structured table-top tasks. After enrollment in therapy, Daneka's parents have found that "It's a lot easier to communicate. She enjoys talking more. She likes to find out what new words mean and how to say them." Daneka was recently discharged from therapy because she met all of her speech and language goals! Her family has had a "very positive experience. It's very helpful with all communication issues and it's helped Daneka immensely with confidence in speech, confidence in learning, and also with her self-esteem."

Clinic Director's Message for June 2012

During the month of April, we completed 211 treatment hours, about 10 % more hours than in March. A total of 53 children received speech and language therapy. We also carried out one screening evaluation. We added one child to our caseload and were able to decrease another child's treatment from twice per week to once per week due to progress made.

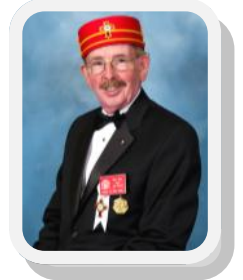
I have been asked what the phrase "screening evaluation" means. An evaluation is conducted to determine if a child who exhibits speech and/or language delays or disorders is in need of our services. If the determination is made that a child is not an appropriate candidate for therapy at our clinic, we may refer his/her parents to another institution that may be of help.

We continue to seek financial donations so that we may continue to provide excellent service to the community. Although our services are free, running the clinic costs approximately \$19,600 per month at our current level of service. Therefore, your donations would be greatly appreciated.

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Durward C. Ayre

Durward C. Ayre, 32° KCCH
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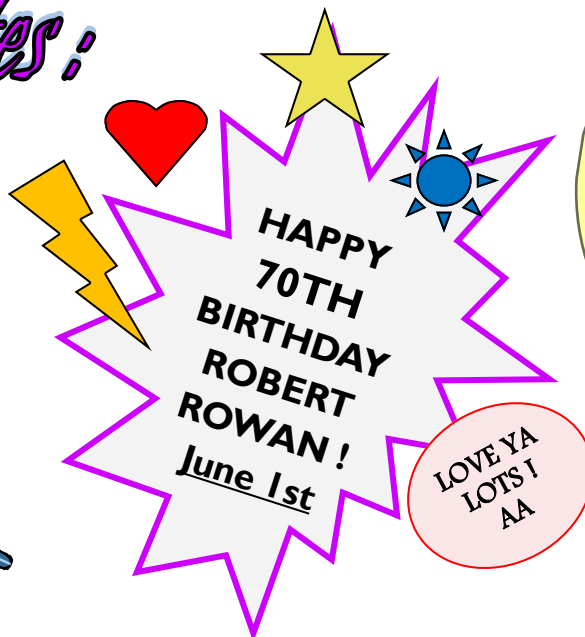
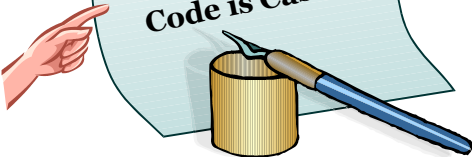


Our Thoughts and Prayers go to the family of Mrs. Marilyn Schmidt who passed May 1st! She will be missed!



Special Notes:

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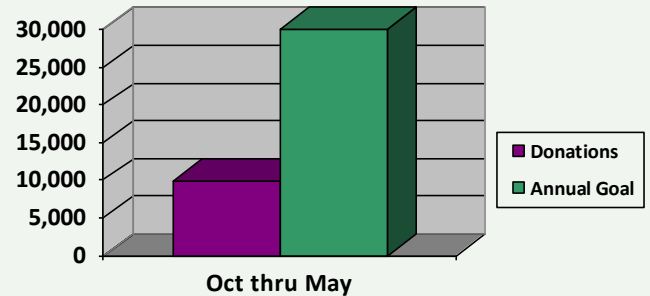
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From the Wise Master

There are a number of Rose-Croix degrees differing in a measure from each other in the work and in their teachings. The Alchemical or Hermetic Masons are taught a different degree in all respects from the so-called Christian Rose-Croix, and they again differ from the universal, tolerant, and more acceptable teachings. The following words of one of the most eminent students of Masonry, and an ardent admirer of the A. and A. Rite, may be quoted here:

If anywhere brethren of a particular religious belief have been excluded from this degree, it merely shows how gravely the plans and purposes of Masonry may be misunderstood, for whenever the door of any one degree is closed against him who believes in one God and the soul's immortality, on account of the other tenants of his faith, that degree is no longer Masonry, which is universal, but some other thing, that is exclusive, and accordingly intolerant. Each degree erects a platform on which the Israelite, the Mohammedan, the Buddhist, and the Christian may stand side by side and hand in hand. One language is spoken in common, the language of the Scottish Rite of Masonry, which speaks directly to the heart.

Till next time-

Jack Harris

Jack Harris
Wise Master.

REGIONAL ORIENT MEMBERSHIP AMBASSADOR MESSAGE

Scottish Rite membership is our key to success. It is built on Faith, Hope and Charity. We must not lull ourselves into thinking that we need not replace the membership losses that we suffer through deaths, demits and those members who have been suspended for non-payment of dues. New members are essential.

Every devoted Scottish Rite Mason is a resource who can and should talk about our great and ancient Order to those who are worthy and well-qualified. Masonic history is untainted by crime or cruelty. Masons have always been devoted to the discovery of the truth and our fidelity to principle is unquestionable. Masonic history and principle are our selling points!

Appoint a chairman in charge of retention to contact those members who have not paid their dues. Have him ask why. Ask him to find out if there is something that can be done to retain these members.

Appoint a chairman in charge of reinstatement. The brethren should know of our constant and tireless search after truth and the fostering care bestowed on education.

A great philosopher has said that "One truth discovered is immortal, and entitles its author to be so; for, like a new substance in nature, it cannot be destroyed."

Masonry has ever been engaged in discovering new truths. In endeavoring to preserve from obscurity the old truths that make our institution worthy of immortal honor, we perform the sacred work of brotherly love, relief and truth.

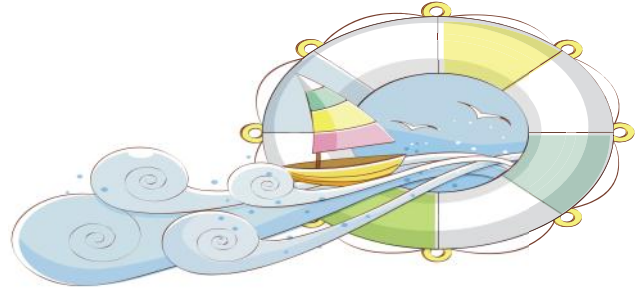
Even though at times we are weary, we must step down heavily on the membership accelerator pedal. Upon our ancient and honorable Order and each of our members lies the responsibility of preserving intact the sacred privilege of helping our Fraternity continue to seek and champion truth through growing our membership.

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“Stated Meeting & Dinner”
Tuesday, June 8th, 2012



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Regards, Angela Athans
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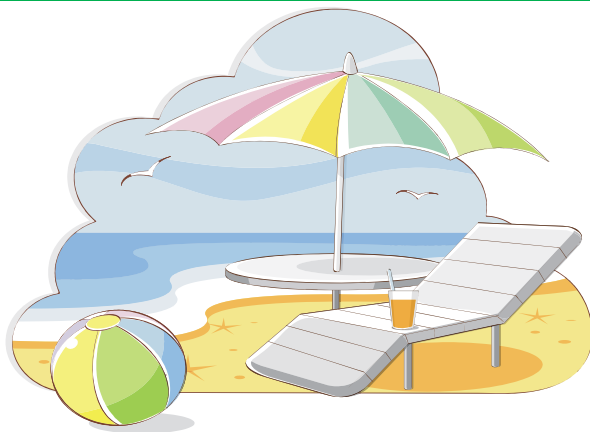
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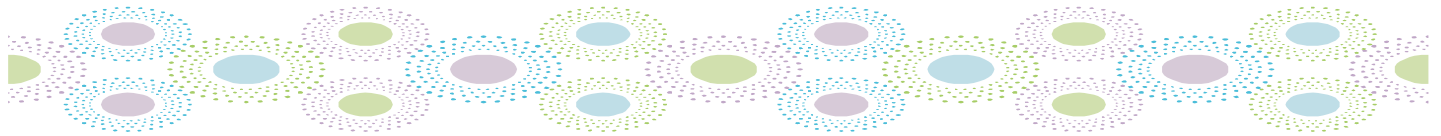
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Followed by Reception for the Grand Master and a Festive Board @ 7:00 PM
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