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Greetings from the Lodge of Perfection



October marks the harvest season and the beginning of the winter season. It also brings about "Halloween" and one immediately thinks of trick or treat, costume parties, spooks and goblins and other aspects of the dark side of life.

Wikipedia relates this about Halloween: "

Halloween falls on the evening before the Christian holy days of All Hallows' Day (also known as *All Saints'*, *Hallowmas* or *Hallowtide*) on November 1 and All Souls' Day on November 2, thus giving the holiday on October 31st the full name of *All Hallows' Eve*. They are a time for honoring the saints and praying for the recently departed souls who had yet to reach Heaven. All Saints was introduced in the year 609, but was originally celebrated on May 13. In 835, it was switched to November 1 (the same date as Samhain) at the behest of Pope Gregory IV. Some have suggested this was due to Celtic influence, while others suggest it was a Germanic idea.

By the end of the 12th century they had become holy days of obligation across Europe and involved such traditions as ringing bells for the souls in purgatory. "Souling", the custom of baking and sharing soul cakes for "all crysten christened souls", has been suggested as the origin of trick-or-treating. Groups of poor people, often children, would go door-to-door on All Saints/All Souls collecting soul cakes, originally as a means of praying for souls in purgatory. Similar practices for the souls of the dead were found as far south as Italy. Shakespeare mentions the practice in his comedy *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* (1593), when Speed accuses his master of "puling [whimpering or whining] like a beggar at Hallowmas." The custom of wearing costumes has been linked to All Saints/All Souls by Prince Sorie Conteh, who wrote: "It was traditionally believed that the souls of the departed wandered the earth until All Saints' Day, and All Hallows' Eve provided one last chance for the dead to gain vengeance on their enemies before moving to the next world. In order to avoid being recognized by any soul that might be seeking such vengeance, people would don masks or costumes to disguise their identities". In *Halloween: From Pagan Ritual to Party Night*, Nicholas Rogers explained Halloween jack-o'-lanterns as originally being representations of souls in purgatory. In Brittany children would set candles in skulls in graveyards.

In Britain, these customs came under attack during the Reformation as Protestants berated purgatory as a "popish" doctrine incompatible with the notion of predestination. The rising popularity of Guy Fawkes Night (5 November) from 1605 onward, saw many Halloween traditions appropriated by that holiday instead, and Halloween's popularity waned in Britain, with the noteworthy exception of Scotland. There and in Ireland, the rebellious Guy Fawkes was not viewed with the same criminality as in England, and they had been celebrating Samhain and Halloween since at least the early Middle Ages, and the Scottish kirk took a more pragmatic approach to Halloween, seeing it as important to the life cycle and rites of passage of communities and thus ensuring its survival in the country.

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A SAN JOSE SCOTTISH RITE PUBLICATION
HOME OF THE ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE BODIES OF THE VALLEY OF SAN JOSE

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October also brings about the SJ Scottish Rite Fall reunion beginning with the conferral of the 4th degree and 9th and 10th degrees on Tuesday October 29; dinner 6:30-7:15. Rumor has it this may be the largest class of candidates in recent reunions. All Scottish Rite members are encouraged to attend not only to be present for new members but also to refresh your memories and knowledge of these degrees. Degree teams have worked diligently to make these degrees meaningful to new members as well as seasoned veterans. The schedule of degrees is available outside the Secretary's Office.

Please remember to make reservations when you plan to attend any of the dinners. Numbers are necessary so that adequate food preparation can be made.

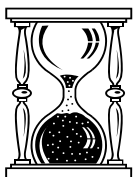
The progressive line of Officers is being finalized for 2014. If you have a desire to be an Officer in one of the bodies, let your desire be known to current officers.

Again, you are reminded that the Craft/Blue Lodge is the future of Freemasonry as well as concordant/appendant bodies. Your attendance is necessary both as a Mason and as a representative to the Scottish Rite.

Enjoy the fall and cooler weather. Let the rains come. I hope to see you in lodge and in Scottish Rite Meetings and the reunion.

Slainte Mhath (good health)

B.J. McCuiston, Venerable Master



The year is almost over & time is running out.....

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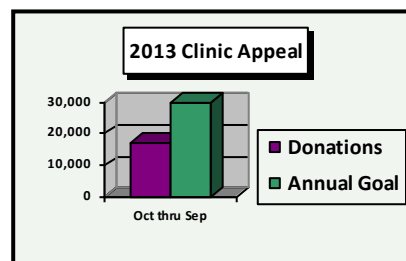
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From the Clinic!



Ayden is a sweet and charming 3 ½ year old boy who is being seen for an articulation disorder at the San Jose Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic. He was brought in by his mother who noticed that he was expressing frustration over not being understood by his family or peers. Ayden has an aunt who received services here at this clinic over 20 years ago! That is how his family knew of the services offered by Scottish Rite.

Ayden's family reported, "Ayden's speech was very delayed. There were many sounds he just couldn't pronounce. His speech pattern often left the ending of words off completely. He was very difficult to understand. Soon, his behavior began to change and he became more angry and frustrated and started acting out. At school the children would walk away from him when he tried to talk to them because they simply couldn't understand him."

Ayden has an articulation disorder, which means there are certain sounds that he can't produce accurately. When there is a collection of sounds that can't be made, often kids will substitute those sounds with other sounds. Ayden was using sound substitutions and sound

omissions. When this all happens at the same time, it can make it very difficult to understand a child.

After only 3 months of speech therapy, Ayden is making great progress. He is very cooperative and participates in therapy wonderfully! His family stated, "He speaks all the time now. He continues to have areas of his speech we need to work on but he is much more understandable now and his confidence in talking has increased ten-fold. His whole behavior has changed and we no longer see the level of frustration he experienced when he couldn't express his words." His grandmother stated, "Ayden's confidence is so much greater! He is not afraid to talk. He is very verbal at school now and is much more engaged with his friends.

They don't run away from him now. "

It's great to meet a family that contains two generations of people helped by the Scottish Rite Clinic. Ayden's family expressed, "This has been such a rewarding experience for Ayden, his aunt and our entire family. The therapists are extremely professional and warm hearted. We are blessed to have their services in helping to improve Ayden's speech."



Oktoberfest is the world's largest fair held annually in Munich, Bavaria, Germany. It is 16-day festival running from late September to the first weekend in October with more than 6 million people from around the world attending the event every year. To the locals, it is not called Oktoberfest, but "die Wiesn", after the colloquial name of the fairgrounds (Theresienwiese) themselves. The Oktoberfest is an important part of Bavarian culture, having been held since 1810.

Other cities across the world also hold Oktoberfest celebrations, modeled after the original Munich event.

The Munich Oktoberfest originally took place during the sixteen days up to, and including, the first Sunday in October. In 1994, the schedule was modified in response to German reunification so that if the first Sunday in October falls on the 1st or 2nd, then the festival would go on until October 3 (German Unity Day). Thus, the festival is now 17 days when the first Sunday is October 2 and 18 days when it is October 1. In 2010, the festival lasted until the first Monday in October, to mark the anniversary of the event. The festival is held in an area named the Theresienwiese (field, or meadow, of Therese), often called Wiesn for short, located near Munich's center. Large quantities of Oktoberfest Beer are consumed, with almost 7 million liters served during the 16 day festival in 2007. Visitors may also enjoy a wide variety of traditional food such as Hendl (chicken), Schweinebraten (roast pork), Schweinshaxe (grilled ham hock), Steckerlfisch (grilled fish on a stick), Würstl (sausages) along with Brezeln (pretzel), Knödel (potato or bread dumplings), Käsespätzle (cheese noodles), Reiberdatschi (potato pancakes), Sauerkraut or Rotkohl/Blaukraut (red cabbage) along with such Bavarian delicacies as Obatzda (a spiced cheese-butter spread) and Weisswurst (a white sausage).

~ from Wikipedia





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Please remember those brothers that are shut in. A friendly call or note from a fellow brother would be a warm and appreciated gesture. Though, they cannot always be present , they are certainly not out of mind. We wish them all the best. God Bless.



Called from Labor

Bro. Richard V. Stump 32° - March 6th, 2013

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Treasured thoughts of one so dear
Often bring a silent tear
Thoughts of scenes long past
Years roll on but memories last.

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! (408) 978-7483

From the Master of Kadosh



Edited and content added by: A little remembered October event with Masonic ties was the Congressional Authority given to then President, Brother Thomas Jefferson, to take possession of the Territory of Louisiana (October 31, 1803) which had been purchased through a treaty with France in April of the same year.

The date of that Congressional resolution is now more recognized by us as Halloween, but was better known before the 18th Century as "All Hallows Eve," or "All Saint's Eve," in celebration of November 1st as the date to honor all Saints. Saints attain sainthood only after death, and November 1st was a fitting date to sanctify as "All Saints" as it was the festival of Samhain when the Earth was thought to enter a zone of death -- currently known as winter.

October marks the beginning of fall for most us in the Northern Hemisphere, kids are back in school, the last big B.B.Q. except for football celebrations is past, and the buying of necessities for back to school is over. The next big retail event is Halloween.

It's hard to miss, warm brown and orange color tones, straw scarecrows, large Styrofoam tombstones, and many large bags of candy sold just in time to consume two or three before we even start to think about the cheap stuff to give away to the trick or treaters on the 31st. What all this means is that it's time to get ready for Halloween.

It's time to bring out the various Harvest Festival decorations to adorn the mantle and make our houses and offices more festive. The Harvest Fest, the predecessor to All Hallows Eve has been a celebration from seemingly "time immemorial" as generation after generation has reaped the bounty of the seasons' crop before the harvest moon.

But the fun in October, especially toward its 31st day, is that revelers can take on the role of their favorite alter ego, and let that bit of their subconscious play itself out in their wardrobe selection. It really begins as you mix with the company of other celebrants in a costume ball. There are numerous costumes that would suit any brother who wanted to inject Freemasonry into their costuming decision and bring the Fraternity to a party.

A great costume for any Mason might be one of the unmistakable Brother George Washington. With or without the apron, the characteristic blue and tan jacket, the high socks, shoes, hat, gloves and wig will create a complete and unmistakable look which could also be used on several other occasions including 4th of July or in Constitutional Observances. You could even round out the look with an authentic reproduction of his apron which would go nicely right over the costume. Other distinctive early American Masonic choices might include Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, or even John Hancock. Whatever your choice of costume might be, enjoy the month of October, the various fall Festivals and the beginning of the upcoming Holiday Season.

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Written, compiled and edited by **Gerald R Best 32^o** for the **San Jose Scottish Rite Word**

From the Secretary's Table:



Brethren all,

Please pay close attention now. Your attendance and participation at our Reunions are one of the most important components of your membership in the Scottish Rite. Remember your own initiation? Other than your memory of the degrees, I'll bet that you remember those Brothers who came to support you as you progressed through each degree. My memory of those Brothers is still remarkably distinct and, as I appreciated them at the time, the passing of the years has made me even more appreciative of their attendance then. Please try to be

here for at least some of the reunion degrees.

Watch for the announcement next month for our next Scottish Rite Night of Instruction. Our guest speaker will offer some very interesting information for your edification.

Fraternally, Bob Rowan—General Secretary

“ REGIONAL ORIENT MEMBERSHIP AMBASSADOR’S MESSAGE ”

October



Today the All-Seeing Eye is viewed as a symbol of God's omniscience, which is the interpretation offered by Albert Mackey during the 1870's in *Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, Volume 1*. The Eye first appeared as part of the standard iconography of Freemasons in 1797. In that context this symbol represents the All-Seeing eye of God and is a reminder that a Mason's thoughts and deeds are always observed by the Great Architect of the Universe.

However, some Masonic scholars believe that, during the long, formative period of Masonic ritual prior to the late eighteenth century, the All-Seeing Eye was not viewed a religious symbol at all. During that era, Freemasons were a Brotherhood and, as a fraternity carrying on the traditions of the building craft, had no consciousness of standing in the tradition of religion. Therefore, the All-Seeing Eye could very well have symbolized many different things. One possible interpretation is that the Eye meant the sun or sunrise, as in the phrase "All-seeing sun" used by Shakespeare. The All-Seeing Eye also might have meant that wherever a Mason may go, he is still a Mason and, therefore, the eye of the Craft is upon him. Other possible interpretations include the All-Seeing Eye as a symbol of enlightenment, wisdom or intelligence.

I prefer to think of the All Seeing Eye as a symbol of both Divine omnipresence and the Fraternity's omniscience in the sense that we should never lose sight of a Brother Scottish Rite Mason once he becomes a member, even if he does not attend Lodge or moves away.

III. Durward C. Ayre 33° , MC, Regional Orient Membership Ambassador for the Valleys of San Jose, Fresno and San Francisco in California

Greetings!

Over the next few weeks, millions of Americans will flock to a wide variety of Fall festivals. Many of these festivals will have something to do with Halloween, Oktoberfest, and a huge array of pumpkin related events and contests. Attempts will be made to break the world record in a number of categories. (For the record, the largest pumpkin ever grown is 2009 pounds. It was grown by Ron Wallace, from Greene, Rhode Island. Ron brought his 2009 pound pumpkin to the Topsfield Fair in Topsfield, MA on September 28, 2012.) And then, at last, it will culminate in Halloween. Halloween or Hallowe'en (a contraction of "All Hallows' Evening"), also known as All Hallows' Eve, is a yearly celebration observed in a number of countries on October 31, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows (or All Saints).

~ But if you ask the kids, it's about costumes and candy!

For us, we have the Feast of Tishri that we'll be celebrating on our next Stated Meeting night (October 8th). As the children of Israel were led through the wilderness, God decreed the celebration of a seven-day feast in the Jewish month of Tishri. He also decreed that this feast was to be celebrated annually to forever remind the Israelites that He had rescued them from Egypt. It should be a good night and I hope to see many of you there.

And, of course, this year Grand Lodge is happening the first weekend of October and the following weekend (the 12th) will be a reception for our new Grand Master put on by the Santa Clara Valley Masonic Officers' Association and held in our Scottish Rite Building. There's probably no one who's been in Masonry for any amount of time that isn't familiar with Right Worshipful John L. Cooper III, Past Grand Secretary and current Deputy Grand Master. MW John is well known as a Masonic Scholar. If you haven't obtained tickets, please check with the Master of your Lodge.

Our Scottish Rite Reunion begins this month as well. We'll be conferring the 4th Degree on October 29th. Please show the candidates that they have your support by showing up for the conferrals. If you plan to attend the dinner at 6:30 PM, please remember to RSVP.

In closing, I'd like to share with you this story. A departed brother, Worshipful Don Locke, Past Master of Willow Glen Fraternity Lodge No. 399, once told me that he was handed a slip of paper by a candidate on the night he was to be initiated. It said simply, "*Freemasonry is kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in work, piety and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward evil, help for the weak, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one other and above all, reverence and love for God. Freemasonry is many things, but most of all, Freemasonry is a way of life.*" May this be the path from which we never stray.

Bud Ramsey ~ Wise Master





OCTOBERFEST MENU

Appetizers

- ~ Potato and Cheese Soup ~
 - ~ Bratwurst & Soft Pretzels
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individual photos and cap sizing.

6:00pm to 6:30pm Open Lodge of Perfection and Class Orientation

6:30pm - 7:15pm Dinner will be served.

7:15pm your degrees will begin.

Copies of the Reunion Schedule are available in the front office or see Angela.

On the lighter side...

While working the lunch shift at a local restaurant, I watched as an elderly couple ate. It seemed as if the man was the only one eating. First his appetizer, then his main, and then finally his dessert. All the while with his wife just looking on, not even touching her food. Confused, I approached the woman and asked if there was anything I could get for her. "No thank you," came her answer, "it's his turn for the teeth."...



A RETIRED HUSBAND IS OFTEN A WIFE'S FULL-TIME JOB.... ♥

From the Commander, Council of Kadosh



As I write this article, we are receiving the first significant rainfall in six months. Rain brings back a number of memories for me. When it rains during the week, I have no complaints, since I work indoors. If it rains on the weekend, I can't do my yard work. But I do get complementary irrigation, which save me both time and reduces my water bill.

Body of Water

The oceans cover 71 percent of the Earth's surface and contain 97 percent of the planet's water. They are the habitat of 230,000 known species. But more than 95 percent of the underwater world remains unexplored. So scientists estimate that over two million marine species may exist.

Humans are not among the 230,000 known species that live in the ocean. Many of them like to take cruises or they enjoy surfing, sailing and swimming in the ocean, afterwards they return to dry land.

Seawater is about 96.66 percent pure water plus 3.34 percent chloride, sodium, magnesium, sulfur, calcium, potassium, bromine, and carbon in sequentially decreasing amounts. By comparison, drinking water has about 99.91 percent pure water. Pure water does not occur naturally. Even the highest grade of laboratory water, ISO 3696 Grade 1, which has no measurable amount of chemicals in it, may require further purification for use in molecular-biology experiments.

Body Water

In physiology, "body water" means the water content of the human body. A significant portion of the human body is water. Arthur C. Guyton's *Textbook of Medical Physiology* is an authority on this issue. Dr. Guyton states that:

"the total amount of water in a man of average weight (70 kilograms or 154 pounds) is approximately 40 liters (42 quarts), averaging 57 percent of his total body weight.

"In a newborn infant, this may be as high as 75 percent of the body weight, but it progressively decreases from birth to old age, most of the decrease occurring during the first 10 years of life.

"Also, obesity decreases the percentage of water in the body, sometimes to as low as 45 percent."

First of all, it seems to me that 154 pounds rather underestimates the weight of the average man, or at least most of the men I know, including myself. So let's begin with a man of 210 pounds (95 kg). His body contains roughly 54 liters (over 14 gallons) of water.

You know, if that were gasoline, I could fill my tank and save 60 bucks!

According to *Netter's Atlas of Human Physiology*, written by Drs. John T. Hansen and Bruce M. Koeppen, water in the human body is broken down into the following "compartments":

- Intracellular fluid or "cytosol" is a complex mixture of substances dissolved in water. It accounts for 2/3 of body water. That's about 36 liters (95 gallons) of water for our manly specimen.
 - Extracellular fluid, that is fluid outside of the body's cells, accounts for 1/3 of body water.
 - Plasma is the pale-yellow liquid component of blood that holds the blood cells in suspension. It makes up about 55% of total blood volume and, in the case of our guy, consists of 3.6 liters (3.8 qt) of water.
 - Interstitial fluid is a solution that bathes and surrounds the cells of multicellular organisms (anything more complex than bacteria) is found in tissue spaces and, in our sample, includes 14 liters (14.8 qt) of water.
- Trans cellular fluid is contained within epithelial (tissue) lined spaces. Examples of this fluid include cerebrospinal fluid, gastrointestinal fluid, ocular fluid, joint fluid, and bladder contents. Together these amount to about 450 mL (15 fl oz.) of water.

OK, so what does this discussion of water have to do with anything?

Thales of Miletus, whom Aristotle regarded as the first philosopher in the Greek tradition, developed a cosmological thesis about the nature of matter suggesting that water is the originating principle of nature.

From the other side of what was then (around 600 BCE) the known world, in the Holy Bible we read:

"And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

"And God created great whales, and every living creature that moves, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

"And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth." - Genesis 1:20-22 AV

2,400 years later, we have our own ideas about water. It is a commodity of which there seems to be either too much or too little.

And if we have clean water in the right amount, we take it for granted.

Maybe we should think about water a little more.

~ Daniel Doornbos





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