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# THE RITE WORD

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## From the Venerable Master

**M**y Brothers.....

Most brothers don't realize that our degrees and values actually give us more work to do than most religious sects on earth; and we are not a religious sect. We do have some realizations though: in our Third Degree we recognize the fact that only the Lion of the tribe of Judah will raise us from the grave. In order for us to be raised from the grave we have our work to do here on earth. Our Masonic teaching, when followed, will keep you in good favor with the Holy Spirit. Let's examine this in some of our degree work:



"Thou, Oh God! Knowest our down-sitting and uprising, and understandest our thoughts afar off". In the Third Degree we have a prayer that starts out this way. You might notice that sometimes we don't know what we are thinking; or we have gone to the dark side. Jesus referred to judging others as being a sin when done outside of the cloak of purity. These are thoughts created when we lose focus on God. The remedy for failure in this area is the requirement to reconcile all things here on this earth before your down-sitting otherwise you will be judged in the Holy Courts. I realize that my down-sitting may be tomorrow so there is no time to lose when it comes to my personal reconciliations.

Also in our Third Degree we are to remember the welfare of our brother Master Masons as our own. This fits with doing unto others as you would have them do unto you. I have noticed much UN-Masonic conduct in this area of thinking lately. When the Master of the Lodge mentions to the brethren, "Be careful how you vote", he is actually giving you an instruction from God to be careful how you judge or treat others; lest you be judged that way.

In the 30<sup>th</sup> Degree we learn that we have to be free of prejudices and improper influence in order to labor in the great works of a Knight Kadosh. In that work neither friendship nor hatred enters, nor favor, nor partiality, nor prejudice. One must notice that this is impossible to achieve unless we are able to leave the judgment of our brothers to God. In my recollection, historically, only Jesus was able to accomplish this type of thinking. No one gets rejected in his lodge so long as they reconcile with their brother and strive to be free of judgment. To Jesus, and Buddha for that matter, most human judgments are thoughts afar off; and are to be recognized by you before you externalize them.

**MARTIN MAXEY**

**VENERABLE MASTER**

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## From the Clinic



Ann is an adorable four-year-old girl who attended speech therapy at our clinic once a week for 45 minutes in length to work on her articulation and language skills. She started therapy at our clinic when she was three years old. Ann loved to engage in pretend play with her clinician making her meals on the pretend stove and in the oven. She also spent her break time playing with the doll house and being the mom while the clinician played the children. Ann is currently working on producing her /s/, /z/ and /l/ sounds, is/are, irregular past tense verbs, and following 2-step directions. These skills will be monitored in the home environment since her time at the clinic is now over.

The services provided by the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic have allowed Ann's parents to be a part of the intervention so they know how to help her with her communication needs at home. When asked what it means to the family to have received these services, Kelly Hamilton, Ann's mother, said, "My daughter Ann was a little shy. She did not want to speak much in public. After treatment began, she became more confident and active when talking to other kids and grownups. Ann feels happier and positive! Ann's brother also attended speech therapy at the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic secondary to a speech delay, with the same Speech-Language Pathologist, Ms. Jenna. What a wonderful public service the Scottish Rite offers! Especially since the speech therapy services are free! And the speech clinicians are great and have such charming personalities. We all enjoy meeting with Ms. Jenna! She is super knowledgeable, patient and flexible. Both my kids loved being here, so they could play with the toys during their speech sessions and get the treats after their speech sessions concluded. My hope is that this Clinic is around as long as possible and that the clinic could receive more funding and support by organizations and the government. Thank you Scottish Rite Clinic!"

Ann was a dedicated learner at our clinic for the last 18 months, who will be dearly missed! Great job Ann!

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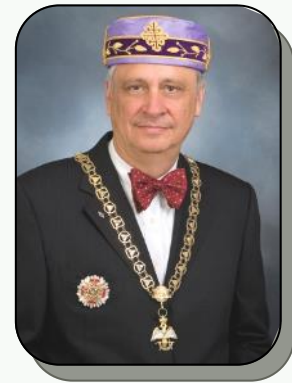
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## From the Commander



## Early Masonic California Funerals and Bibles: [ Part 2 – May '17-]

[Excerpts from “History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders—1890”]

About the last of August, or the first of September, in 1849, Dr. R. H. McDonald, now President of the Pacific Bank in San Francisco, opened an office in a canvas-covered shanty on K Street, near Sixth Street, in the immediate vicinity of the Horse Market Exchange, at Sacramento. A friend of his from the State of Illinois came to Brother McDonald and said:—

“Doctor, I am now going to the mines! When I was coming across the Plains and along the Humboldt Valley [Nevada] I saw piled up in the sand by the side of the road a lot of books; and on a card fastened to a stick, this notice, ‘Help yourself.’ There were a great many fine books in the heap, and among them this large, red morocco-covered Bible, with gilt edges. As I could not pack more than one book along with me, I took this Bible and brought it through; as I am going to the mines and cannot take it with me, and as you are sort of religious, I’ll give it to you.”

So, Brother McDonald took it. A day or two afterward, in the early part of September, 1849, several written notices were found posted on trees near the Horse Market in Sacramento, calling a meeting of all Master Masons in good standing, to meet in the upper part of a building on the north side of K Street, about a hundred feet westerly of Sixth-street. The little garret was packed with brethren, who were nearly all strangers to one another. The meeting was called to order by Brother John A. Tutt. Some brother made a motion that Dr. R. H. McDonald take the chair, which was carried. To the surprise of Brother McDonald,—for he did not know a soul present,—as he approached the box which was used as the chair, another individual stepped forward also to take it.

Then there occurred an amusing scene as two tall men, six footers, stood looking each other in the face. “Are you Dr. R. H. McDonald, and have you any monopoly on the name of McDonald?” said he of the Pacific Bank. “I am Dr. R. H. McDaniel, but generally known as Dr. R. H. McDonald, by mistake of calling my name,” said the latter. Mutual explanations followed, when Brother R. H. McDonald gave way to Brother R. H. McDaniel, the man really nominated, who at once took the chair, and the meeting was duly organized.

When it became necessary to ascertain who were Masons, it was discovered that there was no Bible present, and nothing could be done without one. Dr. R. H. McDonald then said “please wait a few moments, and I will get one.” He then went out and brought in this pioneer Bible, that had been thrown away on the Humboldt desert. The meeting then organized a Masonic association for the relief of the sick and distressed brethren who were constantly arriving from across the Plains. Soon after, it was discovered that a charter for a Masonic Lodge was in existence in the hands of a brother, issued to “Connecticut Lodge, No. 75.” The brethren composing the association then dissolved that body, and on January 8, 1850, organized under the charter of Connecticut Lodge No. 75, and Brother R. H. McDonald presented that lodge with the pioneer Bible before mentioned.

The lodge No. 75 then moved several times in Sacramento to farther down J Street, between Front and Second Streets, on the north side of the street where the old Masonic Hall, known as the “English Block,” was afterward erected; and there the lodge met, until the convention was called to organize the Grand Lodge of California, in April following. Connecticut Lodge No. 75 surrendered its charter to the Grand Lodge of California when constituted, & received a new charter under the name of “Tehama Lodge, No. 3.”

The Bible which Brother McDonald presented to Connecticut Lodge No. 75 (and to Tehama Lodge, No. 3.) was the one used when the Grand Lodge of California was organized, April 19, 1850. —end, of he beginning!

Dell Bleiler, Commander of Kadosh

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**Tuesday, June 20, 2017**

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## Symbols are everywhere.

They are what we humans have come to use to describe or communicate abstract thoughts and ideas. Alphabets are highly evolved sets of symbols, each having only a small specific meaning, and while alone they don't mean much, together they form words, paragraphs and eventually communicant thoughts and ideas.

I have always thought that reading is much better for our minds; it is like mental cardio exercises in that as we read our minds identify the letters, words and paragraphs, all in the background and therefore from that we understand the ideas. You can see this happening when you learn or attempt to read a new language; you have to stop and evaluate each letter, and build the sentence and workout the concept. Also notice that when you talk about something you have read, you don't even mention the letters, only the ideas. Unless of course what is written *is* about it how it is written but that gets in to that strange self-reference stuff called recursion, more commonly known as self-reference. To see this, look up 'Recursion' in a computer reference manual, it often says 'see Recursion'. Computer guys like Baroque composers-always about the hidden message or beauty in the construction.

In ancient times, when most men couldn't read languages, or often didn't have a common language, they would use pictures or symbols. We see this in Masonry with the use of Trestleboards and Tracing Boards where to set the craft to work; the Master Mason could communicate the day's tasks to the Fellowcraft supervisors, who then directed the workforce. Another example from history is that in Cathedrals the windows would tell the stories of the Bible.

So while reading can communicate complex ideas and images it takes one learned in the language's symbols to understand it. Pictures, or by extension video can communicate these concepts and ideas much faster as more information that doesn't need as much processing is evaluated in our minds more quickly. You see this in the concept of cell phones and computers using Icons to communicate a concept, that being 'what this button does'.

Our Masonic symbols and by extension our buildings do this as well. When we look at our buildings, they convey to the uninitiated an idea of what we do, that we are organized in building individuals and society that we strive to communicate this intention in the community. To ourselves, our buildings are statements of who we are and what we do, reminders of how ancient ideals and beliefs form a modern and contemporary metaphor to address our basic tenants, that of caring for each other and our families, contributing to our society and communities, which allows nonmember to do the same, and to finally pursue the great mysteries of the universe.

Masonry didn't invent this method of communicating, more likely contributed to its success. Think of all of the great societies from history, their main buildings and cites striking awe and wonder to those new to them and support and belief to their members. Ancient Egypt, King Solomon's Temple, Rome, the Vatican and even our own government buildings come to mind, all with examples of an edifice specifically constructed to convey a message, an ideal.

We have an exciting time ahead of us in our Valley. As plans continue to modify our property and our building, changes are being considered to how this will eventually work. It is interesting to see this on the cover of the Rite word. You see two buildings, one of the past, when the Valley was first chartered, a tall and proud monument of Scottish Rite Masonry. As times changed and our city changed, this building became old and outdated. The other picture is of a shiny new 'modern' building constructed in the style of the 50's and 60's that conveyed the bright new message of Scottish Rite Masonry in San Jose. Today we again stand on this precipitate of reinventing ourselves, a new millennia of Masonry built on the ideas, imagery and icons of the past. I am excited to see what our new building will eventually look like. Perhaps the past really is the beginning of the future.

*Mark Burger, Master of Kadosh*







## Menu

**TUESDAY, May 9th, 2017**

**Assorted Appetizers  
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**.Angela**

## From the Wise Master

Maundy Thursday

This is the time of the year we start hearing astrological and astronomical descriptions of the moon and the sun. Yes, Easter, in the Christian faith, is based on the sun and the moon. Easter being the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox.

The Vernal Equinox is determined as when the sun enters the constellation Aries. Throughout the ages this event was important. In *Morals and Dogma*, Albert Pike shows how wide spread the observance of this event was. The Vernal Equinox let the people in the Northern Hemisphere know when it was safe to plant their crops as the likelihood of frost had passed.

The ability to determine its arrival was up to the astrologers. As far back in time as the Chaldeans, astrology flourished. As it did in the whole Asia and Africa. The Chinese used astrology to teach the mode of governing the state and families. In Arabia, it was considered the mother of Sciences. In other parts of the world we have discovered structures and temples, such as Stonehenge, where the Vernal Equinox is indicated by the first beams of the rising sun, on that date, illuminating a special feature.

In 45 BC, Julius Caesar set March 25<sup>th</sup> as the spring Equinox. Since the calendar, the Julian calendar, was slightly longer than the actual solar year, the date drifted. In 300 AD it was observed on March 21<sup>st</sup> and by 1500 AD, March 11 was the date. Pope Gregory, in his calendar, the Gregorian calendar, wanted the Easter to conform to the edicts of the 325 AD Council of Nicaea that stipulated that Easter would be held in the first Sunday after the first full moon, after the Equinox. March 21<sup>st</sup> was selected for the date of the Equinox, so that Easter would not be celebrated before the Equinox.

This year the Equinox was on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, and the next full moon was on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Easter was then on April 16<sup>th</sup> and Maundy Thursday on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Next year, Maundy Thursday will be observed on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Now, that the Christian Church has determined Easter, Maundy Thursday's observance of Jesus' last supper is simply the Thursday before Easter. It is worth repeating that this meal that holds such great significance to the Christian faith actually is the observance of a much more ancient meal, the Passover Seder.

In the Jewish faith, the Passover is the observance of the last dinner the Israelites had before leaving Egypt. By marking their doorways with the blood of a sacrificial lamb, those families were spared the plague that brought death to the homes of the Egyptians.

The date of Passover is determined differently in the Christian and Jewish faiths. Because of this, Passover is, in some years, observed on the same date as Maundy Thursday. For example, Passover was observed April 11 to 18 this year. Next year it will be observed March 39<sup>th</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup>, with Maundy Thursday on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Ages ago, initiates into the mysteries, as part of the ceremonies, were brought out of darkness into light. The Vernal Equinox, to the ancients, was light overcoming darkness, as the days become longer.

In the Scottish Rite, Maundy Thursday is the day when the Chapter Rose Croix closes to reopen again on Easter Sunday. It is said that the Chapter goes dark for a brief time, but returns to light when it reopens. Like a business closing its books at the end of the year, so too does the Chapter Rose Croix, closing its book, on this day, for the year. But, instead of looking at profit or loss, we pause, to take account of, and remember, our Brethren who, in the past year, have left our presence to enter that great celestial lodge. It gives us a chance to pause and reflect on their memory and how our Order, their families and community profited by their contributions and efforts.



*Ion Vasilescu*

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**Saturday, May 20th ~ "Celebration of the Craft" at SJSR Temple—3:00—9:00pm**

**Sunday, May 21st ~ Monthly Masonic Get Together at 1:00—6:00pm**

*Host—Bro Jason Hawkinson-Prater — 5567 Morningside Dr, SJ, 95138 - Bring a dish to share. Open to ALL Brothers*

**Tuesday, May 23rd ~ Quarterly SJSR Board of Directors Meeting @ 5:30pm**

**Tuesday, May 23rd ~ Monthly All Officer Council Meeting @ 7:00pm**

**Tuesday, June 6th ~ VMAP Seminar from 6:00pm—9:00pm**

**Sunday, June 11th ~ Monthly Masonic Get Together at 1:00—6:00pm**

*Host—To Be Announced - Bring a dish to share. Open to ALL Brothers*

**Tuesday, June 13th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm**

*6:30pm - Social Hour ~ 7:00pm - Dinner ~ Program - 25 & 50 Year Presentations*

**Tuesday, June 20th ~ Scottish Rite Night of Instruction**

*6:30pm - Social Hour ~ 7:00pm - Program ~ 7:30pm - Festive Agape Dinner. See article inside Rite Word*

**Saturday, June 24th ~ "300 Years of Masonry" Celebration at SJ Masonic Center ~10:00am-4:00pm**

**Sunday, June 25th ~ "300 Years of Masonry" Festive Agape Dinner at SJSR ~3:00pm-6:00pm**

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