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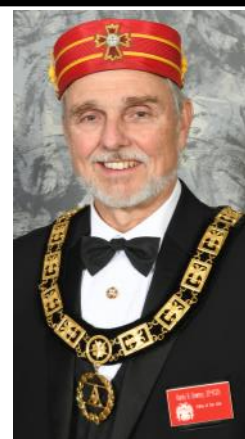
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From the Venerable Master

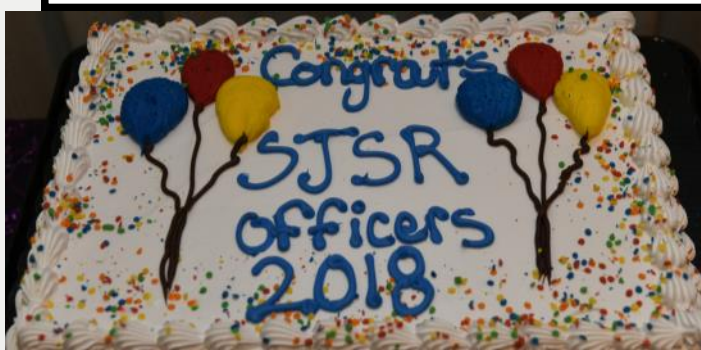
Let me begin by thanking the brethren of the Valley of San Jose, for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Venerable Master this coming year. I am looking forward to an exciting year, with many and varied activities – including the first ever state-wide reunion in Oakland in June, where all 29 degrees will be conferred. You definitely want to be a part of that. In addition, each of the bodies is planning social activities that should prove enjoyable for all our members and their families. In the Lodge of Perfection, we are sponsoring a day trip to San Francisco, where we will visit Alcatraz, perhaps ride the rocket boats, and even stop by the famed Buena Vista Inn, purported inventor of Irish Coffee. The other three bodies are sponsoring activities such as college football games/tailgating, a visit to the fabulous Steinbeck Center in Salinas, and many others. Stay tuned for details.



In February we celebrate love, and we honor our loved ones. This is especially true in Freemasonry, as we take this opportunity to honor our sweethearts. It is the tradition of the San Jose Scottish Rite, at our February stated meeting, to welcome the widows of our members, and let them know how important they are to us. Please be there to help us show our beautiful sweethearts how much we care.

Our Scottish Rite is for you, my brethren. Remember that our stated meetings are always short in length, to allow us to take care of our essential business, but then have time to enjoy each other's company at our dinners afterward. I hope you will join us at our meetings and our other activities. Make San Jose Scottish Rite a regular part of your life. We look forward to seeing you.

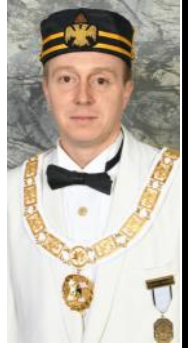
Randy Downey, 32° KCCJ



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Greetings,

From the Commander



We have started this year with a phenomenal installation of officers. This was followed by good food and fellowship. I would like to thank all that were able to make it that evening. The participation by attending membership, brethren, friends, and guests is what makes the good times we have exponentially flourish.

We are looking forward to making our own fun as the Council of Kadosh, giving an opportunity for us to go out for a day of shooting. We are looking to spend an afternoon at Coyote Creek Sporting Clay in Morgan Hill CA. This is an outdoor course with 20 different stations for all levels of shooter. Future date will be provided for this event followed by lunch.

The word "Kadosh" is a Hebrew word meaning "Holy". When we open the book *Morals and Dogma*, we see the numerous pages Albert Pike dedicated to these degrees. If you have not, or, not in a while read through these holy, mystical, and beautiful degrees it is something worth making time for.

"Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit mankind." - Andrew Jackson

Happy Valentines Day to you all!

Brandon Heath Duenas



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From the Master of Kadosh

Fraternal Greetings! I am honored to have been installed as the new Master of Kadosh of the Consistory for the San Jose Valley Scottish Rite! Thank you for your vote of support and I hope to make this year a great year for Scottish Rite Masonry. I'm excited to announce that I'm in the process of planning a group trip to the Guthrie, Oklahoma Scottish Rite reunion April 6th through 8th. Guthrie confers all 29 degrees and I can say that when both Ill. Ken Nagle and I attended last year we were both highly impressed! I'm working on putting a travel package together and more details are to follow. Please mark your calendar if you're interested in attending. This will be great preparation for the upcoming state-wide Reunion in Oakland June 29th thru July 1st 2018.



Seven Virtues and Seven Deadly Sins

As many aspects in the world are bi-polar in nature according to the Hermetic Law of Polarity, one particular set of polar concepts is that of the Seven Virtues versus the Seven Deadly Sins. Just as hot is related to cold and are both just varying degrees of temperature, the Seven Virtues and Seven Deadly sins are also just degrees of variance on personal behaviors and are a matter of degree along the same scale.

The Seven Virtues:

1. **Faith** is belief in the right things (including the virtues!).
2. **Hope** is taking a positive future view, that good will prevail.
3. **Charity** is concern for, and active helping of, others.
4. **Fortitude** is never giving up.
5. **Justice** is being fair and equitable with others.
6. **Prudence** is care of and moderation with money.
7. **Temperance** is moderation of needed things and abstinence from things which are not needed.

The Seven Deadly Sins:

1. **Pride** is an excessive belief in one's own abilities.
2. **Envy** is wanting what others have, be it status, abilities, or possessions.
3. **Gluttony** is the desire to eat or consume more than you require.
4. **Lust** is a powerful craving for such as sex, power and money.
5. **Anger** is the loss of rational self-control and the desire to harm others.
6. **Greed** is the desire for material wealth or gain.
7. **Sloth** is laziness and the avoidance of work.

The Seven Virtues should be familiar to any Mason. Faith, Hope, and Charity are the three Masonic Principle Moral Values. Fortitude, Justice, Prudence, and Temperance are the four Principle Cardinal Virtues in Masonry. As we can see, each of the Seven Virtues and Seven Deadly Sins maps to each other, and as such are pairs of personal behaviors which are polar opposites to each other. Faith counteracts Pride, and Hope counteracts Envy, etc. The list above is ordered numerically to show each opposing behavior. Therefore, by polarizing our attitude and actions along the lines of the Seven Virtues, we can polarize ourselves towards the proper end of the spectrum of behavior and counteract the Seven Deadly Sins.

Fraternally, Sean Patrick, Master of Kadosh

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October 25th, 2017

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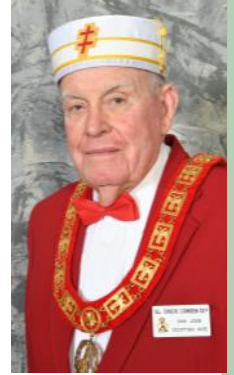
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The "**2018**" Honor Roll

From the Wise Master

This is my first article and month as your Wise Master and I thank all the Brethren for allowing me to serve in this important leadership position. It is my hope and intention to serve you well and with my strong line of officers to aid me I have high confidence to do so.

In my articles, I will strive to present a bit of Masonic and other philosophical "Light" for your consideration. This month I want to share some thoughts on the subject of Alchemy and its' relation to Freemasonry.



Brothers Russell Donathan and Roger Davis in their paper published by the High Council of Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis in 2009 had this in part to say about Masonry and Alchemy. "The ancient art of Alchemy almost certainly had an influence on the development of Freemasonry. Both are disciplines seeking how the Divine potential within the human being is unveiled and manifested. Both represent paths to the greater mysteries which lead to enlightenment. Both are focused on the process by which knowledge or illumination (gold) conquers ignorance (lead) within the human psyche. Alchemy holds that the physical body is product of consciousness and the mind is the creator and sustainer of form. Indeed one of the main ideas of Hermetic philosophy is "the All is Mind; the Universe is mental." This suggests that all creation is a result of the Mind of God. And since Man is made in the image of God (the root word for "man" is "mano" = mind), this means the Mind of God is within Man. The implication of this unworldly connection is that the mind can become a force whenever the energy of right thought and action becomes the focused will of humanity. Consciousness begets will, which becomes the bellows for global consciousness.

The goal of alchemy is transformation. To the alchemist, to change lead into gold means to change the slumber of consciousness into awareness. It is the change that is the key of Alchemy. "We must be aware that although change is possible from a global or universal perspective, as well as within our own mind and character, such change can represent change for the better or for the worse.

"Perhaps ,then, much of humanity are Alchemists. Every good man and women, and especially each Brother of the craft, desires to change, or develop, into a better person. This is the very essence of Freemasonry. Man needs to change from his state of ignorance and darkness into knowledge and light. The ancient science of Alchemy is the allegorical furnace for such a transformation. Employed as a principle for good in the world, Alchemy can be considered the operative art of Freemasonry."

I recommend to you the teachings of the Kabbalah, Noetic Science, String Theory and Alchemy. The four are interrelated and can combine to activate Man's Potential . The secret one might learn in these circles of ancient knowledge is not in how to die but in how we choose to live.

"... and when at last the evening shadows fall, and wearied hands lay down the working tools of life, may you so have lived and labored that you may pass with serene, unwavering confidence through the sunset gates."

The officers of the San Jose Chapter of Knights Rose Croix plan to offer some interesting and fun - filled events during 2018. We are already planning a college football game/tailgate party for this Fall. Both Stanford and San Jose State have attractive home games to choose from. We are considering a visit to the Steinbeck Museum in Salinas, and a wine tasting trip in the Gilroy/San Martin part of the Santa Clara Appellation. We encourage your ideas for other activities for the Chapter to conduct. Just let us know.

Finally, I ask that all of you put the Maundy Thursday celebration of Renewal and Remembrance on your calendars. It would be great to fill the Temple and have this special time together to contemplate what this occasion means to Freemasons and millions of others. The date is March 29. I will see you in Chapter.

Fraternally, Chuck Cowden, Wise Master



Daniel is an imaginative 5-year old who has been seen at our clinic for the last 15 months. So far Daniel has met nine of his speech therapy goals! Daniel attends speech therapy with Ms. Jenna twice a week for forty-five minutes, secondary to a diagnosis of an Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD). His sister Ana also attends speech therapy with Ms. Rachel once a week at our clinic. Daniel is currently working on producing r-blends, l-blends, s-blends, /n/ and /s/ in his conversational speech. He is also working on following 3-step directions and his emotional regulation and sentence structure.



Daniel was referred to our clinic from his speech therapist at school. Daniel's parents noted that before receiving speech therapy at our clinic, "It was difficult to understand his articulation and poor pronunciation. In addition, he would get easily angered because we could not understand him. His poor language skills made Daniel's behavior even more difficult for him. Daniel still has some language difficulties but his speech therapy has definitely given him security. He is a very sociable child now! He loves to talk and sing now and his language is a big treasure. Seeing Daniel enjoying talking and expressing his feelings are the most rewarding things to us! The therapists have helped impact my children's lives for the better! Ms. Jenna is an excellent and great therapist! She is very professional. All of your staff is really nice! Thank you Scottish Rite Clinic for all your help and effort that has changed our children's and families lives! This clinic is the most amazing clinic in all the Bay Area! God bless you all!"

Daniel's family has been exceedingly generous to our clinic! They have often provided animal crackers, goldfish crackers, candy and gummies for our children to have as a reward for doing so well in speech therapy. They have also donated many supplies such as Kleenex that are much needed in our clinic. In addition, they have purchased many new games, small prizes, books and art crafts for our children to enjoy!! Lastly, they have often purchased delicious drinks specifically for the clinicians to enjoy! How thoughtful!! A special thank you to Daniel and Ana's parents for caring so much about the children at this clinic and being so generous to the children and clinicians!! You keep up the great work Daniel!

Congratulations to our New Officers



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Tuesday, February 13, 2018

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Knights of Saint Andrew

Kaleo Gagne, Sean Patrick, Naresh Rampershad and Jeff Toone.



From the Chief Knight



As we continue our Mason Journey into the year 2018. I would like to remind every ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE member and especially our KNIGHTS of The Three Duties and The Nine Qualities of a Knight of Saint Andrew.



As an organization the Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew has its duties and obligations to the Valley within the Scottish Rite, whether it be the cleaning and maintenance of our Scottish Rite Temple, assisting in the serving of meals at stated meetings or events and subsequent clean up the banquet rooms and/or kitchen or assisting in various locations and positions during the Scottish Rite Reunions.

Apart from maintaining these duties as an organization, Knights also have duties to themselves and their communities. Duties which when maintained allow a Knight's "Armor" to shine from the Light emitted from within. That light emitted by their character as true Knights and Men. These duties which once accomplished will always be required to be fulfilled time and again, more especially in this time and age.

The three duties are as follows:

- To reverence and obey Deity, to serve Truth and oppose Falsehood.
- To protect virtue and innocence against violence, fraud and defamation.
- To battle manfully for the truth and the right, for free speech and free thought, and to defend the people against all usurpation and tyranny, in all its guises.

The performance of these duties alone do not make a knight's "armor" shine, but rather the combination of these duties in conjunction with the nine qualities of a Knight of St. Andrew. For it is through the maintaining and constant seeking of improvement of these qualities within one's self that a Knight in performance of his duties to himself, his community and his valley truly shine. These qualities of a Knight of St. Andrew which help him shine as a true Knight, Mason and Man of Character.

These nine qualities are:

Humility	Clemency
Patience	Virtue
Self-denial	Trust and
Charity	Honor
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6:30pm - Social Hour ~ 7:00pm - Dinner ~ Program - Valentine/Sweethearts Theme

Tuesday, Feb 20 ~ Monthly OAM Meeting hosted by San Jose Lodge #10

6:30pm—Dinner 7:30pm—School of Instruction ~ FIRST DEGREE Open to All Officers & Master Masons

Sunday, Feb 25 ~ Monthly Masonic Get Together from 1pm—7pm

Host—Wors Will Montoya, 2999 Bradbury Dr, SJ Bring a dish to share Open to All Masons and Friends

Tuesday, Feb 27th ~ SJSR Foundation Board of Directors Meeting—6pm

Tuesday, Feb 27th ~ All Officer Meeting —7pm

Thursday, March 8 ~ Monthly OAM Meeting hosted by South Valley Lodge #187

6:30pm—Chicken Feed Dinner 7:30pm—Annual Visitation & Presentation by the GRAND MASTER of Masons in CA

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

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