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From the Personal Representative:

Change is constant and inevitable, and we should all learn to adjust to it, but here we are, only a couple of months after installation of officers, facing a change in our officer line-up. Gene Keister 33° has stepped down from his job as Almoner after about ten years at that job, and we are going to miss his dedicated and diligent service to the Valley of San Jose. Gene was raised in Fraternity (now Willow Glen Fraternity) Lodge #399 in 1968, and as soon as he could, petitioned for membership in Scottish Rite. He has worked hard in both orders ever since. He was Master of #399 in 1974 and served both as Secretary and Treasurer several times since then. He went through the chairs in Lodge of Perfection, and was elected to serve as Venerable Master in 1997, after which he stepped into the office of Almoner where he has served faithfully ever since. Gene is a model of dependability and if he ever finds himself in a situation where he will not be able to attend Scottish Rite, he takes it upon himself to find a replacement.

If there is any consolation to our losing Gene, it is in the fact that another brother has willingly stepped up to the position and, judging from my past association with his work, will perform with distinction. I have known Herb Dallas 32° KCCH since the early 1960's when we worked together in the Sheriff's Department. Herb is another icon of diligence and compassion, and has frequently performed as a stand-in for Eldred LeHeup 32° KCCH as Sunshine Chairman. Herb was raised, also in Willow Glen Fraternity #399, in 1990, and has been active in that lodge on a regular basis, as well as serving Scottish Rite continuously since his initiation in 1991. In addition to his being Commander of Kadosh in 1997, he has been active in the degrees and a Director for the Foundation. I was hesitant to approach Herb for the position of Almoner, since he is slated for the office of Venerable Master in 2011, but he didn't hesitate taking on the job of Almoner. This, my friends, is commitment.



Speaking of commitment, and I have delivered this message before, but it is a subject that needs constant attention and application. It is the matter of our continued obligation to involve ourselves in the attendance at our Craft Lodges activities. A couple of weeks ago, my lodge in Gilroy presented a last minute Third Degree, and by reason of illness and other obstacles, some of our regular officers were unable to participate. As a result of the efforts and dedication of several members of our neighboring lodges, we not only had ample attendance to put on the degree, but we also had a number of sideliners. I can't begin to tell you how rewarding it was to have been able to work with not just a full slate of players, but players who were prepared to perform and handle their respective parts without a hitch.

One of the sideliners was a man who is in the process of becoming a professional sideliner, and that is Dorrie Taylor, of Friendship #210. As many of you know, Dorrie has taken it upon himself to form up a team he terms "The Travelling Sideliners" and he tells me their membership is somewhere over one hundred at this time. This is the kind of effort that really makes a difference in our world, and deserves our enthusiastic support. For this particular degree, Dorrie was the only one that could make it (Mondays are totally booked for most Masons), but it goes without saying that his efforts were very much appreciated.

These are just a few "profiles in dedication" to the work of our order. When you attend Lodge or Scottish Rite next week or next month, look around you. There are dozens of similar stories of support and concern for the craft.

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Did you get a past-due notice?

There has been some confusion about dues in the Scottish Rite.

The Valley of San Jose Scottish Rite did not raise dues but the Orient of California did. This change (an increase to \$95) went into effect on the first of this year.

To confuse matters more, there was a programming error in the software that processes dues. This error marked dues paid as early as October 2007 to not be credited for that member. As a result, some members received past -due notices when they had, in fact, paid.

The Supreme Council Computer Services Sentinel Team has assured us that the issue has been corrected and they apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Our Spring 2008 Class of Initiates Please greet them warmly!

								
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Make your contribution to the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies and have your name on the "Honor Roll". Your gift of \$100.00 or more will help the San Jose Lodge of Perfection, Chapter Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh and Consistory reach the level necessary to provide quality events for our future success. Incremental gifts welcome too.

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No Friday Lunch Bunch this Month.

From the Secretaries Table:



Two Boston Tea Parties?

On December 16, 1773 a group of Boston patriots, boarded three English ships — Bedford, Beaver, Dartmouth — and threw their cargo of tea overboard into Boston Harbor. These patriots, included many Freemasons, who were disguised as Mohawk

Indians. In order to gain access to the ships they armed themselves with hatchets and axes. In protest against the duty imposed on tea by the government of King George III, they split open every chest and dumped each into the water.

When the first Boston Tea Party was over, 342 chests were left floating in the frigid harbor waters. In the months that followed this historic event, many other American seaports took similar action in boycotting British tea.

On March 7, 1774, at a second Boston Tea Party, 16 chests of tea from British tea merchant Davison, Newman & Co. were among those again thrown into Boston Harbor. This was another prelude to the American War of Independence.

There you have it, a little remembered event that occurred in March 234 years ago.

Recently, I was asked for a written list of a Master Mason's duties, privileges and rights. Being unsure of the existence of such a list caused me to do some searching and I found the following from Georgia's Lodge System of

Masonic Education which follows in brief:

A Master Mason's first duty is obviously to live by and act consistently with his obligation.

It is a Master Mason's duty, legal and moral, to pay his share of the financial costs of the Fraternity, promptly and ungrudgingly.

If unaffiliated he has the right to petition a Lodge of his choice for membership.

He has the right of affiliation.

He has the right and privilege of visitation to Lodges in which he does not hold membership. It is a right in the sense that he may seek admittance into any regular Lodge. It is a privilege in the sense that his admission into that Lodge is contingent upon his being vouched for.

Masonic relief is both a right and a privilege. Every Mason has the lawful right to ask for it upon need without derogation to his dignity or endangering his standing.

In short, there does not appear to be an actual list of duties, privileges and rights. They are scattered here and there in our symbols, customs, and laws. Some are explicit. Some are implied.

Fraternally,

Roger's Corner

With aromas of down home homemade cooking coming from the dining room at the Scottish Rite Center, members, their wives, escorts and friends quickly gathered in the dining room to sample the simple but sophisticated delightful options at the hors d'oeuvre table and also sample the various red and white wines available. Quiet, subdued conversation, occasioned by occasional outbursts of laughter from the attendees was observed during the hors d'oeuvre hour. As usual, the dining room staff, in starched red aprons, was available and eager to assist the dinner guests.

Dining room linen-topped tables, elegantly set, were decorated with a mixed color of spring flowers - thanks to Mary Lou Johnson and Grace Stephens.

The menu for the April 8 monthly dinner consisted of a tossed green salad with special vinaigrette dressing, maple-glazed baked ham rich in taste but not in calories, scalloped potatoes, roasted vegetables and freshly baked rolls (oh, the aroma of fresh baked bread!)

Coffee or tea was available and a birthday cake (for Leo Mark's birthday was served.)

Members and guests, detour to the San Jose Scottish Rite Center on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for good, contemporary American cuisine and enjoy dinner while also enjoying fine fellowship with your friends.

Dinner reservations must be made with the Scottish Rite Center. Please telephone Mary Lou Johnson, 408.978.7483

Roger Bibb

For Sale

Craftsman (Sears) lawn tractor, 14.5 hp OHV, six speed transmission and 42" cut.

This lawn tractor is hardly used, purchased prior to the sale of a part of our lot for the construction currently underway next door.

The Foundation has decided to make this tractor available to the brethren for \$750 or best offer.

Contact the business office if interested. 408-978-7483



Attention all 32° Masons

Are you a 32° Scottish Rite Mason?

**If so, why not join the
KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW ?**

Interested? Please send information to:

John Unger, Secretary

4609 Hampton Falls Place, San Jose, CA 95136-2678

or e-mail johnp4609@yahoo.com.

Please include your name, address, phone (home, work, cell <whatever you want listed>) and e-mail address if you have one.

Spring Reunion 2008



Our Spring Reunion was very successful with the initiation of 9 new Scottish Rite Bodies Brethren! Central to our success and achievement are the efforts and performance of our degree directors and cast, our communicated degree director; our stage, lighting, and equipment director and his staff; and many other volunteers. Many thanks to the Center Staff for their help in many ways. The 14 degree was performed by the Oakland Scottish Rite Bodies and we greatly appreciate their work and time to perform for us in a time of need! Many thanks to John Karus for donation of our breakfast foods and to Joseph DaSilva for the beautiful flower arrangements. The reunion culminated with a well attended social hour, banquet with gourmet food, and the ring and capping ceremonies. The San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies greatly appreciates and thank all who helped in making our reunion a success!

Hal Leister—Wise Master of The Chapter Rose Croix





From the Clinic!!!

To the members of San Jose Scottish Rite:

I want to tell you, and everyone connected with the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language and Learning Disorders Clinic, how extremely grateful we are for the services my four-year-old son, Nolan, has received. When he came to the clinic seven months ago, he could not pronounce K, hard G, or L, despite my best (and inexpert) efforts. He was hard to understand, even for his family. But because his difficulties weren't severe, the schools weren't an option. And all the therapists we spoke with before we were referred to the Scottish Rite were prohibitively expensive, even with the (minimal) insurance reimbursement we could apply for.

Now Nolan is almost ready to be discharged from speech therapy. He is so much easier to understand, which has eliminated frustration for him and everyone he talks with. And I'm so pleased that the Scottish Rite was willing to help him before his difficulties became so severe that they were difficult to correct and before the teasing at school could begin.

Nolan's therapist, Rachel Sense, has been a godsend. Nolan can lose focus--he is four, after all--but she knows how to get through to him and to make speech therapy something he looks forward to. Without her patience, expertise, and sense of fun, I think my son would be facing a difficult time academically and socially.

Many, many thanks.
Debbie G



Are you aware that your donation to the Clinic could be worth twice as much? Many companies will match their employees' gifts to charitable organizations. To find out more, speak with your employer or our General Secretary. One or the other can get you the information you need.

REWARDING EXPERIENCE

On Tuesday, I arrived at the Scottish Rite Center and as I exited my car, I saw two children leaving the Clinic. The boy was with his Father and the girl was with her Mother. Both children ran separately and joyfully through the parking lot having a great time while the parents walked to their respective automobiles and opened the doors. The boy ran back to his Father and then again through the parking lot. The girl did similar things with her Mother.

I saw two very happy kids who had just received treatment in our Scottish Rite Clinic, and I can not help but to believe that both are enjoying a much happier life because they have been helped by our Scottish Rite Clinic. The work of the Clinicians and the Clinic as a whole is testimony to the true meaning of Masonry and an establishment that all Scottish Rite Brethren should be proud of and one that should be discussed **boastfully** among family and friends!

Hal Leister

April Donations:

Clinic

Bro. Robert Shannon
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If you know of anyone who is ill, please call the office!

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Permanent Shut-Ins

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In Memorium

Note:

Bro. Bill Roberts is currently home from the hospital but is planning a trip to Arizona for further treatment. His phone number is 408-778-0220. We're sure he would welcome a call from you.

From the Wise Master

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his [General Order No. 11](#). It was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363).



Traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Many Americans have forgotten the meaning and traditions of the Day. At many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are ignored and neglected. Many no longer remember proper flag etiquette for the day. (On Memorial Day the flag should be displayed at half mast until noon, then raised to the top of the staff and flown until sunset. When flown at half mast, the flag should be hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half staff position. The flag should be raised to the peak before it is lowered at the end of the day.) While there are towns and cities that still hold Memorial Day parades, many have not held a parade in decades. Some think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the "[National Moment of Remembrance](#)" resolution was passed in Dec 2000 which asks that all Americans voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to [Taps](#). The words for "Taps" are:

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From the Master of Kadosh

In the April Rite Word, I introduced my plan to present some ideas of Brother Manly P. Hall on the true Mason. There are some 10 attributes or characteristics of the true Mason as set forth by Brother Hall. The following is a brief statement of the first four.



1. ***The true disciple of ancient Masonry has given up forever the worship of personalities. With his greater insight, he realizes that all forms and their position in material affairs are of no importance to him compared to the life that is evolving within.***
2. ***The true Mason is not creed-bound. He realizes with the divine illumination of his lodge that as a Mason his religion must be universal. Christ, Buddha or Mohammed, the name means little, for he recognizes only the light and not the bearer.***
3. ***The true Mason must develop the powers of observation. He must seek eternally in all the manifestations of Nature for the things he has lost because he failed to see them. He must become a student of human nature and see in those around him the unfolding and varying expressions of the one connected spiritual Intelligence.***
4. ***The true Mason enters his lodge with these thoughts uppermost in his mind: "How can I, as an individual, be of greater use in the Universal Plan? What can I do to be worthy to comprehend the mysteries that are unfolded here? How can I build the eyes to see the things which are concealed from those who lack spiritual understanding?"***

When I first reflected on these qualities, I began a self-evaluation. Initially, the result of this examination left me feeling quite inadequate in my craftsmanship. But then I remembered something that I was first taught some 46 years ago about the practice of Freemasonry. Those many years ago, a more seasoned brother told me that my craft was a life-long adventure and that I should strive to improve myself, and my understanding of Freemasonry while always keeping in mind that I would never achieve all the light of this ancient fraternity. So, I see Brother Hall's attributes of the true Mason as goals for all Freemasons and as we work toward these goals and assist our brothers in this endeavor we are "making good men better". What do you think?

Chuck Cowden, 32°
Master of Kadosh

For the Lighter Side of things

The Genie

by Bro. Richard L. Kurtz, Hamilton Lodge #664, Bettendorf, Iowa

The Worshipful Master of our Lodge found a bottle with a Genie in it. In accordance with custom, the Genie offered to grant him a wish. "OK," said the WM, "I've always wanted to go to Hawaii, but I hate to fly. So my wish is for you to build a bridge so I can drive to Hawaii." "I can't do that!!!" exclaimed the Genie. "Don't you know that's impossible? No Genie could do that. It's too far, the water is too deep, it's just totally beyond anybody's power. You will have to make another wish." "OK," said the Master. "I wish that at our next Stated Meeting all the old PMs would just get along and not cause any trouble, not have to tell us how they did it their year, not complain about the ritual, not put down the current officers ... just sit on the sidelines and behave!" "Hmmmmm," said the Genie. "Do you want that bridge with 2 lanes or 4??"

(Continued from page 8 Wise Master Hal Leister's message)

Day is done... Gone the sun. From the Lakes...From the hills...From the sky. All is well...Safely rest...God is nigh.
Fading light...Dims the sigh... And a star...Gems the sky ... Gleaming bright. From afar. Drawing nigh... Falls the night.
Thanks and praise ... For our days...Neath the sun...neath the stars... Neath the sky. As we go... this we know ...God is nigh.

The Moment of Remembrance is a step in the right direction to returning the meaning to the day. What is needed is a full return to the original day of observance. Set aside one day out of the year for the nation to remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country.

WE SALUTE OUR HEROES!



From the Venerable Master

Brethren and Ladies –

Everyone I've talked to really enjoyed the April meeting. The dinner was good and Kari and her friend Brenna (pictured) provided us with outstanding entertainment. I have received a huge number of compliments on their performance and have passed this on to them. We hope to get Kari back some time in the future.

Thank you to all who participated in our Reunion on April 11th and 12th. Everything went very well and we have added to our ranks. Any of you that are looking to participate on one of the Degree Teams, don't hesitate to call me (or Bob Rowan). I'm sure we can get you lined up.

I've been thinking a lot about what Susan and I do with our time. Much of our time goes to what we believe "makes a difference" in the world by making a difference in the life of one or more individuals. Our involvement with Masonic organizations, church, youth scholarship activities, and so on. Our schedule is full, we're really busy, and we very rarely have any free time. So...why do we do it? What is it that makes it worth it? Well, I have an answer for you. One that many of you have heard before, but perhaps haven't thought about lately. The answer is "*You get out of it what you put into it*". The more you give of yourself, the greater the rewards. I challenge you to try it. If it turns out I'm wrong, you can always go back to being uninvolved.

John Wesley once wrote:

*Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.*



Our Scottish Rite bodies are doing things that matter, we're having a fun time, and we're doing a great deal to support each other. And that's part of what we're all about... supporting one another and being family for one another. You are part of that...entitled to all the rights and privileges that comes with being a part. To repeat what I said earlier, you get out of it what you put into it. So come down and join us....put something into it. It matters and you will make a significant difference to the rest of us....and we'll make a difference to you. If you haven't been around, come down. You'll be welcome. You'll find that you belong. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Bud Ramsey—*Venerable Master*

Here is an Interesting web-site for April: <http://www.vrijmetselarij.net/NewHolland/index.html>

May Stated Meeting Dinner - 7:15 PM - Tuesday May 13, 2008

Menu



- Cinco de Mayo plus ocho
- Desert
- And Birthday Cake for Leo

Reservation deadline:
Friday, May 9th at 4:00 PM

Only \$12.00
per person



Reservation #:
408-978-7483



DO WE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?

The San Jose Scottish Rite is preparing an e-mail distribution list of members who would prefer to receive their Scottish Rite communications by e-mail. Interested? Please send your e-mail address and name to rdrowan@sanjosescottishrite.org.

For the Ladies!!

It is hard to believe that we are already getting ready for May. But, I love all the flowers that are beginning to decorate our yards and make the hillsides come alive.

I want to say a special "Thank you" to Helen McDaniel for running the Bingo game in my absence at the April meeting.

In *May* we are going to be sharing a book that we have read and really enjoyed. Please bring one or two books that you think others would like to read. We are not asking anyone to loan out a book, just come and share with us why you really liked it. By bringing the books others have a chance to look it over. The book can be fiction or non-fiction.

Many of our ladies also bring a craft, their knitting or crocheting to work on while we visit. Please feel welcome to come and just visit with the other ladies. We would love to have you join us.

I look forward to seeing you in May.

God bless you all, - *Susan Ramsey*



Membership is always important:

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(Please print or type)

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____ e-Mail address: _____

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Present Blue Lodge: _____ Approx. Date Raised: _____

Location: _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Occupation (If retired, previous occupation): _____

Name of Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Recommended by:

1: _____ 2: _____

Share your own enjoyment of Scottish Rite.
Invite a brother to make an application.

Future Scottish Rite Events:

May 12, 2008 - Deadline for May "Scottish Rite Word" articles !

May 13, 2008 - May Stated Meeting & Dinner & 50 Yr Presentations

June 7, 2008 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

June 9, 2008 - Deadline for July "Scottish Rite Word" articles !

June 10, 2008 - June Stated Meeting & Dinner

Fall Reunion

The San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies Fall Reunion is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, 24 and 25 October 2008. Please **mark your calendar** and plan to participate and attend. The Program will very much like our Spring Reunion. The Degree Teams need personnel to perform the degrees. Volunteer and become a participating member.



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