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From the Personal Representative:

The Council of Masters Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 8, while only lightly attended was certainly the center of some lively discussion and produced some positive results. It was gratifying to see the top officers of all four bodies in attendance, as we had some vital issues on the agenda.

Some of us have felt for many years that our officers' lines have been too long and that there are certain positions that have existed in name only without identifiable duties. With the approval of the Orient under which we operate, it was decided that we will effect a reduction of officers in the four bodies to five officers each. This would include the three principal officers, the Master of Ceremonies, and the Captain of the Guard, who would work with the Tiler for the security of the doors. In some of the bodies this could be accomplished by a gradual work-down of the numbers, but possibly in others, it could be effective with our next year's slate of officers. The so-called Expert positions would be eliminated, as would some of the other positions whose duties are so vague as to be virtually indistinguishable.

The main difference will be that the Prelate position would be moved to the general staff, similar to the Orator and Almoner, and be responsible for the opening and closing prayers at Stated Meetings and other official events.

Another issue that we settled was the matter of regular attendance by the officers. Somehow, over the years, the perception seems to have developed that when a member accepts a position in the line of officers he isn't really expected to attend our meetings until such time as he becomes one of the top officers of his particular body. Our brothers should realize and recognize that when they agree to an appointment to a position in one of the lines that they are accepting a position of leadership. This en-



tails an expectation that they are to attend and participate in not only the stated meetings, but also the reunions and administrative (Council of Masters) meetings. Excused absences are understandable, and we don't intend to be inflexible in imposing impossible demands on a brother's time or his commitment to his family, his work, or his service to God or his country, but we try, through our officers, to operate the Valley in spirit of accord with the membership, and the input of all our officers is vital to our success.

We understand the sometimes priorities change, and that occasionally unanticipated obligations arise after a brother has accepted an appointment to the officers' corps. When this happens, it is OK to just step away and allow one's successor to fill his position. To do this is probably better than living with the embarrassment of not being available to attend meetings and perform one's duties. As I noted above, the officers' lines will soon be reduced so that everyone who is an officer will have identifiable duties, and no one will feel like just a cog in the wheel. The Senior Wardens of the four bodies will be polling their members to see who will be interested in continuing through the chairs, and we may even move certain members in the lower ranges of the lines so that they will be able to fill other vacancies.

At our next Council of Masters, Saturday, October 4, we should have our next year's slate tentatively established. If there is any, ANY interest in helping out with next year's work, please get in touch with me or one of the brothers in our Senior Wardens' positions and express your desires. I'm sure we can reach an accommodation.

Robert S. Lwin

The Friday Lunch Bunch on October 17th at High Twelve.
Please make your reservations and join us !!

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Consider donating it to the San Jose Scottish Rite. We are expanding our existing wood shop, and will thereby improve our ability to build props and other needed items for our degrees and further to improve our capability for building maintenance.

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If you have any e-waste items, we are accumulating the donations in preparation for the next e-recycle day here at the Rite. We will be happy to add your discards to our pile. The proceeds will benefit the Children's Clinic.

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It's no secret that the monthly Scottish Rite dinners are becoming noteworthy events.

Hearing the favorable comments regarding the monthly dinners as the members, wives and guests stood in the hors d'oeuvre line for the excellent fare provides evidence that our dinners are gaining popularity.

The September 9th dinner included BBQ ribs and chicken, ranch beans, Caesar salad, fresh and local, bread, pasta salad, wine at the beverage bar, and coffee, tea and a yum-yum dessert.

Sophie Birk, 100 years young on September 9th, and a Clinic Volunteer for many years, received a special greeting from Venerable Master, Bud Ramsey, 32°, K.C.C.H

Management is determined to make quality dinners with a variety of choices, for the eye and taste. This has been accomplished as we have enjoyed fine food aided by a serving staff, eager to assist all who need help. Grace Stephens and MaryLou Johnson take care to provide the ambiance, and soft background music helps everyone to enjoy the evening.

Please join Scottish Rite members, their wives and friends at the monthly dinners at the Center, located at 2455 Masonic Drive in San Jose. Telephone MaryLou Johnson for dinner reservations. Her telephone number is 408.978.7483. - ROGER BIBB

WE STILL NEED YOU!

The established dates, for our reunion have been rescheduled but are none-the-less rapidly approaching! The degree teams are working hard but more rehearsal is needed in order to perform properly. **WE DO NEED MORE CAST MEMBERS!!!! Mostly for non-speaking parts at this point.**

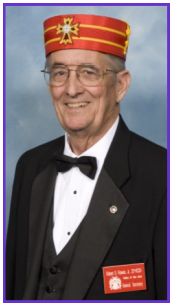
Participation on a degree team is very rewarding and gives the cast members a much more thorough understanding of the degree. If San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies is unable to perform the mandatory degrees (4th, 14th, 18th, 30th, and 32nd degrees) we will cease operation as a Scottish Rite Valley!

Please take a look at your schedule and allow some time for participation. You may contact any of the Degree Directors, Chuck Cowden or Hal Leister and we will find a place for you to help.

Space in the Rite Word can be available to you for business-card sized advertising at very reasonable rates.

If you are interested, call our Brother Secretary to reserve your space.

From the Secretaries Table:



I would like to begin my message this month with a special thank you to a very special Brother.

Bro. Jack Harris 32° is preparing to move from his Willow Glen home into Acacia Creek and he found the need to dispose of some wine (*there being no room for a wine cellar at his new home*) that he had in his personal wine cellar. First, he had a party to work on the problem but not enough was consumed and then, finding still too much in inventory, he asked if our Scottish Rite would accept a donation of more than eleven cases. Knowing how well our wines are enjoyed at our stated meetings, I accepted his generous contribution for our well being.

Thank you Brother Jack! Perhaps you have implanted an idea that can be emulated by others.

At our stated meeting dinner, we had some great fun celebrating Sofie Birk's 100th Birthday. We wish you many more years of life Sofie!!! We want you to keep the Archeologist well away. He cannot read anyway.



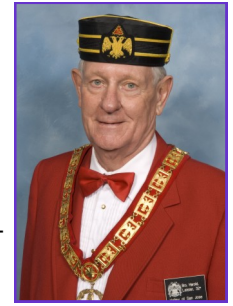
By the time you receive the Rite Word for this month, the Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge will have been completed, our Festive Agape will have been enjoyed, the fiscal year for the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation will have come to an end and fall will have begun. Here, in the Valley of San Jose, we will have entered a phase of "Back to the Future", by returning to our reunions being held on multiple dates, rather than cramming everything into one weekend. Together with this, we will be presenting the new "Pike" ritual and updating our presentations with new music, sound systems, and visual presentation. Believe it or not, there are quite a few new participants in the degrees and I am certain that the format of the reunion will add to your enjoyment, and will be pleasing to our candidates.

General Secretary

From the Wise Master

Rose-Croix
Code of Life

Salutem Punctis Trianguli!



1. In the morning, before rising, thank the God of your Heart for the new day that you are privileged to live on the earthly plane, and ask God to inspire you throughout the day. Then, while facing east, take seven deep breaths as you focus on the vitality that is awakening in you. Afterwards, drink a glass of water and then begin your daily activities.
2. Despite the trials and tribulations of life, always consider life the most precious gift the Cosmic ever granted human beings, because it is the medium of our spiritual evolution and the source of the happiness we seek. Furthermore, regard your body as the temple of your soul, and take great care of it.
3. If you can, reserve a place in your home dedicated to prayer, meditation, and the study of the Rosicrucian teachings. Make it your own oratory, your sanctum, and keep it free from any profane concern or activity.
4. Before every meal, give thanks to God for being fortunate enough to have something to eat, and think of all those who do not have the privilege of eating their fill. If you are alone or together with other members of the Order, place your hands above your food, palms down, and say mentally or aloud this symbolic invocation: "May this food be purified and magnetized by the vibrations radiating from my hands so to provide for my body and soul's need. May all those who are hungry be associated with this meal and be given a spiritual share of its benefits. So Mote It Be!"
5. You know that the aim of all human beings is to perfect themselves; to become better persons. Therefore, constantly endeavor to awaken and express the virtues of the soul that animates you. In doing so, you will contribute to your evolution and serve the cause of humanity.
6. Isolate yourself for a moment every day, preferably in your Sanctum, and send thoughts of love, harmony, and health towards humanity as a whole, particularly towards all those who suffer physically or mentally. Also ask God to assist them on all planes and to preserve them as much as possible from the ordeals of life.
7. Behave in such a way that all those who share your existence or live in contact with you regard you as an example and feel the desire to be like you. Guided by the voice of your conscience, may your ethics be as pure as possible and may your first preoccupation always be to think well, speak well, and act well.

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From our Cornerstone Ceremony in 1984



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:

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 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.

For the Ladies

I hope you are enjoying the beginning of autumn as the leaves start turning into all those brilliant fall colors. When I was a little girl my favorite part of this season was running through and jumping into the large pile of leaves. Although I am sure my Dad did not appreciate the game, it was such great fun. It is also the time of ghosts, goblins and the anticipation of children as they dream about Halloween treats and what wonderful creatures they will get to be. This is also a time of transition from BBQs and summer swim parties to hot cider and family gatherings.

This time of year also brings transition within the Masonic Family. In late September many of our members were in San Francisco attending the California Grand Lodge activities and the Installation of their new officers. It was the passing of the baton from the old to the new; an ending, a beginning and at the same time a continuation of what is good. It is a ritual that will be take place in many forms over the next couple of months as many of the concordant bodies hold their annual sessions and installations of new leadership. It can also be an opportunity to gather with friends and share some special times and memories. I encourage you ladies to take the opportunity to share in these events with your husbands and loved ones, to take the time to build some new memories and to visit with old friends.

Remember to:

- Take Time To Laugh ... it is the music of the soul.*
- Take Time To Work ... it is the price of success.*
- Take Time To Think ... it is the source of power.*
- Take Time To Play ... it is the secret of perpetual youth.*
- Take Time To Read The Word ... it is the foundation of wisdom.*
- Take Time To Pray ... it is the greatest power on earth.*
- Take Time To Worship ... it is the highway to reverence.*
- Take Time To Be Friendly ... it is the road to happiness.*
- Take Time To Dream ... it is hitching your wagon to a star.*
- Take Time To Give ... it is too short a day to be selfish.*
- Take Time To Love And Be Loved ... it is a God-given privilege.*



I will not be able to attend the October 14th meeting. I will be at the Grand Chapter Sessions for Eastern Star in Fresno, CA. I will be passing the baton as I turn over the responsibilities of Deputy of District #23 to another lady. I will miss my time with each of you this month and I look forward to seeing you all at our November meeting when I will be able to bring my report about the Children's Christmas party.

God bless, *Susan*



From the Clinic!!!



Savannah is a sweet 4-year-old girl who started treatment at the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic nearly one year ago. Her mother brought her to the clinic because a developmental pediatrician suspected that Savannah had Childhood Apraxia of Speech. This diagnosis was confirmed when she came to our clinic. Savannah dropped middle and ending sounds in words and had limited consonants and vowels. Her error patterns were not consistent and she demonstrated difficulty with sequencing sounds together to form longer words. Savannah's speech was very difficult to understand. She had good language comprehension, but she was shy because she couldn't express herself. She also became easily frustrated if she wasn't understood or if people asked her to repeat what she said.

During the past year Savannah has worked on including the middle and ending sounds of words, increasing the variety of consonants and vowels she uses, and producing multisyllabic words. She also works on grammar in sentences, which is often difficult for children with apraxia. Savannah's mother has noticed a tremendous improvement, "Everyone who knows her says they can understand her. She tries to say everything and is not as frustrated if you ask her to repeat it. She's also not as shy." Her mother boasted that Savannah has really blossomed and has more self-confidence. Savannah continues to make significant gains in therapy, which is in part due to her family's dedication to her treatment. Savannah is a pleasure to work with. She has a vibrant personality, loves to laugh, and always works hard. It's not unusual for her mother to make a comment about the laughter coming from the treatment room after a session.

When asked about her experience at the clinic, Savannah's mother commented, "My experience at the clinic has been great...Savannah loves to come see Ms. Rachel. I would tell other parents about the clinic and I have. The clinic has helped Savannah considerably. We are all so grateful for Ms. Rachel. Like I mentioned before Savannah loves to come to speech..."

Did you know?

*Our clinicians currently are treating 35 children
but we have another 72 on our waiting list!*

Any additional financial support you can provide will help us to improve and grow the Clinic.

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.

August Donations:

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In Memoriam

James Earl Allen	Shandon	Aug 11, 2008
Saxon Lord Downs	Modesto	Sep 4, 2008
Erwin Joseph Hauber	El Cajon	Aug 24, 2008
Damon Norwood Miller	Turlock	Aug 17, 2008
Peter Patterakis	Cupertino	Jan 3, 2008
Robert Malcolm Powell	Dayton, NV	Aug 23, 2008
Rodney William Reuting	Paso Robles	Aug 17, 2008
Rudy Orson Waiton	Los Gatos	Sep 1, 2008

If you know of anyone who is ill, or needs assistance, please call the office at 408-978-7483

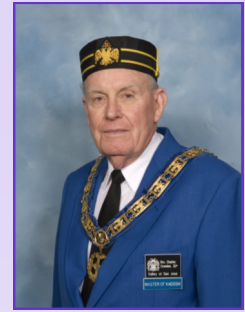
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8. Be tolerant and defend the right to be different. Never use the faculty of judgment to blame or condemn anyone, for you cannot read the hearts and souls of others. Look at them benevolently and leniently, and see what is best in them.
9. Be generous towards those who are in need or less favored than you. Arrange things every day so that you do at least one good deed for someone else. Whatever your good deed, do not boast, but thank God for enabling you to contribute to the well-being of others.
10. Be moderate in your behavior and avoid extremes in all things. Be temperate, and follow the middle way in all circumstances.
11. If you hold a position of power, do not be overly proud about it and do not become intoxicated by the power you may wield. Never use your position to force others to do anything that they disapprove of or that is unfair, illegal, or immoral. Hold your office with humility and make it serve the common good.
12. Be attuned to others and speak with care. If you ever criticize, make sure that it is done constructively. If someone asks you for advice on a subject you do not know well, humbly admit your ignorance. Never stoop to telling lies, backbiting, or slander. If you hear malicious gossip about someone, do not support it by lending a willing ear.
13. Respect the laws of your country and endeavor to be a good citizen. Always remember, the key to human progress lies in the evolution of consciousnesses.
14. Be compassionate. Regard all humanity as your family. Beyond race, culture, and belief, all human beings are brothers and sisters. Consequently, they all deserve the same respect and consideration.
15. Consider Nature as being the most beautiful sanctuary and expression of Divine Perfection on earth. Respect life in all its forms, and look upon animals as conscious and sensitive beings—and not as mere living things.
16. Be and remain a free thinker. Think for yourself and not according to what other people think. Likewise, let everyone think freely; do not impose your ideas on others and always remember that others are also evolving.
17. Respect all religious or philosophical beliefs, as long as they do not strike a blow at human dignity. Do not support fanaticism or fundamentalism in any shape or form. As you live your faith, make sure that you are neither dogmatic nor sectarian.
18. Be faithful to your promises and commitments. When you give your word of honor, consider it to be a sacred pledge that

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From the Master of Kadosh

The San Jose Consistory will provide a celebration of the Feast of Tishri during the October Stated Meeting Dinner. Brother Daniel Doornbos, 32° KCCH, has prepared a presentation on this Feast and how it relates to Scottish Rite Freemasonry. A Jewish holiday, the Feast is described in the bible as the Feast of the Tabernacles and/or Booths that commemorates the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple.



Make your reservations now for this important event on October 14.

I have been working with Brother Richard Fisher, 32°, KCCH and the Ill. Bob Winter, 33° on the scholarship program for the 2009/2010 school year. We have developed a new Application Form, Student Scholarship Agreement Form and evaluation criteria for the selection committee. The current plans are for one, \$2,500 scholarship to be awarded to a public high school senior in the counties of our Scottish Rite Valley jurisdiction. This will potentially involve a great number of high schools and we are looking for volunteers to assist in getting the application packages into the hands of interested students via their school officials. This will be a particularly large task within Santa Clara County. If you are interested in assisting in this project, please contact Brother Richard, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, at mort47fish@yahoo.com or 408-779-4088.

I hope to see you at the Fall Reunion on October 25. It promises to be a great reunion featuring the exemplification of the "new 4th, 14th, 18th, 29th, 30th and 32nd Degrees and the banquet in February when our new Scottish Rite Brothers will receive their caps and 14° rings.

Chuck Cowden, 32° Master of Kadosh

From the Venerable Master



Brethren and Ladies –

The first frost usually occurs in October but I haven't noticed any in our neck of the woods. This is the month that farmers are usually finishing up the harvesting of most crops and the cold weather doesn't come to stay. There are still many warm and sunny days. Poets have been inspired to sing the praises of October and Indian summer, while kids are inspired to sing the praises of Halloween and candy.

October is also the month in which, on the second Monday in October, schools and various organizations celebrate Columbus Day. This holiday honors Christopher Columbus' arrival in America on Oct. 12, 1492. Ask me. **I remember.**

Please note that there has been a shift in the scheduled times and dates for our reunion.

Look for an update elsewhere in this newsletter. It is very important that the brethren attend (either to help or simply be present to show your support). It makes a difference to our new initiates to see you there on the sidelines!



My year as Venerable Master is going by very quickly, but I have to say I am really enjoying myself. I appreciate the brethren and ladies that come out to our meeting and dinners. I enjoy the fellowship, the conversations, and the general good time that everyone, including me, seems to be having. All this and we continue to do good work that makes a difference in the lives of others especially in the lives of those children that are helped by our Clinicians in the Childhood Language Disorders Clinic. They are dedicated and we are very proud to support the work that they do. I want to extend my personal thanks to each of them and to all of you who contribute time, energy, effort, and finances to this meaningful endeavor.

Andrew Carnegie once said, "*Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vi-*

sion. The ability to direct individual accomplishment toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." Scottish Rite provides us with the means to do that. We have achieved "uncommon results". Theodore Roosevelt said, "*Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.*" And, as I have said before, the work we do is worth doing. I hope all of you continue to take part in this great and glorious work. See you at the next meeting!

Bud Ramsey
Venerable Master

Fall Reunion

The San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies Fall Reunion originally scheduled for Friday and Saturday, 24 and 25 October 2008 **has been changed.**

Mark your calendar and plan to participate and attend the 4th Degree on **October 25th** and have lunch with our new candidates. The 5th through the 13th Degrees will be communicated before we adjourn the class until the evening of **January 13th** when we will confer the 14th Degree after dinner. After the 14th degree conferral, we will dismiss the class until the evening of **Friday, February 20th** when we will communicate the 15th through the 17th Degrees and confer the 18th.

On **Saturday February 21st** we will communicate and confer the remaining degrees and conclude the with a dinner, presentations, capping and Masonic fraternal greetings.

All the degrees will be conferred using the new Pike ritual, updated props, music, sound and lights. We still need some help and **we always need side-liners!**

October Stated Meeting Dinner - 7:15 PM - Tuesday October 14, 2008

(Stated Meeting is at 6:00 PM)



Only \$12.00
per person

Menu

- Braised Short Ribs
- Braised Chicken Thighs
- Baby Carrots
- Mashed Potatoes
- Tossed Green Salad
- Pasta for the Vegetarians *by advance request*
- Rolls and Butter
- Coffee or Tea
- Surprise Desert

Reservation deadline:
Friday, October 10th at 4:00 PM

Reservation #:
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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.

(We are still working on this project, so please be patient. If you have not yet given us your e-mail address, please do so as soon as you can.) -rr

Two brooms were hanging around in the closet and after a while they got to know each other so well, they decided to get married.

One broom was, of course, the bride broom, the other the groom broom.

The bride broom looked very beautiful in her white dress. The groom broom was handsome and suave in his tuxedo. The wedding was lovely.

After the wedding, at the wedding dinner, the bride-broom leaned over and said to the groom-broom, 'I think I am going to have a little whisk broom!'

'IMPOSSIBLE!' said the groom broom.

'WE HAVEN'T EVEN SWEEPED TOGETHER!'

Sounds to me like she's been.....sweeping around!!!

For the Lighter Side of things

(Thanks Sammy!)



Membership is always important:

PROPOSITION/PETITION
ORIENT OF SAN JOSE
ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE BODIES
Office of the Secretary (408) 978-7483
2455 Masonic Drive – PO Box 18220, San Jose, CA. 95158-8220

Fee: \$300.00 *(must accompany this petition)*

(Please print or type)

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-Mail address: _____

Mailing Address (If different from above): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth : _____

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:

October 4, 2008 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

October 4, 2008 - Grand Master's Reception - 4:00 PM

October 14, 2008 - October Stated Meeting (6:00 PM) & Dinner (Feast of Tishri) (7:15 PM)

October 17, 2008 - Friday Lunch Bunch - 12:00 PM (call for reservations)

October 25, 2008 - Beginning of Reunion - 4th Degree @ 10:00 AM - SEE PAGE 9 !!



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binds you. If you must take an oath, think of the Rose Cross, the symbol of your ethical ideal, while doing so, and remember that any lie you might tell will have karmic consequences for you. Although it is possible to deceive others, no one can escape Divine Justice.

19. If you can afford and wish to do so, support the Order materially, so as to promote its activities and contribute to its strength.

20. The purpose of the Order is to contribute to the raising of consciousnesses, and the transmission of its centuries-old teachings. Therefore, make yourself available to present its ideals and philosophy to those who seek Knowledge, but without ever trying to coerce them.

21. Never cause anyone to believe that members of the Order are sages who are in full possession of the Truth. To those who may ask, present yourself as a philosophical person who is seeking Wisdom. Never pretend you are a Rose-Croix, but say you are a perfecting Rosicrucian.

22. In the evening, just before going to sleep, draw up a balance sheet of the day's activities and consider whether the day was constructive or not. Carefully consider what you have thought, said, and done throughout this day. From this review, draw useful lessons for your spiritual evolution, and make firm resolutions. Once this is done, send positive thoughts to humanity as a whole, and then leave your soul to God's care before falling asleep.

So Mote It Be! Hal Leister, 32° Wise Master



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