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# THE RITE WORD

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## From the Venerable Master

Beloved Brethren,

First off; I want to thank each of you for entrusting me with this honored station. I look forward to serving you and this Great Valley, and offer a true salute to the officers and brothers who served last year. Hats off for an excellent job.

MW and Personal Representative Ill. Ken Nagel has great visions for the future of this Great Valley. We look forward to teaming up with him and each one of you. One of many goals this year is to personally contact every member of our Valley. Expect a call from one of us during the year. Remember - the most important part of this Great Valley is YOU. Yes— YOU! We love our brothers and try to show it. Today we will talk to at least one brother about how much we value our relationship.

We now enter a New Year with anticipation and hope for good health, continued work success, stability and growth of family, material comforts and financial improvements in Scottish Rite. We will plan for success, have calendars of proposed activities, present balanced budgets and then try to implement each. But all of these are shared activities, and you are needed to insure success. Please be involved.

To all of my Brothers - a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year, and, of course, thank you for continuing to be an active and involved Scottish Rite Freemason. I started and will end today thinking about how fortunate I am, right here, right now.

Thank you again Brethren,  
Joseph DaSilva, 32° KCCH Venerable Master



My Brothers,

In February we celebrate love, and 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 make sure that you are there to help us show our beautiful sweethearts how much we care.

It is not too early to start planning for the Spring Reunion. We are hoping for a large class this year, so talk to your lodge brothers about Scottish Rite, and get their petitions. It usually doesn't take a lot of selling to convince a Mason to join Scottish Rite, but it does take a conversation. So engage and help us grow our membership.

You have no doubt heard about our upcoming trip to New Orleans this year, coming up September 20-27. This will be a fun and exciting trip, as we tour a fabulous city, and enjoy fellowship with our Scottish Rite brothers from Louisiana. See the flyer in this issue of the Rite Word and sign up for the trip. It won't be the same without you.

I'm looking forward to a great Scottish Rite year, and hope you will be an active part of it. I hope to see you soon.

Randy Downey, 32° KCCH  
Commander, Council of Kadosh



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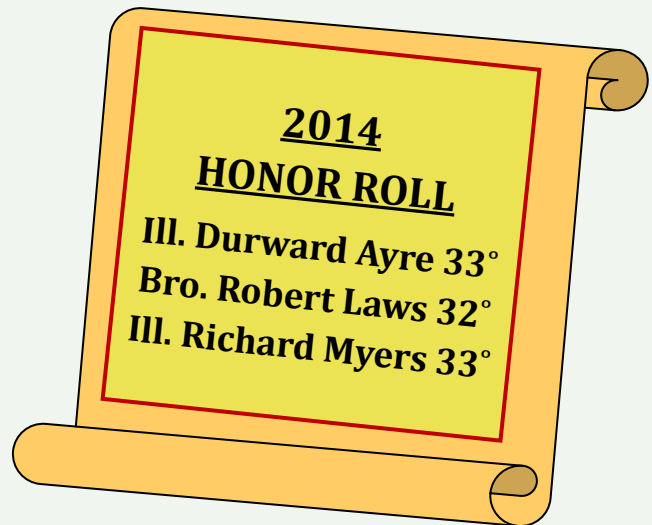
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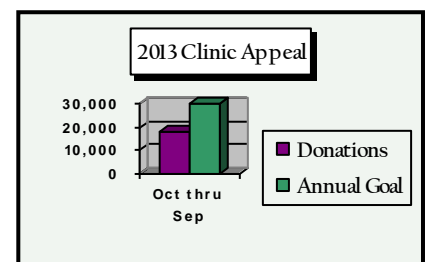


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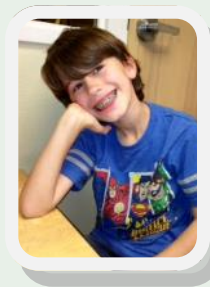
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**We can do better in 2014**



William has been seen once a week at our clinic to receive help for an articulation disorder. He is a sweet and charismatic, nearly ten year old boy. His family has been active with the Masonic Order for many years. They served in the youth organizations of DeMolay and Job's Daughters, where they learned about the services offered at the San Jose Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic.



William began his journey with speech and language therapy before age 3, when he was seen for early intervention services. At this time he was diagnosed with childhood apraxia of speech. Apraxia is a disorder that creates a difficulty producing, sequencing and coordinating oral movements needed to produce speech sounds. Children with apraxia have a difficult time producing and combining sounds to create words. As a result their speech can be difficult to understand. Prior to services at the clinic, William's mother stated, "Our son was only understood by immediate family. Most other children and people he interacted with had a hard time understanding what he tried to tell them."

After early intervention and speech and language therapy in preschool and elementary, William began receiving services at our clinic. By that time, William's goals were focused on the /r/ and /th/ sounds. In particular, /r/ can be a difficult sound for children to master and it occurs very frequently in conversational speech.

As treatment has progressed, William has made great progress. His mother reported, "Since continuing treatment and with continuous practice, our son's speech has improved to where he is understood 80%-90% of the time. The frequent frustration he had when not understood has dwindled to the point where his interactions are very seldom inhibited by a speech or communication breakdown."

When asked about the family's experience at the clinic, William's mother stated, "Working with the wonderful and patient staff has been a comforting assistance over a hurdle in our son's life. Our overall experience has been positive and reinforcing for our son's ability to continue to strive toward his speech goals. We tell other parents about the services here in order to share the possibilities of aid. Sharing information about the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic affords children with speech and language needs the access to care providers that they may not otherwise be able to afford."

## Scottish Rite Honors The Blue Lodge Masters of 2013

At our Stated Meeting Dinner on January 14, the San Jose Scottish Rite honored the Masters of 2013



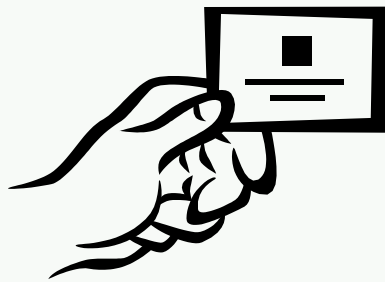
for their devotion and service to their Blue Lodge and to Freemasonry in general. As we all know, only a select few Brothers ever rise through all the Officer positions to the Oriental Chair in the East. It takes hard work, perseverance, a working plan, the ability to lead and mentor the Lodge, and the personality to garner the support of their Brethren. Unfortunately, not all of the Masters of 2013 were able to attend, but those who did were certainly worthy of the honor bestowed upon them. From left to right above are: Ill Ken Nagel, Personal Representative; Wors Herschel Amos, Pacific Grove #331; Wors Mark Brown, Golden Rule #479; Wors Frank Cruz, Monterey #217; Wors David Gibson, SC Valley Daylight #844; Wors BJ McCuiston, South Valley #187; Wors Matthew Spencer, Liberty #299; Wors Christopher Willingham, Paideia #852. Congratulations to all these fine Brothers! Please join us on Dec 9, 2014, when we will honor the Masters of 2014.

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**REGIONAL ORIENT MEMBERSHIP CHARMAN'S MESSAGE**  
February 2014



The problems of the past shall not cloud our attitude towards the present. Instead past challenges should serve to give us added wisdom and additional courage to persevere. Masonry has existed by a steady adherence to that truth which is mighty above all things. Thrones may have crumbled into dust and nations vanished because they have disregarded the imperishable nature of that truth; yet, Masonry continues to survive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Masonry's purpose has always been to lead mankind in the way of being brothers. We should all be proud that our society has an enviable record for its observance of the Biblical expression of Abraham, "Let there be no strife between me and thee." In its character and influence, Masonry became a supporter of the reformation contending for liberty and faith, and against prejudice, and, wherever greatest liberty, consistent with moral and civil duty is found, Masonry was a pioneer. It is also true that wherever intolerance, bigotry or anarchy reigns, Masonry has its most implacable enemies. However, the shafts of malice that they may hurl will fall harmlessly at our feet and the fraternity will move steadily onward, extending its benign influence over the moral and fraternal realm of thought, performing deeds of beneficence & mercy for the distressed of its own household. Masons lead by example.

During lean times, we must never capitulate by thinking that membership losses are inevitable. They are not! With the diverse talents of our members we can and must embark on growth. Brethren, we must practice unstinting devotion and methodical discipline, commitment and dedication to building membership and be at the forefront of bringing fine, worthy and well-qualified men into our great Order.

Durward C. Ayre

✚ *Ill. Durward C. Ayre, 33°, MC, Regional Orient Membership Chairman for the Valleys of San Jose, Fresno and San Francisco in California*



### ***A Message From The Wise Master***

By the time you read this, my first article for the Rite Word, we will all have enjoyed a wonderful installation and reception of the new 2014 Officers Team. Our work started several weeks ago, setting the foundation for this year's program for the Valley. We are looking into a good mix of social, formal, casual, entertaining and educational events, hopefully, something for everyone.

For the Chapter Rose Croix, we are looking into organizing a wine tasting tour, potentially even a few of them. We realize that the calendars are already pretty well booked, between our own programs and those of the other appending bodies, and one single event is not likely to work for everyone. But, wine tastings are always popular, and what we're planning is special! We think that many of you will want to join us!

For those familiar with the Santa Cruz Mountains wineries, it is no secret that in this region, one of the oldest but lesser known, we have 50 to 60 wineries, many of them open only a few times a year, on the so called Passport day. On those days, the third Saturday of April, July, November and January, wine cellars are opened for tours, barrel samples tasted, and often some snacks served and music played. All you need is a one time only purchase of the "Passport", a \$45 little book that entitles you to visit the participating wineries. Passports can be ordered online at [www.scmwa.com](http://www.scmwa.com), or purchased at participating wineries - while their supplies last! So - I strongly suggest you order your "Passport" online NOW to prepare for the tasting tour.

The first trip, Saturday April 19, will get us to one of the most stunning views over the whole valley, at Ridge Winery on Montebello Road. Ridge is one of the California wineries that outperformed the big and famous French wineries, such as Chateau Mouton-Rothschild, Haut-Brion and others, so this will be a treat. They are also famous for their Zinfandels. From there we will visit two more wineries - Naumann, a small family winery, and Cooper Garrot. I will have a sign-up sheet so that I can contact you with directions via email, or cellphone if needed and reception is available. Since this is a casual event, in the early afternoon, there will not be a formal lunch or dinner. I recommend bringing a light snack, maybe to share, and water, but we will not be able to reserve tables on Passport Day. Based on feedback, we may do a more formal tasting some time in the summer timeframe, and could even organize a winery production tour at one of the larger wineries. All those interested, please let me know.

I am looking forward to this year as your Wise Master, and would like to thank the Officers in my line for continuing their service to the San José Scottish Rite for this New Year.

Wolfgang Lochner, 32°  
Wise Master



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**SJ Scottish Rite Installation 2014**



**F**irst of all, I would like to thank the Brethren for allowing me to serve this year as the Master of Kadosh. This is the second opportunity I have had to sit in the East of one of the Scottish Rite Bodies, and it is truly an honor.

We have some exciting events scheduled this year, both here and outside the lodge. In March we are planning to go tour the USS Hornet, and then go around the corner to visit the St. George distillery. Look for the details next month. Then, on June 10, the Sovereign Grand Commander will be joining us, along with our own Grand Master, for our Stated Meeting and Dinner. We are expecting a completely full house, so make your reservations early. It would be a shame if we had more visitors than members, so please make that meeting a priority. And finally, we are going to go to New Orleans and the trip is going to be great! We will be staying at a First Class Hotel in the heart of the French Quarter, taking several tours of the city and the outlying areas, a steamboat cruise and are planning a few events with the Scottish Rite down there. But—the trip is all about having a good time, so please join us!



Finally, we have about 900 members in our bodies, but we usually only have 30 or so members show up to any given meeting. You all pay your dues, and we would really like it if you came down and joined us once in a while. As such, I am asking that each of you pick a month and plan on attending the meeting. If you are in an outlying area - get a group together. If you can't make the Tuesday Stated Meeting, pick one of the reunion dates or one of the fun events, but please make a commitment to participate.

Fraternally,  
Gregg Hall 32\*  
Master of Kadosh

### Who Should Make the Coffee?

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee."

The husband said, "You are in charge of the cooking around here so you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee."

"Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides it says in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

Husband replies, "I can't believe that! Show me."

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says,  
"HE BREWS."

### **A Message from the Outgoing Chief Knight:**

**A**s the outgoing Chief Knight I find our ranks to be well, but there is always room to grow. The Knights of Saint Andrew is a Black Hat organization in all Valleys. Our purpose is service to the Scottish Rite community and to assist in the prop management for degrees where needed. Our members are encouraged to participate in at least one degree.

All black hats are entitled and encouraged to inform the KSA that they wish to participate in our activities, and if they do, we insist that they do join us. Our KSA Stated Meeting is on the first Tuesday of every month. We have several events every year where we do officiate at ceremonies, such as doing crossed swords and escort. We also like to officially Knight those who were not exemplars in the degree, and we have plans to do at least two of those per year. The new Chief Knight has mentioned to me that he plans to do Knighting and Elevation at the KSA stated meeting in March.

The KSA is separate from the 29<sup>th</sup> degree. Members of the degree team do not have to be KSA and may be red or white hats as well. The 29<sup>th</sup> degree entitles all who go through it the title: Knight of Saint Andrew. Those who are active KSA receive an elevation in title: Knight of the First Order (a really nice gold bordered patent goes with this). This is a new ceremony for us and it is not a degree. The new Chief Knight and I will work to make these ceremonies public where all are invited.

Martin Maxey, Chief Knight, 2012, 2013





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**Tuesday February 25th - All Officers' Council @ 7:00 PM**

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