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From the Personal Representative:

Brethren and Ladies,

Recently the San Luis Obispo County Scottish Rite Club held their annual installation of officers. I was privileged to be the installing Officer and several other members of the "Northern" reaches of the Valley of San Jose were also in attendance. Brother Jerry Boxer 32° KCCH was installed as President of the club. The following is his acceptance speech. I was impressed by his talk, and think you too, will be. Here it is.

Brethren, Ladies and Distinguished Guests: It is with a feeling of great honor and also with a feeling of great humility that I again enter into this office; honor because of the trust in me evidenced by being elected to this position, and humility because of the realization of the responsibility it places upon me. It was six years ago that I first was elected to hold this office, and the Scottish Rite has held a large part of my heart since I first went through the degrees. As many of you may know, I have recently been having health problems, including 2 major surgeries in the past several months, but I am recovering well.

Masonry, as an institution, is very important to me. I am following in the footsteps of my father, who was a Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner, Worshipful Master of his Lodge in Chicago in 1944; and of my brother who was a Mason, raised incidentally, by my father when he was Master. As with all Masons, my first allegiance to the craft is to the Blue Lodge, the foundation of all Masonry, and the place where the infinite wisdom of the Order was first introduced to me. It was through the degrees of the Scottish Rite, however, that the depth of meaning of the three degrees of Masonry began to really come to life in my mind.

Above all, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry is an educational institution.

Throughout its history it has stood as a beacon guiding us away from the dangers of ignorance. Our rituals and writ-



ings are deeply involved with teaching us about great ideals of morality, philosophy, religion and philanthropy, without being encumbered by sectarian doctrine that would restrict its universality.

As a movement, it seeks not to teach the "truth," but rather it teaches a way to find the truth, leaving it up to each individual to discover what his own truth is. It seeks only to be a guide to the common-

alities of various philosophical and religious approaches to belief so that we may be more united in our standards of right and wrong, and in our understanding of the reality of God.

*There is an interesting quote from the great work by Albert Pike; *Morals and Dogma*, which states, "Everyone is entirely free to reject and dissent from whatsoever herein may seem to him to be untrue or unsound. It is only required of him that he shall weigh what is taught, and give it fair hearing and judgment." That is a really strange comment from a work that contains the word "dogma," but it is a clear indication that the symbolism of Freemasonry is open to many viewpoints and the "true" viewpoint is your own understanding.*

This points out the very democracy of Freemasonry, and much of the beauty of the Scottish Rite. There are moral and philosophical guides presented, but, ultimately, it is the individual who must decide for himself what the important truths really are.

Interestingly enough, there was no connection with Scotland in the development of the organization. It appears that during the 17th and 18th centuries, a time of great political upheaval, many Scottish Masons fled to France, at a time when the ritual was evolving, and lending their name to the movement. As a matter of fact, the Supreme Council of Scotland was not established until 1846.

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What is the overall mission of the Scottish Rite?

The following can probably best summarize it: Our overall mission is:

To seek that which is of the most worth in the world;

To exalt the dignity of every person, the human side of our daily activities and the maximum service to humanity;

To aid mankind's search in God's universe for identity, for development, and for destiny; and thereby achieve better men in a better world, happier men in a happier world, and wiser men in a wiser world.

Simply stated, our ultimate goal is mankind's moral, spiritual and intellectual development.

It seems to me, that considering our lofty goals and rich history, we should all be proud of the Rite, and what it offers us as individuals and as members of society. I know that I am profoundly pleased to still have the 14^o ring that was once very proudly worn by my father.

To close, I wish to thank you all for being here and sharing with me and the other officers of this Scottish Rite Club the ceremonies of our installation.

I want to thank the installing officers for their efforts and for all who helped in preparing this afternoon.

Again, in closing I want to dedicate myself to the lofty principles espoused by the Craft, but, not to take myself too seriously. I try to keep in mind a very sage quotation from the late Hubert Humphrey: "The right to be heard does not automatically include the right to be taken seriously."

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From our new Web-Site:

(Check it out @ www.sanjosescottishrite.org)

About the Scottish Rite Community Involvement

*San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language
Disorders Clinic*

As part of the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation's community support, the Center houses the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic. Through this community resource, educational assistance is provided to children within the community afflicted with learning disorders.

Also located at the Center is the San Jose Scottish Rite Center Library/Museum. The Center's library and museum are dedicated to historic personages and major contributors to the advancement of Humanity. Here are found the writings of hundreds of Masonic authors and scholars as well as many books pertaining to Americana, religions, and biographies of our U.S. presidents. Also attractive display cases are to be found within the museum containing interesting memorabilia relative to the large family of Masonry.

The San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation accept wills, bequests, contributions, etc. They are a (501C3) organization and all contributions are tax-deductible.

Check it out!!!!!!

**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 Secretary's Table:



Brethren,

More than 200 of you will have already received this issue of the Rite Word electronically before you receive the "snail mail" version. This month only we will send both. We have begun to send an electronic version by using a mail-merge system which is addressed directly to each

member desiring it and being an individually distributed document we should avoid any issue with spam.

In the electronic version is a brief one-page newsletter notice and there are a number of links which will take you to our San Jose Scottish Rite web-site. There you will have the ability to read the communication on line or down load it and print it yourself for later reading.

In addition, you will have links to access to information about our facility rentals, the clinic, membership applications and the most recently published calendar.

We would appreciate your feedback! Negative comments are just as welcome as positive ones. If we need to add more to the one page monthly newsletter notice, we will do so but we will still try to keep it to no more than one page in length.

Another very important issue is one that caused the officers of the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies, much distress. There are still almost 400 Brothers who have not yet paid their dues for the current year and almost the same number who are delinquent for 2008 and prior. If you are counted in any of these categories, we would appreciate your check. If, for financial reasons, you are unable to pay your dues, contact me and we will discuss remitting them for

you. One of the greatest beauties of Masonry is that we have a method of taking care of our own. In addition, we have a senior member program implemented in 2001, where we can waive per-capita assessments for those seniors who are in financial need in conjunction with their Valley waiving their dues. Eligible are non-life members who are at least 80 years of age or have 50 years of membership and the Valley has determined that the member is in financial need and waives dues. If you fit this category, call me.

General Secretary 

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



The Valley of San Jose KSA comes into its own. As you read this editorial for the Knights of St. Andrew, A New Cap Badge and Lapel pin will be worn by Active members of the Chapter. References to Scotland, knighthood and honor are noticeable in the design and colors. The blue and white represent the Saltire likely the oldest known national flag. As a Christian Order the blood red cross reminding us of our redeemer's shed blood and the blood shed by Valiant Knights in defense of Freedom is present. The purple thistle, national flower of Scotland is a constant reminder of strength and the Knight, the warrior defender of every freedom. Of course, the double headed eagle representing the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite.

Membership in the Knights of St. Andrew is open to all 32° Scottish Rite Masons. Contact any member, wearing the Glen Gary to become a member of this prestigious chapter of valiant knights. Join us in Long Beach on June 13 for the Regional Conferral of the 29th Degree.

Have you been knighted a 29th Degree Mason? If not, why not?

From the Commander



In keeping with the Grand Master's program to try to re-energize our Masonic Youth Orders, I submit to you the following article and although it is from an older publication, it is nonetheless valuable.

Order of DeMolay

Although it has been more than 650 years since Jacques DeMolay died as a martyr to truth and fidelity, the ideas for which he gave his life are being perpetuated by young men the world over as members of the Order of DeMolay.

A youth organization open to young men between the ages of 13 and 21, DeMolay is separate and distinct from any affiliation, including Masonry. Membership is not restricted to relatives of Masons, but open to all who merit the honor.

It is a youth organization that shares many precepts with Freemasonry and many DeMolays later join Masonic Lodges. More than 100 have become Grand Masters. Like Masonry, it has a beautiful ritual with invaluable

moral lessons.

Since its founding by Frank Land over half a century ago, nearly 3,000,000 young men have knelt at altars of 2,500 chapters in 11 countries and territories. Among leaders in school and community, DeMolays have gone on to distinguished careers in business, government, military, entertainment and athletics.

Men such as Walt Disney, John Wayne, Chet Huntley, Vaughn Monroe, Bob Mathias, Fred MacMurray, Alvin Dark, John Steinbeck, and countless others have been DeMolays.

On the 50th anniversary of DeMolay, Walter Cronkite wrote in part, "DeMolay does a lot for a young man of today. It provides a valuable supplement to the principles and guidelines he has been taught by his parents, the school, and the church . . . Heaven only knows we read, hear and see a lot of 'what's wrong with young people today.' We need DeMolay for the youth of our country."

Ross Fuller

Commander—Council of Kadosh



Ken Justus, 32° receives his Master Craftman certificate from our Personal Representative, Robert Winter, 33° at our March stated meeting.

Congratulations, Ken!

The **Santa Cruz Scottish Rite Club** is pleased to announce their Maundy Thursday observance will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at Confidence Lodge (Soquel Masonic Temple, 3001 N Main Street, Soquel, California). We will begin with social hour at 6:30pm, dinner at 7:00pm and the observance will follow in the Lodge room. The Maundy Thursday address will be given by Venerable Master Richard Fisher 32nd Degree, KCCH. This is open to anyone, it will not be tiled, you are welcome to invite your guests.

Dinner cost is \$18 and reservations are strongly recommended before March 30th by calling the Santa Cruz Scottish Club president Kerem Kapkin at (831) 344-4041 or sending him an e-mail at kkapkin@gmail.com

This year the ritual team from San Jose will present the observance using the new Supreme Council ritual. This will be the first time it will be presented in the Valley of San Jose. If you are unable to make it to San Jose on April 9 for Maundy Thursday, you can come to the Santa Cruz Club's observance the night before April 8th Wednesday.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments,

Fraternally,
Kerem Kapkin
(831) 334-4041
kkapkin@gmail.com



From the Clinic!!!



Dominic is a charming four year old boy who has been attending the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Clinic for a little over a year. Dominic initially came to the clinic when his pediatrician recommended a speech and language evaluation due to some delayed speech sounds. An evaluation conducted at our clinic found that Dominic had a mild articulation disorder as he had difficulty producing some early developing sounds. An articulation disorder occurs when a child substitutes one sound for another, omits sounds, or distorts sounds. There is a specific range of ages when children should produce each sound correctly. A child is appropriate for treatment when their error pattern continues after a certain age.

When Dominic first started treatment he was sometimes hard to understand and was getting frustrated. After a short time in treatment however his family noticed that his frustration level was decreasing and he was becoming more intelligible. During the past year Dominic has worked very hard on a variety of sounds, including “f”, “k”, “p”, “s”, “sh” and “ch”. His parents and grandparents have been instrumental in helping Dominic master his sounds. His family’s dedication to bringing him consistently to treatment and doing homework each week has been essential to Dominic’s progress.

We are very excited for Dominic because in the next few months he will graduate from the clinic! Here is a short note from Dominic’s mother regarding the clinic: “The services we have received at Scottish Rite are superb! The therapists are well trained and wonderful with the children...I have personally referred four other families to the clinic. I feel the learning environment is wonderful for children and that all children would benefit from the services offered. Much thanks to all the hard work that goes into providing exceptional speech and language services...We truly appreciate everything.”

We have a new clinician on staff as of the middle of March. When you have the time and/or opportunity, please introduce yourself to Sharon Lewis. She comes highly recommended and is charged with helping us reduce our wait list and picking up additional responsibilities when Rachael Sense takes her maternity leave. In the meantime, our clinic staff has been increased and we are “making hay while the sun shines.” (Or at least while Rachael is still here.)

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**If you know of
 anyone who is
 ill, please call
 the office at
 408-978-7483!**

In Memoriam

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Raymond Albert Booth	Yorba Linda	Jan 16, 2009
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George William Goris	Gilroy	Dec 26, 2008
Meredith Elmo Guthrie	Placerville	May 19, 2006
James Duncan McCallum	San Jose	Jun 27, 2005
Ronald William McCarthy	Saratoga	Feb 8, 2007
William John Sabanovich	San Jose	Oct 21, 2008
Justin Irwin Smith	Sunnyvale	Aug 1, 2000
Edward Dewight Wadlow	Red Bluff	Jun 8, 2008
Roy Herbert Wardrip	Glendora	Feb 15, 2009
William Ralph Wilson	Gilroy	Oct 12, 2003

From the Wise Master

Brethren,

Greetings,

I don't have much to add to what is listed in the activities section, but the day in, day out, ongoing activities are the Scottish Rite



Ambassadors, the necessity for degree team participants, and each individual valley/club's fundraisers and other activities. There is a degree team traveling to the Reunion in Long Beach. If you are not a degree team member and wish to go you need to get reservations ASAP.

I look forward to seeing y'all at the stated meeting and dinner.

Monte Bishop— Wise Master

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From the Master of Kadosh

This month we celebrate Maundy Thursday at Scottish Rite. For the Chapter of Rose Croix, it's the biggest event of the year. For the Consistory, it's an event we enthusiastically support. I understand that we are doing the Remembrance Ceremony this year, so be sure to attend with your wife or significant other.



The two major religious holidays we observe in the US during this time are Easter and Passover. The stories recounted for these holidays are interesting and inspiring, whether you consider them from a religious, philosophical, or historical point-of-view. Both stories tell of facing and overcoming powerful injustice, in the end rising above what you were to a new height of being.

Doesn't that sound inspiring? Doesn't that make you want to read the story of the Exodus or the Resurrection? Well, that's the idea.

At this time of year, I enjoy watching Cecil B. DeMille's movie *The Ten Commandments* with Charlton Heston as Moses and Yul Brenner as Ramses. I like the eloquent language the actors speak. For example, Prince Ramses says of Moses, "The city he builds shall bear my name, the woman he loves shall bear my child." If the movie doesn't come on TV at a convenient time, I watch my copy of the Director's Cut 50th Anniversary edition video.

Because the Exodus and Ten Commandments stories are written in the so-called Old Testament, they are legacies of the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim faiths. On the other hand, the story of Jesus' resurrection on Easter morning seems to have been interpreted as a Christian-only event. It's just my opinion, but I think that notion is too restrictive.

Paul, an early convert to the fledgling Christian movement and eventually one of its key leaders, did not limit resurrection to Christians. In Acts 24:15, Paul says that this mystical, unexplained phenomenon -- the transformation of dead mortals into the living immortals -- applies to everybody, all human beings. That comes from somebody who was there at the beginning, who was in a position to understand the original idea and intention.

Essentially, Easter symbolizes the concept that death is not the end, rather the next step in one's continuing existence. Since death is a part of life, and each of us will pass through the experience some day, then this message is clearly for everybody. The Easter story does not attempt to answer all of your questions. Yet it does offer you hope, comfort, and encouragement.

Check out these stories for yourself. Every Mason has a Bible. Open yours and enjoy reading it.

Daniel Doornbos - Master of Kadosh



From the Venerable Master



Brethren, Ladies and Friends,

I'm writing this message the evening following our Night of Instruction and Festive Agape Banquet fondly remembering the prime rib, shrimp, tart and the paper presented by the Ill. Arthur Porter, 33 Degree and Venerable Master of the Oakland Bodies and the double helping of fellowship round the table. The paper was on Robert Burns but asking questions during dinner adds to the learning experience.

A few years ago our Supreme Council set a number of goals one of which was increase the educational opportunities offered Scottish Rite Masons. The Nights of Instruction Brother Chuck Cowden has and is organizing are one of the ways The Valley of San Jose is presenting the opportunity.

I would like to congratulate Brother Ken Justice for completing the Supreme Council's Master Craftsman program and joining the Valley of San Jose's growing roster of those who did the reading and took the six open book tests.

The Master Craftsman program consists of six open book tests covering the history of Scottish Rite, the degrees of the four Bodies and Supreme Council honors and awards.

We have two more Nights of Instruction scheduled for 2009. The next will be in June and the last in October. The October date will be announced soon and this evening will be a bit different than the others. The October Night of Instruction and Festive Agape Banquet will be open to Master Masons. If you have a neighbor, friend or lodge brother you would like show the Scottish Rite in action, this is a great opportunity.

Finally, our Scholarship Selection Committee evaluated the applications and selected our 2009 Scholarship recipient.

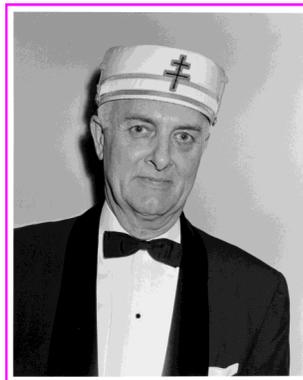
Richard M. Fisher - Venerable Master

Blast from the Past

This is what your Scottish Rite Center looked like 26 years ago this month—April 1983!
(Substantial progress has been made since this photo was taken.)



Who am I?



We have thousands of photos of Scottish Rite members and events and almost none of them are labeled!

If you recognize this brother then please let the secretary

know who he is. - *Soon we will link to the section containing pictures on the web-site.*

Meet the real "Two Bucks and Chuck"



**This Space for Rent
Call the Secretary for
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April Stated Meeting Dinner Tuesday April 14, 2009 - 7:15 PM



\$15.00 per
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Menu

Lite Appetizers

Smoked Ham w/ Raisin Sauce

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With Ranch and Italian Dressings

Freshly Baked Rolls with butter

Pasta for Vegetarians
Dessert

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



For the Lighter Side of things

The local doctor was called to the house of the Senior Deacon whose wife was seriously ill.

"Please doctor, save her," cried the Deacon. "I'll pay anything, even if I have to sell everything I own."

"But what if I can't save her?" asked the doctor shrewdly.

"I'll pay you whether you cure her or kill her!" cried the Deacon.

A week later the poor woman died. The doctor sent the Deacon a huge bill.

The Deacon suggested they go to the Grand Lodge and let the Grand Secretary arbitrate and they would both be bound by the decision.

This was agreed.

The Grand Secretary, who knew the doctors reputation, asked, "What was the agreement?"

"He agreed to pay me for treating his wife whether I cured her or killed her."

"And did you cure her?"

"No."

"Did you kill her?"

"Certainly not!" replied the doctor.

Said the Grand Secretary, "Under what contract are you claiming your fees?"

Membership is always important:

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Name of Spouse: _____

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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.



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Future Scottish Rite Events:

April 4, 2009 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

April 8, 2009 - Santa Cruz Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal @ Soquel Masonic Temple—Social @ 6:30 PM, Dinner @ 7:00 PM, Ceremony to follow

April 9, 2009 - San Jose Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal @ San Jose Scottish Rite Center—Social @ 6:00 PM, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Ceremony to follow

April 14, 2009 - April Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM and Dinner following @ 7:15 PM

April 17, 2009 - Friday Lunch Bunch @ 12:00 PM

May 2, 2009 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

May 12, 2009 - April Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM and Dinner following @ 7:15 PM

May 14, 15, & 16, 2009 - Shrine WSAB @ San Jose Holiday Inn

May 25, 2009 - Memorial Day - (SISR Office Closed)



Friday Lunch Bunch is here again! Join us !