



THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY FOR THE VALLEY OF SAN JOSE IN THE ORIENT OF CALIFORNIA

From the Venerable Master



Brethren,

Happy Holidays! I hope you are enjoying the many holidays that are celebrated during December. Here are just a few.....

Ramadan (Muslim)

Christmas Day (Christian)

Eid al-Fitr (Muslim)

Three Kings Day/Epiphany (Christi

Saint Nicholas Day (Christian)

Boxing Day (Australian, Canadian, English, Irish)

Eid'ul-Adha (Muslim)

Kwanzaa (African American)

Fiesta of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexican)

Omisoka (Japanese)

St. Lucia Day (Swedish)

Yule (Pagan)

Hanukkah (Jewish)

Saturnalia (Pagan)

We learn in the Scottish Rite degrees to accept the many different cultures and religions as equal entities. Through these teachings we expand our understanding and help to unite for the betterment of all humanity. So say "Merry Christmas", "Chag Urim Sameach!", "Habari gani?", and "Ramadan Mubarak" as you see fit!

Be sure to sign up for the Night of Instruction on December 6, 2016. The topics, fellowship, and meals are always excellent.

**Tom Bergevin
Venerable Master**

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HERE YE' HERE YE'



This year's Clinic "Christmas Party" is being moved to a "Clinic New Year Party"!

With the hectic holiday havoc, we have decided that it would be better to do the Party after things calm down.

A date will be determined and announced in the Rite Word and Notices in the Clinic.. Please excuse our late notice. We will see you next year!!!

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays & The Best for your New Year !

From the Wise Master

Merry Christmas! 2016 is coming to a close, but not before the most wonderful time of the year. There is more to December than falling temperatures and pumpkin spiced everything. This is my favorite time of the year, that family, charity, and spending time with my brothers is filled with. Let's not forget the Scottish Rite

Holiday party for our Rite Care children, which will be held in January this year. I hope that most of us can stop by even for a brief moment to see all the joy on the children's faces, and the good works we do.

We will start to notice a change in our days shortly. Dec 21st marks the winter solstice, and the shift from the longest day of darkness to lengthier days of light. This shift is important for many reasons, but for myself it is that I don't live in Alaska. On the 21st Alaska is in total darkness. The tracking of earth's sun dates back to Stonehenge in England, Machu Picchu in Peru, and before, always playing major roles in our world.

The Chapter of Rose Croix had a successful, and fun time at the Stanford football game recently. If you were not there to enjoy, you missed out on some killer burgers, hot dogs, tri-tip, and some quality time with our Brothers.

**Fraternally,
BRANDON HEATH DUEÑAS
WISE MASTER**



We, the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation(TIN 94-2541623), hereby certify that all funds received on the behalf of the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation, The Children's Language Disorders Clinic, and/or the San Jose Scottish Rite Scholarship funds are used for charitable purposes only and the donor receives no goods or services in return for their donation.*

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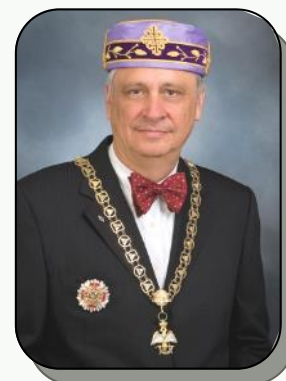
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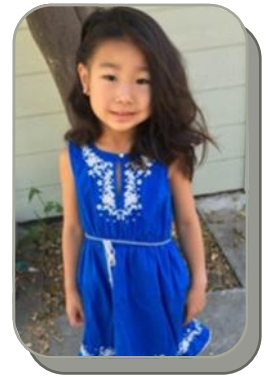
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The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of San Jose, in the Orient of California, acknowledge and yield all allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.



From the Clinic



Solana is a beautiful five-year-old girl who loves to make her clinician laugh and smile. She is attending speech therapy once a week for 45-minute sessions secondary to a diagnosis of general anxiety disorder which impacts her social skills and speech development. Solana has made great progress with her speech therapy! She has already met five of her articulation and social skill goals!! She is currently working on producing her “sh” sound in all word positions, producing age appropriate sentence length when picture describing / during conversation, drawing herself in social situations to visualize herself speaking in new contexts, and producing “is” and “are” appropriately in her conversation.

Solana’s parents found out about our clinic while searching for speech and language services online. Before attending therapy at our clinic, her father noted that Solana, “Had trouble pronouncing many sounds and exhibited immense anxiety when speaking. She never engaged in any spontaneous conversations with people and had difficulty articulating her needs. Due to her lack of speech, she was unable to establish relationships with her peers and felt marginalized at school.”

Solana’s father reported that since treatment began she, “Is more confident about her speech and has learned to express herself in a more meaningful manner. As a result, she now partakes in class activities and has even made a few good friends at school! She used to throw intense tantrums several times a day because she could not articulate her needs and feelings. The frequency and intensity of her tantrums were a source of great stress and discord for our family. Since commencing treatment at the Scottish Rite Clinic in San Jose, Solana is now able to peacefully express herself and family relationships are much more harmonious. The most rewarding part about Solana receiving speech and language therapy at this clinic is being able to watch her thrive and blossom into the person that she truly is! Ms. Jenna is highly professional and extremely dedicated to helping the kids at the clinic. Weekly sessions with Ms. Jenna are a treat to Solana. The clinic has helped Solana’s speech tremendously and provided much support to our family. I would absolutely “share the wealth” with other families that are going through the same thing. The journey to help Solana’s speech and language has been both frustrating and isolating. Solana was rejected by service providers again and again. The frustration, hopelessness, and isolation that I was feeling started dissipating the day Ms. Jenna called me to tell me there is a spot for my daughter at the clinic. Solana has grown leaps and bounds since she started receiving services at the clinic. Words simply cannot express our gratitude for Ms. Jenna and the San Jose Scottish Rite Clinic!”



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Called from Labor...

Bro. Henry Ames, 32°
January 6th, 2012

Bro. Jesse Kanarek, 32°
August 4th, 2014

Bro. Fred Shirey, 32°
November 26th, 2016



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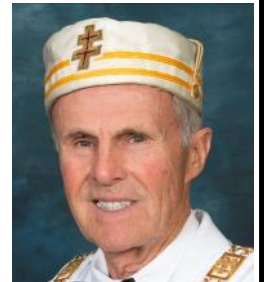
The San Jose Council of Kadosh is the Body responsible for the 19th through the 30th Scottish Rite Degrees, known as the “Philosophical and Chivalric Degrees.” The information below is a synopsis of the 29th Degree—
“SCOTTISH RITE KNIGHT of SAINT ANDREW”

“Death before Dishonor”

Here, in the Second of the Chivalric Degrees, you learn anew the value of Humility, Patience and Self Denial. The necessity of a probationary period alludes to the time required for new knowledge to be analyzed and processed, and its application in daily life discovered.

The idea is put forth, as was believed in the time of the great Chivalric Orders, that illumination could be achieved by Knightly and Heroic Virtue. Therefore, you are once again commended to Humility, Patience, Self-Denial, Charity, Clemency, Generosity, Virtue, Truth and Honor.

You are given a brief introduction into the origin of some of the Orders of Masonic Knighthood, departing with the knowledge that no true Mason ever despairs of the final victory of Truth over error.



ROGER BIBB
COMMANDER, SAN JOSE COUNCIL OF KADOSH





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Menu Tuesday, Dec. 13th, 2016

Assorted Appetizers

Chicken Sherry

Boneless Breast of Chicken in a Sherry Cream Sauce

Rice Pilaf

Mixed Vegetables

Caesar Salad

Fresh Baked Rolls with butter

Vegetarian Entrée

(must be requested)

Desserts

\$15.00 Per Person

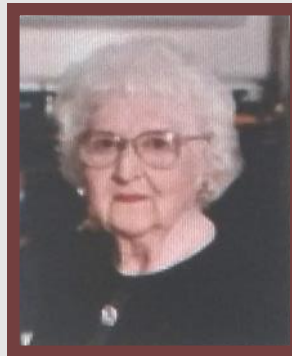
Sophie Antes Birk

Sep. 9, 1908- Nov. 11, 2016

Resident of San Jose

A resident of Willow Glen for 77 years.

Sophie was born at the Hayes Mansion to Frank and Mary Antes. She attended the old Franklin School, graduated from Notre Dame High School and then attended Heald's Business College. Shortly thereafter, she began her career with the telephone company. In 1934 she married Gerald Birk and together they raised their two children, Marcelyn and Ronald. Sophie belonged to many groups, both social and philanthropic, but was most proud of being the oldest member of the Pioneers of At&T. During her lifetime Sophie made many friends of all ages through bridge, bowling and travel. She outlived most of them, but had many escapades to remember. In addition to her son and daughter, Sophie leaves behind four grandchildren: Stephen, Darren and Stephanie Carroll and Gerald Birk and two great grandchildren Chase and Ellie Birk.



Sophie Birk, one Scottish Rite's

Sweethearts will be

genuinely missed !



Greetings Brethren,

Trust me, you are not alone. Like many of you, I have been experiencing a little bit of "unrest" these past few weeks. To say I was surprised by the outcome of the election would be an understatement. The shock, however, did not come from seeing one side win and the other lose. That's politics. For me, it is what the result suggests-that fear and separation have once again bested unity and equality.

As a school teacher, I wear many different hats and have many different types of students. Sometimes I go to work and I am a teacher. Other times I am a counselor, therapist, paramedic, security guard, case manager, janitor, and father figure. Sometimes I can even be all these things at once. I have students of color, students of different faiths, students who are LGBT, students who are immigrants, students with disabilities, and many others who interpret this outcome as a direct threat to them, their families and the people they care about. The threats (whether real or imagined, true or exaggerated) have negatively impacted their learning and well-being.

For many of my students, teachers are among the few adults in their lives that are clear examples of stability, models of inclusive behavior, and leaders of balanced thought. If we react with hatred, fear, and hyperbole, we undermine their safety. If we react with love, determination to fight for social justice, and a stalwart conviction to stay the good course we are on, we create a safe place in what many of them will see as an unsafe world.

What I ask of you today, as Masons, is no different than what is expected of me as an educator, and that is that you keep to your values. Speak of the importance of embracing diversity as a benefit to us all. Value differences of background and differences of opinion. Educate the public about facts and allow them to explore theories, helping them to recognize the difference between the two. Never, ever allow hate speech to go unaddressed and continue always to conduct yourselves in a manner becoming of a Scottish Rite Mason. That said, I leave you with these fitting words from our former Sovereign Grand Commander, Albert Pike:

"Politicians, in a free State, are generally hollow, heartless, and selfish. Their own aggrandizement is the end of their patriotism; and they always look with secret satisfaction on the disappointment or fall of one whose loftier genius and superior talents over-shadow their own self-importance, or whose integrity and incorruptible honor are in the way of their selfish ends. The influence of the small aspirants is always against the great man. His accession to power may be almost for a lifetime. One of themselves will be more easily displaced, and each hopes to succeed him; and so it at length comes to pass that men impudently aspire to and actually win the highest stations, who are unfit for the lowest clerkships; and incapacity and mediocrity become the surest passports to office...

It is lamentable to see a country split into factions, each following this or that great or brazen-fronted leader with a blind, unreasoning, unquestioning hero-worship; it is contemptible to see it divided into parties, whose sole end is the spoils of victory, and their chiefs the low, the base, the venal and the small. Such a country is in the last stages of decay, and near its end, no matter how prosperous it may seem to be. It wrangles over the volcano and the earthquake. But it is certain that no government can be conducted by the men of the people, and for the people, without a rigid adherence to those principles which our reason commends as fixed and sound. These must be the tests of parties, men, and measures. Once determined, they must be inexorable in their application, and all must either come up to the standard or declare against it. Men may betray: principles never can. Oppression is one invariable consequence of misplaced confidence in treacherous man, it is never the result of the working or application of a sound, just, well-tried principle. Compromises which bring fundamental principles into doubt, in order to unite in one party men of antagonistic creeds, are frauds, and end in ruin, the just and natural consequence of fraud. Whenever you have settled upon your theory and creed, sanction no departure from it in practice, on any ground of expediency. It is the Master's word."

JR McGOVERT
Master of Kadosh



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 The Venerable Master of the Valley of San Jose*
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all other Freemasons to
A Night of Scottish Rite Instruction
Tuesday, December 6, 2016

6:30 PM to 9:00PM

Worshipful Christopher R. Willingham

Master of Paideia Lodge No. 852

32nd Degree Valley of San Jose

Will Present His Paper

"Purpose, Virtue, and the Masonic Path"

Schedule of Events

6:30 PM - Social Gathering

7:00 PM - Presentation by Brother Willingham

7:30 PM - Festive Agape/Dinner Cost \$25.00

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From the Secretary's Desk.....



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September 16-23, 2017



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6: 30pm - Social Hour ~ 7pm - Presentation ~ 7: 30pm - Festive Agape Dinner Cost—\$25 ~ Attire—Tux or dark suit

Tuesday, Dec 13th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

6: 30pm - Social Hour ~ 7: 00pm - Dinner ~ Program - 25/50 Year Pin Presentations

Tuesday, Jan 10th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

6: 30pm - Social Hour ~ 7: 00pm - Dinner ~ Program - Honor 2016 Masters

Thursday, Jan 19th ~ Monthly OAM Meeting hosted by Liberty Lodge #299

6: 30pm - Dinner ~ 7: 30pm - School of Instruction -

Tuesday, Jan 24th ~ Monthly All Officer Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

Tuesday, Jan 31st ~ Installation of 2017 Scottish Rite Officers @ 7:00pm

Practice ~ 6: 00pm Installation ~ 7: 00pm Refreshments afterwards

Tuesday, Feb 14th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

6: 30pm - Social Hour ~ 7: 00pm - Dinner ~ Program -

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