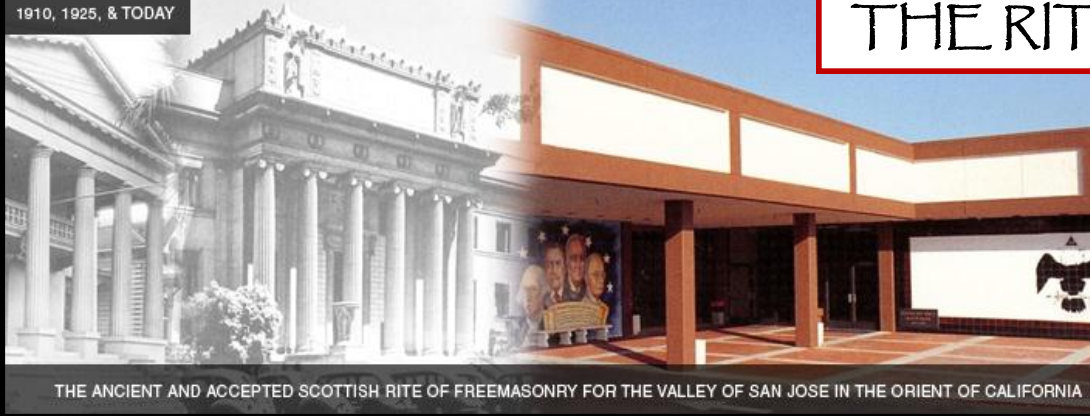


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From the Venerable Master

Brethren,

This month we will once again consider Ill. Brother Manly P. Hall's attributes of a true Mason which we began to explore in my February message.

A true mason keeps his vow/s. He must realize that failure to live mentally, spiritually and morally up to one's highest ideals constitutes the greatest of all broken promises.

A true Mason knows that his work is not secret but realizes that it must remain unknown to all who do not live the true Masonic life. Yet, if all the so-called secrets of Freemasonry are shouted from the rooftops or broadcast on the Internet, the Fraternity is absolutely safe. These disclosures reveal merely the outward forms and ceremonies of Freemasonry.

A true mason is not proud of position. He is not "puffed up" by his honor, but with a seeking heart is eternally ashamed of his own place, realizing that it is far below the standard of his craft. A true Mason never feels worthy of his Craft.

A true Mason cannot be ordained or elected by ballot. He is evolved through the years of self-purification and spiritual change. There are thousands of Masons who are brethren in name only, for their failure to follow the ideals of their Craft makes them unresponsive to the teachings and purpose of Freemasonry.

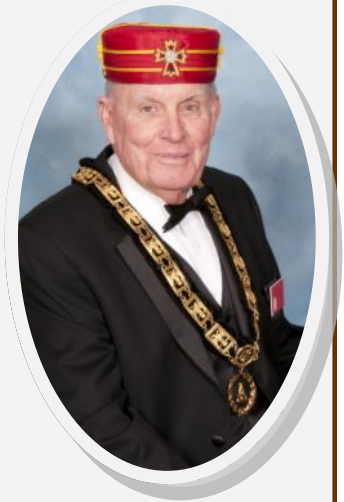
The true Mason knows the value of seeking the truth wherever he can find it. The Masonic Lodge is universal; therefore all true Masons will seek through the "extremities of creation for their light". He must search for the high things in lowly places and find the lowly things in high places.

The true Mason realizes charity to be one of the greatest acts of Freemasonry. This means not only properly regulated charity that the Craft pursues but also the charity in his thoughts and actions. Each labor with his own tools and as a Master Mason does not spend his time in criticizing but rather in helping others to improve their tools.

I trust that these thoughts about the qualifications of a true Mason have given you some things to think about and contemplate. You might not agree with everything on this subject as set forth by Brother Hall but I believe there are some measures of merit in his words that we can all use to our benefit.

April means Spring Reunion time in the Valley of San Jose. Our degree teams have been working hard to get ready to welcome the new class of candidates into the mysteries of Scottish Rite Masonry. For the first time in recent memory, the Lodge of Perfection (LoP) will be exemplifying five degrees. In addition to the Fourth Degree, "Secret Master" and Fourteenth Degree, the "Perfect Elu" the LoP will also present the Ninth and Tenth degrees, "Elu of the Nine" and "Elu of the Fifteen" and the Twelfth Degree "Master Architect". Our schedule starts on the April 10 with the remaining degrees of the LoP to be presented on April 13-14. A detailed schedule of all the degree communications and conferrals can be found elsewhere in this issue. I hope you can join with us for this festive reunion of education, brotherly love, food and other refreshments.

Chuck Cowden Venerable Master



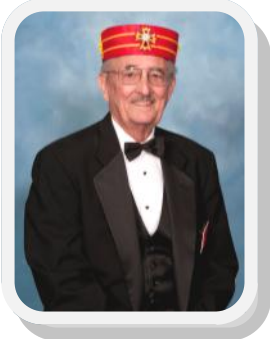
From the General Secretary

Brethren all,

The year has begun with a rousing start, beginning with our Installation in January, our Sweethearts dinner in February, and our March celebration of Angela's Birthday, the Installation of our Monterey Club Officers for 2012 and 50 year honors for Brothers John Lew and Dick Priest.

April will begin our Spring Reunion and welcome several new Brothers to the San Jose Valley. I hope that many of you will attend the various degrees and support the quality ritual work our Officers are demonstrating.

Bros. Jim Arnold, Dick Meyers and myself attended the 2012 Leadership conference in San Diego and brought back some great ideas for us to try. In addition, Admiral Sizemore congratulated us on the work we are attempting with the Senior Member Program.



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I read a quotation from Mark Twain last evening that I would like to share:

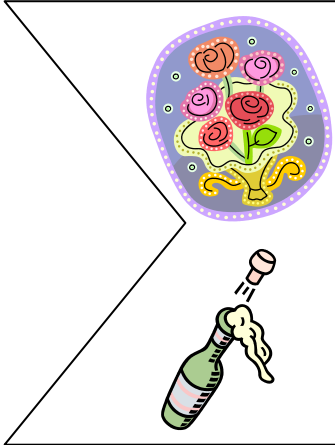
*"I like a thin book because it will steady a table,
A leather volume because it will stop a razor,
And a heavy book because it can be thrown at a cat."*



Congratulations on 50 years of membership



Monterey Club Officers for 2012



To All the members and those in attendance at March's Stated Meeting Dinner
I want to sincerely thank you all for making my birthday so special! You are all like my second family and it meant the world to me !! It was a special day spent with special people ! I was showered with well wishes, Flowers, wine and chocolates!!!
Thank you from the bottom of my heart !
Always,
Angela Athans



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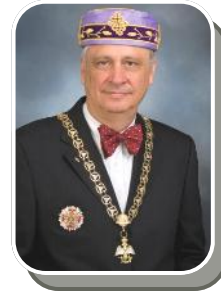
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From the Commander, Council of Kadosh

Brethren,

Continuing my articles in Masonic Education in Scottish Rite, I would like to share this article and its excitement as it relates to our upcoming reunion. It was published in "London Freemason's Quarterly Magazine" sometime around 1868 which I hope you will enjoy it as much as I did.

"If it be asked, for what good are the Superior degrees cultivated? We might answer, that as to personal benefits, the opportunity to 'do good and communicate', to practice all the Masonic virtues, as well as enjoy all the pleasures of fellowship and sociality – so far as these are considered within the sphere of the Masonic acquirements of any brother, the original working degrees of the Ancient Craft Masonry will for him suffice. Only to one who wishes to attain a more extensive knowledge of, and become fully accomplished in, the religious, philosophic, and chivalric departments of our Order, as they were cultivated in the different ages of the world gone by, as well as at the present day, would we recommend initiation in the high degrees. He only will be competent to appreciate the honors and privileges attached to them, who possesses the disposition and ability to study the deeper and higher mysteries of our Kabala, and will not rest satisfied until he has discovered a satisfactory solution to every Masonic problem, and can, in every case, explain 'de que fabulum narratur;' who can thoroughly understand the moral mysteries, as well as those of art and science, which our legends unfold, and who has a laudable ambition to participate in the most exalted sphere, with congenial associates, in that subtle communion and fraternization which genuine 'Sublime Freemasonry' is peculiarly calculated to afford."

Fraternally,

Kerem Kapkin

Commander, Council of Kadosh



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From the Wise Master

The Degree of Rose Croix , like those preceding it, is philosophical. The end of all philosophy is to free the mind from those encumbrances which hinder its progress toward perfection and to raise it to the contemplation of Immutable Truth and the knowledge of divine and spiritual objects. This effect must be produced by easy steps, lest the mind, hitherto conversant only with sensible things, should revolt at the change Knight of the Eagle and Pelican is one of the titles applied to a Rose-Croix H-R-D-M Freemason, yet that degree is not strictly an order of knighthood, k in the commonly received sense of the term.

In these degrees, it is readily perceivable that we have now full entered upon a long course of instruction in to all the mysteries of the esoteric doctrine.....More next time. Jack Harris WM

I decided to define the word "esoteric" and opened a can-of-worms. There are many competing definitions and it was difficult to select one, but I think this will come as close as any.

- es-o-ter-ic adjective:**
1. understood by or meant for only the select few, who have special knowledge or interest.
 2. belonging to a select few
 3. private; secret; confidential
 4. (of a philosophical doctrine or the like)
intended to be revealed only to the initiates of a group

From the Master of Kadosh

Brethren,

The following is from SCOTTISH RITE RITUAL, condensed
and written for all members.



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Fraternally,

Roger Bibb

Master of Kadosh

From the Clinic!

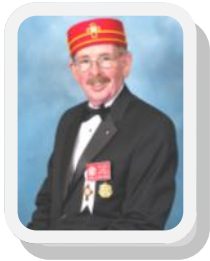


Theresa is a sweet, hardworking 12 year old girl who has been coming to the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic due to a speech and language disorder. Like her older brother and sister who also have articulation issues, Theresa struggled with producing her r's, l's and th's. She dropped syllables of multisyllabic words and the final consonants of words. She also had some difficulty with oral motor skills, such as movement of the tongue independently of the jaw. In addition, she struggled with grammar, such as regular past tense.

Theresa's steadfast work during the past year has paid off and her family has noted significant improvements since she enrolled in treatment. Her mother reported that her speech is "more intelligible". Her family has also noticed that they don't have to ask her to repeat herself as much. Most importantly, her parents have noticed that Theresa is more confident!

Theresa has mastered producing multisyllabic words and adding final consonants to words during conversation. She has also graduated from working on her l's. She continues to work toward mastering her r's, th's and grammar.

Theresa's family has found their experience at the clinic "very positive". Her parents also commented that the "staff is professional and friendly and deliver results." Theresa's family has been instrumental in her progress. She always completes her speech homework and works hard during her speech sessions. Theresa is always a pleasure to see in the clinic!



APRIL 2012

Clinic Director's Message

Fifty-six (56) children received speech and language services in February for a total of 244 treatment hours completed. One child began to receive our services, two children were discharged and we completed five screenings. We presently have 110 children remaining on the waiting list.

Jenna picked up some cases from Sharon Lewis, who left on maternity leave. Sharon did an excellent job of taking care of our children and will be missed.

Reminder: if you have not yet had the opportunity to see the new clinic sign, please come by to see it.

If you would like to assist the Clinic by making a financial donation, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Scottish Rite office or me. If you would prefer to donate therapy materials, I would be happy to provide you with the list of our current needs.

I can't begin to thank each of you enough for your help and continued support.

Durward C. Ayre

Durward C. Ayre, 32° KCCH
Clinic Director



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*God Bless you, Greta Justus!
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REGIONAL ORIENT MEMBERSHIP AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE

April 2012

Our broad system of ethics comes from the Masonic heart of goodness, forgiveness and kindness. It is the science of humanity that we teach. In the moral world, we have been sometimes taught that, upon this earth, sin is cursed; misery is the normal condition; he who gets any honey out of this life, steals it; the greater happiness of this life arises from disobedience and, if one has a troubled conscious and sleepless nights by reason of some great wrong he has done to his fellow man, repentance is to be found in tears and prayers, rather than restitution. By contrast Masonic ethics teach us to believe, not only in prayer and repentance, but also to regard restitution as the best evidence of repentance.

Our ethical degrees direct us to intensify friendships and brotherhood between men by quieting disagreements and constantly working towards the betterment of all. We must bring happiness and generate good will in the lives of all with whom we come into contact. We should induce the estranged to become amicable, teaching that living the power of laughter, brotherly love, relief and truth is to live a heavenly Masonic life. Making people smile and laugh is consistent with the gratitude, joy and cheer we receive in learning about and practicing our degrees.

It is among the many responsibilities of those with a Masonic heart to produce growth by recruiting the worthy and well-qualified to become Masters of the Royal Secret. The magnificent passkey we offer to these candidates is the opportunity to know and understand the great central thought that inspired the universe, Man!

Remember to go out to your Masonic Lodges and bring new members to our Scottish Rite.

Durward C. Ayre

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7:00 p.m. – 7:30 PM – Presentation of the Paper

7:30 p.m. – Festive Agape/Dinner

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Reservations not canceled before May 24 , must be honored

“ Stated Meeting & Dinner ”

Tuesday, April 10th, 2012

April Menu

~Assorted Appetizers

- ~ Smoked Ham with a Raisin Sauce
- ~ Corn Souffle'
- ~ Scalloped Potatoes
- ~ Caesar Salad
- ~ Fresh Baked Rolls with butter

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From the Lighter Side ...



When you are feeling stressed, remember: Moses started out as a basket case, and the Lord made something of him anyway.

They tell you that you will loose your mind when you get older. What they don't tell you is that you won't miss it very much. -

Malcolm Cowley

A good laugh is like manure to a farmer - it doesn't do any good unless you spread it around.

**Let me tell you the best thing about getting older! -
As soon as I remember, you'll be the first person I tell.**

When you can laugh at yourself, you're never at a loss for humor.



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Dinner @ 6:45 PM

Beginning of Spring Reunion conferral of
4th Degree following

Friday April 13th ~ Dinner @ 6:00 PM followed by conferral of 9th/10th—and 12th Degrees

Saturday April 14th ~ Breakfast @ 8:00 AM followed by Conferral of the 14th and 18th Degrees

Lunch @ 12:30 PM followed by Conferral of the 29th and 30th Degrees

Friday May 4th ~ Dinner @ 6:00 PM followed by conferral of the 32nd Degree

Tuesday May 8th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Dinner @ 6:45 PM

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