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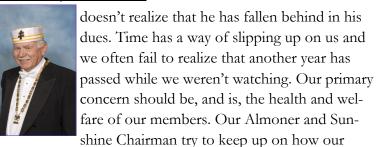
From the Personal Representative:

ur records indicate that currently there are several hundred brothers in arrears with their dues, and it seems appropriate that I address this problem. The problem here, as I see it, is not so much that we are concerned about the financial aspect of their dues obligation. That's only the minor part of the picture.

My biggest concern is that there are all those members among us with whom we have lost touch. I feel that the message in this is the fact that we have shirked our duty to make these brothers feel a fraternal association with Valley of San Jose, and we don't even know how they are doing.

There has to be a reason for a brother to stop paying attention to his commitment to his fraternal body, and in very few cases do we find it to be that he has just lost interest. I know that I'm preaching to the choir with this message. I'm sure that virtually everyone reading it does so because they have an interest in what is happening in the Valley and are current with their membership commitment, but we have to start somewhere, and I feel it is important to get the matter into the arena of discussion, so that we, as an organization, can begin to work toward a solution.

The first thing that comes to mind, of course, is the possibility that a brother is ill, incapacitated, or just



members are doing, but we sometimes just lose touch without constant feedback from those in need.

My wife and I have big biological families and circles of friends, and every few weeks, we call several of our relatives and friends just to check on their welfare. We check on them by phone and occasionally visit them just to see how they are doing. It is only right and I feel that we should be doing at least as much for our brothers in Scottish Rite.

As I have said earlier, dues aren't the main problem. We have a Seniors Program that allows remission of dues, including per capita when a member reaches age 80. If the financial burden is more than a brother feels he can handle, we can see to it that his dues are remitted.

Our effort must be not just to attend to the fiscal needs of the Valley, but to the personal needs of the

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members. Often a brother is embarrassed and reluctant to tell us that the dues are more than his budget will allow, and the only way we will find out these things is to come right out and ask. I have taken this matter up with the Council of Masters and we will be addressing it in the next few weeks. I'll be sending out personal letters to those with whom we seem to be out of touch, and see what kind of response this brings, and then perhaps we will start on a program to contact these brothers by phone.

We must reestablish personal contact with our membership and keep current on their welfare, health, financial condition, and possible infirmities of age, and let others in the valley know of the needs of all our brothers.

A word of advice. If you are one of those who have been unable to pay his dues, please help us out by letting us know why. If you are strapped for funds, just now, we'll remit your dues. If you are ill, or disabled, we'd like to help you out. If you are deceased, please disregard this message, but next time this happens please let someone here know, as we'd like to send flowers and a note of condolence to your family.



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The Personal Representative and
The Venerable Master

of the Valley of San Jose

Invite all Scottish Rite Freemasons To

A Night of Scottish Rite Education

Tuesday, June 23, 2009 6:30 PM

Brother Dennis Chornenky, 32° And President of the Masonic Restoration Foundation Will Present a Paper On

> Symbolism of Initiation and the Heart In Freemasonry

> > Schedule of Events

6:30p.m. - 7:00 PM - Social Time

7:00p.m. – 7:45 PM – Presentation of the Paper

7:45p.m. – Festive Agape/Dinner

Cost \$25.00

Requested dress is white tie & tails, tux or dark suit & tie with SR Cap

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

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From the Secretary's Table:



An Obituary printed in the London Times (I wish I had written this!)

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, 'Common Sense', who has been with us for many years.

No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such

valuable lessons as: Knowing when to come in out of the rain; why the early bird gets the worm; life isn't always fair; and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies: "Don't spend more than you can earn" and reliable strategies: "Adults, not children, are in charge."

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when wellintentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place.

Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouth wash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition

Common Sense lost further ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses, and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home, and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was

hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement

Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust. His wife, Discretion, his daughter, Responsibility, his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers:

I Know My Rights; I Want It Right Now; Someone Else Is to Blame; I'm Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized that Common Sense was no more.

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General Secretary

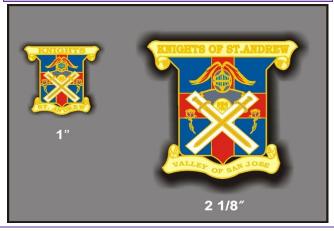
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The Valley of San Jose KSA comes into its own. As you read this editorial for the Knights of St. Andrew, A New Cap Badge and Lapel pin will be worn by Active members of the Chapter. References to Scotland, knighthood and honor are noticeable in the 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



International Order of Jobs Daughters is an organization for girls between the ages of 11 and 20 who are related to Masons. It was established in the year 1920 with the purpose of 'character building through moral and

spiritual development.'

The Order is the only national youth organization that requires its members to have a relationship to a Mason.

The ritual is based on the Book of Job, "And in all the land were no women found as fair as the daughters of Job; and their Father gave them inheritance among their brethren."

Job's Daughters are taught the principles of respect for parents, patriotism, love of God, patience and faith. Their meeting place is called a "Bethel," or Holy Place where the girls elect an Honored Queen and wear white Grecian robes with purple emblematic of those worn during the time Job.

Job's Daughters support many philanthropic projects including Masonic and Eastern Star Homes, Shriners Hospitals for Children, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, seeing-eye dogs, cancer clinics, and many others.

Social activities in the Bethels are varied and include drill teams, choirs, drama clubs, along with parties and dances.

To complete their higher education Job's Daughters may borrow from the Supreme Council Educational Fund without interest. Many Grand Jurisdictions offer scholarship awards for deserving members.

Truly international in scope, there are Job's Daughters Bethels throughout the continental United States, in Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, in the provinces of Canada, in Australia, Japan, and the Philippines.



Commander—Council of Kadosh



Ken Justus Receives Master Craftsman Award

Ken Justus (left) receives his Master Craftsman certificate from our PR Bob Winter (right) at our April stated meeting.

Congratulations Ken!

For the Lighter Side of things

A story that made the rounds a few years ago as "gospel truth" involved a Brother on a hunting trip in the wilds of Maine.

Day after day of his vacation was eaten up without a deer.

On the last day, as he was about to give up in desperation, he heard a crashing in the woods; saw a glimpse of brown and fired.

Silence!

Rushing over to where he had fired, he found that he had killed a bull moose which is protected from hunters to save it from extinction.

As he stood there staring at the moose, a game warden stepped out into the clearing.

Our brother found his hands involuntarily raised in a certain position, "What shall we do with the body?" "Dress it out you damn fool," said the warden, "and make your escape!"

From the Clinic!!!

A Big "Thank you" From the Clinic

Recently the clinic has received some much needed help from various San Jose Scottish Rite members and their wives. As therapists, we oftentimes are so busy working with the children and planning our treatment sessions that we get behind on addressing other needs in the clinic. There are various projects such as cleaning clinic toys, cleaning the waiting area toys, filing, organizing books and so on. It often becomes hard for us to keep up with it all.

Thanks to Susan Ramsey, we now have some much needed help. She graciously volunteered to work with us in organizing a group of clinic volunteers. A group came in in February and organized and sanitized *all* of the clinic toys in both storage rooms. It was such a treat for us and we are now able to better utilize the toys. We plan to have the volunteers continue on a regular basis and help with other projects in the clinic.

A very generous thank you goes out to the following "clinic volunteers." We appreciate you taking time from your schedules to help both us and the children we serve at the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic.

Susan and Bud Ramsey

Ms. Hazel Winter

Ken and Greta Justus

Ms. Ruth Roberts

Mr. Hal Leister

Ms. Mary Francis Mundy



haron Lewis has recently joined our speech therapy team and is very excited to return to working with children following her maternity leave. She is a native New Yorker, completed her Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Boston University, and is now residing in San Jose. Sharon is very passionate about providing quality speech services to children of all ages as well as working hands on with their families to educate and empower them regarding their child's speech/language deficits. When Sharon is not working she enjoys spending quality time with her husband, daughter, and two cats.

Our toy-cleaning schedule for the Clinic should occur about once every two weeks, which would minimize the load and keep a revolving inventory of toys available to the Clinic. Our clinicians are willing to set aside the toys needing cleaning attention.

We would like to have volunteers to assist with a cleaning schedule of 9:30 AM on the 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Tuesdays of each month for about 1 hour each session.

If you would like to volunteer to help in the effort, contact the office to get your name on the list. We will let you know in advance the schedule.

John Knight

Wyatt Sawyer

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William Ralph Cook	Campbell	Mar. 4, 2009
Geroge Marvin Lawton, Jr.	Gilroy	Mar. 4, 2009
John Raymond Schwartz	San Jose	April 6, 2009

From the Wise Master

Brethren.

We are, all of us, as one in our desire to serve and also in our need to be heard. What I mean by this is that as a fraternity or brotherhood of like thinking men, sons, broth-



ers, and fathers, looking to serve others, we sometimes lose sight of our own needs. In these very tough times we need to not only think of others and each other, but also of ourselves. Sometimes in our desire to help others, we might forget that we, and our brothers, might be in need of help.

Remember that when we get on an airplane, at the end of preflight instructions we are reminded that in case of an emergency an oxygen mask may drop in front of us and we are reminded by the attendant to place the oxygen mask on ourselves before attempting to help others. The reason for this is that without oxygen we will loose consciousness and then will be of no help to those around us. The oxygen mask, my brethren, that we need to put on is that of the attentive ear. By this I'm suggesting that we may be reaching out without realizing it. And likewise it may be necessary to force yourself to ask for help or maybe just have someone simply to listen to us.

My greatest reason for presenting this message is knowing that a great percentage of our membership is either self employed, possibly recently laid off, or on a fixed income who might have recently been affected by the downward trend in the stock market. Also among that number are a group of men who were taught to be self-sufficient and not complain, which may prevent them from even discussing such problems. This is where we as brothers should lend a hand when necessary and be ever respectful to all.

Fraternally,

Monte Bishop—Wise Master
See you all in lodge!

From the Master of Kadosh

The month of May is here. May is named for Maia, the eldest of the seven daughters of Atlas, and one of the Pleiades (seven sisters), from Greek mythology. In astronomy, the Pleiades is an open star cluster in the constellation of Taurus.



During this month, we celebrate a number of historic events.

May 5 is Cinco de Mayo ("The fifth of May" in Spanish), the day in 1862 when the Mexican Army under General Ignacio Zaragoza defeated the French Army under General Charles de Lorencez at Puebla. In the movies, the battle was fought by Mexican peasants with pitchforks and machetes but that part is folklore. Today, Puebla has over 1.4 million inhabitants and is the location of Volkswagen's North American manufacturing plant. It is located about 75 miles southeast of Mexico City.

On May 10, 1869, Leyland Stanford drove the last spike to join the Central Pacific and Union Pacific railroads. Central started in Sacramento, California and worked its way eastward. Union started in Omaha, Nebraska and worked its way westward. They met in Promontory Summit, Utah to form the Transcontinental Railroad. Coast-to-coast travel in eight days by train replaced wagon trains and months-long voyages by sea.

Incidentally, in addition to being a railroad tycoon, Leyland Stanford served as California's governor and US Senator. When his son, Leyland Stanford, Jr., died of typhoid as a teenager in 1884, Stanford and his wife Jane donated \$20 million to the formation of Stanford University, as a memorial to their only child.

Car enthusiasts look forward to the Indianapolis 500 on or around Memorial Day. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway was built in 1909 and the first race ran in 1911. Back in those days, every car had a driver and a mechanic. The mechanic monitored the engine's oil pressure and watched for other cars coming up behind. The 93rd running will be held on Sunday May 24, 2009, marking the 64th consecutive year of uninterrupted occurrence.

Victoria Day is a Canadian holiday celebrated on the last Monday before or on May 24 in honor of both Queen Victoria's birthday and the current reigning sovereign's birthday (Queen Elizabeth II). Several Canadian cities hold a parade in honor of the holiday, especially the city of Victoria, British

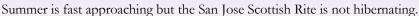
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From the Venerable Master

Brethren, Ladies and Friends,

Brethren and Ladies,





June has our next Night of Instruction and Festive Agape dinner planned by Brother Chuck Cowden. If you did not attend the last one, try and make room in your calendar for this one. July's stated meeting will feature a BBQ, this year we will cook the steaks. For both dinners reservations please.

Looking way ahead, I am looking for a cast for a new degree we plan to present at the Spring 2010 Reunion, the 31st. The setting is ancient Egypt and, yes, we need a couple of brethren to take some godess' parts. Give me a call if you are interested.

If you are not on a degree team and are willing to be of some help one or two days per year, please let Hal Leister know. Stage crew and tech help in the light and sound booth are needed in addition to speaking and non speaking parts.

Oh, don't forget you can receive this publication via the internet now. Let the Secretary's Office know.

Richard M. Fisher - Venerable Master

Blast from the Past

n 18 April 1958 San Jose Scottish Rite held a talent show.

Does anyone know who these members are? They certainly look intent on giving a good performance!





If you need a good laugh, try reading through these children's science exam answers...

- Q: Name the four seasons.
- A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.
- Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.
- A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

May Stated Meeting Dinner Tuesday May 12, 2009 - 7:15 PM



\$15.00 per person

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Assorted Appetgers
Chips, Salsa & Guacamole
Nacho Cheese Dip
Taquitos
Mixed Green Salad
Spanish Rice
Mex "Pinto" Beans
Fajitas
Beef, Chicken & Shrimp
Tortillas
Desserts



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Columbia. This holiday is also often celebrated with fireworks shows. Victoria Day unofficially marks the end of the winter season and the beginning of summer.

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May (May 25 this year). It commemorates the American men and women who died while in military service to their country. First enacted to honor Union soldiers of the American Civil War, Memorial Day was expanded after World War I to include American casualties of any war or military action. Many observed this holiday by visiting cemeteries and memorials. A national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 pm ET. Another tradition is to fly the flag of the United States at half-staff. Volunteers often place American flags on each gravesite at National Cemeteries, and on the gravesites of veterans at regular cemeteries.

Sunday, May 10th is Mothers Day. My mother passed away many years ago. So on Mothers Day, I think about how well I have lived up to my mother's aspirations. Did I pursue a good education and do well in school? Have I developed myself spiritually? Did I set ambitious and worthy goals, and do what was necessary to reach them? Have I overcome the obstacles and challenges in life's path? Did I recognize, make use of, and appreciate the opportunities that came my way? Decades have passed, yet how strong my mother's influence.

Daniel Doornbos - Master of Kadosh

Membership is always important:

PROPOSITION/PETITION

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

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

Special presentations of 25 year pins and 2009 Scholarship awards

<u> May 14,15, & 16, 2009 - Shrine WSAB @ San Jose Holiday Inn</u>

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

<u>June 6, 2009</u> - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

June 9, 2009 - June Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM and Dinner following @ 7:15 PM

Special presentations of 50 year pins & caps and Retirement Party for Mary Lou Johnson

June 23, 2009 - Second San Jose Scottish Rite night of Instruction



Friday Lunch Bunch is here again! Join us!