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From the Personal Representative:

Our new Grand Lodge year is underway, and the enlightening and inspiring experience of our annual convocation is now history. Some may think that statement was offered in jest, but I assure you, brethren and friends, that I thoroughly enjoyed the three day convention of Masons from all over the state.



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Some of the matters that really got my attention when I read over the legislative package were resolutions I thought never would or should have reached it to the floor. Nevertheless, they did, and provided some of us with some very enjoyable discussions. Two dealt with the reinstatement of former members that never should have been considered by their respective (ex) lodges for return to membership, and two dealt with the subject of Prince Hall recognition that has been fait accompli for several years and which Grand Lodge Staff are dealing with on an intelligent and deliberate basis. The four resolutions (out of fifteen submitted) while providing some enlivened discussion were simply a waste of our time, and the brothers who submitted them were ill advised to even write them up. Well, so much for my opinion, but it is an example, my brethren, or the negative effect some poorly thought out legislation can have. It reflects poorly on the brothers and their lodges when something such as this happens.

On a brighter note, Saturday, October 4, the Santa Clara Valley Officers, Association hosted its annual Grand Master's Reception at our facility. It was the first time this has been done here, and I believe all who attended were favorably impressed. Most worshipful Larry Adamson, our newly installed Grand Master, was at his best, and gave an inspiring speech about the future of Freemasonry, which,

according to his information, looks quite rosy. One of the most impressive things I observed about his officers. Corps was their youth. For years, most of our Grand Masters have tried to emphasize age and experience as prerequisite for filling the chairs in the Grand Lodge line, but Most Worshipful Adamson has obviously stressed youth and its effect on the future of the Craft. It remains to be seen how this idea plays out but it certainly refreshing to see the young members do their work. I, for one, believe it will produce positive results.

Speaking of membership, the reception of the Grand Master, here at the Scottish Rite Center has, in itself produced some positive results. Three Master Masons approached various members of SJSR and asked for petitions. The very fact that they were exposed to an event at the center, and the favorable impression we made on them prompted them to seek out membership. This is amazing, and tells me that there are more possibilities for membership that we are overlooking daily than any of us can appreciate. Look around you, brethren. The field is ripe for harvest, and all we have to do is make ourselves available. If we present ourselves well, the applications will come to us, but we have to be available to these brothers and let them know of the advantages to membership in our order.

Have a happy Thanksgiving, and thanks for your attention.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

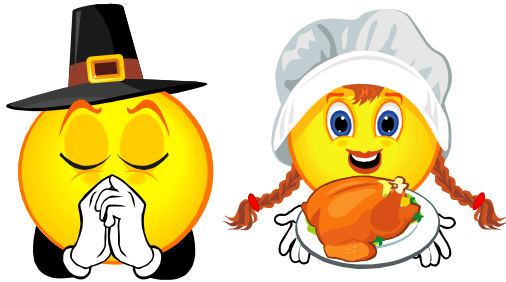
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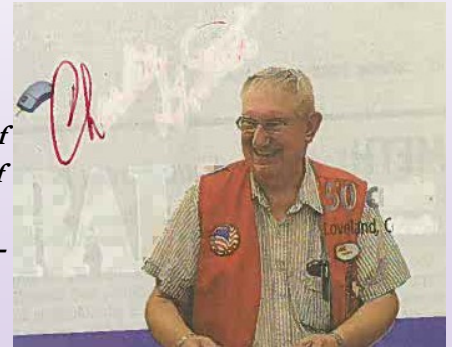
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W e received a very nice message in September from Bro. Charlie Gottsch and here it is in part:

"Its been over 20 years since I received my 32° at a special reunion in Salinas. I doubt if anyone there remembers me, as I've been gone almost 15 years now. I thought that it might be of some interest that this "ole" 32°Mason is still active and still practicing one of the tenants of Masonry, that of "doing something everyday for someone, for which they cannot repay you". The hardware section of this store (my primary responsibility) affords me the "opportunity" to do just that. It is a very satisfying job and I hope to remain active for a few more years, at least.

I'm sorry to say that I have not been active in any Masonic organizations because of age, health and lack of convenience. I do enjoy receiving and reading the Scottish Rite Word every month.



My best wishes for Good Health, Wealth and Happiness to all my fellow Masons there. Keep up the good work! You never know who you touch.

Bro. Charlie Gottsch 32°

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History of San Jose

Scottish Rite (Did you know?)

The History of the San Jose Scottish Rite dates from May 1883 at the old Auzerais Hotel.

On November 26, 1904 a meeting was held at the old Masonic Hall (Rutherford Hall) at the Southwest corner of 2nd and San Fernando Streets, and on March 10, 1908, the initial step was taken toward the purchase of property with work beginning on the new Center in April 1909.

Having outgrown their Center they bought a lot at the corner of 3rd and St. James Streets in San Jose, opposite what is still St. James Park. The doors to the new Center at 2455 Masonic Drive were opened in 1984.

WE NEED YOU!

As you are aware, the established dates, 24 and 25 October, for our reunion have been changed! The 4th Degree through the 13th Degrees have been conferred and communicated and the 14th Degree will be conferred after our stated meeting on January 13th. Only one degree team has a full cast and much work in the way of practice is needed in order to perform properly. **WE NEED MORE CAST MEMBERS.**

Participation on a degree team is very rewarding and gives the cast members a thorough understanding of the degree. If San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies is unable to perform the mandatory degrees (4th, 14th, 18th, 30th, and 32nd degrees) we will loose our charter!

Please take a look at your schedule and allow some time for participation. You may contact any of the Degree Directors, Chuck Cowden or Hal Leister and we will find a place for you on a degree team!

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:



Dinner - What should it cost?

My Brothers,

About 364 days each year, I am very proud of my membership! I do try to practice the lessons and teachings that we are taught. Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth are my goals. I do fall on my face often when faced with discussions about politics and religion but, I guess that is most likely why we are charged with the prohibition of discussing the same in an open lodge of the craft.

You will notice that I left out one day of the 365 day year. That is the day that I allow myself to be irritated with some of the failings of some of our members. Today is that day for this year.

How many of us can make reservations for an event without a monetary deposit of any kind? - None that I know of except our own Masonic Fraternity.

How many of us make reservations for an event and choose not to attend without any attempt for cancellation, and even remain silent without offering any reason? **If we did that outside of our Masonic Fraternity we would forfeit any possibility to receiving a return of our pre-paid tickets for the reservation.**

How many of us show up late for our reservation and still expect it to be honored as if we were on time? **No one that I know would even attempt to do so!**

Why then do we expect those actions to be acceptable in the Masonic Fraternity? **There is no reason !!!!!!!**

Why can we not practice the very essence of courtesy and consideration by which we have been obligated?

The very reason that I have decided to write this message is that we had 61 reservations for stated meeting dinner this month, (October), for which we committed 70 to the caterer because we always have those who arrive without reservations and expect to be fed. This month, only 54 chose to attend. The entire membership of the Bodies paid for meals for 7 members who chose not to meet the commitment of their own reservations. Ours is a Democratic Republic, not a Marxist Socialist Society. Each must pay his own way without an artificial re-distribution of any wealth.

Please, my Brothers, if you make a commitment (a reservation) consider it as money already spent by the Scottish

Rite for your benefit. Your obligation is obvious unless you wish to ask the Almoner to advance the necessary funds to cover you. In itself, that is not a bad thing because our fraternity, **like none other**, is very pleased to do just that!

The current cost of our dinner, here at San Jose Scottish Rite, is \$12.00 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres and a desert. There is not one restaurant in San Jose who will prepare the meals we serve here for that price! Why can we not recognize that as fact? I have often said that we **"spill more than \$12.00 per person when we go out to dinner"**. Think about it!! When you take your wife to dinner, **when was the last time that you spent less than \$50.00 (not including tip)?** If you know of a restaurant that serves a dinner like those you have been enjoying at San Jose Scottish Rite, please refer them to me and we will consider meeting there !!!!

This month we lost several valued Brothers to the "Grim Reaper". Remember them fondly and often.

We are in process of gaining new members. I trust that you will make them feel welcome and spend some time in getting to know each and every one as a friend and Brother.

General Secretary



Beginning some Christmas Shopping?

If you are looking for some stocking stuffers or an inexpensive little gift for that special Mason on your list, we have some very nice little items on display in our office like Masonic Cuff Links or tie bars; belt buckles; books or a variety of other things. A San Jose Scottish Rite polo shirt is available as well. Stop in and browse!



Who am I?

This month we thought to quiz you about the hard worker shown here preparing food for the reunion lunch. He was excellent at sampling and the cookies were pretty good too!



Attention all 32° Masons
Are you a 32° Scottish Rite Mason?

If so, why not join the
KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW ?

Interested? Please send information to:

John Unger, Secretary
 4609 Hampton Falls Place, San Jose, CA 95136-2678
 or e-mail johnp4609@yahoo.com.

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

For the Ladies

I hope this note finds you doing well. November is a time of thinking about all we have to be thankful for and for some people this is not an easy task. I know that some of you have suffered a loss of a spouse or family member this last year and some of you have had to do deal with hardships or illnesses that have made life a little more difficult. My prayer for you is that you can find something to be thankful for and that you can find some kind of peace and happiness as the holidays approach.

I was sorry that I had to miss the October meeting. I hope it was a nice evening for all and I want to thank Helen McDaniel for taking over in my absence. As we get ready for the holiday season I want to invite the ladies to help take part in some of the holiday preparations here at the Scottish Rite Center. First, we are having a "Decorate Scottish Rite and the Childhood Language Center" day. We will be meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We will have a light lunch and decorate the entrance of the Scottish Rite Center, the Christmas tree and the Childhood Clinic. We would like to invite any of the men who are willing to lend a helping hand to join us in the fun. The second event is the Holiday Party for the children of the Language Center on Saturday, December 6, 2008. We are asking for the ladies (and men) to make the cookies for the party and to lend a helping hand at the day's festivities. Please call and let me know if you are interested in taking part in decorating the Center, willing to bake cookies or attending the Holiday Party. You can call me at the Scottish Rite Center at 408-978-7483 and let me know how you can help. If you need a ride, please call and we will make sure you can come to these events.

I would like to share with you, one of my favorite blessings.

May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let His presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.



God Bless - SUSAN RAMSEY



From the Clinic!!!

Om is a delightful little four year old boy who has been seen at the Scottish Rite Language Clinic twice per week for the last year. He is regularly brought to therapy by his mother and father, who have taken an active role in Om's treatment.

After concerns were reported by his parents, Om's pediatrician recommended a speech and language evaluation. The evaluation was performed by Om's healthcare provider and speech and language therapy was recommended. Unfortunately, Om's healthcare company did not provide therapy services. Om's parents heard about the Scottish Rite Clinic from an organization called Parents Helping Parents.

Om had a history of chronic ear infections and had had tubes placed in his ears that helped with drainage. Often times chronic ear infections can impair speech and language development. When your ears are blocked with drainage or infected, it impairs hearing. This makes it harder for you to understand what is being said to you as well as hearing the auditory feedback of your own words. This happened to Om at an important time in his speech and language development, thus causing a delay in his articulation skills.



Om began therapy services to work on correcting his speech sounds. He has made tremendous progress and continues to make consistent gains. He has turned into a very talkative, confident little boy.

Om's mother stated that before therapy, "He hardly spoke a few words but now he is able to say 3-5 word sentences. He has a new confidence and talks all the time. We have seen remarkable changes." When asked how treatment has impacted their family she stated, "It has had a very positive impact. As parents we are a lot less stressed about his condition. We trust that we have found a great place for his treatment."

Om's mother stated that the Scottish Rite Clinic is a friendly environment with skilled therapists and it was wonderful to find a place to provide free care to her child. She stated, "I am extremely thankful to the Scottish Rite Clinic donors. Our experience has been extremely delightful and pleasant. This is the first non-profit organization which has touched us in our daily lives. Thank you for your kind service, we highly appreciate it!"

Many of the children, their parents and some who are on the Clinic waiting list will be attending the Christmas Party on December 6th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Please join us!

Are you aware that your donation to the Clinic could be worth twice as much? Many companies will match their employees' gifts to charitable organizations. To find out more, speak with your employer or our General Secretary. One or the other can get you the information you need.

September Donations:

Clinic

- Bro/M Claude Keith
In Memory of:
John Runcie
In Honor of:
Lowell Johnson
- Bro/M Robert Schmidt
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Rudolph Waiton
- Mr. Loyd Kinsworthy
In Memory of:
Rudolph Waiton



If you know of anyone who is ill, please call the office at how408-978-7483!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

For the Children

Of the

Scottish Rite Childhood Language Clinic



On December 6, 2008, Scottish Rite will host a Christmas Party for the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Clinic. We will be inviting the children and their families to join us for this special day. The party will be from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There will be a variety of crafts for the children to make, a time of singing Christmas Carols, a special lunch and a visit from Santa Claus. It would be wonderful to have our members and their ladies show their support by attending this event and also to give a helping hand in making this a great day for the children.

Please RSVP to: Susan Ramsey at 408-978-7483.



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Permanent Shut-Ins

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In Memorium

Jack Leon Abrams	San Jose	October 8, 2008
Alfred A. Goodsell	Reno, NV	July 30, 2008
Denis Joseph Hebert	Cambria	October 6, 2008
Lowell Ralph Johnson	San Jose	October 2, 2008
Fredrick Earl Shelton	Applegate, OR	October 6, 2008

From the Wise Master

Time To Be Thankful

Two National Holidays are observed during the month of November – Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. November 11, 1919 was the first commemoration of Armistice Day, a day to celebrate the temporary cessation of hostilities between Allied nations and Germany, which went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in the year 1918. Armistice Day, in 1954, was changed to Veterans Day to honor American veterans of all wars. This is a day for all to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.



Traditional observance of Veterans Day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Veterans Day. While there are towns and cities that still hold Veterans Day parades, many no longer celebrate the day. Let us not forget those that have served this Great Country and those that are serving through out the world, especially in the mountains of Afghanistan and the hot and dusty deserts of Iraq.

In your own way on November 11, remember and give thanks for our veterans and those that are currently serving this Great Country and maintaining our freedom!

Thanksgiving is a family day and a day to give thanks and praise to our beneficent Father for our countless blessings and our freedom! The family has always been an important part of Masonry. To be a participating member of Scottish Rite and other related organizations takes a lot of commitment on the part of the member. But it also takes commitment on the part of family members. Many times our activities fall at the wrong time and disrupt family plans. Therefore, during this "Thanksgiving season" we are very grateful to our family members for their support that is essential to our success.

Have a Great Thanksgiving!

Hal Leister, 32° Wise Master

From the Master of Kadosh

While browsing in our Scottish Rite Library I found the book "The Meaning of Masonry" written by Brother W. L. Wilmshurst. I highly recommend this collection of writings as a part of your on-going Masonic self-education.



The last chapter or paper in the book goes into a somewhat abbreviated discussion of the relationship of Freemasonry to the ancient mysteries. He chooses to concentrate on the Greek Eleusinian mystery system. To wet your appetite, I am including just a small part of his introduction into how Freemasonry relates to the Eleusinian.

The Eleusinian was for several centuries the focus point of religion and philosophy for the then civilized portion of Europe. Eleusis means light and the initiation into the mysteries of Eleusis, therefore, meant a search by the aspirant for light, in the same, but a far more real, sense as the modern Mason declares light to be the main wish of his heart.

In that time it meant, as it ought to mean today but does not, not merely light in the sense of being given some secret information not obtainable elsewhere or about any matter of worldly interest, but the opening up of the candidate's whole intellectual and spiritual nature in the super-sensual light of the Divine world and raising him to God consciousness. The ordinary and uninitiated man knows nothing of that super-sensual light by his merely natural reason or existence. He is conscious only of the outer world and things perceptible by his own natural faculties. In the words of St. Paul, "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

Initiation, therefore, meant a process whereby natural man became transformed into spiritual or ultra-natural man, and to effect this it was necessary to change his consciousness, to gear it to a new and higher principle, and so, as it were, make him a new man in the sense of attaining a new method of life and a new outlook upon the universe.

So, I ask that you consider Brother Wilmshurst's words the next time a candidate or aspirant is being initiated or moved to the next degree in your Blue Lodge or in the Scottish Rite Degrees.

Thanks to the Brothers who participated in our first Scottish Rite Night of Instruction and Festive Agape Dinner on September 29. Special thanks to Brother Daniel Doornbos, 32°, KCCH for his excellent paper and presentation on the symbolism of the new Fourth Degree. There was a lively and interesting discussion of the paper and other Masonic subjects during the Agape dinner. I also wish to express my thanks to Brother Bob Rowan, 32°, KCCH, Mary Lou Johnson, Brother Joseph DaSilva, 32° and Oscar and Felipe, for their contributions the success of the evening. We plan to do this again soon and hope that those of you who missed this night of instruction and brotherhood will join us at the next such event. Watch the Rite Word for the announcement.

Chuck Cowden, 32° Master of Kadosh



From the Venerable Master

Brethren and Ladies –

So as we come into the month of November, we should remember that Election Day in the United States falls on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of this month. Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11 and Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of the month.

So lets talk about the election coming up...uhhh...never mind, let's not. J But please be sure you get out and vote. It is a privilege and a duty that many people in the world do not have. Don't waste the opportunity to exercise such an important freedom.

I want to again remind you that there was a shift in the scheduled times for putting on the Scottish Rite Degrees. Look for details elsewhere in this newsletter. And please show up to support our new initiates and the brethren involved in the degree work.



The Grand Lodge of California is planning a “Veterans Day Observance” on November 11th, from 11:00 AM until noon at the California Masonic Memorial Temple in San Francisco. This promises to be an outstanding event and I encourage all of you that can attend to do so. Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, Master Masons, their ladies, families and friends are all welcome to attend. The dress is business suit for men and Dress or Pant Suits for the ladies.



I hope all of you have a great Thanksgiving and that you remember its purpose. E.P. Powell once said, *“Thanksgiving Day is a jewel, to set in the hearts of honest men, but be careful that you do not take the day and leave out the gratitude.”* We have much to be thankful for, but let us also see if, as individuals, we can do something at this time to make others thankful. Jeremy Taylor once said, *“God is pleased with no music below so much as with the thanksgiving songs of relieved widows and supported orphans; of rejoicing, comforted, and thankful persons.”* See you at the next meeting!

Bud Ramsey
Venerable Master



Welcome to our new Scottish Rite Masons. The very first Brother who calls the Secretary and correctly identifies all seven Brothers, will receive his January Stated Meeting Dinner at no cost.

November Stated Meeting - 7:15 PM - Tuesday November 11, 2008



Only \$12.00
per person

Pre-Thanksgiving Menu

- Center Cut Pork Loin
- Smoked Turkey Breast
- Baby Carrots
- Mashed Potatoes
- Turkey Gravy
- Mixed Green Salad w/Ranch or Italian Dressing
- Freshly Baked Rolls with butter
- Pasta for Vegetarians *by advance request*
- Coffee or Tea
- Special Desert

Reservation deadline:
Friday, Nov 7th at 4:00 PM

Reservation #:
408-978-7483



DO WE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?

The San Jose Scottish Rite is preparing an e-mail distribution list of members who would prefer to receive their Scottish Rite communications by e-mail. Interested? Please send your e-mail address and name to rdrowan@sanjosescottishrite.org.

(We are still working on this project, so please be patient. If you have not yet given us your e-mail address, please do so as soon as you can.) —rr

For the Lighter Side of things

It's pick on Lawyers time again since we cannot pick on politicians.

A friend of mine had just become a district court judge and was nervous about presiding impartially over his first criminal trial. As a former prosecutor, he could see the preponderance of evidence was clearly against the defendant. The proceedings went smoothly, until it was time for him to instruct the jury. "The jury," he said, "is to convene to the guilty room."

Membership is always important:

PROPOSITION/PETITION
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Office of the Secretary (408) 978-7483
2455 Masonic Drive – PO Box 18220, San Jose, CA. 95158-8220

Fee: \$300.00 *(must accompany this petition)*

(Please print or type)

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-Mail address: _____

Mailing Address (If different from above): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth : _____

Present Blue Lodge: _____ Approx. Date Raised: _____

Location: _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Occupation (If retired, previous occupation): _____

Name of Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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.

Future Scottish Rite Events:

November 11, 2008 - November Stated Meeting & Dinner

November 13, 2008 - Deadline for December "Rite Word" articles !

November 9, 2008 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

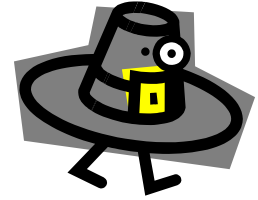
December 6, 2008 - Clinic Christmas Party with a very special guest!!

December 9, 2008 - December Stated Meeting & Dinner

December 14, 2008 - Deadline for January "Rite Word" articles !

January 10, 2009 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

January 13, 2009 - January Stated Meeting and Dinner followed by conferral of the 14th Degree



We will be decorating our facility for the December 6th Christmas Party and the Christmas season on Monday, December 1st starting at 1:00 PM - Suitable refreshments will be available and we would welcome your help!



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