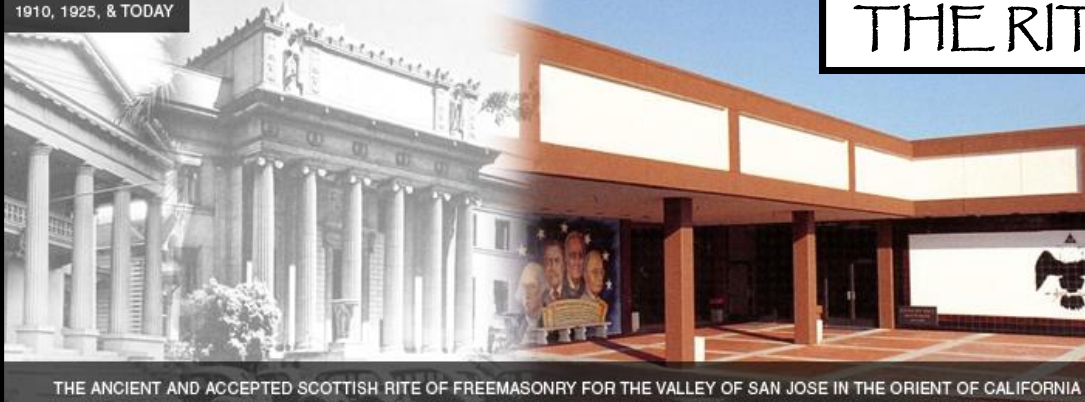


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A Brother's View of What it Means to be a Brother.

Brethren:

How is it that men who have never met one another can meet on the level and treat each other like Brothers? Before becoming a Mason, I, like most people, was cautious upon meeting strangers. The process of getting to know someone can take weeks, months, or years. Can this person be trusted? Do we have anything in common?

And yet, as a Freemason I can meet a man with whom I have never spoken, about whom I know nothing, except that he is also a Freemason. And that is enough. Without hesitation, I am prepared to render any and all assistance to him. I trust his word implicitly. I will go to the length of my cable tow for this man I have never met. He is truly my Brother. There is a certain bond that exists which I find difficult to express. Perhaps, like the Spirit, when looked for it cannot be seen; reached for, it cannot be grasped; listened for, and it cannot be heard. And yet, it is there, undeniably present and unshakable.

I am profoundly moved by the acceptance I have found within our Craft. I am not referring to simple camaraderie, although that in itself is a wonderful thing. I have the feeling of coming home after being away for a long time. The men whom I call Brethren are the most honest, most sincere, most caring, and most wonderful men that I have ever had the pleasure to meet. When I think of all I have learned thus far, and all I still have to learn, I realize that I can never repay the debt I owe. None of us can. But this debt is not like money owed. It is a debt which makes each of us richer and better. I realize that Freemasonry holds the key to the greatest secret of them all. And yet, it is not really a secret. Is

As we look around the world today and back through the veils of history, we see that mankind has always been at war. Hatred has twisted the minds of men, turned brother against brother. Religion and politics have led to the senseless slaughter of millions upon millions of people. Fear and paranoia have shaped the development of civilizations since the beginning of time.

But we, as Freemasons, have discovered the most profound of all secrets. And that secret is that WE ARE ALL BROTHERS UNDER THE FATHERHOOD OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE. This simple truth allows each and every one of us to treat one another with dignity, respect, and caring. If we find a Brother in need, we give him aid and comfort without hesitation and without thinking of what we can gain in return. Within the body of the Lodge, we are all equal. Certainly, some may have more money, others may be more intelligent, but these things are irrelevant. What matters is only that the man next to you is a Brother. Our shared experience of being Entered, Passed, and finally Raised, regardless of our personal religious belief, regardless of our nationality or political opinions, makes us Brothers. This simple yet profound Truth has the potential to change the world. My Brothers, we hold the key. What we chose to do with this key is up to each and every one of us. What does the future hold for mankind? No one knows. Imagine a world where every man, woman, and child lived this Truth. Impossible?: I think not. We have proof of that. Every time we reach out a helping hand to a Brother in need, every time we live the teachings of Masonry, we bring this reality a little closer. The future is what we make it. What induced You to become a Master Mason? See you in Lodge for good and wholesome fellowship.

Joseph Da Silva- Senior Warden of The Lodge of Perfection

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From The Consistory



This month's message hopes that you are enjoying an enjoyable summer solstice season. As the sun reaches its meridian height and takes its victorious place over the defeated night, we enter into the mid-year season and the ushering in of summer.

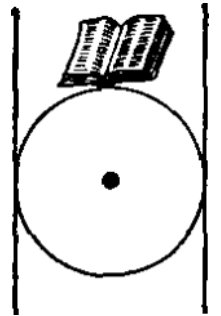
Also, this recent solar transition represents the holiday of the Masonic Patron Saint John the Baptist, which many Masonic traditions in the West relate to the powerful symbol of the Point Within the Circle.

As an elaboration on some ideas of what the point within the circle represents, and thusly to the Holy Saint John, here is what several authors have said about it and how it may relate to you and your work to shape the perfect ashlar.

Albert in Pike in Morals and Dogma wrote:

Our Brethren of the York Rite say that "there is represented in every well-governed Lodge, a certain **point, within a circle**; the point representing an individual Brother; the Circle, the boundary line of his conduct, beyond which he is never to suffer his prejudices or passions to betray him."

This Masonic symbol has both a Modern symbolism and an Ancient symbolism. Some depictions show a "B" on the outer left side of the left vertical line for John the Baptist and an "E" on the outer right side of the right vertical line. The Volume of Sacred Law resides above the circle.



It has been said by some that the point within the circle represents God in the Centre of the Universe. It is also a common Egyptian sign for the Sun and for Osiris, and it is still used as the astronomical sign of the great luminary while in the Kabbalah, the point is YOD, the Creative Energy of God, irradiating with light the circular space which God, the universal Light, left vacant, wherein to create the worlds, by withdrawing His substance of Light back on all sides from one point.

Our Brethren add that, "this circle is embroidered by two perpendicular parallel lines, representing Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist, and upon the top rests the Holy Scriptures" (an open book). "In going round this circle," they say, "we necessarily touch upon these two lines as well as upon the Holy Scriptures; and while a Mason keeps himself circumscribed within their precepts, it is impossible that he should materially err."

It must be noted that the Point Within a Circle, like many of our Masonic symbols, did not originate in 1717, ...with the creation of the Grand Lodge of England,... nor did it originate from the stone masons of the Middle Ages, from whence we have evidence of their Old Charges, Old Constitutions and Old Charters.

This symbol is much older and well deserved of a separate discussion in another article.

With that in mind, consider the path of the Earth around the Sun and the transition of the season from winter/spring and summer/fall, as we enjoy the "post equinox" mid-summer season to celebrate yet another celestial battle of light and dark. That perhaps instead of us orbiting the radiant light of the sun, we in fact are the sun radiating out into the universe that is our domain. In Masonry, we are told that in the middle of that point within the circle is where we, as men, stand.

On a less occult topic, it is said that our ancient brethren met on the date of the Summer Solstice in 1717 to form the Grand Lodge of England, so perhaps it is in their memory that we venerate this day and hold it in such esteem. As we gradually move away from it and towards the Winter Solstice in December, it is good to remember some of what our feast days and the Holy Saints John represent and find a time to reflect on our fraternity and brotherhood.

In the same spirit which we recently celebrated a festive board in the company of our brothers and the Grand Master, I wish you a good remainder of the summer and look forward to the learning and re-learning time of the Fall Reunion as the journey around the circle continues.

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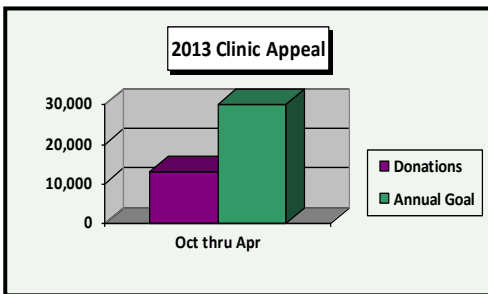
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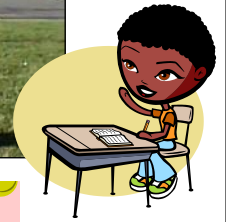
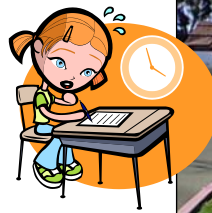
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- 2) It lets others know that you're not an individual that disregards the existence of anyone else in the world who needs your help.
- 3) Having a good self-conscience is part of this... and there are other factors you can think of like the fact it is tax deductible & totally appreciated.

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Greetings!

It's hard to believe I'm already writing my August article. August is considered the last month of summer. I hope all of you enjoyed a nice summer and have some amazing stories to tell. This year is going by very quickly...and what a pleasure it is to serve the Scottish Rite bodies. Thanks to all of you for the support you provide. Scottish Rite couldn't do all it does without the combined efforts of so many.

Speaking of combined efforts, my sincere thanks go out to all of you that worked so hard to make our Grand Master's Reception this past month such a success. We had a great turn out and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. There's nothing like good food, good fellowship, and a well-executed event to make an evening pleasurable.

This last month I had cataract surgery on my right eye. Thanks for all the positive thoughts and prayers. It went really well and I can't wait to get the left eye done. I can see things so much more clearly (and colors are brighter too). I didn't realize what I was missing until I was able to experience it the way it should be. So it is with those of you who haven't been to Scottish Rite in awhile. You may not realize how much you've been missing. So, I'm inviting you to come down and re-engage, meet some of our newer brethren, and be reminded of how much better it can be for you and for us with your presence! Get into the habit of attending. Samuel Jackson once said, *"The chains of habit are generally too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken."* Let's strengthen the chain. And don't forget to make a reservation for dinner. This time it's a barbeque and the dress is informal.

Lastly, I want to share some "thank you" reminders:

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings, I am thankful that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible, I am thankful that I can see. Many are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising, I am thankful that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned and tempers are short, my children are so loud,

I am thankful for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, I am thankful for the food we have. There are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job often is monotonous, I am thankful for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest, I am thankful for life!

A friend is someone to treasure. For friendship is a gift. A friend is someone who fills our lives with beauty, joy and grace and makes the world we live in a better and happier place. Friends like we can find in our gentle craft. Join us. See you at our next meeting!

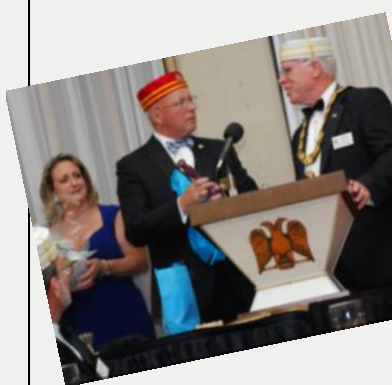
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Happy Birthday Kathie Runcie !



What a pleasure to have you here at Scottish Rite for the celebration of your 90th Birthday ! You are blessed with so many who love you and your beloved husband, John ! Thank you for all you have done thru the years for Scottish Rite & The Rite Care Clinic! God Bless You !





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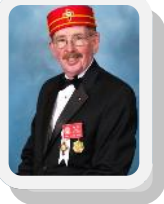


Nathan is a sweet, energetic six year old boy whose parents brought him to the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic due to concerns about his intelligibility. His parents reported, “We were not able to make out what he was saying at times and had to ask him to repeat himself. Sometimes, we just never figured out what he was saying.” His mom also said that he would often get frustrated when he wasn’t understood.

Nathan was given a standardized test which compared his sound productions to those of other typically developing children. His testing showed that he demonstrated a mild-moderate articulation disorder. Some of the sounds that Nathan had difficulty with included /l/, /sh/, /ch/ and /r/. He also spoke with a rapid rate of speech which often impacted his intelligibility when coupled with the sound difficulties. While Nathan needed help with some of his sounds, his receptive and expressive language was within normal limits as compared to age-matched peers. Thus, treatment could focus on his articulation skills and using “turtle speech” during a variety of turn-taking games to reduce his rate of speech and increase intelligibility.

Nathan received weekly treatment for about eight months to work on the /l/, /sh/ and /ch/ sounds. He learned how to place his lips and tongue to produce the sounds with things like peanut butter and pretzels, which Nathan loved! He also used silly putty to show him how to reduce his fast rate of speech. Nathan’s treatment sessions would also often include play with Legos. He always built the coolest Lego designs!

Nathan was such a hard worker that he is now ready to be discharged from treatment! When his mother was asked about her experience at the clinic, she commented that “Rachel is wonderful and very engaging to my son. We love her and my son looks forward to his session with her every week... This is such a great place! They’re providing such a great service to kids who need it and enable them to have better communication with everyone around them.” Congratulations, Nathan! We wish you and your family all the best!



REGIONAL ORIENT MEMBERSHIP AMBASSADOR’S MESSAGE August 2013

We must all be builders of Scottish Rite membership. We should work to give new and current members, as well as those former members whom we need to reinstate, the pleasure of attending our meetings regularly, climbing the heavenly ladder and being builders of Scottish Rite Masonry.

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Today we labor to understand and practice the teachings of the Scottish Rite degrees. Our degrees, when studied, absorbed and practiced, can help to bring spirituality and peace of mind to our daily lives. Let us, therefore, strive to build our great Order stronger than ever so that Scottish Rite Masonry may continue to be a blessing to us and to all whom we recruit, reinstate and retain.

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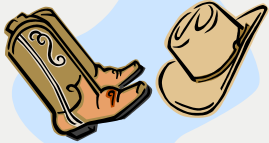
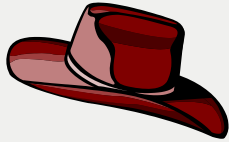
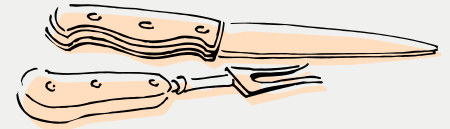
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Dates: August 3, 4, 17, 18

Time: 8:30pm - 11:00pm

Location: Hellyer County Park, 85 Hellyer Avenue, San Jose

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It's Such a Nice Day

If you live in California, you can enjoy a variety of climates and conditions. We have mountains, deserts, beaches, forests, rivers, lakes, and of course, cities, farm lands, and suburbs full of houses. This is all stitched together with miles of concrete and tarmac roads, train tracks, and airline routes.

Some people love to "get away for the weekend" and spend their time enjoying the mountains, deserts, beaches, forests, rivers, and lakes as they temporarily escape from the cities, farm lands, and suburbs full of houses. You can see them on the miles of roads with their motor homes, camping trailers, boats, and ATVs.

Other people have their weekend getaway at home, which typically means home improvement projects and items on the "honey do" list. If you work in agriculture or high technology, your weekend is just that, the first and last days of the week, time that you spend working at your job, business, or farm, just like the weekdays.

As a denizen of Silicon Valley, I spend most of my time indoors. One day, I tried taking my laptop outside to work. But it didn't work. Sunlight glared on my screen. Wind blew my notes away. Delivery trucks disturbed the quiet. Not to mention the time when the automatic sprinklers turned on unexpectedly. Don't they know that you're supposed to water in the early morning, not in the hot afternoon?

Speaking of hot afternoons... In the building where I work, we have a lot of servers and computers. Those devices generate a lot of heat. So the building has a high-capacity, precision-designed, and constantly monitored air conditioning system to keep it all cool. Except when it breaks. Then it starts getting hot. The network goes down, the phone system goes down, and then the employees go down... down-stairs and outside so we can stand in the summer sunshine to cool off.

One of the ways to stay comfortable in the heat is to wear less. In Silicon Valley, that means you can come to work in a T-shirt, shorts, and sandals. Needless to say, such attire doesn't work on the East Coast, where discomfort in dress is a sign of being serious about your job. In contrast, doing a good job is the sign of being serious about your job, out here in the Wild West.

As Masons, we have a lot of activities where you are expected to dress up. I had never worn a tuxedo until they make me Senior Steward in my Blue Lodge. Now there is a tuxedo in my closet. I know a few brothers with multiple tuxedos in their closets. Along with jackets and sports coats of many colors, cufflink-and-stud sets with various Masonic emblems on them, and a few pairs of high-gloss shoes.

In the summer, however, we Masons tend to acknowledge the higher ambient temperature, leave the tux in the closet, and wear something more comfortable. I remember many years ago when my Blue Lodge introduced "casual night" at an August Stated Meeting. The younger guys really enjoyed it. The older guys were shocked and confused at the idea that Masons would attend a meeting without being dressed in a coat and tie. Some gave casual a try and liked it. Others remained steadfast, unwilling to risk the "slippery slope" of a relaxed dress code.

As Masons, we strive to develop a first-class operation. That includes looking the part, which means suits, colored jackets, and formal wear. Fortunately, all of the Masonic groups to which I belong meet in places with air conditioning. So while I may be overdressed for the summer climate, I can be properly dressed and reasonably comfortable in Lodge. Just as long as that air conditioner keeps on working.

Daniel Doornbos- Commander - Council of Kadosh





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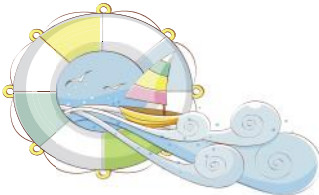
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Tuesday September 24th ~ All Officers' Council Meeting @ 7:00 PM

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