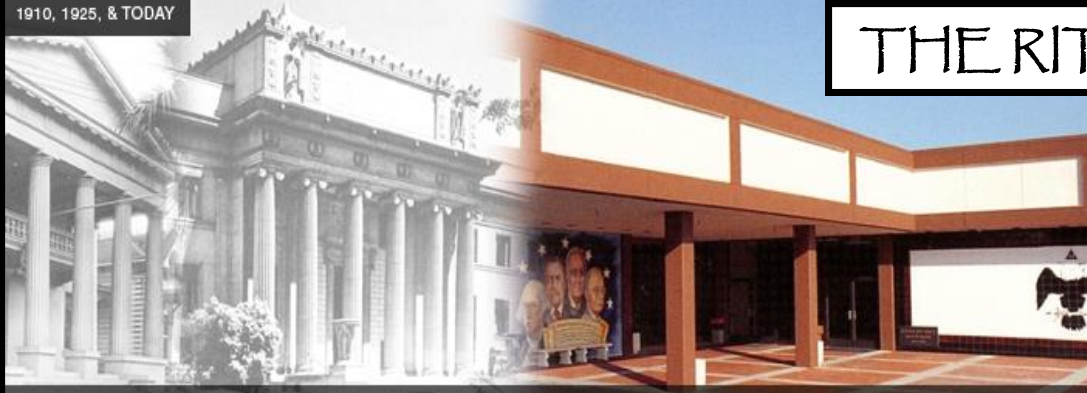


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From the Venerable Master

My Brothers.

In the second degree we mention that Masonry is a progressive science taught by degrees only. That statement, in essence, states that we are a philosophical society. When I look at our degrees I would also have to say that we are a theosophical and spiritual society.

I have combed through the rituals and monitors used in 1907 and find that we have been neglecting or deleting bits and pieces in the opening and closing that remind us of our spiritual reason for existence.

In the Taylor Hamilton Monitor of Symbolic Masonry There is a Masters Charge in closing that is still, to some degree, used in Cryptic Masonry today but no longer in the Blue Lodge:

“Brethren You are now about to quit this sacred retreat of friendship and virtue, to mix again with the world. Amidst its concerns and employments, forget not the duties you have heard so frequently inculcated and forcibly recommended in this Lodge. Be diligent, prudent, temperate, discreet. Remember that around this alter you have promised to befriend and relieve every brother who shall need your assistance. Remember that you have promised to remind him, in the most tender manner, of his failings, and aid his reformation. Vindicate his character when wrongfully traduced. Suggest in his behalf the most candid and favorable circumstances. Is he justly reprehended? Let the world observe how Masons love one another. The generous principles are to extend further; every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. “Do good unto all”. Remember it more especially to the household of the FAITHFUL. Finally, brethren, be ye all of one mind; live in peace, and the God of love and peace delight to dwell with and bless you. Amen”

Notice that our gathering is a sacred retreat; and when we leave that place we mix again with the world. When we come to lodge we are to leave the world behind and bring none of it into the lodge. I can clearly see that we are failing to convey our true reason for existence to candidates: We are the keepers of a holy place.

I have to ask myself, and now you: Have we forgotten to meditate upon our own philosophy; thereby becoming unable to transmit it to candidates? Have we come to a place where we have forgotten our spiritual reason for existence thereby forfeiting our future existence?

MARTIN MAXEY

VENERABLE MASTER



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Ana is a sweet, bright-eyed six year old girl who has been attending the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic to address a language and articulation disorder. When Ana first started at our clinic her mother reported that Ana had a very small vocabulary and was often frustrated because she couldn't express herself. Ana has made exceptional progress since the initiation of treatment. She has developed her receptive language skills to follow directions and her expressive language skills so that she can clearly formulate her ideas and thoughts. Her mother reported that since treatment began Ana has blossomed socially and emotionally. Currently, Ana is working toward mastering her articulation goals. She is working with a program called SATPAC, which uses a variety of techniques to work on tongue placement for sounds, such as /r/ and /s/ among others. Ana has progressed quickly and always has a great attitude about doing her work during speech therapy time.



Ana's family has been a blessing to our clinic. Her parents continuously donate toys and therapy materials to our clinic. Her mother stated recently that "we are deeply grateful to Scottish Rite, the support they give to all children is wonderful...being in [the] Scottish Rite is being in the right place. Infinite thanks for all your help." Ana has been and continues to be such a joy to work with. We are looking forward to the day she graduates from therapy, but until then we will continue to have fun playing and learning!



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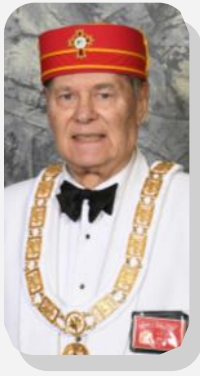
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Two items for this month. The trip report to the Corps of Engineers "Bay Model"; and the 500th year anniversary of "The Reformation".

The trip to the Bay-Delta model went well. Traveling over the Golden Gate Bridge and through Sausalito to the Visitor Center with parking on the right at the "big" old W.W. II supply building.

A short walk took us to the entrance and reception desk where we received our maps and instructions for one of the free tour options—we chose the self-guided one. Wow! This is one big high cavernous building, I mean "real Big".

It starts out up the ramp to follow the numbered steps provided on the tour map. From the enormous color mountain paintings on the walls from the Mt. Shasta area to the south it gives the impression that you are really there. The visual impact is quite awesome. Then you can sit down for a 15 minute video of an overview of the whole model itself.

Next is the "long circuitous walk" touring the individual but connected areas of the Delta – Napa/ San Pablo Bay – Carquinez Straight – East Bay – Golden Gate/ Central Bay – South Bay/ Alviso Area – Suisun Bay – Sacramento and San Joaquin River/ Delta areas all in 3-D relief.

What an exhibit! Our tour took about two hours and yet to digest it all would have taken even longer—or required a second visit. The detail was superb and you could even see the water moving in and out over the whole model with the simulated tides. This is a "must see" to appreciate how big and glorious "our" San Francisco Bay and especially the Delta region really is.

Next: While 2017 is a celebration for our 300th year of currently organized Freemasonry there is also another celebration this year. It is occurrence of the 500th year of the Christian Lutheran religious Reformation Movement that began in Germany by the reverend Pastor Dr. Martin Luther in September of 1517. Luther's daring proclamation of his explicit interpretation of the bible led him to be at odds with many predominant church leaders and doctrine. Among his long struggle to present his facts and point of view were his long walk from Germany over the Alps Mountains in the middle of winter on foot to Rome to seek understanding by the Vatican. While he was unsuccessful in that effort his views and doctrine have become recognized and accepted over the ages in the form of Lutheran and Reformed Christian Churches of worship in many other countries.

DELL BLEILER, COMMANDER OF KADOSH

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The "**2017**" Honor Roll

FALL 2017 REUNION SCHEDULE**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20th**

530pm - 600pm	Registration & Cap Sizing
600pm - 630pm	Open Lodge of Perfection & Class Orientation
630pm - 715pm	Dinner (LOP to Host)
715pm - 815pm	Confer 4th Degree
815pm - 830pm	Break
830pm - 930pm	Communicate 5 th - 7 th Degrees
	Close LOP / Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st

830am - 900am	Ingathering and light breakfast
900am - 1000am	Open LOP and Communicate 8 th - 11 th Degrees
1000am - 1030am	Confer 12 th Degree
1030am - 1100am	Communicate 13 th Degree
1100am - 1130am	Lunch (Chapter Rose Croix to Host)
1130am - 1215pm	Confer 14 th Degree
1215pm - 100pm	Close LOP / Open Chapter Rose Croix -- Communicate 15 th - 17 th Degrees
100pm - 230pm	Confer 18th Degree
	Close Chapter Rose Croix / Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28th

830am - 900am	Ingathering and light breakfast
900am - 905am	Open Council of Kadosh
905am - 1000am	Communicate 19 th - 21 st Degree
1000am - 1030am	Confer 22nd Degree
1030am - 1130am	Communicate 23rd - 25th Degrees
1130am - 1215pm	Lunch (Council of Kadosh to Host)
1215pm - 100pm	Communicate 26th - 28th Degrees
100pm - 215pm	Confer 29th Degree
215pm - 300pm	Break/Class Photo/Catch up on previous degrees
300pm - 400pm	Confer 30th Degree
	Close Council / Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

600pm - 645pm	Dinner (Consistory to Host)
645pm - 730pm	Open Consistory and Communicate 31st Degree
730pm - 900pm	Confer 32nd Degree
	Close Consistory and Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

Top to Bottom — September 16, 2017 — Bud Ramsey is Coroneted a 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary; Hank Vlcek is Invested Knight Commander Court of Honour; Tom Tefft is Invested Knight Commander Court of Honour.



Meaningful Allegories, Stories Or Nothing

Among the things we often find interesting in Masonry are heritage, allegory and metaphor.

Theses often take the form of a Theme, or are Thematic in nature. These are common in mystic schools as they explain things in common well known ideas and reinforce the same ideas or themes over and over again.

We see this same type of thing in many places, one such place is music. For example, about 1600 a late Renaissance composer and organist Hans Leo Hassler wrote "*Mein G'mut ist mir verwirret*", its theme becoming so popular it eventually gathered folk tune status. That beginning was a century later when J.S. Bach used it as the central theme for the *St Mathew's Passion*. Two hundred years later, Peter, Paul & Mary used it as a 'Folk' song for their *Because All Men are Brothers* and finally, Paul Simon used it as the central theme for *An American Tune*. Interestingly, each of these renditions is a musical version and commentary by each composure on Mankind.

Many musical styles are based upon reoccurring themes, such as a canon, one theme stated against itself offset in time, or a Fugue, or a Passacaglia as expanded examinations of a theme. Examples of these permeate our culture even today, you can see them in Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor, often associated with Phantom of the Opera, or Johann Pachebel's Canon in D, a staple of modern wedding music.

In literature we see this in several types of both prose and poetry. Even in movies, there is a very interesting paper that was written suggesting that the storyline for all nine of the Star Wars movies (the first two trilogies and the recently last one, of which story 7 was out last year and 8 is coming out soon). It outlines how the Hero archetype and coming of age mythologies are stated and restated over and over again, using different characters and locations in each chapter.

Another place we see this is closer to home in masonry. Our Grand Lodge describes Freemasonry as 'progressive moral science explained in allegory and metaphor'. This is a very effective and powerful method of communication that is centuries old in its use. I like using them both myself in the form of Quotes as way to allow someone to see what I am thinking, without feeling the need to comment, only to consider their opinion (see last month's article in Rite Word on Quotes). One of my beliefs is 'No one understands something better than in the context of their own personal experience.' That is to say if you were to learn something new, and it was explained to you as a story you have already heard or experience, you would learn it quicker and remember it longer.

Along these lines, the Consistory has arranged for 'A Day in Egypt', a visit to the Rosicrucian Library and Egyptian Museum. Egypt being one of the oldest and best recorded cultures, one that much of modern myth, allegory and metaphor are based on, has one of the best museums in the Western hemisphere, all right here in San Jose. There are those that have suggested that Rosicrucianism is a 'cousin' of Masonry. This of course remains to be seen unless you are both a Rosicrucian and a Mason, of which few people are. Join us on Saturday December 16th at 9 AM to explore this unique opportunity. Reservations can be made by calling me at (831) 521-8228 or emailing MarkBurger@PacificGroveMasonicLodge.org



September 16, 2017

Left—Martin Maxey in Invested a Knight Commander Court of Honour. Right—Tom Bergevin is Invested a Knight Commander Court of Honour.





MENU

Tuesday, October 10th, 2017

Assorted Appetizers

German Pot Roast

Warm German Potato Salad

Baby Carrots

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Vegetarian Entrée (Must be requested by 10/6/17)

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Brethren,

I'm going to stay in the realm of history. I think this is a good time. 300 years is a big number. So, here are some more historic landmarks and dates to remember, courtesy of a great article by Amanda Ruggeri on BBC Travel.



Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.

The name may be misleading. This is not a "place of worship". In fact, the whole name is: "The Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1".

The address is: 19 Hill Street, and walking by, it is very easy to miss it. But if one will pay attention, the entry, with the "common" columns, is so obviously special. Hidden in plain sight there are many signs that will look familiar to us. And here is the interesting part: this Masonic Lodge is the oldest in existence in the world. Its records date back to 1599.

Grand Lodge of Scotland, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.

Just around the corner from The Lodge of Edinburgh, on 96 George Street, was founded in 1736, and is the guardian of the records of all other official Scottish Masonic Lodges in existence. Just to make you interested: you can find there the membership record, and signature, of Robert Burns, or, the 115-years-old membership roll book of a Scottish Masonic Lodge in Japan. The museum there is open to the public. Just a reminder...

Edinburgh Lodge of Journeyman Masons No 8, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.

The Lodge was founded in 1578 and today's Lodge building was built in 1870, on Blackfriars Street. The building has great architecture and is something not to be missed if life will take you there.

The Celtic Lodge of Edinburgh and Leith No 291, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.

Speaking of "hidden in plain sight"! Off of the Royal Mile, the most crowded street in Edinburgh, on Brodie's Close, the Lodge was founded in 1821.

All these Lodges are, if I can say, the "foundation" for the Grand Lodge of England in 1717.

This is a little bit of history. It is our history and world history. And because we go back in time so far, we are part of the world history.

History is an important part of our life. It cannot be denied, dismissed or forgotten. Good or bad, all that happened before is there. Victories and defeats happened, and they will be there, like it or not. History is not only a textbook. It's life at the highest level. Knowing it and understanding it is the easiest way to avoid repeating it.

I do hope that I did whet your appetite to check and find more about this part of history. The article that I referred to, and the author, Amanda Ruggeri that gets all the credit, has much more information and I found it very well documented.

Jon Vasilescu
Wise Master



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

Friday—Sunday, Oct 13th—15th ~ Grand Lodge Communication in San Francisco

Monday, Oct 16th ~ Monthly OAM Meeting hosted by Los Altos Lodge #712

6:30pm - Dinner ~ 7:30pm—SOI: Candidate Proficiency; Elections — All Master Masons welcome!

Friday-Saturday, Oct 20—21 ~ FALL REUNION 1st Weekend. See Schedule inside Rite Word

Saturday, Oct 21st ~ Grand Masters Reception hosted by Santa Clara OAM at San Jose Masonic Center

4pm — Social Hour 5:30pm — Dinner Open to All Masons, Family and Friends

Tuesday, Oct 24th ~ Monthly All Officer Council Meeting at 7pm

Saturday, Oct 28 ~ FALL REUNION 2nd Weekend. See Schedule inside Rite Word

Monday, Oct 30 ~ FALL REUNION FINALE. 32nd Degree Conferral. See Schedule inside Rite Word

Tuesday, Nov 14th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

6:30pm - Social Hour ~ 7:00pm - Dinner ~ Program - Capping Ceremony & Military Recognition Night

Tuesday, Nov 28th ~ Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting at 6pm

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