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# THE RITE WORD

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## From the Venerable Master

**M**y Brothers:

For those of you who attended the June 6<sup>th</sup> VMAP meeting I thank you for your attendance; we had a great turnout. Stan Dodd associate director of membership services of the Supreme Council gave a slide presentation about our membership statistics and ideas about how to engage our membership through activity.



Our local chairman of VMAP is Gregg Hall. His wish is to have more people participate in his membership presentations throughout the year. Gregg also chairs The Master Craftsman Program for Masonic education. This program is available through the web store at the Supreme Council of the 33<sup>rd</sup> of the Scottish Rite. If we all team up with Gregg I think we would enjoy the Scottish Rite and our personal Masonic journey more.

I like to think that our seeking further light in Masonry ( Scottish Rite and York Rite) should include an active participation in the bodies, if possible; if not, then active participation in social events planned by the bodies of our organizations. Our most visible social event happens monthly; it is our stated meeting and dinner. This event is a short meeting with a social dinner. To me, the social dinner is a time to sit with different members and their wives and get to know people better. We would like to have a greater participation at our stated meetings as this is actually more of a social event.

The Scottish Rite would like for the bodies to promote some other activities aside from the stated social dinner. The Lodge of Perfection is busy working on the production of a standup comedy show on Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup> in the early evening. Once confirmation has been made with our act we will commence taking reservations and selling tickets. . The Knights of Saint Andrew are working on block tickets to the Pleasanton Scottish Highland Games and Faire on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. My fellow Masters of the other 3 bodies will include their social plans in the Rite Word as well. We do have fun and I hope all will join us when we do.

MARTIN MAXEY  
VENERABLE MASTER

**REMINDER!! July 1 | Stated Meeting begins Promptly at **5:45pm**. Grand Master Reception starts at 6:30pm.**



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## From the Clinic



**T**y is one cool kid. When he first started at our clinic he was nearly unintelligible. He often cried because he wasn't understood by anyone but his mom, which often made him so upset that he would completely shut down. Often children with a history of Childhood Apraxia of Speech or CAS have such difficulty with their sound systems that therapy is a long, arduous process. And frequently, the services they should be receiving in the public school system do not provide enough treatment. The American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) that monitors the certifications of Speech-Language Pathologists indicates that children with CAS need speech up to five times per week. We are so fortunate that the San Jose Scottish Rite can step in to fill the gaps where schools and health insurances don't. Ty received the speech treatment that he needed in order to now be ready for discharge! It has been a pleasure watching his speech and language grow and mature! I am truly honored that I had the opportunity to work with him and his family. He wrote me a little note on his last day recently, which made my heart smile. We wish you a lifetime of blessings, Ty and family!

*Dear Miss Rachel,*

*Thank you for all your help. You have helped me so much. You helped me get passed [past] tons of other sounds. Thank you. I hope you have a great summer with your boys. You're the best! - Ty*

## Thank You for Your Donations !

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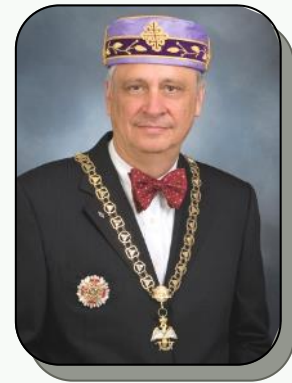
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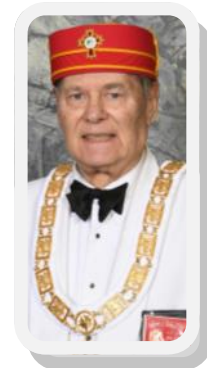
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## **Happy Birthday America (and) modern Free Masonry - 300 years!!**

When I was a young boy in Boston, and frequently traveling with my family, my dad would point to that older nice house in the neighboring town of Quincy and say “That is the house of John Quincy Adams, Sixth President of the United States.” It was only years later when I (we) came to California that I had the opportunity to read and learn about the early history of the Revolutionary War and the first several Presidents of our country. After John Quincy’s single term as President he was then elected to serve in the U.S. Congress as a Representative from Massachusetts.



Among his many speeches and thoughts for our country were the need for roads and canals; improvement of agriculture, commerce, manufacturing, the arts and sciences, the establishment of public institutions and seminaries (universities) of learning. And among the sciences, he cited astronomy as the most important and called for the federal construction of astronomical observatories, or “lighthouses of the sky” to study the heavens such as was being done in Europe. Many of his fellow legislators and newspapers ridiculed him as “this was not what our frontiersmen and farmers want”.

In December 1835, President Andrew Jackson sent to Congress a curious message: An Englishman, James Smithson, had left a bequest of about \$500,000 to the United States “to found at Washington, under the name of the Smithsonian Institution, an Establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men.” Although both houses of Congress licked their collective chops at the possibilities for personal profits, the House acceded to then Congressman John Quincy Adams’ fierce interest in science and named him chairman of the committee on how to determine and disburse the money.

He intended combining George Washington’s vision of creating “institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge” with his own vision for national observatories or “lighthouses of the sky”. He called them “the link between heaven and earth, the means of acquiring knowledge, the greatest benefit that can be conferred upon mankind”. Thus began the Smithsonian Institution in the District of Columbia, and with other federal agencies, to build his “lighthouses of the sky”. One such observatory is our own Lick Observatory atop Mt. Hamilton in San Jose.

In this mountain-top complex resides one of the largest refractor lens telescopes ever built. The lens was so big it had to be lugged to the top using ropes. It contains a hand crafted and hand polished glass refractor lens made by John A. Brashear and his wife in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. And that same telescope has an appropriate brass nameplate attached to it mentioning the name of “Brashear” which was both visited and noted by one of our members. And in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania there is an edifice by the name of John A. Brashear Masonic Lodge. It is sometimes amazing to see how many Masons across the years have used the Liberal Arts and Sciences, as we are exhorted to do in the Second Degree, to the betterment of mankind!

***Dell Bleiler, Commander of Kadosh***





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No Brothers left us in June

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assist! Please feel free to call anytime!  
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**Afternoon Piano Recital and Discussion on:**

**“Two Types of Virtuosity” — Liszt viz a viz Brahms**

**Sunday, July 9, 2017**

**Ms. Anna-Theodora Serbanescu-Martin**

**PhD Candidate in Musicology — Cornell University**

**2:00PM—In Gathering    2:30PM - Recital & Discussion    3:30 PM - Light Refreshments**

**Cost \$10.00**

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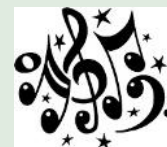
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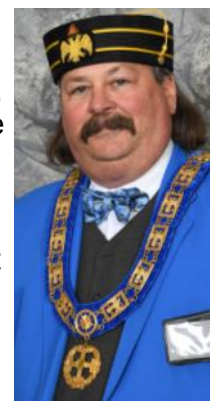
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America the Beautiful

This month we celebrate the 4th of July, a time honored American tradition for the last 230 years, and in doing so we often can reflect on BBQ, baseball, brotherhood and Old Glory waving in the breeze on a warm summer day. I recently spoke to a friend from overseas who was amazed how often he would see an American Flag up in front of a house or business. Like Masonic symbols, in this country, we are proud of our heritage, but perhaps more than others, not afraid to display this in a very deep and personal way. No doubt that part of the American way is not only having beliefs but being able to express them without fear of reprisal from the government, as well as engage in conversation with our fellow citizens respecting that each of us has an opinion.



Our Constitution is Alive and Well.

Regardless of your views on the state of the country, the opinions of those who could, should or do run it, of our friends, family, brothers and colleagues, the Constitution continues to facilitate, protect and nurture this concept of exchange of these ideas. Sometimes I think that regardless of the headlines, we are better off now than we have ever been. We often as individuals consider the current state of affairs in the context of our own life, or what we see today. I truth, history moves much slower and is often not apparent until after it is written and considered. Soren Kierkegaard said "Sometimes, Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forward"

We have a unique opportunity in Masonry to live and have an impact today, to "Put a dent in the universe" and as we have been doing it a long time, have our history to guide us. It is often in the time spent with brothers, that we make these considerations. Lately, these conversations often shift to the "state of the craft". We seem to spend a lot of time on the 'Form' as compared to the 'Content'.

In a recent speech regarding the 300th Anniversary of speculative Masonry, I heard the Grand Master speak of persistence and humility. The operative word here is speculative. We as speculative masons as we know, build not buildings but lives, or quality of life. This in a nutshell, is a great opportunity and passion of ours. I think as we communicate with the world and each other, we have the chance to take these toxins out of society and our time together in society each day. The word toxic comes from the Latin toxikon meaning poison arrow. I believe, or choose to believe, that all Masons are well intentioned and don't necessarily say or do things to other Masons or others in their lives to be mean or rude but perhaps don't know or listen to what they communicate. We all work to better understand each other and the world to make a better life for us and the people we encounter in the running of this Great Society. This is the essence of who can best work and best agree. It is interesting that hubris and humility have almost the same number of letters; it just takes a few more letters for one to create the latter.

*Mark Burger, Master of Kadosh*



(Left) Bro Blane Curtice receives his 32 Degree patent from Ill Ken Nagel at our June Stated Mtg.

(Right) Knights of St Andrew booth at the 'BIG 300' fair on June 24. Our Chief Knight, TJ Jackson, is manning the booth.







## Menu

**TUESDAY, July 11th, 2017**

**Assorted Appetizers**

**Tomato Bisque Soup**

**Chopped Greek Salad**

**Chilled Prawns**

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## **GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION!!**

**O**ur Annual Festive Board of Fellowship and Grand Master's Visitation and Reception is Tuesday, July 11th. We will be starting our Stated Meeting **EARLY** that night—at

**5:45pm**. Be sure to note the changed time and arrive around 5:30pm or earlier.

We will all enter the Dining Room at 6:15pm, find chairs and await the entrance of the Venerable Master and MW JOHN R. HEISNER and his wife Margo at 6:30pm.

We will then begin the Festive Board of Fellowship, complete with 5 delicious courses, 8 lively toasts and 8 harmonious songs—all designed to put a smile on every face!

The evening will conclude with a special oration from the Grand Master and a closing toast and song. What a wonderful way to spend an evening!!

Dress for ALL MEN will be white tie and tails, tuxedo and black tie, or dark suit and tie.

Ladies should be in semi-formals or similarly appropriate attire.

This special night is open to ALL Masons, withersoever dispersed, their Ladies & Friends.

Reservations are **MANDATORY**, as this is a plated, served dinner and the chef won't be making any 'extra' plates. No 'walk-ins' will be allowed. Call or email the Office at the numbers above and make your reservations **NOW!!** Cost is only \$25.00 per person, which, considering the Fellowship, Fun, Food, Festivities and Fraternal Bonding of the evening, is very reasonable. We look forward to seeing many of you there!!



June 13, 2017

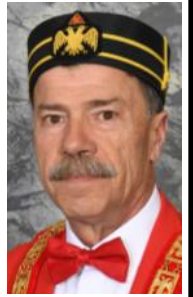
(Left) Bro Wayne Heimsoth receives his 25 Year Pin

(Right) Bro Rich Johnston receives his 50 Year Pin.



Brethren,

On June 20<sup>th</sup> we had the privilege to hear Bro. Jonathan Prestage, 32°, General Secretary of the Scottish Rite Valley of Oakland presenting his paper “The Art of Intention – A tool to aid the Mason’s search for Inner Light”. Brother Jonathan speech opens the door to new directions in studying the power of the Mind and how to use it in our continuous quest for improvement. It was a very interesting and full of “food for thought” ideas in a presentation not to be missed.



Great Night of Instruction! Now, let’s have some fun and relax with the sound of music.

The Chapter of Rose Croix invites all of you, family members and friends included, to a Afternoon of Classical Music where we will be talking with and listening to Theodora Martin, a recent graduate from Berkeley. Her presentation will discuss and illustrate, at the piano, two different classical composers and their artistic approach.

It’s “Liszt versus Brahms” or ‘Two Types of Virtuosity’ and Theodora will take us all for a stroll through the complicated pages of musical scoring that, in the end, will prove to be less complicated and full of surprises and joy. And she promises to “deconstruct” the big composers and their scores and to answer our questions, to explain all in plain language and to make us and the kids feel like we know everything about classical music. That should be really fun.

Come in on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and let’s enjoy this special opportunity. The show will start at 2:30 pm, it’s only \$10 and of course, kids are free. We are going to have refreshments after that and have the pleasure to ask more questions and get to know Theodora better. See you all on Sunday the 9th!

*Jon Vasilescu*  
*Wise Master*



Our College Scholarship Winner for 2017 was Ms. Rosa Noriega-Rocha. She was awarded the scholarship at our June 13 Stated Meeting Dinner, and gave a short talk on her plans. Congratulating Ms. Noriega-Rocha are Ill Ken Nagel and Ill Richard Fisher, Scholarship Committee Chairman.



Bro Jonathan Prestage, General Secretary of the Oakland Scottish Rite, was the Guest Speaker at our June 20 Night of Instruction. He gave a great talk on ‘The Art of Intention.’



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### Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events

**Monday/Tuesday, July 3-4 ~ Scottish Rite Center CLOSED in observance of 4th of July Holiday**

**Sunday, July 9th ~ Lodge Rose Croix Afternoon Piano Recital and Discussion**

2:00pm - Social Hour ~ 2:30pm - Recital & Discussion ~ 3:30pm—Refreshments. See article inside Rite Word

**Tuesday, July 11th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting @ **5:45pm****

6:15m - Social Hour ~ 6:30pm - Festive Agape Dinner and **GRAND MASTER Reception**

**Sunday, July 23rd ~ Monthly Masonic Get Together at 1:00—7:00pm**

Host—Bro Daniel Reyes, 3040 Beckley Dr, SJ, 95136 - Bring a dish to share. Open to ALL Brothers

**Tuesday, July 25th ~ Monthly All Officer Council Meeting @ 7:00pm**

**Tuesday, Aug 8th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm**

6:30pm - Social Hour ~ 7:00pm - Annual BBQ Dinner ~ Program - TBA ~ DRESS IS CASUAL

**Sunday, Aug 13th ~ 8th Annual Grand Master's Golf Tournament & Fund Raiser**

7:30am - In Gathering ~ 8:30am - Shotgun Start ~ 1:00pm—Lunch & Auction ~ See Ill Ken Nagel to sign up

**Sunday, Aug 27th ~ Lodge of Perfection Comedy Night**

6:00pm - Social Hour ~ 6:30pm - Michael Mancini—"America's Funniest Cop" ~ 7:30pm—Dinner. Article inside

**Tuesday, Aug 29th ~ Board of Directors and Monthly All Officer Council Meeting**

5:30pm—Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting ~ 7:00pm—Monthly All Officer Council

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