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From the Personal Representative:

Brethren and Ladies,

Your Council of Masters has been showing some unusual energy, this first part of the year. Our first Council of the new slate of officers was February 7, and though we had some vacancies, there was a lot of enthusiasm and ideas passed around and polished for quality and user-friendliness.

For several years, now, we have been addressing the need for social functions that go beyond the Stated Meeting dinners, and some of these concepts are beginning to take shape. Chuck Cowden 32°, assisted by the members of the Santa Cruz County Club, has introduced the Night of Instruction that emulates the recently revived Traditional Lodge, where members dress formally, engage in a traditional Table Lodge observation, and attend to an address covering material of Masonic interest, from noted speakers on various subjects. Our first was an exploration of the fourth degree by Daniel Doornbos 32° KCCH, and our next will be by Ill. Arthur Porter, 33°, a member of Oakland Bodies, covering the life and works of Brother Robert Burns. This lodge will be on March 24. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible for the purposes of planning.

There are two more such events scheduled for the year 2009, one of which will be June 23, and then another on September 22. The meetings in March and June will be limited to Scottish Rite Masons, and the September meeting will be open to all Masons.

It has also been suggested that our Ambassador Program, which is also under the guidance of Brother Cowden might use the September meeting to introduce the beauties of Scottish Rite Masonry to the members of our several lodges whom we might like to encourage to join our Valley. The concept; formal attire, table lodge, Masonic



interaction, etc., is attractive in that it is a little out of the ordinary and reaches back in time to some of the styles we associate with historic observances. Please give these meetings your serious consideration and plan to make them a regular activity in our Valley.

Another idea that has been given some thought is that of a "tail-gate party" at one of the local college football games in our Valley. Both Stanford and San Jose State have been suggested as possibilities, and we'd like some feed-back from the membership as to your preferences. The final decision may be predicated on availability of suitable blocks of seats in desirable areas of the stadiums, but we're starting early to make these preparations, and would welcome any input we may be able to get from the members.

The revival of the Friday Lunch Bunch resulted in a very nice turnout, this last month, and will, I trust, be continued for as long as we can keep it going. It's an inexpensive way to enjoy a good meal and have some casual interaction with other members.

Let us know if you'd like to host one or two of the meals. My lovely wife, Hazel and Ruth Roberts are always ready to let the honors fall on others shoulders.

The process is working, my brothers and ladies. Members are stepping up to solve problems that we have been facing for years, and having fun in the process.

Friday Lunch Bunch is here again! Join us!

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Invite all
Scottish Rite Freemasons To

A Night of Scottish Rite Education

on
Tuesday, March 24, 2009
6:30 PM

Ill Brother Arthur Porter 33rd Degree

from the
Oakland Scottish Bodies
Will Present a Paper On
The Life of Robert Burns

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

NOTE:

Reservations are required
Please call the SJ Scottish Rite @ 408-978-7483 to make your reservations
Reservations not canceled before March 20, must be honored

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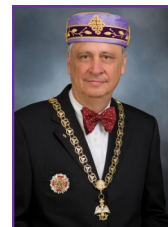
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From our new Web-Site:

(Check it out @ www.sanjosescottishrite.org)



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Check it out!!!!

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:



Brethren,
With the current economic conditions surrounding us, I am reminded of that time when I could "neither see nor avoid danger". How very prescient were our forbearers in Masonry.

Congratulations to our newest 32° members! We trust that you will find fellowship and comfort in our ranks

and invite you to participate in everything that you can.

Speaking about our newest members, we were distressed at the minimal attendance at the reunion. Why were there no-shows? Some very good ritual was demonstrated by the members of each degree team and we can now count ourselves as one of the California Valleys now presenting all the work using the new scripts.

We do continue to need help and support from all of you. How about volunteering for a small part.

I have included in this Rite Word some reunion pictures and trust that you will make yourselves known to each new brother as soon as you can.

Lastly, check out our web-site! We continue to make subtle changes and would love to have your comments.



From the Commander



A LITTLE SCOTTISH RITE EDUCATION

Scottish Rite - Northern Jurisdiction

Most of us who belong to the Southern Jurisdiction don't know that there is a Northern Jurisdiction comprised of 15 States. Their geography begins in Wisconsin in the West, across the Northern states as far South as Ohio and New Jersey, thence North through New York and New England. Their new Headquarters are in Lexington, MA, a mile from where our American Revolution began. Their Rite consists of 29 Degrees, divided into four bodies, the Lodge of Perfection (4th -14th degrees), Council of Princes of Jerusalem (15th - 16th degrees), Chapter of Rose Croix (17th - 18th degrees) and the Consistory (19th -32nd degrees). Titles of few of their Degrees match those of ours. Some of their major degrees are the Master of Traveler (4th), Grand Elect Mason (14th), Grand Pontiff (18th) and Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret (32nd).

Ross Fuller Commander—Council of Kadosh



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

If so, why not join the
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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.

CONGRATULATIONS and MANY THANKS

The 2008 Spring Reunion has concluded and has completed our conversion to the "new degrees". Congratulations to the Degree Directors, all cast members, stage and lighting crews, the administrative staff lead by Brother Bob Rowan, and all those whose efforts contributed to such a magnificent success. Much work and many hours of study and practices were required to accomplish this task and it was all done in a very pleasing manner. It materially supported not only Scottish but also the entire Masonic Community.

Scottish Rite Bodies are proud of all participants that made it such a significant event.

Hal Leister - Degrees Director

The **Santa Cruz Scottish Rite Club** is pleased to announce their Maundy Thursday observance will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at Confidence Lodge (Soquel Masonic Temple, 3001 N Main Street, Soquel, California). We will begin with social hour at 6:30pm, dinner at 7:00pm and the observance will follow in the Lodge room. The Maundy Thursday address will be given by Venerable Master Richard Fisher 32nd Degree, KCCH. This is open to anyone, it will not be tiled, you are welcome to invite your guests.

Dinner cost is \$18 and reservations are strongly recommended before March 30th by calling the Santa Cruz Scottish Club president Kerem Kapkin at (831) 344-4041 or sending him an e-mail at kkapkin@gmail.com

This year the ritual team from San Jose will present the observance using the new Supreme Council ritual. This will be the first time it will be presented in the Valley of San Jose. If you are unable to make it to San Jose on April 9 for Maundy Thursday, you can come to the Santa Cruz Club's observance the night before April 8th Wednesday.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments,

Fraternally,

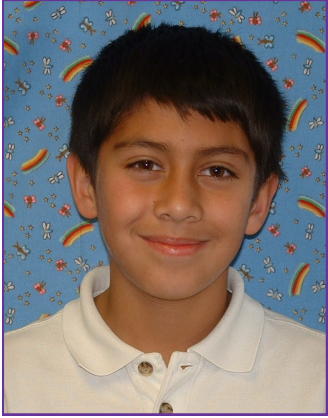
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From the Clinic!!!



Roger Quintanilla is an endearing ten year old young man who is being seen once a week at the San Jose Scottish Rite Language Disorders Clinic. Roger’s parents heard of the services offered by the clinic from a teacher at a local school. Both Roger and his sister have benefitted from speech and language services. His sister was seen at this clinic several years ago, so his mother was already familiar with the process of receiving speech and language treatment.

Roger has both an expressive and receptive language disorder. Language has been hard for Roger for some time now, as his mother first noticed the problem when he was four years old. Roger has had difficulty at school in the areas of reading, writing and spelling. His language disorder, as well as other learning issues like mild indicators of dyslexia, has made school a challenge for Roger.

Roger has had difficulties with many areas of expressive and receptive language. Therapy has targeted many different areas such as concepts, directions, word structures and tenses, sentence formulations, word classes, vocabulary, grammar, definitions, outlining information, pronouns and answering questions from paragraphs. Roger has a difficult time verbally expressing himself, as well as writing and creating sentences and understanding what is told to him.

Roger’s mother stated, “My child would speak in very short sentences and was expressing frustration when trying to speak. He was reading below class level.” After treatment began, his mother stated, “Roger is doing much better expressing himself. It seems to be getting easier for him to put his thoughts into words. His vocabulary has improved and reading comprehension is much better. He is getting better grades at school.” By participating in treatment his mother has learned ways to help Roger and they practice extra work at home to reinforce what is done during his treatment sessions.

Roger’s mother said, “His self esteem has improved. He likes to attend his speech class and loves his teacher. He knows the sessions help him do better at school.” When asked how she would describe her experience at the clinic she stated, “My experience has been very positive. Natalie (my daughter) was helped by a therapist who did wonders in a short period of time and now Ms. Angela Stephan is doing wonders with Roger.”

Roger’s mother stated she would definitely tell other parents about the services here. Roger attends a private school, so therapy at this clinic has been the only source of treatment for his language disorder. Roger is currently in the fourth grade, a very challenging year, in which the curriculum becomes increasingly difficult. His parents continue to notice improvements in his academic and speech and language skills. Roger is making good grades and is excelling in soccer, where he has joined a competitive league. He also likes to spend his spare time playing video games.

Roger’s mother stated, “Thank you to everyone in the clinic for all their help. The services do make a difference in the kid’s lives.”

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Clinic Continued

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If you know of anyone who is ill, please call the office at 408-978-7483!



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From the Wise Master



Brethren,

Another month is upon us and much has happened in the recent weeks, the biggest of which having been our recent reunion with the new Degree scripts and many new participants. The seven new Scottish Rite Brethren were treated to the updated degrees that were spear-headed by Degree Director Hal Leister as well as individual Degree Directors and behind the scenes work-of-ten-guys performed by Bob Rowan.

The new Degrees appear to be much more modern when delivered and, in my opinion, seem to be easier to understand as well as more interesting. We at Rose Croix hosted a portion of the reunion and were directly involved in preparing breakfast and lunch on Saturday, with the help of many others. And just so you hear it from me first, I forgot to put out the potato salad and the veggie fixin's for the burgers. My bad memory struck.

The catered meal for the dinner and ring/capping ceremony was again superbly done by Greg the caterer. The attendance for the reunion, dinner, and ceremony was very lightly attended and I would urge all who can attend and participate in the future that they will absolutely, without a doubt, enjoy the event as well as learn from it. Also, don't forget to keep you ears open for any Master Masons who might be interested in becoming a Scottish Rite Mason.

I look forward to seeing everybody at Tuesday's stated meeting on the second Tuesday of each month and will bring any and all scheduling information that I have forgotten to list here.

Monte Bishop— Wise Master

Q: Where does a one-armed man shop?

A: At a secondhand store.

From the Master of Kadosh



The Fall 2008 Reunion is finally completed, and we've been through a real adventure. With exception of 29th Degree, this is the first time our Valley has worked the new Degrees. We had new casts, new scripts, new props, and the added challenge of performing a ritual that none of us had seen before.

In our Symbolic Lodges and in Scottish Rite, each of us came up through the ranks watching the Degree work and we had time to become familiar with it. This occasion was different. This Reunion separated the ordinary ritualist from the true thespian. And guess what... We have a number of thespians among us.

Last October 25th, we witnessed the 4th Degree, Secret Master. If you did not know that the cast was performing it for the first time, you would have thought they had been doing it for years. It was smooth. The players knew their parts. It began and ended on schedule. If they had problems with the Degree, they did a great job of concealing the matter. Of course, that Degree is about secrecy, isn't it?

I was privileged to participate in smaller parts of the 14th and 30th Degrees. Those roles allowed me to see the amount of effort that the cast members and Degree Directors put into the production. And behind the scenes, the Temple staff was also active, scrounging up costumes, regalia, and props, as well as setting up the stage, the projector, and arranging the sound system.

On February 20, we witnessed the 18th Degree. The performance was absolutely stellar. The 18th Degree has always been colorful and dramatic. The new version is more so. In the hands of the San Jose 18th Degree team, it was truly remarkable. The candidates were especially impressed. As were the sideliners.

On the 21st, we portrayed the 29th, 30th, and 32nd Degrees. The Knights of Saint Andrew did really well on the 29th Degree, as expected, and improved several points over their previous performance. The 30th Degree team took on a complex plot with a lot of behind-the-scenes action and presented its teachings well, despite several last-minute changes. The 30th used several new props built by one of the team members.

The 32nd Degree is the capstone of the Reunion, and it is a Consistory Degree, so the Master of Kadosh should comment on it. Like the others, this Degree came off well, despite what I heard from a few pessimists. The 32nd made use of pre-recorded voiceovers, which is something new for Scottish Rite. It turned out to be a good thing because a few of the voices belonged to Brothers who had engagements that prevented them from attending the Reunion that day. Also, the 32nd cast had a few last-minute substitutions, the Degree Director's worst nightmare. But the Brothers filling in did an excellent job of speaking their parts and keeping their scripts out of sight.

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From the Venerable Master



Brethren,

First, a small correction to my message last month, about the Regional Reunion in Long Beach in June, 2009. I understood all 29 Degrees of the Scottish Rite would be conferred. A closer look at their web-site showed they are going to confer 17 Degrees and communicate the other 12. It also looks like we will have the opportunity to bring a team down and present the 29th Degree. If you have any potential candidates this three day Reunion (June 10 through 13, 2009) is a chance for them to see Degree teams from other Valleys and regions perform.

Please keep a look out for information on receiving the Rite Word electronically instead of by print. Our Secretary's Office is working on the details and distribution by e-mail is near.

At this writing we have received a "bunch" of applications for the Scottish Rite Foundation Scholarship grant for 2009. The Selection Committee will be meeting soon to select our recipient. The 2010 grant application will be on our web site by summer. The Scholarship is \$2500.00 per year, renewable for up to four years and is open to graduating seniors of public high schools within the jurisdiction of the Valley of San Jose who will be attending 4 year colleges or universities.

I will be assisting the Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix in presenting the annual Maundy Thursday observance on April 9, 2009 in San Jose and on April 8, 2009 at the Santa Cruz Scottish Rite Club. Reservations are always recommended.

See you at the Stated Meeting.

Richard M. Fisher

Venerable Master

(Continued from Master of Kadosh page 8)

The reason we exemplify Degrees is to learn the lessons they teach. The 32nd Degree, Master of the Royal Secret, teaches you what the Royal Secret is and why it matters. Previously, you had to listen very carefully, and the speaker had to enunciate very clearly, otherwise you would miss the point entirely. In the new Degree, the script has changed, and that teaching is much clearer. So for all you Scottish Rite Brothers who don't know or can't recall what the Royal Secret is, be sure to attend the Fall Reunion to brush up on this essential teaching.

I was very pleased to see that all of the Consistory Officers took active roles in the Reunion. Ken Justus, 32° and Gerry Best 32° took parts in every Degree this month. Ken hosted the bar at the banquet. Gerry is also the Chief Knight of the Knights of Saint Andrew. Randy Downey, 32° took a big part in the 4th Degree while Ill. Roger Bibb, 33° kept a low profile, helping out behind the scenes.

My favorite part of the Reunion was at the banquet Saturday night when we held a graduation ceremony. Rather than line the candidates up like a firing squad -- ready, aim, put on your caps! -- we had them walk through the arch one-by-one, and announced each by name. Each new member had a moment that was just for him. Everybody welcomed each new Brother to the San Jose Scottish Rite with a round of applause.

Can you believe it? Somebody accused me of being the marketing guy for San Jose Scottish Rite. He said I went around hyping the organization like a salesman. It turns out the person who said that has not attended a Scottish Rite function in several years. In fact, I found out that his dues are a little behind. So I encouraged him to bring his dues up-to-date, and then bring himself up-to-date by coming out to for a nice dinner or a Night of Instruction. I may have to take off work early, drive to his house, and give him a ride to be sure he gets there.

Daniel Doornbos - Master of Kadosh

In Memoriam

Herbert Sterling Bailey	Union City	January 13,2009
Armand Joseph Delpero	Santa Clara	February 9-2009
Ewell Paxton	Campbell	February 2, 2009
Lawrence Wright Peters Jr.	Soquel	December 29, 2009
Wendell Gaylord Peterson	Gilroy	January 9, 2009
LeRoy Francis Polglase	Santa Cruz	January 20, 2009
Garland Thompson Pruitt	Liberty, MD	January 15, 2009

March Stated Meeting Dinner ~7:15 PM
-Tuesday March 10, 2009



\$15.00 per
person

Menu

- Corned-Beef and Cabbage and all the Irish Trimins
- Pasta for Vegetarians *by advance request*
- Coffee or Tea
- Surprise Desert

*Reservation deadline:
Friday, Mar 6th at 4:00 PM*

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The San Luis Obispo County Scottish Rite Club held it's annual installation of officers on Feb. 22, 2009 at the Paso Robles Masonic Lodge in Paso Robles.

After the officer's installation, a delightful dinner was served to all attendees.

Installing officers were :

Ill. Robert Winter, 33° , Installing Officer
 Ill. Roger Bibb, 33° , Marshall of Ceremonies
 Ken Justus, 32° , Installing Chaplain

San Luis Obispo County Scottish Rite Club Officers installed were :

President - Jerry Boxer, 32° , K.C.C.H.
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 2nd Vice Pres. - Ken Brokamp, 32°
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 Almoner - absent but will be installed at a later date
 Chaplain - Will Strong, 32° , K.C.C.H.

For the Lighter Side of things

A little before Lodge is about to open an old man totters up to the Tyler and says, "I'm here to receive my 2nd degree."

Well, they all look at this guy, who really is older than dirt, and they ask him to explain. "I was entered on July 4, 1922. Now I'm ready for my 2nd degree."

So they go scurrying for the records, and sure enough, there was his name, entered on July 4, 1922. "Where have you been all these years? What took you so long to be ready for your 2nd?" they ask.

His reply - "Learning to subdue my passions!"

Membership is always important:

PROPOSITION/PETITION
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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.



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Future Scottish Rite Events:

March 7, 2009 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

March 8, 2009 - Daylight Savings Time begins

March 10, 2009 - March Stated Meeting and Dinner

March 24, 2009 - A Night of Scottish Rite Education 6:30 PM (see page 2 for info)

April 4, 2009 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

April 9, 2009 - Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal

April 14, 2009 - April Stated Meeting and Dinner



While walking through a parking lot, I tripped and fell flat on my face. As I was lying there, a woman stopped and called out, "Are you hurt?"

"No. I'm fine," I said, touched by her concern.

"Oh, good," she continued. "So will you be vacating your parking spot?"