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Brethren ,

On June 10th, Illustrious Ronald Seale, the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America will be in attendance at our Stated Meeting. It is my understanding that it has been over 50 years since a SGC has visited Northern California for a social visit, so this is truly a rare occurrence. We will have our Regular Stated Meeting at 6pm, followed by a social time at 6:30 and then dinner and program at 7pm. In addition to the SGC, we have already received RSVP's from the SGIG, the Grand Master of Masons in California and 6 Past Grand Masters.



The cost of the dinner is \$25 and **MUST** be confirmed **in advance**, as the caterer will be cooking for the number of reservations only. No reservation—no dinner. Period. The dinner will be an extra special one, featuring Greg's famous Barbecued Short Ribs and Chicken with all the fixings, including green salad, fresh fruit, potato salad, garlic bread and strawberry shortcake for dessert. A meal not to be missed! There will also be a vegetarian selection for those who prefer.

Dress for the evening is Tux or Dark Suit. The officers should not wear their colors.

Please come out and be a part of this rare and historic evening. We won't see the likes of it again for many years, and look forward to seeing many of you there. Make a reservation now!

Fraternally,

Gregg Hall

Master of Kadosh

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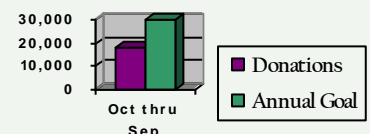
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2013 Clinic Appeal



We can do better in 2014



Siri is a sweet 5 year old boy who has a diagnosis of Selective Mutism. Selective Mutism is a rare childhood disorder that affects approximately 1% of children. Children with Selective Mutism do not speak in public social situations, especially school. The disorder is not due to trauma or cognitive issues, but is characterized as an anxiety disorder. Because children with Selective Mutism cannot communicate effectively their language and social skills as well as their educational and emotional development are negatively impacted.

When Siri began treatment at the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic he was not using language to interact with anyone outside of his home.

He spoke only with his parents at his house, but nothing more. After about a month of treatment Siri began using words for the first time to interact with his speech-language pathologist, Rachel. Initially, he would only whisper in her ear, but eventually he started to use his “brave” voice to talk with her. Rachel and Siri talked incessantly about Power Rangers, Super Heroes and ninjas, Siri’s favorite things.

Siri’s speech and language therapy now focuses on Siri using social language both inside and outside the treatment room to interact with Rachel. The goal of Siri’s treatment is for him to use language to interact with others within his community, especially school. One way to do that is to gradually help Siri to use language in new places with Rachel. For example, the therapy room door may be ajar during his speech session. Other therapy activities may include flying paper airplanes down the hallway while other people are present and Siri must say “Go” in order to start the paper airplane race.

Siri’s progress thus far is very exciting. His mother shares in the enthusiasm for her son’s new found voice, “I’m impressed with our professional and nurturing speech and language pathologist. Rachel always shares information relevant to my son’s behavior and speech and language challenges... It’s clear to me that his behavior improves because of Rachel Sense at Scottish Rite. His talking in public started at Scottish Rite with Rachel. I hope the other families will have the same opportunities like mine... thank you very much for financial supporters. You have great big hearts for community. I believe my son will have good memory at clinic with Rachel. Hopefully, when he grows up, he would be able to contribute himself the same way.”



Something To Think About

Imagine that you had won the following prize in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has condition - just as any game has certain rules. The first set of rules would be: Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you. You may not simply transfer money into some other account. You may only spend it. Then, each morning, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.

The second set of rules: The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, it's over, the game is over! It can close the account and you will not receive a new one. What would you do? You would probably buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself, but for all people you love, right? Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right? You would try to spend every cent, and use it all, even if some cash was wasted - right?

ACTUALLY, this GAME is REALITY! Each of us is in possession of such a magical bank, but we just can't seem to see it. The MAGICAL BANK is TIME! Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life, and when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is NOT credited to us. What we haven't lived up that day is forever lost. Yesterday is forever gone. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time...WITHOUT WARNING.

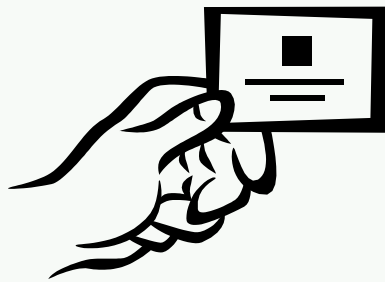
SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds? Aren't they worth so much more than the same amount in dollars? Think about that, and always think of this: Enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think! So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life! Here's wishing you a great day and may your seconds be well spent!

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Please remember those brothers that are shut in. A friendly call or note from a fellow brother would be a warm and appreciated gesture. Though, they cannot always be present , they are certainly not out of mind. We wish them all the best. God Bless.

Called from Labor

Bro. Harry L. Walton, 32° - May 2nd, 2014
 Bro. Galyn C. Hammond, 32° - May 10th, 2014
 Bro. Ernest Castillo 32° - May 16th, 2014



Please remember to notify us when a fellow Brother is ill, in need,
or has passed to the other shore.
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Spring Reunion Class of 2014



**Top Row - Steven Hua, Dennis Hadley, Neil Lefmann, Matthew Spencer, Patrick Van Cleemput, Michael Rush
Bottom Row - Eric Guzman, Jaime Calderon, Palmer Kain, Romelo Delossantos, Thomas Brumett**



From the Wise Master....

My Brothers,

June is the month of St. John's Day. Saint John the Baptist was the first Patron of the old masonic guilds, with St. John the Evangelist being added at a later time when speculative Masonry became more formalized and elaborate.

It is also the time of the Summer Solstice, and it is an interesting detail that both St. Johns' celebration days fall on days around the two Solstices.

In olden days, Solstices, like the Equinoxes, were of particular cultural importance. Summer Solstice marks the longest day in the year, therefore sometimes called Midsummer. For the farmer, the hard labors of the Spring, for the most part, receive a short break before Fall harvest time starts. Summer's seasonal crop is in full standing, and the bigger uncertainties of weather with late frosts in Spring are over. Not much can be done now, besides hoping for the sun to do its magic. Maybe this is one of the reasons why the Summer Solstice was celebrated with feasts and joy, and are celebrated with large bonfires to the sun.

It feels strange that, from here on, our days will again get shorter, and we will have to think about the Fall and Winter to come. At the same time, it is the time of the most light in the year, and a good reminder to us to enjoy and make good use of it, while it lasts.

To all the Masons: Happy St. John's Day! May the Light be our guide.

Fraternally,

Wolfgang Lochner

Wise Master



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A Message From the
VENERABLE MASTER



What is there in Freemasonry except the landmarks, and peculiar secrets, that we ought to be anxious to conceal?

Are our doctrines unfavorable to the interest of morality that we are desirous of hiding them from the public observation. Are our ceremonies repulsive to virtue, or our practices subversive to the rules and decencies of society? Nothing like it. We boast of our benevolent institution; we extol our brotherly love; we celebrate our regard for the cardinal and the three theological virtues. Why place our light under a bushel? Why refuse to let it shine before man, that they may see our good works have the tendency to the glory of our Father which is in heaven. The legitimate prayers of Freemasonry are short addresses to the Great Architect of the Universe for a blessing on our labors. Now who is this Divine Being whom we thus invoke? Why, according to the interpretation of our ancient brethren "Him that was carried to the top of the pinnacle of the Holy Temple." Nor is Freemasonry singular in this interpretation. Saint Paul says "He laid the foundation of the earth and the heavens are the work of his hands." Or, in other words, that he is the Great Architect of the Universe. We have a sure foundation on which to build our happiness in the world to come.

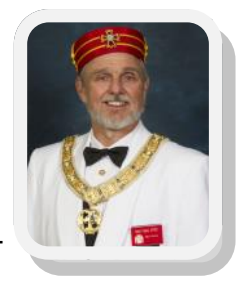
We didn't just arrive at this point in our lives; we have a history, what brought us to this place? What things did we do along the way that turned out to be mistakes and what things turned out to be wise? Before we make plans for where we want to go next, its good to look back at the journey that we've already taken. We don't have to repeat the same mistakes. Instead, we can use the best ideas we've had in the past to map our way into the future. "We can chart our future clearly and wisely only when we know the path that has lead us to the present."

Fraternally,

Joseph DaSilva, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master

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A Message From the
Commander ...



The House of the Temple is the headquarters of the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction. It has been open to the public for tours since it opened in 1915. It contains a number of museums, exhibits, and collections, including the Masonic collection of Illustrious Brother Burl Ives, the Albert Pike Museum, the Hall of Scottish Rite Regalia, and the Americanism Museum.

The library in the House of the Temple is the oldest in the District of Columbia that is open to the public, and houses more than 250,000 books, manuscripts, and other publications. Among the contents are an impressively large Masonic collection, an Abraham Lincoln collection, and a Robert Burns collection. Here also is the repository of Scottish Rite records, artifacts, and history, contained in the Archives.

The building was first proposed at the Supreme Council sessions in 1909, and the project was begun under the direction of Grand Commander James D. Richardson, who was given complete control of the building process. After reviewing several submissions, he selected John Russell Pope, who also created the Jefferson Memorial, as the architect. The ground-breaking ceremony took place on May 31, 1911, the 110th anniversary of the founding of the Southern Jurisdiction, in Charleston, South Carolina. The cornerstone was set on October 18, 1911, and the building was completed in October, 1915. It was patterned after the tomb of King Mausolus of Turkey

The House of the Temple stands 130 feet high. It bears many attributes and dimensions of symbolic significance to Masons, including the 33 columns – each 33 feet high, and the steps leading to the front doors, in groups of three, five, seven, and nine, in reference to Euclidian geometry.

The Supreme Council is sponsoring the "Rebuilding the Temple" campaign, to help restore the House of the Temple to the glorious state in which it should remain. You can donate to the campaign, through the House of the Temple Historic Preservation Fund, by going to the Supreme Council website:

www.scottishrite.org/development/giving

We should consider how lucky we are to have such a wonderful headquarters building, and with the impending visit of our Sovereign Grand Commander, it's preservation should be at the forefront of our thoughts.

See you at the Scottish Rite.

Randy Downey, 32° KCCH

Commander

Council of Kadosh



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Tuesday June 24th ~ A Night of Scottish Rite Instruction ~ 6:30-9:00pm

Tuesday July 8th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Followed by Dinner

30th Anniversary of the Dedication of the San Jose Scottish Rite Building

Tuesday July 22nd ~ All Officer Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Sunday August 10th ~ Grand Master's Golf Tournament, Moffett Field Golf Course ~ 9:30am -6:00pm

Tuesday August 12th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Followed by Festive Board and Reception for MW JOHN. L. COOPER III, Grand Master of Masons in CA

Tuesday August 26th ~ SJSR Foundation Board of Directors Meeting @ 5:30 PM

Tuesday August 26th ~ All Officer Meeting @ 7:00 PM

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