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From the Venerable Master

The Holiday Season



The Holiday Season has special significance for families throughout the world. It is a time when even the busiest individuals can take time out to be with and enjoy their families and have a sense of family togetherness with much excitement and laughter. Most people enjoy this season more than any other season of the year. It is a time of connecting with love ones and friends. It

brings to our memory wonderful times of the past. We realize one of life's greatest assets is the bond that we have with others. Remember, the more fun you share with others, the more fun you have!

The Holidays and the end of the year, also provide an opportunity to look back on accomplishments of the year and to give thanks for our families and friendships. It is also a time to look ahead to the challenges of the New Year. I hope that in looking back this has been a year of rewards and success for each one of you! I know that it has been a year of tremendous success for the San Jose Scottish Rites Bodies. We, working together, have conducted programs with much success. Our first annual Festive Board of Fellowship honoring The Grand Master of Masons of California was conducted in June and was well attended and a great success. Our Degree Teams, whose members are dedicated individuals, did an outstanding job in conferring the required degrees for our Fall Reunion. Much work and many hours were required to meet this challenge. A well-attended Maundy Thursday celebration was conducted; and "A very successful "Scottish Rite Night of Instruction" and agape were conducted in June. A trip to a Stanford football game and a wine tour were enjoyable for those attending. Our San Jose Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language has helped approximately one-hundred fifty-six children during the first ten months of calendar year 2011. Forty-three children have received therapy and released; fifty-three are currently receiving treatment; and sixty were screened (screening does provide benefits with some children actually improving during the process and parents are informed of required treatment and sources). Our Clinic Christmas Party for the children was a great success.

The greatest gift of Christmas is LOVE. The above accomplishments reflect our brotherly love and our love for others!

To all, I wish a very happy Holiday Season filled with family, friends and good cheers, and a New Year filled with happiness, health and many successes.

Hal Leister - Venerable Master

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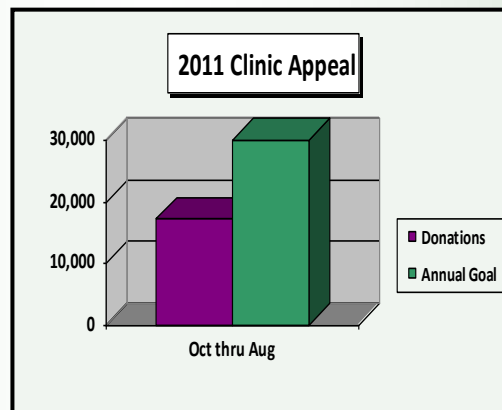
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From the Secretary's Table:

Brethren All:

At our November stated meeting, I had the unpleasant task of asking you to confirm the actions of my office in suspending a number of members for non-payment of dues. Nothing in my experience as your Secretary has distressed me more.

After a brief conversation with Ill. Nagel (with his concurrence) I decided to dedicate my message this month to some definitions which will become evident as you read this.

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IN GOOD STANDING: As in all Masonic bodies, dues notices are issued before the end of each calendar year and payment is due before the end of that year. Therefore, on January first of each calendar year, if your dues have not yet been paid, you are NOT IN GOOD STANDING AND you are delinquent.



DUES REMISSION: a Body may, by a majority vote, with the consent of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or Deputy of the Supreme Council, remit Delinquent dues. Confirmation of the actions of the Secretary's office is an acceptable practice since dues remission is a private matter between the member and the Lodge.

DEMISSION: A Demit from membership may be issued for any member who is IN GOOD STANDING.

SUSPENSION: Annual dues are payable by December 31 of the year preceding the applicable current dues year. And the time of suspension of a member in arrears of dues may be fixed at not less than one year.

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I hope this helps just a little.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Brown".

General Secretary



REGIONAL ORIENT MEMBERSHIP
AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER 2011

One of the greatest powers Masonry teaches us is the power of patience. We are also taught the power of deliberately cultivating brotherly love, relief, compassion, truth and forgiveness.

Within every human being live both a monster and an angel. The choices we make in our lives can and do make us joyful at times and unhappy at other times. The power of patience has many benefits, including reducing hostility, prejudice and hatred within us. We are then motivated to do the good deeds that our Scottish Rite degrees teach us – in other words to practice brotherly love, relief and truth. We are then building within us a beautiful personality.

One of my dearest friends and a long-time brother in our Fraternity asked me what he should answer when asked if we are a secret organization. But, after all, what is so obnoxious about the idea of a secret? Every individual person, as well as every family circle, is the repository of some secrets that one does not want to expose to the gaze of the cold, unsympathetic world. Societies, cabinets, governments - all have their secrets. Our legislatures sit with closed doors; the convention which framed the Federal Constitution was in secret session from its commencement until its close. Why then, may Masons not have our secrets?

Our big secret is that it is our obligation to:

- Ignore any wind that blows out the light of reason
- Practice Patience
- Forgive and forget
- Abolish anger.



With best wishes to you and your families for the holiday season !

Durward C. Ayre 32° KCCH

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**From...
Angela**

With the end of the year around the corner, I would like to thank all of you, the members, their wives and all the dear friends involved, for all of the support you have given to me throughout the year.

I have found Scottish Rite to be my home, as well as yours. I am honored and blessed to be a part of such a fine organization. I take pride in my job and I love what I do. I am very grateful to be surrounded by such warm and genuine people.

I also have to thank the support staff,; Dina , Ruben and Enrique for all their hard work.

They make my job a lot easier. Without them, I could not do what I have done.

I wish each and everyone the Best of Holidays and the Happiest New Year !

Sincerely,

Angela Athans

Rental/Administrative Manager



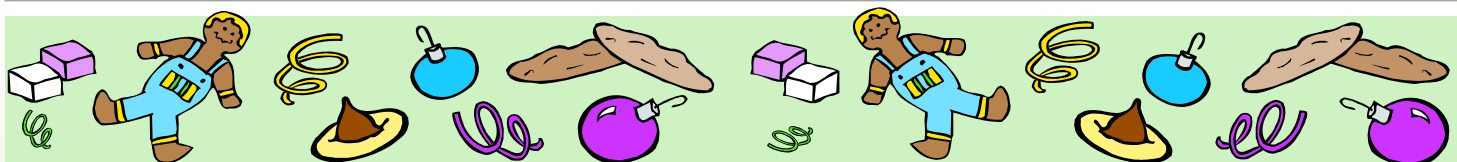


Mia is an adorable 9 year old girl who started services at our clinic secondary to a diagnosis of Childhood Apraxia of Speech or CAS. Children with CAS have difficulty planning the movement sequences of speech. Often children with CAS are very quiet when they are babies and toddlers and speech is very slow to develop. When Mia first started treatment, she was shy and hardly used any words. Often Mia would attempt to say something but she was misunderstood. Longer utterances were a jumble of sounds and she was intelligible about only 10% of the time. It was difficult for Mia to express her opinions, carry on a conversation, or get her needs met at home and at school.

At first treatment focused on getting Mia to say anything. Rachel, Mia's speech-language pathologist, would use what is called "parallel play" in which she would play next to Mia with an identical or similar toy and imitate Mia's play. The purpose of this treatment strategy was to generate trust and to decrease "pressure" on Mia to talk. Eventually, Mia started talking... a lot! She continues to need help with sequencing her sounds in words and carrying over what she has learned to functional speech tasks, but she has made exceptional progress.

Her parents report that her speech "has improved dramatically" as they can now understand her and can engage in conversation with her. Mia is better able to let people know her needs, feelings and opinions. As a matter of fact, since Mia has become more intelligible, she now expresses her opinions often during her treatment sessions!

"We have [had] a very pleasant experience at the clinic. Ms. Rachel is very nice, kind and understanding. She always gives us an update of our child's development and areas where she needs more help... We would like to recognize Ms. Rachel's hard work and knowledge. Our child is becoming more and more like most [other] kids and continues to keep her good nature, joy and confidence."

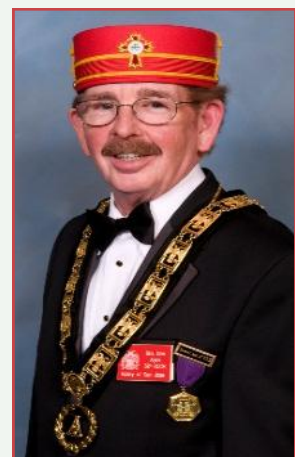


December 2011 ~ Clinic Director's Message

On behalf of the San Jose Scottish Rite Language Disorders Clinic, I would like to invite all of you to our annual Holiday Party to be held at 1 PM on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at the San Jose Scottish Rite Center. I have it on good authority that Santa Claus is expected to make an appearance!

During October 2011, the clinic completed 226 treatment hours, up from 191 hours in September. Two (2) children were discharged from services and four (4) children were added to the caseload. We are currently helping 53 children and have 106 children on our waiting list for speech and language services.

If you would like to assist our clinic by donating toys, making a financial donation or helping in some other way, please contact the Scottish Rite office or me.



Happy Holidays from the Clinic Staff!

Durward C. Ayre 32° KCCH Clinic Director

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November 8th, 2011

* **Bro. John W. Fowler 32°**

September 7th, 2011

* **Bro. John K. Sacknitz 32°**

January 1st, 2009

Bro. Alvin and Betty Wong would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year!

Please remember to notify us when a fellow Brother is ill, in need, or has passed to the other shore. We are not always contacted.

Scottish Rite is here to assist!
Please feel free to call anytime!

(408) 978-7483



Brethren all,

The following is an excerpt from an article by the Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, published in the Fall 2011 edition of the Hawaii Freemason.

Should we rely on the Investigating Committee?

By Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Grand Lecturer



It used to be a lot more difficult to get into our fraternity. Lodges were full, applications were abundant and blackballs were common. Nowadays we suffer from dwindling rosters, and are ecstatic just to receive an application. Thus, we happily welcome almost anyone to receive the Degrees. and casting the dreaded black cube has become akin to an act of treason.

We've all heard the passionate declarations by one or more of our brethren that a black ball rejects not only the applicant, but the two recommenders and the investigating committee as well. Therefore, the argument continues, we should not be so quick to substitute our own judgment for those who supposedly know the applicant better than we, or who spent the time and effort to investigate and report on the application.

I am NOT advocating the black ball, and I do think it is un-Masonic to "cube" someone for no sound reason. However, I wish to point out that our faith in the recommenders is often misplaced. We see it all the time. Your close friend comes up to you before the stated meeting and says, "Brother Dennis, I want you to meet Joe Applicant. He's really a good guy. Can you sign his application as a recommender?"

Or how about the newbie who has come to several Lodge dinners, meets a bunch of the members, and even helps in the kitchen. You engage in a couple of conversations with him, and he seems like a "nice guy". Just before the next stated meeting he comes to you with his application and asks you to recommend him for membership.

In either of the foregoing instances (or in similar circumstances) are you going to turn the request down? Probably not. So the argument that we should trust in the judgment of the recommenders does not always ring true. At most we are often relying on only one recommender, who has vouched for the applicant's character to the second recommender. And what if the top-line signer himself just met the applicant B over the phone?

Thus, the determination of the worthiness of the applicant will most often depend upon the judgment of the investigators. This is why a thorough investigation is essential to the welfare of the Lodge and to the Craft. Whenever we cast our ballots for an applicant whom we do not know (or whom we do not know well), we are trusting that the Master and the Investigating Committee have done their jobs properly.

I thought that this would get out to more Masons than something in any one Lodge's Trestleboard.

Fraternally,

John Unger

Wise Master

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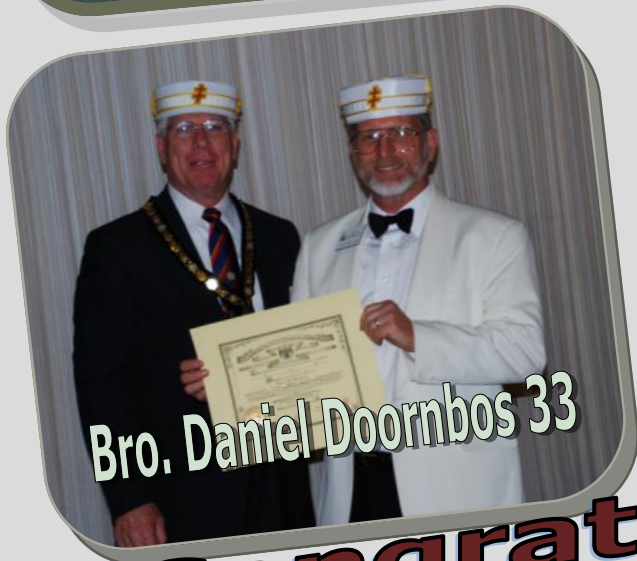
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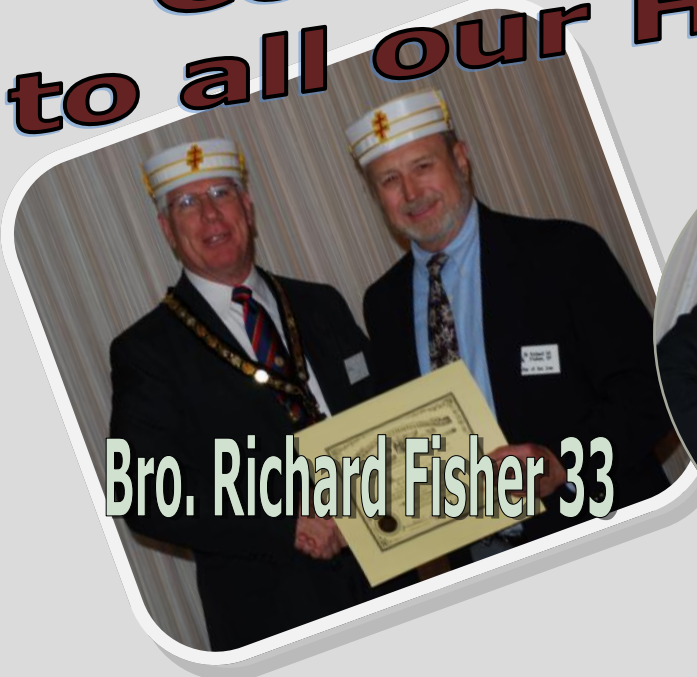


Bro. Daniel Doornbos 33



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Congratulations to all our Honor Men!



Bro. Richard Fisher 33



Bro. David Kimball 32 KCCH

“ Stated Meeting & Dinner ”
Tuesday, December 13th, 2011

Please be sure to call in your reservations or e-mail me! We need to account for the number of people, with the caterer, 2-3 days in advance!

Thank you! Regards, Angela Athans
angel66542@aol.com (408) 978-7483

DECEMBER MENU

~Assorted Appetizers

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*~Prime Rib*

*~ Roasted Red Potatoes*

*Glazed Carrots*

*Dinner Salad*

*~Freshly Baked Rolls w/Butter*

*~Dessert*

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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: \_\_\_\_\_



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Replace the 'U' with 'YOU'!  
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**Saturday December 3rd - 32nd Degree @ 9:30 AM**

**Clinic Christmas Party @ 1:00 PM-4:00 PM**

**Tuesday December 13th- Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM**

**Followed by Dinner, Capping Ceremony and**

**Honor 2011 Lodge Masters**

**Dinner / MAKE RESERVATIONS!**

