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From the Personal Representative:

Brethren and Friends

A couple of ideas have been fleeting through my mind, and I'd like to share some of those thoughts with our readers.

In Masonry, we are taught that certain moral concepts should be studied, promulgated, and pursued above all else. In all the degrees we receive instruction as to best live our lives in the pursuit of our own happiness and the welfare of our fellow creatures. The "Master Craftsman Program" that some of us have been studying is fraught, nay, saturated with lessons, examples, and allegories designed to make us think about the benefits we may reap from the practice of the Moral Virtues.

It occurs to me, however, that there are some virtues that are not identified by name, but are implicit in the teachings of our craft, and then there are others that are identified, presented, and emphasized again and again. In the next few months, I'd like to explore and expand on a few of these virtues, explicit and implicit, and possibly, if there is any interest in the subject, generate some feedback from our readers as to some of their thoughts on the subject. For lack of a more imaginative term for my subject, I'll just call the series, "The Four T's of Masonry". The first "T", of course, is Truth. It is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry, and I could go on to recite the portion of our First Degree lecture that deals with Truth, but you all know it by heart, so I'm sure that won't be necessary, but did you ever sit down and reflect on the subject of Truth? It would be nice to think that truth is universal, but that is not necessarily so. One man's truth is very possibly another man's heresy. The situation we see as our immigration problem is just



such an example. A person living in a country where he feels oppressed while a neighboring country appears to offer a brighter future, just might feel compelled to emigrate, even illegally. And, by the same token, a person living in that country that was so attractive might just possibly see that illegal immigration as totally unacceptable behavior.

Religious convictions offer another good example of inconsistent and conflicting concepts of truth. We know that more wars have been fought over religious "truths" than for any other reason. Our fraternity, with its acceptance of all men without regard to their religious beliefs, is so structured because of the religious turmoil that existed at the time of its early stages of inception, so our "Truth" is that we respect each other's religion as his own relationship with God, and let it go at that. There are some religious groups, however, that see our acceptance of each other's beliefs as proof that either we are setting ourselves up as a counter religion, or that we are irreligious pagans, depending on their point of view or the 'truth' as they see it.

In reality, truth for each of us is situational, and may even change as we get older, take on a different job, or associate with a new group of friends. What we must do, then, in my opinion, is be careful to distinguish truth from conviction and live by those convictions we see as most attractive and acceptable in others and best suited to our own situation. And that's the truth.

On further note, please be sure to attend the next stated meeting dinner where we will present several deserving

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Brothers with their 50 Year pins and caps, at least one additional 25 year recipient with his recognition, and just as important, we will recognize Mary Lou Johnson for her many years of service to the San Jose Scottish Rite. Although we did not respond favorably to her notice of retirement, we none the less have reluctantly agreed to her request for retirement.

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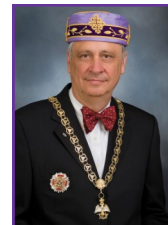
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1. Lodge of Perfection, 4°-14° (presiding officer - Venerable Master)
2. Chapter of Rose Croix, 15°-18° (presiding officer - Wise Master)
3. Council of Kadosh, 19°- 30° (presiding officer - Commander)
4. Consistory, 31°- 32° (presiding officer - Master of Kadosh)

Some Valleys may not have all four divisions. In such cases, their candidates receive Council, Chapter or Consistory work in neighboring Valleys.

In addition, we have added a new section which we call The Court of Honour.

1. Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, K.:C.:C.:H.:

The Scottish Rite confers a number of honors upon members who have contributed extraordinary service to the Rite, to Masonry in general, and to the world at large. The first of these is the Rank and Decoration of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (KCCH), which may be conferred after a minimum of 46 months of membership (usually much longer) and is strictly limited in numbers. A KCCH may, after 46 months at that rank (but usually longer), receive the 33rd degree, Inspector General Honorary. This award is even more limited in numbers than the KCCH.

2. Inspector General Honorary, 33°

All Scottish Rite jurisdictions nominate a select few members to receive the 33rd Degree, Inspector General Honorary, in recognition of outstanding service to the Rite, or in public life, to the principles taught in the degrees. In the Southern Jurisdiction, the Supreme Council chooses 33rd degree members from among those who have previously received the rank and decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honor. The KCCH is bestowed in a Ceremonial of Investiture in recognition of outstanding service to the Rite, or in public life, to the principles taught in the degrees.

3. Grand Cross of the Court of Honour

Finally, a very small number of 33rd Degree

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From the Secretary's Table:

Brethren,

I recently read an article entitled "Why a Reunion?" by John Warren, 32° KCCH from the Denver Consistory, and I would like to share some of his thoughts with you.

"Does anyone know really know, why we hold Reunions? Some may

answer that a Reunion is a chance to get all dressed up, act in a play and simply have some fun. Some may even say Reunions are held just to give a lot of guys something to do. - Wrong! Wrong! Wrong!

There are a few questions to be answered before we can answer the main question of why a Reunion and they include the following:

1. What is the definition of the word 'reunion'?
2. Do we present them for all the right or wrong reasons?
3. What type of person participates and what do we mean by participation?

According to one of the definitions found in Dictionary.com, a Reunion is a reuniting again or a gathering of relatives, friends or associates at regular intervals or after separation. It sounds as if we are on the right path in defining the word "Reunion".

A Scottish Rite definition found in the reunion programs states that: "A reunion is a reuniting of the membership after a period of separation. It is a homecoming get-together of the Brethren in a continuing fellowship of the Fraternity." Hmmmmm! Now we are a little closer to our definition of the word 'Reunion'.

Brother John goes on to say that "We are the degrees...and all Scottish Rite actions rest on the performance of the Degrees, for they are the means by which we teach the ideals and philosophy of the Rite."

I recommend that you pick up a copy of his article (there is a copy in my office) and read it for yourself. He comes to the point very well and demonstrates that we really need some more "Scottish Rite Education".

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The Valley of San Jose KSA comes into its own. As you read this editorial for the Knights of St. Andrew, A New Cap Badge and Lapel pin will be worn by Active members of the Chapter. References to Scotland, knighthood and honor are noticeable in the design and colors. The blue and white represent the Saltire likely the oldest known national flag. As a Christian Order the blood red cross reminding us of our redeemer's shed blood and the blood shed by Valiant Knights in defense of Freedom is present. The purple thistle, national flower of Scotland is a constant reminder of strength and the Knight, the warrior defender of every freedom. Of course, the double headed eagle representing the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite.

Membership in the Knights of St. Andrew is open to all 32° Scottish Rite Masons. Contact any member, wearing the Glen Gary to become a member of this prestigious chapter of valiant knights. Join us in Long Beach on June 13 for the Regional Conferral of the 29th Degree.

Have you been knighted a 29th Degree Mason? If not, why not?

From the Commander



Rainbow for Girls

The rainbow, the first visible sign God gave His people, had never been used as a basis for ritual until the Reverend Mark Sexson of McAlester, Oklahoma, in April 1922 chose the name Rainbow for Girls.

Today the International Order has a membership of 275,000 with 850,000 majority members (alumnae) who have attained the age of 20.

The ritual is based upon Faith, Hope and Charity and the 9th Chapter of Genesis, "And God said... 'I set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.'" The colors of the rainbow are symbolic in ritual work, representing love, religion, nature, immortality, fidelity, patriotism and service.

the ritual teaches belief in a Supreme' Being, great truths of the Bible, dignity of character, conception of higher things in life, effective leadership, church

membership, cooperation with equals, patriotism, love of home and service to humanity. Membership is open to girls recommended by an Eastern Star or a Mason, but a girl does not have to belong to a Masonic or Eastern Star family. Rainbow Girls may invite friends to belong and *enter* into the work Rainbow Girls help in hospitals, look after needy families, help care for the aged. support Masonic benevolences and other charitable activities. They sponsor benefits and conduct numerous projects to help finance their activities and to *teach* responsibilities.

A Rainbow Girl becomes so imbued with dignity of character and service to humanity that she soon becomes a gracious, lovely young lady.

"Where I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant which is between you and me and every living creature of all flesh."

Ross Fuller

Commander—Council of Kadosh

Wrinkled Was Not One of the Things I Wanted to Be When I Grew up

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Inspectors General Honorary may be recognized with the Grand Cross of the Court of Honor; at the present time, there are perhaps an average of three or four GC's per state. These honors are voted on biennially at the Session of the Supreme Council and conferred in various locations around the country in groups. The Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction consists of no more than 33 Active 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Masons, known as Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, no more than one per state/Orient. As there are more than 33 Orients, some will be governed by a Deputy. The Supreme Council is governed by a Sovereign Grand Commander. Unlike the Grand Master in Symbolic Masonry, these appointments are for life, although there are some provisions for retirement at advanced age. Replacements for these positions are made at the biennial Session of the Supreme Council.

Check it out!!!!

*The Personal Representative
and
The Venerable Master*

*of the
Valley of San Jose*

Invite all
Scottish Rite Freemasons To

A Night of Scottish Rite Education
on
Tuesday, June 23, 2009
6:30 PM

Brother Dennis Chornenky, 32°
And President of the Masonic Restoration Foundation
Will Present a Paper On

Symbolism of Initiation and the Heart
In Freemasonry

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 June 20, must be honored



From the Clinic!!!



Lizzie is an endearing four year old girl who receives services at our clinic secondary to a diagnosis of Childhood Apraxia of Speech. Lizzie is a bright, funny girl who has a great sense of humor. She loves to make jokes and to play “tricks” during her therapy sessions. When Lizzie started treatment at our clinic, her parents were concerned about her lack of expressive language as she used approximately 15 words and sounds to communicate. She did not put two-word phrases together, lacked a variety of consonants and vowels, and had difficulty producing a variety of syllable shapes, such as consonant-vowel-consonant words like “dad” or “top”. Due to her lack of words, Lizzie often became frustrated when she could not say what she wanted. Children with apraxia have a difficult time commanding their mouth to move the way they want it to in order to speak correctly. They have a problem with the “wiring” of getting the message from their brain to their mouth, which can create significant difficulties in learning to talk and to be understood.

During the past year, Lizzie has made exceptional progress in therapy. Initially treatment focused on expanding her syllable shapes and sound repertoire. For example, Lizzie worked on using a simple word like “up”, which starts with a vowel and ends with a consonant or a word like “bunny”, which has two different consonants with varying vowels. As Lizzie became more efficient with these tasks, the syllable shapes that she worked on became increasingly more complex. She also worked on putting together simple two- and three-word phrases and expanding the variety of consonants and vowels. Lizzie now uses sentences of up to six words in length and has expanded her sound repertoire substantially. Currently, she is working on “s”-blends and movement patterns that include sounds produced with the back of her tongue. We are very proud of Lizzie and all of her accomplishments in therapy!

When her parents were asked about their experience at our clinic, they commented: “We are so thankful for Lizzie’s therapy from Scottish Rite...The speech services are wonderful here. It is run in a very professional manner. I can tell my daughter’s therapist really cares about helping her. We feel so fortunate to have found the Scottish Rite. It has been a lifeline for our family.”

Are you aware that your donation to the Clinic could be worth twice as much? Many companies will match their employees’ gifts to charitable organizations. To find out more, speak with your employer or our General Secretary. One or the other can get you the information you need.

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

From the Wise Master

Brethren,

Here is a little information about the Chapter Rose Croix Degree.

15th degree - Knight of the East, of the Sword, or of the Eagle: In this degree "we learn fidelity to obligations and perseverance of purpose under difficulties and discouragement." **The apron** is of crimson velvet, edged with green, with a bleeding head above two crossed swords, and a triangle (top point to the left) with three interlaced triangles inside it. **The jewel** is three concentric gold triangles, with two crossed swords inside them.

16th degree - Prince of Jerusalem: This degree teaches "heroism of patience, the nobility of self-sacrifice" and compassionate judgment, along with charity, fidelity and brotherhood. **The apron** is crimson, edged in gold and aurora-color, and with a square, shield, Delta (with three YOD's), balance, and a hand of justice. **The jewel** is a mother-of-pearl lozenge, with a hand holding a balance in equipoise; under it a sword with five stars surrounding the point. On the left is a Hebrew D, on the right is a Hebrew Z.

17th degree - Knight of the East and West: The lessons of this degree are that loyalty to God is man's primary allegiance, and the temporal governments not founded upon God and His righteousness will inevitably fall. **The apron** is of yellow satin, with crimson and gold, and with a sword and Tetractys (of the Tetragrammaton) on it. The jewel is a heptagon of silver and gold, with crossed swords on a balance on the obverse, and a lamb on the Book of Seven Seals on the reverse. **The jewel** is hung from a double order -- one black (left-to-right) and one white (right-to-left), representing good versus evil. A gold coronet is also presented

I'll save the 18th Degree for another message. See you at stated meeting.

Fraternally,

Monte Bishop—Wise Master



From the Master of Kadosh

Brethren

The month of June is popular for weddings. I guess that's common knowledge. Maybe not for socially awkward people like me. But a lot of socially awkward guys are good with mechanical or electronic things, like hand tools and computers. So I jumped onto my PC (not literally), pointed my browser to Wikipedia, and learned where the June wedding custom originated.

It turns out that back in the days of the Roman empire, when most people believed in a pantheon of deities, the goddess Juno was in charge of marriage and the households of married people. Her month was, you guessed it, the month of June, so people believed it was lucky to marry in the month belonging to the goddess of marriage. That's a reasonable assumption, I suppose.

The Roman pantheon went out of style with the rise of Christianity following the rule of Emperor Constantine in the Fourth Century. Prior to that, Christians were persona non grata in the Empire. Why? Because the Christians rejected the other deities in favor of their belief alone. To the Romans, that was a sign of insurrection waiting to happen. The Romans viewed a Christian about the same way we would view a terrorist. They tossed them to the lions, for the entertainment of the crowds.

Here's the part I don't understand. In light of the atrociously poor treatment at the hands of the Romans, why would Christians, even today, perpetuate the Roman belief that it is desirable to marry in June?

As I write this, I can just see our Secretary, Bob Rowan, looking at the rentals for the Scottish Rite Center during the month of June to see how many wedding there are. He's probably thinking about finding a substitute article for my column this month.

June is also the month for Father's Day, on the 21st. Many countries celebrate Father's Day, most but not all, on the third Sunday in June. In the US, Father's Day has been observed regionally since 1910. It became an unofficial holiday in 1966 and was officially recognized in 1972.

While there are several Masonic groups whose membership includes or is composed of women, Freemasonry is primarily a fraternal, that is, a male organization, drawing its members

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From the Venerable Master

Brethren, Ladies and Friends,

Well summer is upon us and the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies are not taking a vacation.



This month is a Night of Instruction followed by a festive Agape dinner. There is still time to make reservations, if you haven't. Brother Cowden is doing an excellent job planning these evenings. If you have not attended on, give June 23 a try. Dinner is fantastic, the presentation is stimulating, the Q&As during dinner are interesting and the fellowship is priceless.

July's stated meeting will feature a BBQ dinner. This year it will be cooked for us. Dress, as I sadly found out one year, is casual.

May 28 Brother Karem Kapkin and I had the honor, on behalf of the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation, to attend Scotts Valley High School's Senior Awards Ceremony and present Samantha Steele as our newest scholarship recipient. A look at the evening's program quickly confirmed Samantha had the qualities our scholarship selection committee saw in her. Samantha received 14 of 65 honors and awards presented that night but keep in mind over 20 of those were scholarships for students attending specific colleges.

Finally a word about someone I have had the honor and pleasure to work with over the years both in the Lodge of Perfection and Chapter Rose Croix. Mary Lou Johnson is retiring. Over the years she has helped me navigate around the Scottish Rite. It is with joy I hear you are setting out on that new adventure of retirement. While you will be missed, I wish you happiness in your new "career".

Richard M. Fisher - *Venerable Master*

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from the general public. As a result, most of its members are fathers. So Masons should have little difficulty relating to Father's Day. Even if you are not a father, you still have a father. And chances are, you set a fatherly example to a younger person in your sphere of influence.

If you follow the news like I do, most of what you hear is negative. Plenty of bad examples. What are men doing? Getting into trouble, doing drugs, committing violence, neglecting their families. It seems like nobody pays much attention to the guy who is there for his family. And I don't mean playing the "provider" role. That just means working at your job and bringing home a paycheck.

Of course, in today's economy, not everybody is lucky enough to have a steady job. Or maybe you run your own business but you have few projects coming in. Either way, that's not your fault. Nor is it the point.

Being a father is not just paying the bills. It's also fulfilling the personal role of parent. Some people say it's the most challenging and most important thing you will do in your life. When they're little, your kids adore you. When they're teens, they'll fight against you. But at some point, when they're adults, they'll come to appreciate you. I have seen a few cases where parent and child experience a rift in their relationship at some point and it never seems to mend. I don't know why that is, nor how to heal it. Those things happen, humans being the flawed creatures that we are. But I have learned that hope is only lost when we choose to give up.

If you are a father, Happy Father's Day! Father in the genetic sense or not, you never know who might be looking to you for a fatherly example of courage, guidance, or justice.

Daniel Doornbos
Master of Kadosh

June Stated Meeting Dinner Tuesday June 9, 2009
- 7:15 PM

Reservation deadline:
Friday, June 5 at 4:00 PM



\$15.00 per
person

Reservation #:
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Menu

Chilled Cooked Prawns
W/cocktail sauce and lemon
Spicy Chicken Drumettes
Spinach Dip

Smoked St. Louis Ribs
Smoked Chicken Quarters

Ranch Beans

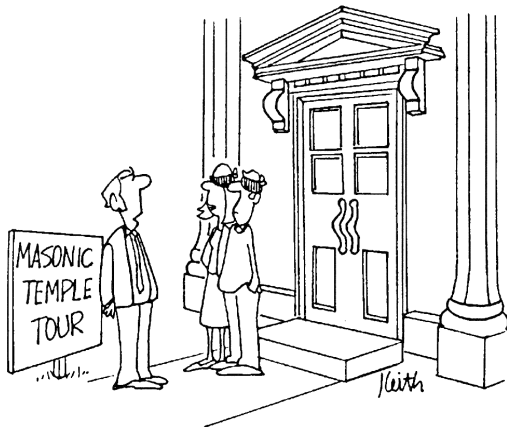
Pasta Salad

Caesar Salad

Garlic Bread



For the Lighter Side of things



"Oh, the blindfolds just add an element of mystery that the public has come to expect from Masonry."

From a publication of the Northern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite.
The Northern Light.

Remember the annual BBQ will be our focus after our July Stated Meeting. Our in-house BBQ Member-Chefs will demonstrate their own culinary skills for your enjoyment. Also please remember that the cost of this meal is not covered by your annual meal ticket if you have one and that the dress-code is casual for the months of July and August
Yes—our ladies are still invited!!!

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2455 Masonic Drive – PO Box 18220, San Jose, CA. 95158-8220

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:

June 6, 2009 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

June 9, 2009 - June Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM and Dinner following @ 7:15 PM

Special Wine Tasting, presentations of 50 year pins and Mary Lou Johnson Retirement Party

June 23, 2009 - Second San Jose Scottish Rite night of Instruction

July 4, 2009 - Independence Day - (SJSR Office Closed on Friday July 3rd)

July 11, 2009 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

July 14, 2009 - July Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM and Annual BBQ following @ 7:15 PM

What are you doing for Friday Lunch? Join us!!!