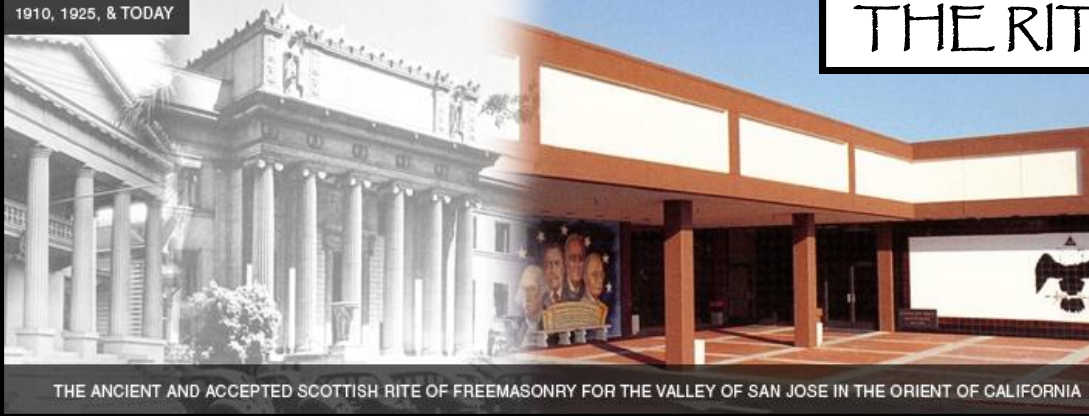


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THE RITE WORD

April 2013

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From the Venerable Master

Greetings from the Lodge of Perfection,
Spring has arrived. St. Patrick's Day and all the Corned Beef & Cabbage has come and gone. Easter was early this year and April has arrived in full bloom. This month we celebrate a little known or understood National Holiday, National Tartan Day enacted by Congress On March 6, 1998.

That date commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320, which asserted Scotland's sovereignty over English territorial claims, and which was a model for the American Declaration of Independence.

Americans of Scottish descent have played a vibrant and influential role in the development of the United States. From the framers of the Declaration of Independence to the first man on the moon, Scottish-Americans have contributed mightily to the fields of the arts, science, politics, law, and more. Today, over eleven million Americans claim Scottish and Scotch-Irish roots -- making them the eighth largest ethnic group in the United States. These are the people and accomplishments that are honored on National Tartan Day, April 6th, A National Holiday.

In recognition of the Holiday and the Scots-Irish contributions we are planning a Celtic Dinner complete with the piping in of the Haggis. Please make plans to attend this and future Scottish Rite Stated Meetings and dinners.

Illustrious Ken Nagel is promoting the development of degree teams for all of the Scottish Rite Degrees. Please consider giving a bit of your time to make this endeavor a reality. Participation is needed in the areas of degree team members, stage crew setup and other activities of the Scottish Rite. Contact any of the Officers of the bodies to participate.

Your attendance at Stated Meetings, dinners, and functions of the Scottish Rite. Plan to attend and bring a brother with you. We look forward to seeing you in lodge.

Remember our departed members and their family members in your prayers and meditations.

Fraternally,

B.J. McCuiston

B.J. McCuiston 32° KCCH
Venerable Master





Greetings!

April is here and we'll see if we get those famous showers that are supposed to bring for the May flowers. I hope all of you had a wonderful Easter. It has been awhile since Easter has been so early.

I want to thank everyone that attended the Maundy Thursday Observance Event on the 28th of last month. We had a good turnout and I think everyone enjoyed themselves. If you were there, you heard me talk about the "Golden Rule", often quoted as "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". I was asked to include this in my article. The Golden Rule gets "looked at" or interpreted in more than one way. The emphasis in each case is based on "reciprocal behavior". The positive interpretation goes something like "We should treat other people the way we would like to be treated" or "We should NOT treat others in a way that we would not want to be treated". Many turn it around to

something like, "I'm going to do it to him before he has a chance to do it to me." Some also look at it as "They have done this to me, so I will do it to them".

You can find references to support any of these interpretations. For example, "An eye for an eye" would support the latter...they did this so I will do this in return. Revenge being justified as reciprocal treatment. In fact, this whole "Do unto others" can be found in almost any religion in some form or another and in almost every ethnic tradition. On the Thursday of the Last Supper Christ said, "A new Commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another." This takes the Golden Rule to the level of treating others well, and doing well by them, without expectation of any reciprocal behavior. Unconditional love. I know there are some here that have used the term "Agape love". We're talking about kindness and genuine caring with no strings attached. When you do something out of unconditional love, you don't need or expect anything in return, not even a thank you. And such it is that we, as Scottish Rite Masons, should endeavor to condition ourselves to meet this higher call

I again want to thank all of those in the cast who put forth an effort to make this a successful event. I really do appreciate it.

Beginning this month we'll begin the conferral of our Degrees starting with the 4th Degree on April 9th. This is also our normal meeting night. Please show your support by being in attendance and don't forget to RSVP for dinner. See you on Tuesday night!

Bud Ramsey

Bud Ramsey
Wise Master



Hello Brethren,

As I indicated in last month's article, and as we all know, this month marks the communication/conferral of all 32 degrees of the Scottish Rite. The Consistory has the responsibility for the last 2 Degrees, the 31st and the 32nd. I provided some insight into the 31st last month and I will continue with a short discussion of the 32nd in this message.

The information which follows is a synopsis of that found in the "Scottish Rite Ritual, *Monitor and Guide*" by Arturo De Hoyos.

The 2nd of the Consistorial Degrees, the 32nd Degree, recapitulates the lessons of the Scottish Rite and then introduces the candidate to the Royal Secret and the Holy Doctrine.

It discusses God's intimacy with mankind as a fact and truth, not merely an idealistic notion. The Candidate is shown how he may become part of Freemasonry's ideal of an empire of intellect, reason philosophy and wise morality.

As it recalls the lessons of the previous degrees and several members of the cast are Masters of the preceding Degrees, this degree can be an excellent review & reminder of foundations of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. By all means, come and reacquaint yourselves with these lessons and also several members of our valley, including me, who work diligently to provide this information to the new class and all of the membership as a whole.

Regards,

Jerry Best, 32^o

Master of Kadosh



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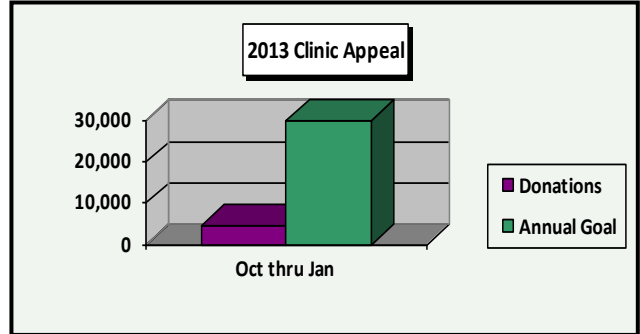
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To The Bodies

* Bro. Mrs. Richard Fisher



Take a look at what is changing at your building!





Spring is here! I know because I saw it on the calendar. And they announced it on the news. Lots of things happen in the spring. People celebrate holidays like Easter and Passover. I celebrate by watching Cecil B. DeMille's epic drama "The Ten Commandments." It used to be that I had to wait for it to come on TV. But then I got the four-hour movie on VHS tape. They made that flick back in 1956 and it's better than most of the movies I have seen since.

I enjoy spring because I can watch my fruit trees blossom, leaf out and set their fruit. Each tree has different color blossoms, leaves, and of course fruit. My rose bushes are leafing out and forming their first blooms. It will be another week or so until the first ones open. Just like the fruit trees, I have roses in a variety of colors. And the traditional collection of aphids.

Not all of my fruit trees are deciduous. I have a beautiful Valencia orange tree that has a generous crop of oranges. They won't ripen until the weather warms up. But they are nice to look at in the meantime. And I have other flowers, too. Lots of little yellow dandelions in my lawn. I suppose most home gardeners hate dandelions. They go for the monochromatic look... a lawn of all one color, and hopefully it's green. What's wrong with a little accent color?

Spring also means the days are getting longer and the temperature warmer. That's the reason the plants respond by growth and renewed life. Spring also brings an episode of growth and renewed life, of a somewhat different kind.

The month of April will see the Scottish Rite Spring Reunion. What does that have to do with spring? Besides happening in the spring? At Scottish Rite we learn about lots of cool stuff. We learn a lot more about the historic context of the Hiram Legend, such as what it was like to live in the days of King Solomon, the issues and concerns of the people, and what it meant to be a Tenth Century BCE Israelite.

If you were expecting me to say more about that in this article, sorry. The whole reason for mentioning it was to kindle your interest in attending and participating in the Spring Reunion. Seriously, if it's been a while since you've seen the Scottish Rite Degrees, conferred or communicated, you should come and watch. Learn those things that might spark a spring-like renewal within you.

You often hear about the importance of sideliners. What a good impression it makes for candidates to see people present at the Degree even if they don't have a part in the ritual. That's true. No argument here. But there's another reason. Those sideliners are returning members who witness the Degrees right alongside the candidates. They hear the same dialog, especially since we have the new sound system with the wireless microphones. And we have slides with historical pictures and symbolic images. And you have a chance to relive your own experience as a candidate. You might just like it better this time, too.

Why make the effort to drive to the Scottish Rite Center? Is it worth the time to sit through a Degree and miss your favorite rerun on cable TV? Renewing acquaintances and making new friends. Are those worthwhile activities? Those are questions you will answer for yourself this month.

Fraternally,
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Andrew is a fun-loving, kind twelve year-old-boy who has been receiving speech therapy at The San Jose Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic once a week for the last calendar year. His parents heard about our clinic through a teacher at a local school district. Upon beginning treatment at the clinic, Andrew's parents noted difficulties understanding him, as he was unable to pronounce certain words. While attending the clinic, he initially worked on reducing his frontal lisp on /s/, s/-blend and /z/ sounds in words, and producing grammatically correct sentences, with appropriate verbs and prepositional phrases. Today, Andrew continues to work on his articulation in structured conversation, possessives, pronouns, and the understanding of sentence completion/construction.



Andrew's parents reported, "Andrew's speech and language skills are improving. He can understand language much more thanks to the clinic services and the two clinicians who have been working with him. Thanks to Mrs. Jenna and Mrs. Angela, Andrew is also doing better in school. The most rewarding part is that the Scottish Rite Clinic has helped care for our child's speech and language needs. We have had a fantastic experience coming to this Clinic. We are so appreciative that Ms. Jenna updates Andrews's speech and language goals, reports his progress to us every so often and finds new ways to help Andrew. We continue to recommend this clinic to parents who also have children with speech and language needs, so they can receive the same help with we have been given." Andrew is a pleasure to work with and we are so proud of him. Keep up the good work Andrew!

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REGIONAL ORIENT MEMBERSHIP AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE

~ April 2013 ~

In the seventh century, Athelstan granted to his brother Edwin a charter for a Grand Lodge at York, which was established with that prince as Grand Master. The descendant of this ancient temple, with its charter of twelve centuries, still exists today. To the Grand Lodge at York all due allegiance was rendered and from it all Masonic jurisdiction originated until the foundation of the Grand Lodge at London, by its authority and consent, in 1567.

During an age when science wandered not forth into the world's general darkness and words such as virtue, ethics, justice, brotherly love, relief and truth were seldom heard, these lodges were centers of learning. During the reign of Henry the Sixth, the Bishop of Winchester made a fierce, and for a time, a successful attack upon the fraternity. For the purpose of ascertaining its real character, Henry the Sixth chose to be initiated into the mysteries, and so highly gratified was he with the pure morality and elevated principles inculcated, that he drew up in his own handwriting a series of questions and answers respecting the nature and tendency of Freemasonry, thereby vindicating the order of all charges.

Masons are but men, and as too much prosperity may corrupt religion and debase morality, so from time to time it may taint our virtue and induce us to forget those pure and sacred lessons that it is the object of Masonry to teach and the duty of Masons to practice. One of our sacred duties is to build on this ancient foundation by recruiting the young, worthy and well-qualified, retaining our fellow brethren and reinstating the members we have lost.

We must never succumb to the wind that blows out the light of reason, but rather continue each to do our personal best by:

Ignoring Insult
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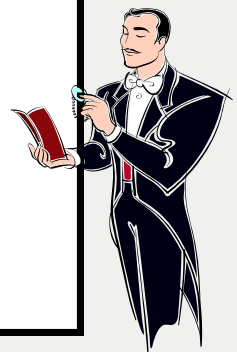
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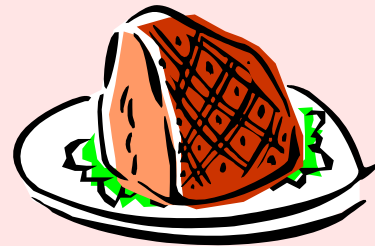
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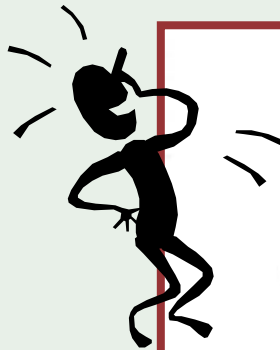
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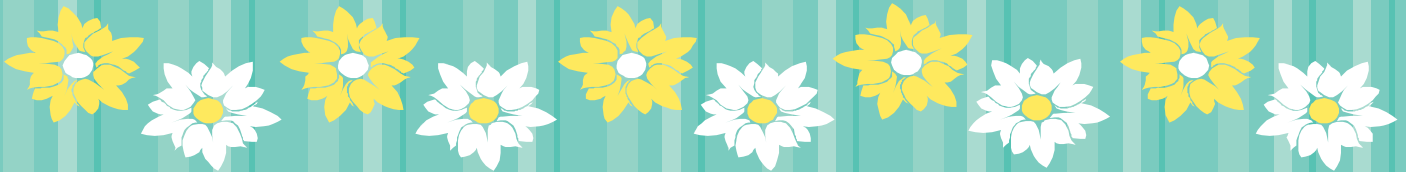
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April 26-27 ~ Reunion continues w/19th thru 30th Degrees

April 30 ~ Reunion concludes w/32nd Degree

Tuesday April 23rd ~ All Officers Council Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Tuesday May 14th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Followed by Dinner @ 7:00 PM and Capping Ceremony after.

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