

Thanksgiving Day is a National Holiday held primarily in Canada and the United States.

However, it is celebrated also in many countries such as Liberia, Grenada, and United Kingdom.

The Thanksgiving holiday history in North America is rooted in English traditions dating from the Protestant Reformation, however, in the West Indian island of Grenada, the celebration marks the anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion of the island in 1983, in response to the deposition and execution of the Grenadian Prime Minister. In the United States, the modern Thanksgiving holiday tradition is commonly, but not universally, traced to a sparsely documented 1621 celebration at Plymouth in present day Massachusetts. In Canada, the first Canadian Thanksgiving is often traced back to 1578 and the explorer Martin Frobisher. He held his Thanksgiving celebration not for harvest but in thanks for surviving the long journey from

. Fraternally, JACK HARRIS - VENERABLE MASTER

England thru the perils of storms and iceberg. But no matter where Thanksgiving is practiced, our Thanksgiving

a very Happy Thanksgiving Day!

day is a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and for the proceeding year. So I say it unto all of you

SCOTTISH RITE MILITARY RECOGNITION NIGHT

November 10, 2015

oin with us for this special, patriotic Stated Meeting Dinner to recognize the service and sacrifices made by our military to help assure our freedom.

During the evening we will honor two members of our military who have made important contributions to their respective services and to the Reserve Officers Training (ROTC) programs in our Scottish Rite Valley. Further, all past and present military members will be recognized by branch of service.

Wear your uniform or proudly display your awards and decorations of achievement. Come out and meet our honored guests from the Santa Clara University Army ROTC Color Guard, Del Mar High School Marine Junior ROTC and the San Jose State University Air Force ROTC and personally thank them for their service to the country.

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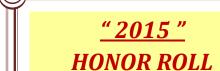
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THE RITE WORD

reetings Sir Knights!

From the Chief Knight

I would like to first say how much the KSA is enjoying serving you this year thus far. We have and are having a great time and it is due to your participation in the Scottish Rite that makes this machine perform. Thank You for your support.

November 21st, The KSA is hosting a Cabaret themed dinner and Magic show that will be a Black tie event filled with an incredible dinner, décor and a Magic show featuring "Hank the Magician" that due to the sophistication of the magic, will be for adults only. Bring your family and friends and join us for a great evening! November 21st, 6:30pm social, 7:00pm dinner and 8:00 pm show. Tickets

are \$25. per person. Please RSVP with Hank or myself for this KSA event.

This month we will be feasting with family and friends, giving thanks for being privileged to live in this great country. What a privilege it is! This country is going through some growing pains right now that I hope will result in a renewed burst of Patriotism and service that embraces all of its citizens. This of course starts with us internally. What can we do in our daily lives to make ourselves better for our family, community and Craft? The list is endless. Let us all remind ourselves and not take for granted life in this country. Our forefathers created this land to be a place that the Supreme Architect could view with pride in its ideals and principles for all people. From the Knights of Saint Andrew, Happy Thanksgiving!

Ladies and families, are you in need of the KSA for any reason? We are here to serve you. If you are having difficulty with any task and need some extra hands, please ask and we can assist you. This is your Scottish Rite as well.

Jason Barnett, Chief Knight 2015



From the Clinic

aylen is ______ a spunky, fun six year old boy who has been coming to our clinic as a result of a mild articulation disorder. While testing of Daylen's receptive and expressive language revealed language development within normal limits, he presented with a frontal lisp for the /s, z, sh/ and /ch/ sounds. In addition, he substituted /n/ for /l/ in all positions of

words. Daylen's parents were concerned about his speech and his ability to be understood so they brought him to our clinic.



In the past year Daylen has made exceptional progress! He has met his goals for producing /l/ in all positions of words in conversation. To do this, Daylen worked with minimal pair words, which is a technique in which words sound the same but differ by one sound. For example, Daylen's word list include "no" and low", "nice" and "lice", "nap" and "lap". Using minimal pair words helps a child understand that their production does not match the meaning they are intending. It teaches them how to self-monitor their error. During targeted drill with the /l/ minimal pair words, if Daylen said "nap" instead of "lap" I would not give him a reinforcement of his production. Thus he was able to understand that in order to make his message clear, he needed to use the /l/ instead of the /n/ or his sentence did not make semantic sense. An example would be "I want to sit in mommy's nap" verses "I want to sit in mommy's lap".

Daylen is also making fantastic progress with his frontal lisp for /s, z, sh, ch/. He is now producing /s/ in the beginning and endings of words in sentences with some models. /sh/ is probably the most difficult sound for Daylen to produce at this time. We are working on tongue placement using a tongue depressor. It's hard work but Daylen is now starting to approximate /sh/!Daylen has such a supportive and loving family. Each week one of his grandparents brings him to his treatment and the entire family helps with his homework. No wonder he is doing such a great job with such support! Great job, Daylen! Keep up the great work!





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Bro. Franklin Wong 32° KCCH

F rom all of us at Scottish Rite, we would like to wish you nothing but positive prayers for your recovery. You are a warrior fighting cancer. Being in the hospital for over 3 1/2 months, must have been unbearable. We are so glad you are home. We realize it is a difficult time for you. If you should you be in

need of any kind of assistance, please reach out to the Brothers, your friends, and Scottish Rite staff.

You are a very strong and positive person.
God Bless You!







"Called fromLabor:"

Bro. William P. Duncan 32° August 15, 2015

Bro. Alexander Bacalski 32° March 15, 2015



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 in a timely manner.

Scottish Rite is here to assist!

Please feel free to call anytime!

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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.





Tuesday, November 10th, 2014 THANKSGIVING FEAST!"

Assorted Appetizers
Smoked Turkey Breast with Gravy
Green Bean Casserole
Mashed Potatoes & Stuffing
Caesar Salad
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Dessert
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From the Commander

October is almost gone and November is approaching fast. The Fall Reunion starts at the end of October and from what I am told, promises to bring us no less than 13 new Brothers. The members of the casts are ready and eager to do their parts. I wish them all well and success in all their endeavors.

The Grand Masters Reception was a smashing success and a most enjoyable evening. The Grand Master has a most contagious smile and a character hard to beat. I believe that we will have a very good and fast growing year.

As I entered the auditorium on that special night, I felt a sense of belonging that is rare at times. I saw so many faces and smiles on people that The Great Architect of The Universe has allowed me to meet, get to know, appreciate, and love. Only through Freemasonry and Scottish Rite could a man be so fortunate. I have a most beautiful family of Brothers and Sisters.

November brings 2 other special events, one Masonic (the Scottish Rite Stated meeting and capping ceremony) where we welcome our new members into our Order of Scottish Rite, and the other (Thanksgiving) where we offer up our thanks to GOD for all the blessings HE has bestowed upon us. We pray that those less fortunate than us (there will always be those) will find peace and comfort also.

If I do not see you before the November Stated Meeting, Be well, behave, and be a good Mason Be well and GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

Will Montoya, Commander, Council of Kadosh

Treetings everyone!

November! A month in which we are reminded to be thankful for all we have. Our Fall Reunion is underway, starting with the 4th Degree, and, for the first time, the 6th and 7th Degrees, on October 27th. The 6th through the 22nd conferred on October 30th-31st, and the remainder on November 6th and 7th. We can be thankful for the further light that Scottish Rite has to offer.

Again I offer a bit of Masonic history/trivia for November. On November 1st, 1922, the cornerstone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, in Alexandria, Virginia, was laid. As you know, this is an amazing edifice and well worth our support. On November 4th, 1752, George Washington received his Entered Apprentice degree in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia. On November 25th, 1813, the Articles of Union of the United Grand Lodge of England were signed. On November 26th, 1737, a letter to the editor appeared in the New York Gazette newspaper, criticizing the secrecy of Freemasons and the words of the obligations' penalties (which were disclosed in a previous exposé of Freemasonry). This appears to have been the first anti-masonic effort in the colonies that were to become the United States. On November 28th, 1884, Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, in London, England, the first research lodge in the world, received its warrant. If you don't know about Quatuor Coronati, feel free to ask me. On November 28th, 1911, President-to-be Franklin D. Roosevelt (U.S. President 1933-1945) received his 3rd degree. As before, there are other Masonic events of note that happened in November and I've only mentioned a few. I hope this was of interest to you.

As Scottish Rite Masons, we should realize what makes a difference. I want to share with you the following:

A Lesson

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This is something to make us stop and think. Take this quiz:

- I. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
- 2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
- 3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest.
- 4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
- 5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
- 6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do? The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners. Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

- 1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
- 2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
- 3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
- 4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
- 5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.
- 6. Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Easier? The lesson? The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards.

They are the ones that care and are making your world a better place! We have much to be thankful for in our lives. Let's focus on that and let's be sure to let those who make a difference in our lives know they are appreciated. See you at our Tuesday night meeting and dinner! I wish you a blessed and plentiful Thanksgiving!

Bud Ramsey, Master of Kadosh



Fall 2015 Reunion Schedule

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, 2015

600pm - 640pm Dinner (Council of Kadosh to host)

640pm - 645pm Open Council of Kadosh

645pm - 815pm Communicate 23rd—28th Degrees

815pm - 830pm Break

830pm - 945pm Confer 29th Degree

1000pm Close Council of Kadosh/Class Dis-

missed (Badges to Tiler)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 2015

900am - 905am Open Council of Kadosh

905am - 1005am Confer 30th Degree

1005am - 1010am Close Council/Open Consistory

1010am - 1050am Communicate 31st Degree

1050am - 1100am Break

1100am - 1115am Class Photo

1115am - 1200pm Lunch (Consistory to host)

1200pm - 130pm Confer 32nd Degree

130pm Close Consistory/Class Dis

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 2015

600pm - 630pm Stated Meeting 630pm - 700pm Social Hour

700pm - 830pm Dinner and Capping Ceremony

The Personal Representative and The Venerable Master of the Valley of San Jose

Invite all

Scottish Rite Freemasons and all other Freemasons to

A Night of Scottish Rite Instruction

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 6:30 PM to 9:00PM

Illustrious Daniel Doornbos 33 Degree Scottish Rite Valley of San Jose Will present his paper:

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Schedule of Events

6:30 PM - Social Gathering 7:00 PM - Speaker

7:30 PM - Festive Agape/Dinner Cost \$25.00

Requested dress is white tie & tails, tux or dark suit & tie with SR Cap NOTE:

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Sumptuous Dinner: 7:00pm

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S.R. History from "California's First Century of Scottish Rite Masonry-1962" 1861-IN THE BEGINNING (Part II continued).

n July 1, 1862, when the nation was beset by the stress of the Civil War, President Lincoln signed a bill entitled "An Act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military and other purposes." The final enactment of this Pacific Railroad Bill was the end of a long, vexatious, and at times apparently hopeless struggle. It was during this time of tribulation that Freemasonry blossomed forth. Records of 1863 reveal that there were about 6,000 members in California Blue Lodges. Scottish

Rite Masonry had only a small representation and was not yet organized.

The Supreme Council met at Charleston, South Carolina, Thursday November 16, 1865. At the meeting Albert Pike, 33 Degree, Sovereign Grand Commander, expressed his desire for the election of an Inspector General for California. Albert G. Mackey, 33 Degree, Grand Secretary General, proposed Ebenezer

Hamilton Shaw, 32 Degree, as an Active Member of the Supreme Council for California.

Shaw was then elected and invested with the dignity of the 33 Degree and rank of Sovereign Grand Inspector General for California and an Active Member of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction.

The Supreme Council met in Washington, D.C. on April 16,1866, at which time Shaw proposed Alexander G. Abell of California for Honorary Membership. On April 21, 1866, Shaw was authorized to confer the 33 Degree on Abell. This being done, Abell was then appointed a Special Deputy of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General for California. The Supreme Council thus established the Scottish Rite in California and this happened five years before the transcontinental railroad was completed. Shaw returned to San Francisco by steamer, and with the assistance of Alexander G. Abell, on August 4, 1866, organized California Lodge of Perfection No. 1, with William M. Rundell as Master. This was the first regular Body of Scottish Rite Masonry on the Pacific Coast.

On September 8, 1866, Ebenezer H. Shaw, 33 Degree, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, conferred the degrees on twelve brethren at Marysville in Yuba County. The charter for Marysville Lodge of Perfection No. 2 was issued on November 4, 1870. In May 1883, Albert Pike, 33 Degree, Sovereign Grand Commander visited San Jose and communicated the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection to a class that had assembled in the Auzerais House, the city's leading hotel of the day. Little is known of the meeting; however, an old membership record card of Adolph Jacob Koch, found in the vault of the San Jose Temple, revealed that Koch received the Lodge of Perfection degrees by communication from Grand Commander Albert Pike on May 16, 1883. (End—of the beginning).

~~ Dell Bleiler, Wise Master

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Future Scottish Rite Events

Friday-Saturday, Nov 6th/7th ~ FALL 2015 REUNION CONTINUES!!

See Schedule of Events inside the Rite Word. PLEASE come out and support the Candidates and Ritual Teams.

Tuesday, Nov 10th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

6: 30pm - Social Hour ~ 7: 00pm - Dinner ~ Program—Capping Ceremony, Military Recognition Night

Saturday, Nov 21st ~ Knights of St Andrew "CABARET NIGHT!" See article from the Chief Knight inside the Rite Word

Sunday, Nov 22nd ~ MONTHLY MASONIC GET TOGETHER - CASUAL DRESS!

At the home of Wors Will Montoya, 2999 Bradbury Dr., SJ. Bring some snacks to share!

Tuesday, Nov 24th ~ MONTHLY OAM MEETING - Host: Mt View DeAnza #194

6: 30pm ~ Dinner 7: 30pm ~ SOI—OAM Officer Elections, Lodge Installations

Tuesday, Dec 1st ~ "NIGHT OF INSTRUCTION" Guest Speaker—Ill. Danial Doornbos (See article inside Rite Word)

6: 30pm ~ Social Hour 7: 00pm ~ Speaker 7: 30pm ~ Dinner

Tuesday, Dec 8th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

6: 30pm - Social Hour ~ 7: 00pm - Dinner ~ Program— 25/50 Year Pin Awards

Saturday, Dec 12th ~ Clinic Christmas Party ~ Noon - 4pm

Please come and spend some time with our Clinicians and their Students & Families. Food, Fun, Santa and Entertainment