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My Brothers and their Ladies,

I hope that all of you had a wonderful Easter holiday. Easter is a wonderful time to get together with family and friends. Many attended the special services given by their church and reflected upon the meaning of Easter, and reflect upon the resurrection. Our Maundy Thursday presentation was a very special time to remember our Brothers who have been called from labor last year. I wish to thank the Wise Master of the San Jose Knights Rose Croix, Brother Dell Bleiler KCCH, who delivered the Maundy Thursday reflection, Illustrious Richard Fisher the Director of Maundy Thursday and all the brothers who took part in the ceremony.



I would like again, to remind everyone of the movie night on Saturday, June 6th. The movie will be MARY POPPINS!! Our festivities will start at **6:30pm** with hotdogs, nachos, popcorn, and more? We will have a sign up sheet on Tiler's desk, please sign up so we know how much food to provide. My Brothers, this is a time to bring your family, masons from your lodge, and just friends. We will look forward in seeing you on June 6th.

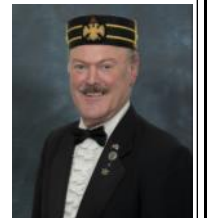
Fraternally,

JACK HARRIS
VENERABLE MASTER

From The Secretary's Desk.....

My Brothers,

Thank you to everyone who has helped make our 2015 Spring Reunion one of the BEST in in a long time! With 14 Candidates, this is the biggest Class we have had in years! The cast members presented beautiful ritual, ably helped by the A/V Team on lighting & sound. Several of the Candidates have told me how impressive the Degrees were, and that they plan to start recruiting their Blue Lodge Brother for the Fall Reunion. Thank you again, one and all! And remember – the Capping Ceremony will be during our May Dinner. Lets have a BIG turnout to congratulate our new SR Brothers!



The really wonderful news is, with help of Bros. Rod Moreland and Laurentiu Murgu, the San Jose Scottish Rite Website will be up and running again by mid May, at the latest. There will be a new format, access to articles, news of the Clinic, calendar of events, etc, etc. www.sanjosescottishrite.org Look for it soon! See you all at the May Stated Meeting!

Hank Vlcek, General Secretary



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-Gandhi



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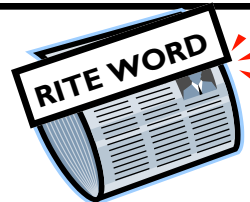
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Greetings Sir Knights and Family,

I would like to start off by giving a round of applause and congratulations to our newly received Knights who have chosen to pursue Scottish Rite Masonry. Welcome Brothers!

Congratulations also to those Brothers who have volunteered their service to our Scottish Rite Brethren by joining the Knights of St. Andrew. Your time and energy is appreciated and we hope you enjoy being a Knight in our Order. For those who would like to participate or learn more about the KSA, please email or call me for more information. Our next Official **KSA meeting is June 2nd**. We will have food and beverages and our meeting will run from **7:00 pm to 8:30-9**. Come see what we're all about and how you can be part of the team that assist the Scottish Rite with planning events, AV tech positions, dinner service, visiting Brothers who cannot physically be with us, public appearances and participating in the Twenty Ninth Degree. We are also part of a Kilted 2nd Degree team that travels to different Blue Lodges to confer Second Degrees.

We would like to invite all of our Brethren and families to join us **September 5th** to attend the **Scottish Highland games in Pleasanton**. If you are interested, please **RSVP ASAP** so we can purchase tickets at a discount and arrange transportation. This will be a day of fun, food and Chivalry that you won't want to miss!

Our order is growing and we are proud to serve our Valley. If you would like to know more or have any suggestions or needs from the KSA, please contact me.

Fraternally,

Jason Barnett

Chief Knight, Knights of St Andrew



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*Scottish Rite Freemasons and all other Freemasons to
A Night of Scottish Rite Instruction*

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

6:30 PM to 9:00PM

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Brother William Scott Catrette, 32°

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Will Present His Paper Entitled

“Why Should You Want To Become A Mason?”

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Bro. Alvin Wong 32° KCCH
April 27, 2015
Bro. Richard C. Field 32°
February 21, 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.
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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.

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Brethren,

By the time you read this article the Spring Reunion will have passed. I had the opportunity to sit in class with the new candidates and receive a mind refresher. You are never too old to learn something new or to relearn something that you had forgotten. I encourage all the Brothers (young and old) to take the time to sit in the classes and rituals to reaffirm our duties and to relearn that which had been stored in the back of our minds. We had a very healthy group of young minds to teach. To see more old timers (both young and old) at these teachings would certainly help them out.



Much like the baseball player who hits every ball pitched to him during practice but cannot hit a single ball when at the game, I made my first appearance at opening lodge at the last stated meeting. I want to thank those who helped me get through the evening. It is said "TO ERROR IS HUMAN" and I guess that I am much too human.

Brother Jack Harris has scheduled a Movie Night for Saturday, June 6th. It will be an opportunity for all of us to get together and have a good time.

The Council of Kadosh is trying to arrange an evening at a hilltop restaurant with the most spectacular view the City of San Jose. God willing, this will take place on the 29th of July (a Wednesday evening).

More information will be coming soon.

May 12th is our next Stated Meeting so I hope to see all of you there. Make sure to call Angela and let her know that you are coming so that she can set out another plate.

Be well and GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!

Will Montoya

Commander, Council of Kadosh

Greetings!

May this be a good month! We have conferred our Degrees and our reunion is almost over. And we had an ice cream social with the Rainbow Girls!! Again I say the we have reason to be proud of our Valley for doing so many of the degrees and doing good ritual work. We'll be conferring the 32nd Degree on Tuesday, May 5th. I trust all of you will plan to be there.



For a bit of "May" Masonic history/trivia, on May 1st, 1865, President-to-be William McKinley was initiated in Hiram Lodge No. 21 in Winchester, VA. On May 5th, 1851, President-to-be Andrew Johnson was initiated in Greenville Lodge No. 119 in Tennessee. On May 12th, 1932, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, in Alexandria, Virginia, was dedicated in a very large ceremony, attended by thousands, including the President of the United States. On May 24th, 1901 Sir Winston Churchill was initiated in Studholme Lodge No. 1591 in London. And of real significance to us, on May 31st, 1801, the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, "Mother Council of the World," was established, in Charleston, South Carolina. Obviously there are other Masonic events of note that have happened in May, but this is a few. Hopefully, you find them of interest.

As I've told you before, our Scottish Rite bodies make a difference, and it starts with each of us as individuals. Please consider the following:

Growing Good Corn

There once was a farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it won a blue ribbon.

One year a reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors.

"How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked.

"Why sir," said the farmer, "didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."

He is very much aware of the connectedness of life. His corn cannot improve unless his neighbor's corn also improves.

So it is with our lives. Those who choose to live in peace must help their neighbors to live in peace. Those who choose to live well must help others to live well, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others to find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all.

The lesson for each of us is this: if we are to grow good corn, we must help our neighbors grow good corn.

Lewis Carol once said, "One of the deep secrets of life is that all that is really worth doing is what we do for others." We should always "be there" for each other when the need arises. See you on Tuesday night!

Bud Ramsey

Master of Kadosh



MAY MENU

~Lite Appetizers~

Chips & Salsa & Guacamole, Cheese Quesadillas, & Taquitos

Dinner

Spanish Rice

Mexican Pot Beans

FAJITAS

Beef and Chicken, Colored Peppers and Onions with Tortillas

Mixed Green Salad - With Ranch and Italian

Dessert

\$15.00 per person - Reservations ONLY!

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From the Clinic

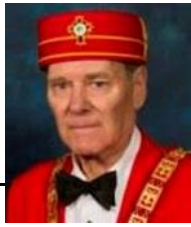
Aiden is an adorable seven year old boy who has been seen at our clinic since June 2014 secondary to a mild articulation delay. Aiden's mother heard about the clinic through a friend. When she first brought him to our clinic she reported that Aiden got "frustrated a lot because people [didn't] understand what he [said]. It also discouraged him from talking to people due to requests of him repeating himself."

Aiden has a history of speech and language delay and was seen for speech and language treatment through Early Start, a government based program that services children ages 0-3 for speech and language services as well as many other areas of need like occupational therapy and physical therapy. Aiden also had a history of sucking, feeding and drooling issues. Given Aiden's history of speech and language delay, a full evaluation was conducted to determine if there were needs in his receptive and expressive language and oral motor skills. His mother also reported concern with Aiden's memory and retention of information. Speech and language pathologists can assess a child's ability to process auditory information as it relates to the cognitive and communicative aspects of language. Areas such as auditory memory, auditory cohesion and auditory reasoning relate to memory skills. Memory is an important underlying process because if a person cannot retain what has been heard and maintain it in the correct sequence then they may have difficulties academically. Children use working memory to maintain and manipulate information in order to determine answers for spelling and math problems. Other areas of memory that were tested for Aiden included higher-order linguistic skills such as inferences, deductions and abstractions. While you may not realize it, we use many of these skills in our daily lives to help us problem solve, make inferences, understand implied meanings and make logical conclusions. When a child has difficulty in any of these areas it impacts how they interact with other children in peer relationships as well as in academics.

Fortunately, Aiden was well within normal limits in all areas of memory and auditory processing skills, as well as in his expressive and receptive language skills. His primary need was that of articulation. Aiden has made tremendous progress toward his goals. He has worked very hard on his sounds, which have included "sh", "th" and all of the lip sounds "m, b, p". Aiden met his goal for producing the "sh" sound in conversation. He has nearly met his goal for producing "m, b, p" in conversation. This past week, he achieved 86% accuracy in conversation for "m, p, b", the highest accuracy level yet for this goal! He is also making excellent gains with his "th" sounds in loaded sentences, which is a fancy way of saying that there are at least two target "th" sounds that Aiden needs to say in a given sentence.

Aiden's parents are so grateful for the services he has received at our clinic: "We definitely will tell other parents about this clinic. We are so thankful for the previous parent who shared this information. We were not sure where to turn after our son [had] been discharged from the school district program and there was no way for us to pay for this kind of service ourselves. And the teacher here is so phenomenal. I see a big improvement in my son's speech in just a few months as we were struggling with the same things for the previous two years. Thank you for blessing us with this service."





From the Wise Master

Though April showers may come your way (in the context of rain only) it seems that our California is on its way to becoming a dry state, and we must take heed and do our respective parts in limiting our water usage now, as best we can, remembering that it could even get worse. I want to thank everyone that attended the March 2nd Maundy Thursday event. We had an appropriate dinner and I think everyone enjoyed both the meal and the remembrance of the commemoration Jesus Christ's last supper and so forth. My thanks, especially to Ill. Richard Fisher, his team and the Chapter Rose Croix officers for a fine celebration. By the time you read this most all of the San Jose Scottish Rite Spring Reunion degrees will have been conferred. I've got to tell you that being in attendance to see these degrees is really worthwhile. It amplifies an understanding of the meaning represented by the first time a brother has been initiated and completed the degrees. There was so much going on at one's first reunion that the memory is overloaded. Only by repeated attendance will all of the nuances of each degree ritual be appreciated. With each semi-annual reunion more and more of the details become grasped. Its like saying "Oh! That's what it meant" or "Oh! I didn't get that last time". So—for myself anyway, I have really come to look forward to the reunions. And I find much enjoyment in having had the opportunity for the past several years now to have been able to actually participate as a member of the 30th Degree team.

Thank you: **Dell Bleiler, Wise Master**

San Jose Scottish Rite - 2015 Spring Class



From left top: Tanner Norton, Nan Su, Charles Frascone, Jeff Toone, Tony Sherwood, Laurentiu Murgu , Richard Howell, John Cahill

From left bottom: David Greene, Edgardo Traverso, Naresh Rampershad, Rick Parker, Erik Reyes, Leopoldo Ornelas



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Tuesday, May 5th ~ 32nd Degree of Scottish Rite Spring Reunion

Tuesday, May 12th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

Dinner after the Meeting — Capping Ceremony

Tuesday, May 26th ~ SJSR Foundation Board of Directors Meeting @ 5:30pm

Tuesday, May 26th ~ Scottish Rite All Officers Meeting @ 7pm

Thursday, May 28th ~ Santa Clara Valley MOA—Hosted by Mt. Moriah Lodge #292

6:30pm—Dinner ~ 7:30pm — SOI—Ritual of the 3rd Degree/1st Section

Saturday, June 6th ~ “Family Night at the Scottish Rite!” @ 6:30pm. See Venerable Master’s article on page 1

Tuesday, June 9th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

Dinner after the Meeting — 25 & 50 Year Pin Presentations

Tuesday, June 16th ~ ‘Night of Instruction’ — “Why Should You Want to Become a Mason?”

6:30pm—Social Gathering ~ 7:00pm — NOI and Festive Agape Dinner

Tuesday, June 23rd ~ Scottish Rite All Officers Meeting @ 7pm

Thursday, June 24th ~ Santa Clara Valley MOA—Hosted by Willow Glen-Fraternity Lodge #399

6:30pm—Dinner ~ 7:30pm — SOI—Ritual of the 3rd Degree/2nd Section

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