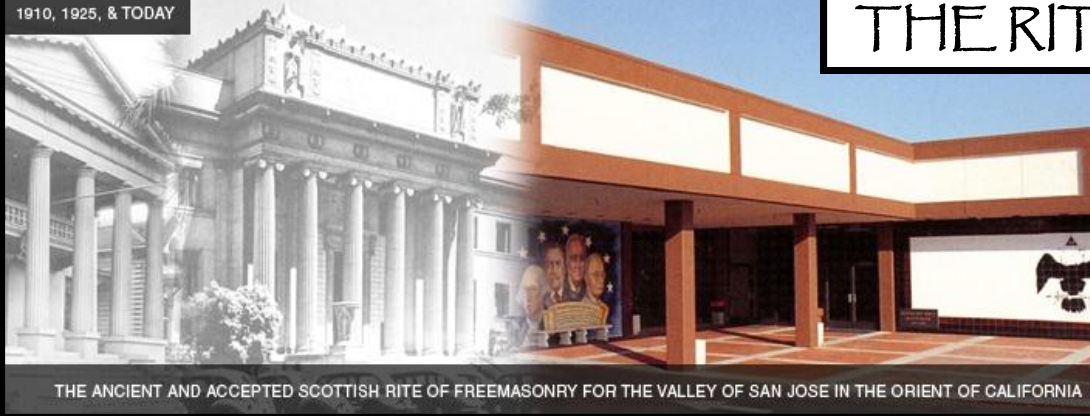


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THE RITE WORD

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From the Venerable Master



I am excited about the Grand Master's visit to the Valley of San Jose on July the 10th. Following our regularly scheduled stated meeting we will host a reception for the Grand Master and members of his Grand Lodge family and then conduct a Festive Board of Fellowship. We did this last year and it was an outstanding evening enjoyed by all in attendance. Make your reservations as soon as you can. More information and details on this event can be found elsewhere in the Rite Word.

Planning ahead, our August the 14th Stated Meeting Dinner is our annual BBQ. Dress for the meeting and dinner is casual.

As you probably already know, Worshipful Jordan Yelineck, 32 Degree presented a paper on the Chamber of Reflection during our May 29th Scottish Rite Night of Instruction and Agape Dinner. It was well received by all and generated an interesting round of questions and discussion. For the benefit of those of you who could not be with us, I am going to include a portion of his talk in my article this month and then the remainder in my August column.

The Chamber of Reflection

"Popular culture has made Masonry into a mythic organization. In Dan Brown's The Lost Symbol, the uninitiated eye would believe that in homes, offices, and even the United States Capitol, Masons around the world were daily retreating to personal Chambers of Reflection to consider the work at hand. The Chamber of Reflection, however, is a piece of Masonic ritual rarely practiced in the United States, with only a handful of Lodges utilizing it in Louisiana, New England, California, and other pockets across our country. To brethren in Latin America and Europe, the Chamber of Reflection is a familiar aspect of our Craft, and perhaps it should be considered for more regular use in our Lodges.

The Chamber of Reflection, as defined by Mackey in his Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, is "...a small room adjoining the Lodge, in which, preparatory to initiation, the candidate is enclosed for the purpose of indulging in those serious meditations which its somber appearance and the gloomy emblems with which it is furnished are calculated to produce. It is also used in some of the advanced degrees for a similar purpose."

Freemasonry is an initiatic society, and her rituals are transformative. The cultivation of the prospect for our Craft should be the utmost care of our Lodges, and when that prospect is made into a candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry, it is our duty to ensure that he is indeed duly and truly prepared. The Brethren, on the candidate's entrance into the Lodge, can readily examine the physical preparation of the candidate, yet the mental preparation of the candidate too must be addressed. All too often, a candidate is rushed from the his daily, dull cares of life, into the preparation room, where he is physically prepared, but carries with him, into the Lodge, the worries of his day.

An interstitial space between the profane and the initiated, the Chamber of Reflection provides an opportunity for our candidates to separate from the profane world, and ready their hearts and minds for the great work in which they are about to engage themselves.

The form of the Chamber of Reflection varies greatly between different jurisdictions. The most familiar are adorned with alchemical and arcane symbols, together with those of mortality. Still others are adorned with pieces of modern art, and some are quite plain. In all, the candidate for the Entered Apprentice degree spends some thirty minutes to an hour in the Chamber previous to his Initiation. The end result, in all three cases, if executed with attention and care, is the due and true mental preparation of the candidate. "

Stay tuned for the rest of the story in August.

Chuck Cowden -Venerable Master





From the Secretary's Table:



I just could not resist this:

Being Green

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the older woman, that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. (Sounds like San Jose doesn't it.)

The woman apologized and explained, "We didn't have this green thing back in my earlier days."

The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

She was right -- our generation didn't have the green thing in its day.

Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled.

But we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags, that we reused for numerous things, most memorable besides household garbage bags, was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our schoolbooks. This was to ensure that public property, (the books provided for our use by the school) was not defaced by our scribbling's. Then we were able to personalize our books on the brown paper bags.

But too bad we didn't do the green thing back then.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks.

But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throwaway kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts -- wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing.

But that young lady is right; we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.

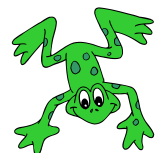
But she's right; we didn't have the green thing back then.

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.

But we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service. We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest burger joint.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then?



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From the Master of Kadosh

An excerpt from the Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide:

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To every Mason, the Infinite Justice and Benevolence of God give ample assurance that evil will ultimately be dethroned, and the Good, the True and the Beautiful reign triumphant and eternal. It teaches that Evil and Pain and Sorrow exist as parts of a wise and beneficent plan, all the parts of which work together under God's eye to a result which will be perfection. Whether the existence of Evil is rightly explained in this creed or in that; by Typhon, the Great Serpent; by Ahriman and his army of wicked spirits; by the Giants and Titans warring against Heaven; by the two co-existent, co-eternal principles of Good and Evil; by Satan's temptation and the fall of man; it is beyond the domain of Masonry to decide, and it does not even inquire. Nor is it within its province to determine how the ultimate triumph of Light and Truth and Good over Darkness and Error and Evil is to be achieved.

Fraternally,

Roger Bibb

Master of Kadosh





Julian is a fun and engaging 5 ½ year old boy who comes to our clinic for speech and language therapy. When Julian was 2 years of age, his parents noticed that they had difficulty understanding his speech. At that time, he was only able to say about 10 words. He used gesturing, such as pointing when he couldn't say the words for what he wanted. He sometimes showed embarrassment about his speech and had difficulty interacting with other children. Julian's mother heard of our clinic while searching online. She was looking for more services in addition to those he was receiving from his school.

When Julian began treatment he was in great need of intensive services. It was nearly impossible for people unfamiliar with his speech to understand what he said. Julian presented with uncoordinated and decreased motor movements. It was difficult for him to create the fine motor movements required to speak. For example, when asked to move his tongue a certain way, he would move his entire head. He left off many consonant sounds at both the beginning and end of words and most of his vowel sounds were indistinguishable from each other.

In just a short period of time, Julian has made great improvements! His mother stated, "It has improved so much, I can understand almost everything he says." He is now able to include sounds at the ends of words, which greatly helps others understand him. Julian is now using a variety of distinguishable consonants and vowel sounds. He is currently able to place his target therapy words into phrases.

Julian's therapy has also been focusing on his oral motor skills and expressive language. His mother reports that Julian's treatment has relieved stress in their family and they feel much happier because they know his speech is getting better. She said, "It has been so rewarding to hear him talk better and see other people understand him. It has been a great experience for our family."

Even though Julian's treatment has just begun, his progress has already been significant. His mother stated, "I'm very thankful to get services from this clinic. Julian has improved so much. I'm very thankful to Jenna and Angela for helping Julian and being patient with him."

Clinic Director's Message July 2012

During the month of April, we completed 219 treatment hours. A total of 53 children received speech and language therapy. We also carried out three screening evaluations. We discharged one child from our services and increased two children to twice-per-week appointments.

I have been asked about what some signs of possible speech and language disorders might be. Here are some examples:

- Mispronunciation of sounds that other children of a child's same age pronounce correctly.
- Stuttering (repeating part of the same word several times) when speaking.
- Repeatedly prolonging part of a word or hesitating between saying words.
- Inability to sequence stories and/or events in the correct order.
- Difficulty in understanding cause and effect relationships.

Inability to properly structure and organize sentences so that they sound grammatically correct

As a general rule, if a child's speech, language or reading pattern stands out in comparison to that of his / her peers, then one should have the child screened.

Thanks again to each of you for your help for and support of our Clinic.

Durward C. Ayre, 32° KCCH Clinic Director



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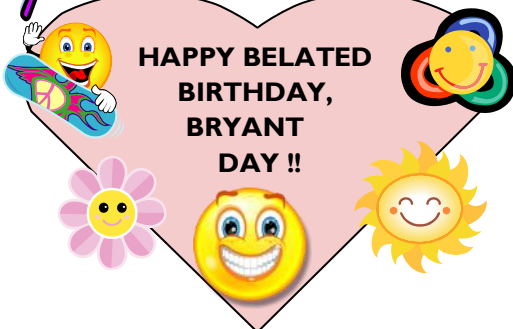
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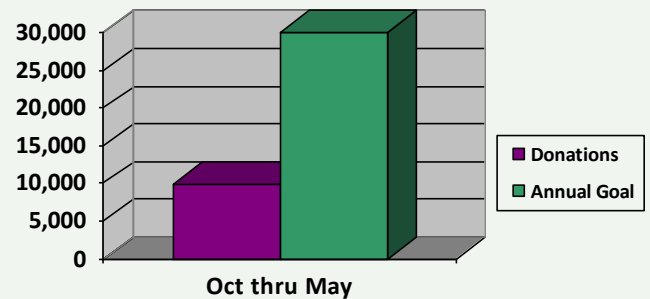
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From the Wise Master



Reading through some of the degrees of Scottish Rite, I came across several words that I was not sure what they meant. I researched some of them and I thought you might be interested.

Ineffable—1. Too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words: "ineffable beauty". 2. Too sacred to be uttered.

Hyssop— is a genus of about 10-12 species of herbaceous or semi-woody plants in the family Lamiaceae, native from the east Mediterranean to central Asia.

Levites—. Bible. A member of the tribe of Levi but not descended from Aaron and, if male, chosen to assist the Temple priests.

Bier— is a stand on which a corpse, coffin, or casket containing a corpse, is placed to lie in state or to be carried to the grave.

Puissant—Having great power or influence.

Effaced—1. To rub or wipe out; erase. 2. To make indistinct as if by rubbing.

Primitive—qualities-heat, cold, and moisture.

Areopagus-The highest judicial and legislative council of ancient Athens.

Perdition—A state of eternal punishment and damnation into which a sinful and unpenitent person passes after death.

Saracenic—1. A member of a pre-Islamic nomadic people of the Syrian-Arabian deserts. 2. An Arab. 3. A Muslim, especially of the time of the Crusades.

See you next month-

Jack Harris

Wise Master.

REGIONAL ORIENT MEMBERSHIP AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE

July 2012



We are often asked to "Find good candidates" for Scottish Rite Masonry or "Do you have your candidate for the Ceremonial yet?" Have you ever thought about the origin of the word "candidate" and why all applicants for Masonic privileges are termed "candidates?"

The word comes from the Latin "candidatus" and there is some evidence that aspirants for the ancient mysteries were termed "candidati." The word may come from an ancient custom that at a certain period a candidate was clothed in white garb. In Roman times, "candidati" included candidates for office who often wore the togas with which we are familiar from movies and television. Metaphorically speaking, candidates are then those who seek after something.

Every candidate for Scottish Rite or Freemasonry should be of sound judgment, good moral character and believe in a Supreme Being. He must also be a "free man" – historically both slaves and indentured servants were ineligible to become Masons – a good citizen and a respectable member of society.

Although times have changed since the creation of our great Order, these criteria have not. I encourage you to look among your friends and acquaintances for good "candidati" for both Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite.

Durward C. Ayre

Durward C. Ayre 32° KCCH / MC

Regional Orient Membership Ambassador for the Valleys of San Jose, Fresno and San Francisco in California

" Stated Meeting & Dinner "

Tuesday, July 10th, 2012

July

Grand Master's Reception & Festive Fellowship Dinner

5 Course Formal Sit Down

(Sorry no vegetarian substitutions !)

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2nd Course – SPINACH SALAD, topped with crumbled bacon and egg sprinkled
with raspberry vinaigrette

3rd Course - CHILLED PRAWNS

4th Course - Entrée - BRAISED SHORT RIBS with Garlic Mashed

5th Course - FRESH STRAWBERRIES- topped with a Grand Mariner cream



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Tuesday August 14th ~ Annual BBQ ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Followed by Dinner @ 7:00 PM (CASUAL DRESS FOR AUGUST!)

Tuesday August 28th ~ Foundation Meeting @ 5:30 PM

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