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From the Personal Representative:



Activity at the Scottish Rite Center continues to move at a fast pace, and we are always looking for additional help to move things along. Bryant Day has joined the staff on a part time basis, and is working on the much needed system improvements and also helping with other tasks.

Recently two past renters informed us they would not be able to use our facilities this year because we were not able to provide WIFI connections and improved audio-visual for their planned activities. For just those two events, we lost about five times the amount it would cost to install the needed improvements so, thanks to the efforts of Bob Rowan, Dan Brothers, Bryant Day, and several contract workers, we will soon be equipped and ready. This will make our facilities much more attractive to business renters, and with the help of Arlette Nelson, our Rental Manager, we should be able to do much better in this area.

We are also working to upgrade the facilities. If you had walked out on the Balcony north of the main auditorium in the past, you might have noticed that the baluster posts along the balcony rail were set too far apart for safety (a violation of the building code). While we could “get by” with a large mesh screening preventing small children from falling through the balcony railing, a mishap, if a child had managed to slip through the screening, would have put us in serious legal jeopardy. We are working now to add additional baluster posts and make the balcony more attractive, as well as bringing it up to code. Additionally, we are considering a wind screen at the west end of the balcony to cut the wind and make the area more comfortable.

We still face a difficulty with respect to the cataloging of books in the library. Bill Mundy and I are working on a solution for that problem. Dalton Noland was working diligently on organizing the library when he decided to retire, and we really miss his efforts. Meanwhile, thanks to Maury Dunbar, we continue to add to the Library.

The Clinic is very active. Our reputation keeps us with applications from all over the area. This last month our waiting list (those preparing for therapy), rose from nine to twenty-nine children. We seem to be a victim of our own success. As word of our availability spreads and parents realize what excellent work our clinicians do, they come to us seeking help for their children.

Please note the changes in the times of our Stated Meeting and Dinner. We have received many favorable comments on the new schedule, but are still trying to refine the agenda to make everyone comfortable. Let us know if you have any ideas, either as to the scheduling or the program. We are looking for ways to improve, and welcome your feed-back.

Please try to attend our Maundy Thursday celebration. It is uniquely Scottish Rite, and distinguishes us from all other branches of Masonry.

Fraternally,

Bob Winter



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2008 SPRING REUNION

Our Spring Reunion is planned for April 11 and 12, 2008. **PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND!**

The schedule will change with a later registration time, a nice dinner on Friday evening, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and conclude with a social hour and banquet Saturday evening. **LADIES ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE SOCIAL HOUR AND BANQUET, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LADIES ACTIVITIES THAT ARE BEING PLANNED FOR SATURDAY.** We are seeking advice and help from a professional in planning activities for the Ladies and we are open for any suggestions.

We will endeavor to establish coordinated transportation for anyone who requires a ride. The Reunion degree work will end at approx 5:30 PM on Saturday. -

Hal Leister — Director of Ceremonies

We regret to inform you that Vera Lou Ford, wife of Royce Ford departed us on the 21st of February after a long illness. Her services were held on February 28th.

Also, Enid Laws, wife of Robert Laws departed this earthly existence on the 24th of February. Her services will be held at 1:00 PM on March 9th at The Church of Novus Spiritus (where she was one of their first ordained ministers,) at 1700 S. Winchester Blvd in Campbell.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Clinic in her memory.

We extend our sympathies, and those of all Scottish Rite Masons, to Bros. Ford and Laws.

Make your contribution to the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies and have your name on the "Honor Roll". Your gift of \$100.00 or more will help the San Jose Lodge of Perfection, Chapter Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh and Consistory reach the level necessary to provide quality events for our future success. Incremental gifts welcome too.

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Remember that our next Friday Lunch Bunch
will be on Friday March 14, 2008 at High
Twelve. Join us for an enjoyable meal.

From the Secretaries Table:



Brethren,

Beginning a new year in the Secretary's office brings up a number of questions and tasks that have to be dealt with in order to move ahead with a clean slate and a good set of records. As I began the process, I realized that many of you are probably not aware of just what goes on in the Secretary's Office; why we may ask you for information; or why we do not always have answers to your questions at our fingertips. So let me relate to you the role of the General Secretary in the Valley of San Jose as it has been described to me. (And I still have much to learn.)

The Secretary's job is very much like that of a Chief Operating Officer with the Personal Representative being the Chief Executive Officer. In his role the Secretary keeps a constant overview of the way the various components of the organization are functioning including membership service, building rentals, building maintenance, preparation and maintenance of the annual budgets, membership dues collection, and appropriate and timely responses to members' queries and special requests. In the valley of San Jose, the Secretary is also responsible for the record-keeping of the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation and the Valley's channels of communication with members and senior Scottish Rite administration in California as well as Washington, D.C. The Secretary is also responsible for taking and publishing the minutes of the various meet-

ings that are held in the Valley for both the Bodies and the Foundation.

The Secretary plays an important role in preparation for the reunions and other special events such as the Mason of the Year, Sweethearts and other special events. And of course the Secretary is expected to provide the necessary administrative support to the Valley Personal Representative.

Obviously I can't do all of this by myself, but I have a very capable Administrative Assistant in Mary Lou Johnson who carries a good portion of the workload. In this Valley we are blessed with a Personal Representative who, plays a significant role in making planning for the future changes and improvements.

We always need your support and assistance in a number of different ways. First, obviously, please pay your annual dues promptly. As of this date only about 60% of the dues-paying members have paid their 2008 dues. Since these data are reported to Supreme Council as your dues come in to the Office; late payment of dues results in follow-up reminders being sent out from the Supreme Council, frequently after you have paid your dues.

Another critical area where we need your support is making sure that your personal data are up to date and complete and in our files. Frequently, when a question arises about a member, either as a result of a change of residence, a wish to transfer to another Valley or even another State, or even in case of a member's death, all we

Roger's Corner

The theme for the February Scottish Rite dinner was love and romance -- Scottish Rite honors our Sweethearts at this annual dinner. Dining room tables were decorated with red hearts and table centerpieces were mini red and white roses. (Thank you Grace Stephens and Mary Lou Johnson)

With a dining room decorated in bright red hearts, set against a background of very white tablecloths and table drapes, Rite members, their wives, escorts and friends enjoyed fellowship and a fine dining experience at the February monthly meeting and dinner.

Working their way around the hors d'oeuvre table, a line of others were seen loading their plates with a variety of finger-sized vegetables, cheeses, crackers and other tasty treats.

The main dinner, prime rib, was accompanied by garlic mashed potatoes, perfectly flavored, and roasted mixed vegetables, cooked in a savory sauce. At the time of the dinner, soft dining room music could be heard in the background.

Dessert was a yummy chocolate cake.

A large video screen was displayed in the dining room and the pictures from both Ill. Leo B. Mark's Reception and the Scottish Rite 2008 Installation of Officers were displayed.

The Scottish Rite monthly dinner and meeting, with the addition of the hors d'oeuvre table, wine offerings and new dining room experience, is an event that members will enjoy. Please make your reservations to attend the monthly Scottish Rite Meetings and dinner by phoning 408.978.7483.

Roger Bibb

have in the files is the original application form, and a note telling when he received his Scottish Rite degrees.

Please remember to call the Office to let us know whether you are planning to attend the Stated Meeting dinners on the second Tuesday of each month. We have to let our Caterer know, by the Friday before the meeting, how many are planning to attend - and frankly, it is often only a guess on our part. We do have calling lists and members of the Calling Committee try to reach as many of you as possible. Unfortunately, many times they have had to leave messages on your answering machines, and we hope that you will respond by calling the Office.

Still another area where you can help us has to do with rentals of our facilities for anniversaries, parties, special events, etc.

The income from these rentals plays a very significant role in helping us maintain the building, support the Clinic, Library/Museum, Scholarships and the fraternal and charitable activities of the Bodies. We are always looking for additional rentals and referrals from our members for rental leads.

As members of the Valley you should know that we offer special discount rates for your own rentals or those of concordant organizations. And of course we do our very best to accommodate the unexpected requirements for a Memorial Service for a member or his family.

If there is anything we can do for you, our members, please let us know. We can be reached in the Office every



Attention all 32° Masons
Are you a 32° Scottish Rite Mason?

If so, why not join the
KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW ?

Interested? Please send information to:

John Unger, Secretary

4609 Hampton Falls Place, San Jose, CA 95136-2678

or e-mail johnp4609@yahoo.com.

Please include your name, address, phone (home, work, cell <whatever you want listed>) and e-mail address if you have one.

weekday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and the answering machine is ready 24/7 to take your messages. Just speak slowly and be sure to give us your name and phone number. You would be surprised to know how many callers never leave their names with their messages!

Thanks for your patience and assistance in all these areas.

Fraternally,

Robert D. Rowan - General Secretary

REMEMBRANCE AND RENEWAL

The Christian world traditionally fixes the date of Easter as the first Sunday after the full moon on or after the vernal equinox (March 21). Holy Week begins with the preceding Sunday (Palm Sunday) and Maundy Thursday falls in the middle of Holy Week. The members of the Chapter of Rose Croix have, since 1866, observed Maundy Thursday as a special day, when they honor those who have passed on during the previous year.

In 1994, in deference to the Maundy, Thursday rites in churches, it was decided to replace the Scottish Rite ceremony with a non-obligatory "Celebration of Remembrance and renewal". This observance would be held near the vernal equinox, March 21.

This new ceremony is not a religious observance. It is neither the Feast of the Passover nor a Sacrament of Holy Communion, although it commemorates the spirit of both days.

Chapters of Rose Croix observe the celebration of the Mystic Banquet as a memorial service honoring those who have died during the year. This observance strengthens the ties of brotherly love, past and present. They meet together to break the bread of fraternity to reconcile themselves with those whom they may have offended, and to drink the wine of refreshment and renewal. They celebrate the lives of their departed Brethren and promise to abide by the New Law, the Law of Love, with their present Brethren and all mankind.

This year the celebration will be held on April 8, and widows of departed members will be guests for dinner and the celebration. ***(See page 8 for more information)***



From the Clinic!!!



From our Clinician Michelle Crawford:

Hello family and friends !

Donny and I are happy to announce that our [not so] little baby, Aaron William Crawford, finally made his appearance at 9:15 am New Year's Day. He weighed in at 9 pounds 7.6 ounces and measured 21 inches long. We are thrilled to have him as part of our family and just wanted to share the good news. Today was our first full day home from the hospital and, despite the sleep deprivation, everyone is doing well, and we are all happy to be home.

Happy New Year everyone-- Ours certainly was THE happiest yet!

Ziana is a three and a half year old girl who has been receiving speech-language therapy at the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Clinic for four months. Ziana was diagnosed with apraxia of speech, which means she has difficulty coordinating oral movements necessary to produce sounds. As a result, she has very few intelligible words and has a difficult time making her needs and wants known, which has resulted in frustration. Prior to receiving services at Scottish Rite, three private speech therapists discontinued Ziana's treatment because of poor behavior. While Ziana continues to need treatment, she has made strong, steady progress in the last few months learning new words and using functional language to interact appropriately with others. Following are a few written comments from Ziana's mother about her experience with our clinic that was taken from a recent parent survey.

Before beginning treatment at the Scottish Rite, Ziana's mother commented that Ziana did not attempt to imitate speech, had behavioral difficulties, and refused to follow directions. Since the initiation of treatment, Ziana's mother described her daughter as "more verbal...and more willing to engage and follow directions..."

When asked to describe how Ziana's treatment has impacted their family, Ziana's mother wrote, "We can now communicate with her better since she has more words and is more willing to engage verbally. Saying 'yes' and 'my turn', 'please' have all been amazingly helpful and reduced our levels of frustration." She described her experience with services at the clinic as "a great help" and that the most rewarding aspect of Ziana's treatment is "having a very skilled and patient therapist who did not give up on Ziana in spite of her being so difficult at times and unwilling to engage." She further wrote, "[The clinician] is doing such a wonderful job with Ziana's speech and language. We are very impressed with the level of professionalism that we've seen here and are so grateful that [the clinician] is not only very skilled but also very willing to try a variety of games and techniques to engage children such as Ziana ..."

When asked if she would tell other parents about the clinic, Ziana's mother wrote, "Yes, I would and I have told other parents in our local apraxia group. The school districts are incapable of providing adequate services and parents go broke paying for private sessions over years and years. Having highly qualified speech professionals at Scottish Rite who can help our children for at least part of this most difficult journey to functional and possibly normal speech is a true blessing. Thank you!"

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.

February Donations:

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If you know of anyone who is ill, please call the office!

Shut-Ins

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Bill Nelson	Care Center—Los Gatos Meadows, 110 Wood Rd.—Los Gatos, 95030-6799	408-354-0211
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Permanent Shut-Ins

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In Memorium

Harry Sabire Andrews	Modesto	1987
Rowland Emrys Turley	Bethel Island	August 3, 2007
Richard Lee Wells	Lathrop	November 15, 2007
Phillip Ariew	San Jose	February 2, 2008
Dewight LeRoy Beers	Los Altos	February 11, 2008
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James William Kudenov	Henderson, NV	April 4, 2007
Robert Frank Nuckolls	Salinas	January 27, 2008
William Dalrymple Smythe	Woodside	January 26, 2008
William Han Wong	Salinas	February 2, 2008

Maundy Thursday Mark Your Calendar



March 20, 2008 at 6:30 pm

San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies will celebrate Maundy Thursday on March 20, 2008 with a Mystic Banquet, traditional toasts and introductions, the Feast of the Passover, a Maundy Thursday address, and the formal opening and closing of the Chapter Rose Croix. All Scottish Rite brethren, their wives, widows, family and friends are invited to attend this celebration.

This special event will be prepared by the Chapter of Rose Croix and the Cost will be \$10.00 per person for the traditional dinner menu.

Call for Reservations !

What's in a (domain) name?

Have you ever wondered what those last three letters at the end of a web address mean? When the domain naming system was first being developed, it was decided that there would only be seven reasons anyone would ever be on the Internet. .com, .edu, .gov, .int, .mil, .net, and .org were created for those purposes. Domain names may be registered in three of these (.com, .net, and .org) without restriction; the other four have limited purposes.

You are probably already familiar with .com, which is for commercial use, and you may have had limited exposure to .edu which is used for educational institutions and .gov which is used by governmental entities. .net was created for Internet Service Providers (like earthlink.net) and .org was created for non-profit organizations (like sanjosescottishrite.org.)

Less well known are .mil, which is used exclusively by the military, and .int which almost no-one knows about. .int is reserved exclusively for any organization formed by treaty between two or more countries. Now how's that for a specific use?!

Since the top level names were created, there have been several hundred more created which are rarely seen in this country. Every now and then you might run across a .biz, which is also for commercial use and .info which is for, well, info. Outside the U.S. you will see much more common use of country domains such as .ca for Canada, .de for Germany and .uk for the United Kingdom.

These country specific domains have been a huge windfall for the tiny island nation of Tuvalu which had the hugely good fortune to be assigned the country domain code of .tv. Tuvalu didn't even have Internet access when the letters were assigned to it, but by selling domain names that end in the very popular .tv they are slowly bringing their country into the information age.

Santa Cruz Scottish Rite Club News

On February 16, 2008 the Santa Cruz Scottish Rite Club (SCSRC) held their Installation of Officers at Confidence Lodge No. 110 Masonic Center in Soquel, CA. There were approximately 30 in attendance for a wonderful breakfast followed by the installation.



The officers for 2008 were honored to have as the installing team the Ills. Brothers Bob Winter, Installing Officer; Bill Roberts, Master of Ceremonies; and Roger Bibb, Installing Chaplain representing the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies.

Officers for the SCSRC for the ensuing Masonic year are:

President Brother Joseph DaSilva, 32 °
Vice Pres Brother Chuck Cowden, 32 °
Sec/Treas Brother Frank Huff, 32 °
Almoner Brother Kerem Kapkin, 32 °

Brother George Rounsevell, 32 Degree, KCCH, President of the club in 2007 thanked all in attendance for their continued support of the club and expressed his appreciation to the installing team for their support of the club throughout 2007. He passed the gavel to Brother Joseph knowing the club was in good hands.

Chuck Cowden, 32 °
Master of Kadosh



For the Lighter Side of things

Laughter is the shortest distance between two people. - *Victor Borge*

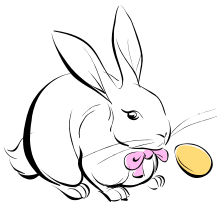
-- Found on a cup in a Lodge in Ireland:
"OLD MASONS NEVER DIE, BUT
YOU'LL HAVE TO JOIN TO
FIND OUT WHY

-- A closed mouth gathers no foot.--



*If you look in the mirror
and see a beer belly,
bald head, big red nose,
varicose veins, and a
complexion like leather,
..Look on the
bright side....
at least your eyesight
is OK!!*

...still looking old ???



For the Ladies!!

In February the ladies talked about dying Easter Eggs at the March 11th meeting. Well we aren't actually going to be dying the eggs, but we will be getting the eggs ready to dye. We will be using onion skins and other things to wrap around the eggs that will give them a marbled finish when they are cooked. If you are interested in taking part please bring a couple of uncooked eggs. It should be a lot of fun.

If you want to come and just visit with the other ladies, that is absolutely great. We would love to have you join us. Many of our ladies bring a craft, their knitting or crocheting to work on while we visit.

I look forward to seeing you there.

God bless you all,
Susan Ramsey



Top o' the mornin' to **From the Venerable Master** ya !!

Okay, okay...so I'm not Irish...but I can still enjoy the traditional celebration of St. Patrick's Day which will be the theme underlying our next meeting and dinner.

For those who missed our last meeting, we honored our Sweethearts (in keeping with Valentine's Day) at our Stated Meeting Dinner. I was really very pleased at the number of Sweethearts that were able to attend and many of them let me know afterwards how much they appreciated the evening and the courtesies extended by the Scottish Rite bodies. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the evening.

I want to remind everyone that we have a Reunion coming up on April 11th and 12th. Although we have a lot of people participating in the degrees and all the setup that goes around them, we still have opportunities (and needs) for others to pitch in and help. So, this is my pitch for you to get involved. If there's a particular function that you think you'd like to be part of, let me or Bob Rowan know. If you're willing to help wherever needed, again, just let us know.

I want to thank everyone that contributes so much of their time, energy, and effort to making our events successful. Your consistent assistance is really appreciated.

There's much to do and sometimes the load can seem too much....but if we all do our share, the task will not be more than we can handle. St. Francis de Sales said, "*We shall steer safely through every storm, so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on God. If at times we are somewhat stunned by the tempest, never fear. Let us take a breath and go on afresh.*" This is much easier to do when we have each others' support. Are you willing to give us your support? See you on Tuesday night!

Bud Ramsey—Venerable Master



Here is your Interesting web-site for this month: www.clansinclairsc.org/burbidge.htm enjoy!!

March Stated Meeting Dinner (St. Patrick's Day Celebration)
7:30 PM – Tuesday March 11, 2008



Only \$12.00
per person

Menu

- Shamrock Salad (Baby Spinach w/roasted Vegetables, Bacon and Goat Cheese)
- Hearty Irish Beef Stew (Ramekin on the Side)
- Stuffed Breast of Chicken with Mustard Sauce
- Fluffy, Flavorful Roasted Garlic-Mashed Potatoes
- Baby Carrots, Cabbage & Butter
- Freshly Baked Potato Rolls, Sourdough French Bread and butter
- Coffee (Irish on Request)
- Bread Pudding with Whiskey Sauce
- And Birthday Cake for Leo

Reservation deadline:
 Friday, March 7th at
 5:00 PM

Reservation #:
 408-978-7483

The Test

Author Unknown

Several years ago, the story is told of a Mason who always wore his Masonic ring and lapel pin when in public. On some occasions, he rode the bus from his home to the downtown area. On one such trip when he sat down, he discovered the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change.

As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it." Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter; who would worry about this little amount."

Anyway, the transit company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet.

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change."

The driver with a smile replied, "I noticed your Masonic ring and lapel pin. I have been thinking lately about asking a Mason how to join. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. You passed the test. Can you tell me how to become a Mason?"

When the Mason stepped off the bus, he said a silent prayer, "Oh God, Grand Architect of the Universe, I almost sold you and my beloved Masons out for a mere quarter."

Our actions are the only Masonic creed some will ever see. This is a really almost scary example of how people watch us as Masons and may put us to the test even without us realizing it! Always be diligent, whether it be at the theater, restaurant, grocery, service station or just driving in traffic.

Remember, whether it be a lapel pin, a ring, or an emblem on the car, you carry the name of our great fraternity on your shoulders whenever you call yourself a Mason. You never can tell who might be watching!

Recycling day at the Rite was very successful !! We will have another in the fall.

Membership is always important:

PROPOSITION/PETITION
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Fee: \$300.00 *(must accompany this petition)*

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Full Name: _____

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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): _____

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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: _____

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Share your own enjoyment of Scottish Rite.
Invite a brother to make an application.

Future Scottish Rite Events:

March 10, 2008 - Deadline for April "Scottish Rite Word" articles !

March 11, 2008 - March Stated Meeting & Dinner

March 20, 2008 - Maundy Thursday - 6:30 PM

March 23, 2008 - Easter Sunday

April 7, 2008 - Deadline for May "Scottish Rite Word" articles !

April 8, 2008 - April Stated Meeting & Dinner

April 11, - 12, 2008 - Spring Reunion - Ernest Borgnine Class



For the Ladies!!

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