





Time To Be Thankful

Two National Holidays are observed during the month of November -Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. November 11, 1919 was the first commemoration of Armistice Day, a day to celebrate the temporary cessation of hostilities between Allied nations and Germany, which

went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in the year 1918. Armistice Day, in 1954, was changed to Veterans Day to honor American veterans of all wars. This is a day for all to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Traditional observance of Veterans Day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Veterans Day. While there are towns and cities that still hold Veterans Day parades, many no longer celebrate the day. Let us not forget those that have served this Great Country and those that are serving through out the world, especially in the mountains of Afghanistan and the hot and dusty deserts of Iraq.

In your own way on November 11, remember and give thanks for our veterans and those that are currently serving this Great Country and maintaining our freedom!

Thanksgiving, which was started by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863, is a family day and a day to give thanks and praise to our beneficent Father for our countless blessings and our freedom which is certainly something to celebrate! The family has always been an important part of Masonry. To be a participating member of Scottish Rite and other related organizations takes a lot of commitment on the part of the member, but it also takes commitment on the part of family members. Many times our activities fall at the wrong time and disrupt family plans. Therefore, during this "Thanksgiving Season" we are very grateful to our family members for their support that is essential to our success. During this Thanksgiving, capture the spirit of love and appreciation that goes along with the Holiday Season!

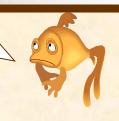
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Hal Leister — Venerable Master



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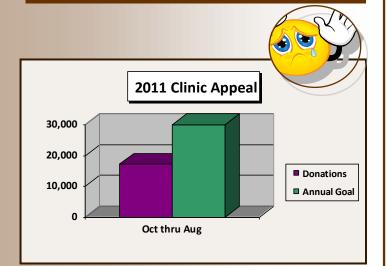
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Brethren & Ladies:

The month of October has been exiting and eventful to say the least.

On October 22th we were honored to attend the conferral of the KCCH of our newest Hon-

or Men; and of course, the newest members of the 33rd Degree were elevated in a private ceremony. The ceremonies were awesome and our additions to the Honor Board were dutifully impressed.

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On Friday October 28th we were treated by an outstanding conferral of the 18th Degree. Certainly the degree ranked as one of the finest that I have ever seen. Saturday, our 29th Degree Team did outstanding work and were followed by excellent work in the 30th degree. (albeit with some technical problems that were not anticipated.)

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Our annual Christmas Party is scheduled for the afternoon of December 3rd, which follows the 32nd Degree conferral that morning.

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Our December Stated meeting scheduled for December 13th will feature our Capping Ceremony for our new Scottish Rite Members and in addition, we will invite this year's Blue Lodge Masters and their ladies.

Fraternally,

General Secretary

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THERITEWORD



29th Degree Team with Reunion Candidates

REGIONAL ORIENT MEMBERSHIP AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE FOR NOVEMBER 2011

When we arise from sleep, we receive the gift of a new day from the Grand Architect of the Universe, the source of our strength. We will never lose courage and, as long as we have complete faith in Him, obstacles can be overcome. We must also always remember that anger against a Brother can only harm us, whereas the practice of true brotherly love will enrich us.

It is our duty as Masons to assist our fellow men and to support those souls whose burdens have been too great. As we gain a full understanding of our degrees, we can attain the steps to climb the heavenly ladder.

During lean times, we must never capitulate by thinking membership losses are inevitable. They are not! With the diverse talents of our members we can and must embark on growth. We must practice unstinting devotion and methodical discipline, commitment and dedication to building membership and be in the forefront of bringing fine, worthy and well-qualified men into our great Order. A large majority of the signers of that matchless declaration, that all men are created free and equal, and shall be protected in the exercise of liberty of conscience in their devotions to Almighty God; and every one of the commissioned officers in command of the armies that enforced the recognition of that sacred doctrine, was a member of our noble fraternity. We should all be proud that our society has an enviable record for its observance of the Biblical expression of Abraham, "Let there be no strife between me and thee." Brethren, let us spend our energy building our great and ancient Order.

<u>Durward C. Ayre</u>32° KCCH

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Rhys is a delightful six year old who is currently coming to the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic two times per week. Prior to receiving services at the clinic Rhys had been receiving early intervention speech and language therapy through San Andreas Regional Center due to his diagnosis of Down Syndrome. Children with this diagnosis often learn to talk later then their typically developing peers. These children usually have an easier time understanding speech (receptive language) than they are able to speak (expressive language). In order to help encourage expressive communication, Rhys was taught sign language paired with oral communication at an early age. When Rhys was initially assessed at our clinic, his mother reported that he "used a lot of sign language." At the time services were initiated, Rhys' mom recalls, "The words he did have were mostly understood by family members or those who spent a lot of time with him."

Rhys' expressive language has improved greatly since he began treatment at the clinic. He is now primarily using two word phrases to express himself. In addition, Rhys is using his two word phrases for several communicative intents such as initiating conversations, protesting, requesting and displaying humor. Rhy's mom reported, "Rhys has truly blossomed since beginning treatment at the clinic. Angela has identified problem areas and given us probable reasons for the problems; ie; movement of his tongue and jaw. Because of this, we are able to work with him at home and know what we are looking for to improve his speech."

Treatment sessions are often based around play activities in order to motivate Rhys while expanding on his already present expressive and receptive language skills. Rhys and his family have worked with two clinicians while receiving services at the clinic. Rhys' mother stated, "Angela and Jenna have truly been helping Rhys learn to communicate not merely speak. My hope as a parent is for Rhys to be able to confidently communicate and socially engage with those around him, not merely speak words by rote. Through games they have found a way to more successfully teach Rhys to communicate and enjoy himself while doing it."

Rhys' mother comments, "The Scottish Rite Clinic has truly been a blessing for us. With each new word/series of words Rhys has, we are reminded of all Rhys' capabilities, not his limitations. Our experience has been wonderful. The therapists provide a warm and nurturing atmosphere where Rhys enjoys learning. I would absolutely tell others about the clinic! The therapists are all so caring and attentive to the kids while they are helping them to develop better communication skills. Jenna has been wonderful in Angela's absence. We feel so lucky to have the opportunity to work with such caring therapists."

November 2011 Clinic Director's Message

During The month of September, the clinic completed 191 treatment hours, including 6 screenings. Three (3) children were discharged from services and five (5) children were added to the caseload. Currently there are 51 children receiving speech and language services and a total of 107 children on the waiting list.

Our treatment hours decreased a bit in September, as Jenna, our recent graduate and former intern, was coming up-to-speed in covering for new mom, Angela Stephan. Jenna, who is working on her qualification and licensing requirements in parallel, is a welcome addition to our clinic staff!



If you would like to assist the clinic by donating toys, financial donations or helping in some other way, please contact the Scottish Rite office 408/978-7483 or me AT 408/655-6206

Respectfully,

Durward C. Ayre, 32° KCCH, Clinic Director

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* Bro. Hoyt L. Hood 32° October 5, 2011

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<u>Amen</u>



Soft and Safe to thee my Brother, be thy resting place. Bright & Glorious be thy rising from it.



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.

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Please feel free to call anytime!

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Brethren all,

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN ISRAEL (part 4)

Also at that time, the five German-speaking lodges of the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Germany in Exile and the 26 lodges of the National Grand Lodge of Palestine continued to operate.

It was at this time that thoughts of overall consolidation were taking shape. It was incredible that this land, in which the idea of Freemasonry was born; where the first Masonic Temple was built; which was the cradle of those religions that gave Masonry its sublime precepts of morality and justice; and which produced the Holy Bible that adorns every Masonic Temple, should not have its own Grand Lodge.

A strong desire was voiced by the Brethren of these five Scottish lodges that steps should be taken to establish a Sovereign Grand Lodge which should be recognized by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland.

Early approaches were made to the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland to consecrate a Grand Lodge for the new State of Israel. However, when those approaches proved fruitless, it was decided to submit a petition to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

It was agreed that the Grand Lodge of Scotland would sponsor the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel, to be composed of those lodges which held charters from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The proposed new Grand Lodge, however, faced a considerable number of obstacles before it was finally established on October 20, 1953. These problems were made worse when the National Grand Lodge of Palestine declared itself to be the governing Grand Lodge of Israel and succeeded in gaining recognition from the Grand Lodge of New York

However, when it became apparent that the Grand Lodge of Scotland was going to sponsor the new Grand Lodge and that this new Grand Lodge would be recognized as the Grand Lodge of Israel, the National Grand Lodge of Palestine desired to be affiliated with the new Grand Lodge. It was then that the National Grand Lodge of Palestine realized that the Grand Lodge of Israel would only be composed of those lodges which held charters from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland, at first, refused to admit the 26 lodges of the National Grand Lodge of Palestine but later a compromise was reached. It was agreed that the five Scottish lodges would surrender their charters before the Grand Lodge of Israel was formed and that they would be admitted at the consecration ceremony. It was further agreed that the 26 lodges of the National Grand Lodge of Palestine would surrender their charters after consecration of the new Grand Lodge of Israel, immediately applying for and receiving their new charters at the same meeting. In addition, the Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Palestine would become Immediate Past Grand Master of the new Grand Lodge.

Masonic unity was finally achieved on October 20, 1953 when, in a ceremony conducted at the Y.M.C.A. in Jerusalem, which had been specially consecrated for that purpose, by The Right Honourable the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, the Immediate Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Israel was consecrated.

At the end of the Consecration Ceremony, the Consecrating Grand Chaplain blew the shofar, the ancient ram's horn, to signify that a new Grand Lodge had emerged in the State of Israel, the cradle of Freemasonry. Shabetay Levy, the Mayor of Haifa was installed as the first Grand Master.

On the morning of the day of the consecration, the five Lodges working under charters from the Grand Lodge of Scotland surrendered their charters and that afternoon, the 26 lodges working under charters from the National Grand Lodge of Palestine surrendered their charters and applied for new charters from the Grand Lodge of Israel.

Thereafter, 31 lodges, together with the five German-speaking lodges were admitted to the new Grand Lodge which, conforming to the ancient traditions of Freemasonry and being regular in all respects, quickly established fraternal relations with regular Grand Lodges throughout the world.

It should be noted that, due to the bitter relations between the British Government and the new State of Israel, relating to the British Mandatory Period, the Grand Lodge of England did not recognize the new Grand Lodge of Israel until November, 1957. This recognition came about only after many years of correspondence and diplomacy between the Grand Lodges of Israel, Scotland and England.

A major problem arose during the period of preparation for the consecration of the new Grand Lodge. The Government of Israel would not allow funds to be sent abroad to purchase the furnishings and regalia for the new Grand Lodge. Several lodges in England including the Montefiore Lodge of London No. 1017, desired to provide grants of funds for that purpose. Unfortunately, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England prohibited the use of lodge funds because the Grand Lodge of Israel had not yet been recognized by the Grand Lodge of England.

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" OCTOBERFEST 2011" DOWNTOWN CAMPBELL





Fun was had by all who ventured to the

Oktoberfest to listen to music! We ate German food, from Teskes Germania, and shopped all the arts and crafts booths! A small group from Scottish Rite met there; Jack and Earline Harris, Bob Laws, who was photographing pictures for the Campbell Chamber and his Lady Jane, Tina Ude, Peggy Tangier-Ford and myself, Angela Athans.

A beautiful day spent outside in the sun with great company!

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Nevertheless, the new Grand Lodge received generous gifts of regalia and equipment. For example, King Solomon's Chair and Pedestal, carved in Scotland and flown to Israel for the consecration, was a gift from the widow of Bro. Henry Solomon of Leeds. The Grand Master's gold Chain was presented by Lodge Montefiore No. 753, Glasgow. This Chain was made up of 12 links, signifying the Twelve Tribes of Israel, and surmounted by the Two Tablets of the Law with the Ten Commandments and the Seven Branched Candlestick or Menorah.

One of the first formal acts of the new Grand Lodge was to adopt a Seal, unique in design, symbolizing the local multi-faith membership of the Craft. It incorporated a Square and Compasses enclosing the emblems of those three great faiths to which the vast majority of the brethren in the Holy Land belong - the Cross for the Christians; the Crescent for the Muslims; and the Star of David for the Jews. This multi-faith aspect is also evident by the three Volumes of the Sacred Law which are placed on the Altar - the Old Testament, the New Testament and the Koran.

The number of lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel has grown during the years, reaching some 70 active lodges at this time and includes some 3,000 Masons.

Although there are no records of religious affiliations, our lodges are composed of Jews, Christians, Muslims and Druse. An Arab lawyer, Jamil Shalhoub, was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel in 1981 and was reelected the following year.

Israel is a country of immigrants and the diversity of language of our Brethren is evidenced by the fact that our ritual work is conducted in eight different languages - Hebrew, English, Arabic, Turkish, French, Spanish, Romanian and German.

The lodges in Israel differ not only in the language they use, but in their rituals as well. Hebrew and Arabic-speaking lodges work according to the standard ritual approved by the Grand Lodge, which are largely based on the rituals of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Most English-speaking lodges work according to the basis of the standard ritual approved by Grand Lodge with variations of Scottish and English rituals. There is one English-speaking lodge, Lodge Ra'anana No. 70, which was founded by immigrants from Rhodesia and South Africa, that uses the South African ritual, based on the Netherlandic ritual of the Grand Orient of the East. The German-speaking lodges work in the Schroeder ritual and the Spanish-speaking lodges work in the Scottish Rite ritual widely used in Latin America and Spain.

This then is the "History of Freemasonry in Israel".

Fraternally, Joseph Da Silva Master of Kadosh

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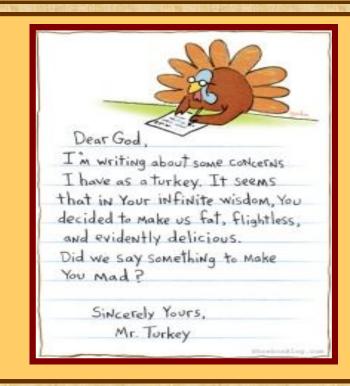
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ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE BODIES

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Future Scottish Rite Events

Tuesday November 8th- Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM Dinner / MAKE RESERVATIONS!

November 11th - Veterans' Day

Tuesday November 22nd - SJSR Fdn Board Meeting @ 5:30 PM

All Officers Council @ 7:00 PM

Saturday December 3rd - 32nd Degree @ 9:30 AM

Clinic Christmas Party @ 1:00 PM

December 13th - Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM Followed by Dinner, Capping Ceremony and Honor 2011 Lodge Masters

Bring your Grand Kids for a visit with Santa!