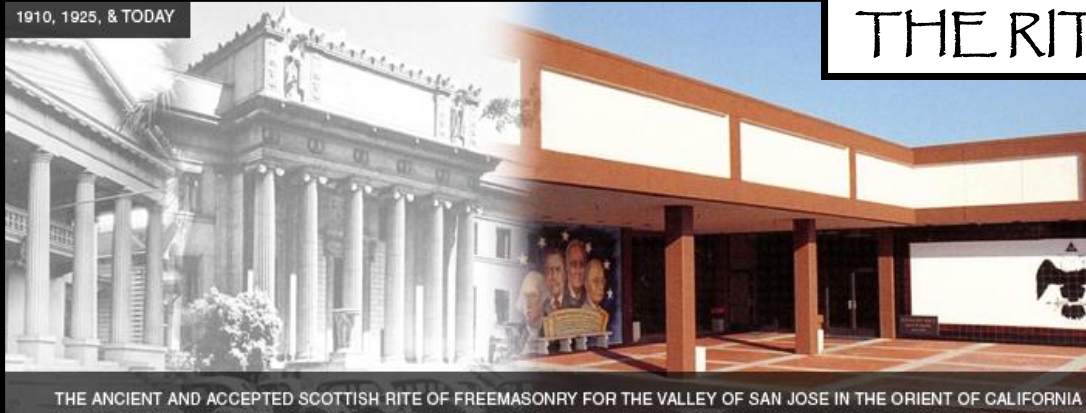


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# THE RITE WORD

AUGUST 2015

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**M**y Brothers and their Ladies,

First off—there is a **CHANGE OF TIME for our August 11 Stated Meeting**. Because we will be starting the activities of the Grand Master's Reception and Festive Board of Fellowship at 6:15pm, **we will open our Stated Meeting at 5:45pm sharp**, rather than the normal 6pm.

Please note this change on your calendars and smart phones now. See you all on the 11th at 5:45pm!

Secondly, due to the smaller than expected number of reservations for the planned visit to the National Steinbeck Museum on Saturday, August 29, we have regrettably had to cancel this event. The LOP will come up with something else for a future date. Stay tuned to this station for further developments!

I have been doing some reading about the origins of the Scottish Rite, particularly the southern jurisdiction, and I would like to pass on some of the fascinating information that I have read.

First, the Supreme Council is commonly known as the Mother Supreme Council of the world and was created in 1801, and claims that other Supreme Councils have been derived from it. The Southern Jurisdiction is responsible for the Scottish Rite in thirty-five states; the Northern Jurisdiction formed in 1813 and has fifteen states.

Fraternally, **JACK HARRIS - VENERABLE MASTER**



Greetings Sir Knights of our Valley....

It's amazing that we're already halfway through our journey this year. Our Scottish Rite has been busy and fun thus far! Thank you to our four officer bodies for their efforts and enthusiasm. To you our members thank you for continuing your journey in the Scottish Rite! Let us know how we can better serve you.

The KSA has been busy as well. Our membership has grown this year and we welcome those new Knights who have decided to serve with us! Our Active KSA members are up to twenty and the meetings have been engaging and productive. At our last meeting we updated our Bylaws and the attendance and participation was impressive. By years end, you will see a transformed, fully driven service unit that will have great momentum to serve you all for years to come. Thank you to our team for your dedication and hard work. Our next KSA meeting is August 4<sup>th</sup> where we will be knighting our new members and of course enjoying great food.

The Grand Masters visit on August 11<sup>th</sup> should be a great time and the KSA are looking forward to participating in this annual event. Any excuse for us to display our Kilts will do, but this visit is an honor for all of us, see you there!

**Jason Barnett, Chief Knight 2015**



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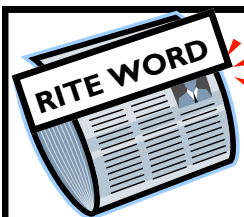
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**October 14, 2014**  
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**June 9, 2015**



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 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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**B**rethren,

From the Commander

July is at its last legs but the heat and drought seems to go on and on with no end in sight. I have worn out the floors at most of the malls trying to stay cool but in the end I have to come home and put up with the sweltering temperature. I hope that you have had better luck finding shelter.

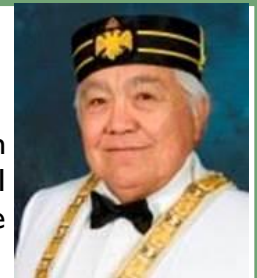
The growth in membership and participation in Scottish Rite has been unbelievable. I have been telling the members of my lodge and members of other lodges that there is nowhere in this world that they could find a better bunch of men or a greater unit/group to be a part of. The friendship and camaraderie that radiates from these brothers is indescribable.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to all the Officers of each line and all the members who continuously support and participate in our undertakings. I am super proud to be a member of such a lodge

That being said, please plan on joining us for our Stated Meeting on August 11, followed by a Reception and Festive Board Dinner honoring the Grand Master of Masons in California, MW Russ Charvonia. Wives and all Masons are invited, so make your reservations with the Secretary and please come join us.

Be well and GOD BLESS YOU ALL !

***Will Montoya, Commander, Council of Kadosh***





Greetings everyone!

It's hard to believe I'm already writing my August article. This year is flashing by...and what a pleasure it is to serve this Consistory. Thanks to all of you for your support. I want to call your attention to an event we have coming up on September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM at Scottish Rite. It's a MURDER MYSTERY DINNER. This is a '50's theme so feel free to come in costume. There'll be an award for best costume. Tickets are only \$25.00 but must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. This is a great event and I hope to see all of you there! Contact the Secretary's Office for reservations!



For a bit of "August" Masonic history/trivia, on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1753, President-to-be George Washington was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia. On August 21<sup>st</sup>, 1993, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and thousands of Freemasons dedicated the "Friend to Friend" Masonic Monument in the cemetery in Gettysburg, commemorating acts of kindness between Freemasons who fought on opposite sides in the American Civil War. On August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1920, President-to-be Warren G. Harding was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Marion Lodge No. 70 in Ohio. Also in the month of August some Grand Lodges came into being: the Grand Lodge of Oregon in 1851; the Grand Lodge of Colorado in 1861; the Grand Lodge of New Mexico in 1867. On August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1826, William Morgan obtained a copyright for *Illustrations of Masonry, By One of the Fraternity Who Has Devoted Thirty Years to the Subject*, a book that publicly exposed the secrets of Masonic ritual. Although many similar books had been published before, this caused great deal of excitement, and it led to the "Morgan affair" and the Anti-masonic Party of the 1820's and 1830's. Obviously there are other Masonic events of note that have happened in August. Hopefully, you find these that I just mentioned to be of interest.

I came across a writing some time back that made me think of the kinds of lessons we attain from our Scottish Rite teachings and I'd like to share it with you:

## Warrior Of The Light

Paulo Coelho

**Every Warrior of the Light has felt afraid of going into battle.**  
**Every Warrior of the Light has, at some time in the past, lied or betrayed someone.**  
**Every Warrior of the Light has trodden a path that was not his.**  
**Every Warrior of the Light has suffered for the most trivial of reasons.**  
**Every Warrior of the Light has, at least once, believed he was not a Warrior of the Light.**  
**Every Warrior of the Light has failed in his spiritual duties.**  
**Every Warrior of the Light has said 'yes' when he wanted to say 'no.'**  
**Every Warrior of the Light has hurt someone he loved.**  
**That is why he is a Warrior of the Light; because he has been through all this and yet has never lost hope of being better than he is.**

Brother Benjamin Franklin once said, "Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man." See you on Tuesday night!

**Bud Ramsey**  
**Master of Kadosh**





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**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 2015**

**Festive Fellowship Dinner**

**Menu**

**Tomato Bisque**

**Spinach Salad**

**Chilled Prawns**

**Beef Tenderloin with Mashed Potatoes**

**Fresh Strawberries w/ Grand Marnier**

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**From the Clinic**

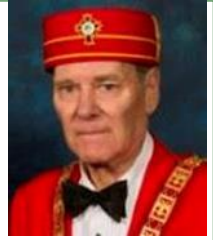
Serenity who likes to be referred to as “Ren” was seen at our clinic twice a week for 45 minute speech therapy sessions from August 2014- May 2015 secondary to an articulation disorder. Ren worked very hard on her /r/ and “th” sounds in all positions of words, sentences and in conversation over this time period. She also worked on some expressive language skills such as producing irregular past tense verbs, pronouns, question formulation, and was/were sentence formulation. Ren loved to joke around with her clinician and play with the Legos. On May 19<sup>th</sup> 2015 she met all her speech therapy goals! All her hard work paid off!! I feel sad that I do not get to see Ren as often but I am happy that she is doing so well with her speech!



Her Mother Sally wanted to say a few words about the Clinic. Here is what she had to say: “I heard about your services because my nephew attended the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic. Before receiving services at this clinic Ren’s speech was very difficult to understand. Since treatment began it has gotten so much better! Speech treatment has impacted our family on a daily basis because everyone understands her better now! The most rewarding part about receiving services here is the love that Miss Jenna showed to our family. It was a wonderful experience and I would recommend it to anyone who might need the help. Thank you to the San Jose Scottish Rite Clinic for offering this service.”

Ren’s younger sister Brielle was screened here at our Clinic in May 2015 and is now on our wait list. I hope I get to work with Brielle in the future, or at least see her big lovely family in the waiting room very soon!

The July trip to the “USS Hornet” aircraft carrier in Oakland was quite nice. Arriving on board at noon and viewing the initial video session we chose one of the three “guided tours” available. Each tour holds about 30 visitors and ours was the below decks engine room tour. It takes two and ½ hours and all of the below waterline engine machinery equipment and technology required to power the ship was explained in detail. This was the first time we had ever seen engine room systems and it was really amazing.



A tour like this would be a wonderful experience for children and families whose “kids” might eventually want to have such a naval career. Several other tours include Naval aircraft, Gemini and Apollo spaceflight capsules. Also the three decks “topside” where all the ship command, combat, navigation, communication and radar systems are explained in detail. The next time I visit the Hornet I want to try the aircraft flight simulator and out what it must be like to take off and land on the deck of carrier.

Another reason I wanted to make this trip was to have Naval Chaplain John W. Berger, CDR (Ret.) sign my 32<sup>nd</sup> degree S.R. book. He is an exceptionally well known and well loved person and a 50 year Chaplain in the U.S. Navy, but I was told that he had just passed away the previous week. However, that his funeral service would be held at Willow Glen Funeral in two days.

So—several of us attended the service and I was able to say a few words about Scottish Rite and why I was there. I met his family and they were very pleased and that they would sign my book in his place. I ended my talk with the words “Oh Johnny, I hardly knew thee, but we will always remember you.” Thus ended my second trip to the USS Hornet

--Dell Bleiler, Wise Master

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

Invite all

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**Tuesday, August 11, 2015**

**6:30 PM - Social Hour**

**7:00 PM - Festive Board of Fellowship with Toasts and Singing**

**GUEST of HONOR**

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**Future Scottish Rite Events**

**Tuesday, Aug 4th ~ SJSR Foundation Board of Directors Meeting @ 6:30pm**

**Sunday, Aug 9th ~ Grand Master's Annual Golf Tournament**

*9am at Moffett Field Golf Course      Contact III. Ken Nagel for details & reservations*

**Tuesday, Aug 11th ~ *Stated Meeting @ 5:45pm***

*6:30pm — Grand Master's Reception and Festive Board of Fellowship ~ See article inside the Rite Word*

**Tuesday, Aug 18th ~ SJSR Foundation Board of Directors Meeting @ 5:30pm**

***VMAP Meeting @ 6:30pm ~ Scottish Rite All Officers Meeting @ 7pm    Light Refreshments provided***

**Sunday, Aug 23rd ~ *MONTHLY MASONIC GET TOGETHER - CASUAL DRESS!***

*At the home of Wors Max Mora, 1426 Proud Dr, SJ*

**Thursday, Aug 27th ~ *MONTHLY OAM MEETING - Host: Friendship Lodge #210***

*6:30pm ~ Dinner    7:30pm ~ SOI—Grand Lodge Preview, Candidate Proficiency*

**Sunday, Aug 30th ~ Grand Lodge Reception Honoring the Junior Grand Steward—WORS KENDALL MILLS**

*1:00pm—Social Gathering ~ 2:00pm ~ Buffet ~ 3:00pm ~ Program    Cost: \$10    Dress—Business Casual/Golf Theme*

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