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## From the Personal Representative:

This month's message is going to be something of a continuation of "The Four T's of Masonry" and will be another of the explicit qualities we are taught to practice in our daily lives; that of Temperance.

This is another of the many personal characteristics taught in the first degree, and I have included it in this series for several reasons. First that I might get the readers thinking in the direction this subject leads us, and secondly, if we are discussing personal qualities, temperance should be high on everyone's list.

In the First Degree, we are told that Temperance is that due restraint on the affections and passions that renders the body tame and governable and frees the mind from the allurements of vice. This quality alone is one of the preeminent characteristics of a judicious, well disciplined life. We can be cheerful, out-going, and possessed of a lively sense of humor and still exercise Temperance.

A temperate person is sensitive to the concerns of others and courteous to all, without becoming unnecessarily subservient. A temperate person considers consequences before rushing into ill advised or hastily conceived situations. A temperate person controls his or her anger when confronted with difficult situations or with difficult people. Temperate people are pleasant to be with, because they exercise self control and are slow to wrath, as we are instructed in the Holy Writings.

Another word for temperance might be moderation. We seek moderation in all that we do and say because it reflects good taste and self restraint. The architectural instrument that best represents temperance, of course, is the compass. It reminds us to contain our desires and keep our passions under control toward all mankind. It teaches us self restraint.



Have you ever encountered an inconsiderate driver and, after he or she has passed you, you look down and see a bumper sticker or other emblem that identifies that person as a member of a religious group or other organization that preaches the Golden Rule? How do his hasty or inconsiderate actions affect your thinking with regard to that person's representing that organization?

We, as identified with the family of Masonry, dwell in glass houses. Our actions are being scrutinized continually, and because we are Masons, we are held to a higher standard than the general public. Our families, our co-workers, the members of our church, and even our friends tend to hold us to answer for our actions on a little higher plane than they do of the rest of society, and that is the way we have chosen to live. When we accepted the mantle of Masonry, we committed to a set of principles by which we agreed to govern our lives and that set of principles says that we are to be temperate in our every act and word.

When I hear a brother Mason use foul, inconsiderate, or abusive language, I mentally cringe, because that type of language is intemperate. It hurts him more than it hurts the person for whom it is intended, but it also hurts the fraternity. When I see a brother act inconsiderately or intolerantly toward another, I want to look for a place to hide, because I am embarrassed for the sake of our principles.

It is one of the four cardinal virtues, I know, but moreover, it is our obligation to our selves and our fraternity to exercise temperance in all we do in this life.

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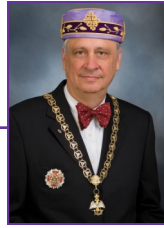
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**G**reetings to All...



I have not had the honor of meeting everyone personally, but I would like to say how excited I am to be working here at the San Jose Scottish Rite. Mary Lou is absolutely wonderful and I will learn all she does to keep the office running smoothly. She is a terrific teacher.

I was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, moved to Spring Valley, New York, where I lived for six years and then to San Jose in 1978. I attended Leland High School, graduating in 1984.

I attended San Jose City College, passed the cosmetology board in 1985, worked at Tara Financial and Real Estate in Campbell for 3 years and then worked with First Franklin Financial, a Mortgage Lender for over 9 years as a funder, doc preparer and Assist. Sales Rep. where I obtained all my knowledge in the mortgage industry and worked briefly with a prominent real estate developer in Los Altos, Abigail Ahrens and Associates.

My relatives, owned a number of restaurants. My uncle, Pete Kouretas, owned Zorbas Restaurant in Campbell until his passing. He was a Mason and a member of the San Jose Scottish Rite. I always enjoyed my side jobs there, interacting with people and running the restaurants evenings and weekends. This eventually led to me to do catering, when the mortgage industry was at a slow point. I always desired to get back into an office atmosphere.

I am the daughter of a doctor, Luis, now retired and residing in Florida and a mother, Sherry, who was a nurse for 20+ years at the SLO Men's Colony, a medium security prison, who is also retired and lives in Maryland. I have a twin brother (not identical), who has been working for Santa Clara Valley Medical for 25 years in the Sterile Processing Department and still resides in San Jose. I was definitely surrounded by the medical field which may be why I enjoy working and taking care of people.

My grandfather, William Ault Grove, was a decorated veteran, wounded during World War II. He was an Air Force Pilot shot down. He spent considerable time at the American Legion, and that was one of the favorite places I was able to go with him, until his passing this past November 2008.

My grandmother Gloria Kathleen Grove served as the first Madame President, for the Eagles Auxiliary #694. She also volunteered at the Washington County Hospital Auxiliary for 30+ years, in Maryland. She was a beautiful woman inside and out and an inspiration for me.

I am married to a wonderful man, Tony, for over 21 yrs. Together we have 3 beautiful daughters. Joann is 23yrs. old, Gina is 16yrs. old and Nicole is 14yrs. old. Girls are quite a handful!

I am open to possible ways of doing something better and always like input and suggestions. So please always tell me when there is

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**SLO County Scottish Rite Club celebrates Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal**

Again this year, on June 7, the Scottish Rite Club of San Luis Obispo County celebrated the mandated Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. The Supreme Council has directed that this ceremony replace the former Maundy Thursday Observance.

The event was extremely well received by the Brethren and others present. Brother Willard Strong, 32°, K.C.C.H, presented the featured address to the assemblage. Brother Jerry Boxer, 32°, K.C.C.H. President of the SLO County Club served as Wise Master and Brother Ken Brokamp, 32° served as Orator, Brother Jim Smith 32°, K.C.C.H. served as Senior Warden, Brother Jerry Harbick, 32° served As Junior Warden; while brother Bob Ellis, 32°, almoner, Brother Rod Smiley 32°, Master of Ceremonies, Brother Connie Jarvis, 32°, Guardian of the Temple and Brother Terry McNulty, 32°, filled the other chairs.

The ceremony contains elements relating both to Passover and Maundy Thursday and has a very wide appeal. The full text and explanation of the ceremony is to be found in the book published in the year 2000 by the Scottish Rite Research Society, "Forms and Traditions of the Scottish Rite."

Submitted by: Jerry Boxer 32°, K.C.C.H.  
President:

San Luis Obispo Scottish Rite Club



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Brethren of the Valley,

As we have mentioned earlier, the Knights of Saint Andrew organization is more than just a bunch of brothers who get to wear different Hats to our meetings, although admittedly it is an attention getter and they look pretty darn good.

It is also more than the group responsible for putting on the 29<sup>th</sup> degree for our reunions, but that is a pretty good way to get ourselves known, at least in the confines of the Tiled Lodge.

As you have seen exemplified in the Scottish Rite 29<sup>th</sup> degree, we demonstrated that the great virtues of Knighthood are: humility, patience, self-denial, charity, generosity, clemency, virtue, truth and honor.

First and foremost, The Knights of Saint Andrew is chartered to be a service organization to the Bodies of the Valley in which they serve.

The San Jose Chapter members are active 32<sup>o</sup> Scottish Rite Masons who may assist in helping to carry out many of the needed tasks which help the valley operate its many affairs. Up to now our main focus has been in seeing the Lodge room set up for Stated Meetings and helping to make sure the Lodge is properly Tiled. There are many other things which can be done and the Knights are always looking for more members to assist as that list continues to grow.

Except for participation in the 29<sup>th</sup> degree, you do not have to wear a Tartan or Kilt, but of course as a member you are entitled to wear one. The wearing of the Glengarry cap is a sign that you are a member of the KoSA in Good Standing. **If you would like to be an active member of the KSA and have not witnessed the 29<sup>th</sup> degree or have not been knighted, we will be happy to provide the knighting outside of a reunion.**

### From the Secretary's Table:



**Brethren**—Here is a little quiz about the Declaration of Independence. Good Luck

1. When did the Continental Congress actually pass a resolution of Independence ?
2. Who was on the committee assembled to draft the declaration?
3. What was one of the reasons that Adams told Jefferson, the youngest man on the committee, to draft a declaration?
4. What was something Congress cut out of Jefferson's draft of the declaration?
5. Which two key players in the history of Independence died on the fiftieth anniversary of the declaration?

*You can find the answers on page 2.*

Here is a date to save for December 2009:

**Christmas Party** for the Children of the SJSR Childhood Language Clinic will be held **Sunday December 5, 2009.**

2:00PM – 5:00PM. *You won't want to miss it.*



Our monthly meetings are the First Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 PM. You are already a Knight of Saint Andrew by virtue of having gone through the degrees up thru the 32<sup>nd</sup>.

If you have an interest in providing any of a variety of services to the San Jose bodies.

Why not contact us and come to the next meeting. John Ungar is officially listed as the Secretary and his Email is [johnp4609@yahoo.com](mailto:johnp4609@yahoo.com). Or you can contact me @ [jerry.best@infinitisolutions.com](mailto:jerry.best@infinitisolutions.com) . We look forward to hearing from you.

Fraternally, Jerry Best, Chief Knight

From the Commander



## Order of DeMolay

Although it has been more than 650 years since Jacques DeMolay died as a martyr to truth and fidelity, the ideas for which he gave his life are being perpetuated by young men the world over as members of the Order of DeMolay

A youth organization open to young men between the ages of 13 and 21, DeMolay is separate and distinct, from any affiliation, including Masonry. Membership is not restricted to relatives of Masons, but open to all who merit the honor.

It is a *youth* organization that shares *many* precepts with Freemasonry and many DeMolays later join Masonic lodges. More than 100 have become Grand Masters. Like Masonry, it has a beautiful ritual with invaluable moral lessons.

Since its founding by Frank Land over half a century

ago, nearly 3000,000 young men have knelt at altars of 2,500 chapters in ii countries and territories. Among leaders in school and community, DeMolays have gone or to distinguished careers in business, government, military. entertainment and athletics Men such as Walt Disney, John Wayne, Chet Huntley, Vaughn Monroe, Bob Mathias, Fred MacMurray, Alvin Dark, John Steinbeck, and countless others have been DeMolavs.

On the 50th anniversary of DeMolay, Walter Cronkite wrote in part, "DeMolay does a lot for a young man of today It provides a valuable supplement to the principles and guidelines he has been taught by his parents, the school, and the church . . . Heaven only knows we read, hear and see a lot of what's wrong with young people today.' We need DeMolay for the youth of our country."

*Ross Fuller*

Commander—Council of Kadosh



## Goodbye Mary Lou!!!

We hope you enjoy  
your retirement.

You'll be missed.



## Activities at the Santa Cruz Scottish Rite Club

Club president, Brother Kerem Kapkin, 32 Degree, participated, along with Brother Richard Fisher ,32 Degree, KCCH, in the presentation of the San Jose Valley Scottish Rite Bodies' scholarship for graduating high school seniors to Samantha Steele of Scotts Valley High School. The presentation was made at the schools Senior Honors Night in May.

Brother Art Lee, 32 Degree, has been named Secretary for the club to complete the term of our departed Brother, Frank Huff, 32 Degree. Our thanks go out to Art for stepping up to take this position in honor of Brother Frank. We miss Frank so much!

The club's regular monthly breakfast meeting will be held on June 20 at the Confidence Lodge No. 110 Masonic Center at 3001 North Main Street in Soquel. All are invited to join us for a great breakfast prepared by Chef/Brother Joseph DaSilva, 32 Degree.

The club will be dark in July and August as per usual and will meet again on September 19.



## From the Clinic!!!

Paige is an adorable four year old who has been coming to the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic two times per week since mid-March 2009. She has been receiving speech and language therapy since she was one year old due to her diagnosis of Down Syndrome. Children with this diagnosis can learn to talk but tend to do so later than their typically developing peers. These children tend to understand speech (receptive language) much better than they are able to speak (expressive language). In order to help bridge this gap and facilitate her expressive communication, Paige was taught sign language early on. When Paige was initially evaluated at the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic, she was communicating primarily via signs/gestures and few words. At the time services were started, Paige's mom recalls, "She understood objects by name, but now she's...not just gaining new sounds to form words but the understanding/meaning of her word choices".



Paige's expressive language has improved considerably in the short time she has been coming to the clinic. She is now primarily using words and short sentences to express herself and get her needs and wants met. Additionally, Paige is now using words for several communicative purposes such as commenting, protesting, and asking questions rather than simply labeling objects in her immediate environment. Her family has noted that "her expressive language has dramatically improved. We understand what she is saying most of the time by her use of language. She is much less frustrated and outright opinionated about preferences using words..." Paige has also reportedly made gains in her speech and language goals from the school district, and the team working with her is beginning to recognize her cognitive and language potential. Mom reports, "We all seem to enjoy her so much more as she's more interactive with new language skills."

Treatment sessions are primarily play based to encourage and expand on language. Through expansion techniques (taking what Paige says/does and adding to it) Paige's play skills have improved as she is now playing with multiple objects in multi-step play and is not as rigid and one dimensional in her play skills. Paige and her family have worked with several different clinicians in the past, though remark that Paige's current therapist "...sees and treats Paige as a whole person with potential for learning, and Paige rises to the occasion." Paige's parents state that they would absolutely tell other families about the services provided at the clinic because, "...the therapists can help the children and they are so effective at helping the parents as well. It's a learning process for us all...everyone is so kind, educated in their fields and have real hearts of service. The long wait to get in is so well worth it."

Paige's mom comments, "I am simply so grateful for this place. My daughter does receive speech therapy from school, but I don't believe she would be this far without your clinic. My heart is filled with gratefulness. Thank you for serving a true need."

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**In Memoriam**

Joseph Anthony Cirigliano	San Jose	Feb. 19, 2009
Francis George Pinho	Menlo Park	Jun. 23, 2009
Loren Eldred Lacque	Modesto	Jun. 24, 2009

**Answers to Quiz:**

1. July 2
2. John Adams, Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert Livingston, and Roger Sherman
3. Adams knew that he was unpopular and considered obnoxious by many delegates. In order for the Declaration to be accepted, he had to keep a low profile. Therefore Jefferson was asked to do the draft.
4. Of the 86 changes made, most important was the removal of all references to slavery.
5. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died within hours of each other on July 4, 1826.



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**What is the eScrip Program?**

Participating merchants contribute each time your families make a purchase using their grocery club or registered cards. There are no receipts to collect, no vouchers or certificates to buy, no hassles for you and every purchase counts. Much more next month.

### From the Wise Master

Brethren,

The Wise Master did not submit an article for the month of July.

Fraternally,

Monte Bishop—Wise Master  
See you all in lodge!



### From the Master of Kadosh

“Happy Birthday, America!” So sang the young family in the front yard of their home in Montpelier, Idaho on the sunny afternoon of July 4 two years ago as my sister and I drove past. It was a touching moment for us but not the way you might think. She is a college professor and agnostic. I'm a hands-on, 12-years-to-graduate-college guy and gnostic (direct opposite of an agnostic). We had an interesting discussion about the meaning of America's birthday.

Many people use the term "America" when they refer to "The United States of America." The USA was born on July 4, 1776 with the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Her conception took place not decades but centuries earlier. And she is still a work-in-progress. During the July 4 holiday, we often talk about the people and the ideas that formed the basis for our country. We reflect on heroic moments during the Revolutionary War, the Boston Tea party, and other events of the late 18th century. Yet to have a country, you also need a place, a physical location. You must have land. This July 4, I'm thinking about the land we call America.

My ancestors came to the United States from Europe at different times from the 17th through the 19th centuries. I do not have reliable information about all of them. Most of us here today are not originally from this land, and our nation is not original, either. As we all know, beginning in the 1500s, the Europeans began to displace the native populations of two complete continents. The land was theirs long before it became ours. Yet based on



new archeological evidence, there were significant geographical shifts in populations during centuries before the Europeans came. So who can say that what we think of as natives are not themselves ancient encroachers upon pre-historic inhabitants?

People are still coming to live in the USA. The Europeans have been here so long that we consider ourselves to be the natives, even the owners. Some of us view the newcomers with suspicion, as trespassers. I know several Naturalized Americans (people from somewhere else who became US citizens) who navigated the immigration maze, or who are trying to bring relatives here after 9/11. After hearing their stories, all I can say is, be glad you were born here!

I work for an offshore company, that is, a company whose headquarters is in another country. If you look at our company website, you don't get that impression, but that is the reality of the matter. The majority of the people I work with were not born in the US. Nor is English their native language. Some are here on permanent visas. A few have become naturalized US citizens. We have regular visits by employees from other offices. Lots of VoIP calls, too. Communication is an ongoing challenge, to say the least.

One guy, a friend of mine, recently gathered up his family and moved back home to China. Before departing, he said to me, "Everybody asks me, why don't you want to stay in America? Why are you going back to China?" Of course, that was exactly what I was thinking, but I was too embarrassed to admit it. So I asked cleverly, "How did you respond?" He said, "China is my home. My whole family is there. I can find a house there." I understood that. After two years in South America, I was ready to come home, too.

I guess not everybody in the world wants to come to America or to be an American. Those who do are looking for a fresh start, or maybe an escape from poverty, oppression, overcrowding, of lack of opportunity common to much of the world. That's why my great grandfather came and why I'm still here. It reminds me of the favorite Woody Guthrie song, written in 1940 and recorded in 1944:

This land is your land, this land is my land  
From California to the New York Island  
From the Redwood Forest to the Gulf Stream waters  
This land was made for you and me.

*Daniel Doornbos* - Master of Kadosh





From the Venerable Master



Brethren, Ladies and Friends,

A few weeks ago I received the DeMolay Active Legion of Honor at the Masonic Home in Union City. Some of our members living there were able to attend and I had a nice time visiting with those old friends. I would like to especially thank the members of the San Jose Scottish Rite that were part of the investiture team: Bob Rowan, Randy Downey, Ken Nagel, Ed Clarke and Jack Harris.

You have been hearing about our Nights of Instruction that Brother Cowden has organized this year. Our final night is September 22, 2009 and, unlike the earlier ones, this one is open to all Master Masons. This is a good opportunity to show your friends who are not Scottish Rite Masons what we are about.

A small item was mentioned at the last Night of Instruction but it is worth remembering when you talk to people about Freemasonry. It is safe to say ours is the only fraternal organization that a college could teach courses in our literature. The Nights of Instruction bear witness to the mountain of writings about Masonry that have been published in the centuries our fraternity has been in existence.

*Richard M. Fisher - Venerable Master*

**JROTC Cadets Honored at  
Oak Grove Awards Night  
12 May 2009**



Cadet Col Anh Thi Le and her staff.



SJSU 1st Lt Melissa Ingram presents USAF Scholarship to Cadet Jillian Hara



Col Ferrero congratulates Cadet Le on a job well done.



Cadet Le turns over her command to Cadet Kristen Clarke

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*an issue or something I need to pay attention to or take care of. I look forward to working here, growing here, and learning the greatness of the San Jose Scottish Rite. I have the upmost respect and honor for you all.*

*Please feel free to say hi and introduce yourself.*

*In the meantime, I will work hard to fill Mary Lou's shoes. I am ready for the challenge.*

*God Bless.*

*Angela D. Athans*

*Administrative Assistant*

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For the Lighter Side of things

Pat & Bill had been Lodge Brothers for many years.

They had promised each other long ago that the first to go to the Grand Lodge above would return to tell the other whether there really were Lodges in Heaven and what they were like.

By and by, it came to pass that Bill went first. One day shortly after, Pat was working in his garden when he heard a whispered voice, "Pssst Pat!" He looked around but saw nothing. A few moments later he heard, now quite clearly "Pat! Its me, Bill!"

"Bill," Pat exclaimed, "are you in Heaven?"

"Indeed I am." said Bill.

Pat paused for a while to get over the shock and then said "Well, Bill, are there Lodges up there in Heaven?"

"There certainly are, Pat. There are Lodges all over and they are quite magnificent, equal or better to Great Queen Street. The meetings are well attended, the ritual is word perfect, the festive board fantastic and the spirit of Masonic Fellowship is all pervasive."

"My goodness, Bill," said Pat, " It certainly sounds very impressive but for all that you seem rather sad. Tell me old friend, what is the matter?"

"Well, Pat, you are right. I have some good news and some bad. The good news is that we are doing a 3rd this coming Wednesday"

"Great" said Pat. "What's the bad news then?"

"You're the Senior Deacon!"

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**July 4, 2009 - Independence Day - (SJSR Office Closed on Friday July 3rd)**

**July 14, 2009 - July Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM and Annual BBQ following @ 7:15 PM**

**August 11, 2009 - August Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM and Dinner following @ 7:15 PM**

**September 5, 2009 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)**

**September 7, 2009 - Independence Day - (SJSR Office Closed)**

**September 8, 2009 - September Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM and Dinner following @ 7:15 PM**

**September 22, 2009 - Scottish Rite Night of Instruction — 7:00 PM (open to all Master Masons!!!)**

**Friday Lunch Bunch is here again! Join us!**