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# THE RITE WORD

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## From the Venerable Master

**I** would like to thank the members of the Scottish Rite for coming to our Stated Meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>, on such a stormy night. My own trip home that evening was met with a highway delay of over an hour because of accidents.

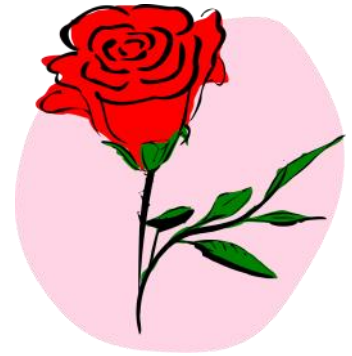
I would hope that this year is filled with member participation and sense of purpose and duty to Masonry. I would like to see everyone at Stated Meeting, more involvement in our degree teams and participation of eligible members in The Knights Of Saint Andrew. I have contacted many of you this year about participation on degree teams and was met with little interest. The degrees are the foundation of what we teach; they are our history and our future.

The Rite Word is filled with important dates; both inside and on the back. Our Reunion dates are on the application for membership form located in every issue of the Rite Word. We are to give that application to someone in our lodge who would benefit from membership in our lodge.

In this year I hope to put on some social entertainment events as well as share some personal insights about our Masonic work. The social events will include a Magic show and a comedy show. I may also try to invite the US Kendo team to put on a demonstration and small match tournament. The personal insights are taken directly from our non secret work and reflect from our first degree to our 32<sup>nd</sup> degree; all culminating in our desire to be distinguished among Masons and enrolled among the benefactors of mankind.

*Martin Maxey;  
Venerable Master, 2017*

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Each year on February 14<sup>th</sup>, many people exchange cards, candy, gifts or flowers with their special “**valentine**.” The **day** of romance we call **Valentine's Day** is named for a Christian martyr and dates back to the 5<sup>th</sup> century, but has origins in the Roman holiday Lupercalia.

**T**o all the Brothers::

**A HAPPY NEW YEAR** with health and happiness!

Thank you for electing me as the  
**2017 WISE MASTER** of The Valley's Chapter of Rose Croix.

*I do hope to be wise enough to deserve your trust. It is a privilege to serve in this capacity and I will do my best to make 2017 an year full of great accomplishments. I am very lucky to be supported by a great line of Rose Croix officers that, I am sure, will guide and help me to do a good job.*

*I also want to express my gratitude to Bro. Brandon Duenas for his work as the Wise Master for 2016. Thank you Brother!*

*I'm looking forward to seeing you all in the coming year and hope that you all will be taking part in the activities that The Chapter is planning. Yes, more to come in the next issue of "The Rite Word".*

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WISE MASTER  
CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

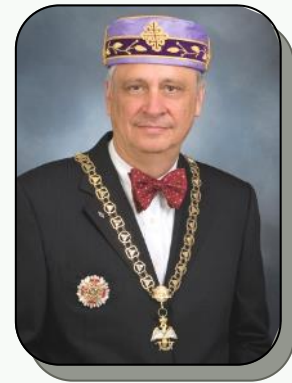
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***The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of San Jose, in the Orient of California, acknowledge and yield all allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.***

**B**ubbly and energetic five-year old Evynn has been enlightening clinicians at the San Jose Scottish Rite Clinic for years. Her friendly personality has brought smiles to everyone's faces since the day she was referred by a Speech-Language Pathologist at the county to our clinic in 2014.

Over the years, clinicians here and at her school district have targeted goals that are not only supported by the up-to-date evidence but selected to meet Evynn's highest need of improving her intelligibility each year. Goals have included producing blend sounds and fricatives. Evynn has made such great strides each year. Evynn currently needs assistance with how to produce her /r/ sound.

According to Evynn's mother, "Before receiving services here at the clinic Evynn was very hard to understand. We had to translate for her constantly, even for a little one." Evynn's mother had a few things to say regarding the Scottish Rite Clinic's services provided to her three children. Evynn's mother noted how, "After receiving treatment at this clinic people can understand about 90% of what Evynn says! Evynn's speech therapy treatment sessions have helped taken a lot of the frustration away. The most rewarding thing about receiving services here at this clinic is seeing Evynn blossom and understanding her beautiful thoughts and observations of life. Everyone at the Scottish Rite Clinic has been kind, helpful, and most of all compassionate with my family. I have referred others to this clinic for speech therapy services because this place is a treasure! Thank you Ms. Jenna and Ms. Rachel and the San Jose Scottish Rite Clinic for your loving help with our kids." -Kris and Lynnae



### From the Master of Kadosh

**A**t the December SJ SR Stated Meeting we learned that Bro. Rick Bartlett had just received and had accepted a new and important job offer at the University of California at Berkeley. He would not be able to advance in the line as Commander of the Council of Kadosh—would I be able to advance two steps to fill that position? Rick is an excellent Freemason and an accomplished ritualist. How he fell into that wonderful opportunity we will never know but he is one not to look a gift horse in the mouth and we wish him the best.

Well these things happen sometimes and one has to accommodate to the immediate circumstances. With the line officer meetings we had during the past year with Ill. Roger Bibb as Commander—I thought I would be able to qualify to move up two steps and yet do a good job—"just have to push the envelope a little harder". This is why it is so important for the line officers to faithfully attend all SJ SR Stated Meetings and All Officer Council meetings and other Special SR Events—as well as keeping up with the practice sessions and passing our proficiencies. We are all rungs on the ladder success and if one is missing its difficult for the rest of us to get to the top.

Bro. Brandon Duenas has consented to fill in as 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander; Bro. Charles Coleman as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander; Bro. Bill Mattson as Marshal of Ceremonies; and Bro. Naresh Rampershad as Lt. of the Guard. This then gives us a full officer line in the SJ Council of Kadosh for 2017.

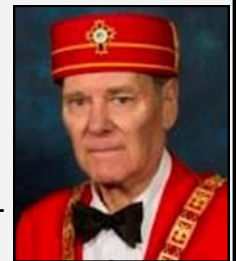
Among the events the Council will consider for 2017 year are:

- A spring or summer wine tasting event.
- A visitation to a Masonic Blue Lodge Stated Meeting or Degree.
  - A visitation to another Scottish Rite valley Stated Meeting.
- A summer visit to the Northern Calif. Sacramento river / Delta operational geological model display in Marin County.
- A visit to a Grand Lodge sponsored meeting for the 300<sup>th</sup> year celebration program of organized Freemasonry (1717 – 2017).

This is "our year" to shine gentlemen".

- Don't forget to include attendance at the SJ SR degree reunions.

**Dell Bleiler,  
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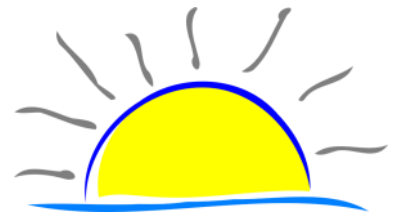
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**FEBRUARY 14TH, 2017**

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**Center cut Pork Loin**

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# Honor Masters Night

Each year, in January, we take pleasure in honoring those Brothers who have served as MASTER of their Blue Lodge in the preceding Masonic year. This year we had TEN Masters of 2016 in attendance at our Jan 10 Stated Meeting Dinner. Congratulations to these Brothers for their untiring efforts, dedicated leadership, and Love and Service to their Lodge and to Craft Freemasonry in general!



**Wors. Steve Chase**  
South Valley #187



**Wors. Rod Moreland**  
Liberty #299



**Wors. Hank Vlcek**  
Golden Rule #479



**Wors. Mark Burger**  
Pacific Grove #331



**Wors. Jamcy Castro**  
Monterey #217



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Mt View DeAnza #194



**Wors. Al Diamond**  
Mt Moriah #292



**Wors. Bill Malmstrom**  
Los Altos #712



**Wors. Mike MacDonald**  
San Jose #10



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## 2017 HONOR ROLL



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*Ill. Richard Meyers 33°*

*Bro. Wallace Currey 32°*

*Bro. Dave Kimball 32°*

*Bro. Robert Laws 32°*

*Bro. Hank Vlcek 32°*

*Bro. Franklin Wong 32°*



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The "2017" Honor Roll**

From the Master of Kadosh

Greetings,

I am honored to be installed as the Master of Kadosh for 2017. One of the things that has always impressed me about the Scottish Rite, is that it was formed by and for Masons seeking more light in Masonry. I have found that to be the case with the brothers I have met in our Valley. I have had many interesting and enlightening conversations with our brother Masons here and look to continue not only my education and experiences but to be able to contribute back in some small way I am able.

Leading the Consistory this year comes at the end of my year as Master of Pacific Grove Lodge on the Monterey Peninsula. This gives me the time and opportunity to do what I can for the Valley. I am looking forward to planning a few events here and the opportunity to bring the members of our Valley to our area.

As one of the four bodies, I plan to explore this year how we fit into the Valley and how it has grown over the years, a History of the Consistory if you will. I will be writing more on that in the coming months.

Again, thank you for this honor and I look forward to serving you this year.

Mark Burger



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**Tuesday, Jan 31st ~ Installation of 2017 Scottish Rite Officers @ 7:00pm**

*Practice ~ 5:15pm Pictures ~ 6:00pm Installation ~ 7:00pm Refreshments afterwards*

**Tuesday, Feb 14th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm**

*6:30pm - Social Hour ~ 7:00pm - Dinner ~ Program - Sweethearts Night*

**Sunday, Feb 19th ~ Monthly Masonic Get Together at 1:00—6:00pm**

*Host—Bro Will Montoya — 2999 Bradbury Drive, SJ, 95122 - Bring a dish to share. Open to ALL Brothers*

**Tuesday, Feb 21st ~ Monthly OAM Meeting hosted by San Jose Lodge #10**

*6:30pm - Dinner ~ 7:30pm - School of Instruction*

**Tuesday, Feb 28th ~ Quarterly SJSR Board of Directors Meeting @ 5:30pm**

**Tuesday, Feb 28th ~ Monthly All Officer Council Meeting @ 7:00pm**

**Thursday, Mar 9th ~ Monthly OAM Meeting hosted by South Valley Lodge #187**

*6:30pm - Chicken Feed Dinner ~ 7:30pm - Presentation from MW John Heisner*

**Tuesday, Mar 14th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm**

*6:30pm - Social Hour ~ 7:00pm - Dinner ~ Program - TBA*

**Sunday, Mar 26th ~ Monthly Masonic Get Together at 1:00—6:00pm**

*Host—Bro Joe Campbell — 3681 Kendra Way, SJ, 95130 - Bring a dish to share. Open to ALL Brothers*

**Tuesday, Mar 28th ~ Monthly All Officer Council Meeting @ 7:00pm**

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