



## A SAN JOSE SCOTTISH RITE PUBLICATION HOME OF THE ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE BODIES OF THE VALLEY OF SAN JOSE

### From the Personal Representative:

#### Brethren, Ladies and Friends;

When I was a young man I was influenced by many, many people whom I knew and read about, and one of those I was impressed with was a minister from New York; Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. Not that I studied his works or life, so much, as that I learned he was a great speaker, heard a couple of his sermons on the radio, and was impressed that one man could make a difference in the lives of so many.

It was not hard to understand why he was such a strong influence in the lives of a lot of people, for if you were to listen to his messages you'd soon begin to believe that there was a great deal we could do for ourselves by way of personal growth, if we'd simply start with a positive attitude and try not to let adversity influence our ultimate aims in life. It's a risk awareness mind-set, and one must be prepared to accept failure and disappointment along the way, but not be adversely influenced by them. Though Dr. Peale was a noted theologian, he mixed his Christian message with such a strong message in self confidence and personal motivation that thousands of people were drawn to his circle of influence, and purchased his publications as well as joining his church and listening to his radio programs.

Peale was the author of such concepts as "The power of Positive Thinking", and publications like "Guideposts Magazine", which is still in circulation, seventeen years after his death. Peale's simple, optimistic, and dynamic sermons, in which he offered a positive outlook on modern living, brought increasing numbers of parishioners and increasing fame to him as a speaker and religious leader.

The interesting thing about Dr. Peale was that he was, and still is, the object of a great deal of criticism from some religious communities for the very thing that made him great. He preached a philosophy from the pulpit of Marble Collegiate (Dutch Reformed) Church in New York, for over fifty years, that there is one God over all the world, and that you don't necessarily have to believe "my way" or subscribe to "my religion" in order to get into Heaven. He was complimentary of many different religious orders, and even went so far as to express the belief that those practicing religions outside the traditional Protestant Christian faith might also enjoy an afterlife as is promised in the Christian Bible.

Sound familiar? In Masonry, we are also subject to severe criticism for our association with any and all men of differing faiths. Our



basic principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth are elements of positive thinking and kindness to all mankind. We welcome men of diverse faith into our inner circle so long as their personal belief includes recognition of God and life after earthly death. Is it any surprise, then that Dr. Peale was also a 33° Mason and active in his own Lodge, Scottish Rite Valley, and Shrine?

Unfortunately, our critics share one erroneous belief; that Masonry is, or aspires to be a religion. In the words of

another noted Freemason, the Reverend Dr. W. Kenneth Lyons, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., "Scottish Rite and Symbolic Lodge Masonry have never inferred nor stated that their edifices were to be houses of worship, but places where every good man's religion would be equally respected".

Brethren and friends, the criticism we face will not end in our lifetime, or that of our children or grandchildren, but if we can just learn from Dr. Peale's message we can do great things in Masonry and for mankind, not just in spite of, but also because of the condemnation we face from those around us. Listen to those who condemn Masonry and try to live your life in such a manner that they will find nothing in your conduct to support the idea that we are anything but a society of friends and brothers who are not out to change the world, but to inspire and support positive change wherever it may occur. Attend your church or temple, or synagogue as frequently as you see fit, and work with those believers who are trying to improve the world, no matter what they say of Dr. Peale, Masonry, or any other of the positive influences in this short life of ours.

I read recently in an anti-Masonic article the advice that a "fundamental Christian" should avoid discussing his criticism of Masonry with a Mason because most Masons are so well versed in both disciplines (Masonry and Christianity) that they would soon convince the Christian that Masonry is not contrary to the Christian message. In other words, they should only listen to one side of the argument or they might be converted. That tells me that their argument is too weak to stand the test of truth.

So mote it be.

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From the Secretary's Table:



**Brethren and Ladies:**

**W**e have now completed our first attempt at a golf tournament to raise funds for our Children's Clinic. Although most consider it a success, there were both successes and failures attached to the tournament.

We had enough door prizes and excitement for a full field of golfers, but only a small field for the event. The Great Architect saw fit to provide one of the most beautiful days ever seen in San Jose and chose to raise the curtain as the shotgun sounded to start the round.

We had a great turn out of volunteers, a great day of golf albeit there was no instance of a hole in one, and a lot of fun was had by all and topped by a great dinner. The Liberty Mutual participants were very complimentary and asked that they be invited again next year.

Time will tell if we will try to repeat the event.

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In addition to the golf tournament, we have just completed our fall reunion. You will see a picture of the class elsewhere in this issue and more pictures will be included in the December Rite Word.

Thank you to all officers who assisted in the reunion and I look forward to the Spring Reunion.

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I want to express my thanks to Hon. Bro. Dee Ayer and Bro. Bryant Day for their consistent effort in providing input for the Rite Word for this year.

Thank you both for your constant help. The production of this newsletter was made easier by you both.



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\*\*\*\* Thank you to all who donated!\*\*\*\*

**1st Annual Liberty Mutual Invitational  
Golf Tournament benefiting our own  
San Jose Rite Care Clinic.**



**Not enough room here to show all the Tournament  
pictures, but everyone had a great time.**

The conclusion (almost) of “We the People”

A Patriot is defined in Webster’s as: “One who loves his country and zealously supports its authority and interests.” That is fairly descriptive but I prefer the words of Faye McKinney a Prince Hall Masonic Affiliate from Texas who said:

***I am an American. The Golden Rule is my rule. I acknowledge my undying debt to the founding fathers who left me a priceless heritage, which is now my responsibility. With steadfast loyalty, I will uphold the Constitution of the United States of America.***

***I will treasure my birthright of American ideals. I will place moral integrity above worldly possessions. The problems of my country shall be my problems. I will count my right of voting as a sacred trust and will diligently strive to prove worthy of that trust. I will give my support to upright public servants, but will oppose firmly those with unclean hands. Each obligation that comes to me as a true American, I will discharge with honor. My heart is in America - America is my heart!***

My friends is there anything in that statement that you can’t live with? I hope not!

Patriotism as a way of life has surfaced in the most unusual places. One such example can be found in the works of Manly Palmer Hall, who was a Mason also and in his story “We The People” the hero had faith in himself and in his fellow man, and he was in the right place at the right time, with the right message. His words and inspired thinking were truly patriotic in character and his story is said to be true.

The scene is the State House in Philadelphia. We are all familiar with the famous names present. The doors were locked and a guard was posted. A group of serious faced men stand around a table on which lies a parchment declaring the Independence of the American Colonies from the Mother Country. Each man faces the death penalty for high treason if he signs that document. They all hesitate. There is a wavering among them and then a voice rings out.

***“Sign that parchment! Sign if the next moment the hangman’s rope is about your neck! Sign if the next moment this hall rings with the clash of falling axes!***

***Sign by all your hopes in life or death! As men, as Brothers, as Husbands, as Fathers, sign with your names to the parchment or be accursed forever! Sign and not only for yourselves, but for all ages ... for that parchment will be the textbook of Freedom ... the Bible of the rights of men forever.***

***Nay, do not start with surprise and whisper among you. It is the truth ... your hearts witness it; God proclaims it. Look at this strange bunch of exiles and outcasts ... suddenly transformed into a people. A handful of men, weak in arms ... but mighty in God-like faith; nay, look at your recent achievements ... your Bunker Hill ... your Lexington, and tell me if you can that God has not given America to be Free!”***

***And the voice continued ... “It is not given to our poor intellect to climb to the skies and to pierce the council of the Almighty One ... but methinks I stand among the awful clouds which veil the brightness of Jehovah’s Throne.***

***The voice of God speaks out from that awful cloud: “Let there be light again! Go out from the Old World ... from the oppression and the blood ... and build my Altar in the New World.”***

***As I live and breathe, I believe that to be his voice! Yes, if my soul trembling on the verge of eternity were this hand freezing in death ... were this voice choking in the last struggle ... I still ... with the last impulse of my soul ... with the last wave of that hand ... with the last gasp of that voice ... implore you to remember this truth ... God has given America to be Free.***

***I beg you to sign that parchment for the sake of those millions whose very breath is hushed in expectation ... as they look up to you for those eminent words ... You are Free.”***

The delegates, carried away, rushed forward and John Hancock scarcely had time to affix his bold signature before the quill was grasped by another, and another, and another. It was done!

The American Patriots turned to express their gratitude to the unknown speaker. He was not in the balcony and he was



## *From the Clinic!*



**M**ax is an 8 year old boy who began receiving services at the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic secondary to an articulation and fluency disorder. His parents were concerned about Max's production of his /r/ and /l/ sounds, as well as his lack of confidence at school because he was being teased about his stuttering.

Max was always a hard worker in therapy. He learned how to

produce his /l/ and /r/ sounds using a variety of techniques to show him where and how to move his tongue. For example, after Max had mastered his /l/ sounds, he was taught how to make a /r/ sound by sliding his tongue to the back of his mouth after saying a /l/.

His stuttering therapy incorporated his whole family, which includes six siblings. All of his siblings with the exception of his youngest sister participated in therapy. They learned how to help Max use fluency shaping techniques at home to decrease his stuttering. Some of the techniques they learned were how to slow down the rate of speech using "easy speech", taking pauses before answering a question which is also called "wait time", using voluntary easy bumps in speech which helps a person who stutters feel in control of their stuttering, taking turns during conversation, using appropriate eye contact, and using "pull-out" which is when you stay with the sound you are stuck on and then ease out of the tension to continue saying the word. All of these techniques take lots of practice and Max became proficient with all of them!

In addition, Max talked about his attitudes and emotions related to his stuttering and was able to recognize that stuttering is not "bad", it's just different, and there are things that a person can do to feel more in control of their speech. By the end of his treatment, Max was much more open with his parents about his stuttering and had gained more confidence with his speech.

His parents commented that since Max's treatment started his stuttering has been significantly reduced and that "he now has skills to deal with his disorder...on his own daily." The impact of treatment has not only affected Max, but it has affected his family as well, "Our treatment here has impacted our family greatly. It has taught us skills to help Max...teaching us to slow down our life style and speech and allow him to speak freely without interruption." His parents further commented that they have recommended our clinic to other parents because of Max's success, "Rachel was a wonderful teacher and became a great friend to Max. He was able to confide in her and will be greatly missed."

Max recently graduated from speech treatment and we wish him all the best!

**Congratulations, Max!**

### Clinic Director's Message

**O**ur San Jose Scottish Rite Children's Language Disorders Clinic helped 54 children in September, completing over 238 treatment hours. Two children who had been on our waiting list were able to start weekly treatment sessions. We continue to have a steady number of phone calls and e-mails from parents interested in our services. Therefore, we reopened our waiting list and the clinicians have started to conduct screening appointments again. As a result, our waiting list is back up to 90 children.

On Monday, October 18, we held an Invitational Golf Tournament at the San Jose Golf and Country Club. I am happy to report that the event was a success and everyone enjoyed themselves. Both of our clinicians, Rachel Sense and Angela Stephan, were able to attend the award banquet. I would like to thank Hon. Bob Rowan, 32<sup>nd</sup> KCCH, our General Secretary, for spearheading this event.

I am always looking for volunteers to do some work such as painting to spruce up the clinic. The clinic could also use new set of vertical blinds. If you are interested in helping with a project and/or donating some needed items, please contact me. Respectfully,

*Darward C. Ayre* - Clinic Director

### **Our Fund Raising Progress (\$) year to date:**



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*In Memoriam...*

*Brother Elwyn Jarrett 32° KCCH*  
*October 21, 2010*

*Brother William Head 33°*  
*October 22, 2010*

*Brother David Neilson*  
*July 6, 2010*

*Remembering forever our*  
*Beloved Brother William Mundy!*  
*God Bless You, MaryFran!*  
*You are in our thoughts!*





Brethren,

Anyone who attends meetings at San Jose Scottish Rite probably knows Ken Justus. He and I belong to the same Masonic lodge, Texas #46 in San Juan Bautista. Ken is also our officer's coach at Texas lodge.

You may have noticed that Ken was absent from our last reunion. This was because of health issues which also have prevent him from acting as officer's coach. As a result, I am now the acting officer's coach. (I'm told that I volunteered for the position.)

At our most recent practice, the number of times I heard "That's not the way we used to do it." reminded me of the following story by Jim Tresner, reprinted in part from the Oklahoma Mason, April-May 1995:

*The story is told of a historian, recording folk history in Illinois in the 1970's. Several people in the countryside had told him of a farm family which possessed the axe Abraham Lincoln had used when splitting logs for a living as a young man.*

*The historian finally found the farm, and found the farmer in the yard splitting wood for the living room fireplace. He asked him about the story.*

*"Yes," said the farmer, "it's true. Abe Lincoln lived around here as a young man, and he worked for a while splitting wood for my great-great-grandfather. Happened he'd bought a new axe from a peddler the day before Abe Lincoln came to work here, and he gave it to Lincoln to use. We've kept it ever since."*

*"That's a real historical treasure" said the historian. "It really ought to be in a museum. Would you mind going into the house and bringing it out so I could see it?"*

*"Oh we know it's important," said the farmer. "I take it to the school from time to time and tell the kids about it and Lincoln. Seems to sorta make him real for them. But I don't have to go into the house, I've got it here."*

*He handed the horrified historian the axe he had been using.*

*"You mean you're still USING it?!"*

*"Sure thing. An axe is meant to be used."*

*The historian looked it over carefully. "I must say your family has certainly taken good care of it."*

*'Sure, we know we're protecting history. Why we've replaced the handle twice and the head once.'*

*In many ways, Masonry is like Abe Lincoln's axe. All of us tend to assume that Masonry has always been the way it was when we joined. And we become fiercely protective of it in that form. But, in fact, we've done more than replace the handle twice and the head once.*

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*And Masonry is like Abe Lincoln's axe in another way. For, although the handle and head had been replaced, that axe was still the one used by Abe Lincoln in truth if not in fact The farmer used it to teach. He told children about it and about Abe Lincoln. He helped make the past real to them, so that they could learn the great values of honesty and hard work which Lincoln typified.*

*It's the same with Masonry. In spite of the many changes which have already happened and the changes which are bound to happen in the future—for Masonry, like any living thing, must change and grow or die—it is still the same. It's essence—the lessons it teaches, the difference it makes in the lives of men, that great moment of transformation which is the goal of Masonry, when a man becomes something new and better than he was when he came in the door as a candidate—that essence cannot and will not be lost, as long as Brethren meet in the true Masonic spirit, to work and learn and study and improve themselves and the world.'*

I think some members had concerns about our revised degrees performed at our last reunion but it would appear to me that the concern was unfounded. Our recent candidates seemed to be the most enthusiastic group of new Scottish Rite Masons I've seen yet and I look forward to their participation in our organization.

Fraternally,

*Bryant Day*

Wise Master



Fall Reunion class — more Pictures next month





### From the Venerable Master

#### Brethren and Ladies:

October was a very busy month due to Fall Reunion activities. Congratulations and welcome to 13 new Scottish Rite Masters: in addition to initiating 12 Master Masons into San Jose Scottish Rite, we also had the pleasure of a courtesy candidate from Oakland. Thanks to the Degree Directors and teams for their hard work as well as to the Knights of St. Andrews for lending their assistance at the capping and ring ceremony. I would also like to commend those Lodge Ambassadors who worked diligently to recruit our new members. Due to their efforts, combined with those of our Degree teams, we have gained 30 new members for San Jose Scottish Rite this year.

I encourage each of our new Scottish Rite members to get involved in Scottish Rite rituals and other activities and to take the Master Craftsman Course offer by the Supreme Council. I'm sure that they will find, as I have, how rewarding it is to incorporate the teachings of our Masonic craft into one's daily life.

The San Jose Scottish Rite Invitational Golf Tournament hosted by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company to benefit the San Jose Scottish Rite Children's Language Disorders Clinic was a big success. Everyone who participated, whether as a golfer or a volunteer, had a great time and many prizes were awarded to the players. I would like to congratulate Hon. Bob Rowan, 32° KCCCH, our General Secretary, for spearheading the event and Angela Athens, our office manager, and her team for the exceptional dinner, clinic displays and hospitality. Also a big thank you to the Scottish Rite members who donated their time to help pull off this event.

On November 23 we are having another San Jose Scottish Rite Night of Instruction with festive Agape Dinner. This is a formal affair sponsored by our Personal Representative, Ill. Robert E. Winter, 33°, and me. Please plan to attend.

I would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. It is my hope that we will all share many more holidays together.

The San Jose Scottish Rite will again be hosting the San Jose Scottish Rite Clinic Children's Christmas party. I encourage everyone to attend to support our Clinic. Please contact our office and see the *Rite News* for more information.

*Darward C. Ayre*

Venerable Master

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not to be found anywhere. How he entered or left is not known. Whoever he was, he kept faith with the future. He believed in the importance of the work at hand and the work yet to come. He helped to give us a Nation dedicated to the Principle of "Liberty Enlightening the World".

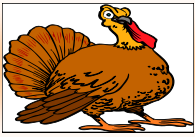
My friends, this Liberty I have been speaking about has come to us without a great deal of effort on our part, but it still has a price and that price is eternal vigilance. Many of our friends and family members have paid the ultimate price as guardians of this precious Liberty. There were other times in the history of our country when Liberty itself was in a similar delicate balance and so fragile that, were it not for a spoken word, Liberty could have been nothing more than a passing dream.

Other nations may have more land and greater natural resources, but we have the highest standard of living and greater freedom because as old Sam Adams said it over two hundred years ago, *we have the right to Life, to Liberty, to Property, and we have the will to defend them.*

Perhaps a question to close the story "We the People" should be: "Who among us would have signed that parchment?" If we are to prepare ourselves to bring that vision to fruition, then we must be armed with the love of Truth, Morality, Responsibility, Commitment to high ethical standards, and a belief in God all of which are deep and abiding Masonic Principles.

We shall not fail because, among all other reasons we have the humility to give thanks to God that, by his Grace, we are "We the People!" and as such, we are Free.

*The very final section of this story will be published in the July 2011 Rite Word. - RR*



Stated Meeting Dinner  
Tuesday, November 9th




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**Dinner Rolls with butter**  
 ~ **Dessert** ~  
 (**VEGETARIAN DISH UPON**  
**REQUEST**)

**Reservations Required!**  
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**For the Lighter Side ...**

The Feast Time of the Year  
 This is the feast-time of the year,  
 When plenty pours her wine of cheer,  
 And even humble boards may spare  
 To poorer poor a kindly share.  
 While bursting barns and granaries know  
 A richer, fuller overflow.  
 And they who dwell in golden ease  
 Blest without toil, yet toil to please.

*Membership is always important:*

**PROPOSITION/PETITION**

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 Office of the Secretary (408) 978-7483  
 2455 Masonic Drive – PO Box 18220, San Jose, CA. 95158-8220

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

(Please print or type)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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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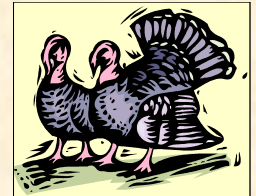
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## **Future Scottish Rite Events**

**November 2 and 16, 2010 - San Jose Chapter DeMolay 7:00pm**

**Tuesday, November 9, 2010 - November Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM**

**Dinner following @ 7:15 PM**

**Tuesday, November 23, 2010- Night of Instruction**

**6:30pm-7:00pm Social Time / 7:00pm - 7:45pm Presentation of the Paper**

**7:45pm Festive Agape / Dinner/ Reservations Required / Cost = \$25.00**

**Thursday, November 25, 2010 - Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Office Closed Thursday and Friday**

**December 4, 2010 Council of Masters @9:00 AM (all line officers should attend)**

**Tuesday, December 14, 2010 - Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM**

**Dinner following @ 7:15 PM**

**December 12, 2010 Masonic Fellowship afternoon @ SJSR Center 1-6 PM**