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From the Personal Representative:

There are a number of issues on my mind this month, but space constrains my hand and I'll just address two that I feel are particularly timely and which interrelate closely.

Our clubs seem to be experiencing a revival with old and new members stepping up into roles of responsibility to help out. This is a great reassurance to me as I feel the clubs are critical to the success of the order.

One of the aspects of Scottish Rite that has always impressed me is its atmosphere of fraternal interaction and our clubs certainly exemplify this principle and stand as beacons in the areas they represent. You'll read elsewhere in the Rite Word of the activities of the individual clubs, but I don't think it is too repetitive of me to express my enthusiasm and how favorably impressed I have been during my recent visits to all three of our clubs. Keep up the good work, brethren, and many of us from the "Center" will attend as often as we possibly can. Also, please keep us, here at the Center, informed as to your activities and we will try to highlight them in the Rite Word.

On another note, our Scholarship Committee has been working to come up with a solid program that represents the philosophy of the Valley of San Jose and how we view our obligation to support deserving students in their quest for education. It has not been an easy task. Brother Richard Fisher 32° KCCH, Senior Warden of the Lodge of Perfection is Chairman of the committee, with Brother Dave Gibson 32° KCCH, Brother Dave Kimball 32°, and Brother Jeff Conway 32° rounding out the



membership.

For a universe from which to make a selection, we have imposed on the California Masonic Foundation to furnish us the names of a number of applicants from our jurisdictional area who, while well qualified for consideration, fell just beyond the Masonic Foundation's ability to furnish funding. We are contacting these students and will further evaluate their suitability and eligibility to participate in our program and then, if it is appropriate, we will confer on two or three of them scholarships of about \$2,500.00 each, renewable for three more years. We hope to involve the clubs in this process, if the students chosen live in their regions, which it appears they all do.

I believe this is a winning combination of our charitable and fraternal obligations. It gives us community visibility, fraternal activity, and in the process gives deserving students access to much needed financial support. Furthermore, students living any distance from our Center will have one of our clubs to whom they can relate and report to insure faithful follow-up on their commitment and continued successful performance.

The Scholarship Program is a work in progress, and this may not be the final form of its development. Our committee is working diligently with my encouragement, and we all welcome any input the other members of the fraternity may want to provide.

Keep honking, brethren and ladies. We're still listening.

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Rite Word Support for 2008

Please add your name to the list

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- Bro/M Tony Mariani
- Mrs. Grace Stephens

2008 SPRING REUNION

The reunion will begin with registration at 3:00 pm on Friday, 11 April. A catered dinner will be served at 6:15 pm hosted and supported by the Lodge of Perfection. The class will be dismissed at 9:05 pm after the 14th degree has been conferred.

Saturday morning will begin with Juice, coffee, and pastries at 7:00 am. A cooked breakfast, hosted and supported by the Chapter of Rose Croix, will be served at 8:15. The 15th through the 28th degrees will be conferred during the morning hours.

Lunch, hosted and supported by the Council of Kadosh, will be served at 12:00. 29th through 32nd degrees will be conferred in the afternoon ending at 5:45pm.

REMEMBER LADIES ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE SATURDAY SOCIAL HOUR AND BANQUET!

Our SOCIAL Hour will start at 6:30 pm with Hors d'oeuvres/appetizers and wine hosted and supported by the San Jose Consistory.

Hal Leister — Director of Ceremonies

Monterey County Scottish Rite Club

Ill. Robert Winter installed the following Club Officers at a meeting on 1 February:

- President:** Bennie Cooper, 32° KCCH
- Vice President:** David Salinger, 32°
- 2nd Vice President:** John Williams, 32° KCCH
- Sec./Treasurer:** Gene Bassett, 32° KCCH
- Almoner:** Herschel Amos, 32° KCCH

The Club conducted a Maundy Thursday celebration on 20 March with Gene Bassett, 32° KCCH as the Speaker and Bennie Cooper, 32° KCCH as Director of the Work. An excellent dinner was served after the ceremony.

Make your contribution to the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies and have your name on the "Honor Roll". Your gift of \$100.00 or more will help the San Jose Lodge of Perfection, Chapter Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh and Consistory reach the level necessary to provide quality events for our future success. Incremental gifts welcome too.

2008 Honor Board Support Members

- Bro/M Tony Mariani
- Bro. Egon Jensen
- Bro. Ronald Fudala
- Bro/M Robert Laws
- Bro/M John Eastus
- Bro. Gene Whetstone
- Bro. Buck Ballard

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Ancient & Accepted
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for California



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No Friday Lunch Bunch this Month due to Reunion.

From the Secretaries Table:



The Package, or the Contents?

An article written by M.W. James H. May, PGM of Arizona, published originally in the November 2001 issue of Arizona Masonry provides the basis for this message.

“Is ritual the “foundation of Freemasonry?” Nope. No more than a

table of contents is a book or than a Lodge is a building.”

The Contents of Masonry is, “a system of morals and ethics.” Our Package is the ritual and it presents our Contents in very beautiful ways. It is the process by which we convey to our candidates and repeat to ourselves the moral and ethical values we wish to practice, and further, it reminds us of our duties to God, our neighbor and ourselves. Properly presented, it is the most beautifully wrapped gift that we can give.

I have had many discussions relative to our Ritual and even more about the “dumbing down” of our ritual in order that we maintain or improve our membership.

Quoting M.W. May:

“Our ritual has a certain beauty and grace because its language is not that of today. But it is also not

the language of the ancient craftsmen whose accomplishments we celebrate. It is of far more recent vintage. It is different from place to place and also over time, having been altered by many individuals past and present. Further, the ritual has continued to evolve – even up to the present day. Changes have been made consciously and unconsciously, some approved by Grand Lodges while others just “tiptoed through the back door”. Most Grand Lodges that now have a written ritual made a transition from an unwritten oral ritual at some earlier point. When they made the decision to write it down for the first time, change was inevitable. Just visualize the debates over exactly WHAT to write down. Someone’s viewpoint prevailed while another’s did not. That’s change.

Is ritual a key element of the Craft? Certainly! We wouldn’t be the same without it. I wouldn’t look forward to attending Lodge and hearing it time and again if it had no effect on me. It always does, and I’m convinced it helps make me a better person. It’s a gentle reminder of duties and obligations, attitudes and behaviors that make life more positive and enjoyable.”

In conclusion, it is my firm belief that the most beautiful aspect of Masonry is the system itself. – “The system of morals and ethics under which certain men choose to live their lives.”

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Roger’s Corner

Shades of St. Paddy’s Day—Scottish Rite’s March 11 monthly meeting and dinner, with vibrant greens, offset by bright, white tablecloths decorating the dining room, provided our members, their wives, escorts and friends with a simple but sophisticated Saint Patrick’s Day theme.

Many of us were wearing the traditional green, and were observed chatting with friends as they sampled the food and beverage offerings now being offered at the Scottish Rite Center at the monthly dinner meetings. The hors d’oeuvre table and beverage bar has proved to be a popular attraction with our members.

The menu for the evening consisted of Shamrock Salad (baby spinach with roasted vegetables (California fresh and local, of course)); hearty Irish Beef Stew; spinach-stuffed breast of chicken with mustard sauce; fluffy, nicely flavored rice; baby carrots, cabbage and butter; freshly baked potato rolls and sourdough French bread.

Irish coffee was available and dessert was a bursting-with-flavor bread pudding with whiskey sauce--all for only \$ 12.00 per person.

If you are passionate about very tasty food, enjoy good fellowship and are looking for a place to dine on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, attend the monthly meeting and dinner at the San Jose Scottish Rite Center. If you plan on attending, telephone Mary Lou Johnson at the Center --408.978.7483 for dinner reservations.

Roger Bibb

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Lastly, it is not the “dumbing down” of our ritual that causes the **biggest** problems. It is the performance of the same. Any attempt to change the package from one beautifully wrapped, to one in a plain brown wrapper, certainly diminishes the effect we intend to deliver.

Respectfully,

Robert D. Rowan, Jr.
General Secretary

Maundy Thursday



Attention all 32° Masons

Are you a 32° Scottish Rite Mason?

If so, why not join the
KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW ?

Interested? Please send information to:

John Unger, Secretary

4609 Hampton Falls Place, San Jose, CA 95136-2678

or e-mail johnp4609@yahoo.com.

Please include your name, address, phone (home, work, cell <whatever you want listed>) and e-mail address if you have one.

Santa Cruz Scottish Rite Club

The Santa Cruz Scottish Rite Club held its monthly breakfast meeting on 15 March with approximately 42 in attendance. The Club President, Joseph DaSilva, and other officers cooked and served an excellent breakfast! Ill. Bob Winter briefed the Club on changes and improvements being made at the San Jose Scottish Rite Center, and gave an excellent up-date regarding activities of the Childhood Language Center. Other representatives from the SJ Scottish Rite Bodies were Roger Bibb, Bill Roberts and Hal Leister.

The Club meets every third Saturday of each month and visiting Brethren and family are always welcome.

San Louis Obispo Scottish Rite Club

Ill. Robert Schmidt, 33°
installed the following Club
Officers at a meeting on March 9th:

- President:** Jerry Boxer, 32° KCCH
- Vice President:** Jerry Harbick, 32°
- 2nd Vice President:** Jim Allen, 32°
- 3rd Vice President:** Connie Jarvis, 32°
- Secretary:** Benjamin Minter, 32°
- Treasurer:** Ill. Dan Wasson, 33°
- Almoner:** Rod Reuting, 32°

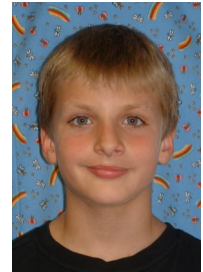


From the Clinic!!!

What did you say? I'm sorry I still can't understand you!

Nathan is an eight and a half year old boy who has been seen at the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic once a week for 17 months. When Nathan first began services at the clinic, he was lisping and having trouble correctly producing several consonant blends and the "r" sound.

Nathan has made great progress. He no longer lisps and has no trouble making consonant blends. The "r" sound has continued to be hard for him but he has mastered "r" at the beginning of words and the "er" sound. Nathan is a bright, funny and very mature eight year old, who loves games, sports and jokes. Nathan's mother, Jenny recently completed a survey about her experience at our clinic.



Nathan's mother heard about the clinic through a friend and researched it on-line. After therapy she stated, "Nathan no longer lisps and he can speak far more clearly. Even his problems with the letter "r" have been reduced greatly." She stated, "Nathan use to get very frustrated when he was not understood at school and at home, he would cry and yell constantly." She reported, "Now Nathan is very confident and happy."

When asked what has been most rewarding about receiving services here she stated, "Watching Nathan's confidence build and not having to constantly ask him -what did you say, I'm sorry I still can't understand you. This had made a tremendous impact on all of us."

She described her experience by saying, "Our therapists have been warm, caring, friendly, helpful, understanding, accommodating and professional."

When asked if she would refer other parents to this clinic, she stated, "I have told other parents about our wonderful experience with this clinic. The process of going through speech therapy can be daunting and the Scottish Rite offers a high quality program in a caring environment."

Nathan's mother stated, "We are so grateful to have had Nathan accepted into the Scottish Rite speech program. Nathan's speech, attitude, and confidence have improved tremendously."

Thank You!!!

Are you aware that your donation to the Clinic could be worth twice as much? Many companies will match their employees' gifts to charitable organizations. To find out more, speak with your employer or our General Secretary. One or the other can get you the information you need.

The Miracle of RiteCare Clinics, Centers, and Programs

In the early 1950s in Colorado, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States initiated a program to help children with speech and language disorders. The results obtained from this program led to the establishment of RiteCare clinics to provide diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders, as well as learning disabilities.

Today there are 168 RiteCare clinics, centers, and special programs operating or planned for children and therapists located throughout the United States. Each facility is staffed by speech-language pathologists or other trained personnel. Through the support of Scottish Rite members, these clinics, centers, and programs continue to increase. The value of this philanthropy has long been apparent. Tens of thousands of youngsters across the United States have been helped significantly. With the good work of dedicated clinicians and parents, the Scottish Rite has achieved successes that could only be imagined a few years back. Children who might have remained educationally handicapped for a lifetime can now talk, read, and lead useful lives.

March Donations:

Clinic

Bro/M Lowell Johnson
 In Memory of:
 Vera Lou Ford
 Inger Robinson
 Bro. Kirk Hall
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 In Honor of:
 Sean Kropff
 Bro. Carl Ames
 M/M Don Kaye
 In Memory of:
 Enid Laws
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 In Memory of:
 Enid Laws

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Library

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 Claude Keith



If you know of anyone who is ill, please call the office!

Shut-Ins

Robert Gass	VA Nursing Home Care, Rm 258 4951 Arroya Rd. - Livermore 94550-9650	
Bill Nelson	Care Center—Los Gatos Meadows, 110 Wood Rd.—Los Gatos, 95030-6799	408-354-0211

Permanent Shut-Ins

Jim Hutson	1009 Blossom River Way #373 - San Jose 95123-6323	408-978-1288
John Knight	3400 Paul Sweet Rd. #C-129 - Santa Cruz, 95065-1537	
Wyatt Sawyer	14500 Fruitvale Ave. #2253 - Saratoga 95070-6179	408-741-7306

In Memorium

Howard John Stornetta San Luis Obispo February 19, 2008

Note:

We understand that Bro. Walter Buescher is currently in the Pleasant View Convalescent Hospital @ 22590 Voss Ave. in Cupertino. The phone number is 408-253-9034. That is all we have about him at this time.

From the Wise Master

Our Maundy Thursday celebration was well attended and a very enjoyable event for the first day of spring! Many thanks to all that helped plan and execute the celebration and dinner! Many, many thanks to the cast for another great performance!



An Item of Interest:

Dan Brown, the author of "The Da Vinci Code", is believed to be writing another book tentatively titled "The Solomon Key" which is "set deep within the oldest fraternity in history ... the enigmatic brotherhood of the Masons". The planned release date for Mr. Brown's new book is not yet known, however, speculations are that the book may be released on a date that is of significance to Freemasonry. Since some of the leaders of the American Revolution were Masons, including George Washington, the book may be released on July Fourth, which is also the date in 1848 that the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid in a ceremony hosted by Freemasons.

On September 18, 1793, President Washington led a Masonic parade down Pennsylvania Avenue to lay the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol. It is considered to be one of the most important events in Masonic history. Also, the cornerstone of the White House was laid on October 13, 1792, during a Masonic celebration. On that day in 1307, the King of France ordered the arrest of all Knights Templar. Any of these dates are candidates for the projected release date.

Mr. Brown has toured a number of Masonic temples to get the historical facts correct, says Akram Elias, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia.

Hal Leister, 32°
Wise Master

Thirteen things I'll bet you didn't know about the Internet
by Rose DesRochers

Did you know?

1. Tim Berners-Lee in 1990 coined the phrase 'World Wide Web.'
2. The first domain name ever registered was symbolics.com on March 15, 1985.
3. The term "weblog" was coined by Jorn Barger on 17 December 1997."

Message from the Master of Kadosh

I recently was introduced to the Masonic writings of Brother Manly P. Hall, 33° through his book "The Lost Keys of Freemasonry". It has made a big impact on me and has furthered my understanding of the secret of Hiram Abiff. I want to share some of Brother Hall's insights on Freemasonry during this Scottish Rite year via this regular message from the Master of Kadosh. I have chosen to focus on his truly insightful thoughts concerning the qualifications of a true Mason. I want to start by telling you a bit more about Brother Hall.



Brother Hall wrote the aforementioned book in 1921-23 and it was published in 1923 when he was just 21 years of age and 31 years before he became a Mason. At that time his only actual contact with Freemasonry was through a few books commonly available to the public. It was through his study of comparative religion that he became aware of the secret philosophical schools and societies of the ancient world and how Freemasonry was related to the other Mystery Schools in the common goal to regenerate man and reform human society.

In next month's "Rite Word", I will begin the discussion of the true qualifications of a Mason as set forth by the then 21 year old non-Mason who was subsequently raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Jewel Lodge No. 374 in San Francisco in 1954. In 1961 he was invested as a KCCH and then received the 33° in recognition of his contributions to Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

Chuck Cowden, 32°
Master of Kadosh

4. Bob Metcalfe is credited for coining the phrase the web might be better than sex in 1995.
5. The term "Blog" was coined by Peter Merholz in 1999.
6. Evan Williams and Meg Hourihan (Pyra Labs) launched blogger.com in August 1999.
7. Google purchased Blogger in February 2003.
8. Over 12 million American adults currently maintain a blog.
9. The highest amount of blog readers are Canadian.
10. 46% of bloggers are women.
11. 54 % of bloggers are men.
12. 80% of all livejournal users are from the United States of America.
13. The most popular blog in the world is that of Chinese actress Xu Jinglei.

For the Lighter Side of things

My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken woman swigging her drink, as she sat alone at a nearby table.

My wife asks, 'Do you know her?'

'Yes,' I sighed. 'She's my old girlfriend. I understand she started drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since.'

'My God!' says my wife. 'Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?'

So you see, there really are two ways to look at everything.

...still looking old ???

Reunion Banquet - April 12th

For those of you who are interested, the menu for our Reunion Banquet will be Prime Rib, twice baked potatoes a very special salad and desert and of course the appropriate hors d'oeuvres will be available together with a beverage of choice for your enjoyment.



Brethren and Ladies –

From the Venerable Master

We had a great time at our March meeting and dinner and the luck of the Irish was with us! If you weren't there, you missed a good meeting, a good meal, and some good Irish humor (or at least as good as Irish humor gets).

Coming up in April we have a very special treat for all of you. At our dinner, Kari Yancy (pictured here), who is a good friend of ours and a very talented young lady, will be providing us with some music. She has an amazing singing voice. She has been in several musicals and played the part of Dorothy in the American Musical Theater's production of the *Wizard of Oz*. You don't want to miss this!



We are also having our Reunion on April 11th and 12th. The banquet will be Saturday evening and I want to encourage all of you to attend. Not only will you have an outstanding meal, you'll get to meet our new candidates and their ladies. It will also be an opportunity to give recognition to the Degree Team members.

As I've said before, we have a lot of people participating in the degrees and all the setup that goes around them, and there are still opportunities (and needs) for others to pitch in and help. So, this is my pitch for you to get involved. If there's a particular role you'd like to do or a specific area you'd like to be involved in, let our Secretary Bob Rowan or me know.

I want to thank everyone that contributes so much of their time, energy, and effort to making our events successful. I really do appreciate it.

I think we all know we can make a difference, but sometimes we need to feel like we are making a difference. Author Foster C. McClellan once said, "Trust yourself. Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement." So let's fan those inner sparks...come on down and join us...make a difference. Together we can achieve great things. See you on Tuesday night!

Bud Ramsey

Venerable Master

Here is your Interesting web-site for this month: www.saintgeorgelodge.org enjoy!!

April Stated Meeting Dinner - 7:15 PM - Tuesday April 8, 2008



Only \$12.00
per person

Menu

- Tossed Green Salad w/special vinaigrette dressing
- Maple Glazed Baked Ham
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Roasted Vegetables
- Freshly Baked Rolls, Bread and butter
- Coffee or Tea
- Desert
- And Birthday Cake for Leo

Reservation deadline:
Friday, April 4th at 5:00 PM

Reservation #:
408-978-7483

For the Ladies!!

Ladies, send a "Get well" wish to Sylvia MacBride. We hope you are healing well Sylvia, and that you will be back with us soon.

In **April** we are going to be playing Bingo. Please bring one wrapped "White Elephant" type gift that will be the prizes for our game. As always if you want to come and just visit with the other ladies, that is absolutely great. We would love to have you join us. Many of our ladies bring a craft, their knitting or crocheting to work on while we visit.

I want to thank all the ladies who brought items for the March meeting. It was a fun evening as we prepared eggs for Easter. Using onion skins, flowers and leaves to wrap around the eggs we prepared them so they would have a marbled finish when they were cooked. Betty Wong and Ruth Roberts shared some of the wonderful items they have knitted and crocheted. It was a very nice evening.

I look forward to seeing you in April.

God bless you all,

Susan Ramsey

Sylvia's address:

1860 Tangier Terrace
Brentwood, CA 94513-6466

April Showers



Recycling day at the Rite was very successful !! We will have another in the fall.

Membership is always important:

PROPOSITION/PETITION
ORIENT OF SAN JOSE
ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE BODIES
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): _____

Name of Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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: _____

Recommended by:

1: _____ 2: _____

Share your own enjoyment of Scottish Rite.
Invite a brother to make an application.

Future Scottish Rite Events:

April 5, 2008 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

April 7, 2008 - Deadline for May “Scottish Rite Word” articles !

April 8, 2008 - April Stated Meeting, Dinner, Entertainment & 25 Yr Presentations

April 11, - 12, 2008 - Spring Reunion - Ernest Borgnine Class

April 26, 2008 - Masonic Formation Certification Program (here at SJ Scottish Rite)

May 3, 2008 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

May 12, 2008 - Deadline for June “Scottish Rite Word” articles !

May 13, 2008 - May Stated Meeting & Dinner & 50 Yr Presentations

Brethren,

It is my duty to inform you of the resignation of our Almoner, Ill. Eugene Keister, 33°. After completing his many years of service as the Almoner of our Bodies, he has decided to step down. His resignation has been accepted with regrets by our Personal Representative Ill. Robert Winter. It is therefore necessary that we elect a replacement Almoner at our April Stated Meeting and Bro. Herb Dallas, 32° KCCH has agreed to stand for election to that office. Notice is hereby given you of the intended special election to fill the vacancy.

Robert Rowan—General Secretary



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